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## Tragic end to resort love tryst

**S**TAFF at a luxury resort on Racha Yai Island are in shock after one of the hotel's employees murdered a fellow worker before climbing a 72-meter mobile phone tower and later plummeting to his own death.

Police said Harin Tinnarong, an electrician at the luxury Racha resort, stabbed his girlfriend and colleague, Varaporn Pimhom, on Saturday night after she told him she wanted to end their relationship.

Superintendent Chinnarat Rittakananond of Chalong Police said Mr Harin, 31, stabbed Miss Varaporn, 36, in the chest six or seven times with a kitchen knife.

A fellow worker told investigators she heard screams coming from a staff bathroom.

When she went to investigate, she saw Mr Harin running away from the area.

Chalong police rushed to the island and joined security staff from the resort in an all-night search for Mr Harin.

At 6am, they found his broken body at the foot of the tower, about 300 meters from the resort.

His neck was broken.

Police are still unsure whether he jumped, or fell while trying to hide from searchers.

"He either killed himself, or he fell down accidentally," said Col Chinarat.

Col Chinarat said the couple's relationship hit rock bottom after Mr Harin was repeatedly unfaithful to Miss Varaporn, a reservations agent at the resort, and she told him she wanted to end the relationship.

Mr Harin became enraged and threatened to kill Miss Varaporn and a friend who had advised her to end the relationship, Col Chinnarat said.

The electrician reportedly told a friend two days before the tragedy he was going to 'deal with the lot of them', Col Chinnarat said.

Another employee at the resort told police she heard Mr Harin telling Miss Varaporn 'If you stop being my girlfriend, you will die'.

Miss Varaporn was taken to Phuket by speedboat, but died before rescue workers could get her to Vachira Hospital.

Police found the bloodied knife which was used to kill Miss Varaporn near Mr Harin's body.

-Kitima Pornmongkhonwat

## Mad about Maseratis



Nattipat Kulwanich and Atchara Itsarachai tried out the front seats of one of three Maseratis at Central Festival last week

**M**ORE than 40 million baht's worth of Maserati motor cars went on show at Central Festival last week, and although there were only three cars, crowds of car fans, both rich and poor, gathered to dream about owning one.

Atchara Itsarachai and Nattipat 'Ing' Kulwanich couldn't wait to jump into the driver's seat of the open-topped Spyder model.

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probably only ever be an expensive fantasy.

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## Governor to crack down on jet-ski scams

**P**HUKET Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop has vowed to clamp down on corrupt officials and scams such as jet-ski rip-offs following official complaints by Australian diplomatic officials.

Deputy Prime Minister Suthep Thaugsuban has ordered a thorough investigation into scams on the island, particularly

those involving jet-skis and motorcycle taxis, after Australia's Ambassador to Thailand, Paul Grigson, raised the issue with Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva.

Mr Grigson told the PM that large numbers of Australian tourists had complained about being ripped off by dodgy jet-ski operators who demanded exorbitant amounts for repairs.

"Tourists are falling foul of these scams and complaining to the government and their embassies, and although the number of scams is small, the damage done to the island is great," said Gov Wichai.

He has vowed to look at the jet-ski scams more thoroughly and has also promised to investigate corrupt government officials who

collude with the jet-ski operators.

Gov Wichai said fees demanded to fix 'damaged' jet-skis were often inflated to pay off these corrupt officials.

The activities of the government officials concerned would come under close scrutiny and every related agency would be contacted over the next week, he said.





## Melissa's out of hospital and on her way home



**A**N American tourist who was taken to a ferry wharf in a wheelbarrow after breaking her back in a cliff diving accident, is out of hospital and is on her way home to Korea. Melissa Kelman, 28, a belly dancing teacher from St Louis, Missouri, shattered three vertebrae in her back when she jumped into the sea from a 20-meter clifftop on Phi Phi.

Because there are no cars on the island, the only way to get her to a ferry which would take her to hospital was by wheelbarrow.

When she arrived in Phuket, X-rays revealed she had shattered three vertebrae.

Surgeons at Phuket International Hospital operated and fused the vertebrae.

She was allowed to leave hospital last week, but will have to wear a back brace for at least the next five months, probably even longer.

Before flying home to South Korea, where she now lives, Melissa said her doctors had told her she would probably never dance again.

She is now hoping to resume her English teaching career.

Melissa said she had instructed her lawyer to seek damages from the tour company which organized her Phi Phi trip.

- Fraser Morton

# Tourism will take off on direct flight plans

**R**ICHARD Branson's Australian airline, V Australia, is about to start flying regular direct flights from Brisbane and Melbourne to Phuket.

The airline, which is a subsidiary of Virgin Blue, will fly twice weekly between Brisbane and Phuket and once a week between Melbourne and Phuket.

The Brisbane flights will begin on November 22, and the Melbourne flights are set to start on December 3.

And in a move which is sure to boost tourism for Phuket, the airline is offering super cheap discount flights to launch its new routes.

For a limited time, Australians will be able to fly to Phuket for only \$AUD399 (10,770 baht) one way economy

class, including all taxes and surcharges. Premium economy class will cost \$AUD899 (24,270 baht) and a business class seat will cost \$AUD1,499 (40,470 baht).

Virgin Blue chief executive Brett Godfrey said the new route would open up 'some very exciting opportunities'.

Meanwhile, Air Asia is planning to transform Phuket into an international hub by the end of the year.

Thai Air Asia CEO, Tassapon Bijleveld, said the number of Air Asia passengers had increased by 20 percent in the first half of this year, and the airline was now keen to introduce direct flights from Phuket to Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam, Guangzhou in China, and Bali and Medan in Indonesia.

Direct flights between Phuket and Chiang Mai are also planned, and a new fleet of aircraft had already been ordered to service the new routes, he said.

Most of his airlines' bookings, up to 85 percent, were now being made online, he said.

"That gives us a big advantage because it means we don't have high overheads, and can therefore offer better value ticket prices," he said.

Mr Tassapon said a resort destination such as Phuket needed airline support to bring in the tourists, and once Phuket was opened up to major population centers in the region, the number of tourists would increase rapidly.

Earlier this year, Air Asia opened an office in Patong, and there are now plans to open a second office in Phuket City.

## Police charge pregnant mum

**C**HALONG police have arrested an eight-months pregnant woman who they say systematically robbed more than 40 beauty salons.

Tassanee Suklan, 28, from Koh Kaew, has been charged with stealing and receiving stolen goods.

Police raided her home and recovered a range of items including a laptop computer, three mobile phones, and a motorbike, all suspected of being stolen.

Police Major Jarun Bangprasert said Mrs Tassanee had been stealing from beauty salons for the past year.

He said the mother of two befriended her victims, and as soon as they turned their backs or left the room, she would steal whatever she could get her hands on.

More than 30 of her victims turned up at the Chalong police station to identify her after she was arrested.

Police said Mrs Tassanee



A victim identifies Tassanee Suklan at Chalong police station.

admitted stealing wallets, mobile telephones, cash and credit cards.

She allegedly used the proceeds of her robberies to furnish her home, feed and clothe her family, and buy a laptop computer and a large TV.

She said her husband, who had lost his job, did not know she was stealing.

Major Jarun said Mrs Tassanee was facing up to three years in jail if convicted.

- Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn

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## Touring bike pair pedal into Phuket



**A**N American couple have arrived in Phuket after cycling more than 6,500km throughout South-east Asia.

Abraham Bates and Cassandra Auxier, both 34 and from Kentucky, set off from Hanoi nine months ago and have pedalled through Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand.

The pair have known each other since high school, and have travelled the world together, but this is the first time they have toured on bicycles.

They fell in love with Thailand when they were here in 2000, and vowed to return to take a closer look.

Abraham quit his job as a bar manager and Cassandra tossed in her job as a copy editor with a marketing research firm, and they bought a couple of touring bikes for \$US500 each and set out to see Southeast Asia.

"When we were here last time, we didn't have enough time to see everything we wanted to see, and we decided the best way to see the country was by bike," said Abraham.

Abraham and Cassandra have explored most of the world, having traveled throughout Canada, the US, Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Nepal, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

"We love the excitement and the adventure of exploring new places," said Cassandra.

The couple are traveling light, and have allowed themselves a total of only 35kg in luggage, including spare parts for their bikes and a water filter.

Armed with a map and a Lonely Planet guide book, they have been averaging about 100km each day.

"We usually set off about 7am and ride until 1pm or 2pm," said Abraham.

"Sometimes we stay in a hotel, or in someone's house, or in a tent," he said.

"Sometimes we simply find a place in the jungle and sleep in our hammocks."

After resting for a year in Phuket, Abraham and Cassandra will head to Australia and Argentina before finally heading home to Kentucky.

-Kitima Pornmongkhonwat

## Yellow shirts see red over petition

**P**HUKET'S yellow-shirt leaders have filed police charges against the island's red shirts, accusing them of illegally gathering signatures for a petition seeking a royal pardon for former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

Similar actions have been taken by yellow-shirted People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD) leaders around the country.

Phuket PAD co-ordinator Aparat Chartchutikumjorn and about 30 PAD members filed complaints at Phuket City and Cherng Talay police stations last week, claiming the United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship (UDD) petition was illegal.

The document, which named three local UDD leaders, said the red shirt action was an attempt to obstruct justice and amounted to contempt of court.

The red-shirt petition asks HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej to overturn a Supreme Court decision last year which sentenced Mr Thaksin to two years jail for corruption resulting from a land deal while he was prime minister.

The former PM, who is now living in exile, refuses to return to Thailand to serve his sentence.

His supporters have spent months collecting signatures for the petition, and on Monday, a crowd of about 10,000 red shirt supporters gathered in Sanam Luang in Bangkok to deliver the petition, which contains about 10,000 Phuket signatures, to the Office of His Majesty's Principal Private Secretary.

More than 100 UDD supporters took buses from Phuket to join the red-shirt rally and to



PAD members present their complaints at Phuket City Police Station.

listen to Mr Thaksin address the crowd via a broadcast phone-in.

The former PM led the crowd in singing the Royal Anthem of HM the King *Sadudee Maha Raja*, as the procession, led by monks and students carrying Thai flags and pictures of HM The King, marched to the Grand Palace.

Red-shirt leader Veera Musigapong read the petition to Injun Buraphan, deputy private secretary of His Majesty The King, during the short ceremony.

Papers containing the 3.5 million signatures were packed in more than 500 boxes, all wrapped with red cloth.

Meanwhile, the PAD has started collecting its own signatures from people who oppose the red shirts' petition.

Ms Aparat said more than 10,000 anti-Thaksin residents had already signed and a list of their names had been sent to Bangkok.

-Atchaa Khamlo

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## Market gets makeover



**M**UNICIPAL workers, shopkeepers and volunteers have cleaned up Kaset Market in Phuket City, spraying the floors with high-pressure hoses, picking up piles of garbage and scrubbing the filthy floors with detergent. They also laid poison baits in a bid to kill off the many rats and cockroaches which infest the market.

Phuket City Deputy Mayor Watcharapong Anantakul said the clean up, which was included in celebrations marking HM Queen Sirikit's birthday last week, was part of a city-wide effort to maintain a clean and healthy environment, something which was especially important in a popular tourist destination like Phuket.

One market worker said stallholders needed to keep their stalls clean and dispose of rubbish in the bins provided.

"If we keep everything clean, more people will come to do their shopping here," he said.

# Security fears over veggie fest fireworks

**T**HE fifteenth Asean Summit meeting in October now appears certain to be moved from Phuket to the twin resorts of Cha-am and Hua Hin, although Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva will not make an official decision until Monday.

Deputy Prime Minister in charge of security issues, Suthep Thaugsuban, and Foreign Minister Kasit Piromya have both said Phuket would miss out because of security fears linked to the Chinese Vegetarian Festival which will be held at the same time.

Phuket's chances of hosting the summit were looking good after last month's successful Asean Foreign Ministers' Meetings and the Asean Regional Forum at the Laguna Phuket resort complex.

But everything changed last week when Foreign Minister Kasit Piromya announced the move to Hua Hin.

The summit would have

clashed with the annual week-long Phuket Vegetarian Festival, which begins on October 18, he said.

Officials also raised fears that the festival's firecrackers and street processions featuring flashing swords, knives and spirit mediums would interfere with security arrangements.

Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop said Pattaya had also been hoping to host the summit, but many Asean members had lost confidence in the resort town after rioting red shirts disrupted proceedings in April, forcing Thailand to cancel the summit.

Gov Wichai agreed that hosting the Asean summit during the Vegetarian Festival could have caused security problems because of the large crowds, heavy traffic and the use of firecrackers during the daily street processions.

He said the large number of firecrackers on the island during the festival might also interfere with the

highly sensitive explosive detection technology used for security.

But fireworks and street processions associated with the Vegetarian Festival are limited to areas in and around Phuket City, which are well away from the two resort complexes in Cherng Talay and Karon, which were tipped to host the summit.

Sethaphan Buddhani, director of the Tourism Authority of Thailand office in Phuket, said he had asked Asean secretary general Surin Pitsuwan to postpone the conference, to avoid it clashing with the annual Vegetarian Festival.

"But the schedule was already set and many of the foreign delegates had already confirmed their attendance on those days," he said.

The the timing of the Vegetarian Festival cannot be changed because the festival dates are determined by lunar cycles.

*-Atchaa Khamlo and  
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Plaifa Srihakom, 2, who won the lucky draw from the votes to name Chiang Mai Zoo's panda cub, meets Lin Ping at the zoo last Wednesday. The girl won 1 million baht, a car and a trip to China's Panda center.

# Addict drove off in the governor's car

UDON THANI: A drug-crazed addict stole the provincial governor's official car and took it for a joyride after finding it parked with the engine running.

Ong-at 'Kai' Macharoen, 39, ran down three motorcycles as he raced through Udon Thani Town before police shot one of the back tires, sending the Ford Everest SUV crashing into a ditch.

Udon Thani Provincial Governor Amnaji Phakarat's official driver, Khomchai Bunsit, said he parked the car outside provincial hall while he dropped off some documents.

He said he left the engine running to keep the aircon on, and when he returned he saw the car being driven out of the compound at high speed.

Police tried to flag down Ong-at, but when he refused to stop they shot the vehicle's tyres.

