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Spinal patient forced to travel by wheelbarrow

By Fraser Morton

AN American tourist who broke her back in a cliff diving accident on Phi Phi last week, was taken to the ferry in a wheelbarrow after doctors at the local hospital were unable to diagnose her condition.

Melissa Kelman, 28, made it back to Phuket where an X-ray revealed she had shattered three vertebrae in her spine.

She underwent major spinal surgery and is still recovering in Phuket International Hospital.

The dance teacher, who now lives in South Korea, said she and a friend had booked a sightseeing tour on Phi Phi with a sunset cliff jump as the finale.

When it came time for the jump, the pair climbed a rope ladder up to the 20-metre high cliff top, where they were told the only way down was to jump into the water below.

"It was too dangerous to

climb back down over the sharp rocks," she said.

Melissa jumped, hitting the water hard, and when she surfaced, she knew she was in trouble.

"I couldn't breathe properly and all I could do was whisper 'my back, my back'," she said.

"One of the guys on the boat could see I was in trouble and dived in to save me."

Melissa was taken to Phi Phi Hospital, but without X-ray equipment, doctors there were unable to diagnose her properly, and she was allowed to leave.

Because there are no cars on Phi Phi, she was taken back to her hotel in a motorcycle side car, and the next morning she was loaded onto a wheelbarrow and taken to the ferry wharf where she caught a boat back to Phuket.

She spent the one-hour boat trip lying on the floor of the ferry.

When she arrived in Phuket, she was taken to Bangkok Phuket Hospital where she planned to buy



Melissa Kelman was taken to the ferry wharf in a wheelbarrow.

painkillers before flying home to South Korea.

Doctors X-rayed her spine and found she had three crushed and splintered vertebrae.

Melissa was transferred to

Phuket International Hospital on Tuesday where surgeons fused the three vertebrae.

She will have to wear a full body brace for at least the next five months.

Our only warning buoy has a flat battery



The DART warning buoy

PHUKET'S only tsunami warning buoy is out of order – because it has a flat battery.

The Deep-ocean Assessment and Reporting of Tsunamis (DART) buoy was put in place about 6,000km off the west coast of Phuket in 2006, but is now incapable of sending warning signals.

The last signal was sent on June 16.

The original battery was designed to last only 12 months, but nothing is being done to replace it.

According to government

officials, there is simply no money in the bank to cover the cost of replacing the battery.

The buoy, which was initially funded by the US government's USAID program, is linked to a highly sensitive pressure sensor on the seabed, and is designed to detect tsunami waves long before they hit land, providing vital time to organize evacuations.

The buoy originally came with \$US16.6 million in funding from the US Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System (IOTWS) Program.

When that funding ran out at the end of March last year, the

responsibility for the maintenance of the buoy then fell to the Thai government.

Chotenarin Kerdsom, the head of the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Phuket Office (DDPM-Phuket), said the buoy's battery run out in June.

"The original battery was designed to power the unit for only one year, but fortunately it ran for almost two years," he said.

"It is no longer working, but if we install a new battery it will resume sending signals."

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Mayor targets trash on Bangla



Patong Mayor Pian Keesin has declared war on unsightly piles of rubbish along Soi Bangla.

By Atchaa Khamlo

PATONG Mayor Pian Keesin has vowed to clean up Soi Bangla.

He said he was concerned about mounting piles of trash throughout Patong, and Soi Bangla in particular, and has vowed to crack down on businesses which leave their rubbish in the street.

He has written to hotel, bar and restaurant owners warning them they must 'clean up or pay the price'.

Mayor Pian said Kathu Police Superintendent Grissak Songmoonmark and his officers would fine any businesses not

complying with the clean-up policy.

He said any owner which left rubbish piled up in front of or near their business between 4pm and 2am would be hit with a 2,000 baht on-the-spot fine.

The recent Walking Street project introduced by Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop highlighted Patong's rubbish problem and specified that businesses should keep their trash off the streets between 6pm and 2am.

The order has been largely ignored and trash can still be found on Soi Bangla at night.

Pairote Tongleepam, head

of the Sanitation Department at Patong Municipality, said the fine system came into force two weeks ago, but so far, nobody had been fined.

He said business operators should find out the daily trash collection times in Patong.

"Garbage trucks normally collect trash on Soi Bangla before 4pm, and there are several collection times every day, starting before dawn, then again at 9am, 10am and also in the afternoon," he said.

Mr Pairote said if businesses put their trash out just before the rubbish trucks arrived, the problems would cease.

Freed teen flies home

By Dan Waites

A GERMAN teenager has finally been freed after spending more than five months in a Phuket jail awaiting trial on child sex charges.

The 18-year-old, who cannot be named because he was a juvenile when he was arrested, pleaded guilty in the Phuket juvenile court last week and was given a suspended four-year prison sentence.

He was also fined 17,000 baht.

The teenager appeared in court dressed in a Thai school uniform and sobbed as the judge handed down his verdict.

On Tuesday, he flew home to Germany where he will try to pick up the pieces of his shattered life.

"I am so relieved. I'm getting a new life now," he said before boarding his aircraft.

The teenager was arrested with British pedophile, Dax Young, 43, in March this year and charged with sexually abusing boys as young as nine.

Young has since been convicted and sentenced to more than four years in jail.

The teenager has not attended school since he was 12 years old, and many people, including German embassy officials, saw him as a victim rather than a villain.

The teenager claimed Young threatened to make problems for his family if he didn't have sex with the boys.

German Ambassador Hanns Schumacher said the boy's mother, who died while her son was still in jail, suffered from chronic bronchitis and was too ill to work.

He said the family got into financial difficulties and were forced to rely on handouts.

The teenager said it had been hard being locked up in



Ambassador Hanns Schumacher

prison for something he was forced to do.

"When my mother died, it just became tougher and tougher," he said.

"I knew I was in there for something I didn't want to do. I didn't want to have sex with those boys, but I was forced to do it."

The teenager originally planned to defend the charge, but when it became clear that under Thai law he could not be acquitted, he changed his plea.

He is now hoping the German prosecutor's office in Cologne will re-examine the case under German law, which requires that any cases against German citizens convicted overseas of serious crimes, such as murder and pedophilia, are re-examined in Germany.

The Thai government is expected to make Thai police records available to the German authorities.

"If that happens, I am sure the German authorities will judge the boy to be a victim, not a villain," said honorary German consul, Dirk Naumann.

Mr Naumann, paid the teenager's 17,000 baht fine out of his own pocket.

"I have spent endless hours on this case because I feel a young boy's life should not be ruined," he said.

Flat battery silences warning buoy

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The National Disaster Warning Center (NDWC) which is responsible for maintaining the buoy has yet to get budget approval to install a new battery, he said.

"They will have a chance to get a budget next year, but it will require approval from the

Budget Bureau," said Mr Chotenarin.

He said he believed the Budget Bureau was holding out on approval for a mission to replace the DART buoy battery because the government was suspicious about the previous workings of the NDWC.

Mr Chotenarin said the

battery was not expensive, but the mission to replace it would require a budget of at least 10 million baht.

The round-trip mission to replace the battery would take at least five days using a large ship, preferably under escort of a Navy escort vessel to protect it from pirates, he said.

- Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn

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Killer rips claim two more tourists

By Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn

TWO more tourists have drowned on Phuket's beaches, taking this year's death toll to 34.

The latest victims, both men, fell foul of the killer beach currents at Patong and Karon Beaches last weekend.

Both were rescued by lifeguards, but died later in Patong Hospital.

The first victim, Ukrainian, Viktor Pravoyuk, 59, had taken his family to Patong Beach, near Loma Park just before lunchtime last Friday.

He apparently got into difficulty in the surf before he was hit by a large wave and started swallowing seawater.

Lifesavers brought him back to shore but he died a short time later in hospital.

The second victim, a Latvian who has been named as Alvars

Vanags, 37, died on Sunday after being dumped by a huge wave at Karon beach.

He had been staying at the Mövenpick Resort with his wife Anna and their three sons and had gone for a swim late in the afternoon.

Lifesavers managed to get the man back onto the beach, but he died in Patong Hospital a short time later.

Chalong Police Colonel Boonlert Onklang said the surf was particularly dangerous on Sunday and red flags had been posted on the beach warning swimmers to stay out of the water.

"But even the red flags are not enough to keep some people out of the water when it's dangerous," he said.

"The beach guards can't always rescue people who get into trouble in time," he said.

"Sometimes people have

to be responsible for their own actions."

Col Boonlert said police did not have the power to stop people from going into the water, even when the red warning flags were displayed.

"We can only warn them not to go into dangerous waters, but we can't stop them," he said.

He said a lot of foreign tourists thought they knew better than the lifeguards and ignored the red warning flags.

The latest deaths have highlighted the need for more rescue equipment and proper training for lifeguards.

Many of Phuket's lifeguards have not been trained in CPR and other lifesaving emergency procedures.

Warning signs at the popular Loma Park, written in both Thai and English, spell out the dangers of swimming during the monsoon season.

Tip off prompts raid on illegal logging camp



Forestry rangers found stacks of milled timber at the site of the illegal logging operation in Kalim.

ILLEGAL loggers have cleared a huge swathe of pristine national park forest on Kamala Hill.

Trees were chopped down over an area covering more than 18 rai, cut into timber planks and carted away on trucks.

Phairat Limprasert, chief of the Phuket Forest Conservation Office, said the loggers had been cutting down trees for about 15 days before a concerned citizen contacted authorities.

"They managed to make off with more than a million baht's worth of timber," he said.

Mr Phairat said at least 10 cubic meters of jackfruit and sal tree wood had been stolen.

Following the tip off, Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop and a team of armed Royal Forest Department officials raided the area last week.

They discovered a wooden workbench and piles of freshly milled timber scattered around the area, indicating that whoever was responsible had left a hurry.

The cut and milled timber left behind by the loggers is now government-owned property.

The site, which is difficult to access without a four-wheel drive vehicle, is located near Kalim School on Soi Barami 7 in Kalim Bay.

- Kitima Pornmongkhonwat

Drive home a lucky license deal



License plates like this one are expected to sell for more than 50,000 baht at next week's number plate auction.

A NUMBER of lucky license plates will be up for grabs at the Phuket Department of Land Transport's fifth annual license plate auction next week.

A total of 301 license plates will go under the hammer in the Prapitak Grand Ballroom of the Metropole Hotel Phuket on Wednesday and Thursday where some of the 'luckier' numbers are expected to fetch hundreds of thousands of baht.

License plates which include the same four numbers, such as '1111' or '9999', are considered especially auspicious, and the reserve for these has been set at 50,000 baht each.

Opening bids for plates with other 'nice-looking' numbers, such as 1234, 1122, 9090 and 1313, will range in price from 500 to 5,000 baht.

Previous license plate auctions have generated more than 10 million baht for the Phuket Department of Land Transport.

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- Thanasorn Chookate

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Support high for Dasta listing

By Atchaa Khamlo

The public organization pushing to develop the Ao Phuket mega-project off Saphan Hin has finished conducting public hearings and says it has overwhelming support for listing all of Phuket as a special administrative zone for sustainable tourism.

Designated Areas for Sustainable Tourism Administration (Dasta) held the first in a series of public hearings with representatives from Muang, Thalang and Kathu districts at the Royal Phuket City Hotel on June 30.

The hearings concluded on July 29 with a meeting at the Amora Beach Resort in Cherng Talay for representatives of the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization, administration organizations of tambons Pa Khlok and Srisoonthorn, as well as other representatives of those communities.

Going into the final hearing Sathit Leungjaroenlab, managing director of consulting firm Phisut Technology Company, said that overall about 90 percent of all those who voted at the

hearings agreed to list their communities under Dasta.

Phisut Technology was retained by Dasta to help conduct the hearings.

Of those who did not vote in favor of Dasta listing, some had simply abstained, he said.

With such overwhelming approval, Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop is soon expected to send a letter to the Dasta board in Bangkok formally requesting that the entire province be listed under Dasta.

Cabinet approval could come in about three months' time.

The Dasta executive board will meet on September 5 and 13 to establish subcommittees and prepare to have Phuket come under the agency's purview, a move that can only come with Cabinet approval.

Two areas in Thailand are currently listed under Dasta: Koh Chang in Trat province and Chiang Mai Night Safari. Pattaya is also in the process of becoming listed.

Tribunyat Jariyalpong, president of Thalang Cultural Village at Ban Khanaen, said public reaction to Dasta listing was positive because people understand it will allow their



Imams at the Dasta hearing for Phuket City and Wichit municipalities at the Phuket Merlin Hotel last month.

communities to launch projects without having to pass through all the normal regulatory steps.

Dasta projects can be fast-tracked because the agency, a public organization formed in 2003 by former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, answers directly to the Prime Minister's Office.

"After Phuket is listed as a sustainable tourism area I would love to see the problem of the land rights issues addressed, because about 60 percent of land on the island is currently owned by

foreigners. It is a frightening situation that will only get worse unless it is addressed. Before long we might see landless local people having to rent places to live from foreigners," he said.

The Dasta board last visited Phuket in May last year, when the government of then prime minister Samak Sundaravej gave the agency the green light to develop a 100-billion-baht mega-project, including a convention center and marina in Phuket Bay.

Subsequent public hearings at the time led to a request for more of Phuket to come under Dasta's umbrella and a total of 10 public hearings were held.

At the first municipal-level hearing at the Phuket Merlin Hotel last month, the Dasta administrative principles were presented to representatives from Phuket City and Wichit municipalities.

Most of those present were in favor of putting Phuket City and Wichit under Dasta administration.

Dr Prasit Koysiripong, president of the Old Phuket Town Foundation, said Dasta listing would improve the lives of Phuket City residents and help preserve

parts of Old Phuket Town.

Thiti Sawisai, who heads the Phuket City Environment Protection Community, was less impressed, however.

Dasta's stated objectives are laudable, but the agency seems to lack specific measures to meet these objectives, especially where environmental protection is concerned, he said.

"The project is unclear on how problems would actually be solved. Since Phuket is like a beloved daughter to us, I really don't agree with this project," he said at the time.

City planner Somchai Poetiwongsajarn of Phisut Technology said such measures would follow only after an area has been listed under Dasta and a detailed study conducted.

If granted, Dasta would then set up a local office and draw up a list of specific projects for implementation.

The office would be staffed in part by Phuket residents, who would be responsible for collecting the required information and liaising with local administrative bodies tasked with carrying out the work.

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Female elephant 'Nathalie', arrives at Ayutthaya's Elephant Camp last Thursday. Nathalie has earned the name the 'killer elephant' after she killed seven people in at least two separate incidents. Her owner sold Nathalie for 600,000 baht to the camp, which intends to give her psychological rehabilitation. Photo by Chaiwat Pumpuang

Queer News

Dowry dispute sparks wedding day punch-up

TRANG: A young bridegroom was forced to flee from his own wedding last Sunday after the bride's relatives attacked him, claiming he had paid only a fraction of the agreed *sin sot* (bride price).

The mob used bricks and chairs to beat up the groom, Phrommin Kraithap, 21.

Three of his relatives were left with cuts and bruises after the attack.

Mr Phrommin's car was also smashed in the melee.

The young groom was part way through his marriage ceremony to 19-year-old Khanitha Khongma when five of her relatives stormed in claiming Mr Phrommin had paid only 20,000 baht of the agreed 80,000 baht.

Mr Phrommin said later he had agreed pay a sin sod of 80,000 baht to Miss Khanitha's parents, but could raise only 20,000 baht by his wedding day.

