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## Dead man leads cops to corpse

Murder victim reveals location of body from beyond the grave, villagers claim

**T**HE location of the body of a Burmese worker who drowned in a tin pond in Phuket was revealed by a woman after she became possessed by the spirit of another dead man, villagers claim.

Villagers in the Samkong area of Phuket City called police last Wednesday to recover the body of a 25-year-old named 'Tai' (Burmese commonly have no surname). A local Thai building contractor told the Gazette that the Burmese woman, identified as 'Mrs Oun', was possessed around 9am that day by "a spirit who spoke with a man's voice, saying someone had drowned in a tin pond."

The spirit apparently claimed to be a Thai man who had earlier been shot near the spot where Mr Tai died.

The contractor and another man went to the wooded area not far from the Thai Village restaurant, on Soi Samkong 1 off Thepkasattri Road, where they discovered the man's corpse - naked and entangled by vegetation - in the pond some distance from shore.

By the time police arrived with Kusoldharm Foundation rescue workers, they found a considerable crowd of villagers and

Burmese workers had gathered.

"When a strong breeze suddenly blew up, it aided the rescue worker who swam out to recover the body," said villagers interviewed by the Gazette.

"The breeze sprang up because the dead man's spirit wanted to help by blowing his body back to shore. He didn't want to remain in the pond," they said.

When rain started pouring down, villagers said it was "the spirit's way of showing thanks."

Tai's brother, Wai, told police the former had disappeared three days before.

"A change came over him about a week ago. When he suddenly vanished I went out looking with a friend but we could find no sign of him," he said.

Police said Tai was a chronic drunk who had probably slipped into the pond by accident.

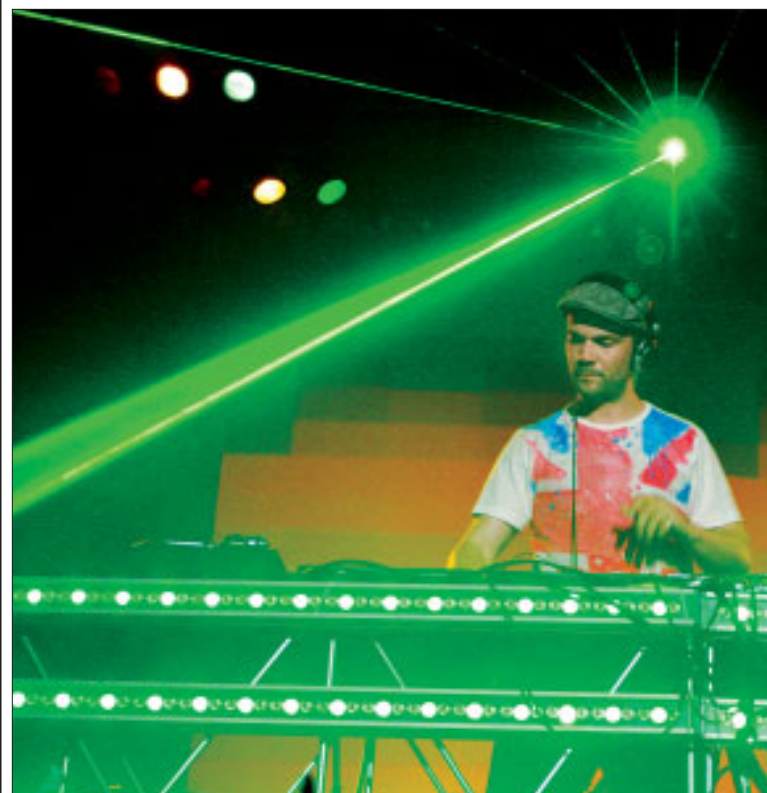
No signs of foul play were found, although local people say the area has been the scene of "murders in the night."

Some 130 tin-mining ponds dot Phuket.

Left over from times when Phuket's chief attraction was its minerals, they attract numerous children, fishermen and picnickers - who sometimes fall in and drown.

-By Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn

## It's new, it's Roy



England's DJ Adsorb on stage at Roy Fest, Phuket's new annual music festival at Karon Beach. A crowd of at least 10,000 Thais and tourists risked the rain on Friday and Saturday nights and were rewarded with great sets from the likes of Silly Fools, Thaitanium, T-bone, Lapsap and DJ Seed. See Editorial, page 20, and First Person, page 21.

## Passport office opens doors

**P**HUKET's Thai citizens can apply for new passports without leaving the island following the opening of the new Ministry of Foreign Affairs office at Phuket Provincial Hall on Thursday.

Foreigners hoping for visa services, certificate translations and marriage certification services will have to wait, however.

Acting chief of the ministry's passport section, Jackrid Kanjanasoon, said the office will begin providing these services "as soon as possible" - though he wouldn't be drawn on when.

The passport application process at the new 'Phuket Passport Office' takes 15 minutes, with passports delivered to the applicant's home within seven days

via EMS delivery, Mr Jackrid said.

Mr Jackrid estimated the new office would process around 200 passports per day.

It opened due to popular demand, he said.

"We used to have a mobile passport unit come to Phuket once a year. There were so many people using the service, about 1,000 per day, we thought it was worth opening a permanent office in Phuket," he said.

The other regional passport offices in the South are at Surat Thani, Songkhla and Yala.

The Phuket office issues three types of passport: standard, government and Haj - for Muslim pilgrims going to Mecca.

Opening hours are 8.30am - 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

-Pimwara Choksakulpan

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# Blood stocked for veggie fest



Phuket's Regional Blood Center has launched a new blood drive to coincide with this month's Vegetarian Festival.

ENTRANCED participants at Phuket's Vegetarian Festival can pierce their faces with sharp objects, sprint across hot coals and climb knife-blade ladders – without shedding blood, according to local belief.

But that hasn't stopped Phuket Regional Blood Center launching a fresh donation drive in time for the festival, which starts on October 18.

Porntip Rattajak, the center's acting chief, said there was high demand for blood during the Taoist celebration, which coincides with the start of Phuket's high season.

"Lots of tourists visit the island, which means there is a higher number of accidents and need for blood," she said.

During the festival, the *ma song* (mediums) who join the procession through the streets of Phuket refrain from eating meat, and most non-participating Thais will attempt to go vegetarian for at least some of the festival.

Those who can't stomach

the idea of 10 days without meat might wish to donate blood, suggested Ms Porntip.

"Besides stopping eating meat, blood donation is another way to make merit," she said.

Anyone who wishes to donate blood can visit Phuket Regional Blood Center, close to Phuket Provincial Employment Office, at the following times: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.30am-4.30pm. Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30am to 8pm. Saturday, Sunday and government holidays from 9am to 3pm.

A mobile donation unit will also be stationed at the following places and times: October 5, 15 and 29 from 12pm to 6pm at McDonald's, Tesco Lotus Phuket. October 16 from 12pm to 6pm at HomeWorks Phuket. October 30 from 12pm to 6pm at Phuket International Airport, first floor. For more information call the blood center on 076-251 178, 081-413 4004, or visit [www.blooddonationthai.com](http://www.blooddonationthai.com).

-Pimwara Choksakulpan

# Viagra given a lift, black market traders deflated

VIAGRA will soon be sold in Phuket pharmacies following a decision by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The drug was previously only available through hospitals or illegally on the black market.

The drug, sildenafil citrate, most commonly known under the Pfizer company trade name 'Viagra', alleviates erectile dysfunction syndrome (EDS or male impotence).