Ong-at lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a ditch, leaving the SUV badly damaged.

Although he was injured in the crash, Ong-at ran into bushes beside the road, but was quickly caught by police.

Police said Ong-at appeared to be under the influence of drugs, and was unable to provide a clear statement.

Ong-at's mother, Mrs Pranom Macharoen, said her son was addicted to *ya bah* (methamphetamine).

Source: Kom Chad Luek/Khao Sod

## Fortune teller saw suicide

NARATHIWAT: A young police inspector shot himself dead last Thursday after a fortune teller told him the next time he went back to his village, it would be in a coffin.

Maj Phatrawut Yangkhlang, 32, an inspector at Muno Police Station, was found dead in his police accommodation after he failed to turn up for work.

He was killed by a single gunshot to the head, and a pistol

was lying next to his body.

Doctors concluded he had committed suicide.

About three weeks ago, Maj Phatrawut consulted a clairvoyant after visiting his terminally ill mother in Suphanburi, where she lived.

The fortune teller told him the next time he went to Suphanburi it would be in a coffin.

Source: Khao Sod

## Murdered man may have been 'silenced'

NAKHON SRI THAMMARAT: A suspect in the murder of *Matichon* journalist Athiwat Chainurat was shot dead in the early hours of last Wednesday morning.

Jaruphat 'Chet' Nuannim, 35, was shot six times in the back as he left a funeral in Nakhon Sri Thammarat City.

He was taken to Maharaj Hospital, but died en route.

Mr Jaruphat was a suspect in the killing of Mr Athiwat, who was shot in his home last August.

Police said they believed Mr Jaruphat may have been 'silenced' by the masterminds behind Mr Athiwat's killing.

Mr Jaruphat was suspected of being involved with gangs of gunmen in the area.

Superintendent of Nakhon Sri Thammarat City Police, Phudis Narasing, said Mr Jaruphat had a murky past and police had been closely following his movements.

"We were still investigating his involvement in the killing of

Mr Athiwat, but were struggling to find proof," Col Phudis said.

"It's possible Mr Jaruphat was killed to silence him, but officers need to conduct further investigations," he said.

Mr Athiwat's widow, Phonphimon Chainurat, said she was sure Mr Jaruphat would be killed sooner or later and that the same fate awaited three other suspected gunmen unless the police arrested his killers quickly.

Source: MCOT/Khao Sod

## Queer News

## Bite worse than his bark

UDON THANI: A drunk driver bit two police officers who asked him to take a breathalyser test.

Police said salesman Chatsak Ploicharoen, 36, was weaving all over the road as he drove his pickup truck towards a police checkpoint in Udon Thani.

Police signaled for him to stop, but he drove straight through the checkpoint.

Two officers chased after him on motorbikes, forcing him to stop a short distance down the road.

When he was asked to blow in a breathalyser, Mr Chatsak bit Sgt Maj Phanomporn Sukarom on the forearm.

Sen Sgt Maj Pongprida Wannaram stepped in to help his partner, but not before Mr Chatsak bit the second officer's index and middle fingers down to the bone.

The injured police officers managed to subdue Chatsak who was taken to Muang Udon Thani Police Station and charged with refusing to stop at a checkpoint, drink driving and assaulting police officers.

Sgt Maj Phanomporn and Sen Sgt Maj Pongprida were taken to Udon Thani Central Hospital for treatment.

Mr Chatsak told police he had been drinking with friends in Udon Thani, and when he saw the police checkpoint, he was worried that a drink driving charge might affect his career as a traveling salesman.

He said he thought he only bit the officers very lightly and had no idea his teeth would go in so deep.

Source: Khao Sod

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# Competing for conservation



The third annual 'eco-friendly' kayaking event in tambon Wichit featured some unorthodox 'eco-events', including blindfold- and water-boxing for children.

Kayakers and local sports enthusiasts turned out along the banks of the mangrove-lined waterways in Wichit last Sunday to take part in the district's third annual kayak racing contest and other 'eco-friendly' activities.

More than 400 spectators turned out for the day's human-powered action, which had participants competing in some exciting yet slightly unorthodox sporting events.

As well as the kayak racing competition, young participants also tried boxing with blindfolds and suspended above the water.

With mangrove trees providing the lush backdrop,

contestants battled it out over the 1.5km two-man kayak heats, which were split into races for under-12s and older participants.

In the under-12's division, Sinuchan Petum and Watchapong Yamkeaw from Wat Tepnimitr School in Wichit, eased to victory.

In the men's heat, brothers Surachart Tongthip and Tiyyut Thongthip saw off all other competitors to scoop first place.

Following the kayaking, the gloves were off in the under-12s division of the water boxing, which saw children don boxing gloves and attempt to knock their opponents off a wooden beam suspended six feet above the water.

Volunteers from the Royal

Thai Navy were on hand in the water to ensure the safety of the young boxers.

Although the water boxing appeared brutal from afar, both victors and losers in the event came away beaming.

In the blind boxing contests, school children entered a specially made ring wearing blindfolds and attempted to outwit their opponents by tiptoeing over dry leaves scattered on the floor.

Dance performances and an award ceremony followed the kayaking contest and fist fights.

The event was presided over by Wichit Mayor Kreetha Saetan, who also gave out prizes at the end of the day.

# Savvy students show off their tech skills at annual science fair



Budding scientists had the chance to get some hands-on experience with scientific experiments and interactive technology at the 22nd annual Science Development Fair, held last week at Phuket Rajabhat University.

The event was part of Thailand Science Week, in which schools around the country focus on the study of science and pay tribute to Thailand's 'Father of Science and Technology', King Mongkut (Rama IV).

The fair featured exhibitions on King Mongkut and Thailand's contribution to science and technology.

Dean of the university's Faculty of Science and Technology said that more than 5,000 students flocked to the fair from the Andaman region.

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# Al fresco on the Verandah

## On the menu

WITH  
Daniel Ogunshakin

How me a man who prefers his meals indoors, and I will call him misguided, for there is great joy to be had from the simple pleasure of eating *al fresco*.

Be it a picnic in the park, an afternoon barbecue, or a romantic dinner for two under a moonlit, starry sky, the enjoyment never fades.

As an Englishman, the opportunity to eat outside was often cruelly curtailed by the British weather.

That's why us British start barbecuing the minute the sun emerges from behind the clouds.

Technically, the Verandah restaurant at Phuket Pavilions isn't outside, but a series of huge floor-to-ceiling windows, which part like a curtains, create the impression that it is.

Looking out over Laguna, with the Andaman to the right and Phuket's rolling hills to the left, the view is spectacular and almost has a Mediterranean feel.

This *bella vista* is something which didn't escape the attention of either the interior designer or the chef, given the distinct flavor of Thailand and southern Iberia in the decor and menu.

"The designer took his inspiration from the old colonial houses of the trade routes, with accents of Sino-Portuguese mixed with the southern Thai style of living," said Phuket Pavilions' resident manager, Sophie Couturier.

"The menu tries to reflect this with a fusion of southern Thai food and colonial Mediterranean flavors," she said.

As the sun dips below the Andaman, natural light is replaced by flickering candle light and subtle lighting, producing a sensual ambiance which



The floor-to-ceiling windows, which part like curtains, give the impression that the Verandah is outside.

emphasizes the rustic decor.

We started with a pomelo caprioska and a passion fruit margarita.

The *carta* features classic Thai and Western fusion dishes with a range of choices influenced by the Mediterranean, spiced with a hint of northern Africa.

After finishing our aperitifs, we plumped for our own fusion, selecting the combination Thai spring rolls and spiced minced chicken on sugar cane sticks from Thailand and a vegetable salad with lobster and tuna 'two ways' from the Med.

To complement the appetizers, we selected a Saint Clair Sauvignon Blanc from the superb Marlborough region of New Zealand.

Of the four, the tuna was the stand-out performer.

As the name suggests, the tuna was prepared in two contrasting ways; one seared with Szechuan pepper, the other tartare with ginger, served with a salsa of mango, chili and white radish.

The fish melted in the mouth and the spiciness of the Szechuan pepper was delightfully mellowed by the sweetness of the mango.

The dry, zesty nature of the Saint Clair, the hallmark of all great Sauvignon Blancs from Marlborough, made it the perfect bedfellow for the tuna.

For our main course, we chose the spice rub beef rib-eye

steak with fried potatoes, spinach with corn, herb butter and Porto wine reduction, the seafood Guisado, fresh seafood simmered in a tomato broth with chorizo, potato and green peppers and a full-bodied Saint Clair Pinot Noir.

The seafood Guisado was spectacular, featuring giant tiger prawns, rock lobster and squid pieces sat side by side with the chorizo and potatoes, all bathing in a rich tomato broth.

Feeling satisfied, it was going to take something very special to tempt us into a dessert.

A quick glance at the menu

rendered all resistance futile.

The tiramisu is always a popular choice but the eyes were drawn to the toffee apple cheesecake with blueberry sauce.

The creamy cheesecake topping on a bed of sliced apples wrapped in caramel, rested on a delicious biscuit base. It was quite possibly the highlight of the evening's dining experience.

As the stars twinkled in the moonlit sky, the relaxed setting provided the opportunity to look back at a thoroughly enjoyable dining experience.

The food and wine were



Spiced minced chicken on sugar cane sticks.

excellent, the service must rank among the best I have experienced in Phuket, while the setting, decor and views helped to create a wonderful evening.

A trip to the Verandah won't cost an arm and a leg. Although it might not be a restaurant you'd visit every night, it hits all the right notes for special occasions.

The Verandah is offering Phuket residents a 20 percent discount on food and beverages.

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# Tai Chi Timeout

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They are particularly beneficial in the early morning when the *Chi* is especially light and clean, relaxing and energizing both the mind and body for a new day.

This particular exercise is known as the 'Swimming Dragon'. Keeping your balance centered at your hips, stretch the arms and shoulders at, shoulder level, first to the left, then to the right.

Bend the legs, descend slightly and repeat the stretch left and right at chest level.

Finally, descend slightly further and repeat the stretch left and right at waist level.

As you gradually ascend, repeat the stretch left and right at chest and shoulder level to complete the entire exercise.

Move into each posture in a continuous, flowing manner to gain added flexibility and range of movement in the shoulders, hips and lower back.

## Sequence

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

**Step 2:** Keeping your balance centered at the hips, place your palms together and stretch your arms out to your left at shoulder level. The stretch will be felt along the right arm, shoulder and right side of the torso down to the waist.

**Step 3:** Next, turn your palms over and stretch your arms out to the right at shoulder level. The stretch will be felt along the left arm, shoulder and left side of the torso down to the waist.

**Step 4:** Bend the legs slightly, keeping the palms together, and repeat the stretch to the left side at chest level. Again, the stretch will be felt from the shoulder to the waist on your right-hand side.

**Step 5:** Keeping the legs slightly bent, turn your palms over and stretch your arms out to your right-hand side at chest level.

**Step 6:** Bend the legs slightly further, turn your palms over again and repeat the left-hand side stretch. This time, bring your palms across at waist level. Maintain your center of gravity in your hips and feel the stretch from your shoulder to your waist on the right side.

**Step 7:** Maintaining your crouched, balanced position, turn your palms over and stretch at waist level to the right side.

For the complete exercise, gradually ascend as you turn the palms over, stretching to both the left- and right-hand sides at chest and shoulder level. Link each of the postures in a continuous flowing manner. As your legs strengthen, balance improves and your ligaments in the arms, shoulder and sides loosen and extend. Your energy and vitality will improve and you will indeed become a 'Swimming Dragon'.

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



Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4



Step 5



Step 6

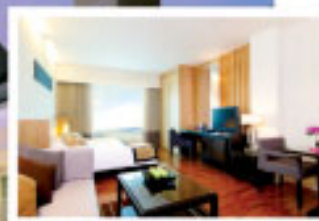


Step 7



Step 8

Rick Attix has been practicing Tai Chi for over 25 years, taking instruction with masters from China, Malaysia and the United States. Rick holds regular Tai Chi classes at his Kamalagarden residence. Classes are held three times a week; on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8am. A six-day retreat is held during the first week of every month. All levels are welcome to join. For more information visit [www.taichiphuket.com](http://www.taichiphuket.com) or email [serenethai@yahoo.com](mailto:serenethai@yahoo.com). Mobile: 081-728 9980.



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# Thrills and spills with outdoor grills

By Fraser Morton

Let's get one thing straight: barbecues are not new in Thailand, and I'm not trying to sell you one.

They're not the latest and greatest commodity to hit the Thai market and they can't transform your life.

Enhance maybe, but not transform.

You don't need the most expensive 'barbie' on the market and owning one is not essential.

But what is a necessity these days?

A bigger house, better car, a camera-phone that's an MP3 player or an MP3 player that's a phone-camera?

Wants, wants, wants.

All wants, no needs.

But let's not get too down about our excessive consumer indulgences, especially when they're food-related and intrinsically linked to our deepest carnal instincts.

Food is a need, a primal need, and the evolution of our culinary exploration into the excessive state enjoyed by most of the world today is a feat to embrace and behold.

Our embellishments and demand for the finest foods leads us into the 'need' stratosphere,



Although traditionalists may disagree, a coal-filled smoking clay pot covered with a wire grate looks a little out of place propped-down poolside at a modern villa. Alternative options pictured above.

where purchasing the best cooking devices affordable to us is now a necessity.

My own kitchen is modest, leaning on adequate, but lacking a 'desirable' barbecue.

I don't need a bloody great big kitchen complete with island-counter, the latest easy-to-clean chopping boards, or 35 piece knife set endorsed by some celebrity chef.

But at the same time, I wouldn't say no.

My current BBQ is a makeshift feat of ingenuity, discovered one Sunday afternoon while gazing at a pile of old bricks



and some scrap metal in my garden.

But in my mind's eye, I long to sizzle a plump sirloin steak on a gleaming metallic finished barbecue, dressed in buttons and settings I don't know how to use.

I would explore and adore such a cooking device and maybe my self-pleasure would burn brighter as a result. Maybe.

Here in Thailand, the barbecue lurks on every street corner.

They're in the humble homes of the poor and proudly sit alongside swimming pools of luxury villas owned by Phuket's hi-so.

They come in all shapes and



sizes, some use hot coal, some use gas, some come with safety warnings, many without.