He spoke to the bride's mother and promised to find the 60,000 baht balance as soon as possible, he said.

Mr Phrommin said he would be claiming money for hospital bills and the repair of his car from Miss Khanitha's family.

He said he was now not sure if he still wanted to marry her because he was so annoyed about what had happened.

Source: Kom Chat Luek

Girl, 15, charged with murdering sugardaddy

SATUN: Police have charged a 15-year-old girl with murdering her 63-year-old live-in boyfriend.

The girl, who cannot be named, and her 'other lover', 20-year-old Anusin 'Bao' Klaowthanong were arrested in Krabi last Friday and charged with murdering Dom Wongsawat, a wealthy moneylender the girl had been living with for four months.

Mr Dom was strangled to death in his house in Satun last Friday. A large amount of

cash and jewellery was stolen from the house.

The girl and Mr Anusin admitted being at the house when Mr Dom was murdered, but said they were in the garden when a man named Bank went into the house and strangled Mr Dom.

She said she and her boyfriend, Bank and two other men stole Mr Dom's money and divided it among themselves, each taking 50,000 baht.

Source: Khao Sod

Scammer nabbed

BANGKOK: Police in Bangkok have arrested an ageing ladyboy who has been systematically scamming Japanese tourists for the past 10 years.

Surawet Ratanpranee, 54, who also uses the names Anne, Noi and Som, told police he worked with a gang of Bangkok taxi drivers to rob the tourists.

He said he spoke to his victims in Japanese, telling them he was a tourist from Malaysia or the Philippines, that he had lost his wallet and needed to borrow some money.

If the victim agreed to lend him the money, he would take them to an ATM and would make a note of their pin number as they withdrew the cash.

He would then take the tourist in a taxi to an unnamed destination where he said he would repay the money.

But on the way, he would steal the tourist's wallet and later use their credit cards to steal even more money.

Mr Surawet said he targeted Japanese victims 'because they were 'good hearted'.

Source: MCOT

Russian trio caught with their pants down

CHONBURI: Pattaya police arrested three near-naked Russians for having sex in the back seat of a car early last Thursday morning.

Police said a crowd had gathered to watch Sergey Vormik having a sex romp with two naked women in the back seat of a Toyota Vios saloon which was parked outside a supermarket.

A police spokesman said the three merrymakers were all drunk and treated their arrest like it was some sort of a joke.

Back at the police station, Mr Vorkmik said he was a Russian police officer here on holiday.

He said he and his friends were unaware they were doing anything wrong because, in Russia, having sex in a car wasn't illegal and people did it all time.

The police spokesman said the three would probably be fined.

Source: Khao Sod

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International school expands



HeadStart's new international school campus near Makro in Kathu.

THE new HeadStart International School in Kathu is offering international education for a fraction of the price other international schools are charging.

The new school, which will be officially opened next month, includes nine classrooms, and full facilities for pre-schoolers, including climbing frames, libraries, educational computer games, learning toys and other educational activities.

Director Jazon Edouard said Headstart catered for students of every nationality and class sizes would be limited to only 15 students per class.

The school provides well-rounded learning from pre-school, through to secondary-level.

HeadStart has been operating in Phuket since 2005

and has grown from a homespun educational program to an international school without losing the personal touch.

Mr Edouard said students in years two to eight would have access to extensive libraries, projectors and science equipment.

The school also boasts a variety of sporting and recreational facilities, including a junior-size football pitch, an extensive playground, a Go-Kart and bicycle track, a 120sqm gym and a similar-sized dance studio with mirrors and parquet floors.

The school's curriculum is based on the British National Curriculum. Mr Edouard said the school tried to stimulate students' minds, and encouraged them to push beyond traditional academic boundaries.

Chalong mourns popular couple

A LOVESICK husband shot himself in the head with a .22 rifle only a week after his wife unexpectedly died from a stroke.

Friends said Thomas Quigley, a 61-year-old American expat, couldn't bear the thought of living without his Thai wife of 20 years, Parnpan, 59.

The couple, who were widely known as 'Uncle Tom' and 'Auntie

Porn' ran a popular fish and chip shop on the Chalong Pier Road.

They are survived by a son, Patrick, 29.

Mr Quigley was found slumped on a sofa inside the fish and chip shop on Tuesday with a bullet wound to his head.

A gun lying nearby.

Friends of the couple said Mr Quigley was shattered by the death of his wife, and was plan-

ning to return to the US to be with Patrick and his wife.

A friend who had dinner with Mr Quigley the night before he died said he was sad about leaving Thailand, but seemed to be okay.

"We talked about the old days and Tom said he didn't want his son to worry about him," she said.

"Tom and Porn were two sweet souls. Everyone loved them."

-Kitima Pornmongkhonwat

Thaksin's sister under siege

DISGRACED former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra's younger sister was forced to flee through the back entrance of a Phuket hotel on Tuesday to avoid a mob of furious yellow-shirt protesters waiting outside.

Yinglak Shinawatra, 42, was in Phuket to present scholarship cheques to promising school-children on behalf of Mr Thaksin's charitable foundation Thaicom.

During the ceremony at the Metropole Hotel in Phuket City, Ms Yinglak presented the 6,000-baht checks to 47 of Phuket's smartest youngsters.

But a crowd of anti-Thaksin yellow-shirts who gathered outside while Ms Yinglak was inside were clearly not impressed.

They chanted and brandished signs saying no members of Shinawatra's family were welcome in Phuket.

Ms Yinglak said she only came to Phuket to give local kids a better chance in life.

She said her visit had nothing to do with her brother.



Phuket red-shirt leader Sunthorn Toemarn guides Yinglak Shinawatra away from the protesters.

Regional bloodbank operational

A NEW bloodbank headquarters established in Phuket to provide emergency blood supplies in the Andaman region opened last week.

Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop opened the new Regional Blood Headquarters in Rattanakosin 200 Pee Road, next

to the employment office in Phuket City last week.

The Finnish Red Cross agreed to finance the facility after 184 Finns died in the 2004 tsunami.

The facility will stock mass quantities of blood supplies which will be made available throughout southern Thailand.

The new unit will primarily cater to six Andaman provinces, but if needed, will supply blood to as many as 12 of Thailand's southern provinces in the event of an emergency.

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Hidden gems of *baba* Phuket

On the menu WITH Dan Waites

Secreted away at the end of a slim passageway off Phang Nga Road, the Saeng Tham Shrine is easily missed.

A modest brick-brown gateway spattered with gold characters and Chinese lanterns marks the way in, although it hardly catches the eye.

Head down the alley and you'll find a small Chinese shrine in a walled courtyard.

Built at the height of Phuket's tin mining days, Saeng Tham Shrine is a fine remnant of the town's Hokkien Chinese cultural heritage.

It was allowed to fall into disrepair, but was restored to its original condition a few years ago.

Stand here in the sun and you can hardly hear the engines and horn blasts of the busy streets outside.

Its name means 'Shrine of Serene Light'.

Just across the road, another of Phuket City's recently restored gems does its best to stay unnoticed.

A Sino-Portuguese shop-house building bears a façade of large glass doors and shutters painted the color indigo.

It's a pretty shade, but not one that demands attention.

And while a small wooden sign hanging high above the doors bears the name of the restaurant, you have to squint to read it.

Just like Saeng Tham Shrine, you could easily walk right past Siam Indigo.

To do so would be a shame, because this charming little eatery is one of Phuket City's better restaurants.

Siam Indigo almost burned down in March, and its doors were closed for the best part of two months.

It recently re-opened, serving the Thai-Chinese-European fusion cuisine which made its name popular since it first opened in 2006.

While the food here is outstanding, in another sense

standing out isn't what Siam Indigo is all about.

Celine Masson, one of the restaurant's three owners, is a Frenchwoman in love with Phuket City, with its architecture, its food and the Sino-Thai 'baba' culture which binds it all together.

A Chinese merchant family sent to Phuket by the Thai royal family built the shophouse which houses Siam Indigo in 1919.

Celine wanted to create a restaurant that celebrated *baba* and paid its respects to the building's history.

"We didn't want this place to be too much of a 'Frenchie' type restaurant," she said.

"It was very important to me that it had an Asian identity."

Celine is well aware of her restaurant's lack of street presence.

"Maybe we should have a big sign, and advertise ourselves a little more," she said.

"But my designer is a real artist and he wanted it to look just right."

Go inside and you will see why she let the designer have things his own way.

The restaurant oozes a delicious faded glamor.

Theatrical crimson curtains divide a room which is lit by glass chandeliers.

Antique Chinese vases and furniture nod to the building's heritage, while bright mosaics of smashed tile and cut mirror depict 1930s starlets, who pose on the walls, complete with pouts and cigarette holders.

It's a mish-mash, but its a mish-mash that works.

The scars from the March fire are still visible in two patches of wall shorn of their plaster.

This is deliberate.

"It's a little memory for us," Celine said.

An awareness of the past, and in particular of Phuket City's *baba* history, is central here.

The cuisine takes the essence of *baba*, of putting cultures together and stirring them up, as its inspiration.

Classic Thai dishes are at the heart of the menu, but there are Chinese influences and a French sensibility in the mix.



SIAM INDIGO: Go inside and you'll see why the owners let the designer have things his own way.

Where there is fusion, it's carried off with a light touch.

"Thai food is delicious as it is," said Celine.

"We don't mess around with the recipes, but we do use premium ingredients you wouldn't normally see in a Thai restaurant."

This means that *massaman* curry tastes like a good *massaman* should, but is served with premium duck breast.

This means that *lab*, the spicy Isarn salad, retains all the right flavors – the mint, the kaffir lime, the crushed rice, the chillies, the spring onions – but it is made with juicy fresh tuna.

And it means home-made terrine canopés are lent sweetness by cherry tomato, sourness by pickle, crunchiness by melba toast and *je ne sais quoi* by the Chinese fungus used to flavor the terrine itself.

There are dishes with a more European slant, such as a delicious rock lobster ravioli in a creamy, sweet dill sauce.

Also on the menu are red curry pumpkin soup, *tom yam* lobster bisque, rock lobster carpaccio, chicken or pork marinated in 'Esarn piri piri' spicy sauce with sticky rice, New Zealand mussels with mango lime salsa, tiger prawns in *choochi* sauce, duck supreme with Hokkien noodles, New Zealand rack of lamb, and steaks

in sauces from the West (black pepper) or the East (lemongrass, tamarind).

The restaurant is not cheap, but neither is it expensive given the quality of the food.

A walk down Thalang Road, a stop at Saeng Tham Shrine, and a meal at Siam Indigo.

I couldn't think of a better tour of *baba* Phuket.

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In this month's Yoga Moments, we shall work through the stages of the *Trikonasana* pose. The name of the position comes from the word *trikona* – *tri* meaning three and *kona* meaning angle.

Benefits

1. Tones the leg muscles, removes stiffness in the leg and hips and gives the hamstrings a stretch.
2. Corrects minor deformities in the legs and develops them evenly.
3. Relieves backache and neck sprains, strengthens the ankles and develops the chest.
4. Bending to the right gives the liver a good massage, improving the detoxification process of the body, while bending to the left massages the spleen.

Technique

1. Stand in *Tadasana* at the front of the mat (photo 1).
2. Inhale and move one leg back, placing it three to 3.5 feet away from the other foot, keeping the heels aligned.
3. Raise the arms sideways in line with the shoulders, palms facing down. Keep the arms parallel to the floor.
4. Turn the front foot out slightly, keeping the back foot stretched from the inside and tightened at the knee (photo 2).
5. Exhale and bend the trunk sideways over the front leg, bringing the respective palm near the leg's ankle. Try to hold the ankle (photo 3).
6. Stretch the other arm skyward, bringing it in line with the shoulder, vertical to floor, extending the trunk. The back of the legs, the back of the chest and the hips should be aligned. Gaze at the thumb of the outstretched hand above. Keep both knees locked tight by pulling up the knee-cap (photo 4).
7. Remain in the pose, breathing evenly for five to seven breaths.
8. Inhale and lift the lower palm from the floor. Return to step three.
9. Return to step one and start with the other leg, repeating steps three to eight. Hold the posture for the same duration as before.
10. Inhale, return to position one.

Check Points

1. Keep both knees locked, but not hyper-extended.
2. Keep the hip aligned with the knee joint to the side that is bending.
3. Do not let the raised hand move away from the mid line. Keep it in line with the lower arm making a beautiful triangle.

Variations

1. If you are unable to hold the ankle, you can grab the shin bone. On each exhale, slide the palm down towards the ankle.
2. If you still find it difficult, bend at the knee or place a block next to the foot to rest the palm on it.
3. Regular practitioners can place the palm on the floor on the outside of the foot.

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This year is shaping up to be one of the worst for air crashes since the 1990s. In the past two months, there have been four air crashes, which have killed 561 people.

So far this year, there have been 12 major crashes worldwide.

At that rate, there could be a total of 20 crashes by the end of the year, the highest number since 24 jets crashed in 1999.

Before that, there were 17 crashes in 2007 and 19 in 2008.

We need to look at what is causing this sudden increase in crashes, the types of aircraft involved and why, in this age of advanced technology, aircraft mechanical failure is higher now than it was in the 1950s.

If that's hard to believe, here are some more shocking facts.

In the 1990s, the number of accidents due to pilot error was almost the same as in the 1950s when commercial aviation was in its infancy.

The first commercial jet airliner came to grief in March, 1953, when a Canadian Pacific Airlines de Havilland Comet crashed in Karachi, Pakistan.

The number of cases of sabotage, including the use of explosives, shoot downs and hijackings, in the noughties (2000-2009) is almost twice as high as it was in the 1950s and 1960s.

But crashes caused by pilot error and mechanical failure have dropped to more than half of the number that occurred 50 years ago.

If you add all the figures up, pilot error is by far the most common cause of airline crashes, but there are many other causes

such as air traffic control errors, bird strikes, fires, design flaws, sabotage and explosive devices, fuel starvation, hijackings resulting in fatalities, lightning, pilot incapacitation and pilots being shot by passengers.

That's a pretty scary lineup, but remember the odds of being killed in an air crash are 13.5 million to one.

The odds of being on a flight which results in at least one fatality is more than eight million to one.

The odds of you being killed on a flight to or from Phuket are still very low, although the statistics took a tumble in 2007 when the One-Two-Go crash killed 89 people.

The chances of fatal crashes also depends on the type of aircraft you are on.

If you are on a scheduled commercial flight, your odds are much higher of making it to your destination safely, but they decrease rapidly if you are on a commuter airline or a small one or two-seater aircraft.

The smaller aircraft are more likely to be affected by adverse weather conditions, usually have less experienced pilots, fly closer to the ground and they are often less well maintained.

Another factor is the survival rate of passengers on aircraft involved in accidents carrying 10 passengers or more.

In the 1930s, the survival rate was 21 percent and remained in the 20-25 percent range until around the 1970s when there was significant advancement in aircraft technology.

The first wide-bodied jet, the Boeing 747 Jumbo, arrived in the early '70s along with other types of aircraft, increasing the survival rate.

Oddly, in the 2000s, the survival rate dipped to 24 percent compared to 34 percent and 35 percent in the '80s and '90s.

If that seems strange, it can be explained by the sheer number of people who travel by air compared to the 1970s, when flying was still an expensive novelty for the average citizen.

Most accidents occur when the aircraft is climbing from takeoff with its undercarriage



RUNWAY ROULETTE: The chances of you dying in an air crash depend on the type of aircraft you are in. The chances of an accident increase if you are on a commuter airline or a small one- or two-seater aircraft. Photo: AFP/Desiree Martin.

and wing flaps up.