In a bid to stem the illegal sale of EDS drugs, the FDA has announced that Phuket pharmacies that meet new 'high quality' FDA standards will be soon be permitted to sell the drug nationwide.

Phuket Provincial Health Office (PPHO) has been tasked with carrying out the new FDA checks in Phuket which

will begin this week.

Pharmacies that meet the requirements stand to make substantial profits from selling the drug.

But many pharmacies could miss out on the lucrative FDA approval, according to PPHO director Dr Pongsawas Ratanasang, who said that many Phuket pharmacies do not have a pharmacist and therefore do not meet the new FDA requirements.

Assistant FDA Director Dr Pipat Yingsaelee said his agency had seized 244,101 EDS tablets from black market traders over the past four years, worth approximately 97 million baht.

Dr Pipat said that worldwide, 37.5 percent of males aged 40 to 70 years old suffer erectile dysfunction and as a result were potential customers for EDS drugs.

The new measures would

stop deaths caused by 'fake' EDS drug concoctions sold on the black market, he said.

Tourists who want to buy Viagra in Phuket will need prescriptions from a Thai doctor.

For the Pfizer company, which sells Viagra in more than one hundred countries, the new measures have been a long time coming.

In 2003, Thailand's FDA ordered Viagra be listed as a controlled drug and sales restricted to hospitals.

In January the Central Administrative Court ruled against the Pfizer company's appeal to overturn that FDA restriction.

Pfizer posted revenues of US\$48.3 billion worldwide in 2008, US\$2.4 billion of which was derived from sales of Viagra.

-Khunakorn Terdiakhachorn

## Hospital on the horizon

RENOVATION work is underway on the island's newest hospital, Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (PPAO) President Paiboon Upatising announced last week.

A 265-million-baht budget has been set aside for renovating the old Phyathai Hospital in Muang district into the newly named PPAO Hospital.

A further 200 million baht has been allocated for medical equipment.

Expected to open May next year, the 10-story hospital will house 217 beds and a specialist kidney dialysis center with a capacity of 80 patients per day.

The new facility will reduce Vachira Phuket Hospital's long waiting lists and provide a mid-priced option for Phuket patients.

-Pimwara Choksakulpan

## Aussies favor Phuket

ACCORDING to statistics released to the *Phuket Gazette* by giant hotel booking website Wotif.com, Australians have changed their travel patterns and are visiting Asia more and more.

And Phuket has ascended into the mega-site's Top Ten world destinations over the past two years.

Kristy Harrison, Wotif's Marketing Director for Asia,

notes that Asia's gains have come at the expense of some big city rivals in Europe.

Paris, Dublin and Rome have dropped off the preferred destination maps of Australian travelers, and for Phuket to have been one of the attractions replacing those cities is "no mean feat," Harrison says.

Bangkok is ranked in fourth place ahead of Bali in fifth and London in seventh place.

## Fatal stabbing in Patong

A 20-year-old shop assistant was stabbed 10 times in the chest and died in front of Bangla Boxing Stadium on September 28.

Tawatchai 'Noom' Pookanknam, who sold clothes in a nearby shopping center, died on the scene.

Chief Investigator Sophon

Borirak said fighting erupted between two gangs of teenagers at around 11pm.

The cause of the fighting was probably a dispute over a girl or a work issue Lt Col Sophon said.

Police are still searching for a suspect known as 'Benz'.

-Khunakorn Terdiakhachorn

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## Bridge plan good news for yachties

**Y**ACHTIES will be pleased to know that a 300-million-baht plan to build a new Sarasin Bridge includes raising the old bridge to give between nine- and 10-meters' clearance beneath all three bridges that connect Phuket with the mainland.

The old Sarasin Bridge will become a car-free tourist attraction once construction of the third bridge is complete.

Italian-Thai Development Co, which built Sarasin Bridge and the newer Thepkasattri Bridge that runs alongside, signed the contract to build 'Sarasin Bridge II' in June.

Construction work began last month and is expected to take 720 days and be ready for traffic in August 2011.

The new span will measure 650 meters long, 12 meters wide and afford 9-meter clearance to vessels in the channel below.

The 52-year-old Sarasin Bridge will become a pedestrian walkway, 100 meters of which will be roofed over to provide shade.

The bridge will also be raised by five meters to give it a clearance of 10 meters, allowing large yachts and commercial craft to pass beneath all three bridges.

- Atchaa Khamlo

## Gazette Poll: readers want beach safety campaign

**R**EADERS of the *Phuket Gazette* favor a tourist information campaign as the most effective way to prevent drownings on Phuket's beaches, according to the latest *Gazette* Poll results.

Of 806 readers who voted, 34 percent thought a campaign warning of the dangers of swimming in the sea was the best way to prevent more deaths.

Meanwhile, 29 percent of voters thought beaches should be completely closed when conditions are dangerous.

Around 20 percent of readers thought all that was needed was to provide the island's beach guards with better equipment.

Finally, around 16 percent favored the most draconian option: to prosecute swimmers who ignore red flags.

Beach guards have been stationed at the island's most popular beaches since the end of June, but this has not put a stop to drownings.

In the latest tragedy, an elderly Norwegian tourist drowned in the calm waters of Ao Yon.

## Gypsy village rebuild restarts

**W**ORK to rebuild 17 houses that were burned to the ground in a fire at a sea gypsy village in Phuket at the end of June restarted last Friday after a two-month hiatus.

Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop arrived at Ban Hin Look Diow village in the morning to set 150 builders to work again.

The rebuilding of the sea

gypsy houses started in July, soon after the fire, but ground to a halt shortly afterwards.

Mai Khao Mayor Sarawuth Seesakhukham blamed the slow progress on delays in the delivery of building materials arranged by the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization.

The work will be completed in October, he said.

- Atchaa Khamlo

# Autism treatment success at Vachira

By Pimwara Choksakulpan

**V**ACHIRA Phuket Hospital says it is successfully treating children with autism using a controversial new treatment known as 'hyperbaric oxygen therapy' (HBOT).

HBOT patients spend periods inside a 'hyperbaric chamber' – the same sort of high-pressure oxygen chamber commonly used by divers for decompression and treatment of the bends.

Parents of children who have completed a course of HBOT at Vachira have reported dramatic improvements in their children's abilities and behavior.

Mongkol Pongpramul, whose 4-year-old son 'Nun' underwent the course, said, "I'm very satisfied with his development. He used to speak slowly, and just one word at a time, but now he speaks in short sentences," he said.

Another parent, Ms Rattana Chukiet, reported similar improvements in her 6-year-old daughter 'Cream', as well as behavioral changes.

"She never used to write or draw anything. She was always running around and wouldn't listen to me," she said. "Now she sits and draws paintings of her father, mother, flowers and butterflies."

Vachira Phuket is the first hospital in Thailand to treat autism with HBOT.

Vachira Director Dr Jessada Chungpaibulpatana said seven autistic children had completed a course at the hospital since the program began last year.



The hospital's hyperbaric chamber and 4-year-old 'Nun', a child with autism, undergoing a course of HBOT at Vachira Hospital.

The children spent one hour in the hospital's hyperbaric chamber every day for 40 days.

All showed dramatic improvements in their condition in terms of decision-making, social skills and language skills, Dr Jessada said.

A new batch of eight children are now undergoing the treatment, he said.

While there is no cure for autism, common treatments include medication, diet management, sensory stimulation and psychotherapy.

HBOT is a new treatment which some have claimed produces dramatic improvements in the behavior and abilities of autistic children.

Dan Rossignol, co-author of a study into HBOT, told *Scientific American* it wasn't clear why the therapy appeared to work.

