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Sailors splurge millions

ONE of the largest contingents of US Navy men and women ever to arrive on Phuket came ashore this week, generating an estimated US\$1,000,000 (Bt33,000,000) a day for the Phuket economy.

Close to 7,000 crew from the enormous aircraft carrier the *USS Ronald Reagan*, the *USS Gridley* and the *USS Chancellorsville* docked at Phuket's Deep Sea Port at Ao Makham on Tuesday.

The *USS Ronald Reagan* left San Diego in May and had operated, until recently, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

The massive ship was involved in counter piracy operations off the coast of Somalia and the Horn of Africa and Maritime Security Operations to protect Iraqi infrastructure in the North Arabian Gulf in recent months.

The thousands of sailors arrived in Phuket to enjoy some much needed R&R for five days after five months at sea.

Scott Hebner the Commander of Carrier Strike Group Seven, of which *USS Ronald Reagan* is the flagship, said safety was the priority for his men



The enormous US Navy aircraft carrier, *USS Ronald Reagan*, which sailed into Phuket's Deep Sea Port at Ao Makham on Tuesday. Photo by Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist Spike Call

and women while on vacation.

The sailors have been forbidden from hiring the island's increasingly infamous jet-skis and also banned from renting cars and motorbikes or indulging in tawdry late night exploits in Phuket's go-go bars.

Matt Ashley, the Commander Naval Attache from the US

Embassy in Bangkok, said the sailors had been looking forward to their Phuket downtime and said many of them will be spending large sums of money shopping for souvenirs for their families.

One of the sailors who arrived in Phuket was Thai-born Tanan Tangpradabkul, an Aviation Boatswain's mate, who told the

Gazette "it's good to be on Thai soil after five months at sea."

There were no reports of altercations involving the US sailors at the time of going to print.

The three vessels are scheduled to leave Phuket on Sunday.

-Kitima Pornmongkhonwat

Young Brit joins dad in jail for ATM fraud

By Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn and Dan Waites

A YOUNG British man whose father was recently sentenced to 19 years in prison for ATM fraud has been found guilty of the same charges.

Sonny Veerasawmy, 20, who pleaded innocent, received a four-year sentence at Phuket Provincial Court last Thursday.

He had already spent more than 21 months in jail.

Phuket City Police arrested Sonny and his father Mark Veerasawmy, 45, in possession of 35 fake ATM cards, 15 withdrawal slips and 10,000 baht in cash in February last year.

A search of their hotel room turned

up 100,000 baht in bundles separated by rubber bands.

Sonny was 19 years old at the time.

His father confessed to ATM fraud charges and was sentenced to almost 19 years in jail at a separate trial several weeks ago.

At Sonny's hearing on September 10 the court judged he was guilty of a serious transnational crime and imprisoned him for four years without suspension.

Police arrested the pair on February 19 last year after receiving an anonymous phone call at 1.40am reporting that two foreign men were behaving strangely in front of the Kasikorn Bank branch on Chanacharoen Road, near the Robinson department store in Phuket City.

Capt Supachai Petchkul of Phuket City Police said both were wearing small white masks that covered the nose and mouth.

Police took the pair to Phuket City Police Station but forgot to confiscate a mobile phone.

Capt Supachai said they used the phone to call Mark Veerasawmy's wife, Jennifer Chapman, who was back at the family's hotel room with a baby girl in the Mukda Hotel in the Phun Pol area of Phuket City.

This gave Mrs Chapman the chance to dispose of a machine used to encode the fake ATM cards with bank account numbers and PIN numbers, Capt Supachai said.

Mrs Chapman and the baby are believed to have returned to England.

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New court to fight bureaucratic graft

By Pimwara Choksakulpan

INCOMPETENT, uncooperative or corrupt civil servants on the payroll at Phuket's government institutions will soon have cause to worry. Those who fail in their public duties may have to take the stand at Phuket Administrative Court, set to open in 2011.

An event earlier this month at the Metropole Hotel in Phuket City aimed to inform the public about the role of Administrative Courts and prepare the ground for the Phuket courtroom.

"Serving as a government officer is not as easy as it was in the past," Supreme Administrative Court Vice President Thirayuth Lorlertratra said. "People expect good and attentive services. If they think they've been treated unfairly, we can give them justice."

There are eight lower Administrative Courts: the Central Administrative Court in Bangkok and seven that serve the regions.

The closest to Phuket is in Nakhon Sri Thammarat, 300km away.

Nakhon Sri Thammarat Administrative Court Vice President Prathip Woraniti said his bench had judged around 10 cases from Phuket within the last two months.

"Most are related to land documents, land expropriation or construction. Foreigners complain about applications for Thai citizenship," he said.

Phuket's planned Regional Administrative Court (RAC) is one of six new RACs in the pipeline.

It will be built on 19 rai in Mai Khao and serve Krabi, Phang Nga and Ranong, as well as Phuket.

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UFOs not such a mystery



A frame from a YouTube video demonstration of 'Jelly Marbles'.

THE Department of Medical Sciences in Bangkok continues to puzzle over the small transparent spheres a Phuket family claim 'dropped from the sky' onto their roof earlier this month.

Spokesperson Wiriya Panwat said test results would not be released until October 8.

Cape gets a facelift

RAWAI Municipality workers are clearing weeds and planting new grass at Promthep Cape, Phuket's most famous viewpoint.

New lighting is also being installed along the pathway above the cape at a cost of 350,000 baht.

Rawai Mayor Aroon Solos said the work would be completed next month.

Three million baht had also been set aside next year to plant palmyra trees in the area, he said.

Promthep Cape, a long promontory reaching into the sea close to Nai Harn Beach, is a popular draw for tourists.

Mr Aroon warned back in June that the beauty of the cape was on the decline.

The trampling of grass by tourists had left the promontory scarred by patches of dry, yellow earth, he said.

-Pimwara Choksakulpan

Old Phuket's restoration gathers pace



Thalang Road's *ngorkakee* are designed to allow people to move up and down the street under shelter, but many have become obstructed.

WORK to restore Phuket City's Thalang Road to its former glory is gathering pace, with the launch of a new project to re-open the disused Chinese-style arcades that line the historic street.

The arched corridors, known in Hokkien Chinese as '*ngorkakee*', form part of the design of many of Old Phuket Town's Sino-Portuguese shop-house buildings.

In former times, the arcades permitted traders to move up and down the road under shelter from the rain.

In the past few years many have been walled up or obstructed with merchandise.

Phuket City Municipality is working with the Old Phuket Town Foundation and providing the budget to re-open Thalang Road's *ngorkakee*.

Last Thursday morning Phuket Vice Governor Smith Palawatvichai presided over a ceremony to celebrate the clearing of the *ngorkakee* of four of Thalang Road's shophouses: the old Seng Ho bookstore, the

Amonphan clothes store, the Prayoon gold store and the Torakan textiles store.

Somyote Pathan, owner of the Torakan store, said he thought the project was a great idea that would show visitors how the people of Thalang Road used to live.

"For the past ten years, the arcades have been blocked up, but my family has lived here for forty years," he said. "When I was a child I used to play in the *ngorkakee*."

Somjit Ardam, the 46-year-old owner of the Ananpanit clothing shop next door, said, "The old corridors were very beautiful, and it's great that we'll get them back."

President of the Old Phuket Town Foundation, Dr Prasit Koysiripong, said plans were afoot to clear the *ngorkakee* of another 14 of Thalang Road's shophouses.


The work should be complete within two years and cost 4 to 5 million baht, he said.

Meanwhile, work to bury the electricity cables that obscure the decorative facades of Thalang Road's buildings is expected to finish in January.

- Atchaa Khamlo

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Tourist drifts out to sea, drowns

AN elderly Norwegian tourist drowned off Phuket in calm waters on Sunday after the inflatable mattress she was sunbathing on drifted out to sea.

Oslo native Jorunn Olden, 65, was on vacation with her husband in Ao Yon on Phuket's east coast when the tragedy happened.

Witnesses told Phuket City Police Inspector Anek Mongkol they saw her drift out at least 40 meters to sea before she fell in the water around 1.30pm.

Local people and foreigners swam out to help her but they were too late to save her life.

A spate of tourist drownings off Phuket's west coast, particularly at Karon Beach, has generated international attention during this year's monsoon season.

Most deaths have involved foreigners entering rough seas after ignoring red flags warning of dangerous conditions.

The sea at Ao Yon is generally much calmer

than the waters off Phuket's west coast and was calm on the day Mrs Olden drowned.

The couple had been renting a house about half a kilometer from where Mrs Olden died.

Her husband told police his wife had been sunbathing on a lilo for three or four hours that day, while he had stayed indoors drinking with a friend.

Lt Col Anek said he thought Mrs Olden had probably fallen asleep before her lilo got carried away from the beach by the tides.

"She may have woken with a start and fallen in," Lt Col Anek said.

When Lt Col Anek arrived at Ao Yon Beach, he found a crowd of people standing around Mrs Olden's lifeless body. Her husband was holding her hand, sobbing. The lilo was still floating in the water.

The body was taken to Bangkok Hospital Phuket for an autopsy. The results had yet to be released at the time of going to print.

- *Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn*



Thanawat Phibunsang, who works on Ao Yon Beach, stands near the spot where Jorunn Olden's body lay. INSET: Jorunn Olden.

Jet-ski insurance scheme progressing

JET-SKI operators will have to get accident insurance for their vehicles or cease doing business on Phuket's beaches, it was agreed at the key 'jet-ski summit' in Patong last Friday.

Inside the packed meeting hall at Patong Municipality were around 50 jet-ski operators – including the island's now infamous Winai 'JJ' Naiman.

Phuket Provincial Police Commander Pekad Tantipong said three US Navy representatives had met with him recently in advance of the arrival in Phuket of around 7,000 sailors on three US warships this week.

"They said they have forbidden their men from hiring jet-skis," he said.

"I told them not to worry because I guarantee from now on there will be no more scams or problems involving jet-skis in Phuket," he said.

He told the assembled jet-ski operators they had to sign up to the insurance scheme – "without making a fuss".

President of Phuket Jet-ski Association Anusorn Sahreh agreed insurance for jet-skis would be a good thing "in an ideal world", but said that in the current economic climate, his



Insurance company representatives and jet-ski rental operators came closer to establishing formal rental policies in a follow-up meeting at Phuket Provincial Hall on Wednesday.

members just couldn't afford it.

"We only work six months a year. We're not all rich," he said.

Mr Anusorn said his preferred solution was for every jet-ski outfit in Phuket to agree to use the same rental contract.

While disputes with tourists were common in Patong, they were quite rare in other parts of the island such as Bang Tao, he said.

Nevertheless Vice Gov Smith, who chaired the meeting, said the insurance scheme would have to go ahead.

One insurance company has already said it is willing to insure jet-skis.

Danai Rojjintavej, manager of the Phuket branch of Bangkok Insurance, told the meeting his

company would be glad to provide the service, "but we'll need to see the operators' rental contracts first."

Jet-ski operators and insurance companies met again on Wednesday to exchange information and settle insurance costs.

A source in the governor's office said that operators would have to insure their jet-skis within one month of that meeting or stop doing business.

- *Kitima Pornmongkhonwat*

Yellow shirts take beating

ASMALL band of Phuket's 'yellow shirts' returned from a protest that turned violent in Srisaket province near the disputed Preah Vihear temple on Monday morning.

Many were battered, bruised and unrepentant.

Phuket People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD) co-ordinator Aparat Chartchutikunjorn claimed the PAD had been attacked by men hired by the Srisaket governor.

"Some of them were drunk and using catapults to hurl rocks at us. They were hitting us with long sticks, but we had nothing to defend ourselves with."

"The police didn't even try to stop them," she said.

Thousands of yellow shirts, led by yellow-shirt activist Veera Somkwamkid, journeyed to Srisaket from across Thailand to join the protest.

The PAD said it was trying to force the removal of Cambodians from the disputed area around the temple.

Ms Aparat pronounced the protest a success.

"More people know about the issue as the media has broadcast exactly what's happening. The Cambodians are settling on Thai soil," she said.

"The government has done nothing to protect our country, and we're not sure why," she said.

Ms Aparat said the PAD movement would now be watching to see what measures the government took in respect of the protest demands.

- *Atchaa Khamlo*

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Phuket Excise Office close big bike loophole

FOLLOWING a new ruling from the Phuket Excise Office, big bike owners in Phuket will now have to pay excise on motorcycles assembled from parts, or face hefty fines.

Motorcycles subject to prohibitive tariffs have long been assembled from parts by 'grey market' operators in order to avoid paying the tax.

Now excise officials insist the owners of such vehicles – not the builders – must pay anyway.