This is when the aircraft is at its heaviest, with a full load of heavy on board necessities such as water, drinks and food, yet it must create maximum thrust and power to achieve its cruising height of around 32,000 feet for long haul flights.

Other danger times are during the initial climb before the flaps come up and the final landing approach.

The actual landing, despite many people's fears, has the lowest percentage of in-flight fatalities.

During both takeoff and

landing, bird strikes can be a common problem, and fuel starvation can be an issue when coming into land.

Cruising at 32,000 feet is about only half as dangerous as the initial climb after takeoff.

Air accidents have claimed a number of famous people over the years, despite air travel being one of the safest possible forms of travel, particularly on commercial airlines.

The deaths of many well-known people have been in small, general aviation aircraft with a maximum of four seats.

Famous people who have died in air accidents include airline CEOs; many of the 1958 Manchester United team following a crash in Munich; famous rock stars Richie Valens, Buddy Holly and the 'Big Bopper', who were killed when their light aircraft crashed in 1959; Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space; and Osama bin Laden's father, Mohammed bin Laden.

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The Unbreakable Villagers of Chalong

Looking Back

By Anand Singh

The year 1876 was a dark time for many towns on the south western coast of Thailand. There was widespread civil unrest and rebellion, and the number of Chinese immigrants who flocked to places like Phuket in search of jobs in the island's thriving tin mines had been growing continuously.

As their numbers increased, the Chinese miners organized themselves into large labor groups, known as 'Angyi' organizations.

Most of the time, the Angyi groups were entangled in self conflict and the governor's vastly outnumbered law enforcers avoided these often violent confrontations.

The slump in the tin trade and resulting economic hardship led to discontent amongst the Chinese miners during the 1870s. In 1876, the governor of Phuket was unable to pay the miners their promised salaries.

The angry miners took to the streets and started a violent and bloody rebellion.

Because the authorities were so heavily outnumbered, the island fell into anarchy.

The Chinese rebels were free to kill, pillage and burn at will in Phuket Town and the surrounding villages.

They extracted their revenge on the townspeople, and the government's forces were powerless to do anything about it.

Just outside Phuket Town, the villagers of Ban Chalong, terrified by the impending onslaught of Chinese rebels, abandoned their village and fled into the nearby hills.

A famous monk who lived at Chalong Temple serving as the

temple's abbot, was revered by the villagers of Ban Chalong and was known to possess some supernatural abilities, gained through meditation and religious merit.

Even today, he is still fondly remembered by locals as Luang-Por Cham.

The Thai word 'Luang-Por', which is often used as a polite address to monks, roughly translates as 'father'.

When news spread of the looming threat on the village of Ban Chalong, some of the villagers, including a former student of Luang-Por Cham, rushed to Chalong Temple to warn the abbot.

They begged him to abandon the temple and flee along with the rest of the villagers.

Luang-Por Cham refused to leave the temple where he had been a student ever since he was a young boy.

He told the villagers to save themselves and flee to the mountains, saying he would die at the temple if need be.

When no amount of pleading could convince the Luang-Por to leave, the brave villagers, holding their love for the abbot above their fears, opted to stay with him.

A handful of villagers stayed back and devised a plan to defend the temple against the Chinese rebels.

Because monks are forbidden to engage in any form of violence, all they asked from Luang-Por Cham were some magical items which would protect them from the enemy's blades and bullets.

Luang-Por Cham produced several pieces of long white cloth, held them in his hands and blessed them, which in the eyes of his followers, made them magical.

With unwavering faith, the villagers each took a piece of cloth and tied it around their heads, bandana-style.

The villagers asked the



CHALONG TEMPLE FORTIFIED: In 1876 the villagers of Ban Chalong used the temple as a stronghold against the militant Chinese rebels. **INSET:** A wax figure of the revered Luang-Por Cham in Chalong Temple.

Luang-Por to stay in the sacred chapel of the temple while they dispersed to find weapons.

A few days later, a band of Chinese rebels marched into the deserted Ban Chalong village, and with no defenders in sight, carelessly strolled around the village searching for valuables to plunder, dangerously letting their guards down.

The villagers, who were hiding behind the temple's walls, seized the opportunity and started shooting at the rebels with their muskets.

The rebels, startled and unprepared, quickly fled the village.

When the villagers who were hiding in the hills heard of this, they returned to the temple and offered to join the resistance.

From what began as just a handful of defenders, the ranks of the resistance swelled as more and more people returned to fight.

The villagers built fortifications around Chalong Temple and appointed their own leaders.

They knew only too well that the Chinese would almost certainly return in greater

numbers, but morale was high and they had the revered Luang-Por on their side who could provide them with magical items to protect them.

As expected, the Chinese rebels returned in greater numbers, but the villagers fought them and drove them off again.

The Chinese tried many times to break through the fortifications of the temple, but each time the villagers defended their turf resolutely, holding them off.

In a desperate attempt to remove the villagers' spiritual leader, the Chinese rebels offered a reward of 1,000 silver coins for the severed head of Luang-Por Cham.

According to Prince Damrong's account of the event, during yet another siege on the temple, the Chinese took a lunch break while trying to break through the fortifications.

As they sat in the camp outside the temple walls eating boiled rice, the Siamese villagers mounted a surprise attack, shooting and killing many of them.

The rest of them, confused and terrified, ran for their lives and never returned to Ban Chalong again.

Not long after, government reinforcements arrived and the rebellion was completely put down.

The legend of Luang-Por Cham's supernatural powers is fueled by faith and beliefs, but it is historically significant that his presence amongst the villagers of Chalong improved their morale and gave them a reason to believe they would be victorious.

And, as history shows, they won the battle, saving their village and its magnificent temple.

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Graham Doven

Graham Doven's marketing talent helped to create international excitement about Phuket as one of the world's most desirable locations for tropical villa investment. He started presenting upscale island developments at the China Club in Hong Kong in 1997.

"Interest in holiday and investment property was fueled by the Asian financial crisis when the Baht was pushed to 50 to the dollar and property on Phuket became a real bargain.

"Also, the success that Paul Moorhouse had with his first project, Lakeshore Villas, proved that Phuket was attractive to the international investor."

Graham has spent 12 years organizing large property shows and small, invitation-only events that have not only brought investors to the island, but have also helped to elevate Phuket's status from the banal 'paradise' to a full-on lifestyle brand.

He has organized events at the stylish Sukhothai Hotel in Bangkok and represented developers at major press conferences at the Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand. He has also presented exhibitions at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, at Earl's Court in London, and even in Almaty, the distant capital of the Central Asian Republic of Kazakhstan.

"In the past couple of years, we've focused on more informal, invitation-only events to present selected Phuket projects. We did one at the Mandarin Oriental in Hong Kong in 2007 and again in Stockholm last year."

Graham has been involved in media and promotions all his life. He came from Australia to Thailand in 1989 to make videos, write media scripts and work with the Tourism Authority of Thailand. He left behind an impressive career promoting events and organizing bands, concerts and festivals around the Gold Coast.

As the coordinator for the Opening Day events at World Expo 1988 in Brisbane, he organized the talent from 72 participating countries. He also coordinated Australia's traveling Bicentennial exhibition in Queensland.

Graham studied Journalism and Communications in college and started his working life as a film editor for Australia's Channel 7. He also had substantial music training, and a visit to a music shop on the Gold Coast changed his life.

"I was asked to work in this shop, a Yamaha piano dealer in Murwillumbah, and over the next few years put bands together and produced concerts with performers such as Tom Jones and Joe Cocker. I also helped manage the

careers of local artists, including singer Martine Monroe and bush bluegrass band 'Bullamakanka'."

The young promoter and impresario convinced the Queensland Symphony Orchestra to play at the local Seagull Football Club auditorium which he was able to sell out. He also worked with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation in setting up touring shows that took live talent to the nation's most remote rural areas.

"The World Expo 88 was really an opportunity to show off to the world. We managed to have a full-sized pink submarine with 40 tap dancers dressed in pink tutus for Opening Day, as well as 36 orchestras playing behind the Queen of England and the 72 Heads of State."

By the time World Expo 88 was over, Graham was ready for a change.

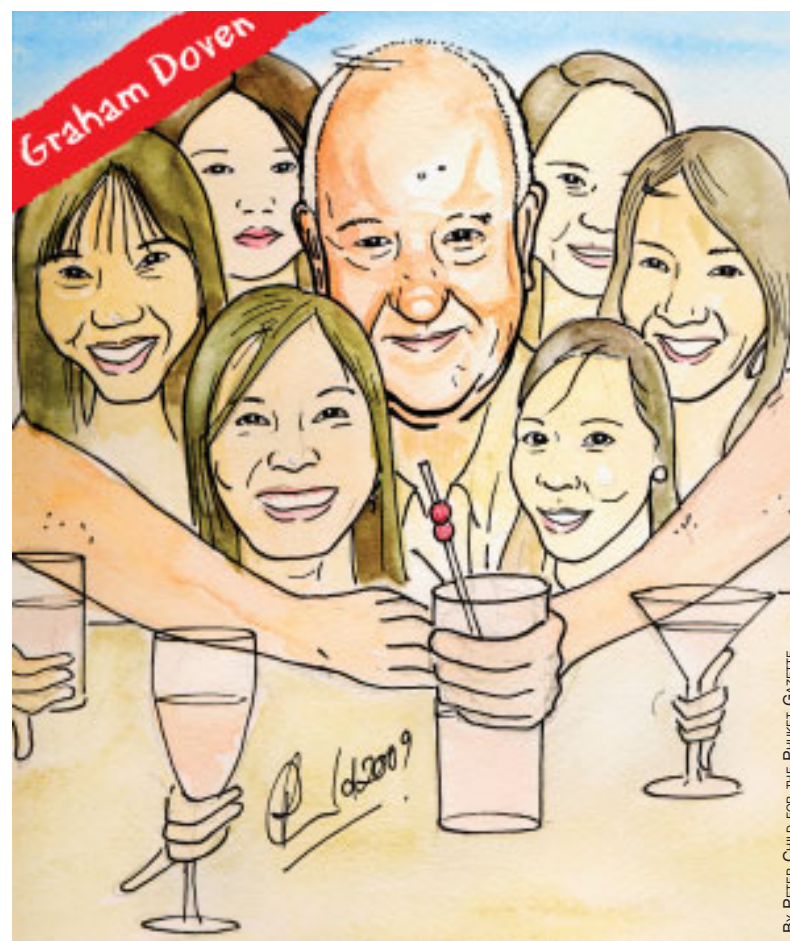
"When I first came to Thailand, I knew I wanted to live here. I love the freedom one feels in this country where every day can be interesting."

Graham will undertake his latest promotion, 'Phuket Select', featuring many of the island's top businesses (not just properties), at the Grand Hyatt in Singapore on November 14 and 15.

"Phuket is a great place to live. The island has everything anyone could want.

"Business has of course been quiet over the past year, but this is an ideal place to 'ride it out' until the global economy brings the buyers back."

— Bruce Stanley



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ABOUT EXPAT GALLERY

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



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THE BIG CHILI: Phuket Vice Governor Smith Palawatwichai and District Chief Kreetha Saetan made a giant pot of chili shrimp paste at last month's Safety Food Festival.



ASPIRING ARTISTS: The winners of the Jungceylon Junior Artist Contest, Suthasinee Sukawat, Wongwan Pewon and Nittaya Srinarod display their winning pictures.



UPLIFTING INTERVIEW: Dr Sompoch Nipakanont, Assistant Director of Bangkok Hospital Phuket, spoke to TV host Dr Valerie McKenzie about medical tourism.



MOONLIGHTING: Aleenta Galleria Manager Chulaluck Prabpunja (3rd from right) with the girls from the Paradise Group at last week's Aleenta Moonlight Sales Promotion Day at Surin Plaza.



THE LAST SUPPER: Disciples of Surin celebrity Ian 'Diver' Dick (centre) got together to celebrate the closing of Diver's friendly beach bar last week. The bar has been leased to the Stero Lab group who plan to open an upmarket French deli there. Photo: Dan Miles



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Not just flotsam and jetsam

Beach trash turned into a turtle



During the monsoon season, from June to October, beaches along the Andaman coast accumulate a considerable amount of debris washed in by the bigger waves.

Fortunately, a lot of this debris isn't man-made.

Stones, pieces of coral, seaweed and driftwood all make their way to shore and do little or no harm to the ecosystem.

But sadly, this harmless flotsam and jetsam is joined by a plethora of damaging synthetic products, including bottles, plastics and fishing nets.

If this rubbish is allowed to remain on the beach, it will be eventually be swept back into the

sea causing untold damage to coral reefs and marine life.

In a bid to help prevent this, the Phuket Culture Office organised a four-day product design camp for 15-20 year-olds from Trang, Phang Nga, Krabi and Phuket at Nai Yang Beach in the Sirinath Marine National Park.

Organizers also arranged for five Rawai Art Village artists to talk to the students about contemporary design, focussing on showing the students how they could use debris from the sea, both man-made and natural, to create pieces of art.

Before starting work on their projects, the students spent time cleaning the beach, at the

same time gathering the flotsam and jetsam they needed to make their ornate artworks

The students produced a wide range of artistic pieces including jewelry, picture frames and mobiles.

Many of the students created animal figures including fish, a turtle and a funky chicken.

It was hoped the camp would bring students from around the region together, allowing them to share ideas and to learn skills which could help them to possibly earn a living in the future.

The students were also taught the importance of preserving the environment.

Rawai artist, Prasobsuk 'Pom' Lertwiriyaipitit said spreading the environmental message was very important issue at the camp.

"Global warming is a key issue these days, but so many people still refuse to help," she said.

"If we can show the students how important the environment is, and how they can make a living out of caring for it, they will be more inclined to do their part."

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Students learned the importance of looking after the environment



This funky chicken is made of odds and ends supplied by the tides.



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Assessing the island's need for speed

KHUN WOODY'S COMPUTER

People are always asking me what is the best internet service in Phuket. Thanks to more than a hundred volunteers all over the island, it's now possible to compare service speeds.

You can see the results by going to live-access.com/PhuketInternet.aspx.

Click the button marked 'Download to Excel' and you can look at all of the reported download speeds, and draw your own conclusions.

Recent results surprised me. TOT remains an enigma, with the less-expensive silver cyber speeds beating gold cyber hands down.

The new TOT platinum cyber only appears to be marginally faster than the silver.

I've heard rumors that TOT has offered to install fiber optic lines to certain, select customers on Chao Fa Road.

Unfortunately, I can't confirm the rumors, although I have seen the fiber optic cable terminus next to the Software Park on Chao Fa West Road.

Fiber optic will be a huge boon to Phuket's computer capabilities, but only if the company installing the cable also offers enough bandwidth to the internet backbone.

Fast speeds to Bangkok might make some people happy – it would be great if we could get high definition video out of Bangkok at long last – but fat data pipes going to the rest of the world are the key.

You might be willing to pay 10,000 baht per month for a very fast, reliable connection to Europe or North America, but I doubt that

you would pay that much for quick access to Bangkok.

The biggest surprise was CAT's wireless broadband service running at two very different speeds.

Older EV-DO cards – the Sierra Wireless 580, CCU-650 and CCU-680 – are considerably slower than the new EC 226.

There's no technical reason for the speed difference, both the CCU-680 and the EC 226 use the same technology, known as EV-DO Rev A.

All of CAT's wireless broadband customers pay the same amount per month, but for some reason known only to CAT, the EC 226 card runs two or three times faster than the older cards.

It doesn't make any sense, but look at the numbers, you'll see.