"The pressure may reduce inflammation believed to restrict blood flow to regions of autistic children's brains that control speech, or improve its ability to absorb oxygen," he said.

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# Rare bead among priceless artefacts

After being stolen from an exhibition in Bangkok earlier this year, only to be returned six days later, the 2,000-year-old *Suriya Thep* bead is now on display at Thalang Museum, under tight security.

By Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn and photos by Sakorn Saengtongsamarnsin

Security has been stepped up at Thalang National Museum in Phuket after the recent arrival of one of the world's rarest glass beads. The one-centimeter-wide, bright *Suriya Thep* bead is believed to be at least 2,000 years old and worth hundreds of thousands of baht.

Dr Buncha Pongpanich was the man who uncovered the beads heritage.

A native of Nakhon Sri Thammarat, he was involved in the massive corpse disposal effort in the Klongtom district of Krabi province in the aftermath of the 2004 Asian Tsunami.

It was there that he bought the precious bead from a local villager.

Dr Buncha then sent the bead to Dr. James Lankton, an archaeologist from Kongju National University in Korea, to carry out antiquity tests.

Dr Lankton's tests proved the bead was in excess of 2,000 years old.

More recently, Dr Buncha has continued to collect rare artifacts from around Thailand.

But his prize collectible is still his *Suriya Thep* bead.

In March this year Dr Buncha's bead was exhibited at the Museum Siam in Bangkok, where it was stolen, only to be returned six days later, with an apology.

After the disappearance of the bead there was outcry in the Thai press demanding the return of the precious artifact and condemning the thief for 'endangering Thai national pride'.

To the relief of museum curators and Dr Buncha, six days after it was stolen, the thief posted the bead back by mail,

along with a note offering his 'sincere apologies'.

"I'm so sorry to have caused all this trouble," the note said. "I hope everyone is happy now I have sent it back."

The thief's identity remains unknown. As a result of the incident, security at Thalang Museum has been beefed up.

The exhibition, which features an extensive collection owned by Dr Buncha also includes gold coins and an incised gemstone from Roman times — all discovered in Klongtom, Krabi, which some believe was an ancient port-of-call for traders traveling between Europe and China.

But the *Suriya Thep* bead is the tiny star of the exhibition.

*Suriya* in Thai is a poetic form for 'sun'; *thep* is an angel. The beads are described in English as 'sun-faced beads', owing to their internal motif resembling an Egyptian sun god.

Provenance of the bead, similar to another found in China's Gobi desert, is a mystery.

The tiny artifact was apparently made by heating colored glass panes, then rolling them together and pulling them into a tube.

The tube was finally cut into individual beads and those perforated, forming button shapes.

The beads on display at Thalang Museum are in especially good condition.

Dr Buncha says only four exist in the world.

Many types of ancient bead have been found in Klongtom, Krabi, used either as money or as adornment.

Some think *Suriya Thep* beads contain an image originating with the American Indians, but Dr. Buncha disagrees.

"The American Indians had no way of sailing to the Andaman Sea," he said.

"Others think they might have been made in a factory in Alexandria, Egypt, owing to artifacts of the period with similar likenesses originating there, but I don't think that's the case either: no such beads have been found in Egypt."

Dr Buncha is adamant that the beads originated in Krabi.

"Its Thai name was arrived at when a local scholar said the image pressed inside resembled that of the sun god," said Dr Buncha.

"He called it *Suriya Thep*, and so it has been called since."

Dr Buncha thinks that discovery of a similar bead in the

Gobi "proves links existed between China and Krabi."

He admitted, however, that such assertions are speculation inasmuch as "no one knows the real history of the *Suriya Thep* beads."

Despite the relatively large number of beads found there, no ruins of bead-making factories have been found in Krabi.

While Krabi's links to China during the early part of the first millennium AD may be still uncertain, a better claim can be asserted regarding links with ancient Rome.

As part of Thalang Museum's exhibition, a Roman gold coin found in Krabi is on display: it was minted during the reign of Antoninus Pius (AD 138 - 161).

Antoninus established trading links with China, hoping to reduce the price of popular — but expensive — Chinese goods.

Two such coins have been found in Krabi, one from Southern India and one from Vietnam — a pattern some believe describes an old trading route.

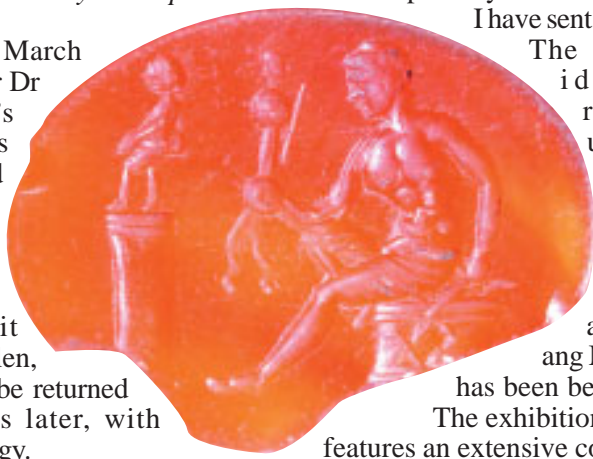
Also displayed is an intaglio gem with a motif depicting the Greek Trojan War hero Diomedes with the goddess Athena, whose image he famously seized from the Trojans.

"This is a beautiful piece," Dr Buncha said of the stone.

He added that "people no longer care about their past."

"We need to collect [ancient artifacts] and research their history," he said. All of those he has collected, "are quite important."

The fascinating exhibition is on until October 9 at Thalang Museum, open daily from 8am to 4.30pm.



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# Teacher sacked after football pitch kicking

AYUDHAYA: A teacher was forced to resign on Sunday after allegedly kicking a pupil repeatedly when an argument broke out during a game of football.

Phanuphong Rammamon, 13, was left badly bruised and nursing a broken finger following the incident on Saturday.

Phanuphong said the teacher, Tawan Eamsakul, saw a group of pupils playing football and asked to join in.

When Phanuphong tackled the teacher after a disputed throw in, the teacher kicked him on the bottom, Phanuphong said.

He played on regardless, but the teacher called him over, shouted at him and kicked him repeatedly.

The teacher also demanded Phanuphong

prostrate himself at his feet to apologise for the tackle.

The headmaster of Joseph Ayutthaya School said Mr Tawan had resigned from his position as a social studies teacher.

The school also agreed to pay all Phanuphong's medical fees and give him a 50 percent reduction in school fees until he finished grade Mor 3.

The offer was conditional on Phanuphong not pressing criminal charges against the school over the incident.

Phanuphong's father Prayut Rammamon said he was satisfied with the school's offer and would be taking no further action.

Source: Daily News



A Thai Muslim woman wearing traditional dress during the *korn di muang nara* (good things from Narathiwat) festival in Narathiwat province last Thursday. Photo: AFP / Madareetohlala

## Cops questioned over man's drowning Shoplifter fished from sea

NAKHON RATCHASIMA: Five police officers have been transferred following the drowning of a suspected gambler.

Last Wednesday, Nathaphol Thonsiriphan, 24, was chased by police after allegedly being caught gambling with four friends.

He tried to escape by diving into a pond, but drowned.

On Saturday, around 200

villagers blocked the road in front of Nong Suang Police Station.

Representatives of the villagers accused the officers involved in the incident of standing by while Mr Nathaphol drowned and even preventing onlookers from responding to his cries for help.

