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Mates murdered after 'misunderstanding'

A MISUNDERSTANDING between a group of workmates may have led to an execution-style shooting which left three people dead and another man in hospital fighting for his life.

Police said the killer shot his four victims in the head at close range with a .38 calibre pistol as they sat drinking outside a home near Chalong circle just before midnight on Saturday.

Pol Lt Col Boonlead Aonkrang of the Chalong Police said the three men died at the scene, and the injured man was

taken to Vachira Hospital where his condition is described as serious.

The dead men have been identified as Kowit Nongmanee, 38, from Songkhla, Somsak Rodchuay, 29, from Nakhon Sri Thammarat and Phaisarn Kraikaew, 49, from Phuket.

The injured man is Yothin Singhakosit, 29, from Phrae.

Lt Col Boonlead said five construction workers had been drinking together at a makeshift table outside a house on the Chalong-Rawai Road when an argument erupted.

"They were close friends who worked together on construction sites, and it was common for them to drink together," he said.

"It is difficult to determine exactly what happened, but it seems there was a misunderstanding about a work contract or some other small business-related problem."

Lt Col Boonlead said when the argument broke out, one of the men left the party and returned a short time later with a .38 calibre pistol.

He then shot his colleagues

at point-blank range before fleeing in a black Toyota pickup truck, he said.

Lt Col Boonlead said police found two bodies on the floor and the third victim slumped dead in his chair.

Police raided the nearby home of the suspected killer, where they seized an air pistol and a holster, but not the .38 pistol used in the shootings.

A man has been charged with three counts of premeditated murder, attempted murder and firearms violations.

-Kitima Pommongkhonwat

Tsunami village evacuated

MORE than 400 residents of a village in Phang Nga, just north of Phuket, were evacuated on Tuesday morning amid fears that an earthquake off the Indian coast could trigger another tsunami.

The evacuation followed reports by the US Geological Survey of an earthquake measuring 7.6 on the Richter Scale, which was centered about 260 kilometers north of India's Andaman Islands with an epicenter 33 kilometers beneath the earth's surface.

Maitree Jongkrajak, a community co-ordinator at Ban Nam Khem village, said he received an SMS warning from the National Disaster Monitoring Center just after midnight on Monday following a report of a second earthquake measuring 4.8 on the Richter Scale.

Following the larger quake,

the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii issued a tsunami watch for Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Burma and Thailand, saying it was strong enough to cause a tsunami along coastlines within a 1,000-kilometer radius.

When the second warning was sent to Ban Nam Khem, Mr Maitree and 60 volunteers woke up residents and took them to the upper floors of the three-story Ban Nam Khem School.

They were allowed to return to their homes after the tsunami warning was cancelled at 7am.

Meanwhile, the tsunami direct detection buoy moored off Phuket resumed transmitting data on Monday, just before the Indian earthquake occurred.

The buoy stopped transmitting data on June 16 when its battery ran flat.

National Disaster Warning Center (NDWC) advisor Dr



The Dart buoy is sending signals again, despite having a flat battery.

AFP Photo/Pornchai Kittiwongsakul

Seree Supratit said the buoy had resumed transmitting data, although he did not know how.

NDWC committee chairman Dr Smith Dharm-asaroja said last week the buoys which were still functioning off the coast of India

would be of little benefit to Thailand in the event of another tsunami.

Dr Smith said he had requested a budget to cover the cost of replacing the batteries on the Phuket tsunami buoy 'many times', but without success.

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Fast track for road project



The Chalermpriakiat Somdejprasrinakarin school's main gate, which has never been used.

WORK on a long-awaited road connecting Saphan Hin and Sakdidet Road is set to begin this week, even though the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) has yet to approve the project.

Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop said he had authorized work to begin by invoking a legal clause which allows provincial governors to order emergency action when 'national stability' is at stake.

Cabinet approval could come at a later date, he said.

The project has been held up for years by the MNRE because the road will run through protected mangrove forest which falls under the jurisdiction of the Royal Forest Department.

Work on the 30-million-baht project is set to begin, following a religious ceremony which took place on Wednesday.

Governor Wichai said the extension, which is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year, will be a 'New Year's gift'

for the people of Phuket.

The four-lane road, an extension of Sakdidet Road Soi 7, will make it easier for people living in Wichit and Chalong to access Saphan Hin, Phuket City's most popular recreational area.

The 600-meter stretch needed to complete the road was originally going to be a concrete flyover which would have left the mangrove forest below largely unaffected.

But under a new cost-saving plan, eight rai of mangroves will be cleared to complete the road.

Governor Wichai said money earmarked for less-urgent projects would be diverted to pay for the new road.

He denied rumors that 2,000 rai of mangrove forest would be cleared for the project.

Ongard Thanacharnmongkhon, who heads the MNRE's Phuket Office, refused to elaborate on the project or the impending destruction of the mangrove forest.

Students and staff at the Chalermpriakiat Somdejprasrinakarin Phuket School have

welcomed plans to build the new road because it means they will finally be able to use their entrance gate.

The elaborate main gate faces directly onto mangrove forest, but ever since the school was built, students and staff have had to use a back gate off Rattanakosin 200 Pi Road.

When the school was built more than 10 years ago, the road extension was deemed to be imminent.

Art teacher Chalerm Sak Chaiyanun, who is also responsible for the school's buildings and maintenance, said the school had been told to 'take care' of some parts of the mangrove forest in preparation for last Wednesday's ceremony. He said the road extension would improve traffic flow in the area and would finally allow the main gate to serve as intended.

Governor Wichai is also waiting for Cabinet approval for a new road from Patong to Chalong, and a second north-south artery running parallel to Thepkasattri Road in Thalung.

Tourist faces life in prison

A BRITISH tourist is facing life in prison after being charged with forging English pound notes and trying to exchange them for Thai baht.

Pol Lt Col Boonlead Aonkrang of Chalong Police said Martin William Pritchard, 52, from Bristol, went to the Karon branch of the Nakorn Luang Thai Bank and tried to exchange twenty 20-pound notes for 21,972 baht.

The teller became suspicious and called police who arrested Pritchard.

Under Thai law, anyone convicted of uttering forged currency can be jailed for up to 15 years and fined up to 30,000 baht. If they are convicted

of actually making the forgeries, they could be sentenced to life in prison.

Police said Pritchard denied all of the accusations.

He told police he withdrew 1,500 pounds from a branch of Lloyds TSB in England before coming to Thailand on holiday last month.

He said the money appeared to be real and he had no reason to believe otherwise.

Pritchard has been granted bail of 300,000 baht and is expected to face court later this month.

Meanwhile, police have sent the suspect notes to Bangkok to determine their authenticity.

-Kitima Pornmongkhonwat

Money for monkeys

RASSADA Mayor Surathin Lianudom is hoping Bangkok will put up the money for three tourism development projects in and around the 'monkey viewpoint' area on Srisuthat Road.

Mayor Surathin said the works would include a network of boardwalks through mangrove forest, renovation of the Mali Kaew Dam and Wat Phranon, a gymnasium, a health park, restaurants and a car park.

The project is expected to cost between 70 and 80 million baht, but Mayor Surathin said it would be a 'dream project' which would beautify the low-lying area along Klong Tha Chine which separates Koh Sireh and Phuket City.

Mayor Surathin said if the budget for the project is approved quickly, it could be completed by early next year.

The area is home to about 100 crab-eating macaques.

'Mermaid' baby born

SURGEONS will operate to try and save a Burmese baby born on Sunday with a rare birth defect known as 'mermaid syndrome', a condition in which both legs are fused together from the torso down.

The infant, named Sui, was born at Vachira Phuket Hospital.

Doctors have not yet been able to determine Sui's sex, but believe the baby may be a girl.

The hospital's assistant director, Dr Sirichai Silapa-archa said Sui would be taken to the Prince of Songkla University where surgeons would operate, firstly to make it possible for the baby to urinate and defecate, and secondly to separate her legs.

He said the success of the operations depended on how healthy Sui's heart, kidneys and urinary tract were.

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Seafood for the future



A student releases a batch of fingerlings into the sea.

MORE than 300 people turned out last week to help Phuket Provincial Fisheries Office release a load of future seafood dinners into the ocean.

A total of 1.8 million tiger prawns, 600kg of mud crabs, a million banana prawns, 3,000 grouper, and 20,000 Lates Calcarifer fish were released from near the Weerasatree Anusorn School in Pa Khlok.

Phuket Vice-Governor Tri Augkaradacha said it was important to replenish the fish stocks which were rapidly being depleted.

Pa Khlok Mayor Atipong Kongnam said by releasing the small fish now, it would ensure the future supplies of local seafood.

He said Pa Khlok Municipality would continue the project by releasing more fish.

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According to South Korea's honorary consul in Phuket, Tossaporn Tephabut, one in four Korean brides chooses to spend her honeymoon in Phuket.

He said it was also becoming very fashionable for

high society couples in Korea to spend their holidays here.

Kim Pae Woen, who heads the Korea Association in Phuket, said the 'marrying seasons' in Korea were in March, which was springtime, and September, which was autumn.

"The rest of the time it is either raining or too cold," he said.

Mr Kim said about 50,000 Korean newlyweds honeymooned in Phuket every year.

Chinese scammers nabbed in Phuket

POLICE have smashed a gang of Chinese telephone scammers which was operating out of rented properties in Phuket.

Investigators had been watching the gang for about a year, and last Friday a task force of more than 70 officers from Bangkok and Phuket raided six homes in Bang Tao, Kathu and Phuket City. They arrested 30 Chinese men and 10 women.

The Deputy Police Commander of the Central Investigation Bureau, Panya Mamen, said the gang had been operating in Thailand for some time.

He said police initially planned to arrest the gang last year when they were working out of Chiang Mai, but the gang was tipped off that police were closing in and fled to Bangkok, then to Pattaya, and finally to Phuket.

One of the houses raided last Friday was a mansion in upmarket Bang Tao, which the gang was using as its headquarters.

A police spokesman said the gang rented the house, which came complete with its own swimming pool, for 100,000 baht per month.

Inside the house, police found databases filled with personal information on consumers in China and Taiwan.

The spokesperson said the information was divided into categories of income and location.

The scammers used the information to call their victims pretending to be officials such as bank workers, police officers or debt collectors.



Police raid the gang's luxury headquarters in Bang Tao.

They would convince the victims to go to banks or ATMs and trick them into revealing account details so money could be withdrawn from their bank accounts.

They would also persuade the victims to transfer funds to one of the gang's many bank accounts.

The VoIP phone systems disguised the fact they were calling from Thailand, making the victims think they were local calls made from inside China.

Maj Gen Panya said the gang was believed to have scammed more than one billion baht from its victims.

He said the gang used the vast profits from the scam to purchase properties, using Thai nationals as front men, then sold them.

He said large amounts of

money had been moved between Thailand, Shanghai, Taiwan and the Chengdu islands.

Police seized 79 VoIP telephones, 41 VoIP modems, 65 mobile phones, 12 laptop computers, 31 passports and 200,000 baht in cash, as well as two grams of crystal meth (ice), during last week's raids.

Rubber stamps similar to those used by Chinese government agencies were also found in the luxury Bang Tao headquarters.

Police said the 40 gang members had been charged with extortion and working without work permits.

Maj Gen Panya said charges of swindling and forgery were likely to be laid when further investigations were completed.

-Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn

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Debt relief arrives for Rawai gypsies

THREATS of beatings and electrocution by brutal loan sharks have abated for scores of Moken sea gypsies since a Phuket-based community organization stepped in to help.

The 'Poor's Right to Develop Phuket Network' (PRDPN) paid off the debts worth more than half a million baht for 162 Rawai sea gypsies last week.

Nevertheless, hundreds of residents of the sea gypsy village near Rawai Beach remain in debt and living in fear of punishment.

The loan sharks, themselves residents of the village, charge interest of up to 60 percent for loans over periods as short as 15 days.

The creditors threatened those who couldn't pay with a punishment they called '2-7-2': two kicks, seven punches and two electric shocks.

Villagers said they were forced to take out the loans, because on many days during the



Sucheep Janrung, 60, fears violence at the hands of loan sharks.

rainy season they couldn't go fishing, which was their usual source of income.

Sucheep Janrung, 60, said the PRDPN had repaid thousands of baht of her debts but she still owed 3,000 baht and lived in fear of punishment.

She said she had seen people who couldn't pay being taken away and beaten.

"One lady who sold *somtam* for a living came to live in the

village and ended up 50,000 baht in debt," she said.

"Some men tricked her into going to Saphan Hin with them. When she came back she was covered in bruises."

Mrs Sucheep said she wasn't aware of anyone being electrocuted but feared it would happen to her if she couldn't pay.

"Even if I die, the debt will move onto my family and they'll have to pay," she said.

-Atchaa Khamlo

Work continuing on new Chalong to Patong road

PHUKET CITY: Work on the new Nanai to Chalong road continues, despite not having Cabinet approval for a hilltop stretch which cuts through national forest land.

The road has long existed as a dirt pathway over the Nakkerd Hills, but its highest parts are only passable by all-terrain vehicles due to its sharp inclines, twisting turns and rough surface.

Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop, who has made expanding the island's road network a top priority, has ordered the Phuket Office of the Department of Rural Roads to move forward with the project.

The work involves widening, grading and surfacing the entire five-kilometer stretch from Chao Fa West Road in Chalong to Nanai Road in Patong.

Grading work is well underway on the 800-meter stretch from Chao Fa Road to Wat Luangpoo Supha.

Further east the road rises steeply up the hillside and into National Forest land.

Despite the rough terrain, local residents have long used the road because it reduces the trip to Patong from 20 kilometers to only five.

The area is used mainly for growing rubber trees, but other activities include charcoal-making, off-road car rental and goat herding.

Despite concerns about the legality of the project, the Department of Rural Roads says it is prepared to continue the project, provided they are given written orders from the governor.

Nid Nilphan, who heads the Department of Rural Roads planning office in Phuket, said his office was preparing the necessary documents for the governor to sign.

Governor Wichai has applied for Cabinet permission to go ahead with the project and funding of 40 million

baht has already been made available for the project.

He said the project could be completed within six months.

Mr Nid said he did not know if the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) was opposed to the project.

"It is my duty to follow the governor's orders, but I want to get them in writing first," he said.

A source at Phuket Provincial Hall said the project would be good for Phuket.

"This road has long been used by local villagers who grow rubber up there, even though it is illegal in parts designated as National Forest," he said.

Ongard Thanacharnmongkhon, who heads the MNRE's Phuket Office, said although the road only occupied a small part of the total forest area, the project would open up large areas of adjacent land to encroachment.