They can be bought for the change in your pocket or break the bank, but whatever your social grade, pay bracket or BBQ specifications, there are endless choices to suit your BBQ 'needs'.

Trends point to high-end, family-size gas barbecues vying for places on the must-have lists of Phuket's 'money to burn' crowd.

Although charcoal traditionalists may disagree, a charcoal-filled smoking clay pot covered with a wire grate looks

a little out of place propped down poolside at a modern villa.

A big no-no for the high-end market and a major eyesore.

What's more, no-one wants their Sunday poolside barbecue party ruined by letting guests leave with clothes reeking of smoke.

Another serious taboo for the high-end barbecue owner.

'No-no', they would scoff.

Gas-fired BBQ's where the food is cooked over hot lava or ceramic rocks with built in flametamer, is the more palatable and 'polite' choice for today's poolside barbecue party guests.

So if you follow the trends and would-be trendsetters in the barbecue realm it seems gas is the choice of today.

At the start of this article I told you I wouldn't try and sell you a barbecue.

I was true to my word.

But the people at the Barbecue Store in Phuket will sell you the latest high-end barbecue, and with 12 years' experience in selling barbies in Thailand will probably convince you that you need one.

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# Tracing multi-cultural roots

## Teen Talk

By Maria Giuletta

Representing Thailand in the Miss *Italia nel Mondo* contest in Venice, Italy, was very exciting and made me proud of my Thai and Italian roots.

But more importantly, it gave me a chance to look more closely at my origins, and the lives of my Sicilian father and my Thai mother.

Like most people who emigrate, my parents were forced to face the unknown among people who spoke a different language and were part of a different culture.

In my mother's case, living in Sicily also meant she had to battle against some heavy prejudices.

My mum might be a small Thai woman, but she has amazing strength.

For eight years, she lived outside of her own country, but she was always loyal to Thailand

and did many things to fight the prejudices she encountered.

She also fought to improve life for other Thai women living in Italy.

Living abroad could not have been easy for her.

Life in a small provincial Sicilian town would have been difficult, but the sympathy, dedication and the persistence of my mother eventually gave her the upper hand.

When my brother and I returned to Italy earlier this year, we encountered sincere affection for my mother.

Ten other Thai ladies, who now live in the same town as my mother once did, have found life there to be a lot easier.

They don't have to suffer the same suspicions and the risk of their children becoming victims of crime as my mother did in her day.

As a tribute to my mother's pioneering efforts, there is now a road in our old home town of Leonforte in Sicily named Via Siam

I was overwhelmed with



ABOVE: Maria and her mother pray at a ground breaking ceremony. BELOW: Maria, her mother and the first secretary of the Italian Thai Embassy stand by the road named Via Siam in recognition of Maria's mother.

pride when I stopped to look at the sign on my last visit to Leonforte, and I feel that same pride every time I look it up on Google Earth.

I am still very young, and there are many things I still don't understand, but I can sense some poorly concealed animosity against my mother, even from her own friends.

Another aspect of life in Thailand which disturbs me, is the number of parents who separate, leaving their children with only one parent instead of dealing with problems at home.

Instead of feeling guilty, those people look for ways to blame their behavior on others.

This makes them act with malice towards the partner who kept the family together.

They become aggressive with anyone who tries to open their eyes or who tries to repair their mistakes.



Phuket is full of foreigners and I would ask them to be careful what they get into when it comes to relationships with locals.

Many girls dream of finding a *farang* to take care of them, and will do whatever it takes to

succeed, sometimes even turning against another Thai.

This is not always because they are evil, but more often because they lack knowledge.

Many believe there is untold wealth outside Thailand; that everything is good, and that all *farang* men are rich.

That is not always the case.

The rich *farang* myth is indeed a fictional tale and more apparent this year.

However, the believers only know the tourists who come to Thailand on holiday to have fun, and spend whatever money they have saved during the year.

The current international financial crisis has left many *farangs* with little or no money at all, which means less tourists are spending their hard-earned savings in Phuket.

Many look for someone to blame. Sadly, they are venting their frustrations on friends.





## EXPAT GALLERY

## Eric Snyder

Eric first arrived in Thailand on 30 April, 1975, the same day the US evacuated its troops and supporters from Saigon, marking the end of the Vietnam War. This became an important milestone in his personal history.

"Beginning in my mid-teens, I grew increasingly against American political and military aspirations in Southeast Asia. I was very active in anti-war demonstrations and used every means possible to avoid being drafted by the army," he says.

A fresh, 1967 graduate of the State University of New York with a BA in Economics, Eric headed to California to become a Buddhist monk for nine months. He then went 'underground' and supported himself by playing bass guitar in San Francisco Bay area bands by night and doing carpentry and electrician jobs by day.

In 1974, after finally being declared "unsuitable for military service", Eric left the States for Hong Kong to manage an airline ticketing company, where he became fluent in Cantonese and played bass with Filipino bands in five-star hotels.

Shortly after a year, and not liking the pace and noise of Hong Kong, he left for a two-week holiday in Phuket, never anticipating that those two weeks would mark

the beginning of a brand new life for him, which he now says will last "forever".

"In those days, tourism was virtually unheard of and beach-front bungalows for rent didn't exist. Destiny quickly led me to meet a Muslim family in Kamala who invited me to stay with them in their small, funky house by the beach, together with their three primary-school daughters and one orphaned high-school-aged cousin. Refusing to accept any money for rent or food, they only asked me to pay tuition, etc, to support their cousin.... Amazing Thailand!"

"Since nobody spoke English, learning to speak the southern Thai dialect evolved naturally. While living with this family, I spent many days and nights staying alone in a tree hut I built in their banana and rubber plantation high in the Kamala hills overlooking Laem Son. I caught fish down by the sea with a bamboo pole and grew a 'kitchen garden' next to the hut. There were still lots of wild boar and bob cats in the hills back then. It was like being on a long and wonderful tropical Boy Scout camping trip."

Three years later, Eric moved to manage a seaside bungalow resort in Rawai. Being the only available native English speaker in Phuket, he was eventually invited

to teach English evening courses at the Phuket Community College. During this time, he enrolled in Sukothai Thammathirat University to study Thai law but soon discovered that he would not be willing to represent individuals he felt might be guilty of crimes, thereby disqualifying himself for the practice of law in Thailand. However, through his law studies he became fully fluent in Thai.

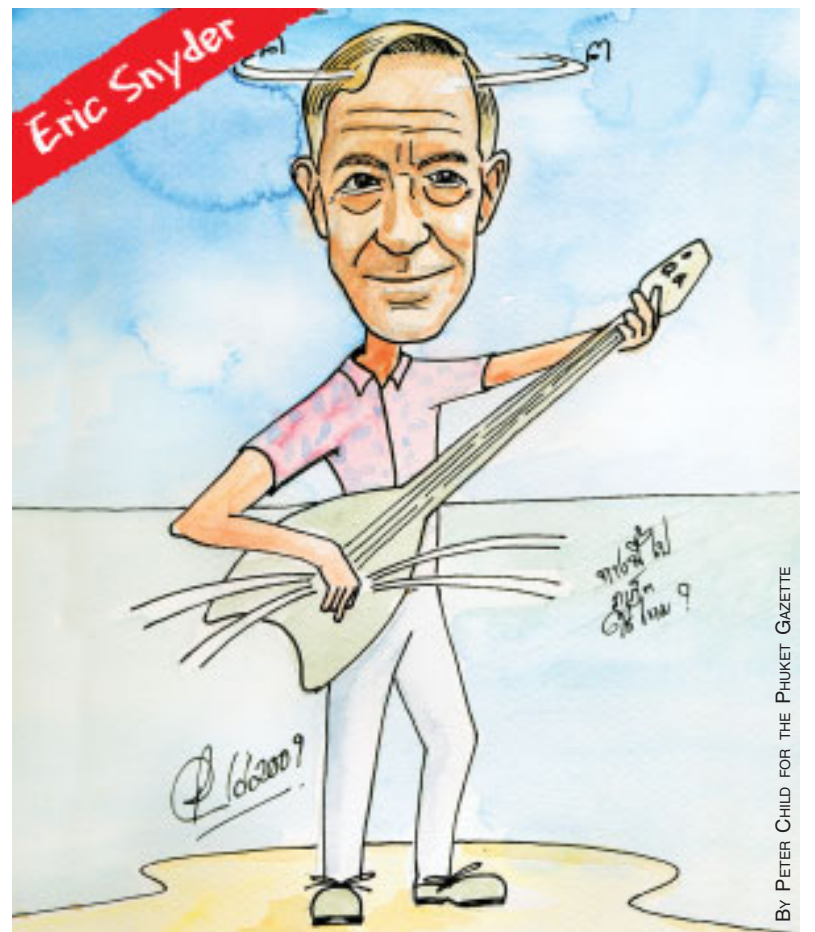
After being registered in 1983 with the Ministry of Justice as a certified interpreter for the courts – both English to Thai and Thai to English – Eric set up his own business. Since then, Jairak Enterprise has had him working out of his Phuket City home/office, dealing mostly with contract matters, setting up companies, and providing legal business consultation to both foreign and Thai clients.

"Jairak in Thai means 'to look after and maintain with the heart', and best expresses the way I manage my business with staff and clients alike," he says.

Eric, now 64 and with permanent Thai residence, is finally thinking of finding a suitable Thai lawyer or law firm partner to gradually enable him to at least ease into semi-retirement.

"I want to focus on doing charity work for the local community, sharing my knowledge, experience and abilities with people of all ages. I feel incredibly fortunate to have had such a wonderful and rewarding life in Phuket – for more than 34 years now."

– 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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Disco beats, dance moves and day-glow styles of the 80s made a comeback on the island last weekend with two 80s revival events, a retro party at Laguna as part of the resort's Summer Family Festival and an 80s revival night at Taste Restaurant and Lounge at Surin Beach. Photos by Dan Miles.



91.5FM's Russell D Russell infected Laguna with disco fever and got the party off to a spinning start.



Most managed to remember the moves for the Village People's YMCA at Laguna.



Dudes Mark "Super" Lightfoot, owner of Sundown Cafe Surin, and Jay Walker were absolutely fabulous in their 80s-era getup at Taste Restaurant and Lounge.



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## EVENTS CALENDAR

## Upcoming events on the island

**DJ Cash Money @ SOUND - September 2**

By winning the new music seminar DJ championship in New York, the DMC American mixing championship in Los Angeles and the DMC world supremacy DJ championship in London throughout the late '80s, Philadelphia's DJ Cash Money took the hip-hop world by storm. Formerly of the group PM Dawn, he's made multiple appearances on MTV, played in more than 100 cities worldwide and is currently on a tour of Asia, stopping in Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Dubai, Singapore, Beijing, Cambodia, Phuket and Bangkok. Cash Money is a true hip-hop innovator and will be making his Phuket debut at Sound Phuket. From 10pm to 2am at Sound Phuket. For further information contact Dave (English) or Art (Thai). T: 076-366 163. E: info@soundphuket.com. W: www.soundphuket.com.

**August 29. Banana Adventure Camps' Family Fun Day**

You are welcome to join us for the launch of Banana Adventure Camps at our 'Family Fun Day' at the Land and House Park in Chalong. The day will include a BBQ, swimming pool competitions, sports activities for kids, fitness testing sessions as well as a buffet, music, bar, restaurant, competitions and much more. All this is free for kids under 16 and 100 baht for adults. We look forward to seeing you there. Directions available at [www.lhphuket.com/map.pdf](http://www.lhphuket.com/map.pdf). Please show this invitation at the security gate. From 9am to 5pm at Land and House Park. For further information contact Banana Adventure Camps. T: 084-308 0827. E: info@1800phuket.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 Boathouse. For further information contact Pinyo Thippimas. T: 076-330 015. E: fb@boathousephuket.com. W: www.momtriphuket.com.

**August 28. Ferragosto**

A duo of special Italian chef friends from a deluxe five-star hotel will be cooking two different risottos à la minute at Les Anges:

- Braised 'carnaroli' risotto with white truffle and wild mushroom (vegetarian).
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E: peterw@royalphuketmarina.com.

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**September 4 – 6. Quiksilver Thailand Surf Series - Island Crown**

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.

**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 about the show 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 23. Chulalongkorn Day**

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

## COMPUTER CLINICS

**Free Computer Clinics.** Join Woody Leonhard and other Windows victims at his Sunday morning Computer Clinics, which are co-sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette*.

Woody also writes computer books, including the "Windows For Dummies" series.

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For further information contact Woody.

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

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

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

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

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

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# Malaysia offers more options



## MONEY TALKS

By Richard Watson

Many people are attracted to Southeast Asia as a retirement destination. Of all the countries in the region, Thailand is one of the most popular choices, but it doesn't suit everyone.

Many retirees believe Thailand performs poorly when it comes to visas and the issue of property ownership.

Most are at a stage in their lives where they want to be settled, and the one-year Thai retirement visa is simply too short.

Others want to own 'landed' property on a freehold basis, which is simply not possible in Thailand.

Malaysia has a totally different attitude toward retirees.

Years ago, they launched the 'Silver Hair Program', which has become the 'Malaysia My Second Home' program – more commonly referred to as MM2H.

In the aftermath of the Asian financial crisis of the late 1990s, then Malaysian prime

minister Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad rethought Malaysia's attitude toward foreign ownership of residential property.

Foreigners could own Malaysian property on a freehold basis, providing the value of the property was more than 2.5 million baht (250,000 ringgit).

This condition was attached for two reasons.

Firstly, the Malaysian government did not want foreign buyers competing with poorer Malaysians, and secondly, they didn't want to attract cash-strapped foreigners.

In the early years, the regulations required that the property purchase was approved by both the local state government and the federal government.

That has now changed and federal government approval is no longer required.

In a bid to prevent property speculation, and no doubt to gain extra revenue, a capital gains tax was levied which decreased over time in terms of percentage.

That has all changed.

There is no capital gains tax anymore, but foreigners must now hold a property for a minimum of three years.

Foreigners can also own up to three properties, although it has been hinted that they can own more.

Malaysia was historically a British colony and its legal system is based on British law.

The MM2H program offers a renewable 10-year multiple entry visa, renewal of which appears to be nothing more



Former Malaysian prime minister Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad led a rethink of Malaysia's attitude toward foreign ownership of residential property. AFP Photo/Jimin Lai

than a formality.