Surat Saengnet, of the Phuket Provincial Excise Office, announced in a meeting at Phuket Provincial Hall that "anyone who owns such vehicles – which are mostly big bikes such as Harley Davidsons – will have to pay an excise of 3.3 percent of the vehicle price."

Owners who paid up before the September 25 deadline were not fined.

Those who fail to do so and get caught will be "fined from two

to ten times the tax amount," Mr Surat said.

Another official at the Excise Office explained that "owners must provide documents showing their vehicles' engine and body numbers, as well as invoices and receipts for parts.

"These documents are sent to the Excise Office's Value Pricing division, where a figure for the value of a vehicle is established.

The tax rate is set from that," she said.

The official said the rate charged is "the same as that for new bikes. Also new motorbikes imported from abroad must pay excise tax."

"Excise tax has been collected since 1997," said Surat, "but we concentrated on motorcycles in shops. Now we will be much stricter, checking all of them."

Normally, spare parts imported from abroad are taxed according to the tariff on spare parts – which is significantly less than the rate for completely

assembled vehicles.

Parts assembled into completed four-stroke motorcycles are subject to excise tax of 3 percent; two-strokes pay 5.

Over the last three months, about 400 people have been caught with motorcycles that evaded the excise.

Nicky's Handle Bar and big bike shop owner Somneuk 'Nicky' Phonkaew told the *Gazette*, "I have just one such bike and it has already been taxed. If you follow the rules, you don't have any hassles."

Wanlop Inthanop of the Phuket Land Transport Office said, "Parts assembled into motorcycles must be examined by the Thai Industrial Standards Institute of the Ministry of Industry in Bangkok. They receive certification only if they meet the institute's standards."

After passing that hurdle, owners must pay the excise tax – and only then will the Land Transport Office allow them to register their vehicles.

Atchaa Khamlo

Gazette Online tops on Google



NUMBER ONE: *Gazette Online* is going from strength to strength.

AS the result of a recent fine tuning in the way Google ranks the 'importance' (popularity) of websites around the world, the *Gazette Online* is now tied for number one with Phuket.Com for sites in or about Phuket.

With a Google ranking of '6', the two sites share the highest rating Google confers for Phuket, and they are the only sites to have achieved that rating.

"News has always been the mainstay of our website," notes the *Gazette's* managing editor Nick Davies. "It's the premier site for news about Phuket, where Google continues to serve it up as number one in response to searches for both 'Phuket news' and 'Phuket newspaper'."

According to Anna Susangrat, general manager for digital products at the *Gazette*, the company's website owes its position in Google not only to news but also to the variety of its other content.

"We cannot know exactly what Google looks for in assigning its ratings," she says. "But we believe variety is critical.

What's given our site its Google power can't be just news alone. Google also puts us on top for 'Phuket events' and 'Phuket classifieds', and as number one for 'Phuket television' and a number of other key search terms."

To celebrate its rise in the Kingdom of Google, and to share the benefits, the *Gazette Online* is now offering a 50 percent discount on links from its pages to any of the roughly 4,500 Phuket businesses listed on the site. With that offer, which expires one month from today, the cost of the link is an 'astounding' 150 baht a month, the company says.

There are eight websites with Google's second-highest ranking ('5') for Phuket: These are: Wikipedia Phuket, Agoda Phuket, Phuket-maps.Com, TourismThailand.Org, Phuket-Guide.Net, PhuketTourism.Org, PhuketHospital.Com, and Laguna Phuket.Com.

These sites are followed by roughly 1,000 other listings in Google's search results under the critical key word 'Phuket'.

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Senior monks in market brawl

PHITSANULOK: Market traders had to break up a fight between two monks last Friday morning.

The pair, aged 70 and 64, reportedly came to blows after straying into each other's territory for collecting alms.

Witnesses told police 70-year-old Prapathum Ahnantho was the man who started the fight, punching 64-year-old Phrawichian Atiwiro in the face as they were collecting alms at a fresh market in Phitsanulok City.

A scuffle ensued and stall holders stepped in to keep the two monks apart until police arrived.

The stall holders said Prapathum was a regular at the market and often behaved inappropriately and swore at people who did not give alms. They said he was sometimes drunk.

Prapathum denied hitting Phrawichian, and also denied ever being drunk, claiming he just

sounded like he was drunk sometimes owing to a speech impediment he had had since childhood.

Phrawichian said when he ran into Prapathum at the market, he asked him what temple he was from.

Prapathum then punched him in the face.

When he tried to run away, Prapathum gave chase, hitting him with his walking stick, Phrawichian said.

Phrawichian said he did not want to press criminal charges but would like to see Prapathum defrocked for bringing the religion into disrepute.

Police called Tambon Dean Phrakhr Sunthonkitawithan to come and reprimand Prapathum.

Phrakhr Sunthonkitawithan gave Prapathum a 10-minute dressing down but said any disciplinary action would be decided by the abbot of Wat Santiwan, Prapathum's temple.

Source: Kom Chad Luek

Queer News

Youth blames bad fortune

PRACHINBURI: A youth arrested for murder last Wednesday confessed to killing his friend 'on the advice of a fortune teller'.

Nophakao Dusit, 22, was arrested in connection with the disappearance of 18-year-old Surasak Saenkham.

Mr Nophakao confessed he and his cousin, 21-year-old Suchin Dusit, lured their friend Mr Surasak to a quiet location, then beat him to death with lengths of bamboo and stole his motorcycle.

The pair dumped Mr Surasak's body in a ditch.

Mr Nophakao told police he killed Mr Surasak after a fortune teller warned him he had a bad fortune that could only be cured by either stealing a buffalo, robbing someone of more than 5,000 baht or murdering someone and stealing their motorcycle.

Mr Nophakao did not explain why he chose to commit the most serious crime of those on offer.

Source: Khao Sod

Senior cop on drugs charges

BANGKOK: A senior policeman was arrested last Saturday after being found taking crystal methamphetamine in a hotel room in Bang Na.

Maj Akharakhom Laokham of Prawet Police Station tested positive for drug use and was charged with using a Class 1 drug.

The raid came following a tip off that Maj Akharakhom was involved in setting up sex and drug parties in the Udomsuk, Prawet and Bang Na areas.

Source: Kom Chad Luek

Pretty peeved about porno



Ms Nikallaya (left) shows a Hua Mak police officer the offensive item.

BANGKOK: A former Miss Thailand made a police complaint on Friday after finding a photo of herself on the cover of a pornographic DVD.

Nikallaya 'Ya' Dullaya, 27, winner of the 2004 Miss Thailand World Pageant, told Hua Mak police she had been sent the DVD by a friend who had seen it for sale at a market in Haad Yai.

Yala native Miss Nikallaya said the DVD, *Thai Fever*, used a photo of her in Thai traditional dress taken in April for thailandbeauty.com, a website promoting beauty pageants.

"I was shocked when I saw

the cover," Miss Nikallaya said. "The DVD is a porno film which I do not appear in at all."

"This is damaging to my reputation. People will misunderstand and think I am one of the actresses, when really it's just my photo on the cover," she said.

Hua Mak Police Superintendent Col Wattana Yeejeen said police could press defamation charges against the makers of the illegal DVD, if they could track them down.

Col Wattana said they would work with Haad Yai police to find the source of the film.

Source: Kom Chad Luek

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World's oldest man a teenager again

Hundreds of wellwishers joined Abbot Luang Pu Supha to celebrate his 113th birthday



A SUPERCENTENARIAN CELEBRATION: (left) One of the 119 doves released at the temple perched behind Luang Pu Supha for much of the ceremony. (center, right) Abbot Luang Pu Supha performs Buddhist blessing rites for his new temple in Chalong, which is nearing completion.

The world's oldest living man, Luang Pu Supha, a revered abbot who lives in Phuket, celebrated his 113th birthday on September 17.

His landmark birthday made him a teenager for the second time in his long life.

Hundreds of wellwishers joined the festivities held at his temple in Chalong, just off Chao Fa West Road.

Earlier this month, Luang Pu Supha's carers supplied the *Gazette* with his government-issued identification documents

which show he was born in Sakhon Nakhon province on September 17, 1896.

The birthdate makes Luang Pu Supha four days older than American Walter Breuning, who celebrated his 113th birthday on September 21 at his nursing home in Montana.

Breuning currently claims the title of 'World's Oldest Man'.

According to the Guinness World Records Official website, the title was to be awarded to Breuning following the death of British World War I veteran, Henry Allingham, who died on

July 18 this year aged 113.

But this was before Luang Pu Supha's age was made public.

At present, the 'World's Oldest Man' title remains vacant.

The aged monk, who only eats nine mouthfuls of food at each meal has built a total of 38 temples and is held in the highest regard in much of Thailand.

He accredited his longevity to eating less, speaking less and always speaking the truth.

On his birthday, Luang Pu Supha donated 100,000 baht to Vachira Phuket Hospital and awarded scholarships to 139

Phuket students.

When 119 doves were released from cages in the temple grounds, wellwishers were awed as one of the birds flew inside and perched directly behind Luang Pu Supha's right shoulder and remained there for much of the ceremony.

The announcer called for calm among the excited crowd and said that "the bird wanted to pay thanks to Luang Pu Supha for its freedom".

The new *Guinness World Records 2010 Annual* went on sale worldwide on September 17,

Luang Pu Supha's birthday.

In the annual, the late Henry Allingham is listed as the 'World's Oldest Man'.

Thanapong Karudom, chairman of the Luang Pu Committee, told the *Gazette* he would like to invite Guinness World Records to verify the revered monk's age.

Verification would involve a gerontology expert visiting Phuket, which according to Guinness World Records official website could cost as much as USD8,000.

— *Fraser Morton & Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn*



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Pedal power proves popular in Phuket



TWO WHEELS GOOD, FOUR WHEELS BAD: Around 250 bike enthusiasts took part in 'Car Free Day' on Sunday.

Environmental awareness was given a boost in Phuket on September 20 when about 250 Phuket cyclists took a tour of the island in support of Phuket Car Free Day.

The cyclists, all dressed in orange shirts provided by Phuket City Municipality, pushed off from

Phuket Provincial Hall at 9am with a send-off from Phuket Provincial Energy Office director Jirasak Thommayet.

The cyclists covered 40km on the road trip, which took them through Phuket Town and up to Surin Beach, where they rested for lunch before returning to Provincial Hall via Heroines'

Monument, arriving about 2pm.

Deputy Mayor of Phuket City Municipality Kawee Tansukatanon said the massive turnout of cyclists was "impressive" and that the municipality would "do more to help promote and organize future Car Free Day activities".

- **Atchaa Khamlo**

Still rockin' after 20 years



Photo by Dan Miles

The PIWC will celebrate their 20th anniversary in 'rocking' style.

The PIWC is letting its hair down for its 20th anniversary fund raiser with a party that will rock the island.

The theme, '20 Years and Still Rocking', is a radical departure from the gala balls traditionally organized by the ladies at the Phuket International Women's Club.

PIWC Events Organiser Carole Dux explained that the party theme was an appropriate way to recapture the musical tastes of the past few decades rather than a formal ball event.

"The men will not have to dress up in formal penguin suits and the ladies won't have to go out and buy new dresses. This is a rocking party. We want to capture the spirit of the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. We all have fond memories of those times," Mrs Dux said.

As usual, proceeds from the party will go towards scholarships to fund further education for Thai students. This year, 185 scholarships have been given from money raised by PIWC through events like the ball, golf tournaments, charity lunches, raffles and other fundraising events, which are also

sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette*.

In the past two years the PIWC has raised close to 5 million baht to help Thai students obtain a higher education. The charity events highlight the generosity of Phuket residents.

At last year's gala ball, 27 people pledged 10,000 baht each toward the fund.

Since the inception of the club two decades ago (August 1989), the PIWC has helped more than 570 deserving students by providing them with educational scholarships.

Those students have gone on to develop professional careers as doctors, nurses, accountants and teachers.

Unfortunately there are always more students than the PIWC can afford to sponsor, hence the need to fill the coffers with donations made while having fun.

The party will be held on November 14 at Le Meridien. This time, the dress code is anything from the 70s, 80s or 90s.