Moving ahead with the project without formal permission would only reinforce the idea that people could get away with doing whatever they want, regardless of the consequences for the environment, he said.

The governor and the MNRE are already at odds over another road project which would destroy eight square kilometers of mangrove forest to create a new access road to Sapahn Hin.

One couple living on the lower Klong Krata hillside said they saw vehicles heading up the hill at all hours of the day and night and suspect they may be involved in illegal activities such as logging.

Although improvements to the road will no doubt affect their way of life, the couple are in favor of it.

"The road will enable people to evacuate out of Patong if there is another tsunami or similar disaster," said Mr Kasem.

-Kitima Pornmongkhonwat

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Robber dogged by rotten luck

CHONBURI: Two dogs caught a thief as he was fleeing police in Pattaya last Tuesday.

Thanaphong Phromchan, 18, snatched a gold chain with Buddha amulet from 46-year-old Jaran Suansamai and fled with two accomplices.

The youths made their escape on two motorcycles.

Police soon caught up with Siriphong Phongphini, 18, and Suwan Inaphai, 29, but Mr Thanaphong dismounted and ran into a housing estate.

When he ran into a yard to hide from his pursuers, two Thai-breed guard dogs set upon him, one grabbing his left leg, the other his right.

The dogs' owner Chumphon

Chusang said he heard screams coming from his yard.

When he looked out he saw the dogs subduing an intruder so he called the police.

Officers found the missing gold chain with amulet in Mr Thanaphong's pocket.

After being treated for bite wounds to his legs, Mr Thanaphong was taken to Pattaya Police Station to be charged along with the other two suspects.

Police said the suspects admitted carrying out a string of snatch thefts in Pattaya.

Police have asked victims of snatch thefts to come and identify the suspects.

Source: Khao Sod

Queer News

Afghan judo coach lost to his ladyboy

BANGKOK: The coach of the Afghan judo squad attending the Asian Martial Arts Games in the Thai capital was robbed of hundreds of thousands of baht after falling for a ladyboy he met in the Nana red light district.

Assaladee Sakala, 43, told police he and his team checked into the Grand Ayudhaya Hotel Bangkok in the Ratchada area and went looking for some female company.

He said he made some new 'female' friends and took one of them back to his hotel room.

He poured two beers and left the room briefly to talk to a team mate.

When he returned, Mr Sakala and his 'girlfriend' drank the beer at which point he started to feel sleepy.

The next thing he knew, it was 2pm the following day and his companion had vanished, along with all his valuables.

Mr Sakala told police the 'woman' had stolen \$US5,000 and 1,500 euros in cash, a gold

ring, a gold wrist watch, a digital camera, and a digital voice recorder worth a combined total of more than 300,000 baht.

Metropolitan Police Commander Lt Gen Saroj Phromcharoen said the thief had been identified as 21-year-old ladyboy, Phongpichit Prasertsuk.

Mr Sakala said he had no idea his 'lady friend' was actually a man.

Police believe Mr Phongpichit slipped tranquillizers into Mr Sakala's beer before stealing his valuables.

An arrest warrant has been issued for Mr Phongpichit.

Mr Sakala was the second high-profile foreign victim to be drugged and robbed by a ladyboy in less than a month.

Last month, a Lieutenant Commander from the Australian navy reportedly lost a laptop belonging to the Department of Defence after being drugged and robbed by a ladyboy he met in the notorious Nana district.

Source: Khao Sod

Aussie's death a mystery

SURAT THANI: An Australian man found dead on a path leading to a lookout on Koh Samui on Saturday morning may have died more than two days earlier.

The man, identified as Steven Lovikay, was found lying below a wooden walkway leading down to the beach.

A nearby rock had a large bloodstain on it.

Mr Lovikay was covered in scratches and a nylon rope was hanging from the walkway above him, indicating he may have tried to hang himself.

Police believe he may have lost his balance and fallen to the rocks below, hitting his head.

Police are also investigating the possibility he was murdered.

Police said Mr Lovikay was having money problems and owed money to his guesthouse and a motorcycle rental shop.

Police are waiting for the results of an autopsy to establish the cause of death.

Source: Khao Sod



A baby elephant fell into a manhole in Rayong's Muang District on Sunday. Rescuers took three hours to free it, using a bulldozer to widen the hole. It was unharmed during the rescue.

Snake had a taste for veal

NAKHON SRI THAMMARAT: A huge python swallowed a whole calf in Nopphitam District last Tuesday.

The 20-foot snake slithered into the village in Tambon Krung and ate the calf, which weighed 60kg.

It was then too full to make its escape and was caught by villagers, who released it into the forest.

Reticulated pythons, which are common in Thailand, can grow to be almost 30 feet long.

Source: MCOT

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Mothers' day celebrations



Naval officers honor Queen Sirikit in Wichit.

PHUKET celebrated Her Majesty Queen Sirikit's 77th birthday on Wednesday with a wide range of activities, including an early morning merit-making ceremony in Phuket City, a mothers and daughters fashion show at Central Festival, a candle lighting ceremony at Jungceylon, and a mangrove planting ceremony at the Chalermprakiat mangrove forest.

At Phuket Rajabhat University, there were a host of other celebrations, including a special Mothers' Day speech, singing and dancing, presentations of awards to 'good mothers', and an essay competition.

The Queen's Birthday is also celebrated as Mothers' Day in Thailand and was a designated public holiday.



Governor Wichai gives alms in Phuket Town.



Students perform a dance routine in Kathu.



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By Nick Davies

Even if you don't understand the sweet, crooning vocals of the 1950s *look groong* singer Chalin Nantanakorn or recognize the stunning face of Thai silver-screen goddess Petchara Chaowarat, their presence in the form of classic-era memorabilia decorating a roadside stall in Phuket town is a comfort zone to customers, as is the traditional fare served with homely husband-and-wife hospitality – just like the good old days.

The 'Classic Zone', as Prawit 'Odd' Thantibusapan and his wife Mui call their night-time stalls on Yaowarat Road, comprises a large, pedal-powered tricycle fitted with a teakwood fold-out bar and stools, a tea and coffee stand and a collection of tables and chairs, which is set up every evening under a shophouse overhang.

Adorning the cozy surroundings are trinkets from times gone by, such as old vinyl record covers, movie posters, faded black and white photographs and hand-crafted earthenware and wooden ornaments.

Romantics at heart, Phuket natives Odd and Mui met when they were students at the same school, and both share a passion for all things old. Together, they work their stalls with the aim of keeping social traditions alive.

By day, Odd works at an antique shop selling Buddha images and other collectible artifacts. At night, he stocks up his pedal-powered mobile 'bar' – a triangular frame made from old teakwood window shutters fashioned like a miniature roof – with his selection of traditional tonics and classic-era socializing paraphernalia.

Mui sets up her coffee stand next to Odd's mobile bar, and together they entice customers with their home-grown hospitality and the smell of traditional brews, hot and cold, wafting from their various pots and jars.

Mui brews her drinks the traditional Southern way, adding *bai toey* (screw pine) leaves to the urn of simmering water, giving the drinks a subtle herbal twist. She also serves snacks like

Tasting southern comforts



For a truly traditional touch, Mui (above) adds *bai toey* (screw pine) to her hot and cold beverages, while Odd serves herbal tonics (right).



Customers seated at Odd's tricycle bar enjoy cultured conversation surrounded by classic-era memorabilia.

tuna sandwiches and jam on toast, and sells at traditional prices, too. Most drinks are 15 baht each.

Odd's traditional drinks, although alcoholic with a rice-wine base, are also subtle but still pack a bit of a punch. As well as stocking small bottles of Spy and local beer, Odd serves up sato and a selection of herbal tonics brewed with roots, leaves and bark. The amber and rouge concoctions are served in large shot glasses and accompanied with cups of hot ginger tea and *gup geam* (finger food), such as plates of pickled grapes with a salt dip.

Behind the stalls is a loose arrangement of chairs and small tables, each one with a complimentary supply of rolling tobacco and natural grass-stem cigarette rolling papers.

Mui's solid teakwood coffee bench dates back a good generation or so but beside the bench sits one of the few modern contraptions in the surroundings; a CD player playing songs that were popular forty to fifty years ago with the volume set just right for conjuring a relaxing atmosphere without intruding on conversation.

Look groong music is not to be confused with the jiggy tempos of *look toong* music, which is popular in Isarn. *Look groong* singers were Thailand's versions of western singers like Nat King Cole, Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra.

Odd's contribution to the classic ambiance is a selection of four secret blends of rice wine tonic. He also makes a fifth blend



blend than the others as it contains honey. *Nalee* means young lady and *lang pung* means honeycomb.

Odd said his tonic recipes were secret and that other vendors also keep their recipes secret. "No two places will have the same," he said. However, he did reveal that he used mainly dried medicinal plants supplied by a local Chinese herbalist.

The tonics sell for between 20 and 30 baht a shot.

Odd's tricycle came from a village near Supanburi province, the only place in Thailand known to supply these custom trikes.

"Traditionally, the tonic vendors would pedal from village to village but you just don't see that anymore. There are just three of us in Phuket with this kind of set up," said Odd.

A lot of customers pull up in cars and roll down the window to order from Mui's coffee stand. However, there are several regulars who like to hang around a little longer and soak up the atmosphere. Asked why they liked to stop at the classic zone, one customer, 29-year-old Chet, a dentist's assistant who lives nearby, said he stops by with his girlfriend most evenings.

"It's nice and relaxing. Khun Odd's friendly, too, so he's easy to get along with and makes the atmosphere cozy."

Twenty-seven-year-old Lek, who pulled up on a 'classic' Honda with rusting mudguards, said he also stops by whenever he can, and does so for the friendly conversation.

"Lots of people my age go to noisy pubs and drink expensive brands of beer and whiskey, but I prefer to come here for some good conversation. It's much more relaxing, and it's cheaper," he said.

None of the customers knew Odd before he opened his stall but said spending time in the classic zone was like catching up with old friends – just like the good old days.

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A top fashion model should always have a lapdog handy.

Soi dogs day afternoon

The Soi Dog Foundation hosted its 'unleashed' fashion brunch at Les Angeles at the Royal Phuket Marina last week to raise much-needed money for the animal welfare charity. The afternoon featured a gourmet brunch and spectacular fashion show, as well as some great live entertainment, courtesy of music maestro Ricky Zen.

Dozens of people turned out for the 1,000 baht per person event, and by the end of the day, a total of 350,000 baht ended up in the charity's coffers.



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Superhuman bionic boots invade

By Fraser Morton

If you've ever dreamed of having superhuman powers, imagine being able to leap three meters in the air, bounce over rush hour traffic in Phuket Town, or slash your morning jog on the beach in half with breakneck speed.

People in Phuket are on the verge of discovering their superhero abilities with an imminent invasion of the MadHop bionic-boots from Bangkok.

Spring-loaded jumping boots, jumping stilts, kangaroo boots or bionic-boots are just some of the aliases given to the MadHop boots, Thailand's answer to the German-invented originals which are taking off throughout the Kingdom.

Essentially, the boots are stilts fitted with springs which make you 10 inches taller, blessing you with the ability to leap high into the air, but cursing you with the distinction of sticking out like a sore thumb.

Cee Buristrakuln, the manager of MadHops in Siam Square, Bangkok, is currently looking for either the right premises in Phuket or an agent to propel the boots into the island's 'most wanted list' of alternative products for both tourists and locals.

Since she opened her shop in Bangkok three months ago, Cee said demand for the bionic boots had skyrocketed and business was booming.

"Phuket is the next obvious choice for us, and with such a big tourist market on the island, we're sure the MadHop boots will be a success there," she said.

A Gazette reporter flew to Bangkok,



The MadHop spring loaded boots: As an advisory note, the girl in the photo is a professional 'MadHopper' and assured the Gazette she didn't need a helmet. We did ask.

strapped on a pair of MadHops and braved the capital's harsh concrete pavements for a superhuman test run.

It was not pretty a pretty sight.

Elation, trepidation fear as well as the very solid sidewalk were all felt during



the short free-trial on the MadHop boots.

Due mainly to a lack of athletic ability, the experience took its toll, but it was a workout and an adrenaline rush not be missed.

As our reporter staggered around like

a drunken Bambi on ice, a group of five expert 'MadHoppers' leapt around the narrow lanes of Siam Square, effortlessly bouncing three meters into the air and bounding past startled shoppers at dizzying speeds.

MadHop shop assistant 'Up' – a nickname given to him before his tenure at the store – can execute grabs and even back flips after being a MadHopper for only three months.

He explained body balance and continuous stepping were vital.

"It's when people stop moving that they fall," he said.

For some, the boots are seen as an alternative sport and will appeal to the island's rogue pockets of skateboarders and rollerbladers who cruise the streets of Phuket.

For others, it's simply an unorthodox and adrenaline fueled form of exercise.

Originally patented by German inventor Alexander Bock in 2003, the bionic boots bounded to the top of consumer's wish lists in Europe, Australia, Hong Kong, Korea and the US.

Now it's Thailand's turn for a love affair with the bionic boots.

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WEDDING BELLS: Former *Gazette* colleagues Chris Husted and Sutharat 'Su' Khaodee were married in Trang earlier this month. The couple will live in Brunei.



WETTING THE BABY'S HEAD: New father John Young (center) celebrated the birth of his daughter Katrina with a head-wetting party at Arfur O'Tools in Kata earlier this month. Also pictured with John are friends Tiger (left) and Paul Robenson, who both joined in the fun. Photo: Dan Miles



BEACHFRONT SUMMIT: Shure Asia Limited, a global leader in audio electronics, recently held a four-day Shure Asia Distributor Summit 2009 at the Radisson Plaza Resort Phuket Panwa Beach. The the beachfront resort, which celebrated its soft opening last month, left the 58 participants with a good impression of Phuket's unique brand of hospitality.



CARICATURE EXAMINATION: The *Phuket Gazette* last week presented Lori Ashton, Marketing and Art Director of *Art & Culture*, with a caricature created for her profile in the newspaper's weekly 'Expat Gallery'. Pictured (L to R) are Serendipity Designs Managing Director Ken Brookes, Lori, and members of the *Gazette*'s management team: Publisher John Magee; Managing Director Oranee 'Ann' Hildebrand; Classifieds Manager Porniwa 'Jeab' Hongwongpaisarn; and Editorial Admin Manager Thanasorn 'Nid' Chookate.

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EXPAT GALLERY

John and Jill Dalley

John and Jill Dalley have made Soi Dogs one of the leading charities on Phuket.

They first came to Phuket in 1996 to celebrate their marriage at the Dusit Thani Laguna Resort, and were so impressed with the island that they returned twice a year on holiday. Then in 2000, they invested in a piece of land at Laguna Homes for future retirement.