CAT's wired HiNet 4 Mbps service continues to achieve the fastest speeds, but we're seeing some reliability problems and the service is quite expensive.

CAT has just announced its board has approved a 6 billion baht project to roll out fiber optic lines throughout Thailand.

I haven't heard any details about a Phuket roll out, but I do know that CAT has plans in place for fiber optic on the island.

CAT has also announced it's hiring a financial advisor to look at buying the Hutch CDMA network in Bangkok.

If CAT goes ahead with the purchase, those of you with EV-DO cards that work in Phuket and other parts of Thailand, will find that you can use the same card in Bangkok and vice versa.

The big complaints right now are being directed at TT&T.

I don't know why, but speeds on TT&T's Premiere MaxNet service – the service I've been recommending for more than a year – suddenly hit the skids in early July.



WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD it would be if CAT and TOT eventually bring fiber optic lines to Phuket. General Telephone and Electronics sent the first live telephone traffic through fiber optics in 1977, in California.

If you look at the international download speeds posted on the Phuket speed reporting site, you see a distinct dip in the afternoon and evenings from July 1 to July 15 or so.

It appears to be back to normal now, but therein lies a story. TT&T is going through some hard times.

The details are more than a bit byzantine, but this is a good place to start.

Jasmine International PLC owns more than 90 percent of Triple T Broadband, several telecom companies and more than 40 percent of TT&T (for a full list see here: www.jasm-ine.com/jasmineweb/html/business.html).

TT&T has declared bankruptcy and its creditors have appointed P Planner Ltd to take the company out of insolvency.

Jasmine has threatened to

transfer all of TT&T's broadband customers to Triple T unless it gets approval to take TT&T out of bankruptcy, while P Planner Ltd appears to be leaning toward selling TT&T to foreign investors.

Recently TT&T fired 10% of its workforce, and shifted 700 broadband staff to Triple T.

That's why, when you go to maxnet.co.th – presumably TT&T's broadband website – you see links to 3BB Broadband's 10 Mbps service (3b.co.th/10mb) which shows the Triple T logo.

Confused? Yeah, me too.

The net result is Jasmine, the majority shareholder in TT&T, has a great deal of incentive to convince you to sign on with Triple T, a TT&T competitor that nobody's ever heard of.

I'll have a report on the new 3BB service shortly.

Several of the regulars at the computer clinic meetings are getting it installed right now.

Triple T promises high definition TV on demand, a claim I find very hard to believe.

Let's see what happens.

Free Computer Clinics. Woody also writes computer books and articles. His two latest books, *Windows 7 All-In-One For Dummies* and *Green Home Computing For Dummies*, will be on store shelves in September.

Join Woody and other Windows victims at his Sunday morning Computer Clinics, co-sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette*. See the What's On page for times and locations.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Upcoming events on the island

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



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 platform for Thai surfers to compete with other Asian surfers in meets around the region. The events expect to have participants from 15 countries and will feature four divisions: short board, long board, groms (kids), and women. The TSS is organized by the Phuket Boardriders Club and sponsored by the Phuket government and local businesses. From 7am to 6pm at Kamala Beach. For further information contact Phuket Boardriders Club. T: 081-956 5854. E: job@phuketboardriders.com. W: www.thaisurfseries.com.

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

Come and experience the pleasure of driving a selection of our latest models, including the new 740Li, the new Z4, X5 xDrive30d, the new 325i convertible and many more! From 8.30am to 5.30pm. For further information or to reserve a test drive, contact Khun Sasidan at Barcelona Auto Phuket, 9 Thepkassatri Road, Muang, Phuket 83000. T: 076-236688 or 076-236699. E: bca5@dealer.bmw.co.th.

August 11. Free BBQ and Killer Pool Fundraiser

Dos Gringos is hosting a fundraising event for the Phuket Has Been Good To Us Foundation. Free BBQ, 40 baht Chang draught, 50 baht bottled beer, 50 baht tequila, a raffle and pool tournament with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place! From 8pm to 2am at Dos Gringos, Chalong Pier, opposite 7Eleven. For more information contact Simon Murray. T: 087-418 3552. E: info@dosgringosphuket.com. W: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=4117.

August 9. SDF Unleashed – Fashion Brunch at Les Angeles

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. For further information contact Cristy Baker. T: 085-473 4636.

E: cristy@soidog-foundation.org.

W: www.soidog-foundation.org.

August 12. HM The Queen's Birthday

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

August 13. DJ Dan's Thailand Debut

DJ Dan, voted the world's number one house DJ, direct from San Francisco and only at Sound Phuket! Entry:

400 baht per person. From 9pm to 4am at Sound Phuket. For further information contact Art (Thai) or Dave (English). T: 076-366163. E: info@soundphuket.com. W: www.soundphuket.com.

August 15. Retro Disco Party at Laguna Phuket

Step back in time and join the fun at Laguna's Summer Family Festival 'Retro Disco Party'. Fabulous competitions, tunes from 91.5FM, prize giveaways, locally priced drinks, BBQ and much more more.

Put on your fancy dress and boogie on down to Canal Village, Laguna Phuket. From 5pm until midnight. For further information contact Mrs Chureeporn Manabutr. T: 076-362330. E: shopping@lagunaphuket.com. W: www.lagunaphuket.com.

September 24 – 26. Phuket International Hospitality Show

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

The show combines a trade exhibition featuring suppliers from all areas of hospitality, a demonstration forum – the Phuket Culinary Fair – and various industry-specific seminars during the three-day show.

From 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.

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

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

October 23. Chulalongkorn Day

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

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August 9. FREE Computer Clinic - Laguna

From 10am to 12pm, at Sandwich Shoppe Laguna.

August 16. FREE Computer Clinic - Chalong

From 10am to 12pm, at Sandwich Shoppe Chalong.

August 23. FREE Computer Clinic - Chalong

From 10am to 12pm, at Sandwich Shoppe Chalong.

August 30. FREE Computer Clinic - Chalong

From 10am to 12pm, at Sandwich Shoppe Chalong.

September 6. FREE Computer Clinic - Patong

From 10am to 12pm, at Sandwich Shoppe Patong.

September 13. FREE Computer Clinic - Laguna

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September 20. FREE Computer Clinic - Chalong

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ON THE MOVE

Mr Chaowalit Thinsuku has joined the Banyan Tree Phuket as the new Director of Food and Beverage. Mr Chaowalit will be responsible for running the food and beverage operation at the Banyan Tree as well as looking after outlets within Laguna Phuket. A native of Phuket, Mr Chaowalit brings 18 years of experience to the position. He has worked at several high-end hotels, including the Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru.



Mr Nikhom Jensiriratanakorn has been installed as assistant Vice President at Phuket hospitality consulting firm C9 Hotelworks. An alumnus of Cornell-Nanyang Institute of Hospitality Management, Mr Nikhom is well connected with industry leaders in Singapore. He focused his post-graduate education on hospitality project development and operations at Starwood Hotels and Resorts. His work experience includes PricewaterhouseCoopers.



The Phuket Community Foundation is delighted to announce the appointment of **Janyaporn Morel** as its full-time Director. She will join the foundation on August 16. Khun Yo was most recently employed as membership sales manager at the Blue Canyon Country Club. She was a Senior Reporter at the *Phuket Gazette* before that. Born in Surin province, she holds a BSc in biotechnology along with a certificate in English for Tourism.



The best way to invest in Asia



MONEY TALKS

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Right now, Asia is probably the most interesting region in which to invest. It's currently the one part of the world where stockmarkets combine good economic growth with reasonable valuations.

The easiest way to invest in Asia is to use a fund and, unless the investor has a particular choice of country, he should invest in a fund which covers a number of countries.

The funds themselves will probably have names which include names like Asia, Asean, Tiger, Pacific or Eastern.

Most investment houses offer a fund that invests in Asia. If the investor conducts his

own research, it will quickly become apparent that the biggest divide is between funds which include Japan, and those which don't.

The reason behind this is two-fold.

Firstly, Japan is by far the largest economy in the region and has the largest stockmarket and the Japanese stockmarket is second only to the US in terms of market capitalization.

It might seem logical that the largest economy should have the biggest stockmarket in terms of market capitalization, but this is often not the case.

Perfect examples are Germany and France where their combined stockmarkets are smaller than Great Britain's, even though their joint economic size is much larger.

Secondly, the reason many Asian-focused funds might exclude Japan is because of the difficult investment and economic environment which Japan has dwelt in for almost two decades.

Nearly all fund managers are legally required to compare their investment performance with an index, and they must publicly state which index they have selected.

Most fund managers will only vary their country allocation to a limited degree from the index weightings, which means most funds that allow investment in Japan will maintain a substantial percentage of their holdings in that particular country.

This has been a drag on performance in the past.

So why choose a fund that invests in a number of countries rather than a single market?

Many Asian countries have small stockmarkets and have a tendency to be volatile.

Investment funds which cover a number of countries allow the portfolio manager a greater choice of companies in which to invest.

This allows the fund manager to reduce exposure or eliminate it completely when political, economic or market risk is prevalent in a particular country.

The more the investor concentrates on a single country, or a very limited number of countries, the higher the risk and greater knowledge the investor needs.

But by doing this, the investor is also reducing the opportunities available.

Certainly, at times, exposure to Asia can be a very unpleasant experience.

The 1997 Asian financial crisis is a perfect example.

That period had a marked effect on almost the whole region, but investment funds which included Australia, New Zealand and India, at least gave fund managers somewhere to hide.

It is worth examining how fund managers react when things turn sour, and a fund manager will usually not place more than 30 percent of assets in cash.

The investor has every right



TOKYO CITY: Most investment houses offer a fund that invests in Asia. If the investor conducts their own research, it will quickly become apparent that the biggest divide is between funds that include Japan and those that don't. Photo: Chris73/ wikimedia.

to question why this is the conventional approach. However, the answer is always exactly the same one.

The investor has to take the decision on whether to invest in the fund or disinvest.

Fund managers merely state they are being paid to manage a particular type of fund, the eventual decision is the client's.

But sometimes, this can have a number of other disadvantages.

In mid 1998, I decided the Thai stockmarket had hit bottom and was overdue for a bounce.

I used a well known fund management group as my vehicle and in a matter of weeks the Thai market jumped 60 percent and I

took the profits and sold out.

I was a bit disappointed when I discovered my profit was only 30 percent, so I looked into the matter further.

Although I had decided that the Thai market was a go, the fund manager was still defensive and was holding 30 percent in cash throughout the period.

This is one reason I often advocate using an index tracker as an investment vehicle of choice.

Investment trackers simply give the investor an identical or near identical return to the corresponding index.

Ever since that experience, I have used an index tracker when investing in Thailand.

These funds always remain fully invested and the decision of when to buy and sell is in the investor's hands.

Investors must also be careful of investment funds which outperform their peers, and should find out the reason for this superior performance.

The initial thought is that it must be the result of better research, a more gifted investment team or just dumb luck.

There is, in fact, another reason that is very common: a greater use of warrants and derivatives in the portfolio.

This leads to increased performance in a rising market, but the opposite is true in a falling market.

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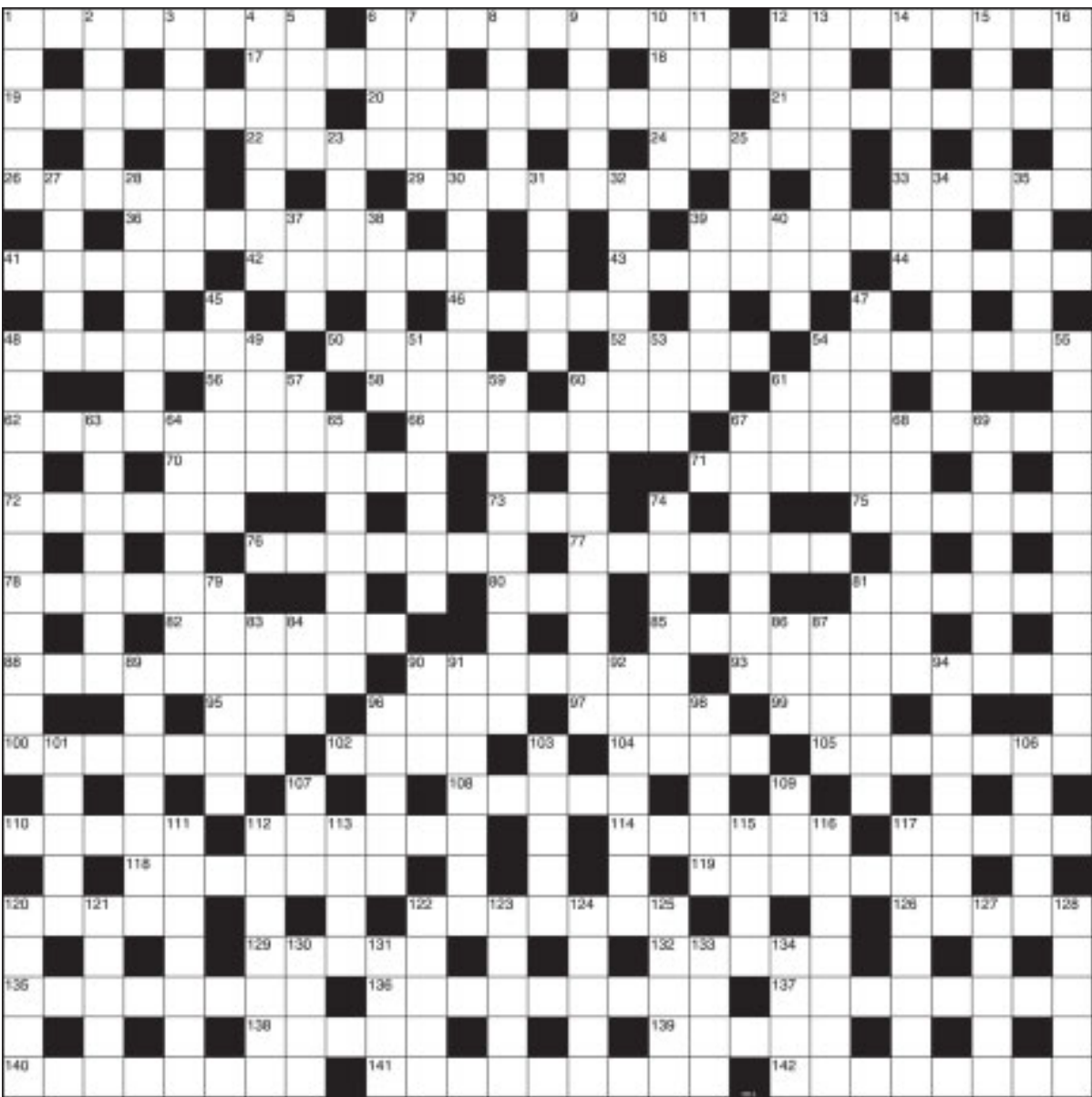
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The BIG Crossword