The requirements for a visa are more stringent than they are in Thailand, but once through the system, it offers additional benefits.

All applicants must be able to demonstrate what is officially known as 'financial strength'.

The Malaysian government requires applicants to show the equivalent of at least 3.5 million baht (360,000 ringgit) in a foreign bank account.

This is viewed as a 'borderline' case; the more you can show, the better your chance of success.

Other assets, including property and shares, can support a borderline case. However, all applicants must have cash deposits.

On the strength of this, conditional approval can be given.

The visa itself can only be issued once you are in Malaysia.

To obtain a visa, the applicant also needs a medical report, medical insurance (if applicable) and, if over 50 years old, one of the following three requirements:

1. A fixed deposit of 1.5 million baht (156,000 ringgit) in a Malaysian bank for a period of one year, after which 500,000 baht (52,000 ringgit) may be withdrawn for property purchase,

medical treatment or education.

The remaining amount has to stay in the bank.

2. A one-million-baht (105,000 ringgit) bank deposit if the applicant has purchased property in Malaysia worth at least 10 million baht (1 million ringgit).

3. A monthly pension worth at least 100,000 baht (1,000 ringgit) from either a government or major international company.

There is a category for under-50s, but the requirements are higher. A medical examination is required for all applicants.

People under 60 require medical insurance, but insurance is not mandatory for over-60s.

The fixed deposits and income requirements are set in Malaysia's own currency, the ringgit, and conversions have been made into baht.

Simply divide all figures by 10 to reach the actual figure in ringgit.

The Malaysian government doesn't require applicants to send any money to Malaysia until the MM2H visa has been conditionally approved.

Applicants for the MM2H program have to be made via an authorized sponsor, and a growing number of companies now offer this service.

The first company to be authorized under this program was the Penang-based Alter Domus. They, like many others, have their own website, as does the Malaysian government.

Once an application has been approved, there is no requirement to actually live in Malaysia.

The visa lasts for 10 years and the application process takes two to three months.

All overseas funds sent to Malaysia are tax free, as is the interest on any mandatory fixed deposit.

During the first year after obtaining approval, successful applicants are allowed to buy one new vehicle, duty free.

Malaysia's vehicle market is essentially identical to Thailand's. Locally manufactured brands like Toyota and Honda are taxed small amounts by the government, while foreign makes such as BMW, Volkswagen, Peugeot and Volvo are taxed heavily.

The duty-free concession is very attractive and Malaysian car dealers are all very aware of the MM2H program.

Worldwide, it is unusual to see two-tier pricing that favors foreign nationals.

The Malaysian government also understands that retirees often have skills which are useful to the economy.

Members of the MM2H program are now allowed to work for up to 20 hours per week, but permission has to be granted in each case.



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# PUZZLES

## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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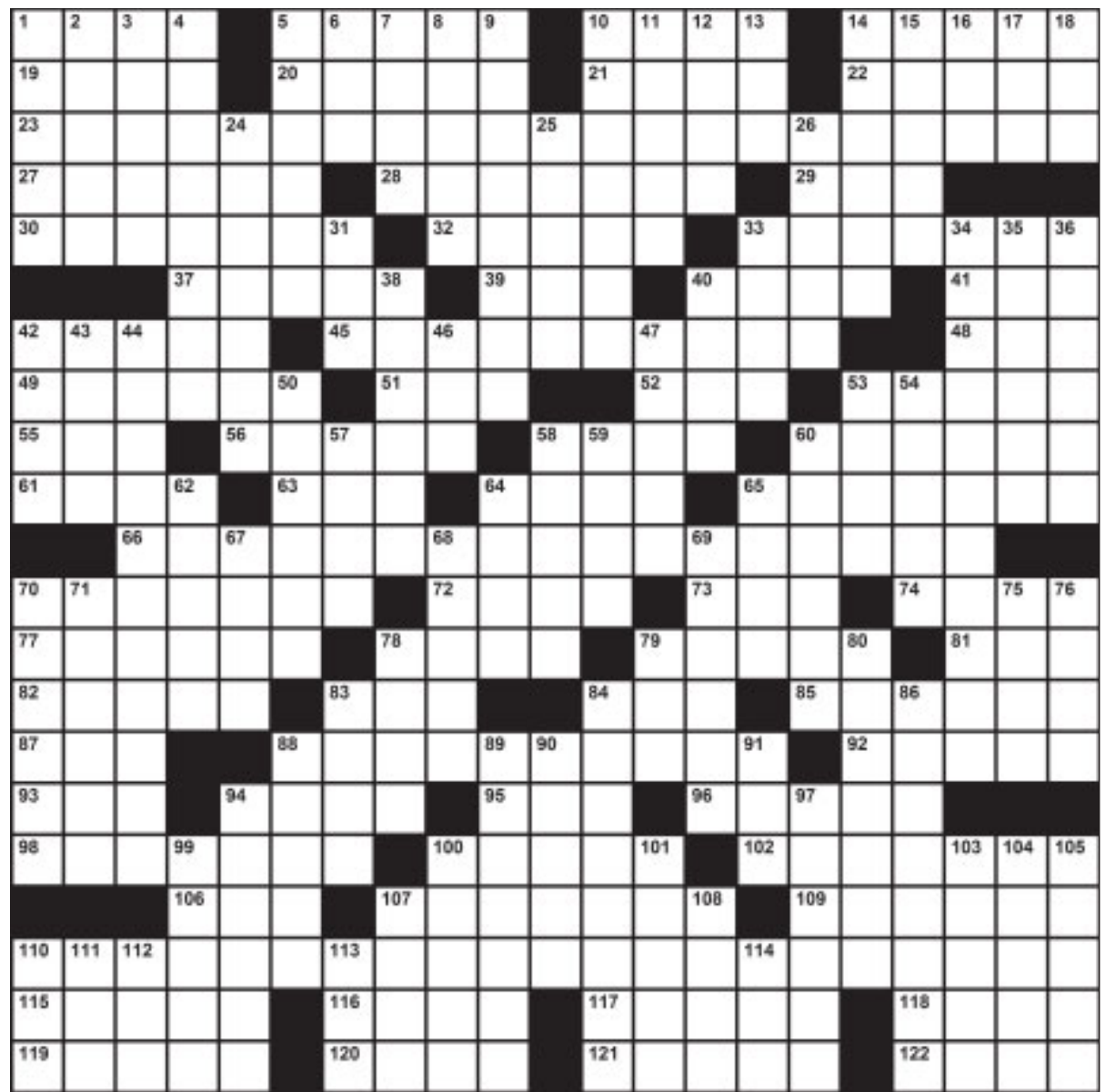
Solution: 10 letters

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### ACROSS

- 1 Backing for plaster
- 5 Memory failure, e.g.
- 10 Waiter's income, partially
- 14 Type of note or number
- 19 Another word for margarine
- 20 Areas with skylights
- 21 Years, in Madrid
- 22 Emulate a feeding hummingbird
- 23 Performs a magician's trick
- 27 Pheasant under glass, for one
- 28 Actress Laurie of "Roseanne"
- 29 Mineral
- 30 Mineral-rich condiment
- 32 Belts
- 33 Most difficult
- 37 "How I Spent my Summer Vacation," e.g.
- 39 \_\_\_ and the same
- 40 Loses rigidity
- 41 When doubled, Gauguin's journal
- 42 Type of pool
- 45 Surface features of a region
- 48 A solo home run gets one
- 49 Decennial count
- 51 Baby butter?
- 52 Nuclear treaty result
- 53 Aviator
- 55 Address on the WWW
- 56 Shrill-voiced bird
- 58 Pass, as years
- 60 Silverstone of "Clueless"
- 61 Chi-Town daily
- 63 Didn't malfunction
- 64 It may be before one's time?
- 65 Medium-sized wildcats
- 66 Highlight of some magic acts
- 70 Like good waiters
- 72 "Telephoto" or "contact" follower
- 73 "The Bourne Supremacy" org.

- 74 "... have to watch what \_\_\_ on this diet"
- 77 Opposed (to)
- 78 Awkward brute
- 79 Big bang material
- 81 Biology class abbr.
- 82 "Why \_\_\_ I think of that?"
- 83 A finished movie is in it
- 84 "Friend or \_\_\_?"
- 85 Low-volume sound
- 87 Aries, e.g.
- 88 Old World warbler
- 92 Specialized investment orgs.
- 93 Big Band, for one
- 94 "30 Rock" creator Fey
- 95 "Norma \_\_\_" (Sally Field film)
- 96 "Cheers!" e.g.
- 98 Cooperation between groups
- 100 Auctioneer's warning
- 102 Subject of Newton's first law of motion
- 106 "Fee, fi, fo, \_\_\_"
- 107 Browned
- 109 Gathers bit by bit
- 110 What a new magician does, perhaps
- 115 "Have \_\_\_" (waiting room words)
- 116 Carefully select
- 117 Best-case scenario
- 118 "Been there, \_\_\_ that"
- 119 Popular apple-sauce brand
- 120 Away from the breeze
- 121 "As You Like It" lady
- 122 Palmist, e.g.

### DOWN

- 1 Metal deposits
- 2 Style of dress
- 3 Acorn's coat
- 4 Makes husky, as a voice
- 5 A zoot suit has wide ones
- 6 Put a side inside?
- 7 Birmingham baby buggy

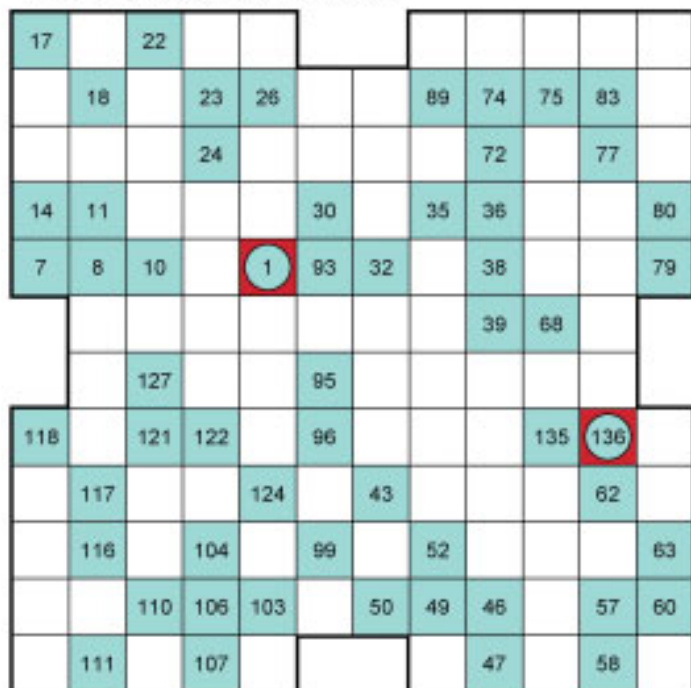
- 8 Begets
- 9 "Unforgiven" star and director
- 10 Brightly colored bird
- 11 Airports like JFK and LAX
- 12 Magician's word or sound
- 13 Certain British Airways plane, once
- 14 Helicopter sounds
- 15 Keen-edged
- 16 Reproductive cells
- 17 Island ringlet
- 18 Leave the straight and narrow
- 24 Metaphor for dense fog
- 25 "Happy Birthday" medium
- 26 "Lazybones" composer
- 31 "I taught I taw a putty \_\_\_"
- 33 Nuclear fission co-discoverer Otto
- 34 Manhattan Project scientist
- 35 "Whatever happens, happens"
- 36 Influential 12th-century Japanese clan
- 38 Making a team, as from oxen
- 40 "\_\_\_ or neuter your pet"
- 42 Rabbit's tail
- 43 Dakota, once (Abbr.)
- 44 Male in the armed forces
- 46 Unwelcome part of some fruit
- 47 "\_\_\_ Road" (Beatles album)
- 50 Amino acid found in proteins
- 53 Canine tormentor
- 54 Palmer of "The Boys From Brazil"
- 57 "For \_\_\_ of a nail ..."
- 58 106-Across utterer
- 59 "Against All \_\_\_"
- 60 "Third time's \_\_\_"

- 62 Highlander's offspring
- 64 \_\_\_ cheese (salad topping)
- 65 "Don't count \_\_\_!"
- 67 Young man's direction, to Greeley
- 68 "\_\_\_ came a spider ..."
- 69 Most accurate under pressure
- 70 West Coast nine
- 71 Building with lots of wings?
- 75 "Sometimes you feel like \_\_\_, sometimes you don't"
- 76 Pea jacket wearers
- 78 "Peyton Place" actress Turner
- 79 "\_\_\_ TURN" (road sign)
- 80 Pompous pronoun
- 83 Rabbit fur (Var.)
- 84 Frantic
- 86 Secondhand tires
- 88 Eighteenth letter of the Greek alphabet
- 89 Hot water, so to speak
- 90 Aristide's former home
- 91 "Polloi" preceder
- 94 Some charitable foundations
- 97 Luanda is its capital
- 99 Black piano key
- 100 "Gone With the Wind" star Clark
- 101 Crystal-lined rock
- 103 California border lake
- 104 Completely ridiculous
- 105 Colorful perennial
- 107 "Herzog" author
- 108 Swordsman's challenge
- 110 "Dallas" character
- 111 Bob Hope tour gp.
- 112 Give permission to
- 113 Alternative to JVC or Panasonic
- 114 Mai \_\_\_ (rum cocktail)

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- Which animal's name translates as 'water horse'?
- In Greek mythology, who killed the Gorgon?
- Which two metals are alloyed to make pewter?
- In 1899 the Eastman
- company in the USA produced the first what?
- What links the names Sartre, Nietzsche, Spinoza, Russell and Descartes?
- In 1643, Evangelista Torricelli invented the first what?
- Which Spanish painter held his first exhibition aged 16?
- Where did the mutineers of the ship the *Bounty* settle?
- What is the longest river in Italy?
- What does a polyandric woman have more than one of?
- What links Brazil, Uruguay, Mozambique and Angola?
- What is the American equivalent of Irish poteen?
- Who was the last king of Troy, killed by Achilles's son Pyrrhus?
- In 1911, Hiram Bingham discovered which lost city?
- Who won the Superbowl in 1989?
- Who wrote the books *Billy Budd* and *Moby Dick*?
- Which highwayman rode the horse Black Bess?