John spent 30 years as a production manager for Dupont Chemical in his native England, and Jill worked in banking for 20 years in Leeds. They decided to take early retirement and move to their dream island.

They designed their ideal home and had it built almost wholly through Internet communication. By 2003, they were ready to move in.

At that time, they had no intention of spending almost every waking hour working to benefit animals in need.

John had bred King Charles spaniels and participated in dog shows in England and Jill had bred Persian cats. After they moved to Phuket, they were immediately struck by the great number of mangy, hungry stray dogs, and instinctively started to feed them and have them sterilized.

"I actually planned to spend my retirement playing golf and

diving, but I also wanted to give something to the community so we started collecting stray dogs, finding homes for them, and providing medical care. We had wonderful co-operation with the local vets, Dr Suchon in particular."

Since you cannot help feral dogs without first capturing them, John and Jill had to become skilled at using blow dart tranquillizers.

"It did take awhile to get the technique. We used to practice at home by shooting darts into pillows and balloons. Eventually, we became experts," John says.

One day Jill managed to tranquilize a dog that ran into a field full of water. Without knowing the consequences, she ran after the dog to prevent it from drowning and discovered some days later that both her legs had become infected by toxic micro-organisms.

The condition led to amputation of both of her legs. But instead of retreating to a life at home, she continued to work enthusiastically with animals.

Her fortitude and dedication were recognized by Channel News Asia who named her "Asian of the Year" for 2007.

"Now I spend most of my time on the Internet developing sponsors for the many dogs that need homes. A sponsor will commit to providing \$240 per year for

the care of his or her chosen pet. Over the past few years, we've been able to find sponsors for almost 500 dogs and cats."

John and Jill work closely with WSPA, the World Society for the Protection of Animals. The 2004 tsunami brought substantial funding from the international community for a two-year recovery program which funded full-time vets, two dog catchers and staff for a clinic.

John launched an appeal in 2007 and raised five million baht for a facility with eight main runs for 200 dogs as well as staff housing.

Currently, he and Jill are working hard to raise funds to buy a piece of land for a permanent home for Soi Dogs.

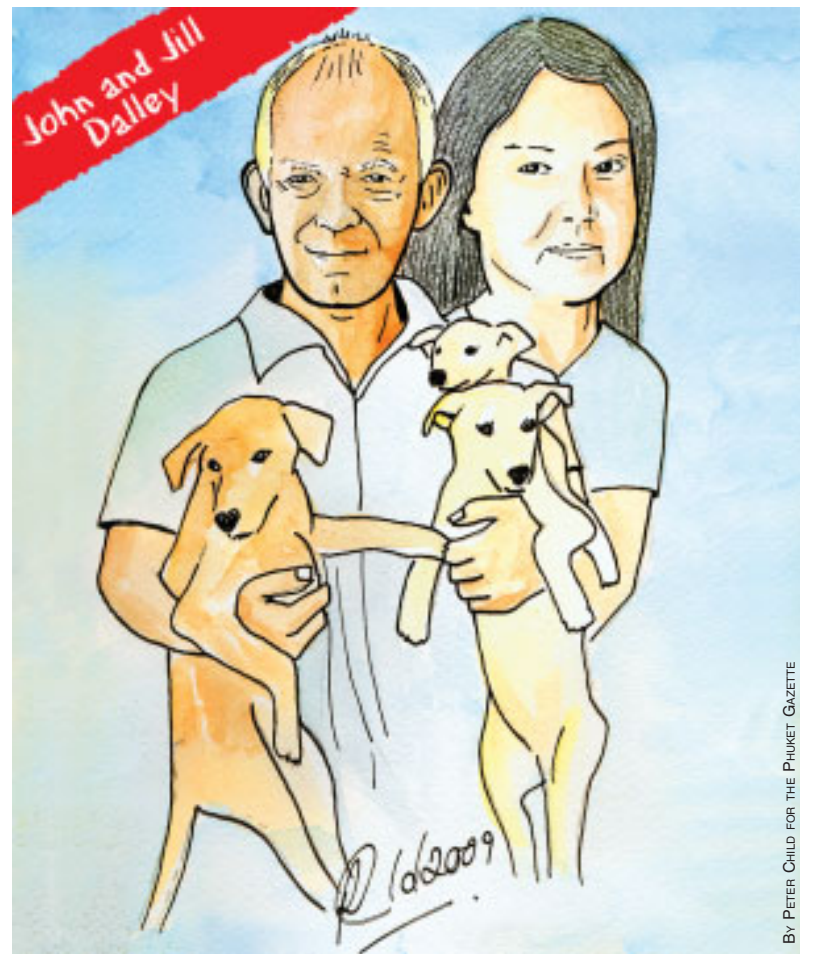
"We have some tremendous supporters on Phuket, like the Evason Six Senses and Chedi resorts who sponsor our fund raising benefits, and the Tatonka restaurant which throws a lovely Christmas party each year.

"Now we're working very hard to raise 7.6 million baht by October to buy the land that will become our new home."

In addition to helping animals on Phuket, John and Jill run an international animal adoption program. Currently, they have twelve dogs to be sent to their new homes overseas, with eight of them destined for Sweden.

"What we thought was going to be a peaceful retirement in Phuket has turned into a very active and rewarding new life for both of us," John says.

— Bruce Stanley



BY PETER CHILD FOR THE PHUKET GAZETTE

ABOUT EXPAT GALLERY

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



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Anyone care for a chang?

A two-part look at Thailand's beloved elephants

Nature & Nurture



By Patrick Campbell

A policeman is confronted with a massive problem. A mad elephant has run amok and he has been summoned to dispatch it.

But he hesitates:

"It is a serious matter to shoot a working elephant.

"It is like destroying a huge and costly piece of machinery.

"And at that distance, peacefully eating, the elephant looked no more dangerous than a cow.

"Circumstances force his trigger finger, but even as he fires, he witnesses a ghastly transformation.

"In that instant, a mysterious, terrible change had come over the elephant.

"He neither stirred nor fell but every line of his body had altered.

"He looked suddenly stricken, immensely old as though the frightful impact of the bullet had paralyzed him without knocking him down."

These moving extracts are taken from a 1936 essay by George Orwell, long before *Animal Farm* and 1984 were yet to be written, and Orwell was working as a colonial official in Burma.

In a typically candid coda, he confesses that he only killed the elephant because he didn't want to look a fool in front of a crowd of natives baying for its blood.

That he clearly hated doing it was a measure of Orwell's secret regard for the beast.

We all love elephants.

To those of us never lucky enough as youngsters to see them in the massive flesh, the children's stories about *Jumbo*, Kipling's *Just So* tale, *The Child Elephant* and *Dumbo*, the animated film by Walt Disney, were enough to convince us what lovable creatures they were.

This is even more true for most rural Thai children brought

up alongside real elephants in their local village communities.

It has been estimated that in 1850, Thailand had more than 100,000 'chang'.

In a human population of about six million, that meant one there was one elephant for every 40 or 50 people.

Of course the majority were wild – just as the African elephant is today – with herds roaming the lush, virgin jungles of the kingdom.

Happily, Thailand is one of 13 countries where Asian elephants are still born free, and the Kingdom still boasts a population of about 3,000 wild elephants.

Amazingly, Huai Kha Khaeng Park, in Udon Thani, has a population of about 700 of them.

But many elephants have been 'domesticated' for a long time, working as beasts of burden in paddy fields or, more often, used in logging activities which, ironically, threatened the very habitats their wild brethren called home.

Logging was made illegal 20 years ago, but still goes on remorselessly in the forests of Northern Thailand, and sadly, it always will.

However, today's 'huge and costly pieces of machinery' – to borrow Orwell's phrase – are literally metallic beasts – bulldozers, back-hoes, and noisy chain-saws.

So what do the domesticated elephants do now?

For a start, there are far fewer of them.

A recent survey by the Livestock Development Department put the dwindling population at 2,400.

A very select few are doing what they've done for centuries, and are employed in traditional ceremonies and pageants.

For example, HM The King has 10 'white' elephants, beasts judged to be so perfect in every elephantine detail that they are considered fit only for a monarch.

Some of His Majesty's royal ancestors fought duels against their neighbours from the relative safety of an elephant's broad back.

More recently, they have been used not in battle, but in a friendly game of elephant polo played annually in Hua Hin.

That they are innately intelligent and quick to acquire skills is beyond all reasonable doubt.

Go to Phuket Zoo and you



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will see elephants playing instruments, dancing with ponderous grace, and propelling wheeled vehicles around the place.

One group of Bangkok elephants has been taught to paint, and some of their efforts have sold for considerable sums in New York.

There is even an elephant orchestra, whose collective creative efforts, taken seriously by many music critics, have been made into a CD.

Sadly, many hapless elephants end up being led by their mahouts along the fetid, lung-bursting sois of downtown Bangkok where tourists pay to hand feed them sugar cane.

As 'wildlife' biologist Mattana Srikrachang insists, 'Elephants should live in the forest where they belong, not on a farm or on the streets.

"In Bangkok alone, more than 200 stray elephants have been rescued in recent drought seasons."

Most of these orphans are abandoned because their

mahouts can no longer afford to maintain them in fodder and water which is hardly surprising considering an average elephant stands up to 12 feet at the shoulder and can weigh a massive nine tons.

Here in Phuket, we have more than our fair share of these noble creatures.

There are two elephant camps on the mountain road from Rawai to Kata, one of very recent vintage, with seven animals including a four-year-old baby.

There, you can befriend them and feed them, go on a stately trek into the adjacent jungle, or watch them feeding, on huge mounds of pineapple leaves.

"They eat about one hundred and fifty kilos of food, about eighty liters of water," said the elephant camp owner.

"They can eat a tenth of their body weight each day."

Imagine a 170 pound man consuming 17 pounds of food over lunch and dinner.

Of course elephants are herbivores, and in a forest environment, 50 per cent of their diet will

consist of grass and the rest from leaves, roots and bark.

Elephants also love bananas and sugar cane.

But vast quantities are required daily and since their guts are inefficient at absorbing nutrients, about 60 per cent of the intake passes out, undigested, at the other end.

Which reminds me of an unrepeatable rugby song about a lady at the Wild West Show whose curiosity takes her too close to a elephant's tail.

On the other hand, dung beetles in the vicinity have a fine old time.

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Touring with torque and technology



By Jeff Heselwood
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Launched in Geneva earlier this year, the new 5-series BMW Gran Turismo incorporates the high seating of an SUV with the luxury of the top-of-the-range 7-series.

The new car also features a coupé-like silhouette and the luxurious interior of a 7-series, but at the same time retains the functionality of a BMW 5-Series Touring or X5.

The new model is available as a four-seat executive sedan for a luxurious and spacious feel or with a five-seat configuration for a blend of sophistication and practicality, says BMW.

An innovative feature is a two-piece tailgate, a first in the premium segment.

Now an owner has the option of choosing between two ways of opening the rear of the vehicle, depending on the objects which need to be carried.

A conventional sedan-style trunk opening provides access for smaller objects, allowing the cabin area to remain cool and, importantly, without noise intrusion.

The hatch-style opening, combined with a flexible partition, comes into play should the Gran Turismo owner wish to make full use of its load-carrying capacity.

In addition, the rear seats can be moved 100mm forwards or backwards, increasing boot space or providing greater legroom for rear seat passengers.

With the rear seats moved forwards, the seat backs folded virtually flat and the parcel shelf removed and stowed beneath the luggage compartment floor, much bulkier items can be transported comfortably.

The Gran Turismo is offered as a 530d, a 535i and a 550i.

The diesel, which is expected to be one the most

popular options in Europe and possibly Thailand, delivers 245bhp and a massive 540Nm of torque.

The benchmark 0-100 km/h sprint takes just 6.9 seconds, while the claimed maximum is a decent 240km/h.

Topping the range is the BMW 550i GT.

Powered by an acclaimed 407bhp 4.4-liter gasoline V8 with twin-turbo technology, the 550i GT offers near 'supercar' performance, capable of zero to 100km/h in just 5.5 seconds and boasts an electronically limited top speed of 250km/h.

The twin-turbos provide a near-flat torque curve, providing relaxed yet rapid in-gear acceleration.

Peak torque of 600Nm is on hand from 1,750 through to 4,500rpm.

All the Gran Turismos come with BMW's new eight-speed automatic gearbox, announced earlier on the 760Li, as standard.

The all-new transmission is six percent more fuel efficient than the previous six-speed automatic, yet it is just as compact and weighs exactly the same.

The Gran Turismo comes with a lot of the technology which is incorporated in other BMWs.

Brake energy regeneration which recharges the vehicle's battery during engine over-run is standard and on-demand control of the car's ancillary units, such as the electrical coolant pump and the power steering pump, can all be decoupled to prevent draining power from the engine.

Active aerodynamics also plays a part in the BMW's performance and efficiency by closing off flaps behind the front kidney grilles to improve the aerodynamics of the car.

All cars include drive dynamic control as standard, a feature first showcased on the BMW 7-series, allowing the driver to fine tune the chassis configuration to suit their individual style.

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The new 5-series BMW Gran Turismo incorporates the high seating of an SUV with the luxury of the top-of-the-range 7-series.

and gear shift characteristics.

The GT is also available with integral active steering instead of the standard hydraulic steering configuration.

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The Nerdwell guide to shopping with women



The other day, my friend Fardley Nerdwell made a strange claim. "I know how to shop with women," he boasted. This surprised me.

Fardley and I had agreed long ago that going shopping with a woman was, for a man, the quickest way to insanity and financial ruin.

It was to be avoided under all circumstances. And now he was bragging that he knew how to do it! The ensuing conversation went like this:

Me: Isn't that like saying you know how to commit suicide?

Fardley: Hear me out.

Under most circumstances, when a woman wants to take her man shopping, the wily fellow will be able to take evasive action.

But sometimes the woman will outmaneuver him. However much he may weasel and dodge, eventually the battlements of the dreaded megamall will loom up before him like the portals of doom.

In such cases, the artful and discerning male will protect his wallet from unwanted depredations by observing a few simple rules.

Me: Like what?

Fardley: Rule #1: If she expresses interest in an expensive item, fabricate whatever outrageous excuse you can to avoid buying it.

Once Noy wanted to buy an expensive dress. I said, "Oh, that's a nice dress. I saw a fat woman wearing one just like it yesterday."

In fact, I've seen several fat women wearing that same design.



Yes, indeed. And some of them had dark skin. I guess fat, dark-skinned women like that kind of dress."

Noy lost interest immediately. If there are two things Thai women fear, it's being fat and having dark skin.

Me: You clever devil, Fardley! You really understand the Thai female mind.

Fardley: Thank you.