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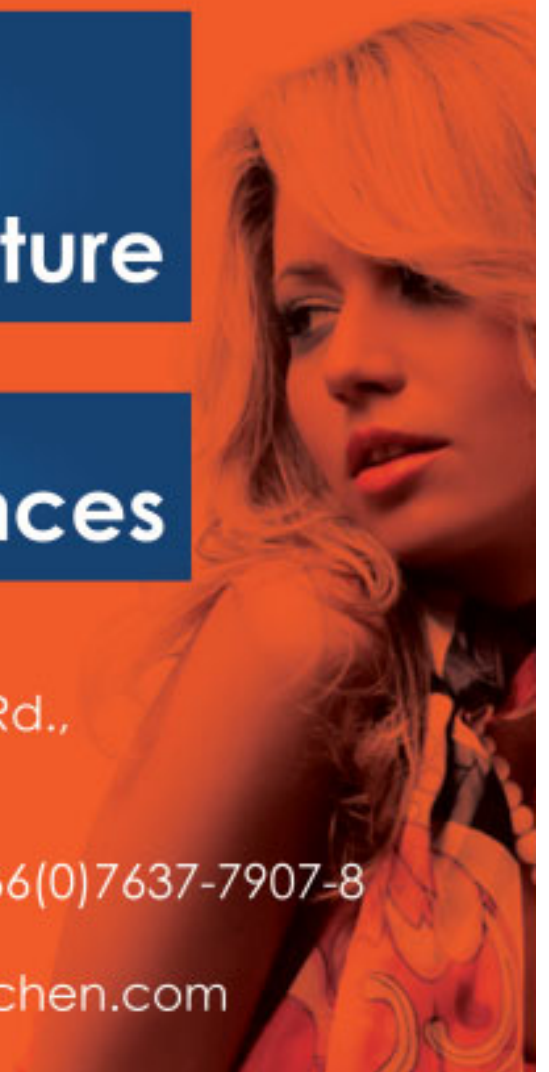
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A fond farewell to Bill Owen

A look back at the life of a man who opened the world's eyes and ears to Phuket

The passing of Bill Owen leaves his many Phuket friends in great sadness. His battle with lung cancer came to an end at a hospital in Swansea, South Wales, the city where he started life 59 years ago.

Bill came to Phuket 22 years ago, in October 1987, on a brief visit after attending a friend's wedding in New Zealand.

He and his wife, Linda Towell, were immediately taken with the island and moved here permanently shortly thereafter.

"I was determined to leave Margaret Thatcher's England at that point in my life and considered several places around the world, but we both chose Phuket for its natural beauty," he told a mutual friend.

Bill and Linda set up their first business, The Travel

Company, in Patong and almost immediately became the island's most innovative and successful travel agency, not only selling tickets and tours but also organizing upscale meetings and incentive gatherings that were beginning to come to Phuket with the opening of the island's early five-star resorts.

Bill was no stranger to creating a successful party. After graduating from Portsmouth University with a BSc in Economics, he spent the next 15 years as the European marketing manager for a merchandising company that handled big music and entertainment events all over the continent.

With the Travel Company, Bill became the island's expert at organizing an event that could compete with those in major southeast Asian destinations such



Bill Owen pictured in January 2008 at the opening of Villa Santi in Kalim. Photo courtesy Oriental Leisure

as Hong Kong and Singapore.

His talent at satisfying corporate clients when they held meetings here contributed greatly to the early success of many of Phuket's major resorts.

After about a decade, Bill and Linda sold the Travel Company to Diethelm Events and he became the Director of local operations. Then, in 2002, he branched out on his own with long-time friend Worapot Srabua

to set up Oriental Events.

Most recently, Bill had been working as the European representative for that company, attending trade shows in Spain and Germany.

He had been receiving treatment for his lung cancer over the past two years, but it was only in the past months that the disease began to quickly undermine his health. Bill had a passion for adventure and exploration. His

several years of columns in the *Phuket Gazette* always exuded that passion, inspiring readers to go and experience for themselves the many places he wrote about – not just in Thailand, but all over the Southeast Asian region.

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EXPAT GALLERY

Adrienne Tusoni

Adrienne came to live in Phuket in 1973. She has operated many businesses but is known mainly for her work helping the local community and people in need. She was a co-founder of the Phuket International Women's Club in 1989, and in 1992 was elected Charter President of the Lions Club Phuket Pearl where she continues to work to raise funds for local charities.

Adrienne was born in north-eastern France and as a child was caught in the battles between the Germans and the Americans during world war II.

"Our family had ten children, and when the Germans invaded our region the Gestapo threw us out of our house and we had to live on a nearby mountain. Eventually the Americans drove the Germans out and the allies took us back home. I still recall having to step over fallen soldiers."

After the war, the young Adrienne studied domestic science and learned laundry operations. Eventually she married an American soldier and went to live in Louisiana. When her marriage ended, she trained in histopathology as a lab technician at the Charity Hospital in Lafayette by day and worked as a cashier in a bowling alley in the evenings to support herself and her young son.

When her son was four years old, she married for the second time. The family returned to Europe and then Bangkok. Adrienne got a job in the pathology department with SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization), training staff in lab procedures and doing research on hemorrhagic fever.

From 1971 onwards, her work covered a wide field, including administration for an advertising company to ownership of a jewelry manufacturing business using the lost wax method for local production and export.

She came to Phuket in the 1970s on a visit and met the owner of the Phuket Island Resort who suggested she open a shop in the lobby there.

"Back then, it became apparent that I had come to Phuket at the right time and I was fortunate to be able to meet a number of the older established families on the island. They were charming and very welcoming. I opened a boutique at the resort selling jewelry, beach apparel and other tourism related items and services. The shop operated for 15 years."

Over her 34 years in Phuket, Adrienne has always worked, often as an entrepreneur. With her adopted Thai family, she operated what was the island's third larg-

est industrial laundry. She has been a consultant to a number of resort projects on the island and in Krabi, and since 1995 has been developing a piece of land south of Chalong Circle where she now lives next to her Thai family.

But she has always been involved in raising funds and donating generously of her time for the benefit of Phuket and its needy.

"I've been active with the Lions Club Phuket Pearl to raise funds to build and support the operations of an 'All Handicap Center' which is now in Kathu District. We fund a program for Autistic Children and their parents. We also help the Phuket Sunshine Village with funding."

After the tsunami, Adrienne worked at the Governor's office helping Swiss citizens with missing or injured family members. Her skills at speaking and reading Thai and other languages helped in the relief effort. She worked for the French Red Cross during the reconstruction phase, and helped in the search for orphans.

Adrienne is also known as an avid ballroom dancer. She first learned to waltz from Catholic nuns when she was a girl and that interest continues today.

When not dancing, swimming or working on charitable projects, she is keen on reading Thai novelists as it gives her an even deeper appreciation of her adopted country.

Meditation is for Adrienne the finale of a day well spent.

- 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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KEEPING UP APPEARANCES: Hundreds of locals turned out to clean up Kamala Beach on September 18 to mark International Coastal Clean-up Day 2009. The environmentalists, young and old, were supported by Haadthip Co, a major bottler of Coca-Cola in South East Asia, and Vice Governor Smith Palawatvichai.



JUMPING FOR JOY: Chinese Studies graduates from Prince of Songkhla University (PSU) celebrate at their graduation ceremony, held at the university grounds on September 18. A total of 494 PSU students graduated on the day.



MORALITY IN MUSIC: Local vocalist Naree-krajang sings at the 'Morals, Music and Life' charity concert, held at the Tainan Restaurant on September 20. The event was organized by the Thai Red Cross and Sathira-Dhammasathan foundation in a bid to raise funds for the Savika Sikhhalaya Buddhist Institute for nuns.



ALL WHITE ON THE DAY: Twin Palms Phuket Resort General Manager Oliver Gibaud (left) and Chairman Carl Langenskiold pictured during celebrations to mark the resort's fifth anniversary with a White Beach Party at Catch Beach Club in Surin on September 12.



WOTIF AWARDS: Online accommodation bookings agent Wotif Group awarded its top achievers in Phuket last week. The winners, calculated on total room night sales from July 2008 to June 30 this year for sales made through Wotif.com, LateStays.com and Asia Web Direct combined, were: Holiday Inn Resort Phuket; Sugar Palm Resort & Spa; and Le Meridien Phuket Beach Resort.



PHUKET PRODUCTS ARE GOING PLACES: Phuket businesses benefited from a recent seminar focusing on 'Opening the Thai Market to the World'. The seminar was held at the Royal Phuket City Hotel and attracted many local business and government representatives. Pictured are Phuket Vice Governor Tri Aug-karadacha (purple shirt) and key speakers at the seminar, including Ketpirun Kohsuwan (orange suit) from the Department of Trade Negotiations under the Ministry of Commerce, and president of the Phuket Property Club Tanan Tanpaiboon (2nd from right).



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In a series of gastronomic collaborations, the Banyan Tree Phuket is bringing internationally acclaimed chefs and wine makers to the island for dining experiences under the theme, 'Sense of Occasion'.

The first Sense of Occasion event, and a first for Phuket, was the pairing of a three-Star Michelin chef and a master wine maker. The chef was Christian Le Squer, Michelin Chef at Le Doyen Paris Champs Elysees and the wine maker was Pascal Jolivet, a renowned wine producer from Sancerre and Pouilly Fume in the Loire Valley.

The two gastronomes paired up and combined their expertise to create exquisite dining experiences for five evenings in a row at the Banyan Tree's lakeside restaurant Tre.

Following the success of the first feast put on by the French fellows, the next 'occasion' brought master chef Tadashi Sawauchi from Tokyo's signature Japanese restaurant Yamazato at the Hotel Okura. Chef Sawauchi put on a 'Kaiseki Cuisine' occasion. *Kaiseki* is a traditional, multi-course Japanese dinner.

While at the resort, Chef Sawauchi also got his guests involved in preparing their own Japanese food, showing them *kazari zushi* (sushi decoration) techniques.

The next event in the 'Sense of Occasion' series is planned for November.

For more information contact Marketing Manager Kulchada Boonrawd. Tel: 076-324374. Email: marcoms-phuket@banyantree.com.



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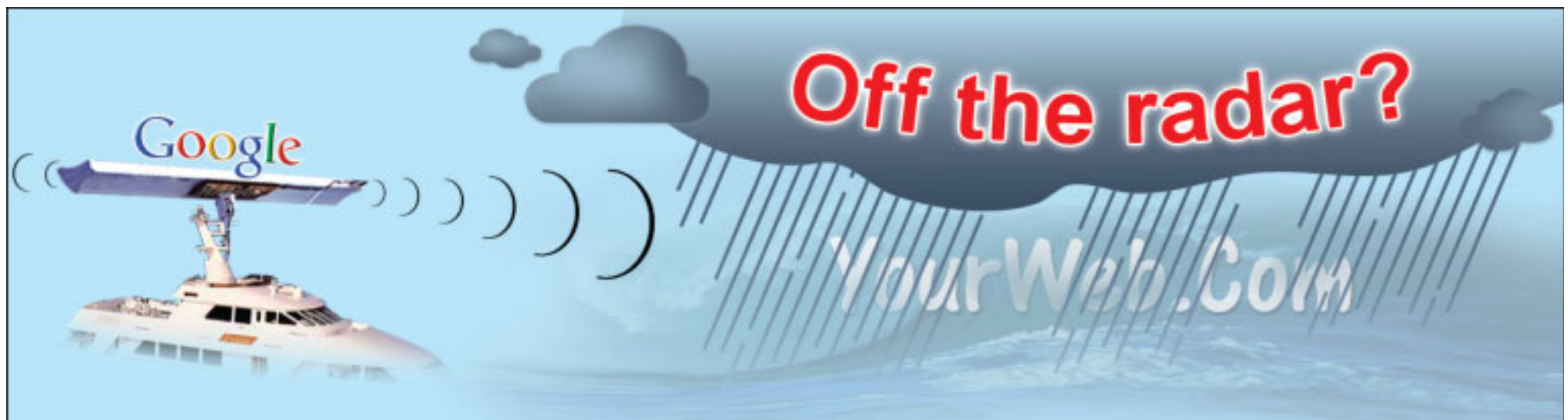
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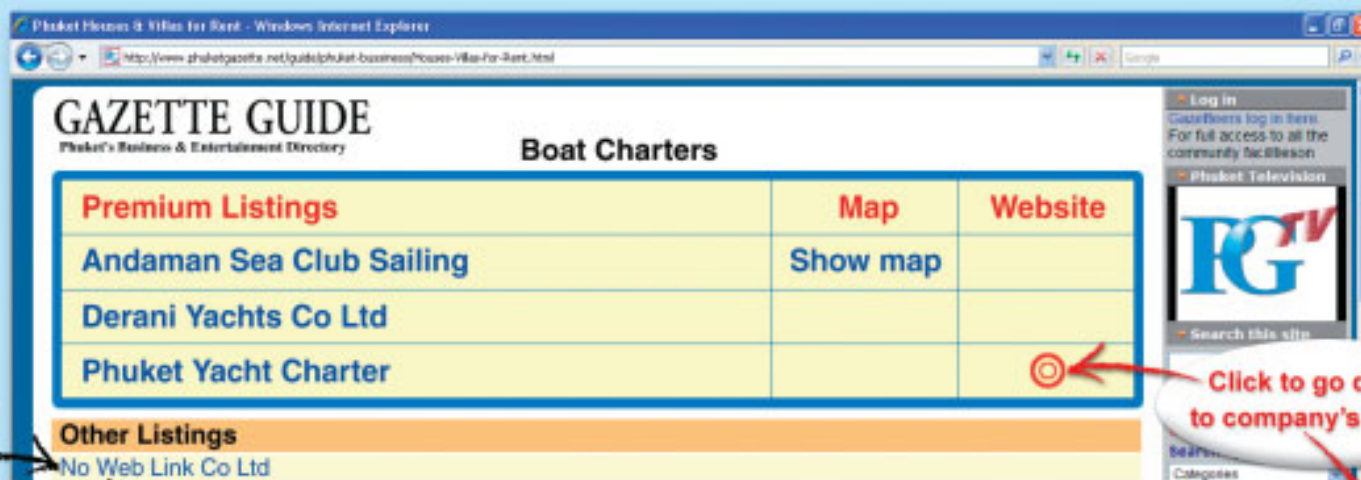