Answers below



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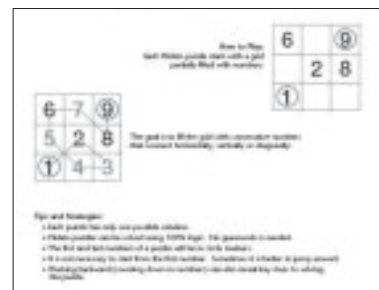
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**Monster Quiz Answers**

- The Great Escape*;
- A nosebleed;
- Around the World in 80 Days*;
- Hippopotamus;
- Perseus;
- Tin and lead;
- Handheld rolled film camera;
- Philosophers;
- Barometer;
- Pablo Picasso.
- Pitcairn Islands;
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- Former colonies of Portugal;
- Moonshine;
- Priam;
- Machu Picchu;
- San Francisco 49ers;
- Herman Melville;
- Dick Turpin.

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

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# The last Victorian explorer



## Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

Recently there's been a lot of publicity about the deaths of the last two British veterans of World War I. Six years ago came the death of the last of the great romantic 'Victorian' explorers, Sir Wilfred Thesiger.

He was born in 1910 and grew up in Ethiopia where his father was British minister in Addis Ababa.

After attending Eton and Oxford, he set out on a life of exploring the mountains and deserts of Africa, Arabia and South Asia.

I've read a biography about Thesiger and he pops up in the travel books of Eric Newby and Gavin Young, but I'd never read any of his books

until now and I'm glad I did; he is a superb writer.

*Arabian Sands* (Penguin Classics, London, 1959, 347pp) is his masterwork about 'the happiest five years of my life', from 1945 to 1950, when he traveled by camel around the lower Arabian peninsula, crossing the notorious Empty Quarter twice.

The opening lines of his prologue are famous in the world of travel literature:

"A cloud gathers, the rain falls, men live; the cloud disperses with rain, and men and animals die."

Of his first experience of the Sahara Desert, he writes:

"For this was the real desert where differences of race and color, of wealth and social standing, are almost meaningless; where coverings of pretense are stripped away, and basic truths emerge. It was a place where men live close together.

"Here, to be alone was to feel at once the weight of fear, for the nakedness of this land was more terrifying than the darkest forest at dead of night. In the pitiless light of day we were as insignificant as the

beetles I watched laboring across the sand.

"Only in the kindly darkness could we borrow a few square feet of desert and find homeliness within the radius of the firelight, while overhead the familiar pattern of the stars screened the awful mystery of space."

In the southern Arabian peninsula, the people he comes to admire the most are the Rashid, a Bedu tribe eeking out a perilous living on the edge of the Empty Quarter.

"Bedu notice everything and forget nothing," he notes.

"Garrulous by nature, they reminisce endlessly, whiling away with chatter the long marching hours, and talking late into the night round their camp fires. Their life is at all times desperately hard, and they are merciless critics of those who fall short in patience, good humor, generosity, loyalty, or courage.

"They make no allowance for the stranger. Whoever lives with the Bedu must accept Bedu conventions and conform to Bedu standards. Only those who have journeyed with them can appreciate the strain of such a life."

In crossing the Empty

Quarter, Thesiger and his Rashid companions must survive on a handful of flour and a pint of water a day.

They are always hungry and thirsty.

The greatest challenge are the steep 500-foot sand dunes that they must cautiously climb with their camels.

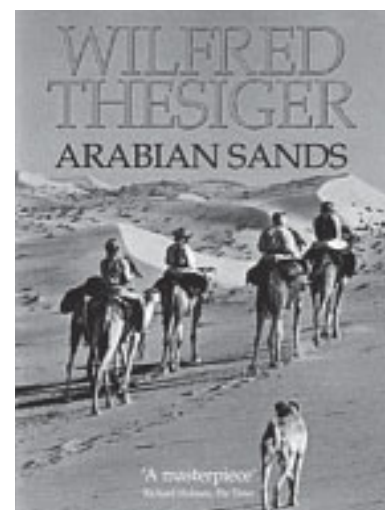
"We led the trembling, hesitating animals upward along great sweeping ridges where the knife-edged crests crumbled beneath our feet.

"Although it was killing work, my companions were always gentle and infinitely patient. The sun was scorching hot and I felt empty, sick and dizzy. As I struggled up the slope, knee-deep in drifting sand, my heart thumped wildly and my thirst grew worse.

"I found it difficult to swallow; even my ears felt blocked, and yet I knew that it would be many intolerable hours before I could drink."

The crossing of this mountain range of sand is the climax of the journey, and of the book itself.

There are more relaxed chapters about bandit raids and



falconry hunts, medieval forts and tiny ports that would in a half century grow into giant cities.

As Thesiger is writing in the late 1950s, he foresees the coming of oil and the disappearance of an ancient way of life.

But he has left us with an indelible description of how things were.

"I shall always remember how often I was humbled by those illiterate herdsmen who possessed in so much greater measure than I, generosity and courage, endurance, patience and light-hearted gallantry."

## Horoscopes



Isla Star

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 23): Your down to earth good sense should help you avoid making mistakes this week. An air sign is poised to try and convince you that a new business venture is paved with gold. Some careful investigation will reveal that there is nothing to be gained from being involved with this person. Virgoans celebrating a birthday during the week ahead will find work that brings more satisfaction in the coming year.

**LIBRA** (September 24-October 23): Your talents for turning circumstances to your advantage are put to good use during the last week of August. Librans who can take the rough with the smooth should end the month on an upbeat note. Those who are more sensitive are advised to ignore a negative atmosphere at work midweek when a stressed out Sagittarian colleague would like you to share their worries. Wear the color hibiscus red to encourage strong energy.

**SCORPIO** (October 24-November 22): Those born under the sign of Scorpio who are still experiencing problems at work may need to take dramatic action this week. The stars suggest that agreements can be reached by the end of August, but you could have to settle for less than originally hoped for. Romance sparkles this weekend when a reunion with another water sign is indicated. The number eight can bring good luck

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 21): Your focus should be on remaining cool this week. An unsettled astrological atmosphere prevails until the end of the month for Sagittarians and your short temper is likely to have a bad effect on those around you. Those in a relationship with an earth sign will find the understanding they need, but an air sign partner could show their frustration. Wear a piece of light amethyst to encourage a calmer outlook.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): An interesting end to the month of August will see many Capricorns adjusting any plans they made for September. The stars suggest that a surprise reunion with an old friend could prompt changes in your working life. This weekend is an auspicious time to reveal your romantic feelings towards an air sign. Tuesday is your luckiest day for discussions relating to finance, but don't accept the first offer too quickly.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): Romance continues to occupy much of your attention during the last week of August. Your partner's idea for an intimate getaway comes as a welcome break from a business project that is slow to get off the ground. Those born under the sign of Aquarius who have still not found the love of their life can expect to meet a special Sagittarian.

The number three can be lucky late next week.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): Colleagues are forecast to be more supportive as August draws to a close and Pisceans can look forward to a more productive month in September. Next Thursday is the most auspicious day for signing contracts and a property deal is forecast to lead to other opportunities. Your luck in love is up and down this week – an air sign shows more interest, but pursuing Capricorn is a waste of your time.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20): Actions speak louder than words in more than one area of your life this week. To avoid being accused of making empty promises at work, Arians will need to show they can come up with the goods. Affairs of the heart also require some extra input when someone complains of neglect. Where finances are concerned, the stars predict that you will end the month better off than anticipated.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21): Family and friends could have trouble understanding your point of view this week. Many of those born under the sign of Taurus will be affected by a confused mood and this is a good opportunity to spend more time alone in quiet contemplation. As September begins, you should know what it is you really want. A meeting with Libra gives you reason for

romantic dreams and these could become reality.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21): Geminis will be relieved when a heart to heart discussion with Aquarius clears the air this weekend. This relationship will flourish when honesty prevails. It may be tempting to prolong your summer holiday, but some work matters should not be conveniently forgotten for much longer. Balancing the books could show you that someone owes more than you thought. Wear the color cherry red to encourage a more romantic mood.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23): Budget conscious Cancerians will be glad to discover a way to make their cash go further this week. However, talking to a spendthrift

family member shouldn't be delayed for much longer. Sunday is the most auspicious day to explain that your money tree cannot provide an endless harvest. A business trip before the end of the month will be successful, but getting sidetracked needs to be avoided. The number four is lucky this weekend.

**LEO** (July 24-August 22): Those born under the sign of Leo who have been nursing a broken heart have their attention suddenly diverted this week. The stars suggest that a new leisure time pursuit could become a strong focus for your energy. If you're looking for love, a recent encounter with a water sign that you thought was a flash in the pan can lead to more. Wear the color sunshine yellow to encourage optimism.



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## Confusion is costly

Recent confusion over the hosting of the upcoming 15th Asean Summit is a clear indication of the need for better public relations and decision-making by the government, which currently holds the revolving Asean chair.

The 14th Asean Summit was successfully held in Hua Hin earlier this year, having been moved there out of fear that United Front of Democracy Against Dictatorship protesters would disrupt the event if it were held in the capital, as originally planned.

While that summit went off without a hitch, the Foreign Ministry's poorly conceived decision to hold the 15th Asean summit in Pattaya over the Songkran holiday backfired in spectacular fashion, with images of the resulting chaos being beamed all over the globe.

It was the last thing the Thai tourism industry needed when it was still recovering from the crippling effects of the illegal takeover of both Bangkok airports by the People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD) in November 2008, just as the last high season for tourism was getting into full swing.

The next blunder came when the government prematurely announced that the rescheduled summit would be hosted by Phuket in June, only to find out that some member states and their dialogue partners were unavailable – or perhaps unwilling – to attend.

Then, with the summit date firmly fixed for two days in late October, different members of the government began issuing contradictory statements about where the proceedings would be held on an almost daily basis.

PM Abhisit Vejjajiva finally stepped in to put an end to the confusion by saying a decision would be announced on Monday.

The delay, however, gives the Foreign Ministry just two months to organize the event, which starts at a time when bookings in both resorts will be on the rise.

It should be remembered that the Pattaya fiasco could have been avoided if the ministry had moved faster in booking the necessary number of rooms in Phuket, where it originally intended to hold the summit in April.

It will be a real shame if Phuket does not get the summit, because both Laguna Phuket and the Hilton Arcadia Phuket Resort & Spa are perfectly capable hosts.

The excuse that Phuket's Vegetarian Festival would somehow compromise security for the summit makes little sense given the distance of both resorts from Phuket Town.

More importantly, with so much international media expected to cover the summit, Phuket would lose an unprecedented opportunity to showcase its most unique cultural tradition to the world – and that would be a great boost for tourism.

– *The Editor*

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### Evidence wanted

In your last editorial you said that "new roads in remote areas inevitably serve as Trojan horses for encroachers, as the road to the Big Buddha in Karon demonstrates".

Why don't you publish evidence of this claim in order to give your comment legitimacy?

I would love to know the facts and it would make fascinating reading.

**Tom Jones  
Phuket**

### Phuket is safe

There's been a lot of debate of late about whether or not Phuket is a safe place to live or visit.

There is crime on the island, of course there is, but Phuket's pretty safe in my opinion and there is very little to fear.

There are plenty of people who live here and constantly moan about how dangerous it is, but if you really think it's too violent, move away.

The majority of the crimes that are reported by our news outlets are committed by Thais and affect other Thais.

Foreigners, in my opinion, have nothing more to worry about in Phuket than in any other place.

Phuket is the smallest city I've ever lived in and, statistically, I've lived in far more violent cities, but I've never seen a shooting or stabbing and neither has anyone I know.

One of us may be unlucky and get caught up in the cross-fire, but you cannot live your life worrying about such things.

Take reasonable care, don't annoy the locals, say please and

thank you, and you'll more than likely be okay.

If people aren't prepared to do that, perhaps they should buy their own island and live alone.

**markg  
Gazette/Thai Visa  
Phuket Forum**

### The stats don't add up

When I read the statistics listing the criminal offenses that occurred during the month of July, I was surprised [*Gazette* online, August 13].

The piece that was posted reported the following:

"There were 48 reported cases of theft or vandalism (-18.6 percent year-on-year), with 38 arrests.

"Of these, there were eight reports of motorbike theft (+166.7 percent year-on-year), with arrests in all cases, and six snatch-and-run cases, with five arrests."

On July 2, my wife's brand new Fino was stolen in front of her son's apartment in Phuket Town and we reported it to the police.

I was happy to learn that arrests were made in all cases, so we went to the police station in Phuket Town to see if they had got our motorbike back.

As it turned out they hadn't, so it begs the question, who is turning the facts around and misleading the people?

**Manu Alders  
Phuket**

### Community spirit

Given all the scams, rip offs and crimes we hear about on a regular basis, especially the sickening case of the poor blind lady who was robbed by some young hoodlums, it was heartwarming to read that a community group had paid off the

debts of a number of members of the local sea gypsy community [*Gazette* online, August 18].

These poor folk have suffered more than most during this low season and to hear what they were threatened with was truly harrowing.

It disgusts me that so many people are eager to take advantage of the plight of others, just to make a quick buck.

What's even more sickening is that these same people are willing to torture people when they are unable to repay the loans and the crippling interest rates.

Thank goodness for the 'Poor's Right to Develop Phuket Network' and their generosity.

**Sally Helliwell  
Rawai**

### Slim survival chance

I'm struggling to understand the road safety laws in Phuket and in Thailand.

I arrived in Phuket three months ago from America to take a TEFL course and hopefully stay for a year, but I'm worried I will become another statistic on Phuket's roads.

The speed and blatant lack of respect for other road users shown by many on Phuket's roads is a disgrace.

It seems every week there is a report in your newspaper of a motorcyclist killed and I'm worried I'll be next.

Why doesn't anyone do something about the problem?

I can only hope that when you report these incidents in the paper someone in power out there is taking notice, but just now it seems no one cares.

**Anthony Bell  
Chalong**

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# Another month and no new solutions

The first countries using mass propaganda techniques were the totalitarian regimes of the 20th century.

They wanted to create new men and women with new thinking – and they believed one way to achieve this was by bombarding people with messages in public space.