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- Across
1. Warmed up again

6. Withdraws from position (5,4)

12. Coat-of-arms study

17. Tobacco roll

18. Disliked

19. Sweet pepper

20. Reuse (building site)

21. Powerfully

22. Pallid

24. Jumped high

26. Army clergyman

29. Skilled performer

33. Men

36. Pressurised spray

39. Took the plunge

41. Rectify

42. Red salad tuber

43. Prepares for painting

44. Smears

46. Iridescent gems

48. Perfect

50. German Mrs

52. Clumsy louts

54. Loots

56. Angry

58. Alternatively, or...

60. Apple seeds

61. Spoil

62. Interbred

66. Snake or lizard

67. Cannibals (3-6)

70. Juvenile

71. Savoy & Hilton

72. Derisive person

73. Meadow

75. Hurrah!

76. Condense

77. Sudden outburst (5-2)

78. Slip by

80. Non-amateur

81. Cat cries

82. Being displayed (2,4)

85. Barrier attendant

88. Puts at risk

90. Artlessness

93. Without hearing (5,4)

95. Octopus fluid

96. Metal in brass

97. Auction

99. Sheikhdом,... Dhabi

100. Digress, go off at a...

102.... Lang Syne

104. Write on machine

105. Timber-cutting factory

108. Bake (meat)

110. In front

112. Amount

114. Chinese fruit

117. Indian prince

118. Nodes

119. Thames royal palace,... Court

120. Fragile

122. Straddling

126. Cricket trophy

129. Closely follows

132. Domestic servants

135. Hair-stylist

136. Zany

137. Engravings

138. Beatle,... Starr

139. Of kidneys

140. Tried out

141. Last-minute news (4,5)

142. Elongate

5. Fades

6. Uncovered

7. Stadium

8. Bent to pray

9. Contests of honour

10. Entire

11. Scruff

12. Marijuana

13. Magazine chiefs

14. Mortified

15. Marching practice

16. Spinning toys (2-3)

23. Legendary outlaw, Robin...

25. Comedian,... Sandler

27. Carrying a gun

28. Festers

30. Reaccommoate

31. Pakistan's... Khan

32. Surface layer of earth

34. Insistent

35. Receded

37. Anti-terrorist group (1,1,1)

38. 1000 mls

39. Huffs

40. Umpire

45. Make flexible,... up

47. Scarcely

48. Incapacitated

49. Be concerned

51. Previously

53. Copy

54. Horse's neck hair

55. Thrilling (novel)

57. Lair

59. Convulsions sufferer

60. Aprons

61. Small rug

63. Apple grove

64. Rancher's hat

65. Cow farms

67. Attacks

68. Mindless

69. Investigate

74. Mainly

79. Motor

81. Maintenance book

83. Volcano shaft

84. Peeve

86. Estimated touch down time (1,1,1)

87. Throngs

89. Kabul currency unit

90. Nought

91. California's San... Fault

92. Gossiped

94. Debases

96. Natal people

98. Dawn of an era

101. Loathe

103. Melted ice

106. Charter

107. Cambodian leader,... Pot

109. For now, pro...

111. Sad

112. Carrion bird

113. Jeans maker,... Strauss

115. Spy, Mata...

116. Biblical letter

117. Selfish driver (4,3)

120. Aspect

121. Elsewhere excuse

122. UK racecourse

123. Nincompoop

124. Lay to rest

125. Muslim rulers

127. Vague guess

128. Actress,... Sarandon

130. Very dry

131. Stages of journey

133. Unreturnable serves

134. Bargain
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1. Summarise

2. Desired

3. Ouzo flavouring

4. S.American republic

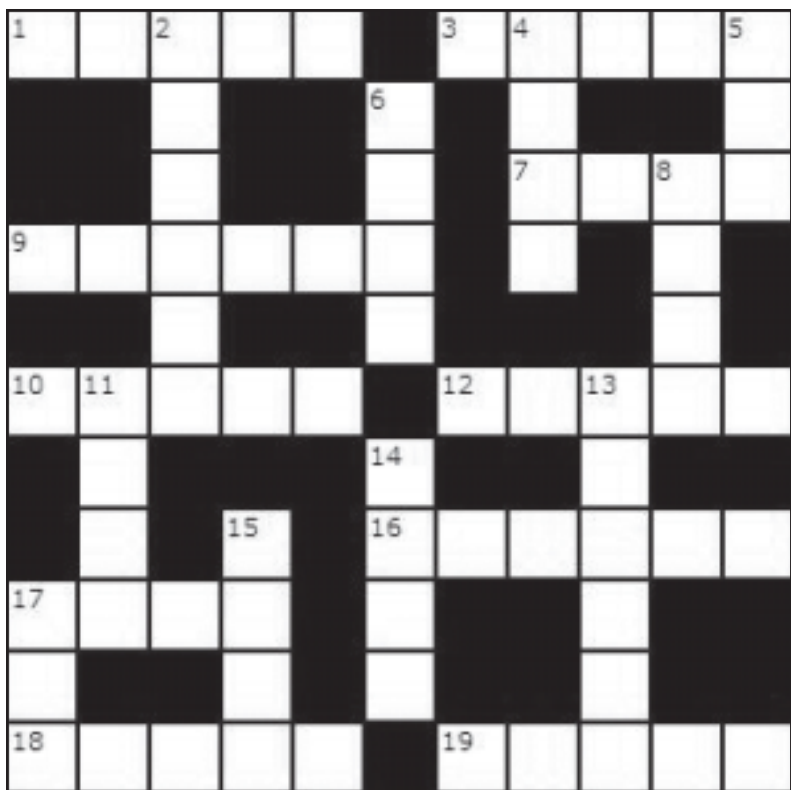
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Sudoku is very simple: each row, each column and each "box" of nine squares within the puzzle must contain all the numbers from 1 to 9 with, naturally, no repetitions. Beware: there is only one solution to this puzzle, which is on the next page.



Quick Crossword

Across

1. Bright
3. Mistake
7. Corrosion
9. Stylish
10. Game
12. On your face
16. Against
17. Don't go
18. Round
19. Jeans

Down

2. Hit
4. Monster
5. Spicy
6. Dressing
8. ...and pepper
11. Relative
13. Invisible
14. Same
15. ...Park
17. Tool

Solution below

Get your brain in gear with the MONSTER QUIZ

1. Robert Alan Zimmerman is better known by what name?
2. Processed galena produces which metal?
3. Who wrote *Gulliver's Travels* (both names)?
4. What is a 'ha-ha'?
5. In Japan what is 'seppuku'?
6. Who discovered blood circulation?
7. The dunnock is another name for which common bird?
8. If someone tells you they were from *Hellas*, where are they from?
9. Who was the Messenger of the Gods and son of Zeus and Maia?
10. Roy Scherer Jr became famous as who?
11. Who wrote *Brave New World*?
12. What links Calabria, Liguria, Puglia and Veneto?
13. Which city in Rajasthan has riding breeches named after it?
14. Portugal has had six kings with which first name?
15. What martial art translation means 'gentle way'?
16. Jean Claude Killy became famous in which sport?
17. Kimberlite contains which precious item?
18. Who directed the movies *Dr Strangelove*, *2001* and *The Shining*?
19. Renowned Art Nouveau designer Rene Lalique worked with which material?
20. Who created the land of Narnia and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*?

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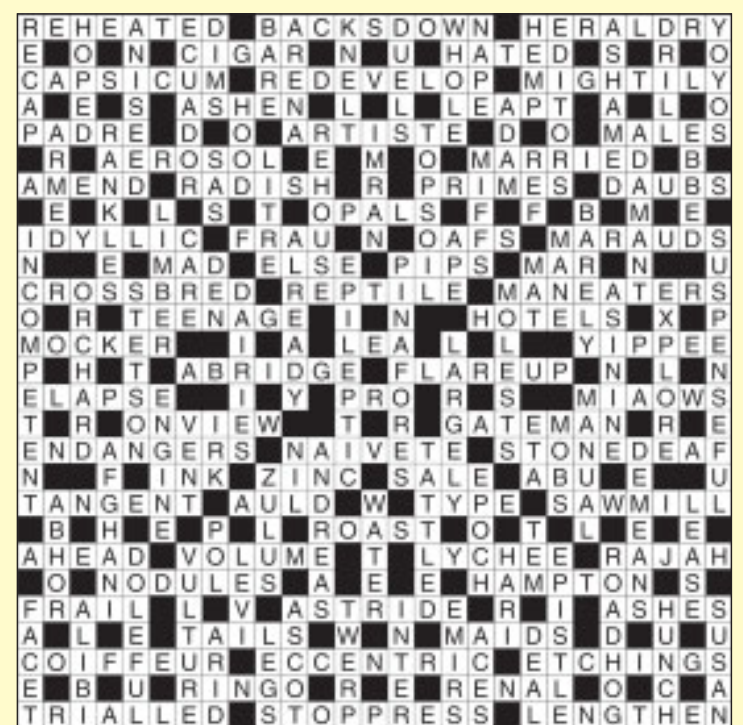
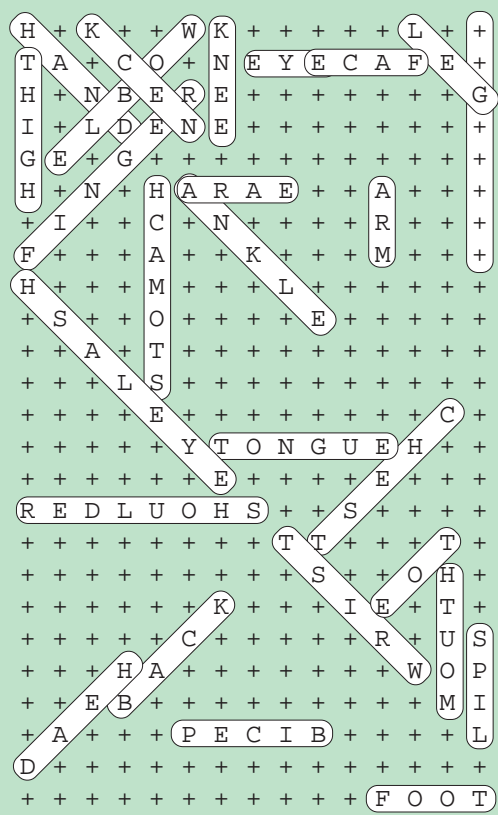
Solution to this week's Quick Crossword



Monster Quiz Answers

1. Bob Dylan; 2. Lead; 3. Jonathon Swift; 4. Sunken Fence; 5. Hara-Kari – suicide; 6. William Harvey; 7. Hedge Sparrow; 8. Greece; 9. Hermes; 10. Rock Hudson; 11. Aldus Huxley; 12. Regions of Italy; 13. Jodhpur; 14. John; 15. Judo; 16. Skiing; 17. Diamonds; 18. Stanley Kubrick; 19. Glass; 20. Clive Staples Lewis.

Hidden Words SOLUTION



Solution to this week's BIG Crossword

Solution to this week's Sudoku puzzle

8	4	2	5	1	6	3	7	9
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An old hack on the nod



Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

Elmore Leonard is America's classiest trash writer. He started out writing Western pulp fiction and then moved on to writing crime.

He was in his prime in the 1970s and 1980s with a string of one-word titles: *Stick*, *LaBrava*, *Glitz*, *Touch*, *Bandits*.

A dozen movies have been made of his novels and he's written a handful of screenplays to boot.

Author of more than 40 novels, he is a master of plot and dialogue and is widely admired by more literary writers.

He's also 83 years old and the years have taken their toll.

His latest novel *Road Dogs* (William Morrow, New York, 2009, 262pp) is a disappointment.

He brings together three characters from former novels: Jack Foley, the consummate bank

robber in *Out of Sight* (played by George Clooney in the movie, opposite Jennifer Lopez), Cuban criminal Cundo Ray from *LaBrava* and hard-hearted, empty-eyed grifter Dawn Navarro from *Riding the Rap*.

Foley and Cundo are in prison together in Florida.

Dawn Navarro is living in Cundo's mansion in Venice, California, waiting for him to come out so she can collect his fortune.

There is also FBI Special Agent Louis Adams who is writing a book about Foley, robber of 127 banks, and wants to rearrest him as the climax to his book.

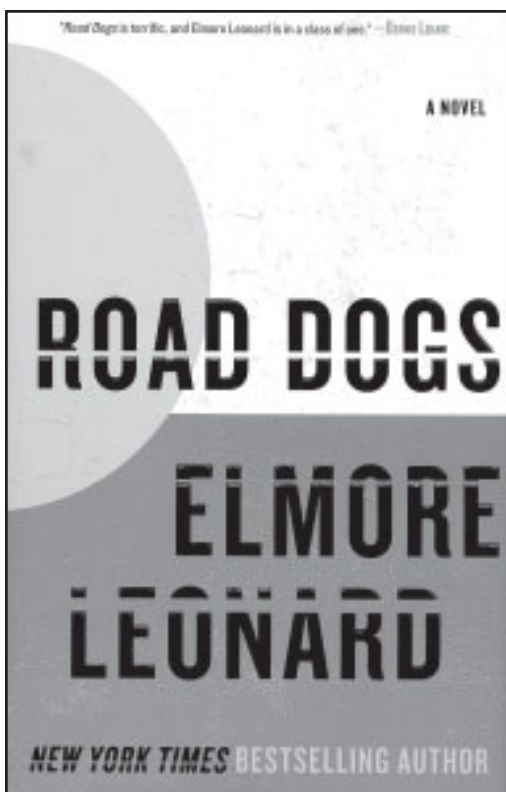
Recycling three old characters is not a bad idea and, in flashes, Leonard is still a dab hand at dialogue.

For example, after Cundo has hooked Foley up with a hot young lawyer, the bank robber returns home to his ex-wife Adele who expects him to go back to robbing banks.

Foley says he's thinking of moving to Costa Rica. Adele asks:

"And do what?"

"Get into something. Game fishing... I don't know, maybe land development, real estate."



"Move to Costa Rica and sell condos."

"It's the new place to go," Foley said. "When you aren't making it at home. Get in on the ground floor."

Adele said, "You want me to tell you what you're going to be doing sooner or later?"

"I've had jobs," Foley said.

"I sold cars one time."

"That you stole?"

"You want to nag,"

Foley said. "Or have a nice time?"

Foley gets to Venice a week before Cundo does and promptly beds his girlfriend Dawn Navarro, who is posing as a psychic to con money out of Danialle Kamanos, a movie actress and widow of a rich producer who claims to be haunted by his ghost.

Foley is dragged in by Dawn to pose as a ghost buster and finds himself attracted to the actress.

Meanwhile, Dawn is two-timing Foley with Tico Sandoval, a young hustler who can pass himself off as both Latino and black American and who has been hired by FBI agent Louis Adams to maintain surveillance on Foley.

This is a nice snake's nest of a plot. Then it all falls apart.

There's a series of murders and no resolution and the plot lines go astray and off into oblivion.

Leonard has become a writer with all the canny old tricks but no heart.

The characters in his earlier novels gained instant reader sympathy, but here they just seem to be going through the motions, limping to the end of the book.

This is a great disappointment, but Leonard is one of those wholly original novelists who prompts readers, once they've read one of his books, to go out and get all the others.

Sadly at 83 years of age and novel number 43, Elmore Leonard seems to have reached the end of the line.

But there's always hope for one more.

His waning powers are foreshadowed in a final scene when Dawn tries to entice Foley to escape with her to Costa Rica:

"And one night you shoot me in the head while I'm asleep. You know what I see in your future?" Foley said. "Fences topped with razor wire. Bunch of hefty broads standing around looking at the new girl."

"You're no fun," Dawn said, and took a few minutes before pushing up from the sofa. "That's it, huh?"

"It's what happens," Foley said, "in the life. You go down."

Horoscopes



Isla Star

LEO (July 24-August 22): Your knowledge could prove to be gold dust this week. An earth sign is forecast to approach you with a proposal that could be life changing. Leos who are looking for a chance to extend their earning potential will need to move quickly and this could cause some domestic friction. Those celebrating a birthday during the week ahead will discover that the coming year brings much fulfillment, particularly on a spiritual level.