Nong Suang Superintendent Col Phondet Phrommichit said the

five officers involved in the case had been transferred to another district in the province while an investigation into Mr Nathaphol's drowning is carried out.

If the officers are found to have been negligent, they will be fired, Col Phondet said.

After the announcement the protesters agreed to disperse.

Source: KomChadLuek

SURAT THANI: An English tourist was plucked from the water while attempting to flee following an alleged shoplifting spree in a Koh Phangan CD shop last Thursday.

The 25-year-old man, identified only as 'Mark', stole 30 music CDs and 10 books from the shop in Thong Sala, police said.

The shopkeeper said he spotted the tourist stuffing the goods into his bag and notified the police, who gave chase.

The tourist ran towards the port, throwing the booty-filled bag away as he ran. He dived into the sea and tried to swim to safety.

Rescuers, however, pulled him out before he could escape.

Source: Khao Sod

## Couple shot over car parking spot

PATHUM THANI: A couple was shot dead on Saturday apparently following an argument over a car parking spot.

Niphon Sangwalthong, 34, and his wife Khwanyeun Sangwalthong, 36, were gunned down around 5am as they were driving home from the market where they worked.

The two suspects, market traders Krittanop Paksee, 26, Natthaphol Suksamran, 24, crashed into a truck as the shooting took place.

They are under police guard in a hospital.

Songbun Thongon, 51, a relative of the two victims, told police that on the night of the shooting the couple had a fierce argument with another market trader over a parking spot.

Mr Songbun said that as Mr Niphon was driving home, he called to say he thought he was being followed by the men he had argued with.

The pair deny involvement in the shooting, police said.

Source: Khao Sod

## Mom searches for kidnapped child

CHONBURI: A young woman has enlisted help from the press in finding her four-year-old daughter, who she says was kidnapped by two Western men last week.

Cheetae Latawee, 22, told reporters last Wednesday that her daughter Holly May went missing while staying with an aunt in Si Racha District.

She said witnesses saw two

Caucasian men grab Holly May and pull her into a white pickup truck.

Miss Cheetae said she suspected Holly May was kidnapped by her estranged father, who had previously tried to take the girl to Canada with him.

Before the disappearance, he called up the girl's aunt to find out if she was staying with her, she said.

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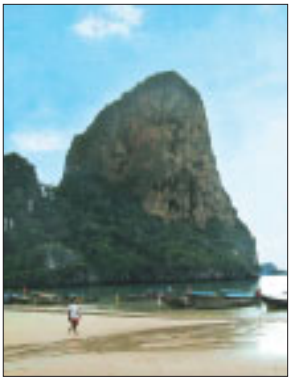
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# Time for a spot of fishing



## ACROSS THE BAY

By Gus Reynolds

It isn't often that Krabi can boast about being a location where a world record was set. Well, not for anything that can be published in a family newspaper, but recently a number of world records have been set at Gillham's Fishing Resort in Khao Tong, near picturesque Thalen Bay.

The records are for the largest fish caught (in several classes), including an 84-kg Mekong Catfish. You might ask how such a big fish made it to Krabi. I'm so sure myself, but certainly not by swimming up the Krabi River, that's for sure!

All these big fish have been brought into Gillham's Fishing Resort, a new catch-and-release fishing lake and resort, recently opened under the management of Stuart Gillham. The resort covers 34 rai in total and has 14 two-bedroom bungalows surrounding a 20-rai freshwater lake.

This is definitely not a lake to go swimming in. You might bump into one of the 32 species of fish stocked in the lake, some of which weigh up to 200kg!

The most popular fish for catch and release is the massive Arapaima.



This 20-rai freshwater lake is the centerpiece of Gillham's Resort in Kho Tong, where fish weighing up to 200 kg can be caught by guests. The lake is surrounded by 14 two-bedroom bungalows and is stocked with 32 species of fish.

Originating in Brazil, but bred here in Thailand, these are some of the biggest fish in the lake. Along with the Mekong Catfish, the Arapaima can weigh up to 120kg.

Gillham's Resort offers a restaurant and swimming pool, and attracts fishermen from all over the world.

Gillham himself started fishing at the age of four and hasn't stopped ever since. Born in the UK, he started a construction business, which gave him the freedom to travel during the slow construction season each year.

He traveled all over the world, beginning in the UK and Europe before later venturing to Central America. It was across

the Atlantic where he found some of his favorite spots – Costa Rica, Nicaragua and later Venezuela – returning on occasion because of the excellent fishing.

During his travels he found the fishing lodges either had good fishing and poor accommodation or poor fishing and good accommodation.

With this in mind, Gillham was determined to build a resort with top-notch fishing and excellent accommodation. It looks like he got it right.

Gillham promotes the resort by writing for fishing magazines worldwide and *National Geographic* has run two segments on the fish he stocks in his lake.

That said, setting world fishing records certainly doesn't do any harm either. Check it out at [gillhamsfishingresorts.com](http://gillhamsfishingresorts.com).

### Tsunami memorial

December 26, 2009 will mark the fifth anniversary of the Indian

Ocean tsunami. For those of you who were here to experience it firsthand, it may still seem like yesterday. For me, those images have been permanently burned into my memory, often reappearing at random moments.

Many foreigners who were in Thailand on holiday and survived the tsunami that morning will be returning to attend memorials honoring those who perished and also acknowledging the hard work performed by many volunteers who helped the survivors rebuild their lives.

As a director of the Sriphong Phukaoluan Foundation, I have been involved in the emergency relief efforts since day one, and was also involved in the reconstruction work as well.

The Foundation will be holding a memorial service on December 26 at the Foundation Community Center in Krabi

Town. The anniversary will be the focus of many publications as well as a BBC documentary.

I am putting the finishing touches to our own documentary DVD, telling the story of a young orphan boy here in Krabi whose life has been rebuilt thanks to the generosity of a sponsoring family from the UK.

The DVD features an original song *Helping Hands* by California musician Gary Gates ([garygatesband.com](http://garygatesband.com)).

Proceeds from the DVD sales will go to support other tsunami children and orphans through the award-winning 'Sponsor a Tsunami Child' program, which is administered by the Sriphong Phukaoluan Foundation.

You can purchase the DVD at [yourkrabi.com/tsunami-anniversary.php](http://yourkrabi.com/tsunami-anniversary.php).

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# Phuket's own dashing Valentino

## On the menu WITH Wilko

By all accounts, Italian star of America's silent film era Rudolf "the Latin Lover" Valentino was a bit of a bounder. He got himself into hot water only a few months after arriving in the USA from Italy in 1913, was accused of being a male prostitute, got arrested for bigamy and found himself in serious trouble after testifying in a divorce case after which the wife in question fatally shot her ex-husband.

He ran away to LA and in true rock 'n' roll fashion, died at the tender age of 31, causing mass hysteria among his female fans after 'winning the hearts' of the many women he'd come across in his movie career.

Ladies and gentlemen, I give you Rudolf Valentino.

Quite a dude, wouldn't you agree?

Ironically enough, given Valentino's dodgy marital track record, his first acting role was a bit-part in a movie called *Alimony* and one of his initial successes was titled *My Official Wife* before he went on to major stardom playing a romantic but horny Bedouin on horseback in silent movies.

Still, to this day, the words 'romantic' and 'horny' are sort of hard to harness together in the same sentence except in the case of Valentino, and perhaps this best encapsulates his art.

After doing a stint as a 'taxi dancer', our Rudy worked hard in various positions in New York. One of his jobs was waiting on tables. This, as anyone would agree, is a tough profession.