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Upcoming events on the island

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The Phuket Surf Lifesaving Carnival is scheduled for October 3. All are welcome! There are categories for all age groups, ranging from under-15s to over-50s, including a category for Thai nationals in a bid to promote water safety and skills within the local community. The event is organized by The Phuket Lifeguard Club, a non-profit organization established in 2003, which conducts regular training programs for local adults and children in water safety, rescue, first aid and beach management skills. The carnival is sponsored by Le Meridien Phuket Beach Resort, Patong Municipality, Phuket International Hospital and Absolute Resorts. From 8.30am to 5pm at Loma Park, Patong Beach. For further information contact Jayne MacDougall. T: 089-645 2576 (English) 081-892 5549 (Thai). E: jayne.macdougall@lemeridien.com. W: phuketlifeguard.com/Events.

September 24-26 Phuket International Hospitality Show

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

September 26-27. End of Summer Barbeque

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October 1. Award-winning fund manager to speak in Phuket

Sam Liddle has seen it all. His flexible approach to investment won him the Standard and Poors award for best managed 'cautious' fund in 2005, and then the Lipper/Reuters award for best managed 'aggressive' fund in 2006. Sam will visit Phuket to headline a personal investment seminar organized by MBMG International. He will be joined by Billy Popham of MBMG, who will discuss how to legitimately take your pension out from under the UK tax net. It is an outstanding opportunity to hear one

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

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October 14. Punchline Comedy - Live International Stand-up Comedy

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The inevitability of change



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Andy Hornby (left), CEO of Halifax Bank of Scotland (HBOS), shakes hands with Eric Daniels (right), CEO of Lloyds TSB, following Lloyds TSB's takeover of HBOS in a 12.2 billion pound deal in 2008. AFP PHOTO/JOHN STILLWELL/POOL

The pace of change in the world is accelerating in virtually every area. In the financial world this is certainly true. In the 'offshore world', where many expats park their cash, change has been rapid.

Over twenty years ago, I opened a business contract with the Sun Alliance Group in Guernsey, Channel Islands. Sun Alliance, which has its head office in the United Kingdom, is the world's oldest insurance company and was formed in 1710.

Offshore, they were more an investment house than insurance company. The mid-1990s saw Sun Alliance merge with another long established insurance group, Royal Life, to form what is now Royal & Sun Alliance.

In the offshore world, this lead to a problem; Sun Alliance had its offshore headquarters in Guernsey and Royal Life in the Isle of Man. It was not legally possible to transfer clients from Guernsey to the Isle of Man. The decision was made to sell the Sun Alliance offshore operation to

Generali, a very large Italian insurer who wanted access to the offshore world. Immediately, clients of Sun Alliance International in Guernsey found themselves to be Generali clients.

The new Royal & Sun Alliance International carried on a global business via its Isle of Man headquarters. However, the equity market crash of 2000 and the following recession saw Royal & Sun Alliance in the United Kingdom being told by the national regulator to raise cash as its liquid reserves had fallen below acceptable levels. They were not alone; many UK insurers faced the same predicament.

One group, Friends Provident, which had been a mutual life insurance society since its inception in the early 1830s decided in 2001 to list on the London Stock Exchange and demutualise. This made them a rarity at the time; an insurance company with a pile of cash. That put them in a position to carry out their intention to expand

outside of the UK.

They achieved this by buying the offshore operations of Royal and Sun Alliance and rebranding them Friends Provident International.

Now, just eight years later, a company called Resolution – often described as a cash shell which raised six hundred million pounds in 2008 from mainly institutional shareholders including two insurance giants Aviva and Prudential – has launched a successful bid for Friends Provident.

The bid, slightly in excess of 1.8 billion pounds, buys the whole Friends Provident group, not just its offshore operations. Effectively, Friends Provident lasted 170 years as a mutual and eight years as a company (a Mutual Life Office is owned by its policy holders and an Insurance Company is owned by share holders and listed on a stockmarket.).

In latest developments, it has emerged that Friends Prov-

ident will keep their name.

However, Resolution has larger ambitions. Firmly in its sights is the Clerical Medical Group; another old UK insurer formed in 1824 to provide insurance for members of the clergy and medical professions.

It also opened off-shore operations in the Isle of Man with offices on a global basis, no doubt as with the other institutions, a number of readers will have had personal business dealings.

Clerical Medical had a slightly different story. They were acquired by the newly-formed entity HBOS. HBOS stands for Halifax – traditionally the largest mortgage lender in the UK – and its new partner the Bank of Scotland, which was formed just one year after the Bank of England in the late 17th Century.

HBOS had aspirations of becoming a 'one stop' financial services and banking group and Clerical Medical was acquired in the late 1990s to provide insurance services – in house.

Unfortunately, HBOS became something of a disaster and the British government hurriedly arranged what has been described as a shotgun wedding to banking group Lloyds TSB.

Lloyds Banking Group, as it is now called, should have had a much longer look at what the UK government was offering. Instead, Lloyds (not to be confused with Lloyds the insurance

entity) saw an opportunity to vastly expand their balance sheet.

Their failure to conduct leisurely 'due diligence' cost them dearly. They have stated that 80% of their bad debts were inherited from HBOS.

Now, Lloyds Banking Group had to be recapitalized by the British taxpayer, who now has a 43% stake in what was a healthy banking group.

Naturally, not one word of an apology has been uttered by the British government.

Resolution knows that Lloyds Banking Group wants and needs to sell assets to inject some much-needed cash.

Not only is Clerical Medical (known offshore as CMI) likely to be sold but another long established insurance company held by the group, Scottish Widows is another candidate to be sold off.

The driving force behind Resolution is entrepreneur Colin Cowdery who has in total nine targets at present.

Legal & General, another venerable UK insurer is also believed to be on the list.

There is an ongoing consolidation of mergers and takeovers.

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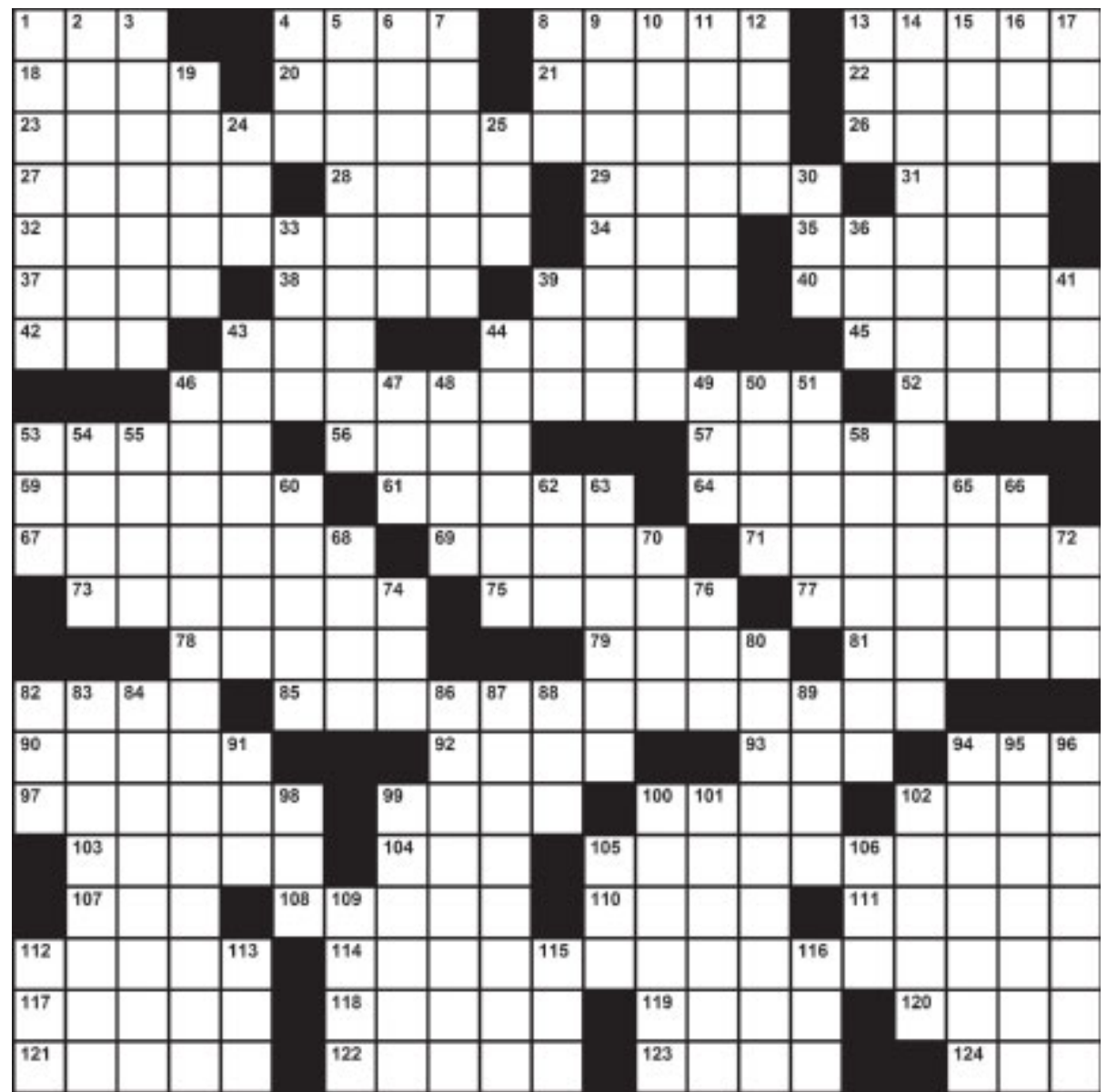
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Spot the Difference



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ACROSS

- 1 How- (handyman's texts)
- 4 "Part 2" movies (Abbr.)
- 8 Worry about the small stuff?
- 13 Revive the spirits of
- 18 -over-lightly
- 20 Light greenish-blue
- 21 "First Blood" character
- 22 Cat-_-tails
- 23 Scientific impossibility
- 26 Vandalized, in a way
- 27 Look with a twisted lip
- 28 Auction phrase
- 29 "Blue screen of death" cause
- 31 Org. that publishes health studies
- 32 Where Homer Simpson works
- 34 Trash collector with a tail
- 35 Keen
- 37 Suffix with "social"
- 38 French 101 verb
- 39 Approximations (Abbr.)
- 40 Single-named folk singer from Alabama
- 42 Actor Beatty
- 43 Cycle start?
- 44 Reebok rival
- 45 City on the Missouri
- 46 Head of state, in some places
- 52 "Born Free" star
- 53 -dish (lab vessel)
- 56 Self-assurance
- 57 Fiddling Isaac
- 59 Afghan princes, once (Var.)
- 61 Backers for plasterwork
- 64 Clinton Chief of Staff Leon
- 67 Sights to admire
- 69 Article of bedding
- 71 Impolite observers
- 73 They incite