VIRGO (August 23-September 23): Virgoans are set to enjoy better luck in love during the remainder of August. A water sign is predicted to make a beeline for you and this person could hold the key to romantic happiness. Those who are still trying to resolve matters in a relationship that turned sour recently should see closure this week. Money is forecast to flow your way when someone finally pays back a longstanding debt.

LIBRA (September 24-October 23): A romantic relationship that began recently continues to occupy certain Librans' attention. Having your head in the clouds may be a fine feeling, but it could stand in the way of progress at work this week. Many Librans will be called upon to make important decisions on Monday or Tuesday and you will need

strong focus to do so. Those already committed discover that their partner has a secret ambition.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): Scorpions should guard against being led astray by empty promises this week. Another water sign is forecast to spin a convincing story that could cost you financially and emotionally. Rest and relaxation remain your top priorities until the end of August and there is the chance that a trip could come as an unexpected bonus this week. Love with Capricorn is promising. The number six can bring some good fortune next Thursday.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): Your outlook is bright during the remainder of August after a shaky start to the month. Those born under the sign of Sagittarius who stayed true to their beliefs last week, will see positive energy coming back. Where romance is concerned, an earth sign would like to get to know you better – expect a creative approach to be made this weekend. Wear the color moss green to encourage good luck with finances.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Capricorns who can keep personal and business issues separate will coast along this week. Those whose minds are

occupied by an ongoing problem could have a difficult time at work. There are signs that another earth sign friend has some useful words of wisdom – take time out to listen this weekend. Romance with a water sign is positively highlighted, but flirtation with a fire sign is not recommended.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Aquarians could get cold feet concerning a potential new business project this week. Your chances of success at work in August are muted, so if you are not certain that this scheme is going to succeed, it may be wise to delay agreements. Personal relationships are well highlighted and your heart will be warmed by an earth sign's confession this weekend. The number nine can be lucky next Thursday.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Those Pisceans tiring of trying to cut through red tape will receive positive news this week. Your patience and sensible attitude are about to pay off and others are forecast to show their gratitude. Diplomacy is also recommended in the world of romance – if you've been trying to impress someone with no success, a more creative approach will work wonders. Wear the color magnolia to promote a lighter outlook.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): A surprise that you were planning to spring this weekend is likely to be spoiled by someone letting the cat out of the bag. Arians are advised to remind friends to keep the secret. Money matters are set to improve as the month of August progresses and a small bonus is forecast to cheer you up early next week, but keep new investments on the back burner until September.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): Prosperity is well highlighted this week. Many of those born under the sign of Taurus will receive news of a financial gain, probably from overseas. In the realm of romance, your casual attitude towards a new relationship will spark the other's interest even more. Tuesday is the best day to instigate a discussion with a water sign friend concerning a delicate subject. The number four is lucky this weekend.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Make extra effort to get out and about as Geminis will gain from exploring further afield this week. An unusual business opportunity is forecast to grab your attention, but it would be wise to double check the authenticity of this situation. Romance remains positively highlighted until the end of the month, but your tendency to flirt could cause slight ripples. The scent of sandalwood

enhances your sensitivity to others' feelings.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): Your suspicions that an air sign is playing hard to get are confirmed this weekend. Whether you have a personal or business connection with this person, Cancerians are advised to think twice before expecting future commitment. Taurus, however, turns out to be someone you can trust. A dream this weekend gives inspiration and the stars suggest that you will discover a new artistic outlet.

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Change the battery, please

The failure of the Thai government to provide a new battery for the tsunami direct detection buoy off Phuket is a national embarrassment that needlessly endangers the lives of untold thousands of people.

Few people who were in Phuket in the aftermath of the greatest natural disaster in recorded history will forget the huge international relief effort that poured into the region from around the world.

One assistance program was the US government's \$16.6-million US Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System.

Funded by USAID, the generous gift culminated in the successful deployment of two state-of-the-art Deep-ocean Assessment and Reporting of Tsunamis (DART) buoys meant to serve as the critical first link in an 'end-to-end' warning system that would allow governments to conduct evacuations before tsunami waves hit.

With great fanfare, the first of these two buoys left Cape Panwa in December 2006, and was deployed 600 nautical miles from Phuket.

In sharp contrast, hardly a peep was made when the buoy's battery finally died on June 16 this year.

With the other DART buoy off Sumatra already inoperable due to reported vandalism by fishermen, Thailand has now lapsed back into a state where the governments must issue tsunami warnings based primarily on seismic data – that is to say, guesswork.

While the Indian government has deployed direct detection buoys off its own coastline, these will be of little benefit to Thailand's Andaman coast due not only to their location, but also the fact that they have yet to be linked to any regional warning network.

The National Disaster Warning Center, as well as the Meteorological Department under which it was formerly administered, had more than enough time to change the DART battery.

One foreign academic has written that annual maintenance of the DART buoy is 'cost prohibitive' for countries 'like Indonesia and Thailand' due to the high expense of using the large ships required for such missions.

Yet Thailand's defense budget, which soared 60% after the 2006 military coup, still stands at about 150 billion baht after some modest trimming by the Democrat-led government.

Even at the 1.7 million baht figure estimated by the academic, a new DART battery and routine maintenance mission would account for only about 0.1 percent of Thai military spending.

Most importantly, this would go a long way to protecting the lives of Thai people, something which cannot be said of all Thai military projects. An estimated 230,000 people died in the 2004 tsunami.

With the fifth anniversary fast approaching, the Thai government should finally replace the battery on the DART buoy.

It is long overdue.

– The Editor



Letters

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Sensory assault

As a long-time resident, I've heard the complaint about the incessant noise we're subjected to many times before (my personal nemesis is the non-stop construction noise), but I was totally unprepared for the sonic assault I suffered the other evening when we went to Carrefour to do a little shopping after a pleasant afternoon in the cinema.

I had – as usual – a long list of items that I looked forward to searching for along the cheery, well-organized aisles.

However, when we pushed our cart into the veggie section, we were immediately assaulted by what sounded like an air raid.

I really thought we were under attack.

Why else would a loudspeaker be blasting an eardrum-bursting barrage of Thai if it were not a warning to flee?

I tried to shop, but after no more than one minute, I had to run from the store.

It was just too painful for me to endure.

What in the world is the management thinking?

Are they not aware that half of their customers with their bulging shopping carts are *farang*?

Why on earth would we want to be screamed at at a ridiculous volume while we are browsing the aisles?

I left without spending a baht, when I normally would have spent 5-6,000 baht.

**Jim Newport
Kamala**

Sack the coach

I have been waiting with baited breath for Phuket FC to win its first game at home for quite some time now, yet week

after week they fail to do so [*Gazette online*, August 3].

Surely it has now gotten to the stage where some action must be taken against either coach Somsak Waijerean or the players who obviously aren't getting the job done.

It's all very good to keep trotting out the old clichés week after week that this player did well or that player did well and we were unlucky to lose.

They aren't doing it together, and until they do, they haven't got a chance.

**David Mullen
Chelsea, UK**

Paradise lost

Having just read about a number of Phuket's new hotels being delayed, it saddens me to think that Phuket has had more areas cleared for construction and that a little bit more of the beauty and charm of this once half-decent looking island has been removed, all for the sake of a few resorts.

I guess we have good old Mr Barnett and his fellow property development chums to thank for that.

Only interested in the almighty dollar rather than preserving beauty.

So many projects have been started and then put on hold, and if the money isn't in the coffers to continue, then what?

The longer they are left standing incomplete, the more the elements will have their fun with the concrete.

Is it possible to continue or do you just knock them down and start again? Who will pay for that?

**Johnboy72
Gazette/Thai Visa
Phuket Forum**

What a debacle

Just the other day I had to fly to Bangkok and because of work commitments, I had to take an evening flight.

When I checked in, I was informed that my flight had been delayed for a while, leaving some time to kill before I could board the plane.

Being a Brit, I decided to head to the Bill Bentley pub in the airport to have a drink.

What a disappointment.

Naturally I expected to pay over the odds, as airport prices are extortionate all over the world, but having to pay 150 baht for a San Miguel light was tantamount to daylight robbery.

Feeling thirsty, I had the beer anyway, and got comfortable as I waited for my plane to arrive.

As I was halfway through my drink, I was politely told by one of the waitresses that the pub was closing and could I drink up.

I looked at the clock on the wall, and to my disbelief saw that it was only 9.30pm.

What kind of boozer shuts at 9.30pm?

It's just utterly ridiculous. Needless to say, I shan't return to the Bill Bentley pub.

**Matthew Povey
Kamala**

Poor showing

I have been watching Phuket FC ever since they started.

The standard is poor and, yes, the team has lost every game, but it's the best we have.

What saddens me the most is the lack of expats at the matches. Come on folks get behind the Sea Dragons.

**Kevin Hooper
Kathu**

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Making Phuket self-sufficient



FIRST PERSON

Nirat Tassanitipakorn is a board member at the agricultural farming center located in tambon Wichit. The 40-rai center is home to 35 people and is entirely self-sufficient. The residents grow produce and breed livestock, selling any surplus to generate a small income. Born and raised in a farming environment in Phuket, Nirat became accustomed to being self-reliant, but initially found his interest lay elsewhere. After training to become a mechanic, Nirat's skills took him to Europe and into the lucrative yachting industry before returning to Phuket to teach the island's current and future generations about sustainability. Mr Nirat spoke to the *Gazette's* Atchaa Khamlo about the benefits of being self-sufficient, Phuket's lost traditions, his plans for the future and the pursuit of happiness.

During the Royal Birthday speech given in 1997, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej spoke about the need for Thailand to have a self-sufficient economy.

The vision was that everybody in the country would had enough to live on and would have enough to live for.

Although HM the King's speech wasn't only directed at those in farming and agriculture, it is one area where self-sufficiency is easily attainable.

Many farmers emphasize productivity for commercial export.

Crops are grown to be sold and the money earned is used to buy food for family consumption.

When they spend all of their money, they ask for loans.

This happens repeatedly until Thai farmers are up to their necks in debt.

HM the King was correct in saying that if we are able to sustain ourselves first, then we as a nation can look forward to a better standard of living.

We can be completely self-sufficient on a single rai, growing fruit and vegetables, rice and raising livestock to feed our families.

Anything that is leftover can be sold to generate an income for the family to cover the expenses for things that can't be grown or cultivated.

Right now, I believe about only five percent of the population of Thailand knows how to be self-sufficient.

Hopefully these people, like us at the center, can pass on their knowledge to others.

The problem facing Thailand in the journey towards self-sufficiency is a lack of necessary skills among the population, something particularly prevalent here in Phuket.

Growing up on a farm, helping my parents, I quickly learned how to do things by myself.

Although it's nice to have people do things for you, it is far more rewarding and cost-effective if you can do things by yourself.

Phuket used to be an island

of farmers, but as the island has changed, so have the livelihoods of its residents.

Today, many people in Phuket are employed in the fishing industry, tourism industry or, if they are fortunate enough, run their own business.

For many, this move towards tertiary sector employment has made life difficult.

Food is becoming increasingly expensive, so if we can grow what we consume, it will reduce our financial burdens.

Sadly, it is becoming more difficult in Phuket as much of the land is being taken for hotel and resort development.

Even with just a 10 square meter plot, people have the space to grow their own produce.

Every bit helps.

It is my goal to help people in and around Phuket to become self-sufficient, using the skills and methods of our ancestors to improve our way of life.

Although many of these methods have been largely forgotten by in recent years, the



The aim of the center is to teach the new generation of Phuketians how to be self-sufficient.

path to sustainability is not an arduous one.

Training at the center can take as little as four days.

Many of the schools in Phuket bring their students to the center. Those who aren't financially independent can apply for grants from the Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives, who will pay for food and accommodation.

In other areas of Thailand, self-sufficiency training has been popular for some time, but the concept has only really taken off in Phuket within the last two years.

As well as farming techniques, the center teaches a variety of skills that can be used as a means of generating income. These include the production of biodiesel, wood vinegar and basic soaps.

My Toyota Vigo has been using biodiesel as gasoline for two years now and this has helped me to reduce my expenses.

My only concern is that greedy and unscrupulous people might see the commercial value in the production of biodiesel and instead of growing food on which to survive, they use it all to make fuel.

Taking it a step further, some people might even stoop to stealing produce from others; if

all our food is used for fuel, the country will starve.

My plan is to buy 50 rai in Phang Nga to open my own agricultural training center.

We currently rent the site of the project here in Phuket and because of this we are severely limited as to what we can do.

The board of directors are constantly looking for new sustainable technologies and methods that we can incorporate into our training programs, but the biggest barrier we must overcome is trying to change the way people think.

We live in a consumer society, where everything is focused around convenience.

People have forgotten how to fend for themselves, and reminding them how to do so is the hardest part of our job.

If we are self-sufficient, we might not become rich, but we can be happy with what we have.

We won't starve and that is surely the most important thing

Sadly, not everyone can appreciate this. If people constantly feel they need more, they will never be truly happy.

I didn't want to be a farmer like my parents, but eventually I realized there nothing is better in life than the pleasure that can be gained from working in the garden.

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My 60-day tourist visa extension expires on August 29, but I would like to stay in Thailand for another month.

Is it okay to fly to Kuala Lumpur or Singapore on the morning of August 29 and return that same day on a 30-day visa?

Cathy Perkins
Australia

Police Captain Rassarin Teerapattanakul, Sub Inspector of Visa Extensions replies:

With a 60-day tourist visa, you should be able to extend your visa at the Phuket Immigration Office for another 30 days, rather than having to leave the country.

This will cost you 1,900 baht in extension fees.

If you do have to leave the country, and you fly back into Phuket, you will get a 30-day visa on arrival.

If you return to Thailand across a land border, you will only get a 15-day visa.

For more information contact Phuket Immigration at 482 Phuket Road, T. Taladyai, A. Muang, Phuket 83000. T: 076-221905.

Last minute agony for Phuket FC

A last-minute goal gave 10 man Phatthalung an undeserved 1-0 win at Surakul Stadium on Saturday and consigned the Sea Dragons to their sixth straight home defeat.

It was a bitter pill to swallow for Phuket FC players and fans alike, as the much-improved home side dominated the match from start to finish.

Once again, a lack of composure in front of goal cost the Sea Dragons as they carved out numerous excellent chances, only to see them go begging.

The defeat sees Phatthalung leapfrog Phuket FC in the table, leaving Somsak Waije-reean's men firmly rooted at the bottom of the league.

In front of a decent crowd, the home side made a good start to the match, with playmaker Japan Sae-Ung pulling the strings in his first home start since the mid-season break.

The home side enjoyed the lion's share of possession, but it was the visiting side which forced the first meaningful contribution from a goalkeeper, Suthep Sae-Ung brilliantly tipping over a fizzing long range effort.

That was as close as the visitors came in the first half as

the home side continued to dominate possession, forcing Phatthalung deep into their own half, struggling to escape.

Japan missed the Sea Dragons' best chance of the half, heading wide an excellent cross from the impressive Sidibe Daouda.

After the break, the home side pushed for the opening goal, forcing a number of good saves from the visitor's keeper.

As the half progressed, coach Somsak brought on giant Cameroonian striker Peka to give his side a more physical presence up front.

The move had the desired effect as Peka's introduction caused uncertainty in the visitor's defense.

Midway through the second half, Phuket FC should have taken the lead.

Following good link up play between Ronnarong Thongsong and Peka, the Cameroonian unselfishly squared the ball to the onrushing Pisarn Kiyankit.

Faced with an open goal, Pisarn faltered and inexplicably managed to slice his effort shockingly wide from inside the six yard box.