The restaurant business? You've got to be thick-skinned and hard working to succeed in that area. So, for research

reasons, accompanied by my supernaturally young-looking daughter Joy, we tooled along to have a bite at the newest Italian restaurant in town. Ladies and gentleman, I give you Valentino Restaurant.

Valentino is a slick white-and black-themed eatery a little further north of the Post Office on Montri Road. Here, just a few blocks away from the so-called Sino-Portuguese architecture of Thalang, Phang Nga and Dibuk roads, the building designs are more functional than elaborate.

Whoever labeled the latter buildings in the Old Town Sino-Portuguese should be taken out and pelted slowly but accurately with architectural pen nibs, seeing as the Portuguese uncereemoniously legged it as soon as a Burmese-led military dust-up was imminent – ages before the Chinese came.

Phuket architectural quibbling aside, Valentino is a handsome restaurant. With varnished wooden floors, a stark white and black contrasting layout, interesting wall hangings, a solitary potted palm by the entrance and stainless-steel banisters leading up to bathrooms, it's the result of a labor of love and it shows.

The main door to the restaurant is left open, even though the place is air-conditioned, and the swish of passing monsoon-labored traffic mixes well with Nina Simone on the sound system.

The excellent Max kicks off with a good selection of international numbers on his keyboard, while we tuck into the 900-baht antipasti menu consisting of fresh baby squid, crab, artichokes with bottarga-cured fish roe, prawns, a delicious mussel combination and much more, all accompanied by huge fresh lemon slices.

"Lemons in Phuket?" asks Joy.

"Ché. What's an Italian Restaurant without real lemons?" answers Luigi Zaviot, half of the



Left: Luigi (left) and Claudio. Right: diners soak in the slick white-and black-themed eatery.



Luigi-Claudio partnership responsible for Valentino.

It has to be said that the food is superb. Fresh, very well presented and with good service (Luigi and Claudio make this place run smoother than olive oil on aluminum foil), the overall impression is of professionalism with a great dollop of Italian brio

helping it along.

Luigi's run 11 successful restaurants in a row during his career and bristles noticeably when I challenge his higher-than-usual prices. He proceeds to list the cost of his fare at market prices.

"Do you know that one artichoke costs 380 baht and that

one kilo of Parmesan costs 1,000 baht?" he said.

I shut up quickly. His fish roe featured in the antipasti costs a cool three- to four-thousand baht a jar. It's pretty obvious this gentleman isn't cutting costs.

With a robust wine list featuring labels costing 1,300 to 18,000 baht and a Merlot house wine carafe priced at 450 baht, the happy-juice department is well taken care of and we plough through dish after dish of al dente olive-oiled deliciousness.

Valentino is open only for dinner and closed on Tuesdays so Luigi and Claudio can live the dream which many have come here for, but few realize – a balanced lifestyle.

"I love my beach" says Luigi, referring to Nai Harn.

An 'orgasmic' – Joy's words, not mine – tiramisu ends things up in fine style on an evening that has been eye opening and somewhat heady (Claudio mixes up a mean cocktail) and we tumble out into the night, thankful for a bit of downtown Italian class.

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# The story of the Vegetarian Festival

## Looking Back

By Anand Singh

In the early 19th Century, Thalang, the largest town in Phuket, was on the decline. Exhausted by war and plundering by Burmese invaders, many of the townspeople had fled the island altogether, fearing more carnage.

Others, however, chose to stay in Phuket, but left Thalang to go live elsewhere further south. It was during this time that tin mining communities in the south of the island, including what is now Phuket Town, became increasingly populated.

Originally, these mining settlements were inhabited mostly by Chinese miners who emigrated to Phuket from southern China to find jobs in the island's blossoming tin mining industry.

During this period, a few new towns and districts emerged in the south of Phuket, their economies built upon the tin trade. One such mining community grew into what is now Phuket city.

On the other side of the island, several mining commu-

nities were also established in what is now Kathu district with arriving Chinese laborers settled in villages like Ban Ket-Ho as new mines opened for operation.

In Kathu district, large tracts of jungle were cleared to accommodate the start-up tin mines and to make way for the new communities. Even nowadays one can imagine the dangers of disturbing thick rainforest in such a way.

Mosquitoes and other disease-carrying agents, disturbed by the massive forest clearings, soon began to strike back at the miners. Malaria and dengue fever epidemics ran amok in the mining communities, bringing with them widespread suffering and death.

Legend has it, during the ninth lunar month of the Chinese calendar of the same year, a Chinese opera company was traveling through Phuket. While it stopped to entertain miners in Kathu, some of the company contracted the deadly plague.

Unlike the locals, however, the affected opera performers seemingly had a remedy. They kept to a vegetarian diet in order to purify themselves and honor the important Chinese gods. After adhering strictly to their vegetarian diet for sometime, their sicknesses abated.

When the Chinese miners of

Kathu heard that such a practice could prevent or even cure diseases, many faithfully took up the practice and kept to a vegetarian diet for nine days during the ninth lunar month of every year, as it was thought to bring about good health and prosperity to the community.

In time, this annual practice would grow into one of Phuket's most spectacular festivals. Held every year in October for nine days, the vegetarian festival is characterized by strange yet colorful parades, festive fireworks and streets packed with stalls selling all kinds of vegetarian food.

Looking beyond the festivities, the rituals of the vegetarian festival are still shrouded in mystery.

The Chinese vegetarian festival remained a minor local affair for many years, although it has been practiced faithfully by devotees every year since its introduction in Phuket.

In one particular year, a volunteer was sent to China to invite the name plaques of the gods to Kathu district in Phuket. These sacred items are believed to represent the Chinese gods on earth, so, to devotees living in Kathu, this was nothing short of a visit by the gods to their hometown during the nine-day festival.

The name plaques arrived by ship on the seventh day of the festival. When the locals heard of this, they went to Bang Niao pier to welcome the arrival of the sacred objects.

A procession followed the plaques from the pier back into town, beginning a tradition of which is still commonly seen during the festival.

During the festival, the nine emperor gods worshiped by many ethnic Chinese locals are invited to descend upon the earth and the different shrines in Phuket have their own unique ways of inviting the gods down to earth.

Some construct high, ladder-like poles which serve as stairways for the gods to descend down, while others believe the gods will arrive yearly in Phuket as they did when their name plaques arrived here from southern China – by sea.

In Phuket, however, only one shrine, the one at Bang Niao pier,



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receives the gods from the sea. To many, it is a reminder of how their ancestors arrived here more than a century ago. The gods stay for nine days on earth and are 'sent off' back to heaven on the final day of the vegetarian festival.

Nowadays, the vegetarian festival has grown into a unique Phuket tradition, one that is seldom seen elsewhere in the world.

The participants of the festival include people of both Thai and Chinese origin. They keep themselves pure during the festival by wearing white clothes, often made from light cotton. They keep to a strict vegetarian diet which usually lasts for nine days. During this time, devotees refrain from certain vices that are believed to taint the soul.

Some devotees, those who have strictly adhered to the virtues of purity, may be chosen to become *Ma-Song* or 'possessed horses'. The *Ma-Song* are believed to be mediums who allow the gods to possess them.

Ceremonies are usually conducted to invite one of the gods to possess a *Ma-Song*. While possessed, the *Ma-Song*

perform grisly mutilations on their own bodies. Many who have witnessed this festival before will know how the possessed mediums seem numb and indifferent to the kind of self-mutilation that would leave most in total agony.