On another occasion, she wanted to buy a bikini being modeled by a mannequin with frizzy hair.

I told her that any bikini worn by a mannequin with ugly hair like that couldn't possibly be any good.

Besides, if she bought the bikini and wore it long enough, she might develop ugly hair just like the mannequin.

Me: Say, that's brilliant!

Fardley: Of course.

Now, Rule #2: Always steer her to the cheapest model, but never let her know that you know it's cheap. Women hate to buy anything cheap. They are genetically programmed to go for the expensive stuff.

So if she's comparing two handbags and asks which one is best, never ask, "Which one is cheapest?"

Instead, surreptitiously check the price tags while pretending to inspect the handbags themselves, and tell her that the cheaper one excels the other one by far.

You might also mention that you've seen photos of Angelina Jolie carrying the exact same handbag.

Me: That might work if she doesn't catch you checking the price tags beforehand.

Fardley: Rule #3: Diss the discounts. No Thai woman can resist a discount.

The bigger the discount, the greater the certainty that she will buy the item, even if she has a hundred better ones already in her closet.

Suppose she finds an expensive face cream, with a sign screaming '80% Discount!'

Have her figure out the net price, then smile wisely and say, "Ah, yes. Why, just the other day, I was in here, and the price for this very face cream was the exactly the same as it is now with the discount."

"They're cheating you, Noy. They're not giving you any discount at all."

If you can get away with this, and especially if you can convince her that all discounts are spurious, you will have scored a significant and enduring victory in the shopping wars.

Me: That would be a victory, all right.

Fardley: Finally, there is one way to ensure that she will never take you shopping again.

Wear your oldest and most ragged clothes—scruffy shorts, smelly old T-shirt, broken-down sandals—and lead her to the section that sells bras.

Find the bras with the biggest cups, and test them out by squeezing them and squealing "Boop-boop!"

She may give you hell for making her lose face in front of all the customers and salesgirls, but she'll never take you shopping again.

If she suggests it, just say, "Oh, good, I want to check out the bra section."

"I'll wear my shopping clothes."

That will stop her cold.

Me: Fardley, you really are a genius.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Upcoming events on the island

Quiksilver Thailand Surf Series – Island Crown – September 4 – 6



The Island Crown competition is the final round of the three-part 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 Kata Beach. For further information contact Phuket Boardriders Club. T: 081-956 5854. E: joob@phuketboardriders.com. W: www.thaisurfseries.com.

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

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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.

August 28. Chateau Los Boldos Wine Dinner at the Boathouse

Exclusive wine dinner featuring wines from Chateau Los Boldos, a leading wine producer from Chile located at the foot of the Andes in the Rapel Valley. One of the oldest vineyards in Chile, it is known for its world-class wines where traditional French wine-making techniques are adapted to the valley's porous and stony soil, resulting in wines of rare quality. Mom Tri's restaurants' Maître-Cuisinier de France Chef Jean-Noël Lumineau has created the menu for this five-course gourmet dinner which will be posted shortly on our website. Wine reception from 6.30pm and dinner from 7.30pm. Price 1,400 baht net per guest. From 6.30pm to 10pm at Mom Tri's Boat-house. For further information contact Pinyo Thippimas.

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September 24 – 26. Phuket International Hospitality Show

This is the first international exhibition featuring the best food and drink, hotel, bakery, restaurant and food service equipment, supplies and services for the hospitality industry for Phuket and the nearby provinces of Krabi, Phang Nga and Surat Thani. The show combines a trade exhibition featuring suppliers from all areas of hospitality, a demonstration forum – the Phuket Culinary Fair – and various industry-specific seminars during the three-day show. From 11am to 8pm at Royal Phuket Marina International Exhibition and Conference Center. For more information contact Jennifer Drew. T: 080-146 2673.

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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 14. Punchline Comedy - Live International Stand-up Comedy

This October, Punchline Comedy is proud to present a fantastic night of comedy headlined by Bob Mills, the star of the cult British TV show 'In Bed with Medinner'. Supporting Bob will be Andre Vincent and Barry Castagnola. Further show information and ticket outlets can be found at our website. The show is sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette*. From 8pm to 11pm at the Holiday Inn Resort Phuket, Patong. For further information contact Khun Boom. T: 089-646 9278. E: info@phuketcomedy.com. W: www.phuketcomedy.com.

October 23. Chulalongkorn Day

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

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August 16. FREE Computer Clinic - Chalong

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What went wrong in 2008



MONEY TALKS

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The global credit crunch which led to a worldwide recession presents certain questions.

Where do we go from here? And, perhaps just as important, where are we at the moment?

We have certainly made some progress since the dismal days of September last year.

While the majority of people know that bad things have happened, they're not sure exactly what they were.

Last September was the low point in the whole saga.

It was then that the American authorities allowed Lehman Brothers, a mid-sized investment bank, to go bankrupt.

The psychology of the authorities was understandable.

It was time the bankers who had caused all the problems felt some harsh reality.

There had to be an example made that would show the general public the 'bad guys' were paying the price.

The theory was great, but the reality was a disaster.

The US Treasury and US Federal Reserve found that it is not possible to simply allow an investment bank to fail.

Investment banks have what is known as counterparties; other banks on the other side of each transaction.

These institutions were spread around the world.

The effects of the Lehman Brothers' collapse was similar to

a financial tsunami, and distance didn't limit the damage.

In this case, counterparties to Lehman went into shock and, in turn, other counterparties of those counterparties suffered.

The damage seemed to be endless.

Economic historians will say that at this point, the world stood at the edge of an economic abyss.

If the US Treasury and Federal Reserve had not taken immediate action when they realized what they had allowed to happen, the world would have been a very different and more frightening place.

What became the great recession would have become the great depression.

The shock of the Lehman Brothers collapse caused governments all over the world to come to the rescue of their banking sectors.

It is estimated that world governments have already had to spend at least US\$10 trillion in bailouts.

This has stabilized the financial system, although it will take a bit longer for confidence to return.

Even from financial professionals I hear statements like 'the world has irrevocably changed', 'it will be different from now on' and so on.

In truth, this is rubbish.

Change is something ongoing; and the events of the last two years have not been that much of a watershed.

Certainly, some lessons have been learned, such as not allowing investment banks to go into freefall.

But the greatest lessons have not been learned. These lessons relate to regulators.

There was a total failure of regulation.

In America, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) was a shambles.

They had no idea what was actually happening in front of their eyes.

Even Bernard Madoff, the largest fraudster in history, is on record as saying the SEC investigated him on several occasions.



THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN: The Lehman Brothers headquarters in New York City. Photo by David Shankbone

Each time, he thought he had been 'rumbled', but he said that they never really worked out what he was doing.

The 'scam' he operated was one of the oldest, a Ponzi scheme, which says little for the professionalism of the SEC.

The regulator in the UK, the Financial Services Authority (FSA), was also oblivious to what was happening.

Fortunately, the Conservative Party, which is the main opposition party in Britain and appears almost guaranteed to win the next election, has enacted a new policy. They want to totally scrap the FSA.

The credit rating agencies have also been widely criticized for their role in creating the

current financial crisis.

Banks and other lenders had to securitize their loans in order to sell them on to other parties.

For this to happen, the debt issuers required credit ratings agencies to issue high investment grade ratings, such as double or triple 'A' or the equivalent.

Once a securitized debt had an investment grade rating attached, it could legally be sold on to major investors, such as pension funds.

Under US law, pension funds are only allowed to purchase financial instruments with at least an investment grade credit rating.

Pension funds are a good example of a major investor constantly trying to diversify

holdings to mitigate risk.

They are a major buyer of securitized debt.

Now that this debt has been shown to be of poor quality in many cases, pension funds are looking to recoup their losses.

There is at least one major case for \$US1 billion in damages being brought against the large credit rating agencies by a huge pension fund.

The initial hearing was heard by a US court, and the full case has been adjourned until December this year.

Depending on the outcome, this could well lead to an avalanche of similar cases.

The basic problem is that those organisations which require a credit rating are generally the same organisations which pay the agencies.

Historically, this worked well when there were only two major credit rating agencies, but at least one insider has blamed the entry of a third large credit rating agency for increased competition.

Normally, competition is a healthy component of the free market system.

Unfortunately, when it came to credit rating agencies, it meant lenders seeking a better-than-deserved credit rating were able to play one agency off against the others.

As they say, 'he who pays the piper, calls the tune'.



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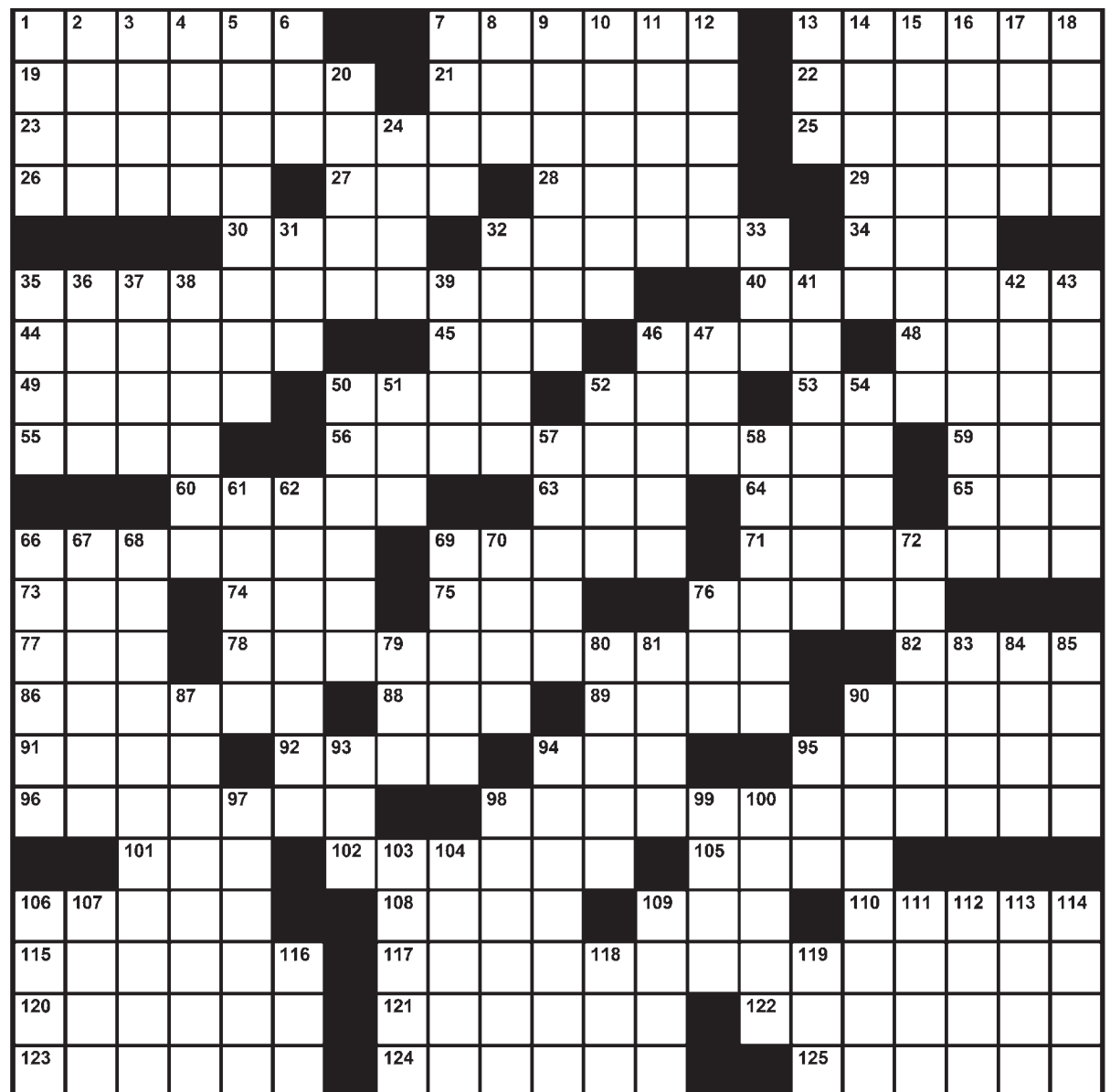
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PUZZLES

Spot the Difference



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



ACROSS

- 1 "If ___ broke ..."
 7 Sister of Moses
 13 Leak source, often
 19 Problematic
 21 List for a meeting
 22 Lock, stock and barrel
 23 Marketing technique for a new product
 25 Customary observance
 26 Speak to one's countrymen
 27 "Fish" star Vigoda
 28 "Atalanta and Hippomenes" artist
 29 "Natural High" singer Haggard
 30 "The ___ Collector" (1999)
 32 Had a spoonful
 34 Getty contents
 35 Lawyer's wear, often
 40 Elective surgery choice
 44 Mama Cass
 45 Andy's mate
 46 Favoritism or discrimination
 48 Divorce mecca
 49 Thing to fetch
 50 Unlike Norman Bates
 52 Mangy mutt
 53 The common people, generally
 55 Bask in a bath
 56 Not imagined
 59 ___ for tat
 60 Weapons that are hardly cutting-edge
 63 "Annie" character (with "The")
 64 Thing's hairy visitor
 65 Tokyo's former name
 66 Give a new corporate image to

DOWN

- 69 Niches in churches
 71 Environmental group member
 73 Unhealthy-sounding beverage?
 74 Meteor tail?
 75 Companion of the hart?
 76 Judicial capital of Bolivia
 77 Great weight
 78 Some purified liquids
 82 Six-shooter of the Wild West
 86 "... get a bang out of life" mint
 88 Fate of Wednesday's child
 89 "St. Elmo's Fire" actor Rob
 90 War classic "Low ___"
 91 Sports legend Arthur
 92 They may clash in Tinseltown
 94 Cup perimeter
 95 Bantam
 96 Sitcom with two Darryls
 98 Activities organized for one's own protection
 101 ___ Lingus (airline)
 102 87, 89, 91 or 93
 105 Himalayan abomination
 106 Young salmon
 108 Units of electrical resistance
 109 Luau chow
 110 Plaster of Paris preparation
 115 FedEx alternative
 117 Quick meet-and-greet, e.g.
 120 Earth pigment
 121 Attract attention
 122 They have paydays
 123 More nimble
 124 Where to drink glogg
 125 Appear that way