Following the miss, a number of Phuket FC players

slumped to the ground in disbelief.

But, rather than let their heads drop, the home side doubled their efforts, almost making the break through when Ronnarong smashed the ball against the crossbar from 12 yards out.

The visitors continued to ride their luck and their task was made harder when they were reduced to 10 men following a seemingly innocuous challenge.

As the Sea Dragons pushed hard for the winner they were hit by a classic sucker punch.

With time running out, the visitor's left back launched a hopeful ball into the Phuket half.

Spotting a brief hesitation in the home defense, the Phatthalung striker raced onto the ball and slotted the ball past the keeper, who could only watch in horror as the ball hit the inside of the far post and trickled over the line.

The goal sparked wild scenes on the visitor's bench, knowing that a win, no matter how undeserved, would lift them off the foot of the table.

The home side tried desperately to find an equalizer, but to no avail.

At the final whistle, Pisarn collapsed to the ground and remained there, face down,



HEARTBROKEN: At the final whistle, Pisarn collapsed to the ground and remained there, face down, utterly inconsolable

utterly inconsolable as his team mates trudged off the pitch.

The defeat was hard on the the impressive Sea Dragons who limited Phatthalung to just two meaningful attacks, but once again were made to pay for their profligacy in front of goal.

After the match, Somsak

said he was naturally disappointed with the result, but felt that he couldn't be too harsh on his players as they had given their all.

Phuket's next match is away at Nakorn Sri Thammarat on August 8.

-Daniel Ogunshakin

Optimistic about Thailand's sailing future



Mitrmitti's skipper Jaray Tipsuk.

The Six Senses Phuket Raceweek brought sailors from a number of different countries worldwide to the island.

Disappointingly, at least from a local perspective, only one boat was sailed by an entirely Thai crew.

If Jaray Tipsuk and his crew on board *Mitrmitti* were under pressure as Thailand's sole representatives, they showed no signs of being overwhelmed by the situation, sweeping to victory in the IRC 1 class, the most competitive in the regatta.

For Jaray, who is looking to introduce more Thai people to sailing, it was the perfect advertisement.

"After this regatta many people emailed me asking to learn to sail with me," he said.

"A lot of Thai people in Phuket want to sail, but they don't know where to start."

They could do much worse than learning with Jaray.

He sailed for the first time at the age of 15, learning his craft on an Optimist dinghy.

Three months later, Jaray went to the Optimist world championships, finishing a credible 46th out of a field of 180, shortly before becoming Thai national champion.

He first sailed in the King's Cup 21 years ago and has only missed one King's Cup since.

This came down to a conflict of schedules as he was busy representing Thailand at the South East Asian Games in the Philippines.

Thailand, with established regattas in Koh Samui and Pattaya as well as those in Phuket, has a burgeoning reputation as a yachting destination, yet there is still a dearth of Thai participants.

This is an issue Jaray is working hard to redress.

"I want to teach more Thai people to crew because there is a shortage in Thailand and there are always farangs looking for crew," he said.

"I also volunteer at Phuket Yacht Club teaching children from the Sunshine Village and it would be great if one of them could go on to be a successful sailor."

Jaray also coaches the Thailand Optimist national team and is looking to introduce more of the bath tub-shaped dinghies to Phuket.

"I want to open a sailing school at Gor Mae Pla Sailing Club in Laem Hin mainly for Thai people and Thai children. I



Jaray Tipsuk and his crew on board *Mitrmitti* swept to victory in the IRC 1 class, the most competitive in the regatta.

want to teach for free but we need sponsors for the Optimists," he said.

Jaray will be competing in a brand new boat in the IRC Racing class of the forthcoming 2009 King's Cup.

This is the most prestigious of all the sailing classes and some of the most renowned sailors in the region will be nervous at the thought of having to compete against Jaray and his team.

Last month at the Six Senses regatta, Jaray and the crew of *Mitrmitti* were looking nervously over their shoulders as the competition drew to a close.

The rest of the field had them in their sights, but two wins out of two on the final day saw them romp to victory.

"It makes me happy to win because I am representing Thailand," he said.

"I wasn't expecting to win because it was the first time I have sailed this boat and I had two new crew on board, including the owner who is learning to sail, but my team is very good."

Jaray is currently looking to raise funds to bring more Optimists to Phuket and to allow him to teach more Thai children to sail for free.

Anyone interested in sponsorship or learning to sail at Jaray's sailing school, Thai Sailing, can contact Jaray directly. T: 081-8589345. E: jaray52@hotmail.com. Visit www.thai-sailing.net for more information.



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Ekkarat out to defend Thai surf series title



Kamala-based surfer Ekkarat Sriden should have an advantage over his rivals.

The 2009 Quiksilver Thailand Surf Series (TSS) returns to Phuket at Kamala from August 14-16.

A field of 150 surfers from around the world are expected to take to the waves at the northern end of Kamala Beach.

The three-day 'King of the Jungle' event, the second of three TSS competitions, will feature surfers from the USA, Indonesia, Malaysia, Australia, Japan, Singapore, the UK, France, Holland and Thailand.

Ekkarat Sriden will look to defend the short board title he won in June and is certain to be among the favorites.

Ekkarat's familiarity with the location and its waves should provide the Kamala-based surfer with a sizable advantage over his opponents.

11-year-old surf sensation Annisa Flynn will once again line up in the groms (juniors) category where she must be considered the overwhelming favorite.

Since her victory at the Monsoon Riders event in June, Flynn has traveled to Bali to compete in the Quiksilver-

sponsored 'King of the Groms' surf contest.

Although she failed to progress to the latter stages of the competition, Flynn gained vital experience in Indonesia that should see her finish ahead of her rivals.

Should the Karon-based starlet have an off day, there will be plenty surfers waiting to take advantage, none more so than Oliver Penmit, runner up to Annisa last time out.

Elsewhere, Australian Bree Evans will be looking to defend her women's title, while Preecha Trirat will be hoping to turn on the style on his long board once again.

The action will get underway at approximately 7.30am each day.

The first two days feature the early elimination rounds, while all the finals will be held on Sunday.

After all the on-wave action has come to a climax, a buffet dinner and awards ceremony will be held at the Print Kamala Resort.

The night time festivities will also feature a fashion show by



11-year-old Annisa Flynn remains the one to beat in the groms.

Roxy and Nok Air, before the party moves to Stereo Lab in Surin Beach.

Any interested participants have until 7.30am on Friday morning to register for the King of the Jungle event.

Entry is 500 baht for the short board, long board and women's divisions, and free for the groms and includes a free T-shirt and entrance to the awards ceremony.

For more information contact Joob at the Phuket Boardriders Club. T: 081-956 5854.

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

-Dan Ogunshakin

Iszatt thunderbolt helps Rassada into 2009 final

A stunning 30-yard thunderbolt from Dave Iszatt helped set Rassada Municipal football team on its way to a comprehensive victory against Srisoonthorn in the 2009 Rassada Masters Cup semi-finals last Wednesday.

Iszatt, 51, is the only non-Thai to feature in the tournament and the Rassada fullback played a key role in helping his side reach the final at Surakul Stadium on August 12.

Rassada will now face Kan Eng 2 after they defeated Kathu in the first semifinal.

The Rassada Masters Cup is open to players aged 40 and above, with 30,000 baht in prize money awarded to the winning team.

Each team must have a certain number of players aged between 45 and 50 and a certain number of players over the age of 50.

Although players are getting slightly long in the tooth in footballing terms, competition between the teams remains fierce.

Most of the players have played football at a high standard and what they might lack in speed and fitness, they make up for in skill.

The semifinals took place at Saphan Hin Stadium.

In the opening match, Kan Eng 2 defeated Kathu 1-0 to book their place in the final.

In the second semi,



Iszatt's goal helped Rassada reach the final.

Srisoonthorn faced Rassada and it was Iszatt, one of two Rassada players over the age of 50, who opened the scoring with a spectacular long-range goal.

Bursting forward from right back, the 51-year-old smashed home a swerving shot from 30 yards, leaving the Srisoonthorn goalkeeper grasping at thin air.

Rassada scored another four goals after Iszatt's opener, securing their place in the final with a comfortable 5-0 win.

With the final remaining, Iszatt is confident of victory.

"We're the best team and we should win it," he said. "You used to have to live in the municipality, but they opened it up and now they take players from all over the place."

"The standard of football is high. We had a guy playing for us who played for Thailand. People were asking him for his autograph before games," he said.

-James Goyder

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Say sayonara to sand wash



Sand or pebble washes are two of the most interesting exterior surface finishes for walkways, driveways and decor areas that developers might consider for a residence or hotel development.

Sadly, most sand wash stories begin as a match made in heaven for the owner and property, but more often than not end more akin to a 'Nightmare on Elm Street'.

In my seven years as surface coating specialist, I often shared my tissues with property owners after presenting them with protection quotations and cleaning strategies.

Centuries ago, a messenger would have lost his life upon presenting his Emperor with such bad news – I'm glad those days are long gone or I might not have been here to tell the tale.

Those of you thinking, "Oh my God! Why continue reading about things I can not change?", should note there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Twenty years ago, there was a major breakthrough in communication technology as telephones became portable, no longer restricted to the home.

Today we can see a similar breakthrough in surface finishes, bringing all boring stories of sand wash maintenance to a Cinderella-like conclusion.

This breakthrough is quite momentous, relatively speaking, so it is worth sitting down and having a cup of coffee while reading about the new weapon in the fight against mold and algae

on pebble wash – photocat titanium dioxide (TiO₂).

Photocat creates a long-lasting bio barrier based on TiO₂ nanotechnology, preventing algae and mold growth by using a photo catalytic process to destroy them.

This coating will eliminate the need for repetitive surface-damaging, high-pressure washing on exterior surfaces and avoids the use of harmful bleaches, biocides or mildews.

It is a water-based, inorganic formula that becomes part of the surface and cannot be destroyed by the sun's ultra violet (UV) rays.

Once this surface coating sets, it can not revert to a soluble state and has the ability to allow water vapor to pass through it in a controlled manner.

When this surface coating is applied to an algae or mold-covered surface, the photo catalytic effect causes the oxidization of the organic matter trapped under the coating.

In addition, no future microbial growth will occur at the substrate or on the surface of the coating, as long as the surface is kept free of dirt and debris.

The best way to clean the coated surfaces is by using a water broom instead of a pressure washer.

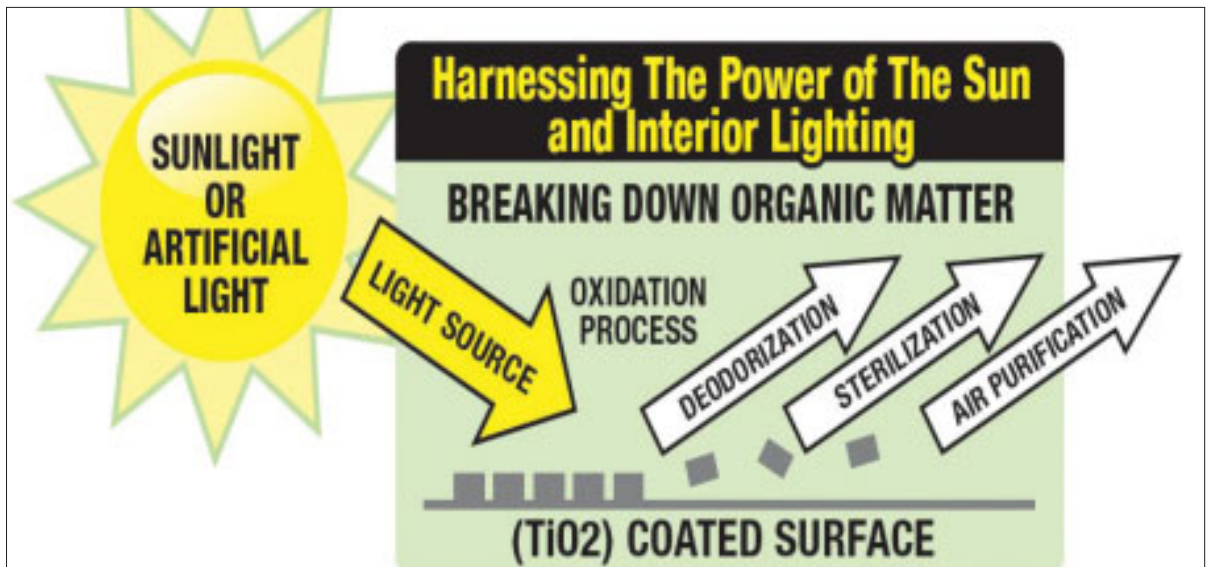
The technology behind the success of the TCM photocat is a UV light-reactive solution.

It uses a self-cleaning TiO₂ nano particle layer as the catalyst.

This can be applied to all kinds of concrete, driveways, walkways, patios, terrazzos, bricks and mortar, and all kinds of roof tiles.

When light is present, the strong oxidizing power of titanium dioxide destroys the cell walls and membranes of bacteria and reacts with the cell components.

This prohibits bacterial



HOW IT WORKS: Photocat creates a long-lasting bio barrier based on TiO₂ nanotechnology. When light is present, the strong oxidizing power of titanium dioxide destroys the cell walls and membranes of bacteria and reacts with the cell components.

activity and results in the death and decomposition of bacteria.

There will be no stripping and re-waxing, the coating will never turn yellow like silicone and it provides protection against grease, oil and road grime – all three are organic contaminations, automatically destroyed by UV light.

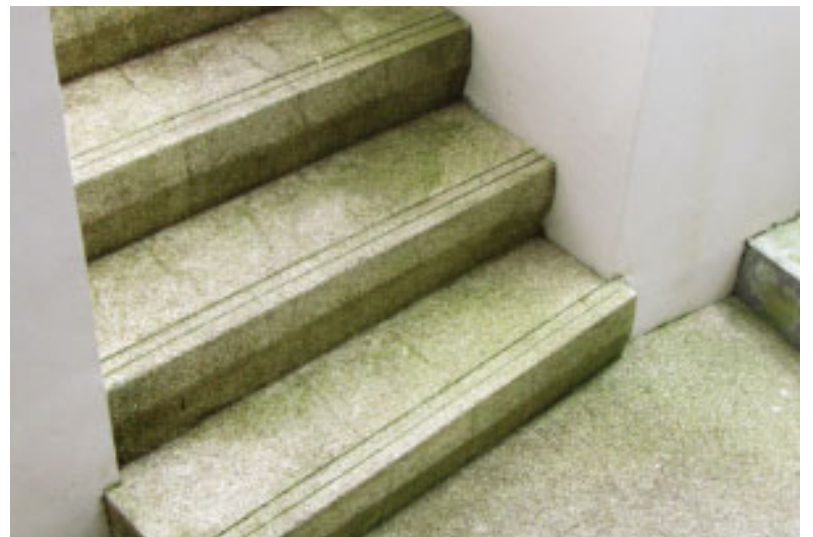
The coating is scuff- and scratch-resistant, which thereby eliminates the need for harmful cleaning substances.

It will also help to control odors caused by bacteria and can even prevent the build up of efflorescence.

Many common problems caused by engine oil on drive ways, sunscreen on decking and impossible-to-clean rubber marks from golf carts will become a thing of the past.

TiO₂ has many uses and can be found in many consumer products, including sunscreen, textiles and even food packaging because of its sterilizing features.

In times of swine flu, bird flu and SARS, the sterilization features



Sandwash looks good but until Photocat came along, it inevitably ended up stained and looking grimy.

of TiO₂ will become an important weapon in consumer safety.