Trickery or miracle, the mediums carry out the self-torture for a selfless reason: to absorb the evils and bad luck that loom upon their communities. Doing so they promulgate the historical purpose which began the vegetarian festival many years ago, bringing good luck and eradicating evil and misfortune from their local communities.

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# Windows 7 the smart way

Part II in a four-part series on Microsoft's new operating system

## KHUN WOODY'S COMPUTER

**M**y last column walked you through the process of identifying whether your PC is a good candidate for Windows 7. It also explained how, for 2,500 baht or less, you can turn most fairly recent PCs into Windows 7 showpieces.

In this column I would like to explain how to buy Windows 7, with a special emphasis on the vagaries of buying Windows 7 in Thailand.

If you believe in running pirate software because it's cool, you can skip this column. But if you really want to 'get legal' with Windows 7, and can afford about 1,700 baht of software, read on.

The simple fact is that you can buy a real, fully legitimate copy of Windows 7 for about US\$50, roughly 1,700 baht.

You end up with a 100 percent genuine copy of Windows 7 and you can install the real Windows 7 today. No need to wait for the official date of October 22.

It bears repeating: everything you read in this column is absolutely legal, everywhere in the world. Two things to keep in mind. First, you can install any version of Windows 7 on any computer you like and use it for 120 days without paying for it.

Second, it doesn't matter where or how you acquire the Windows 7 program. You can pass around Windows 7 DVDs to all of your friends and neighbors and they can install and use Windows 7 for up to 120 days with no problems at all.

Microsoft doesn't care how you get the bits. Microsoft wants to sell you a license. For all intents and purposes, that means you need to shell out the money to buy an activation key. That's it.

Microsoft allows you to install Windows 7 – any version – and use it for 30 days without typing in an activation key. No strings attached and no degraded or defaced performance. The 30-day grace period can be extended up to three additional times by using a Microsoft-supplied utility called slmgr (Software License Manager) that ships with Windows 7.

In a nutshell, if you install Windows 7 and don't provide an installation key, the 30-day activation clock starts. You can see how many days you have left in Windows 7 by clicking Start, right-clicking Computer and choosing Properties. At the bottom under Windows Activation, you see the number of days left.

When the number of days left gets close to zero, you can extend the free period by another 30 days by following these simple steps:

Click Start, All Programs, Accessories. Right-click Command Prompt and choose Run As Administrator. You have to provide

an administrator password.

Type: slmgr -rearm and press Enter. Note that there's a space after slmgr and a hyphen in front of rearm.

Now restart Windows 7. When you restart, you will see from the properties dialog that Windows 7's activation grace period has been reset to 30 days.

When the activation grace period runs out you need to feed Windows 7 an activation key. If you don't, you start getting pestering messages about how you may be the victim of software counterfeiting and your Windows wallpaper turns black.

Until you successfully feed Windows 7 a good activation key, you'll also have trouble downloading and installing certain pieces of Microsoft software, including, notably, Microsoft Security Essentials – the new free antivirus product from Microsoft. Failing to supply a valid activation key doesn't lock up your computer. It's just annoying.

Activation keys are different for different versions of Windows 7. Say you install Windows 7 Ultimate now, when time comes to pay the piper and you only want a Windows 7 Home Premium key – considerably cheaper than Ultimate – you're stuck. The Home Premium key won't activate an Ultimate PC. Your only option is to re-install Windows, using the version that matches your bought-and-paid-for key.

The best solution? Install the right version in the first place. If you expect to pay for Windows 7 Pro, you should install Windows 7 Pro. Similarly for Windows Home Premium.

At the risk of adding to the confusion, 32-bit and 64-bit versions of Windows take the same keys: a key that works on 32-bit Windows 7 Home Premium will also work with 64-bit Windows Home Premium.

Right now there are several Windows 7 DVDs circulating on the island and they frequently show up at Computer Clinic meetings. The DVDs contain utterly legal 100 percent legitimate copies of all of the versions of Windows 7.

You can install any version you like right now and, via the rearm trick, use Windows 7 for up to 120 days. Of course, you need to make sure that you get an absolutely legitimate released to manufacturing version of Windows 7 and

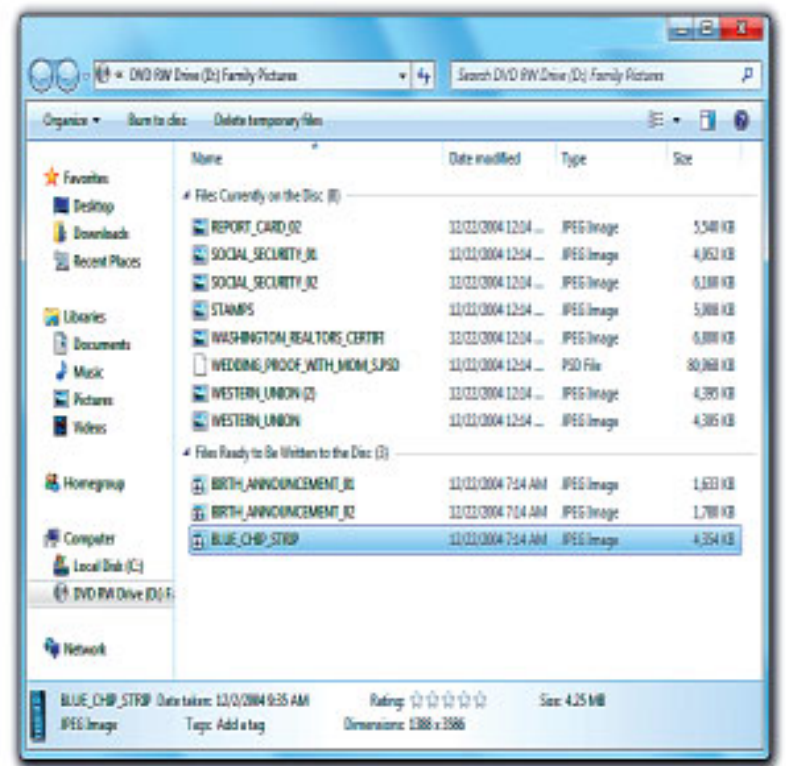
you need to understand that, when the time comes, you have to buy an activation key.

The best way to buy an activation key? The Windows 7 Home Premium family pack.

You can't buy a family pack just yet, but Microsoft will make available a Windows 7 Home Premium three-pack that retails at just US\$149, or about 1,700 baht per license. If you can convince two buddies to go along or if you have three PCs just dying to get Windows 7 and you know someone in the US, you've got it made.

When the three-pack becomes available, order it online and have the package shipped to your friend in the US.

When the package arrives, have your friend email you the keys. Based on everything I've seen online to date, all you'll need is the keys. Also based on everything I've seen from Microsoft to date, there's no limitation on who can use the keys – you don't have to be a family in the true sense. The only big restrictions are that you have to buy three, and the keys only work with Windows 7 Home Premium.



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Many of us gadflies also anticipate that Microsoft will announce several additional deals right around the time Windows 7

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In my next column, I'll talk about the Windows 7 versions.

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# The world according to Jim

In the run up to the Bangkok International Film Festival (BIFF 2009), a handful of movie stars had a 'Hollywood Night' out at Jungceylon. Among the actors was James Belushi, famous for his roles in the movies *K9* and *Red Heat*, his long-running TV show 'According to Jim' and more recently, as a voice-over artist for animated films.

Like his brother John Belushi – star of *The Blues Brothers* – James is a musician and was hoping to hit the stage with his blues harp, but not before the 55-year-old American had been interviewed by the *Gazette's* Marc Mulloy.