Often this thought-changing objective was muddled up with another aim: to unite people behind the leadership.

Often this was done by playing on people's fears of enemies,

real or imagined, without or within. Campaigns raged against external imperialists, and internal counter-revolutionaries.

Sowing anxiety is a powerful propaganda technique.

Other countries took up the same techniques during wartime – for similar reasons.

They wanted to unite people against the enemy, mobilizing people's efforts for the cause.

Again the emotion that was key to the technique was anxiety.

You are in danger.

Do something.

As the media has become more sophisticated and intrusive, so has the usage of such campaigns become more common.

But people have become more sophisticated too. They know the techniques. They filter out the messages they don't need. Nowadays, few countries attempt such mass propaganda techniques in the old style.

Recently in Thailand, a new campaign seems to have appeared on an almost monthly basis.

In April and May, billboards began dotting highways across the country with the message, "Protect the

Institution. Calm. Peace. Unity".

The 'institution' was not specified, but the billboard carried a collage of the Royal Family.

Along the base were the names of the Interior Ministry and the local government of that area.

Although the ministry orchestrated the campaign, it 'requested' that each local administration throughout the country pay for these signs.

Although the heading of the billboards is phrased in the

imperative, there is no indication what people are supposed to do in order to comply with its call.

This

campaign seemed limited to these billboards, so the mystery remains – and certainly some anxiety.

In June the 'moso' campaign surfaced, with blanket coverage on TV and the Skytrain in Bangkok.

Young people were informed by the posters that they loved 'moso', though it took some effort to find out what 'moso' was – and why they should love it. More anxiety.

A helpful website revealed that this campaign was created by the Army's Internal Security Operations Command, or Isoc.

The site also told the bewildered that 'moso' meant 'moderation society' and that basically it would solve most of Thailand's problems, including the economic crisis.

In July, buses appeared around Bangkok with the anxiety-enhancing question: 'What can you do to show your love for your country?'

Unlike the other two campaigns, the author of this campaign is more secretive. Neither the buses nor the related website reveal where the campaign originated.



Bangkok supporters of the recently launched 'I Love Thailand' campaign.

However, since the prime minister fronted the launch on July 3, it seems clear this is an official government effort. But the secretiveness is telling.

The website, [www.ilovethailand.org](http://www.ilovethailand.org), is modeled on a social networking site.

There are blogs and forums and places to post photos and videos.

The campaign slogan is: Unite the power of 63 million hearts to build confidence in Thailand.

At the launch, the prime minister seemed to say the aim of the campaign was to build external confidence, but the contents of the site are more about internal unity.

The page explaining the rationale of the campaign starts out by lamenting the divisions of recent years, employing one of the long-lasting images of nationalistic discourse, the simile of a human body.

"If we compare our Thailand to a human body then that person is mentally and physically battered and bruised. When the legs, arms and various organs of the body do not work in concert, but each in a selfish manner, then there is no unity and our country is unable to move ahead with security."

The page then proposes the solution:

"The way we can help ourselves is by adopting the correct and certain thinking of upholding the national interest and reducing our personal interests and conflicts over pointless things."

For those of you still anxious about how to answer the bus and show your love for the country, the site has some pointers.

If you click on forums you surprisingly come to a page selling 'I Love Thailand' T-shirts in large quantities.

Another page has some lovely shots for computer-screen wallpaper with the 'I Love Thailand' slogan in the corner.

Judging from the posted videos, if you hang around a Bangkok shopping mall long enough someone will thrust a cardboard speech-bubble reading 'I Love Thailand' in your hands and ask you to say a few words.

The main campaign invites you to enter a photo contest. Other pages urge you to send in ideas of what the campaign should be doing.

It is still early days for the campaign and for the site, but it's hard to see a compelling reason for anyone to adopt

I Love Thailand as his or her social networking portal.

Though the owners sometimes duck and hide, it is clear all these campaigns are paid for with public money.

In different ways, they sow anxiety. Each month citizens are called to another task.

Protect the institution. Join the moderation society. Show your love for the country.

Each time, it is not so clear how citizens should comply.

Both the moso and I Love Thailand campaigns are explicitly designed to counter the social and political divisions of recent years.

For one, the answer is to act moderately. For the other, the answer is to unite.

Neither campaign acknowledges that there might be some real causes underlying those divisions.

Neither campaign suggests any solutions to such causes.

Neither acknowledges that people may have plunged into political activism because they thought it was their civic duty and because they had the country's interest at heart.

Both want to sweep real problems under the carpet where they will fester and ferment.

Is this a wise strategy?

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## Can my Thai wife's teenage daughter sell her own land?

I live in Norway with my Thai wife and her daughter, the latter of whom owns four rai in central Bangkok.

We are considering trying to sell the land, and it is our understanding that she must be 15 years old to do so, which she now is.

Does she also need a Thai ID card and does she have to go to Thailand to get one, or can she acquire a Thai ID card from the Thai Embassy in Norway?

Thorbjorn H Olsen  
Oslo, Norway

An officer at the Phuket Provincial Land Office replies:

Your wife's daughter cannot sell her land while she is only 15 as the law states she must be 20 years old to be able to sell it on her own.

For now, her mother and biological father are the only people who may sell the land on her behalf, if she wishes to do so.

If this is the case, it will require both parents' and the daughter's ID cards, the house registration documents of her parents and the title deeds of the land she wishes to sell.

This cannot be done overseas.

For more information contact Phuket Provincial Land Office, 36 Damrong Road, Muang, Phuket 83000.

T: 076-212103. F: 076-212103.

## Can I get a work permit and establish my own business?

I am a new resident here in Phuket, having moved here because my wife was offered a job on the island.

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Andrew G Watson  
Phuket

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# Phuket wins first point at home

Phuket FC's giant Cameroonian striker Peka came the closest to breaking the deadlock at Surakul Stadium as Phuket FC registered their first ever point at home following a keenly contested 0-0 draw with Krabi on Saturday night.

Recalled to the starting line up, Peka smashed a volley against the crossbar midway through the first half.

Phuket FC captain Anurak Petluan went close with a couple of free kicks from long range, while Phuket keeper Suthep Sae-Ung made some good stops to deny the visitors.

Despite having lost their previous six home matches, the Sea Dragons went into the match full of confidence on the back of an outstanding away victory at fourth-placed Nakhon Sri Thammarat the previous weekend.

The home side made the brighter start against their local rivals, enjoying some good possession, and were unlucky not to take the lead when Peka hit a volley on the turn only to see it strike the crossbar and rebound to safety.

With their tails up, the home side sensed Krabi were there for the taking and went close again when the outstanding Sidibe Daouda skipped around the entire Krabi defense only to be denied by a desperate last ditch challenge.

Despite all their possession, the Sea Dragons' defensive frailties were still apparent and it was Krabi who had the best chance to open the scoring when their striker was given time and space in the penalty area, but failed to beat Suthep, who was fortunate to see the rebound blasted straight at him.

Phuket were enjoying the lion's share of the possession as Anurak and play maker Japan Sae-Ung were dictating the tempo in the middle of the park.

Japan stung the Krabi keeper's palms with an ambitious effort, while Anurak saw a 30-yard free kick fly narrowly past the post right on the stroke of half time.

After the restart, the fans inside Surakul Stadium witnessed a much more even contest as both teams shared possession.

Suthep was called into



After securing their first ever point at Surakul Stadium, together with the 2-1 win at Nakhon Sri Thammarat, Phuket FC go into their final match of the season against Satun on a two-match unbeaten run.

action once again early in the second half, tipping a dipping free-kick over the crossbar. At the other end, Krabi's Pisarn Kayankit kicked a dangerous ball across the six-yard box, which somehow managed to evade everyone.

As the game headed into the

final minutes, the attending Phuket FC fans started to believe their side could claim a first ever point at home. However, their nerves were tested one final time, when Krabi were awarded a debatable free-kick deep into stoppage time.

As everyone held their breath, the ball was floated into

the box, but was comfortably dealt with by the home side, allowing the Sea Dragons to close out the game to claim a historic first point at Surakul.

Phuket FC's final match of the season is away at second-placed Satun on August 22. Kick off TBC. **-James Goyder**

# Dominant Haigh secures world crown

A dominant display from Phuket-based Muay Thai fighter Claire Haigh saw her claim her first world title at the Queen's Cup event in Bangkok last week.

One of a large contingent of fighters from Phuket, Haigh, from Luxembourg, controlled the fight from start to finish before the referee was forced to end the contest, which was broadcast to a nationwide audience.

Elsewhere, there were wins for Cara Nodwell and Theresa Wintermyr, who secured victories on points, while Jonny Betts, Cyrus Washington and Nico Meier all suffered defeats by way of knock out (KO).

Some of the best *farang* fighters on Phuket were invited

to participate in the annual event held at Sanam Luang Park, in front of the Grand Palace in Bangkok

The most interesting match up saw Claire Haigh, one of three fighters representing Tiger Muay Thai in Chalong, square up against former training partner Chantal Ughi for the WPMF under-63kg world title.

Ughi had previously held world titles at a heavier weight prior to her acrimonious departure from Tiger Muay Thai, but it was Haigh who dominated the fight from the moment the first bell sounded.

With Haigh relentlessly working the body, the Italian was unable to use her reach advantage and offered little by way of offense.

In rounds three and four, Haigh repeatedly sent Ughi to the canvass with a series of well executed sweeps.

With Haigh in complete control and her opponent looking increasingly reluctant to fight, the referee called a stop to the contest in round four to prevent her from taking any further punishment.

Haigh was delighted to have won her first world title.

"Hopefully having the title will open doors for me and help me get some more fights at big events," she said.

"I was a bit nervous before the fight because I'd told quite a few of my work colleagues and students up at Rajabhat University about it.

"I didn't want to make a



Haigh goes after Ughi's body in their world title bout in Bangkok.

complete fool of myself in my first appearance on Thai national TV, but once the fight started I was fine," she said.

In other contests, there were two all-Phuket clashes on the card.

Cara Nodwell, representing Sinbi Muay Thai in Nai Harn, was up against Thai fighter Namwan from Rawai Muay Thai, while Teresa Wintermyr representing J. Prapa in Kata took on Dalia Hosny, also of Rawai Muay Thai.

Nodwell, who hails from England, secured a decision victory over her Thai opponent.

"It was harder than I thought it would be, but I knew I would be fighting Namwan so I knew what to expect," she said after the fight.

By contrast, firm friends Dalia and Teresa, from Egypt and Sweden respectively, only discovered they would be facing each other on the night.

"I only found out when I

arrived at Sanam Luang that I would be fighting Dalia, but we are both a similar weight and were both scheduled to fight on the same day so I knew it was a possibility," Wintermyr said after her points victory over Hosny.

"I wasn't nervous about fighting in front of such a large crowd.

I lost a contact lens in the first round so I couldn't see anything outside of the ring anyway," she said.

The other two fighters representing Tiger Muay Thai were less fortunate.

Englishman Jonny Betts, who has lived in Phuket for the past two years, and Cyrus Washington from the United States, both suffered KOs to opponents from Brazil and Sweden respectively.

German teenager Nico Meier, fighting for Sinbi Muay Thai, also lost to a Brazilian opponent by way of KO.

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Action from the beach football tournament in Karon which concluded last Wednesday. The winning teams were the Boat Team Bar, who defeated the Kata Team to claim 20,000 baht and win the main tournament, and Karon Utd who defeated Koktanod / Kata Noi B to claim 7,000 baht in the 'B' section.



# Flying Flynn tops the podium again



Kata-based Flynn successfully defended the groms title she claimed at the Monsoon Riders event in Kalim Bay, before stylishly defeating all-comers in the women's final. Photo by Tim Hain

Eleven-year-old surf sensation Annissa Flynn stole the show on the final day of the King of the Jungle 2009 Quiksilver Thailand Surf Series event by claiming both the women's open and groms (kids) divisions on a great day of competition at Kamala Beach.

Kata-based Flynn, who learned how to surf just two years ago, successfully defended the groms title she claimed at the Monsoon Riders event in Kalim Bay, before stylishly defeating all-comers in the women's final.

In the other divisions, Australian Michael Anthony narrowly pipped Nopphasit Buanchai and defending champion Ekkarat Sriden in the prestigious short board final, while Preecha Takira recorded the day's highest overall two-wave score with his long board.

A sunny day greeted competitors and spectators alike at Kamala Beach as the remaining surfers contested their respective finals.

The wind that has buffeted the island in recent weeks had dropped off, reducing the size of the swell, but still gave the surfers some good waves to chase.

After winning the groms division last time out and having traveled to Bali to compete on the invitation of Quiksilver, Flynn was the overwhelming favorite going into Sunday's final and she made a tremendous start, posting a 5.5 with her first wave.

Despite her impressive start, the competition remained wide open, with Oliver Penmit who lost to Flynn at Kalim pushing her all the way once again.

In the end, young Flynn's class shone through as she held off the challenge of the others to secure back-to-back victories.

Not satisfied with beating her peers, Flynn took advantage of the absence of defending champion Bree Evans of Australia to take the women's division in style, rubber stamping her dominance by posting a five with her final wave to win 2.75 points ahead of Thailand's Karavee Duongpoka.

After back-to-back wins, Annissa felt she was a tad fortunate to win the groms, but was pleased with victory in the women's.

"I didn't really expect to win the juniors again, because Oliver is such a good surfer. He just didn't get any good waves. I'm happy about winning the women's. Last time I got second," she said.

Preecha Takira dominated the long board division, registering the only two scores of six or more on the final day of competition on his way to a total score of 12.25 ahead of Jamie Smith in second.

The blue ribbon short board final was the last event of the day and the highly anticipated division certainly didn't disappoint as all three podium finishers were separated by just 0.75 points.

Australian Michael Anthony got off to a flying start, registering a 4.25 and a 5.25 with two of his first three waves.

Unable to better his early scores, the Australian was relentlessly hunted by Nopphasit and Ekkarat of Kata and Kamala respectively, but neither man could find the right waves that would take them past Anthony who held on to take the title.

The short board final drew another successful event to a conclusion and the 2009 Quiksilver Thailand Surf Series will move to Kata Beach for its third and final installment in September.