- 75 "Keep your ___ on!"
- 77 About 60 percent of us
- 78 Raise objections
- 79 Bishops' offices
- 81 Inception
- 82 Jaw-hanging expression
- 85 Certain church gathering
- 90 He wrote about a bear in the woods
- 92 Eve's son's son
- 93 "I get it" preceders
- 94 "___ a problem"
- 97 Dock boxes
- 99 "Now, about ..."
- 100 Mother of Artemis and Apollo
- 102 Baskin-Robbins container
- 103 "Low-budget," in brand names
- 104 "Dear ___ or Madam"
- 105 Some communication devices
- 107 Coming-out miss, briefly
- 108 City in Pakistan
- 110 "Jumpin' Jack Flash, it's ___"
- 111 Certain noncom officer in the Air Force
- 112 Half of a '60s rock foursome
- 114 Colon, e.g.
- 117 The Cradle of Texas Liberty
- 118 Act melodramatically
- 119 "Bill & ___ Excellent Adventure"
- 120 Jai ___ (handball relative)
- 121 ___ ease (relieve one's mind)
- 122 Alligator's home, in urban myths
- 123 Greek resistance group of WWII
- 124 Ambulance pro, for short

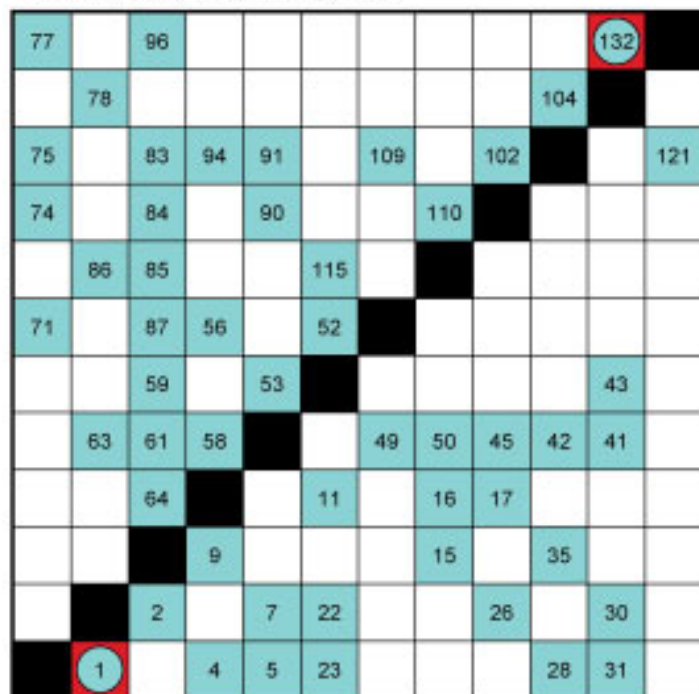
- 2 "Johnny ___" (Rodgers and Hart)
- 3 Fastened with threads?
- 4 Watched the kids
- 5 Campaign request
- 6 Deep-space energy source
- 7 Like a teardrop
- 8 "Full" sign
- 9 Ride behind a speedboat
- 10 Abu Dhabi and Dubai
- 11 Cancels, as a NASA mission
- 12 Up ___ good (making trouble)
- 13 "A Descent into the Maelstrom" author
- 14 "Will you marry me?" accompaniment
- 15 Some junkyard scrap
- 16 Brings to light
- 17 ___ X-ing
- 19 Duel-purpose tools
- 24 ___ on the side of caution
- 25 Denver clock setting (Abbr.)
- 30 ___ Speed Wagon (vintage auto)
- 33 Graceful creature
- 36 "And now, without further ___"
- 39 "Ich bin ___ Berliner" (J.F.K. quote)
- 41 Baseball class just below the majors
- 43 Oar-propelled galley
- 44 Thirds of thirds
- 46 2009 oath of office taker
- 47 90-degree pipe joint
- 48 "The Valachi Papers" author Peter
- 49 1/192 qt.
- 50 "H" look-alikes
- 51 Last name in fashion: de la ___
- 53 Ballerina's step

- 54 Grouched Australians
- 55 "M*A*S*H" prop
- 58 Intellectualizes
- 60 Ask an unanswerable question
- 62 "Beavis and Butt-Head" laugh
- 63 Bad vibrations
- 65 4 p.m. choices
- 66 Composer Thomas
- 68 Below-the-belt comment
- 70 Cheshire cat's hangout
- 72 "The Concorde ... Airport '79" jet
- 74 "Embraceable You" lyricist Gershwin
- 76 Ball prop
- 80 In the U.S.
- 82 Suburban builder
- 83 Otter-hunting terrier
- 84 Plate locale
- 86 "So you've said"
- 87 Intermission
- 88 Associate of Tigger
- 89 Breakfast chain
- 91 Bard's early night
- 94 Unpurchased item
- 95 A thousandth of a kilo
- 96 Do-it-yourself diagnostic aid
- 98 Yard layer
- 99 Take as true without proof
- 100 Official emissary
- 101 Floating on air
- 102 There's one in 1,000
- 105 Nineteenth Greek letter
- 106 TV shopper's channel
- 109 "2001: A Space Odyssey" characters
- 112 Belonging to Mrs. Kettle
- 113 Bouncer's handful
- 115 3x, in Rx lingo
- 116 Precursor of the CIA

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- What was the first credit card?
- What links Humphrey Davie, Michael Faraday, Madam Curie?
- What do Hippophagic society members support?
- What did Britain swap Havana for with Spain in 1763?
- What is the crime of embracery?
- Which country made the world's first feature film in 1906?
- Who wrote *Gentlemen Prefer Blonds*?
- What was Norman Bates' hobby in *Psycho*?
- What was Casanova's day job?
- Where is the world's largest gold depository located?
- Why did the state of Indiana ban *Robin Hood* in 1953?
- Angelo Scicilano is better known as who?
- How did George II die?
- What did Marlon Brando and George C Scott refuse?
- Why was convict 2599 unusual in Pen State prison 1924?
- What in France is 6 inches bigger in the Summer?
- What two ingredients make the dish angels on horseback?
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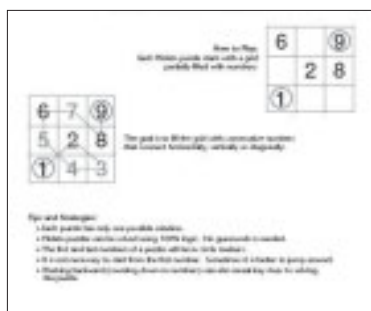
Solution to this week's Spot the Difference



Monster Quiz Answers

- Japan
- Paul Newman
- Diners Club
- Poisoned by chemicals at work
- Eating horsemeat
- Florida
- Jury Bribing
- Australia/Story of the Kelly gang
- Anita Loos
- Stuffing birds
- Librarian
- The Federal Reserve bank, Manhattan
- Communists rob the rich
- Charles Atlas
- Fell off a toilet
- Oscars
- Dog doing life for killing cat
- Eiffel tower
- Oysters wrapped in Bacon
- Mystery of Edwin Drood

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



Hidato Puzzle Solution

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Solution to this week's crossword

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Lucid account of a Buddhist world



Off the SHELF

By Patrick Campbell

I feel like a charlatan in reviewing this book. My knowledge of Buddhism has been hitherto limited to reading American 'Beat' authors on Zen, perusing the odd magazine article on the faith, or observing the street processions of chanting, saffron-robed monks around the streets of London. Sketchy indeed... Unsurprisingly, this monograph has broadened my horizons, as it will those of anyone who cares to read it.

Focusing particularly on Thailand, the author, Donald K Swearer, offers a scholarly and dispassionate analysis of Theravada Buddhism, the religion's oldest form, and the one most commonly practiced in Thailand. Examining 'the

interaction of a religious world view and a cultural ethos', *The Buddhist World* (Silkworm Books, Bangkok, 2009), seeks to explain how 'the peoples of southeast Asia have organized and expressed their lives in meaningful patterns.'

Under the general heading of 'The Popular Tradition', the first section offers a detailed and lucid exposition of Theravada Buddhism, its origins and subsequent history, its precepts and ceremonies, even its contradictions. Not easy, for though Buddhism is based on the life story and teachings of Siddharta Gautama or 'the enlightened one', it is highly eclectic, encompasses many traditions and practices, and is constantly evolving.

In brief, the author tells us, 'the Buddha represents the possibility of overcoming the blinding ignorance caused by sensory attachments and the attainment of the twin ideals of equanimity and compassion', thereby improving the lot of believers 'in this life or future lives'. Methods used to achieve nibbana or nirvana may include the exercise of selfless conduct, study

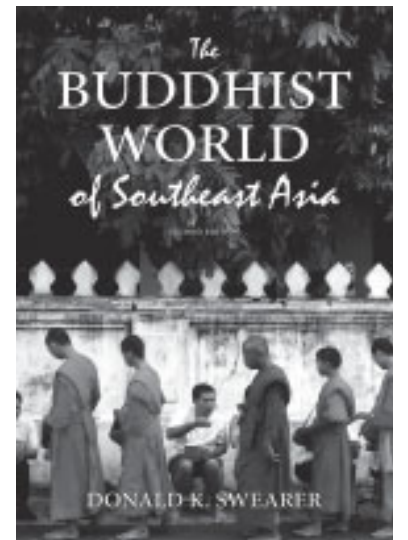
of the scriptural canon, the cultivation of wisdom, and, most important of all, the practice of meditation. Clearly these goals are best achieved in the ascetic environment of a monastery or temple (wat). But perhaps oddly for Western readers, the scriptures of Theravada Buddhism offer 'justification for both spiritual poverty and material wealth'. As Swearer puts it: "the goals are both nibbanistic and proximate". That is to say the aim is to achieve both "a better rebirth", and also 'an improved social and economic status in this life'. Hence the dual purpose behind merit-making – the practice of bearing gifts to local temples.

The second part of the book is taken up with the relationships between Buddhism and the state; the concluding section considers how, in common with all traditional religions, Buddhism is coping with a rapidly changing world. Initially, its relationship with the state was largely symbiotic. As the author reminds the reader: 'from the beginning the Buddhist sangha (assembly of monks) was supported by the social, economic and political elites for social, political and also

religious reasons.' Siddharta came from the ruling khattiya class; Theravada Buddhism was the lynchpin of King Asoka's reign. More recently, 'leaders of independence movements in Myanmar and Sri Lanka have consciously sought to legitimize their nations in the face of Western colonialism through the symbols and ideology of Theravada Buddhism...' And to this day, it continues to 'figure prominently in government policies, programs and strategies' in Thailand as well as in Myanmar and Sri Lanka.

A number of recent political events have, however, clouded the horizon. Under Pol Pot's murderous regime, most of Cambodia's monasteries and temples were destroyed: monks were forced, on pain of death, to disrobe and return to civilian life. Recently, we have witnessed the savage repression in Myanmar of monks who took part in peaceful protests.

However, monks have not always been blameless – a number of sexual and financial scandals involving the sangha has prompted one radical group, Santi Asok, to denounce moral laxity in the order.



But there are positive signs. While rapid social and economic change may have eroded their influence, especially in urban areas, monks have found new ways of assisting their local communities, becoming more conservation-minded, responding to the HIV/Aids crisis in Thailand, and, perhaps partly in response to Western pressure, allowing women to enter the sangha.

Silkworm is to be commended for bringing to our attention a scholarly analysis of another issue that is central to everyone who cares about Thailand.

Horoscopes



Isla Star

LIBRA (September 24-October 23): The stars suggest that Librans will end this month on firm footing. Those who have recently taken more control in a close personal relationship could find that this becomes tedious, especially if finances are involved. If your birthday is due this week, expect to benefit from experience in the coming year.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): Those born under the sign of Scorpio who have just returned from a trip abroad will find it a challenge to readjust to regular routine again. However, the astral atmosphere in October will encourage a change of perspective. Where love is concerned, an old flame could cramp your social style this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): Helping Aquarius could be a double-edged sword this weekend. Certain Sagittarians could find it impossible to refuse doing a favor, but may have cause for regret afterwards. Relationships will become easier and bring more pleasure in October. Wear the color aquamarine to encourage clearer vision.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): The area of finances is highlighted to be lucky until the middle of October. Capricorns will take a shopping trip this weekend and a generous mood will ensure that someone close enjoys the outing as well. Where family is concerned, your ability to let bygones be bygones could lead to a surprise reunion at the end of this month.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): An important decision or action cannot be delayed any longer. Another air sign is growing impatient and some kind of ultimatum will be forthcoming very soon. Romance with Leo begins to blossom, but a relationship with Cancer can't bring the happiness you seek. Wearing a piece of light jade can encourage better luck to flow towards you.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Down in the mouth Pisceans will be able to take life less seriously this week. Those who are single receive the green light to go ahead with romancing Taurus. Thursday is the most auspicious day to arrange a date for. Wearing the color apple green can encourage self-confidence.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): Most Arians will be feeling fresh as a daisy this week. A wave of optimistic energy enables you to make steady progress at work. Where romance is concerned, the stars show that your need for commitment will not be met in the immediate future. Wearing the color butterscotch can encourage a softer attitude.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): A story you hear this weekend should be taken with a pinch of salt. If Taureans believe everything they hear, peace of mind could be compromised this week. Those who have recently begun a romance with Leo could see it turn suddenly sour. The number seven is lucky on Tuesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Cutting corners in business may be a temptation for those born under the sign of Gemini this week. A fire sign colleague is likely to suggest ways of saving money that will cost you more in the long run. The number eight can bring good fortune next Wednesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): News you hear this weekend relating to a friend is just the tip of the iceberg. Cancerians could find information hard to

swallow as the week goes by, but you will know exactly how to proceed when you have all the facts at your fingertips. Wear the color tangerine to promote a warm feeling.