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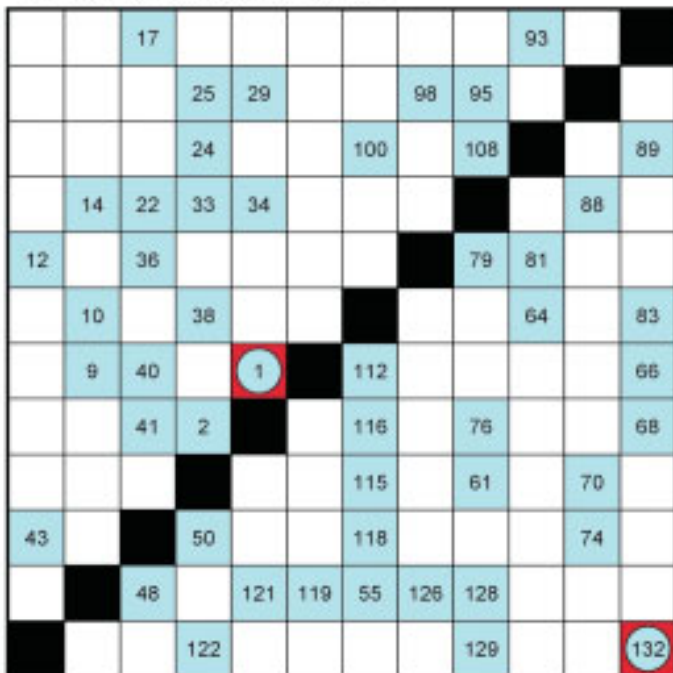
- 1 Stats and stuff
 2 1 mmHg
 3 ___ lot (gorged oneself)
 4 "So this is the thanks ___?"
 5 Steno pad
 6 Craggy peak
 7 Able to go into men's rooms
 8 "Need ___ on?"
 9 "E-I-E-I-O" is one
 10 Overrun, in a troublesome way
 11 Make ___ in (progress)
 12 Osmond sister
 13 Type of Christmas tree
 14 Feminine sides, to Jung
 15 Speakers
 16 Medieval entertainer
 17 Roster-truncating abbr.
 18 Enameled metalware
 20 Portrayer of Woody's Annie
 24 Retired for the night
 31 Uneaten table morsel
 32 Pitch adjuster
 33 Incriminating evidence
 35 Tracy, nee Trueheart
 36 Certain register
 37 Hipbone sections
 38 One with a lollipop
 39 Smooth, as wood
 41 Slowly permeating
 42 New York silverware city
 43 Fenway Park locale
 46 Speed inhibitors
 47 Angry feeling
 50 Chukka boot materials
 51 Pt. of Q&A
 52 Work for Sam Spade
 54 "... happily ever ___"

- 57 It has three legs
 58 Cause of atrophy
 61 ___ visit to (called on)
 62 Temptress, essentially
 66 Wickerwork material
 67 Kay Thompson title girl
 68 Reserve player
 69 Parting south of the border
 70 True north spot
 72 Say, as the Pledge of Allegiance
 76 "So" homophone
 79 Blue pool ball
 80 ___ and kicking
 81 Pith helmet (Var.)
 83 Wednesday was named after him
 84 "I think we should"
 85 Support for a backyard tire
 87 From Iran's capital, old-style
 90 Check one's math
 93 Title Pontiac of song
 94 Kind of oil
 95 Pampered one
 97 Poisonous gas
 98 Loose shirt or tunic
 99 Rhone's capital
 100 Prepare for take-off in winter
 103 Baseball's "Georgia Peach" and family
 104 Heaved
 106 "___ in Boots"
 107 Take ___ (sample tea)
 109 Teller's partner
 111 Feminine suffix
 112 Stern's other end
 113 Spanish muralist Jose Maria
 114 Estimator's phrase
 116 Roman household god
 118 Agent's cut, e.g.
 119 Intl. alliance since 1948

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- Why is Louise Brown, born in 1978, famous?
- The title of whose book translates as 'My Struggle'?
- What name is famous American painter Anna Mary Robertson better known by?
- In which country would you find the Negev Desert?
- Which character has been played by the most actors?
- In Greek mythology a Hamadryads spirit guarded what?
- Jocasta was the wife of Laius and the mother of who?
- Who wrote *The Rights of Man* and *The Age of Reason*?
- What is the capital of Sicily?
- What was invented by Dr Edward Land in 1947?
- Syd Barrett, Roger Waters, Richard Wright and Nick Mason are members of which rock group?
- Carlo Collodi created which famous children's character?
- What is extracted from pitchblende?
- What connects Delft, Sevres, Wedgwood and Chelsea?
- Which country introduced the world's first diesel locomotive in 1912?
- In 1656, Christian Huygens invented what type of timekeeper?
- Duvali, Dushira and Holi are religious days in which religion?
- In what industry did John Davidson Rockefeller get rich?
- The Mau Mau were terrorists in which country during the late '50s and early '60s?

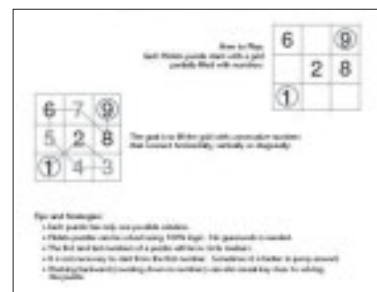
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- Forgone conclusion.
- Humpback whale.
- With flying colors.

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Spot the Difference****Monster
Quiz
Answers**

- Squirrel;
- First test tube baby;
- Adolf Hitler;
- Grandma Moses;
- Israel;
- Sherlock Holmes;
- Trees;
- Oedipus;
- Thomas Paine;
- Palermo;
- Polaroid;
- Pink Floyd;
- Pinochio;
- Uranium;
- Porcelain;
- Germany;
- The Pendulum clock;
- Hindu;
- Oil;
- Kenya.

Hidato: How to play and this week's puzzle solution.**Hidato Puzzle Solution**

19	10	11	27	28	30	37	35	34	33	31
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9	10	27	38	104	111	78	80	84	85	82
7	6	40	36	112	113	77	83	87	88	86
6	4	41	2	52	116	114	76	82	88	88
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Solution to this week's crossword

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Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

I remember being deeply impressed in my fourth-grade history class by the story of Ferdinand Magellan's voyage around the world.

It is a tale of how 260 men left Spain in five ships and, three years later, only one ship returned with 18 emaciated survivors.

One of the survivors was Antonio Pigafetta, who kept a daily chronicle of the voyage.

Now in veteran biographer Laurence Bergreen's *Over the Edge of the World* (Harper Perennial, New York, 2003, 458pp) we have a full account, from many sources, of the greatest

voyage of all, the circumnavigation of the globe between 1519-1522.

Magellan was the man for the job, a master mariner who discovered the Strait of Magellan in Cape Horn.

Along with his crew, he was deeply religious and superstitious, and saw the hand of God in every episode of his epic journey.

Crossing the Pacific to the Philippines left him with a messianic ardor that led him to incite mass conversions to Christianity and led to his death in an inter-tribal war.

Bergreen is adept at conjuring up all the wonders and terrors of Magellan's quest.

"As they continued to sail through the strait, Magellan's crew observed a solid wall of ice rising majestically before them – two hundred feet, five hundred feet and more," he wrote of the glaciers at the bottom of South America.

"They were ancient edifices, these glaciers, some of them ten thousand years old, and they looked it, with their grimy faces deeply pockmarked and weathered.

Magellan and his crew faced these wonders with a mixture of fear and religious awe.

They were also extremely tough, but they had to be.

They were constantly praying for help and giving thanks when it came.

Nearing the end of their voyage, they had to battle the monstrous storms of the Cape of

Good Hope to round the bottom of Africa and head home.

"The constant pummeling exhausted the crew, and simply finding a quiet moment to consume a few handfuls of barely edible food, usually rice, came to seem a major accomplishment, and getting through the day a miracle of sorts," Bergreen wrote.

"Of course, the weather continued to batter the boat by night as well, so there was no rest for the crew, nor safe harbour, nor cooking fire, nor soft dry blanket, nor guarantee that their misery would end anytime soon.

"And so they tried again and again and again, fleeing for their lives, hoping to cheat death just

one more time."

The survivors retired on the riches they gained from the few bags of cloves and nutmeg they brought back from the fabled Spice Islands.

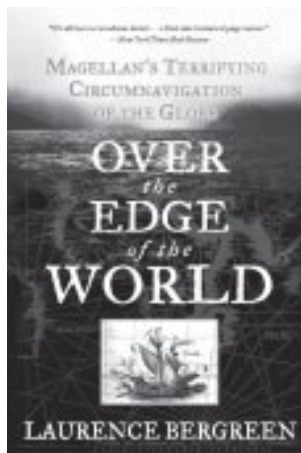
But the implications for history went far beyond the making of a few men's fortune.

Shakespeare used Pigafetta's account as the basis for his play, *The Tempest*, his meditation on the New World.

Bergreen, however, had the last word.

"By confronting the intellectual and spiritual limitations of the ancient view of the world, by subjecting its assumptions to the ultimate reality-check – traveling around the globe – Magellan looked ahead of his time to the Age of Reason and beyond, to the present.

"Their deeds and character, for better or worse, still resonate powerfully."



Horoscopes



Isla Star

LEO (July 24-August 22): Leos are advised to choose their new friends carefully this week. An air sign would like to get closer, but their motives are less than honest. Where business is concerned, solid foundations you laid last month can now be built upon. Those celebrating a birthday in the week ahead will see chances to expand their financial interests in the coming year. The number seven can bring good luck this weekend.

VIRGO (August 23-September 23): The sun shines on your luck in business this week. Capricorn comes up with the offer to try something different, but this could coincide with the offer of promotion in your current work situation. You should weigh up the pros and cons carefully before making a decision. Personal relationships are put to the test mid-week when money becomes an issue. Wear the color lavender to encourage a clearer perspective.

LIBRA (September 24-October 23): Where work is concerned, try setting your sights higher this week. The stars suggest that better rewards are available if you have the confidence to ask for them. This strategy could also be applied in the world of romance – if you feel someone has been taking you for granted, now is the time to make that clear. Unexpected travel is highlighted during the second half of August.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): An unresolved issue at work threatens to reach boiling point this week. Scorpions who have not found a way to deal with this situation could be faced with difficult decisions. An earth sign friend could provide the sensible advice you need. Finances are well influenced by astral conditions during the second half of August, but a

monetary mistake midweek could cause some stress. Wear the color primrose yellow to encourage a peaceful mood.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): Love is in the air for many Sagittarians this week, although a relationship begun last month with another fire sign could prove too hot to handle. The stars suggest that hooking up with Pisces will bring the balance you need. Those returning to work after a summer holiday could find new colleagues a challenge to get on with. Arranging a social outing with them may be your best approach for success.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Many of those born under the sign of Capricorn will be tempted to throw caution to the wind this week. An unusually impetuous mood should ensure that boredom is the last thing on your agenda. Someone born under the sign of Aquarius is about to cross your path and romance is strongly indicated. Work is a flurry of activity when the deadline for a project is suddenly brought forward.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Life is predicted to be a game of snakes and ladders for Aquarians this week. Fast progress can be made on Monday and Tuesday, but a water sign's reluctance to commit midweek may delay the celebration you were anticipating. Affairs of the heart continue to bring happiness – those who have been trying to make contact with an old flame should receive good news. The number five comes alive this weekend.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Pisceans will have the opportunity to build bridges this week. A breakdown in communication that caused stress last

month should now be replaced with open discussions. Tuesday is the most auspicious day to make agreements. Romance is also forecast to go more smoothly – those with a partner see that airing their grievances can have a positive outcome. If you're single, Gemini has something interesting to say this weekend. Wear a piece of turquoise to bring good luck.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): Arians should continue to play it safe where money is concerned. Early next week, an offer that seems too good to be true probably is just that. An earth sign can provide valuable inside information if you ask the right questions. In the world of romance, Sagittarius is ready to show you how much they care, but beginning a

relationship with Cancer looks unlikely. The number nine brings good fortune on Monday.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): The last two weeks of August will see Taureans escaping from their usual routine. Holidays are forecast to be more enjoyable than you expect and those returning to work could find it difficult to focus again. This weekend, a heartbroken air sign friend needs a shoulder to cry on, but it would be wise to keep your honest opinions to yourself. Wear the color navy blue to encourage practical thinking.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Your quick thinking helps dissolve a sticky situation early next week, but business matters will require diplomatic handling until the end

of the month. Those who are single discover that a water sign is interested in romance. If you're already committed, a secret that surfaces this weekend could threaten domestic harmony. Wednesday is the most auspicious day to investigate new employment possibilities – ask a Leo friend for tips.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): Cancerians could find it hard to keep secrets this week so are advised to think twice before allowing someone to confide in them. Your input at work is about to be valued more – Thursday is the best day for discussions relating to promotion. A new romance gets off to a flying start when you discover that you have more in common with the person concerned than you thought.

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Better public transport would make more sense

Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop's efforts to push through three road projects correctly recognize the need to improve road transport in Phuket, but it is a shame such determination couldn't be directed to a more environmentally-friendly solution, such as reasonably priced, tourist-friendly public transport options.

Two of the three projects the governor is pushing have been on the drawing board for years, but have been held up by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment – with good reason.

The governor says the extension of Sakdidet Road Soi 7 to serve as a new access road to Saphan Hin will involve clearing only eight rai of mangroves, but the actual effects could be much worse.

The new road will certainly affect drainage in what remains of the mangrove forest in that area, which is already home to the Phuket City wastewater treatment plant, the island's overburdened waste incinerator, and the ever-growing mountains of landfilled garbage behind it.

Pools of highly toxic, black leachate from the landfill have already run off into the nearby local mangrove swamp at Koh Phi, killing untold millions of farmed fish and marine life.

Further disruption of the mangrove ecosystem there will no doubt increase the likelihood of this happening again.

A visit during high tide to the nearby Chalermprakiat School, built almost entirely on reclaimed mangrove forest land, is certainly an eye-opener.

Brackish water swirls around, only inches below the access road, a reminder of just how low-lying the area is.

Local researchers recently said coastal erosion was becoming a major problem for Phuket, mainly due to destruction of mangroves, yet the island's mangroves remain under attack, including at Klong Bangyai in Patong.