-Daniel Ogunshakin

## Iszatt goal wins Masters Cup

Dave Iszatt netted the winning goal for Rassada Municipality as they overcame a spirited Kan Eng 2 side to lift the Masters Cup at Surakul Stadium last Wednesday.

Rassada were leading 1-0 through Chana Sirakandal when 51-year-old Iszatt, the only non-Thai in the competition, ghosted in at the near post to flick the ball past the keeper.

A goalkeeping error by the Rassada keeper gave Kan Eng 2 hope of comeback, but the Rassada defense held firm to secure the trophy and 30,000 baht in prize money.

The Masters Cup is contested by all the municipalities in Phuket.

Players must be over 40 and each team must have a minimum of 11 players aged between 45 and 50 and 50 plus.

With 30,000 baht at stake, the match was likely to be competitive and it was Rassada who made the brighter start.

The pre-match favorites were unfortunate not to take the lead when a free kick from 25 yards out was tipped onto the crossbar by the Kan Eng 2 keeper.

After their early scare, Kan Eng 2 started to enjoy some possession, without ever really threatening their opponents' goal.

A short while later, Rassada went ahead when the ball found its way to the unmarked Chana Sirakandal, who tapped home the simplest of finishes, following some good work on the right.

Bizarrely, the referee, persistently sent Rassada players to change their socks, meaning Iszatt's side played much of the first half with only 10 men.

Kan Eng 2 were unable to capitalize on their man advantage and so the score remained 1-0 going into half time.

The Rassada supporters, orchestrated by Rassada Mayor Surathin Lianudom, were in fine



Action from the 2009 Masters Cup.

voice and were rewarded with a second goal when Iszatt crept in at the near post to flick a free kick beyond the Kan Eng 2 keeper.

With the two-goal cushion, Rassada appeared on course for a comfortable victory until their otherwise excellent keeper gifted the opposition a way back into the match by fumbling an innocuous looking shot over the line.

The keeper pleaded with officials not to award the goal, as he believed the ball had not crossed the line.

His protests were to no avail and Kan Eng 2 were given a lifeline.

With their spirits raised, they

pressed for an equalizer, subjecting the Rassada back line to some late pressure.

Unfortunately for Kan Eng 2, it proved too little, too late as Rassada held on for the victory to claim the Masters' Cup and the 30,000 baht prize money.

Match winner Dave Iszatt was relieved that the goalkeeping error had not cost his side.

"Our keeper is normally excellent so it was out of character for him to make a mistake like that and I'm sure he was relieved when the final whistle went," he said.

-James Goyder

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# Heavy discounting to continue



## PROPERTY WATCH

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**T**his week we'll wrap up the hotel benchmark for the first half of 2009, a period which saw hotels heavily discounting in order to increase occupancy, resulting in volatility of average room rates.

Having spoken to hotel operators on the island, there continues to be an emphasis on rate strategy, hence the trend is expected to continue.

One of the key competitive

destinations, Bali, saw occupancy performance surpass that of Phuket on the back of visitor redirection, which has been widely attributed to the high-profile Thai political events of late 2008 and early 2009. Both Vietnam and Malaysia were beneficiaries of Thailand's woes as well.

The important MICE (meetings, incentives, conventions and exhibitions) market has evaporated during the sustained economic crisis and Phuket has now reverted to a seasonal trading trend. Currency depreciation in countries such as Korea and Australia has meant travel to these markets has been on the rise, while the appreciation of the Thai baht against major currencies has restrained demand.

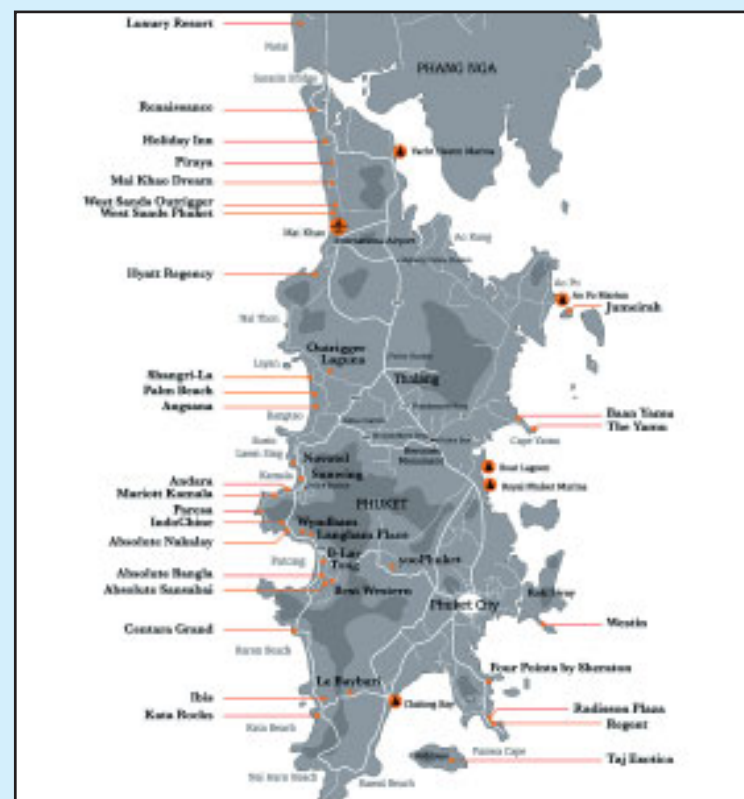
New hotels entering the supply stream at all tiers during the year are having an impact on supply and demand fundamentals. For hotel managers, forecasting business trends has become markedly challenging. With media and external events influencing travel, there is now a shorter lead time in bookings together with a rise in internet reservations made closer to arrival dates.

Several risk metrics con-

tinue to impact the travel industry, including the H1N1 virus, political instability, the unresolved Thaksin situation, a continued global economic downturn, volatile oil prices, a regional hotel over-supply, currency machinations, and after the recent Jakarta hotel bombings, terrorism. Just turning on your TV and seeing those words 'breaking news' makes everyone's heart skip a beat.

On the island's hotel development pipeline side, a substantial number of projects have now been delayed or are on hold, despite a relatively small amount of leveraging. This situation may be self-correcting as financial markets become more accessible if the materialization factor of the pipeline remains largely intact, which is expected.

Clearly a shift has occurred. Thai investors have now moved to the sidelines; joining international institutions' concerns over political risk and government instability. Debt and equity continue to remain at low volumes. For now, a 'status quo' approach to project positioning has become common, with many developers going into a holding pattern like a plane in poor weather.



**IN THE PIPELINE:** The map shows the hotels in Phuket that are currently being developed.

Some hotel developments are now tapping into the offer of 100 percent foreign ownership under BOI (Board of Investment) incentives, such as Jumeirah Private Island and the Taj Exotica projects. Over the bridge in Phang Nga, the growth in the number of new hotel projects appears to be severely limited due to specific government restrictions constraining hotels to 79 keys.

The once-popular residential pre-sales strategy employed as a funding tool for hotel components of mixed-use projects now risks becoming an obsolete operating model for developers given the sustained property market decline.

Going forward towards 2010, there will be greater pressure on transactions of existing or partially developed projects versus greenfield opportunities. Institutional buyers are being replaced by Asia-based family conglomerates, private equity and high-net-worth individuals.

With the current pipeline slowdown, mid-term equilibrium is set to enter into the supply and demand dynamic.

As a result the absorption of new products into the market in the longer term will represent

strong underlying fundamentals.

At the beginning of 2009, there were 37,884 hotel rooms in Phuket's registered tourism establishments. The new inventory will increase exiting supply by 17 percent and represent 6,455 rooms, comprising 6,231 in the pipeline and 224 in operation, following the opening of Cape Senna and Outrigger Serenity in the first half of 2009.

This year is set to see the largest surge in supply with 1,904 new rooms scheduled to open in the second half of the year. Roughly 48 percent of projects over the past six months have incurred delays.

This wraps up year-to-date performance for the first part of the year and more importantly sets the tone for how the greater world is now affecting the Phuket tourism market. We are keeping our fingers crossed after the successful Asean Foreign Ministers Meeting and hope that current Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva can give the country its much-needed stability.

In the meantime, tourism in Phuket will continue to be affected by a number of external factors, and for hotels it's set to be a roller coaster ride.

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# Protecting your own interests

When buying a villa as a foreigner in Thailand, it is common to enter into agreements that promise you ownership rights to the building and lease rights to the underlying land.

This structure results from the fact that Thai law, apart from a few exceptions, prohibits land acquisition by foreigners.

The Thai Civil and Commercial Code (CCC), particularly Section 146, states that ownership rights to a building can be held separately from the land on which the property is built.

These can be held by a person who exercises 'a right over another person's land', whereby that right can be a lease right.

In this context, it is important for property buyers to know how the ownership rights to a building can be proven, particularly if the owner intends to sell the property at a later date.

Unfortunately, the land departments do not issue title deeds for buildings as they do for land.

Therefore, a government policy has been established which considers other documentation such as a construction permit or official sale and purchase

agreement issued by the land department as relevant documentation to determine who legally owns a building.

This practice contains certain risks for property investors as it requires changing the name on the construction permit to the buyer's name in the event of a property purchase or, it requires the transfer of the property into the buyer's name, which is often disregarded.

An interesting alternative that protects ownership rights to a building is the registration of the 'right of superficies' described under Section 1410 of the CCC.

The right of superficies may be granted by a landowner in favor of another person by giving him the right to own – upon or under the land – buildings, structures or plantations.

This right may be granted for a period of time (maximum 30 years) or for the lifetime of either the owner of the land or of the person granted the right, and is to be registered on the land title deed of the land in question.

The fact that this right is recorded on the title deed also offers the advantage that ownership rights can easily be verified at a later date.

Further advantages of the right of superficies which should



Register your property with the 'right of superficies' to protect your investment, which remains intact, even if your home is destroyed by a *force majeure*.

be mentioned are that it is transferable (sellable) and transmissible by way of inheritance, as Section 1411 CCC states.

Furthermore, the right of superficies will not be extinguished by destruction of the building, even if caused by *force majeure*, and there are no

restrictions on foreign nationals holding the right.

To summarize, registration of a right of superficies is a good way to further protect your investment, particularly in securing ownership rights to any structure erected on your leased land – including your villa.

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# A welcome sight for my old eyes

## THE GRAY AREA



By John 'Caveman' Gray

In 1971, I was hitch-hiking south of Mazatlan in Mexico. I gave up a ride to Mexico City to follow an extension wire 40 kilometers to a coastal village about to receive the gift of electricity – and the best Christmas present I have ever received.

I was there when the village turned on the juice for the first time.

I've enjoyed that

experience three times and it was always miraculous.

Twenty five years later, an extension wire hanging from tree branches serviced my home at the back of Kathu.

When our village grew to 30 homes, we got real electric poles, but the wiring was the same, extension cords or concrete poles with wires hung in the air.

Whenever a large tree blew over in a storm or someone drove into an electricity pole on Chao Fa West Road, our village would be blacked out for days.

Modern aerial wiring is amazingly reliable, but when global warming knocks another Nargis a few kilometers east, Phuket will learn how fragile aerial wiring is.

An added downside is that aerial wiring is very unsightly.

When I called Dr Cham-niem Vorratnchaiphon of the Thailand Environmental Institute in 1991, and told him Phuket's classic Sino-Portuguese architecture was under threat of 'Urban Renewal', far-sighted Governor Viwat agreed and the architecture was saved, despite heated objections from short-sighted developers.

Once the historical design-

ation became law, I walked Dibuk and Phang Nga Roads, and although the great architecture was saved, it was degraded by the maze of black cables preventing a clear view.

I wondered then if the cables in Old Town would be buried before I was.

For years I've taken journalists and photographers into Old Town, always apologizing for the black spaghetti breaking up world class photo ops, and limiting Phuket's international promotional value.

I'm still alive and it's been announced that Old Town will go underground. There is a future. How long before it actually happens is almost irrelevant. Don't hold your breath, it's a government project.

Phuket City Mayor Somjai Suwannasuppana is a big fan of 'underground' and she has spawned awareness of this vile visual aerial pollution.

Putting power lines underground is more expensive than stringing them along poles, but it makes great business sense.

Tourists and professional photographers can shoot the kind of images that Old Town deserves, turning an 'oh-well' snapshot presentation into a dazzling display of our heritage, putting it in the same league as other world-class destinations like Carmel, California, an art colony which doesn't even have street lights.

Underground has other appeals which become more cogent in the global warming era.

When Chris Fisher, a partner in Yamu Hills, showed me his development I noticed only a handful of plots remained unsold. It's easy to see why.

With everybody else looking west and raping Phuket's classic capes with development, Chris was taken by the wooded east coast in 2003.

The sunrise views are great. Unlike the developed west coast, the leeward side is green, peaceful and uncrowned.

Fisher fell in love with a hillside about five kilometers north of Heroines' Monument and ended up in a partnership holding 103 rai with Chanote classification.

Yamu Hills now sits above Cape Yamu, on the way to Ao Por.



**GOING UNDERGROUND: Workers lay underground electricity cables along Talang Road in Old Phuket Town.**

All development has an environmental impact. It's an unavoidable fact of life. Fortunately, some Phuket developers, including Fisher, now look for the lowest possible impact.

Thanks to Chris' friend, Gene McCain, Yamu Hills enjoys excellent roadways and plot planning. From the start of the project, the partners agreed on underground utilities.

The cost is three to four times more than conventional aerial wiring, but 'it would be a gross injustice to our owners and the land itself to allow a myriad of power and phone cable lines that are inevitable in most Phuket projects,' says Fisher.

From above the project, I can testify that the absence of aerial cables is heartwarming.

The view is truly spectacular, and aerial cables would truly be a gross injustice.

For the 'Bonehead Big Monkey' to learn more about aerial and underground cables, I visited E. Jerry Jones, a perennial King's Cup participant, electrical contractor and owner of Shore Electric on the North shore of O'hau, the largest of the Hawaiian Islands.

During an afternoon sail, Jerry explained that underground cables are simply an extension of overhead 'free air' wiring.

Primaries, the high voltage lines, are on top.

Secondaries, the lines that feed homes in residential areas, are in the center of the pole. TV and telephone cables on the bottom make for easy access and reduce, if not eliminate, the risk of electrocution when they are worked on.