**PG:** Is it Jim or James and what are the origins of your name Belushi?

**Mr Belushi:** Well my name is James Adam Belushi and when I do drama it seems like it's James and when I do comedy it seems like it's Jim. I'm a Gemini so I guess I have both... but you can call me Mister Belushi. The origins of the name Belushi are Albanian. My father was born and raised in Albania and emigrated to the USA when he was sixteen and my mother's parents were from a little village not far from my dad's village so I'm a hundred percent Albanian.

**PG:** Is this your first time in Phuket and what are your first impressions?

**Mr Belushi:** Yes this is my first

time in Phuket. I've never felt more comfortable. I just feel myself here. People are so friendly, not like outwardly really friendly, but there is a peace with the people here that has made me feel much more peaceful. This is a buddhist country?

**PG:** That's right.

**Mr Belushi:** That's why. I have been studying some Buddhism in the United States and every time I read or study Buddhism I feel very relaxed and in myself and present. So when I set foot here for the first time there was that same kind of presence so I feel very good here.

**PG:** Is this your first time in Asia?

**Mr Belushi:** I was in Hong Kong once and I shot two movies in Australia but this is my first experience in Asia really.

**PG:** What is your opinion of Asian movies in general and do you have a favorite?

**Mr Belushi:** The first Chinese film that impressed me, I saw it many many years ago, was called *Raise the red lantern* and those images have still not left my mind. It was such a beautiful story and piece of film making but then also I'm a big fan of Jackie Chan movies and action movies like *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* which was a phenomenal piece of film making. Then there is *Brokeback Mountain* which has a very strong Asian influence yet it is a Western. I am very excited about Asian film-makers and artists.

**PG:** A well known film in Thailand was *K9*. How did you find working with animals?

**Mr Belushi:** The most popular movie I did was *K9* and I did a movie with Arnold Schwarzenegger called *Red Heat* which was a pretty big international action film and I did another movie called *Curly Sue* which featured a little girl. They say actors should not work with children or animals and I do both... including Arnold Schwarzenegger (*laughs*) The reason they say this is because animals and children steal the scenes because they are the most present. I like working with children and animals because they are present and they bring you into the scene, and you have to watch every move they make to react to it, so to me it's the truest acting and the truest improvisation working with animals and children.

**PG:** In recent years you have lent your voice to many animated films – is this something you enjoy?

**Mr Belushi:** Voice-over work for animated features and cartoons is just terrific. You sit in a studio and you can get as big as you want and it is fun. The crew is usually there and they are fun to act with. I love doing animation.

**PG:** Your voice is also a singing voice and I believe you do have a musical background. Did you know we have an International Blues festival here in Phuket? How has blues affected your life growing up in Chicago?

**Mr Belushi:** Well as you can see I am wearing a John Lee Hooker T-shirt and blues is my life right now. I have a blues band called *The Sacred Hearts* and Danny Ackroyd and I do *The Blues Brothers* together through-



**ACCORDING TO JIM:** *Real men don't apologize* is actually a pro-woman book. "It's about men stepping up to be real men in order to handle these wonderful creatures called women."

out the USA and Canada. We've been talking about doing a European tour next summer.

Coming from Chicago it's the blues capital. Last night they told me you have a blues festival here. I actually brought my harmonicas with me thinking I could jump up with a blues band but we were walking around last night and I didn't hear any blues so I didn't jump up anywhere.

**PG:** Your show *According to Jim* has run for 182 episodes and I heard it is now showing here on Star TV. How much of it is based on your own experiences growing up in Chicago?

**Mr Belushi:** Well I'm excited that 'According to Jim' is on Star TV here in Thailand. We've sold 'According to Jim' all over the world and it has been very successful. I did eight years of it – 182 episodes - and it takes place in Chicago and a lot of the situations in 'According to Jim' are my

personal stories with my wife and my kids. But all the stories are from the writers' and producers' lives but it definitely has a strong Chicago influence and also we play some blues on it.

**PG:** Your biography is called *Real men don't apologize*. What does that mean?

**Mr Belushi:** Well it's not a biography. Although some women are offended by the title '*Real men don't apologize*' is actually a pro-woman book. It's about men stepping up to be real men in order to handle these wonderful creatures called women because they are smarter than us, verbally quicker than us, they understand relationships which we have no care in the world for. So it's handbook for guys to get some tips on how to handle themselves in front of powerful women.

**PG:** Thank you for taking time with us today is there any message you would like to give to Phuket?

**Mr Belushi:** The only message I have is that I am grateful for the opportunity to be here. I am grateful to the Bangkok Film Festival for inviting me and showing me all the experiences that Thailand has to offer.

**PG:** And maybe we'll see you back here with the *Sacred Hearts* at the Phuket International Blues Festival?

**Mr Belushi:** Well I'd love to bring my band the *Sacred Hearts* here to the blues festival – I'd love to come here. Thank you.

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## EXPAT GALLERY

## Glen Dunkley

After graduation from university, Glen Dunkley joined the Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO) and was posted to Thailand in 1969 to teach humanities and physical education. He extended his initial two year contract and went to work 30 kilometers north of Chiang Rai to teach English.

"I really enjoyed living out in the countryside with Thai people. Very few spoke English so it forced me to learn Thai very quickly. Later I became a field manager and worked to promote the Thai Hill Crafts Foundation. I only earned 1,600 baht a month but it was a good life."

By 1974, Glen was appointed Director of CUSO programs in Thailand, responsible for the 40 volunteers who worked teaching English, engineering and agriculture. At this time he met his future wife, Wanida Hongyok, who worked in the CUSO office in Bangkok.

He came to Phuket about this time and met Wanida's family. He stayed at the old Thavorn Hotel in Phuket Town. By late 1976, he and Wanida were married in a traditional Thai-style wedding. Her family accepted him readily as a son-in-law.

"Wanida's family were far more traveled and educated than most due to their extensive business holdings. A number of for-

eigners had married into the family so I was not the exception."

Glen and Wanida returned to Canada in 1977 when he was awarded a scholarship at the University of Toronto to complete a Masters in Education. His focus was Adult Education.

When they returned to Thailand, he worked in adult literacy programs until 1979 when the region exploded with refugees from Laos and Cambodia.

He was first appointed as an Education Officer with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and was soon made Project Manager for assistance programs to resettle 150,000 refugees from Cambodia who were living in border camps in Thailand.

"At the time, Thailand had many international NGOs working with refugees, but we worked with the military who were very efficient. My project management experience with CUSO became very useful in helping to build housing out of bamboo, thatch and laterite.

"We were also charged with setting up education programs for Khmer-speaking refugee children. As the Khmer Rouge had destroyed most books, we had to search for, and found, through UNESCO, textbooks in Khmer language in Japan."

Glen then took his family to Geneva where he worked designing project management systems for managing refugees for the UNHCR. He went to the Sudan in 1985 as Head of Assistance Programs working to help Eritrean, Ugandan and Chadean refugees in different regions of that country.

In 1991, he moved to Addis Ababa where he worked on assistance programs during the country's civil war. He eventually had to be evacuated. On 4 July 1993, the plane he was taking to Swaziland was hijacked and Glen was shot in the arm.

Tired of moving his family around the world, he decided to settle in Phuket.

"I still work as a consultant for UNHCR, UNESCO and the ILO. I worked on a project this year for UNDP evaluating assistance programs for returning former refugees in Kosovo. But basically I am retired and enjoy spending my time exploring Phuket and the region. I've hiked on every mountain on the island, anywhere there's a path."