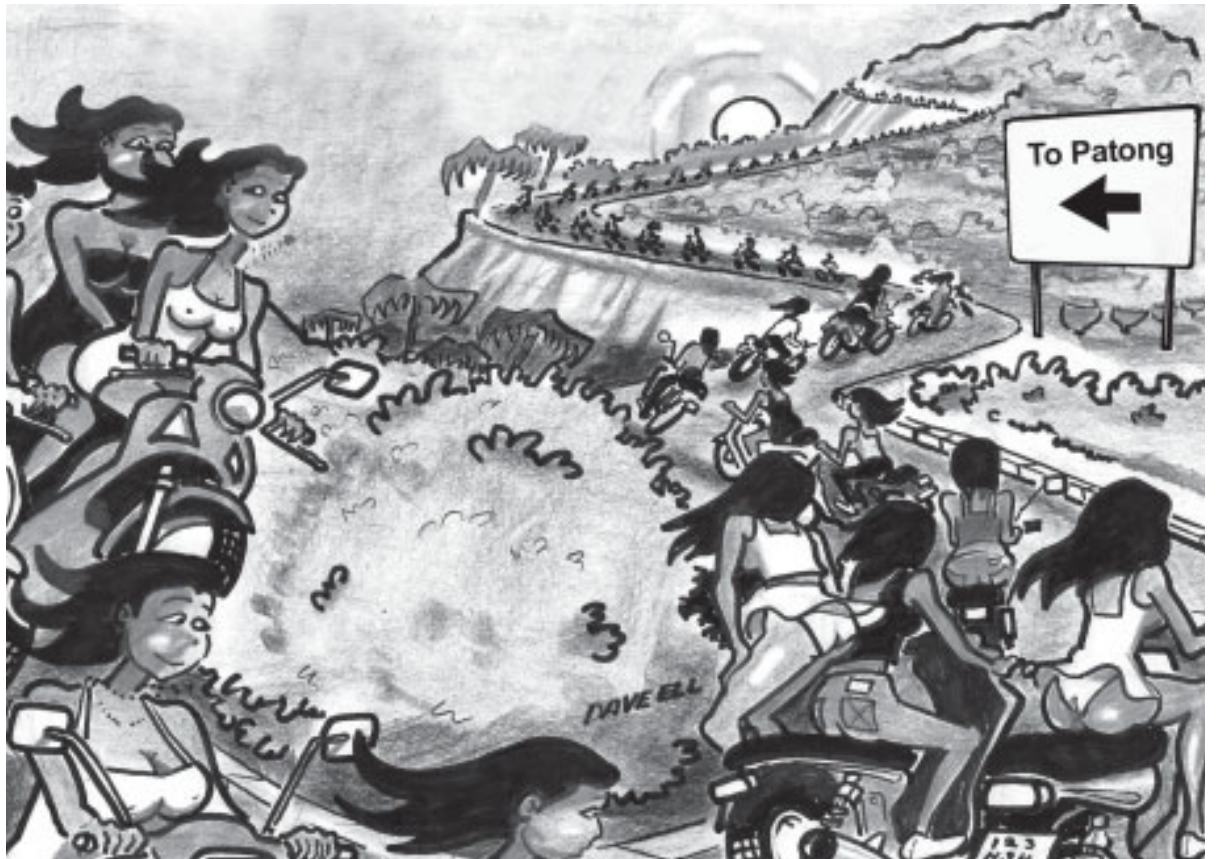
Rassada Municipality has asked for a huge budget to 'develop' the mangroves along Klong Tha Chine as a tourist attraction with a gymnasium, health park, restaurants and car park.

The governor's second pet project, improvement of the treacherous dirt path connecting Nanai Road and Chalong, has been held up for years because it cuts through Royal Thai Forest land.

While the idea of a shortcut to Soi Bangla will no doubt appeal to some, the history of road building in Phuket shows that new roads into remote areas inevitably serve as a Trojan horse for encroachers, as the road to the Big Buddha in Karon demonstrates.

Phuket needs to address growing traffic congestion, not by building more roads, but by giving us better public transport.

– The Editor



Letters

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

Too many details

Do you really think it is necessary to mention that the victims were drinking Leo beer ['Phuket landlord arrested for triple homicide', *Gazette* online, August 10]?

It's a bit disrespectful for the people who were shot and killed.

A real journalist reports the facts and provides analysis.

**Frederic Smith
Chalong**

Our sincere thanks

After being home a little more than a week after our holiday in paradise, Kathy and I would like to extend our sincerest thanks to *Phuket Gazette*, IMAGE Asia, the Evason Six Senses Spa and Resort, and everyone involved in making our stay at Evason possible after winning the *Phuket Gazette* Amateur Photo Contest.

We had an amazing time and it was great to catch some of the racing action too, so thanks again and we will no doubt be back again.

**Kathy and Stijn te Strake
China**

Another great read

I would like to take a moment to commend Anand Singh on his journalistic endeavor after reading his piece titled 'The Unbreakable Villagers of Chalong' [*Phuket Gazette*, August 8].

The content was very enlightening and I look forward to reading his future efforts.

Bravo.

**David B Zanders
Phuket**

Sympathy pains

Regarding the front page story, 'Spinal Patient forced to travel by wheelbarrow' in last week's issue [*Phuket Gazette*, August 8], a similar thing happened to me when I had a car accident in Petchaburi province.

I felt enormous pain in my lower back.

An ambulance was called, but the male paramedic decided that I had to sit on a chair in the ambulance instead of lying down.

Later in the hospital, they discovered that my L5 vertebrae was broken.

**Walter Goossens
Chalong**

Tsunami warning buoy disgrace

It is a disgrace to see how the Thai government protects its citizens, knowing that the tsunami detection buoys are the first warning should another disaster happen [*Gazette* online, August 10].

How difficult is it to replace the battery with the amount of money the country has in its reserves?

**Sam Bethpage
New York**

Our condolences

Following the tragic death of Tom Quigly, I would like to offer my condolences to his family.

I first met Tom and Porn when I first sailed into Phuket 18 years ago on a world journey that went no further because people like them were around.

They were truly wonderful people who made a go of it against all the odds.

It was Tom's wish that he

and his wife would be together again in passing if they could not remain together in life.

Knowing how close they were, it is easy to understand why.

I think very little more can be said, except that we all share your sorrow, Patrick. May Tom and Porn rest in peace.

**Sportsman69
Gazette / Thai Visa
Phuket Forum**

New roads needed

I don't understand all the whining I'm hearing about building new roads in Phuket.

If there's one thing the island needs, it's more roads.

It's an absolute joke that I have to travel 25 kilometers to get from Chalong to Bangla Road every weekend.

For all those worrying about the encroachment that will supposedly accompany any new roads, face it, this island is already well overdeveloped. Let's at least make it convenient.

**Bob Planter
Chalong**

I love Expat Gallery

I've been meaning to write and tell you how much I enjoy reading Bruce Stanley's Expat Gallery.

He comes up with really interesting people and Rolly Tasker was the icing on the cake.

We met Rolly when he had just moved into the loft above the garage at the Phuket Shopping Center, and to see his new place on Chao Fa West is to know that once a mover and shaker, always a mover and shaker.

**Pat Michel
Rawai**

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Jet ski scam leaves a sour taste



FIRST PERSON

Over the years, thousands of tourists have fallen victim to the jet ski scam, being forced to hand over hundreds of thousands of baht to cover the cost of bogus repairs or damage to the uninsured watercraft. Although the scam is damaging our international reputation and further crippling our already haemorrhaging tourist industry, the authorities either can't or won't do anything about it. Dutch tourist, Marnix van Hesteren, was one such victim, although fortunately, unlike many others, his beachside drama had a happy ending.

A few weeks ago, I took my wife and two teenage sons to Patong where a beach boy approached us and asked if we wanted to hire some jet skis.

There was an atmosphere of trust and friendship between us and we even had a drink together before we jumped on the jet skis.

I wanted to get some pictures, but my son was keen to get out onto the water and wouldn't wait.

Things happened rather quickly and my 14-year-old son signed his own hire contract, although I understand a minor cannot do this in Thailand.

The beach boys never checked the jet skis for damage before we headed out to sea, but when we returned 30 minutes later, they rushed straight to my younger boy's jet ski and even before it had come to a stop, they started shouting and accusing him of damaging it.

They were so busy shouting about the damage, they didn't even help my son bring the jet ski safely back onto the beach.

A crowd of people had gathered, and they were obviously astonished by this display of temper and bad manners.

The jet ski operators demanded I pay for the damage there and then, although my son was adamant he hadn't had an accident or hit anything while he was on the jet ski.

It was obvious the small amount of damage was already there before we hired the jet skis.

The beach boys refused to

let us to go back to our place on the beach and they blocked us each time we tried to walk away.

The owner of the jet skis arrived about 30 minutes later, and was very aggressive right from the start.

He became violent, although he did not actually hit us.

Instead, he showed off his Thai boxing skills by hitting his own jet ski. He was obviously trying to intimidate us.

I tried to discuss the situation calmly with him, but he refused to listen to me and kept shouting at me and my son.

Staff from a nearby hotel advised us to remain calm, not to pay anything, not to sign anything and to wait until the police arrived.

It was getting dark, and with the threatening manner of the jet ski owner, we all felt very unsafe.

Not knowing our way around Patong, we were unable to find a police officer.

Finally, after some pressure from our side, the owner telephoned the police.

A police officer arrived but apparently the situation was too hard for him to handle because he didn't speak English.

But after speaking in Thai to the jet ski owner, he indicated that we should pay whatever the jet ski owner was asking for.

We would not agree, and eventually we all went to the Police Box on the beach.

Many bystanders told us they had seen this sort of scam in action before, and advised us to seek help from the Volunteer Tourist Police.

Luckily, there was a

Volunteer Tourist Police officer at the police box, but the jet ski owner kept yelling and shouting and trying to stop us from talking to him.

The discussions there weren't really fruitful and the jet ski owner appeared to take control of the police box, refusing to let us go inside, refusing to give us water and refusing to let us use the toilet.

We then went to the Kathu police station where the jet ski owner ran inside indicating that he knew his way around.

He was even giving orders to the police officers who were working there.

The police confiscated my sons' passports, and we agreed to meet again at 4pm the next day.

When we met again the following afternoon, the jet ski owner made a point of telling us where we had gone the night before, making it obvious we were being followed.

His story changed, and now instead of one jet ski being damaged, there were two damaged jet skis, and he now wanted 75,000 baht.

When we objected, he reverted to his original claim that only the one jet ski had been damaged, and he demanded 30,000 baht.

We asked the police to confiscate the allegedly damaged jet ski so we could obtain an independent estimate of the damage, but the police refused our request.

We then discovered the police had given the jet ski owner copies of my sons' passports.



Beach boys drag an allegedly damaged jet ski from the water.

We met at the police station again the following day and a senior officer told us that in Thailand, if someone damages someone else's property, they must pay the cost of any repairs. He said if they were not willing to pay, then the Law of Mischief gave police the right to put them in prison for 48 hours.

He urged us to pay the jet ski owner the money he wanted.

He said our choices were to pay the damages, or wait for the matter to be heard in court.

We then contacted a lawyer who came to the police station and told the police officer the hire contract was invalid because the boy was under age, and that because he had no intention of damaging the jet ski, no crime had been committed, and it was therefore a civil matter, not a criminal matter.

The lawyer also pointed out that it was illegal to arrest children

in relation to a civil matter.

He also argued that the alleged damage was minimal and would cost no more than 3,000 baht to repair – much less than the 30,000 baht being claimed by the jet ski owner.

After hearing all this, the senior officer returned the confiscated passport, and advised the jet ski owner to drop his claim for damages, which he did, albeit reluctantly.

We were lucky. We managed to walk away with our wallets intact, although we had wasted a lot of time, there had been a lot of emotional damage done to my family and we had to pay lawyers' costs and other expenses.

The incident ruined our holiday, and although we will come back again, we certainly won't be hiring any more jet skis, and we would urge every other visitor to Phuket to do the same.

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If I leave my job, does my work permit belong to me or does it become the property of my employers?

I resigned from my position from a company a few months ago and they kept my work permit as they assured me that it belongs to them.

A new employer has subsequently asked for this work permit in order to hire me and his lawyer told me that the work permit does, in fact, belong to me, the worker.

My question is, does a work permit belong to the worker or to the company?

Dave Smith
Bang Tao

An officer at the Phuket branch of the Department of Employment replies:

A work permit does belong to the worker, so long as you

are working with the company who acquired it for you. Once you are no longer working with the company it becomes the property of the Department of Employment.

Your old company will cancel the work permit for you and you must bring the cancellation documents when you apply for a new work

permit with the new company.

You also have to bring the canceled documents to Immigration if you had a one-year visa with the old company.

For more information contact the Department of Employment, 38/27 Rattanakosin 200 Pi Road, T. Talad Nua, A. Muang, Phuket 83000. T: 076-219660-13. F: 076-219660-1# 16.

Ready for the roller coaster

By Daniel Ogunshakin

As the year moved into August, a ripple of excitement emanated from bars the length and breadth of Phuket.

Inside many of the island's watering holes, men and women from all walks of life focused their thoughts and conversations on a single topic: football.

Only 84 days after the final whistle blew on the 2008/09 English Premier League season, England's top flight will commence a nine-month roller coaster ride this Saturday when the world's most exciting league takes center stage again.

No doubt this coming season will see Phuket locals, expats and tourists alike packing into bars across the island to catch the thrills and spills of another Premier League campaign.

It has been an unusual off season in England this year.

The Premier League often commands the attention of the footballing world, but this summer the heavyweights of English football have been firmly put in their place by the new generation of 'Galacticos' at Real Madrid.

That's not to say that clubs in England haven't been spending money.

Newly-rich Manchester City have been flying the flag and boss Mark Hughes has spent heavily on Emmanuel Adebayor, Carlos Tevez, Roque Santa Cruz and Kolo Toure and is expected to add Everton's Joleon Lescott to his ever-expanding squad.

Add City's existing players like Robinho, Shay Given and Shaun Wright-Phillips, and Hughes has the makings of a good side on his hands.

Martin O'Neill believes City should be installed as title favorites, but Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson doesn't believe their city rivals will challenge for the title, labeling them "a small club".

Of last season's top four, Man United, Liverpool and

Arsenal have been weakened by the loss of key personnel.

Although Cristiano Ronaldo's departure to Madrid is the most significant, not forgetting Tevez joining city rivals Manchester City, Liverpool will be weakened by the loss of Xabi Alonso, while Arsenal have sold Adebayor and Toure to City.

Of the three teams, it is Liverpool that have been the most active side in the transfer market with the early signing of Glen Johnson and the recent acquisition of Alberto Aquilani, following Alonso's move to Madrid.

The Reds went close last season and Rafa Benitez will hope these signings will give them the extra quality they need.

If he can keep Torres and Gerrard fit, then Liverpool have a great chance of ending their barren spell without a league title.

Antonio Valencia and Michael Owen arrive at Old Trafford with enormous boots to fill.

Ronaldo has dominated the scene at United for the past two years but if Owen stays fit, he may be an inspired signing and Ferguson can expect big things from Wayne Rooney, who should step out of Ronaldo's shadow if given time in his favored position.

Arsenal now have money, but it remains to be seen if Arsene Wenger will spend.