While aerial cables ride the breeze, underground is all about temperature and moisture. Underground still requires transformers to maintain voltage, so the 'trenching' requires vaults and pad-mounted transformers every few hundred feet, plus 'hand holes' to service the secondary drops to the homes.

As underground cables don't flap in the breeze, Jerry says temperature is a problem.

"Ambient heating in an enclosed duct requires increasing the size of the wiring. Conductors (wires) have an increased diameter to overcome the heat that isn't dissipated into the air."

Extra underground costs, in addition to digging and trenching, are large PVC pipe systems that offer water security, better connectors, and the terminations.

Other requirements for underground cables are concrete encasements, non-corrosive brass or aluminum connectors and high-voltage vaults as pull stations.

Sometimes, parallel ducts are required for larger loads.

The transformer is mounted on a concrete 'pad', rather than simply being hung from a pole.

It's all about the corrosive underground environment loaded with oxidation.

You don't have to be a rocket scientist or land developer to understand the increased costs of taking cables underground and it doesn't require an Einstein to see the increased benefits, including reliability, longevity and aesthetics.

Divergent as they are, if Old Town ever achieves the same spectacular and unobstructed view I enjoyed from Yamu Hills, tourists worldwide will flock to our fledgling art center to enjoy those great photos that the professionals took before them.

I'm now 64 years old and I hope city planners can keep to their pledge to make Old Town underground before I die.

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By Salvatore Consentino

**T**he movement of air from regions of high pressure to regions of low pressure is commonly known as wind.

Air has mass, and moving air in the form of wind carries kinetic energy.

A wind turbine converts this kinetic energy into electricity.

There's little doubt that wind energy should be considered a very important source for power generation, even on a small scale.

That is why, in mid-2002, the Thai government announced a program for very small power producers (VSPPs).

The program allows citizens to produce and sell electricity via the two power distribution utilities, the Provincial Electricity Authority (PEA) and the Metropolitan Electricity Authority (MEA).

There are, of course, a

variety of ways citizens can generate energy from renewable energy sources, but we will consider this program as it applies to wind power.

The first system we will consider is a wind turbine system connected to the grid, as shown in the image to the right.

This system generates electricity from wind and is suitable for residential and office use.

Direct current (DC) generated by the wind turbine is directly converted into Alternating current (AC) by an inverter.

The AC generated by the system is pure sine wave, 220V, 50Hz, which is the same as current from the distribution lines of the MEA and PEA, and it can be used by all AC home appliances.

A 'sell meter' records the amount of electrical energy generated by the wind turbine and sold out to the grid, while a 'buy meter' records the electrical energy that is bought from the grid. The system operates automatically every day and does not require maintenance.

Using a 'feed-in' tariff system set by the Ministry of Energy, the owner of a wind turbine grid-connected system can generate income by selling electricity.

The feed-in tariff is the price per unit of electricity that a utility or supplier has to pay for renewable electricity from private generators.

The Ministry of Energy changes the sale price often, depending on the response from the public.

Tariffs vary from one region of the country to another.

For example, in the three Southernmost provinces of Thailand, the most recent sale rates were 5 baht per kilowatt hour (kWh) for wind-generated energy and 9 baht/kWh for solar.

Considering the standard price of 2.5 baht/kWh for electricity from the grid, this is not bad at all.

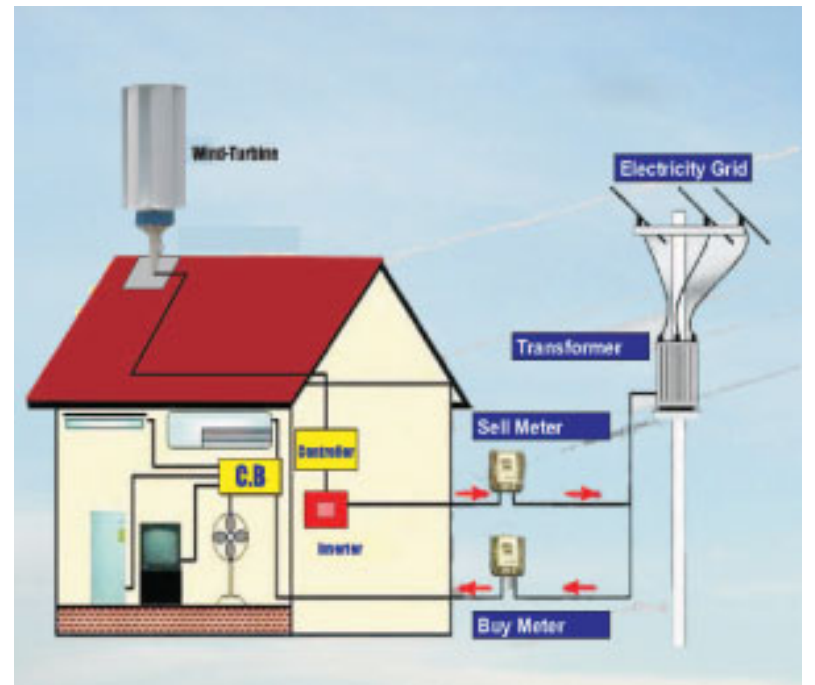
The difference in price between wind and solar power is substantial, but it is worth remembering that the efficiency of wind turbines is far greater than that of photovoltaic panels.

With an efficiency of 14 percent for solar and more than 50 percent for wind, there is a similar cost price per watt installed (US\$6/W).

The second type of system to consider is an off-grid system.

The system is similar to the on-grid system described above, with the obvious difference that it is not connected to the grid.

In this case, a battery



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is needed to store the electricity, which makes the system more expensive.

I often get letters from readers asking about the practicalities of becoming independent from the grid.

The answer is very simple: it is not convenient.

The grid is a fantastic storage system for the energy you produce and a good client too, as we have already seen.

The off-grid system is

worth installing if you live in a remote area or for lighting roads far from the grid.

In this case, you cannot sell electricity, but because of the Clean Development Mechanism carbon-trading system, you are entitled to be paid for carbon credit, around 53g of carbon per kWh produced.

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### QUICK I MAY CHANGE MY MIND!

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### CHEAP HOUSE FOR SALE

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**OVER 150 LAND PLOTS**  
Rawai, Nai Harn, Chalong, Panwa. All sizes and prices. Contact Khun Nong. Tel: 083-390 4176. For further details, please see our website at www.warmwaterland.com

### CHEAP LAND FOR SALE

Close to Phuket International Airport. 4 rai, Chanote title. 3.8 million baht per rai. Tel: 081-868 7676. Email: phuketann@gmail.com.

### 3 BEDROOMS HOUSE

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

### LAND AT CHERNG TALAY

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

### 80 RAI FOR SALE, CHANOTE

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

### PERFECT LAND

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

### PANORAMIC SEA VIEW



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

### NAI HARN LUXURY CONDO



2-3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 111sqm. Start 4.5 million baht. Must see. Tel: 084-993 7308. For further details, please see our website at www.amphaiseabreeze.com

### ROYAL PLACE CONDO

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

### NEW BRAND CONDO

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

### TOWNHOUSE, 2 STOREY



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

### 30 RAI IN TOWN

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

### HOUSE & FURNITURE FOR SALE

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

### THE ROYAL PLACE

7th and 5th floor 1 bedroom condo units for sale. Fully furnished, ready for occupancy. Secured complex with pool, gym, restaurant etc. Very central location. Tel: 087-273 0786. Email: napi-at-fifty@hotmail.co.uk

### COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

for sale. Each building has 3 floors. On big road at Kamala Beach, near Krungsri Bank. Price 20 million baht. Tel: 083-180 2143. Email: pookie.lovely@gmail.com

### PARICHART VILLAGE, CHALONG



35/20 Soi 1.3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 aircons, some furniture, 50sq wah, garden. For sale or for long-term rent. Must see. Contact Nina. Tel: 087-689-9679. Email: tasuwan@hotmail.com

### LAND ON KOH YAO NOI



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

### CHANOTE, 29 RAI

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

### LAND AT PA KHLOK

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

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### PRIVATE SALE OF HALF A RAI

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

### SURIN BEACH

Land on Soi Haad Surin 2 for sale. 2.2 Rai, 5 min walk to Surin Beach. Email: costello@exemail.com.au

### LAND FOR SALE

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

### INEXPENSIVE LOTS

Chanote title, lots: 1/3 to 1/2 rai, 700,000 to 1,100,000 baht total price. Road and electricity. Near Mission Hills Golf Course. Tel: 086-942 1930.

### VERY NICE SEAVIEW LAND



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

### LAND AT PA KHLOK



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

### POOL VILLA RAWAI

4 bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms downstairs. Full Western kitchen, spacious living/ dining and sea view upstairs. Popular location. Priced to sell at 9.5 million baht, including company. Tel: 081-693 3406. Email: jdjanenz@gmail.com

### LAND IN PHANG NGA

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

### CHEAP LAND

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

### QUICK SALE

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## KHAO LAK HOUSE

Beautiful new private house: 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 5 additional rooms, 4 aircons, 1 out house. Quiet area, only 4 mins to beach. 6 million baht. Tel: 084-849 8699. Email: ursulaspd@gmx.net

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## LAND FROM THE MANGOSTEEN

Beautiful sea- and mountain-view land adjacent to The Mangosteen Resort – approx 17 rai in yellow zone. Building up to 27 metres high is possible. Total price: 130 million baht. Freehold, Chanote. Several options available. Tel: 076-289399, 081-5365846 (English), 081-539 5373 (English & Thai). Fax: 076-289389. Email: hajo@mangosteen-phuket.com For further details, please see our website at: <http://mangosteen-suites.com>

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## LAND IN CAPE YAMU

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## BEAUTIFUL NAI YANG LAND



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

## FREEHOLD CONDO RAWAI



27sqm or 54sqm. 200 meters from the pier. Each 450,000 baht. Tel: 086-940 8914. Email: rawai1@yahoo.com

## NEW TOWNHOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT



In the project "The Indy", opposite Boat Lagoon, Koh Kaew. Townhouse is at the corner and adjacent to the project's public garden. 2 floors, 6.5 meters wide, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, fully furnished, western kitchen. Land: 33.4sq wah. For rent: 20,000 baht per month. Tel: 089-472 9118.

## ANDAMAN SEAVIEW LAND

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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## NEW CONDO



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

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## BEACHFRONT LAND FOR SALE

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

## KOH YAO YAI FOR SALE

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

## BEAUTIFUL LAND IN NATAI



36rai, seaview in Phang Nga. Perfect for resort project. 5.7 million baht per rai. Full title deed. Tel: 081-6489011, 084-889 7377. Email: pennys@windowlive.com

## LAND AT PATONG BEACH

Different size land plots, very natural and quiet location, with natural waterfall, very good water supply, a wide concrete access road and underground utility. Good price. Contact Andy. Tel: 076-296160, 081-891 3466 (English). Fax: 076-296160. Email: antc@phuket.ksc.co.th

## KATA POOL VILLA

New, 6 bedrooms, 7 bathrooms, 550sqm. 14 million baht or offers. Tel: 081-091 8908. Email: giepp969@hotmail.com

## SEAVIEW PATONG

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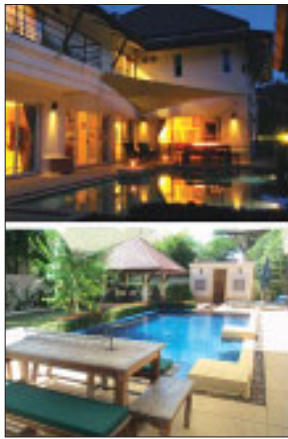
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## LAND SALE IN THALANG

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## 3 BEDROOM POOL VILLARAWAI

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## PHANG NHA LAND

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## ANDAMAN SEAVIEW LAND

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

## NICE PLOT BEHIND LAYAN HILL ESTATE



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## LAND IN KATA BEACH

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## NEW HOUSE FOR SALE/RENT



In Srisuchart Grandville 3, not far from Tesco Lotus. 3 bedrooms 2 bathrooms, 1 car park and little garden. Very nice house contact to come see at 087-277 0978 or koyangle99@hotmail.com

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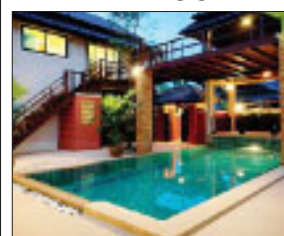
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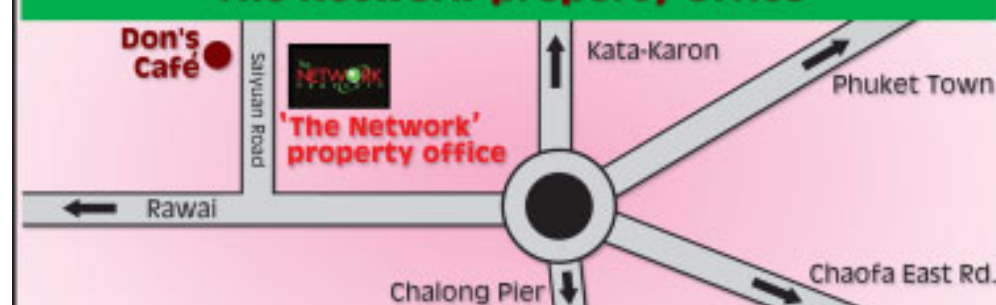


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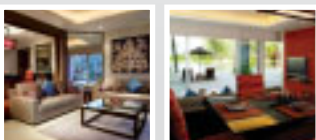
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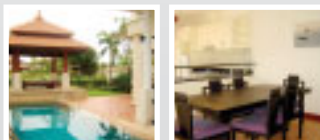
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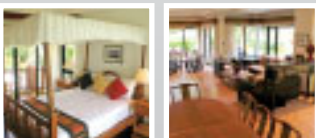
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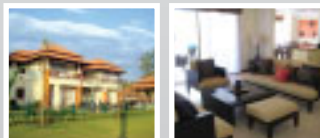
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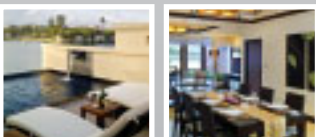
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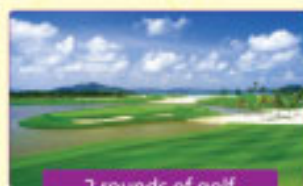


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