LEO (July 24-August 22): Be economical when answering bureaucratic questions midweek or an ongoing situation could become even more confused. Many Leos are surprised to find out that a close partner is considering a change of career path. Tuesday is a good day

for sensible discussions relating to this situation. The number two is lucky on Wednesday.

VIRGO (August 23-September 23): You have nothing to lose by contacting a water sign friend who you fell out with this year. The stars will support your efforts to rekindle this relationship until the middle of October. The path of true love will also become smoother this week – commitment with another earth sign is strongly highlighted.

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Is Phuket ready for welfare?

Thailand's leading think tank has proposed a 'survival strategy' for the nation: an exit from the current economic and political distress by transforming the country into a 'welfare state' that would help bridge wealth and income disparity.

The Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI), led by its chairman, Dr Nipon Poapongsakorn, says the group's research has found that disparities in income and assets are the main cause of the ongoing political conflicts that could spiral into a crisis.

He says the way out is to reform the economy by creating a welfare state that would help close the gap between rich and poor, thus reducing social and political conflicts.

The TDRI's findings are said to show that Thailand's richest citizens have 69 times more assets than its poorest. In addition, about half the country's population lacks job security.

The Thai economy's current market system fails to deliver equal access to bank credit, knowledge and natural resources.

Only a handful of politicians and business people benefit from the monopoly, and the current tax structure does not help reduce wealth concentration among the privileged.

Wealth concentration has a significant correlation to political power, as seen in the Thaksin experience in which a business tycoon entered politics, dubbed himself a CEO, and got driven out of office by a coup amid widespread perceptions of abuse of power for massive personal financial gain.

The TDRI conclusion that a welfare state is the answer for Thailand, on the basis that only such a system can bring sustainable democracy to the country, will almost surely be a subject of ongoing debate over the next few months.

The suitability of such a policy could prove problematic for Phuket. The island province derives its celebrity from notions of yachts, 'top-end' villas, entrepreneurship and the powers of investment and economic opportunity - all things incompatible with welfarism.

Welfarism has produced the virtual bankruptcy of some notable entities over the past few decades, Sweden, New York City and Los Angeles among them. And it has seduced many others to the brink.

While market economies rarely deliver equality across even the majority of a national population, they might well be preferable to the rude and cynical populism that underpinned the Thaksin years.

Even in moderation, populism, let alone outright welfarism, brings rising public debt, falling direct investment, higher taxes and an erosion in its host country's ability to compete internationally.

These known consequences may not be what Thailand needs as it attempts to emerge from the current slump on par with the currently favorable prospects for most of its Asian neighbors.

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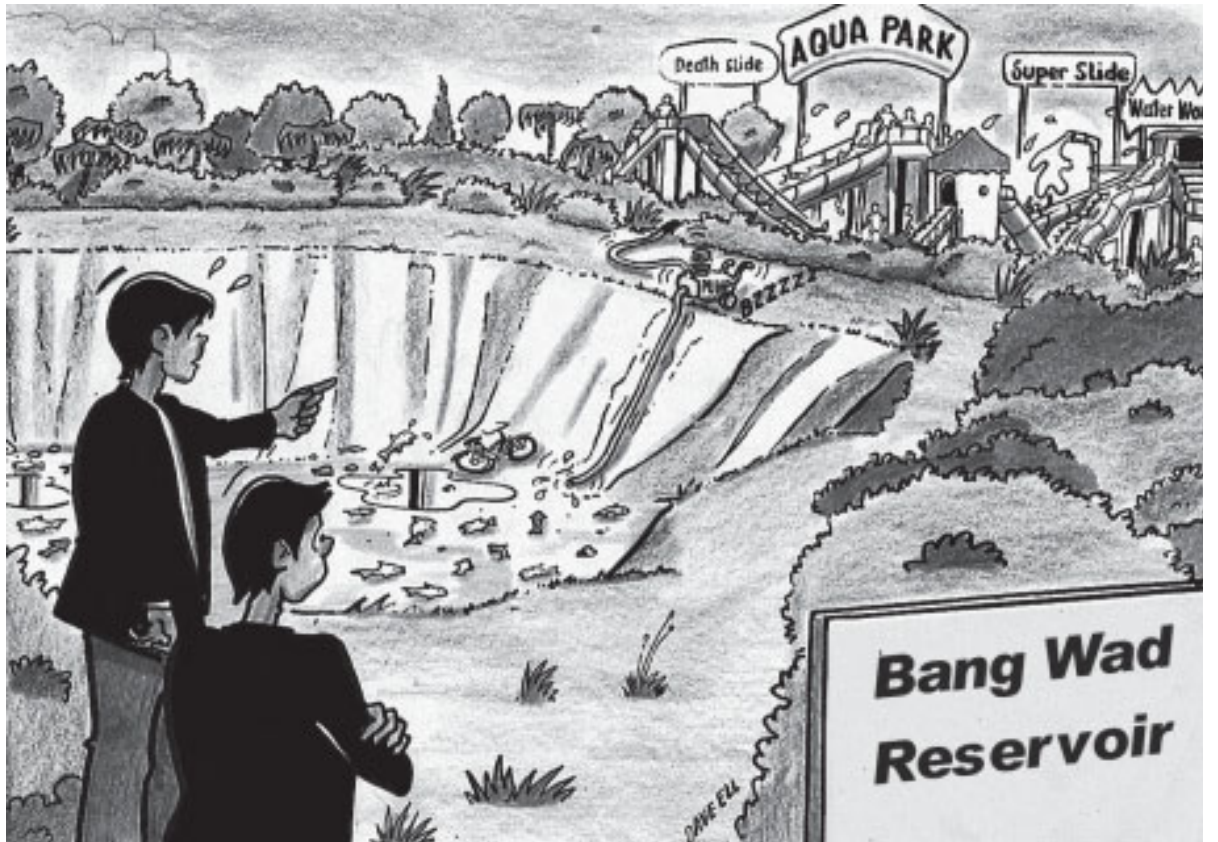
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your views for publication in our next issue. We reserve the right to edit all letters. Pseudonyms are acceptable only if your full name and address are supplied.

On your bike

I like the idea of cycling ['Pedal power proves popular in Phuket', *Gazette Online*, Sept 21] and I'd love to use my pushbike not only on special occasions but more and more in daily life, such as for getting to work.

The problem is that it is just too dangerous.

Nobody takes care on Phuket's roads and as a cyclist you are much more vulnerable than anybody else.

If there were dedicated bicycle lanes (and if motorists would respect them), that could push forward the idea of more bicycles and less cars.

Another problem is the heavily dust-polluted air on Phuket's roads.

Try for yourself, it will choke you. I usually only ride on far away tracks for fun, but not to get from A to B.

**Michael Bosch
Phuket**

Noise annoys

Who's brilliant idea was it to blast news and music from a local radio station...non stop all afternoon from loud speakers all over Sai Nam Yen and Nanai roads in Patong?

Are you kidding me?

Don't we have enough noise in this town without being forced to listen to this stuff all day?

Don't get me wrong, as I do enjoy a little music at times, but I don't like being forced to listen to it. I can't even listen to my own TV without putting the volume up high.

C'mon enough already!

**Roger Tremblay
Patong**

World's oldest man

I would like to congratulate the *Phuket Gazette* on breaking the story of Luang Pu Supha being now the oldest man in the world.

My Thai wife has been telling me his for ages and still believes that he has just celebrated his 115th birthday.

If I understand correctly, in order to be considered in the Guinness World Records, he has to pay for them to come over and check.

Being a monk, he has no money, so how is this possible?

Surely the TAT or local government could sponsor this instead of spending millions on roadshows to various countries?

This story should bring Phuket some much needed positive press as well as a number of tourist wellwishers but am I alone in thinking that nobody has thought about this?

Unfortunately, by the time people wake up to our fantastic world-record holder, it may be too late.

**Norah Steadman
USA**

Goodbye Keith

I was saddened to learn about the sudden death of Keith Floyd who had brought a bit of fun back to Phuket during his short stay here.

I will never forget the huge poster of him, glass in hand, that would greet tourists as they left the airport to start their holidays.

That in itself is a tribute to the man who was himself 'larger than life in all he did.'

Keith was a one-off and we will miss him.

**John Mendes
Kamala**

Lost Marbles

These jelly marbles ['Phuket UFOs still a mystery', *Gazette Online*, September 17] have been available in Phuket for months.

My eight-year-old daughter and her friends have made hundreds of them over the summer.

They tricked me a few months ago when I found the soft, jelly-like substance in the toilet!

**Tim Wells
Patong**

Checklist pointless

A pre-condition checklist similar to that used when hiring a car would not work for jetskis.

The jetskis are most of the time already in the water and any damage underneath cannot be seen.

Only when they are hoisted on the trailers can you see the underneath.

This fact is used by the scammer operators who rent the jetskis to unsuspecting tourists with the damage already on the machine underneath.

When the tourists return, the operator hauls the jetski onto the sand, and 'inspects' the underbelly, whereupon, surprise; there is 'new' damage.

It's an old scam which they have been working for years and years.

**Keemapoot
Gazette/Thai Visa
Phuket Forum**

Twisted logic

I cannot believe that the Thai authorities are going after the film makers rather than JJ and his crew. How twisted is that?

**Nick Smith
Phuket**

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Learning to love the tourists



Having spent the past 16 years living and working in Phuket's tourism industry, Singaporean national and general manager of the Chaba Hotel at Kata Beach, Robin Lee Liew Yiak, has seen numerous changes in tourism on the island.

Robin's position has given him insight into how the local tourism industry has been affected by political, economic and health issues over the past few years.

Here Robin highlights some of Phuket's current problems and suggests some ways of fixing them.

Recently, Phuket appears to have lost some of its appeal and popularity with holidaymakers from around the world. This can be linked to a number of factors.

Firstly, since the Iraq war started in 2003, Phuket has seen a huge drop in the number of visitors from the American Navy, and it was only in May of this year that they finally returned.

The troops may only come for a few days at a time, but they arrive in significant numbers with money to spend.

The sudden drop in their numbers had a massive impact on many tourist-related businesses.

Thankfully, they returned to the 'Pearl of the Andaman' in droves for a well-deserved vacation earlier this year, and hopefully this will continue as it did in the past.

Before 2003, the American naval troops visited Phuket every month and made up a large percentage of the visitors the island received.

More recently, the world has suffered from an A(H1N1) influenza pandemic and a massive economic downturn. Phuket's tourism was hit hard by

both. A(H1N1) influenza has put millions of people off the idea of traveling abroad, while a tightening of purse strings by all and sundry has hurt countless destinations around the world – Phuket is no exception.

With all these international concerns, what Thailand needed was stability on a local scale, but the past 12 months have brought endless political strife and protests.

These problems have placed Thailand in the media spotlight around the world, painting a very negative image.

This has made many people wary of traveling to Thailand, believing it might not be a safe place to visit.

Here in Phuket we have our own problems and although they might not be as internationally significant as events in Bangkok and Pattaya, they can be just as damaging.

Touting, overpricing and scamming tourists seems to have become the norm on the island, souring many peoples' experiences.

Firstly, this behavior will dissuade people from returning to Phuket and secondly, it will stop

these visitors from recommending the island to their friends and family.

These issues raise a number of questions. Are we as a community going to attempt to woo back the tourists, or are we going to continue chasing them away? Are the local authorities attempting to solve these problems? What is the Thai government's plan to rescue the tourism industry, the main source of income for Phuket?

Phuket is one of Thailand's highest foreign investment and holiday destinations, and even during these bad times you can still see holidaymakers coming to Phuket. This is a good sign that Phuket is still a destination of choice for many people.

However, should this investment begin to dry up and fewer tourists arrive, Phuket will suffer a great deal, resulting in mass unemployment.

My advice to anyone earning a living by dealing with tourists directly is to stop taking advantage of tourists for short-term gain and look at the bigger picture.

Every business must try to

think about long-term solutions and train their staff to 'love the tourists'. This, I believe, is the key to Phuket getting back on its feet.