Wenger's young Arsenal side has undoubted talent, there are few better than Cesc Fabregas and Andre Arshavin, but should they suffer a couple of injuries, a lack of squad depth and experience might cost them.

Only Chelsea have retained key personnel, adding Russian international Yuri Zhirkov and Man City's Daniel Sturridge.

They also have a new man at the helm in Italian Carlo Ancelotti, a man who won the Champions League twice as AC Milan manager.

With a strong team already in place, Chelsea are many people's favorites, although some concerns remain over the age of the squad.

Given their spending, Manchester City are most likely to break the hegemony of the 'big four' at the top of the table, but Aston Villa and Everton won't be far behind, although both teams have squad depth concerns.

Villa have lost captain Gareth Barry, but have added England international Stewart Downing and starlet Fabien Delph to their ranks,



FRIENDS AND RIVALS: Liverpoolians Wayne Rooney (left) and Steven Gerrard will go head-to-head as Manchester United and Liverpool take center stage in the race for the 2009/10 Premier League title.

while Everton welcome back Phil Jagielka, Michel Arteta and Yakubu after long-term injuries.

Both teams also have excellent managers who are key to their side's fortunes.

Tottenham Hotspur could also join this group, but the absence of key defensive players at the start of the season could see them playing catch up after just a few games.

After excellent campaigns last season, both Gianfranco Zola's West Ham and Roy Hodgson's Fulham will look to consolidate their position in the top ten, with the outside chance of a place in Europe.

Both managers have produced sides that play attractive football and hard to beat at home, but are yet to make any significant moves in the transfer market.

Like last season, it looks set to be a battle royale between the remaining 10 clubs in the bottom half of the league.

Bolton, Blackburn and Sunderland should finish around mid-table with experienced managers at the helm.

Sunderland have the added bonus of a new chairman with money to invest.

Stoke will hope to avoid the dreaded second-season syndrome, but they surprised many last year and look well-placed to do so again.

Fellow survivors Hull City have found it hard to attract signings in the off season, but with Phil Brown in charge and a season of top-flight football under his belt, the Tigers will be confident they can live to fight another day.

Promoted sides Birmingham

and Wolves have managers with a point to prove in the Premiership, but may struggle, while Burnley, in their first season in the top-flight since 1976 and with a manager with no Premiership experience, also might find the gulf in class too much to handle.

However, it is impossible to write any of the promoted teams off as Stoke and Hull proved it is possible for unheralded teams to avoid relegation.

Hold on tight, it's sure to be another thrilling ride.

Predictions:

Champions:

Liverpool.

Champions League:

Man Utd, Chelsea, Arsenal.

Europa League:

Man City, Everton.

Relegation:

Burnley, Hull City, Birmingham City.

Saphan Hin and Surakul Stadium to host second annual Phuket City Games

The second Annual Phuket City Games will be staged at the Saphan Hin Sport Center and Surakul Stadium, home of the Phuket FC Sea Dragons, officials from Phuket's administrative organization have announced.

The 17-day event is scheduled to take place from October 28 to November 14.

The Saphan Hin Sports Center will play host to the opening ceremony on October 28 and the event will close at Surakul just over two weeks later.

The City Games will feature nine sports ranging from football to table tennis and from athletics to *takraw*, the regional sport of 'kick volleyball'.

Most of the events will be open to both men and women with the exception of *takraw* and futsal, the latter also only available to seniors.

In the football competitions, men will play 11-a-side and women seven-a-side.

The games are being held for employees of Phuket's government agencies, but should provide some excellent spectator opportunities over the 17 days of competition.

Phuket City Mayor Somjai Suwansuppana said the Phuket City Games were to be established to forge strong relationships between Phuket's 19 administrative organizations, in the hope that they might work more closely together in the future for the benefit of the island.

-Daniel Ogunshakin

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Dolphins complete whitewash

The Zaheer Abbas Cricket Academy completed a clean sweep of victories against sides from the Phuket Cricket Union on a recent week-long tour to the island.

The hugely talented cricketers won all three of their matches comfortably, accumulating an impressive 764 runs with the bat and taking 29 wickets in the process.

The Zaheer Abbas Academy is one of the premier cricket academies in Pakistan, playing under the name of the Karachi Dolphins.

The academy takes its name from former Pakistan international cricketer Zaheer Abbas who played 78 test matches for Pakistan, scoring four double centuries, including one against England.

A free-scoring right-handed batsman, Abbas is still ranked as the second best limited overs batsmen of all time and was simply known as 'The Run Machine'.

While Phuket has a blossoming cricket scene with the Island Furniture Cricket League growing in popularity and a number of local schools adopting the sport, unlike Pakistan, it is still

a long way off being a fertile breeding ground for future international cricketers.

Determined to test themselves against a very good Pakistani team, three different sides still took on the teenage prodigies with varying degrees of success.

The first side up was the Phuket Cricket Union Socialites (PCU) 'A' team.

The Karachi Dolphins made an impressive 251 for eight from their 35 overs and although PCU 'A' batted for their entire 35 over allocation, they could only manage 191 for the loss of nine wickets, losing by 60 runs.

The following weekend it was the turn of the PCU 'B' side.

Given that the 'A' team had come up short, the players must have hoped that a week in Phuket had taken its toll on their teenage opponents.

Such hopes were swiftly dashed as the Karachi Dolphins smashed 265 runs for the loss of eight wickets.

In response, PCU 'B' struggled against their talented opponents, mustering only 89 runs before being bowled out in the 27th over.

The final match saw a



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slightly stronger PCU side make one final attempt to stop a Karachi Dolphins whitewash.

With an improved bowling performance, the PCU did manage the most economic bowling performance of any of the three Phuket sides, restricting their opponents to 248 runs.

Unfortunately their batsmen failed to better the Dolphins' total

and were dismissed for just 129, ensuring that the visiting side returned home with three wins out of three.

Bill Brown, chairman of the PCU, was delighted that the Zaheer Abbas Academy chose Phuket as a touring destination.

"We're very pleased that they chose to come and play here, particularly given the lack

of cricket facilities at present," he said.

"Phuket is a really attractive tour destination and I know they all had a great time. We are still looking for our own cricket ground and I think once we have a home, there will be even more teams coming here on tour."

-James Goyder

Phuket FC win

Phuket FC scored twice before the hour mark before resisting a strong fight back from Nakorn Sri Thammarat to register only their second win of the season last Sunday.

A goal either side of half time gave Phuket FC a 2-0 lead and although the home side reduced the deficit on 65 minutes, a vastly improved defensive performance from the visitors brought to an end a run of 10 matches without a win.

In recent matches, failure to score the vital second goal has been to blame for the poor run of results, but the 2-1 win ensured that some of the pressure mounting on the team to get results was relieved.

The victory was Phuket FC's first since a 1-0 win at Krabi in April.

The Sea Dragons have now accumulated eight points on their travels, but are yet to register even a point at home, losing six matches out of six.

The win lifts Phuket FC away from the foot of the table into seventh position above Phatthalung on goal difference.

After the heartbreaking last-gasp loss to Phatthalung, the visitors started brightly, taking control of the match and forcing the home side onto the back foot.

With 30 minutes gone, the visitor's endeavor was rewarded when the Phuket FC striker placed the ball past the Nakorn keeper to give Phuket a deserved lead which

they held until half time.

Following the restart, the Sea Dragons continued to pile on the pressure and on 54 minutes, Phuket bagged their second to establish a two-goal cushion.

Conceding the second goal brought the home side to life and 11 minutes later they pulled a goal back through Aekchai Bu-Nga.

With the bit between their teeth, Nakorn threw caution to the wind, but the visitor's defense held firm to seal a memorable victory.

Phuket FC's next match is on August 15 against Krabi at Surakul Stadium. Kick off at 7pm.

-Daniel Ogunshakin

Somsak resigns

Following a poor sequence of results, the *Gazette* has learned that Phuket FC coach Somsak Waijeran has resigned.

Mr Naruebet will now take charge of first team matters until the end of the 2009 season.

Somsak was in charge of Phuket FC for 10 matches.



Phuket pair miss badminton gold

Phuket duo Peewara Burapasiriwat and Sasipa Maksasithorn narrowly missed out on clinching gold in the women's 'limited' division of the Thailand Dunlop Open Badminton Championships on Sunday.

The Phuket-based pair trailed Chayanit Chaladchalam and Pijitjan Wongpaiboonkit of Bangkok by one set to love, but rallied in the second to set up an exciting third and final set.

Unfortunately for the local pairing, the heavily favored duo from the capital held their nerve in the deciding set to claim a memorable victory.

The five-day tournament at Saphan Hin was the first time the Thailand Dunlop Open Badminton Championships had been staged in Phuket.

643 players from across Thailand converged on Phuket for the event, which concluded with a day packed full of exciting final matches on Sunday.

The women's limited doubles was the stand-out match and Peewara and Sasipa were roared on by a vociferous crowd

that had gathered in the corner of the hall.

The pair from Bangkok were strong favorites, but inspired by the home support, Peewara and Sasipa made their opponents work hard, narrowly losing the opening set 24-22.

In the second set the roles were reversed and it was the Phuket pairing who prevailed 24-22 to set up a decisive third set.

Mistakes started to creep in from both sets of players but Chayanit and Pijitjan eventually pulled away to take the set 21-17, securing a famous victory by two sets to one.

Despite the defeat Peewara and Sasipa were not too disconsolate.

"I am not that disappointed to lose because they both play at a much higher level than us. We were pleased just to reach the final," said Peewara.

Tournament organizer



Action from the Championships at Saphan Hin.

Samon Yutthayad said hosting the Thailand Open represented a landmark for badminton in Phuket.

"It is the first time this tournament has taken place in Phuket and we had to be sanctioned by the Badminton Association of Thailand so it was a great honor," she said.

"Hopefully this tournament will take place in Phuket again."

-James Goyder

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The current state of play: part one



PROPERTY WATCH

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airport closures that Thailand has been cursed with in recent months.

Looking forward, short-term trading will focus on occupancy at the expense of long-term rate strategies.

Cash flow is a key consideration in this market, with most hospitality assets carrying low debt ratios.

Defying the trends are the luxury tier properties, which operate in a favorable supply and demand segment, and the budget hotels, which are experiencing a boost in numbers because of a new wave of price-conscious travelers.

Mid and upper-scale properties have been hit by declining numbers.

This has resulted in a domino effect, creating substantial rate volatility.

The long-term outlook remains positive due to brand concentration, growing airlift and infrastructure improvements, but in the short-term, a recovery has effectively been written off this year, with prospects of Phuket recovering pushed to next.

For the first half of this year, a number of key factors were at play in the market.

Tourist arrivals declined by 14 percent in the first six months of this year compared with the same period for 2008.

The island's hotel occupancy stood at 60.4 percent, with average room rates of \$US141 for combined luxury, upscale and midscale segments, and revenue per available room sitting at \$US85.

Branded hotels outperformed the non-branded properties by 33.7 percent on average room rates. Although, in terms of occupancy, the non-branded outperformed the branded by 12.4 percent.

Around 48 percent of projects listed in the hotel pipeline have been delayed because of the economic slowdown.

Despite this, the number of planned projects has increased from 30 to 38, which equates to 6,231 hotel rooms.

Non-traditional hotel products, such as condo hotels, villas and mixed-use properties, now account for 34 percent of those projects.

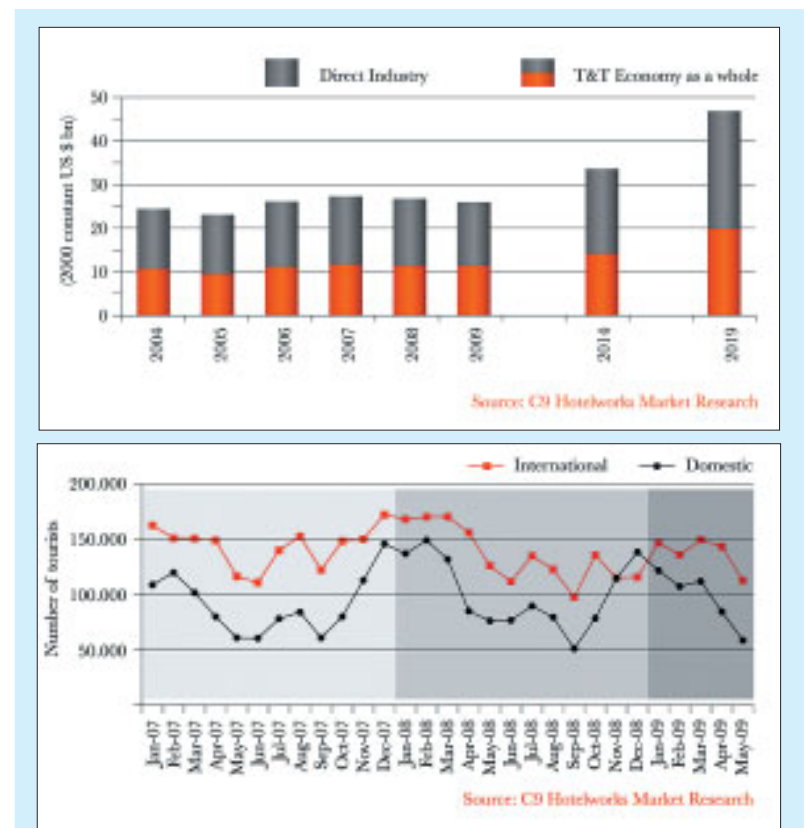
Looking forward to the rest of the year, we are faced with market recovery expectations now pushed back to 2010, continued economic slowdown, domestic political concerns, the threat of the A(H1N1) virus and hotel oversupply.

As a result of a growing regional network of low-cost carrier airlines, long-haul tourist numbers are expected to shrink. They will be replaced by lower-yielding Asian and domestic visitors.

Occupancy versus room rate will be of primary concern for hotels. Other concerns for hotel owners include cash flow, competition from other hotspots in the region and long-term rate damage.

As suggested before, luxury and economy/budget segments should continue to outperform upscale and mid-scale properties, due to favorable supply and demand ratios and the current trend of penny-pinching travelers.

Limited leveraging of hotel projects will result in few transaction or business failures, but debt and equity will continue to loom on the horizon, thus



FACTS AND FIGURES: Graph one (top) shows Thailand's yearly travel and tourism GDP and predictions for five and 10 years time. Graph two shows the number of monthly arrivals at Phuket International Airport.

constraining new developments.

The ever-changing nature of Thai domestic politics, the continued volatility of oil prices and currencies, and rising global unemployment will all play a part in the number of tourist arrivals until the end of the year.

On a positive note, relatively strong regional economies coupled with favorable door-to-door travel time to regional hubs, and a rise in seat capacity provide Phuket with opportunities to attract 'volume' markets.