A simple coating of TiO₂ to all household surfaces will help keep a property free of biological contamination if they have access to sunlight, while using UV lighting with TiO₂ in toilets and storage rooms will help to keep them disinfected, just by switching the light on.

Andreas Ruthe is the managing director of TCM Asia Co Ltd. He has been living in Phuket since 2007, consulting and providing high-end surface protection technologies to the hotel and development industry. He can be contacted directly at ruthe@tcm-asia.com.

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Hospitality show will simmer and sizzle with hot new ideas

All the latest cutting-edge catering equipment will be on show at next month's Phuket International Hospitality Show at the Royal Phuket Marina International Exhibition and Conference Center.

The show, which runs from September 24 to 26, will feature a trade exhibition, the Phuket Culinary Fair, the Phuket Wine Forum and a three-day series of seminars presented by a number of leading hospitality experts from around the region.

The event is expected to attract hospitality high flyers and industry representatives from Phuket, Krabi, Phang Nga and Surat Thani provinces.

The trade exhibition will showcase a throng of the region's best services and products in the hospitality industry, including food and beverage, kitchenware, maintenance, security, spa products, furnishing and media suppliers.

The suppliers will flaunt their latest and greatest achievements throughout the three-day exhibition.



The Phuket Culinary Fair will include a range of cooking demonstrations.

The Phuket Culinary Fair will add spice and flavor to the two-day hospitality show and will serve up the latest culinary offerings from suppliers with a range of interactive demonstrations from 11am to 8pm.

Highlights of the fair will include organic/Slow Life cocktails, super foods products, a buffalo mozzarella demonstration and, a molecular gastronomy demonstration which will show-case the art of

spherification, a cooking technique invented by Spanish chef Ferran Adria.

The technique involves taking a liquid, for example apple juice, which resembles the shape of its container and reshaping it into a sphere.

Fine wine will be on the menu at the Phuket Wine Forum.

Local wholesalers Wine Phuket will host tasting and product knowledge sessions

featuring expert sommeliers, suppliers and wine makers.

The hospitality series of seminars will provide industry owners, managers and senior staff members with a range of in-depth and varied topics from leading experts in the field.

The seminars will feature topics such as customer expectation management by Eric Liebman, managing director of IQ Asia, responsible business by Siwapon Laolada, environmental

officer at the Evason Six Senses Resort and Spa; and the latest Phuket tourism and market intelligence update by *Phuket Gazette* columnist Bill Barnett, managing director of C9 Hotelworks and ThePhuket Insider.com.

The hospitality show is being organized by the Informa Yacht Group, a division of IIR Exhibitions, as part of the company's plans to become the leading event organizer on the island, providing customers with high quality data and information and face-to-face marketing opportunities.

The group's current portfolio includes the Phuket International Hospitality Show, Phuket International Property Show, Asia Pro Dive Summit and the Phuket International Marine Exhibition, as well as other high-end events around the globe.

For further information, visit the Hospitality Show's website at www.phukethospitalityshow.com or contact Jennifer Drew, project manager. Tel: 080-1462673. E: jennifer.drew@informayachtgroup.com.



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Waterproof kitchens the latest from Gio

Gio Home Kitchen specializes in making durable and waterproof kitchens.

Stainless steel cabinets and 100 percent acrylic solid surfaces from Samsung Staron are combined with modern European designs to make a kitchen that is both stylish and practical.

Gio says it uses only high-quality, well-chosen materials to produce modern fitted cabinets designed to the highest standards.

Gio Home Kitchen Co Ltd was established in 2003, but its parent company New Time Co has been around since 1981 when it started out manufacturing gas stove parts.

Gio Home Kitchens says it has built a reputation for providing high-quality products and service.

Gio specialises in stainless steel cabinets and Polyurethane foam sheeting which are both waterproof and can withstand heavy duty usage.

The company says a waterproof kitchen eliminates the possibility of termites and bacteria, and makes storage easier.



The company's 'space system' design concept aims to make the best use of every space available, while the stainless steel accessories make each corner of the kitchen functional and long-lasting.

Gio says it is confident the quality of its Staron solid surface

countertops will impress each and every customer.

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Meals on wheels



The Gaggenau Mobile Showroom has a fully-equipped kitchen, which can serve up haute cuisine just about anywhere in the world.

The latest high-end kitchen equipment from German manufacturer Gaggenau went on the road in Phuket recently with the launch of its mobile showroom: a glass-walled kitchen on wheels kitted out with all the kitchen equipment maker's latest catering contraptions.

Gaggenau is known around the world for precision engineering and innovative design in professional kitchen equipment for the home, such as combi steam ovens, steam and induction hobs, cold storage and dishwashers.

The mobile showroom, built by LifetimeHAUS, features Gaggenau's latest kitchen appliances including, a conventional oven with a warming drawer, the classic 90cm-wide 300 series oven, the Vario cooktops 400 series including Steam Hob VK 411, Induction Hob VI 411 and Teppan Yaki VP 421, as well as the Vario cooling 400 series, and a dishwasher.

A wine storage cabinet and humidor is also included to cater for the tastes of even the most discerning of connoisseurs.

The mobile showroom is set to travel the globe, but began its travels in Phuket before voyaging throughout Southeast Asia and the rest of the world.

After taking over the Gaggenau business from a local distributor four years ago, Gaggenau Thailand has reshuffled its local distribution strategy and has accomplished a 25 percent average annual growth, both in retail and project segments, according to Uwe Blanarsch-Simon, managing director of BSH Home Appliances Limited, Thailand.

"The Gaggenau brand represents ultra luxury, emotional experience and appreciation in life. Many high-end condo projects in Thailand, such as the Sukhothai Residences, The Pano and the Park Chidlom in Bangkok, had been impressed by the brand's quality," he said.

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Construction Update

Phuket City

Houses torn down for road expansion



These houses were holding up roadworks on Phunpol Road in Phuket.

PHUKET: Two townhouses which have been at the center of a 20-year court battle are finally being torn down to allow road expansion in Phuket City to go ahead.

The townhouses, located on a 500 meter stretch of Phunpol Road, have held up the widening of the road from two lanes to four.

A number of restaurants, houses and businesses which

lined the two-lane road have already been demolished to make way for the roadworks.

However, when demolition teams reached the townhouses, they were told work would have to stop because the buildings were at the center of a long-standing legal dispute.

Legal wranglings over ownership rights between the building's owners, Prapas Sinsiri, his



Workmen finally began demolishing the townhouses last month.

sister, and Ole Pedersen from Sweden began 20 years ago.

Mr Prapas said one of the two semi-detached townhouses was owned by his sister.

The building was then taken over by an unnamed bank, which sold it to a local lawyer.

"The second townhouse was mine, but the court favored Mr Pedersen," said Mr Prapas.

Mr Prapas said the lawyer then bought the second property from Mr Pedersen for 2.8 million baht and sold the entire building to Muang

Municipality for 4.1 million baht.

Following the sale of the building demolition teams were immediately told to continue their work.

Work on the road should be completed in two months.

-Atchaa Khamlo

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

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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

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.

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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

30 RAI IN TOWN

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

FAIRWAY VIEW CONDO

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

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

COCONUT ISLAND LAND



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

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.

LAND AT PAKHLOK

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

KOH YAO YAI

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

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: drbearshaw@gmail.com

NEW HOUSE FOR SALE/RENT



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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

CHANOTE, 29 RAI

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

CHEAP LAND

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

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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

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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.

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

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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@sai-nam-naya.com

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PARICHART VILLAGE, CHALONG



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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.

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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.

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

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

SINGLE HOUSE RAWAI

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NEW CONDO



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

BEACHFRONT LAND FOR SALE

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

PATONG STUDIO

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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.

KOH YAO YAI FOR SALE

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1 to 6 rai, full seaview over Andaman Sea and airport. Close to Phuket Waterpark, West Sands, Mai Khao Dream and Piraya Resort. Perfect for villa, condos or resort. Tel: 076-319560, 084-441 3871 (English & Thai), 087-898 3570 (English & Thai). Email: sawasdeekhrap@hotmail.com

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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

Pool 10x4m, dream furniture, big Jacuzzi, boiler, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, nice garden. Outside all stainless steel, very clean, quiet area, land 500sqm. Quick sale 8 million baht. Tel: 084-053 0915.

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LAND IN KARON

Elevated land for sale in Karon. Seaviews, suitable to build condo. Email: beshert.guesthouse@hotmail.com

LAND SALE IN THALANG
366sq wah, 1.6 million baht. 500m to Thalang market. Good view. Tel: 081-396 5752.

WONDER GOLFVIEW(2X)
Quiet, private, fully furnished. Between Patong and Phuket Town. 1bed, 58sqm. Tel: 089-488 0955. Email: together@myway.com

BEACHFRONT VILLA
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3 BEDROOMS HOUSE
for sale. 62sq wah, 2 bathrooms, Villa Dawroong. 4.5 million baht. Contact Khun Tar. Tel: 076-377052, 089-971 1268.

TOWNHOUSE, 2 STOREY



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

VERY NICE SEAVIEW LAND



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

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.

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

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

HOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT

House in Chalong, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, fully furnished, aircon, ADSL. Cable TV, 94sqwah. 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

PATONG TOWER 63 SQM

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PHANG NHA LAND

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LAND AT PA KHLOK



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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

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KATA LAND

for sale. 2.7 rai Kata seaview 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.

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Pool 10x4m, dream furniture, big Jacuzzi, boiler, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, nice garden. Outside all stainless steel, very clean, quiet area, land 500sqm. Quick sale 8 million baht. Tel: 084-053 0915.

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

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2-3 BEDROOM HOUSE FOR SALE

Near Heroines' monument. 455sqm, 240sqm land. 2-3 bedrooms +1 bungalow, 3 baths, 4 aircon, big kitchen + laundry, fully furnished, 27sqm pool. Price: 6,200,000 baht. Rent: 35,000 baht monthly. Tel: 089-854 0277. Email: catayacht@csloxinfo.com

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KATA SEAVIEW, 50% FINANCE

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LAND IN CHERNG TALAY

for sale. 800sqm. Close to villas, with Chanote. 3.2 million baht. Must see. Please contact Bobby. Tel: 084-053 7690.

1 RAI IN PASAK

Pasak Soi 8. One rai with Chanote title. Pls contact me for exact location and details. Email: jgkg24@hotmail.com

GOLF-VIEW CONDO

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74 SQM CONDO, PHUKET TOWN

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NEW HOUSE FOR SALE

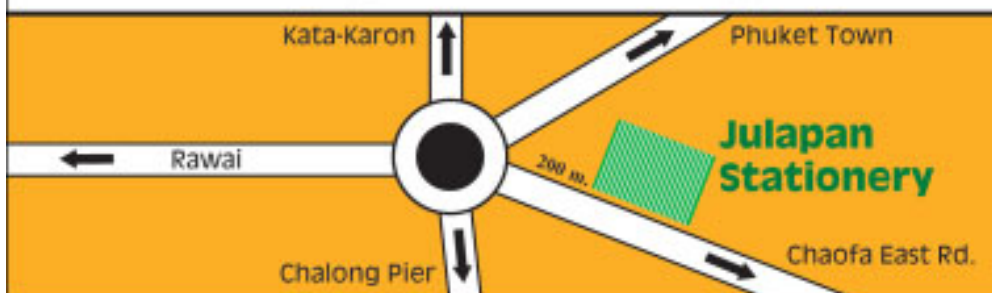
5 minutes from Heroines monument, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1.9 million baht or 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 3.7 million baht. Contact Kris. Tel: 081-082 2288. For further details, please see our website at www.phuketpropertyplus.com

80SQM CONDO

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4 BEDROOM VILLA RAWAI

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HOUSE IN KATHU



2 bedrooms, fully furnished, aircon, cable TV and TV set. Just bring your bag. 12,000 baht per month. Contact Khun Wannee. Tel: 089-288 9936. Email: wannee123@hotmail.com

HOUSE IN CHALONG

near Palai for rent. 3 bedrooms, aircon, ADSL, fully furnished, cable TV, car park. Tel: 089-728 8311.

TOWNHOUSE IN RAWAI

for rent. 2 bedrooms. Please contact for more information. Tel: 081-537 6866.

1 MINUTE TO TESCO LOTUS

House for rent. Fully furnished. For further details Tel: 084-720 3048. Please see our website at http://www.narisaplace.net/house_for_rent.html

ROCK GARDEN VILLA

for rent or sale. 12,000 baht a month. Near Boat Lagoon and Royal Phuket Marina. Tel: 081-396 5752.

HOUSE IN KATHU

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2 BEDROOM BEACH HOUSE FOR RENT

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B.L. APARTMENT FOR RENT

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BRAND NEW CONDO FOR RENT

Mid-town, Royal Place project. Studio condo, fully furnished, restaurant, car park, shared pool and gym. Tel: 081-691 2526, 086-476 9612.

OVERLOOKING SURIN BEACH

Apartment for rent, fully furnished. Long-term: 22,000 baht per month. Tel: 087-889 1717.

HOUSE NEAR PATONG



and Country Club Golf residence. Quiet area, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. Fully furnished, kitchen, living room, dining room, laundry area, 2 car parks, 340,000 baht per year. Tel: 081-370 9557. Email: khaopun@hotmail.com

3 BEDROOM HOUSE

near Heroines' Monument. Furnished, ADSL, cable TV, A/C. 12,000 per month. Tel: 089-973-2917. Email: brunuiviv@hotmail.com

CHALONG NEW HOME

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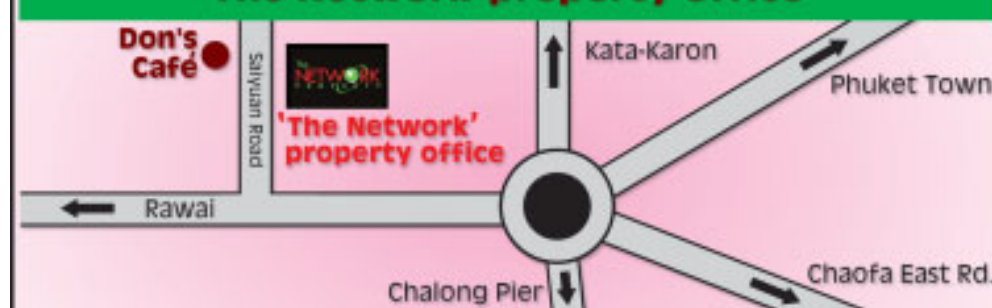


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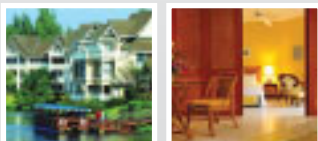
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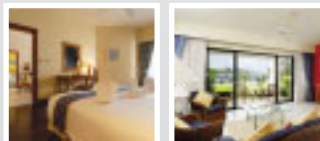
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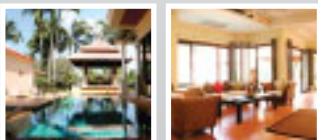
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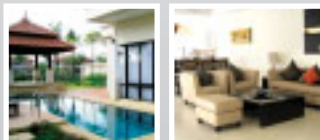
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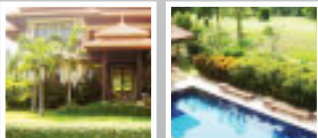
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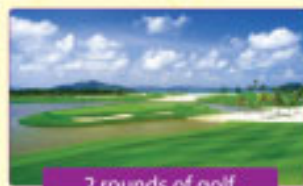


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