Everyone living in Phuket can help to improve the attitude shown towards tourists on the island by starting 'love the tourists' training and counseling to all their staff.

This concept is often practised at management level, but is often overlooked when training lower level staff.

These are the people who are at the front line when it comes to dealing with tourists on a daily basis and the service they provide must be exemplary.

Should a rotten apple be found among the staff, he or she must be sent for retraining.

This is something I believe the authorities must get involved in, making 'love the tourists' training compulsory and then issuing all participants with a 'love the tourists' badge or certificate upon completion.

I am willing to volunteer as a member of a task force should the authorities be willing to get on board with this project.

I currently volunteer as a liaison officer for tourist-related

matters at Phuket Immigration and believe that tourist liaison officers as well as Phuket's tourist police would act as the best agents to promote the 'love the tourists' campaign for the local authorities.

I sincerely hope the authorities will consider my proposal to commence a 'love the tourists' campaign in a bid to restore confidence in Phuket.

We need to ensure that this happens before the start of the new high season and that the message is spread to all corners of Phuket.

I strongly believe a 'love the tourists' campaign can be used to strengthen the tourism industry across the country, and we must promote this message through the domestic and international media.

If we can get the message across on a large scale that tourists are welcome here in Phuket, it might convince people to return to the island once more.

Should we fail to do this, then we might discover that the tourists we need to survive might choose alternate destinations where locals respect them, love them and welcome them with open arms.

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Can my daughter hold two nationalities?

My daughter has an English father and a Thai mother. At some stage, will she have to choose which nationality to adopt or can she hold the two nationalities at the same time? We have already obtained both her Thai and English birth certificates and passports.

Mark Spoors
Phang Nga

Police Captain Rassarin Teerapattanakul, sub-inspector at Phuket Immigration, replies:

If your daughter is under the age of 20, it is possible for her to hold both nationalities. However, once she turns 20, she must choose just one of those nationalities.

For more information contact Phuket Immigration, 482 Phuket Road, Taladyai, Muang, Phuket 83000. Tel: 076-221 905. Fax: 076-212108. Email: phuketimmigration@gmail.com. Website: phuketimmigration.go.th.

Where can I report being short-changed?

Twice this month a cashier at a large retail outlet in Phuket has attempted to short-change me. I sent an email to the company, but the staff there were totally uninterested and offered no assistance. Is there an agency on the island that could be notified?

Pete Darby
Phuket

Ms Sukanya, Office of the Consumer Protection Board at Phuket Provincial Hall replies:

You can go to the Office of Consumer Protection or to the Department of Internal Trade of Phuket to complain, but you must have evidence to back up your claim.

For more information contact the Office of the Consumer Protection Board at Phuket Provincial Hall, Narisorn Road, Muang Phuket 83000 Tel: 076-222886, 076-213203. Department of Internal Trade of Phuket, Office of Commercial Affairs Phuket Building, 1/1 Montri Road, Muang, Phuket 83000. Tel: 076-219586. Fax: 076-217613. Email: phuket@dit.go.th.

Young Phuket soccer stars impress top German team



MAKING IT WITH THE BIG BOYS: Three young Phuket players training with Stuttgart under-14s in Germany.

Three boys from the Youth Football Home (YFH) in Thalung have just returned from two weeks of training with some of Germany's elite coaches and players.

The lucky trio were invited by German World Cup winner Uwe Bein, who visited Phuket earlier this year to spend a week at his football school.

Suthee Wantor, Nonthavit Onting and Jakkrit Noonraksa spent their second week on German soil training with Stuttgart, one of the top teams in the German Bundesliga.

The boys made a strong impression on the German coaches, according to YFH Sports Manager Hannu Tuukkanen, who accompanied them on the trip.

"They did very well," he said. "They were training with the Stuttgart under-14s squad and all three of them showed they were on par with the other boys."

"The tempo of football was much faster, they didn't get any time on the ball and there was a lot of running for them," he said.

Hannu said that by the end of the second week the boys were very tired.

If the boys are to have any hope of succeeding in one of the lucrative European leagues, these are the sort of differences in footballing culture they will have

to overcome.

However, according to Hannu, they had no difficulty adapting to life in Germany.

"The weather was perfect and they really enjoyed the food. 'I asked them if they wanted to eat at a Thai restaurant on the final night and they all said 'no', he said.

As well as the two weeks training, the boys were invited by former German international Maurizio Gaudino to attend a sold out Bundesliga match between Hoffenheim and Schalke.

The three were so taken with German football that the Bundesliga is now competing with the English premiership for time on the Youth Football Home TV set, said Hannu.

The boys were shown around Stuttgart's stadium and even got to meet former Arsenal and Barcelona star Alexander Hleb, who is back at Stuttgart on his second spell.

Hannu was most impressed with the professionalism of the Stuttgart youngsters.

"The training ground is opposite a Mercedes museum and I think the boys are very aware of the rewards on offer if they make it as professional footballers.

"If the trainer says something they do exactly what he says. They train hard and are extremely motivated."

Hannu hopes the boys will take the lessons they learned in Germany back to their training sessions in Phuket.

However, he knows that all the young players at the Youth Football Home have a long journey ahead of them if they are to forge careers as footballers in Europe.

"If one of our boys made it in a European league, even in a lower division, that would be a dream," he said.

"It is extremely difficult for a Thai player to succeed overseas. They need to be very strong mentally and physically.

"Thailand already has some very skillful players but I don't think the national team will see any success until the players start to play their football in leagues outside of Asia."

With the possible exception of the influx of Thai players to Manchester City during Thaksin Shinawatra's brief tenure, something which Hannu dismisses as 'a publicity stunt', he believes this is the first time that Thai youngsters have ever been invited to play at a top European club.

The Youth Football Home, currently home to 31 aspiring young footballers, will be sending two or three boys to train in Germany every year.

-James Goyder

Rajabhat marathon a mini adventure



FINISHING FIRST: Irish born Michelle Hossack, 39 (above), made fast work of Rajabhat Phuket Universities' 11 kilometer mini-marathon on September 20, crossing the finish line within an hour.

About 260 runners turned out to compete in the four- and 11-kilometer mini-marathons, organized by sport enthusiast marketing students from the Phuket Town-based University.

Runners woke early to set out at 6am from Sri Phuanart Park then headed up to Khao Kard view point before making their way back down to the finish line in Sri Phuanart Park.

Futsal frenzy grips Phuket



TOUGH COMPETITION: The Andaman Futsal Championships took place at Sapan Hin this month with 45 teams battling it out in a bid to scoop the 30,000 baht winners' prize money.

Team JD Audio eventually took the prize after some grueling matches and a few bruised shins.

Event organizer Kritphanat Patchwarasit said the popularity of futsal has skyrocketed on the island in recent months.

"Some quality teams took part and we can only hope the planned new futsal stadium set to open in Phuket will encourage more people to take up the sport," he said.

The next tournament is scheduled to take place at Sapan Hin from November 5 to 8.

A smashing tennis tourney

The eighth annual Doubles Smash charity event was held at Laguna on September 12, with proceeds donated to the Phuket Panyanukul School for special needs children in Pa Khlok.

A total of 30 male and female entrants of varying ages competed in the 'hotel staff' and

'open to all' categories.

Nikorn Intaramunee and Somchai Rattanapan won the open title.

Saran Somwongsa from Dusit Thani Laguna and Jeerapong Amornmasdis from the Amanpuri Resort won the hotelier section.

All money raised from the event will be pumped straight into the Pa Khlok-based school and used to buy much needed cooking and cleaning supplies.

Tournament organizer Vachira Thitalohakul said organizers were determined to raise money for school 'essentials' and said the children, many of whom are deaf, needed help from the local community.

-James Goyder

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Beach babes bounce back



POOYING POWER: The world's top female volleyball players will be punching balls again at Karon Beach in November.

The fourth Beach Volleyball Phuket Thailand Open powered by PTT is scheduled to take place at Karon Beach from November 3 to 8.

Some of the best players from around the globe will be here for the tournament, including the world ranked Number One team of Larissa Franka and Juliana Silva from Brazil.

The pair have amassed an impressive eight wins on the 2009 Swatch FIVB World Tour.

The Thailand open is the final leg of the Swatch-FIVB Women's Beach Volleyball World Tour, with purse of US\$190,000.

Over 70 of the world's leading beach volleyball teams from 30 countries have entered the five day tournament, including 15 of the world's top 20 teams

Thailand as the host country is allocated two teams in the 32-strong main draw.

A third team has been given a wild card into the tournament, after winning the pre-qualifying tournament held last month at the Sports Authority of Thailand's beach court at Huamark.

Another three Thai teams will compete in the qualifying rounds.

The Phuket Thailand Open is sanctioned by the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) and the Thailand Volleyball Association (TVA),

and played over five days.

Qualification rounds will be held on November 4, with the main draw taking place from November 5 to 8.

Matches will start from 9am daily, except on finals day when matches start at 3pm.

Both semi-finals will be played on Saturday November 7. The final and 3rd/4th place play-off will be held the next day.

The event will be televised live in Thailand and across Asia, Europe and the USA.

Admission to the tournament is free. The program on-site includes beach volleyball camps, an inter-hotel tournament, a beer garden and many other activities and games in the expanded sponsor zone, adjacent to center court.

The tournament is supported by the Tourism Authority of Thailand, Sports Authority of Thailand, PTT, the *Phuket Gazette*, Federbrau, Kata Group of Hotels, *Siang Tai*, Haad Thip, Woraburi Resort, FBT, and the Telephone Organisation of Thailand (TOT).

International sponsors of the event are the Swatch Group, Mikasa and Descente.

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Bypassing extension outlets



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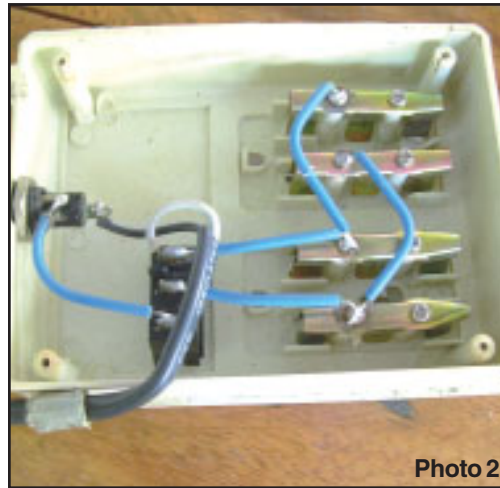


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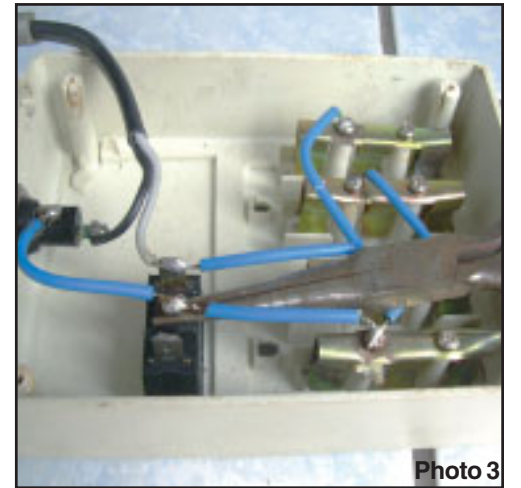


Photo 3

Recently we discussed repair of electrical-outlet boxes by bending mis-shapen contacts back into proper shape and position. Another problem you might have with these boxes (one that just happened to one of mine) is that low-quality switches often wear out. When this happens, it's easy simply to bypass them — making the outlets always “active”.

One can do this while keeping the fuse functional — always a good idea — or bypass the fuse as well.

To begin, let me give a few

tips on soldering-irons and how to use them.

(Photo 1) shows the two types of soldering irons that I've seen available in Thailand: a black-handled, pistol-grip type, with pencil-sharp point; and a thicker, wooden-handled type.

The pistol-grip's point is too fine for general work, generating insufficient heat to quickly melt solder. Don't buy this type! Get the type with the round, wooden handle (like an old screwdriver).

This kind has a broader point, but gets plenty hot, (albeit slowly), and is fine for wiring and general use.

Solder is a soft, mixed-metal substance, usually sold in coiled-wire form in a small plastic tube-bottle, or on a plastic spool. The most common type for electronics applications is “rosin-core” (or ‘flux-core’) solder, a mixture of tin and lead, usually formed as a thin, flexible tube around a core of pasty rosin (or ‘flux’), a substance which cleans the contacts as it's applied and helps ensure a better electrical connection. It's available at Home-Pro (58 Baht), Radio-Shack and a few other electronic-hobby stores.