Seasonal trends that are creeping back into the island's trading patterns require the return of the MICE market, more widespread segmentation and geographic diversification.

Phuket's hotel critical mass, brand concentration and continued

growth in demand generators – marinas, golf, shopping, and tourist attractions – all boost the island's recovery prospects.

Tourism infrastructure investment should help aid recovery. The approval of a new overseas terminal at Phuket International Airport by Airports of Thailand is particularly significant and welcome. It will double the handling capacity to 12.5 million passengers by 2013.

Other recent infrastructure developments include a new four-lane bridge connecting the island to the Phang Nga mainland, and a new airport road from the north to the bypass intersection near Phuket City.

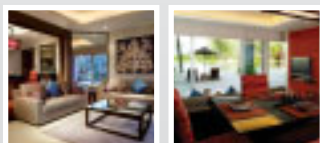
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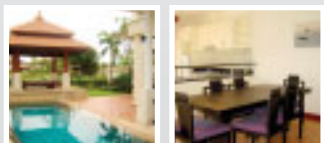
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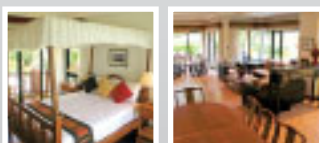
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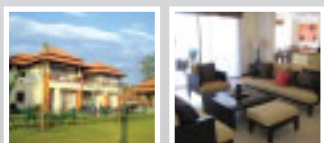
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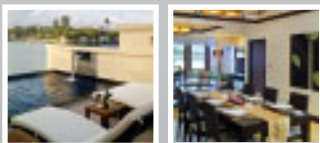
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Phuket's little piece of California

The seven-villa Kalita residential project at Rawai Beach on the island's south, features stunning views of the Andaman Sea, Phuket's rolling hills and is only 200 meters to the beach.

Built on 1,016 square meters of land, the 'La Jolla' three-bedroomed house has a library, a living room, a dining area, a European-style kitchen, a maid's room, an infinity edge pool, Jacuzzis and a sala.

The design brings together Tuscan, Mediterranean and Spanish colonial architectural styles, while the attention to detail both inside and out recognizes the need for convenience as well as comfort.

The delicate motifs within the house produce an exquisite colonial grandeur which simply oozes quality.

The spacious downstairs area connects the inside of the house to the exterior with a series of large double windows, bringing plenty of natural light into the house.

The Italian-style kitchen is fully equipped and provides plenty of space for the budding chef to get creative, while the well-crafted wine cellar gives owners the chance to stock up on some good wine to go with those culinary creations.



The covered infinity-edge pool is the home's central feature.

The dining area looks out over the pool, which gets plenty of sunlight during the day and at night is illuminated by the powerful outside lights, making it the perfect place to enjoy either an early morning breakfast or an evening meal.

The living room is comfortable, and there are some very chic curtains to create a warm atmosphere.

The room is fully furnished, but because of the spacious size of the room, it doesn't feel at all cluttered.

The upstairs floor is home

to the three en suite bedrooms, and there is a Jacuzzi in the master bedroom.

Each room is decorated with soft pastel colors, giving them a spacious, warm and airy feel.

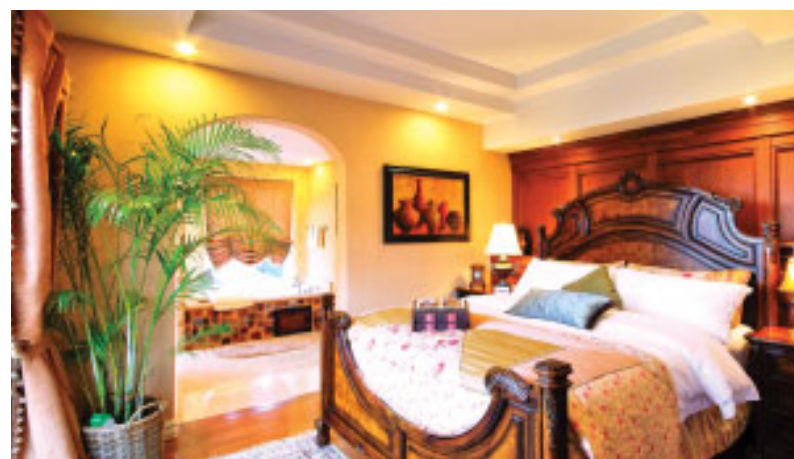
Outside, there is a large sala next to the Jacuzzi which leads into the pool.

The infinity edge pool looks out over the sea and is surrounded by the house on the remaining three sides, giving it an almost indoor feel.

The La Jolla house is priced to sell at only 36 million baht.



The dining room looks out onto the central pool area.



The combination of hard and soft lines, high ceilings and wood paneling make the bedrooms spacious and warm.



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Door locked and ready to rock



Photo 1



Photo 2



At a recent family barbecue, where we had lots of people eating and drinking, the bathroom doorknob lock malfunctioned.

Although the door had been unlocked from the inside, the push button didn't pop out completely, meaning the outer doorknob wouldn't turn.

The last person to leave the bathroom didn't notice, so the door locked behind them, and couldn't be reopened.

Since the repair process (it just needed oil) involved removing the doorknob, I opted to replace it – a very common chore, especially for apartment dwellers who want a new lock.

To replace a common, house-type doorknob with an inside push-button lock, and outside key lock, you first have to remove the inside knob, the one with the push-button lock.

On the right side of the shaft between the knob and the circular faceplate is a small hole with the end of a small metal bar inside it.

Use an awl, a small nail or the small brass tool usually included with a new doorknob kit, to press the little 'bar end' inwards.

The doorknob should then pull easily off its inner cylinder.

This cylinder has one short, L-shaped slot at the top and another long, straight slot on the side.

On the inside of the knob's collar are two tabs formed by indenting the collar's side.

These tabs fit into the long slot when reassembling.

Turn the round faceplate counterclockwise, slip it off, and you will see a round anchor plate,

with two tabs onto which the faceplate fits by a quarter turn.

The anchor plate is held to the doorknob assembly's other side by two screws passing through the doorknob hole (Photo 1).

Remove these screws and the anchor plate, and pull the outside doorknob assembly out of its hole.

Remove the two screws from the rectangular faceplate around the bolt which sticks into the door frame and pull the bolt assembly out.

At the bolt assembly's inside end are three small bars with 'ears' on the ends. These fit into the rectangular slot cut into the rotating cylinder section of the doorknob's lock assembly.

These two bars pull the bolt back when the knob is turned, the third works the lock (Photo 2).

Before installing a new assembly, apply a little light oil, or even motor oil, to all moving parts of the inner mechanism, turning the knob back and forth to distribute.

Do the same for the bolt assembly and apply a little grease to those bars' ears to insure long-term smooth operation.

The outer knob assembly has a faceplate on a threaded collar, which can adjust the assembly's 'depth' into the door.

Before installing a new assembly, insert this side's assembly into the door, with the inner cylinder's slot facing the bolt-hole and, checking visually through the bolt hole, adjust the faceplate so the slot sits exactly in the center of the door – in the bolt's line of travel.

Photo 4 shows the outside knob, with its slot.

To install, first put the bolt in place, making sure the angled side faces the door frame as the door closes, and run the two screws in almost completely.

Push and hold the bolt in, reach into the doorknob hole, and pull all three bars back as far as possible, so that all the 'ears' align (Photo 3).

Holding the outer doorknob assembly with the keyhole vertical, slide it back into the doorknob's hole.

The idea is to slide the doorknob assembly into place while holding the bolt inwards so that the bars' ears stick out far enough to slip into that slot.

Look through the hole on the inside to line-up the ears with the open end of the cylinder's slot.

You might have to relax the pressure on the bolt slightly so they can retract just enough to slip into the slot.

To be sure they're in place, release the bolt and turn the knob.

The bolt should move in and out easily.

If it doesn't, pull the knob back out, check for true vertical alignment for both the keyhole and the two anchor plate's screws' threaded receiving-tubes, and keep trying, varying how far the bolt is held in, until the ears have slid into the slot.

Once they're in, reposition the anchor plate on the inner side, install the two screws, but not all the way tight.

Test the knob again, making sure the bolt moves freely.

Photo 3



Photo 4



Now tighten the screws, reinstall the faceplate, and attach the bolt's faceplate.

Press the knob in, and jiggle slightly until that little 'bar end' kicks back into its hole.

Tighten the screws in the bolt's faceplate.

If the outside knob's faceplate isn't tight, turn it clockwise until it is.

That's it! Have a beer, but don't lock yourself out! See you next time!



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Agency planning new Phuket hotel booking website

By Atchaa Khamlo



Phuket Software Industry Network Association (PSI-NET) president Prateep Kulapalanont.

A government agency plans to launch a new website offering discounted rates at Phuket hotels to grab a share of the furiously competitive online booking market.

The Software Industry Promotion Agency (SIPA), the government agency in charge of developing Thailand's software industry, wants to encourage every hotel in Phuket to feature on the website.

The site, which is yet to be named, will attempt to rival other hotel booking websites popular with Phuket-bound tourists such as www.phuket.com, www.lat-estays.com and www.hoteltravel.com.

But some observers were skeptical that a government-run website could successfully compete in a market with such stiff competition.

Bill Barnett, managing director of property consulting firm C9 Hotelworks and writer of Phuket property blog thephuketinsider.com said, "It's a really competitive market out there. Phuket already has some very successful hotel booking websites and those guys are really astute people."

Plans for the new website

were discussed at a seminar at the Metropole Hotel in Phuket City last month that was attended by around 300 representatives from hotels, travel agencies and other businesses.

The website will be partially funded by the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization's controversial hotel tax, which Mr Barnett estimated around 60 percent of hotels were failing to pay.

Only those hotels paying the hotel tax will be allowed to feature in the website.

Phuket Software Industry Network Association (PSI-NET) president Prateep Kulapalanont said the site would come online by the end of next year.

Mr Barnett said the speed web technology was developing meant there was a risk the site might be obsolete by the time it was released.

"If you create something like that with such a long lead-time, technology will pass you by. It's like riding a push-bike down Thepkasattri Road and getting passed by buses and everything else," he said.

Mr Prateep said the site had been approved by Cabinet and a procurement process was underway.

Prime time for Pa Khlok megaproject

Work on the 300-million-baht Prime Place Phuket-Monument megaproject, set on 20 rai in Pa Khlok, is well underway.

The development, located about 800 meters from Heroines' Monument on the way to Pa Khlok, features around 120 units built in a modern tropical style.

The development will also include a park and will aim to provide natural surroundings combined with first-class facilities.

The development features nine three-story office buildings providing 218 square meters of floorspace each.

The remaining units are townhouses and single house units.

The three-story townhouses feature 177 square meters of floorspace, including three large bedrooms, a living room and a dining room.

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The Prime Place Phuket-Monument megaproject, which features 120 units set on 120 rai of land in Pa Khlok, is well underway.

two bathrooms.

Prices start from two million baht, rising to over four million baht per unit.


Developers Thanasiri Property Development Company

say 50 percent of the units are already reserved.

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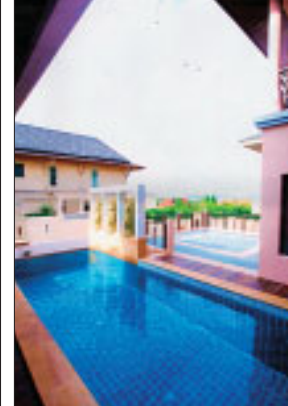
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for sale. 2 storey, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Call for more information. Tel: 076-322211, 089-288 8519, 087-885 1567.

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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

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

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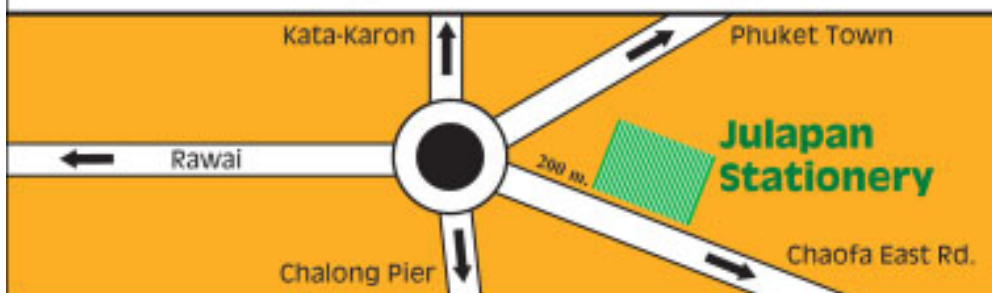
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TOWNHOUSE IN RAWAI for rent. 2 bedrooms. Please contact for more information. Tel: 081-537 6866.

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Marketing Company based in Rawai seeks female Thai national for the position of

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- High level of written/spoken English & Thai required
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- Organizing the work flow of the department
- Communicating guest information to relevant departments
- Inventory management
- Preparing weekly, monthly and marketing reports.
- Perform sales skills training

This position reports directly to Senior Management (GM, Hotel Manager and EAM i/c of Rooms).

Key Qualities and Skills:

- Friendly and honest
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- At least 8 years experience in Hotel Management, including 2 to 3 years in a Food & Beverage manager position.

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- Experience in 5 stars resort property with a proven track record of delivering exceptional service standards to a highly demanding clientele
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- Have excellent interpersonal and communication skills
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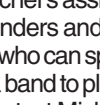
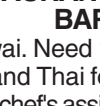
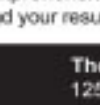
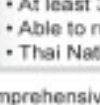
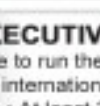
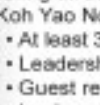
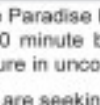
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The map shows the following locations and roads:

- Patong Beach** (top)
- Thaveewong Rd.** (horizontal road)
- Sawatdirak Rd.** (vertical road on the left)
- Patong Beach Rd.** (vertical road in the center)
- Andaman Beach Suite** (top right building)
- Ban Sai Namyen School** (left building)
- Siam Commercial Bank** (bottom center building)
- Post Office** (bottom right building)
- Taurus Travel** (marked with a blue arrow pointing to a building on Patong Beach Rd.)
- Eleven** (marked with a building icon on Patong Beach Rd.)
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 - TO KARON BEACH (left arrow)
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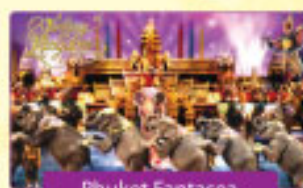
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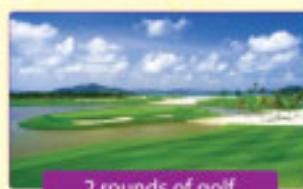
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