Techniques: A soldering

iron's heat is sufficient to melt most plastics, including switch bodies and wiring insulation. To avoid mishap apply the heat exactly where needed, for as little time as necessary. In other words get in, get hot, get out!

When soldering wires to the contacts on switch-bodies, remember that since the contacts are small, they can't “hold” much heat, but will diffuse it into the body of the switch if heated too long. Then the switch may melt internally, dislocating the contacts within — not an insurmountable problem, but you may not find out till you've buttoned the outlet box back up. The trick is to use what's called a “heat-sink” (a sort of locking-tweezers) to absorb excess heat that escapes past the exact point you are soldering.

Surgical-type forceps, (hem-ostats) available in many stores here, make fine heat sinks. Lacking these, you can use a pair of fine-point needle-nose pliers, held closed with a rubber-band. This works but can be awkward. Before soldering, (especially if your iron is brand new), the iron's tip must be “tinned”, which means applying a thin layer of solder. Get the iron hot, then briefly touch solder to the tip, letting it melt and spread. The best way to solder is:

1. Heat the contact point with your iron quickly. 2. Apply the solder (while still applying the iron!). 3. Finally, remove solder coil and iron together

It is important that the soldered joint not be moved or flexed at all while cooling, as this can cause a ‘cold’ joint, which will conduct electricity poorly or not

at all. A good, properly congealed solder-joint will be somewhat shiny. ‘Cold’ joints appear dull. If attaching wires to a contact, use your needle nose to first form the tip of the wire into a “hook”, then squeeze it closed onto the contact so that it supports itself. Soldering is a two-handed job, and if the wire needs to be held in place while soldered, it will have to be held in place while the joint is cooling. That can cause flexing, resulting in a cold joint. When applying solder, touch it to where the iron touches the contact or wires being soldered, letting it flow onto the contact joint. Then remove the iron.

Photo 2 shows the power-cord's black wire going to the fuse-holder: from there a blue wire sends electricity to the switch's far-right contact. When the switch is turned on, the center contact's wire sends power to the contact strips. The white wire is the ‘return’. To bypass only the switch:

1. Melt solder on the far right contact. 2. Lift the wire coming from the fuse-holder and make a ‘hook’ in its tip. 3. Place it on the center contact and squeeze the hook closed. 4. Solder it in place (photo 3).

You can see my fine-point needle nose in place beneath the solder-joint as a heat-sink (handles closed by a rubber-band). To bypass the switch and the fuse, de-solder the black wire from the fuse holder and solder it to the center contact, leaving the (now inactive) blue wire in place on the right.

That's it! You can close up your box, plug in the fan and have a beer. See you next time.

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Construction Update

Kathu

Another aqua attraction for the island



The Aquapark is scheduled to open in December and cater to up to 3,000 visitors per day for 10 months a year. Attractions include slides, an artificial beach and a 'lazy river'.

Phuket Aquapark, the latest water-based tourist attraction under construction on the island, is scheduled to open for business on December 15.

The site of the new, 600-million-baht water park is near Bang Wad reservoir in Kathu and is about 50 percent complete.

Covering 40 rai, the venture is backed by Thai and Hungarian

investors. Construction is being carried out by Strong Team Service Co.

When complete, about 65 percent of the park area will be dedicated to water-based activities, comprising about 20 watersides, wave pools, kids' pools and an artificial beach.

The rest of the area will be dedicated to dry sport and leisure facilities, including a 20-meter-

high climbing wall, a beach volley ball court and beach football pitches.

More subdued thrills and spills will include a half-kilometer 'lazy river' that will snake through the park and include a 'mysterious cave grotto'.

There will also be a spa center, massage points and a variety of souvenir shops, snack stalls and restaurants.

There will also be a fully equipped on-site medical center.

The developers claim that all the water attractions are designed and constructed in accordance with international safety standards.

The park will be open for 10 months a year and close for two months a year for annual maintenance.

Park management have not

yet decided exactly which months the park will close.

Aquapark management anticipate between 2,500 and 3,000 visitors a day and up to 5,000 for special events.

The park is one of two water parks on the island preparing to open this year, the other being West Sand resort's Water World in Mai Khao.

-Thanasorn Chookate



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Shopping malls conquer the earth



PROPERTY WATCH

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Shopping café Americano recently in the Philippines on a short trip, I started thinking about the 'shopping mall' — of when it emerged during my distant, somewhat hazily recollected past to become the Godzilla-like institution it is today. I am in Makati as I write this, and it makes me blush to consider how much time I've spent in local malls during this brief journey.

Yesterday I met a friend in Fort Bonafacio, a growing city-of-the-future some peg as the country's new financial hub. In a complex called High Street I was stunned to see dozens and dozens of American chain stores, and families throwing Frisbees — soooooo American in appearance



THE RISE OF THE SUPERMALL: Teenagers walk past Bangkok's Siam Paragon - Thailand's largest shopping mall. AFP PHOTO.

— like an episode of 'Leave it to Beaver' (or maybe 'Leave it to Beaver' meets the 'Stepford Wives') — but dogs are allowed in the shops (which forced recollection that I was in a country infamous for canine culinary specialties — but in High Street I found none of those).

Back in Makati, I took a stroll around one of the malls. I knew exactly where to find everything because — as with American TV sitcoms — if you've seen one, you've seen 'em all. After many years and many many kilometers trekking

through such cathedrals of commerce, I can find my way around a mall though blindfolded, bound, gagged and on roller skates — which is somehow comforting.

Over 20 years ago, when I began living in the East, annual pilgrimages home included an empty suitcase and a list as long as my leg of items with which to return here. But I no longer bother. Times have changed: communications are instant; Asia is now well-mailed; and there's always Amazon.com for the impatient. Just think, we used to watch Super Bowl re-runs months after the event! In those days, to have a connection for 'imported' items was like finding the Holy Grail.

For better or worse the East has evolved: strolling down the

air-conditioned aisles of an upscale Makati mall, freezing — in the tropics! — like an Eskimo, I passed a California Pizza Kitchen. The menu outside listed 'green mango juice' but little else recalling a location in the Philippines. Staff were too friendly in their greetings, as in the U.S., and when I left they sang out, "Have a nice day!" It was eerie.

While America is my homeland, we Americans carry some heavy baggage. We've played a major part in trashing the world's financial system (though we had lots of help from friends). Then there was that ugly Vietnam business; and, of course George W and Iraq. At home we've thrilled over Jessica and another Simpson — and I don't mean Homer, I'm talking OJ. There's

been little to boast of.

Perhaps our most shining and dubious achievement over the last 40 years is the malling of the world.

Might not malls some day unite the world, providing a common dump for dollar or euro, and bonding Jews, Christians, Muslims, all in a sort of Electric Kool-Aid Acid Trip shoppers' paradise? Hey! We can all go to the mall. Malls are today's melting pots for the haves and have-nots: whether shopping or looking, all meet therein and wander about in pursuit of entertainment.

Some regional variation does occur. In North America, where they imagine they invented the mall, the term 'shopping mall' is preferred; in Europe or Australia it's 'shopping centre.' Surprisingly, although Americans did develop the mall in its modern incarnation, the concept is rooted in Iran's Isfahan Grand Bazaar, which dates back to the 10th Century. Isfahan, then, is to malls what Tupelo was to Elvis — their birthplace.

In Phuket, growth of community malls, strip malls and mega-malls continues apace. Family shops and traveling markets appear — like the printed newspaper — headed for extinction. It's hard not to wax nostalgic about their passing. I grew up when malls were still a novelty; small businesses and their owners are interwoven with my earliest memories.

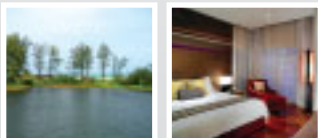
Yet I am not thoroughly or even mostly down on malls. Like the Swiss, I prefer neutrality. Malls have their good points. Sure, I'm stifled when 20 people crowd into a six-person elevator; but on a hot day, mall air-conditioning can be nice, and there's so much to see...I might just go back to one right now and have another coffee.

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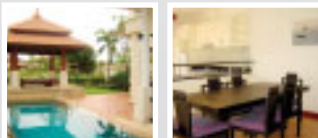
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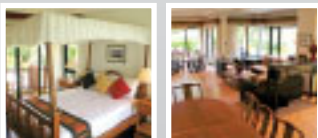
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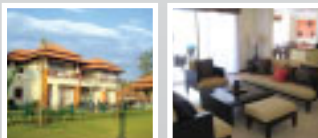
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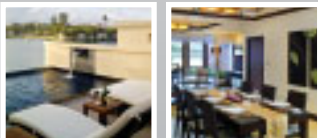
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You may wonder why you have to make an additional payment to the landlord and what this money will be used for.

Usually, key money is a gratuity paid by a prospective tenant to a landlord upon the signing of a lease.

It is important to understand that such a payment will not be used as a security deposit and is usually not refunded on expiration of the lease.

It is essentially nothing other than an additional payment – a premium – on top of the rent.

Landlords often justify such a payment by making reference to the location of the premises, which is often advertised as guaranteeing a successful business.

The actual amount of key money to be paid varies and

typically depends on the location of the building.

It also depends on the amount of rent to be paid.

The lower the rent, the higher the key money and vice versa.

This means that key money can also be seen as a rental advance payment which needs to be paid when signing the lease.

Therefore, when checking whether the rent reflects the actual market value of a property, the amount of key money to be paid can be divided by the number of months of the rental period to determine the true rental cost per month.

If the amount of key money is subject to negotiation, you might agree to pay a higher rent in lieu of key money, in case you do not have sufficient funds available to make a large one-off payment.

A landlord has no statutory right to demand payment of key money, though it can be contractually agreed between landlord and tenant.

Whenever paying key money, it is advisable to request a proper receipt, because in case of a business resale, such a receipt can be shown to your buyer in order to recover these monies.



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It is also recommended to report such a payment to the relevant authorities as an expense, in order to demonstrate that you are not engaged in money laundering or committing tax evasion.

In summary, payment of

premiums such as key money 'on top' of the agreed terms of payment is subject to negotiation, and should only be requested and paid when it can be commercially justified by high demand for space or existing goodwill in a business.

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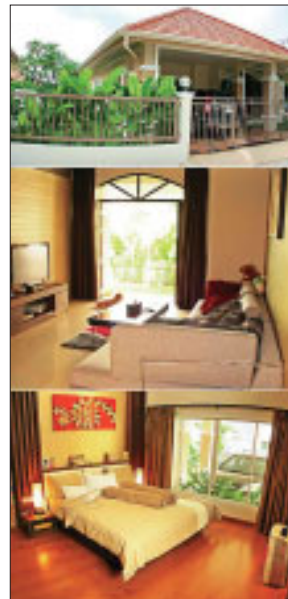
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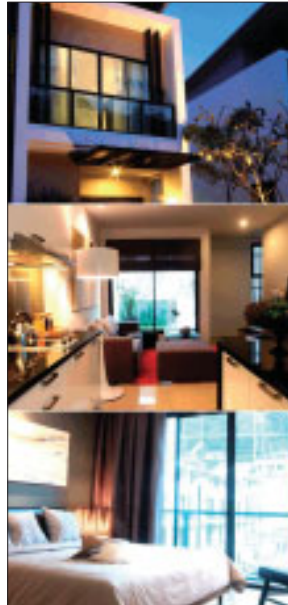
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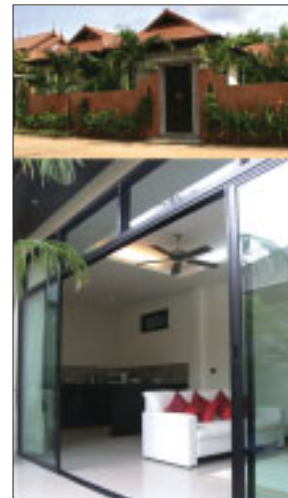
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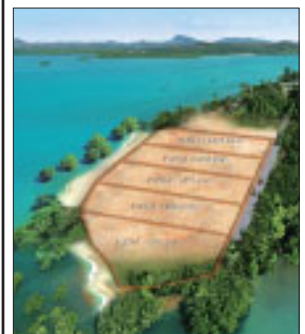


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- SALES EXECUTIVE to promote our club to tour operators and outlets in Phuket and surrounding areas.
- WAITERS AND WAITRESSES (16). Must speak English and MUST have experience.

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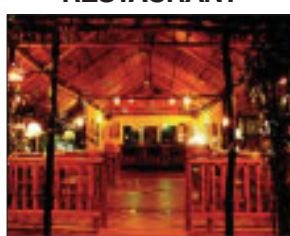
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