In addition to scuba diving and volleyball, Glen has recently discovered mountain biking. He finished a 600 kilometer tour in Cambodia in 2006 and another of equal distance in northern Vietnam last year. This year he hiked to the Mt Everest base camp at 5,530 meters.

Glen looks forward to a future full of new adventures.

— 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, ah, not entirely clear. Some of our subjects are not business people at all, but have added real value to Phuket as English teachers, journalists, artists, engineers, fund raisers, etc. But all have one thing in common: if there were a *Who's Who in Phuket*, they'd be in it.

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**A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN:** A ceremony was held at the Patong Beach Resort to celebrate the foundation of the Phuket Navy League on September 25. The Navy League is an American international association made up of former members of the United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, the United States Coast Guard, the United States Merchant Marine and civilians. The league supports communities and youth organizations worldwide.



**ATTENTION ON DECK:** Students from British International School (BIS) pose in front of an F18 on the flight deck of the *USS Aircraft Carrier Ronald Reagan* last month. The BIS students were joined by students from QSI for an unforgettable experience onboard the gargantuan vessel.



**MEDITERRANEAN FLAVORS:** Staff from the Radisson Plaza Resort Phuket Panwa Beach gear up for the grand opening of their signature restaurant, Azur. The decadent beach/pool side eatery will specialize in culinary fare with a distinctly Mediterranean flair. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Assistant Food and Beverage Manager Kajornsak Kanteetaw; Food and Beverage Manager Mazen Kinj; Executive Chef Yannis Amarantinis and (front) some of Azur's lovely ladies.



**BEAUTY AND THE BEACH:** Krabi Governor Siwa Sirisaowalak (in white) delivered a speech at Sofitel Krabi Phokeethra Golf and Spa Resort, praising the work done by tourists, locals and officials of the National Park Division in preserving the beauty of nearby Hong Island. The island recently received the Five-Star Beach Award for the third consecutive year.



**STARY NIGHT:** Members of Writers Bloc pictured at the Underwood Art Factory following an evening of finding out what the screenwriting business is all about. Hollywood old hand and production manager of several TV series Ed Vaughan led the discussions, which focused on writing to win an oscar for the best short subject.



**BUSY BEES:** Chalong-based dive operation Sea Bees joined forces with SSI Thailand to host an underwater cleanup at Koh Mai Ton on September 19. A total of 27 participants from a number of countries collected about 400kgs of rubbish from sites around the island.




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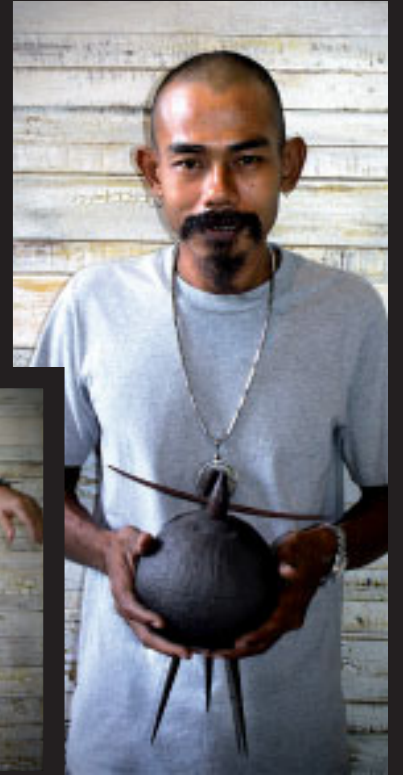
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# Five men of the moment



From left to right: Zach Underwood with one of his sepia and monochrome paintings; John Underwood with one of his sculptures made from recycled materials; Bill O'Leary with one of his 'Phuket Modern Primitive' pieces inspired by the *Phuket Gazette*; sculptors Amnat Boonsanit and Prechar Leelasattakul.



**A**rt Men 5, a collaboration of some of Phuket's most creative male artists will exhibit their work this month. The group of international eccentric Phuket residents are led by sculptor John Underwood.

John is known for his love of using recycled and found materials for his constructions. He is proud that few new materials are used in his projects and his results have won him numerous awards.

John has constructed a show which will showcase the

sculpture and paintings of five men whose work deserves international recognition. In addition to John's own creations, he's invited his son, Zach, to enter his sepia and monochrome paintings that celebrate the human form using a variety of media including charcoal, oil, wood stain, chalk and acrylics.

Bill O'Leary will reveal his considerable talents as a painter with selected paintings from his series, *Phuket Modern Primitive*, with a theme that recognizes the *Phuket Gazette* for revealing the inner life on the island.

"I call this series *Phuket Modern Primitive* as after 25 years of living here, I am always aware that under the gloss and sophistication of a world class tourist destination, there are other, more primitive forces at work."

John has also invited Amnat Boonsanit and Prechar Leelasattakul, local sculptors. *Art Men 5* will open on Friday, October 9, at Hung Fat's at Kalim Beach. For more information, contact John Underwood at [John@underwood-phuket.com](mailto:John@underwood-phuket.com)

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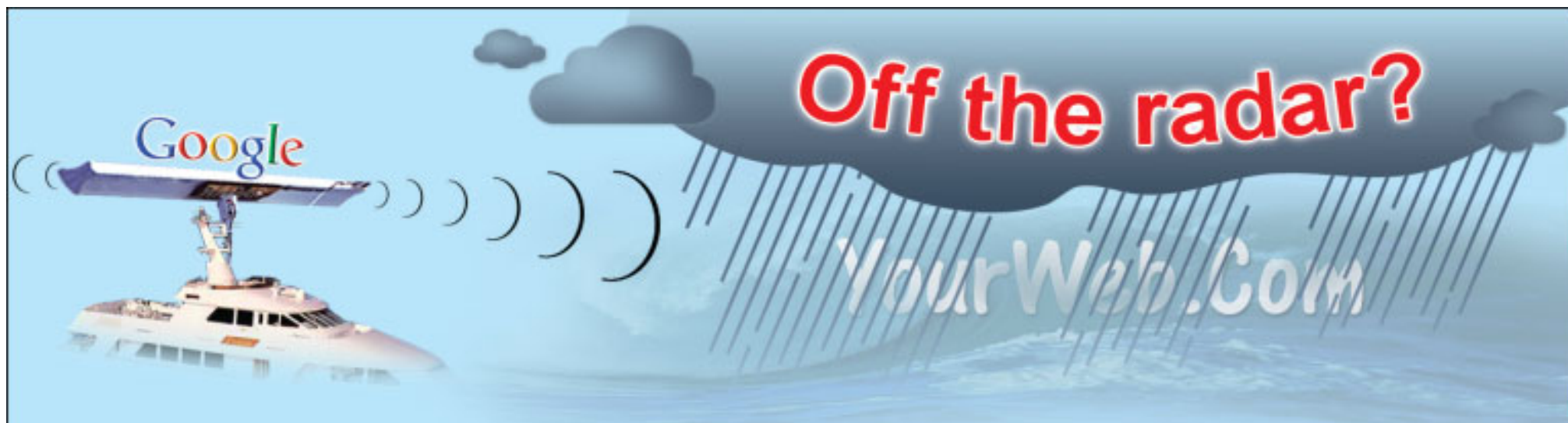
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## Upcoming events on the island

**Diner Amical Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Bailliage Phuket – October 11**

The October 'Diner Amical' of the 'Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Bailliage Phuket' will be held at Les Anges, Royal Phuket Marina, and hosted by Mr Peter Webber, who guarantees a wonderful culinary experience and a thoroughly enjoyable dinner from 7pm to 10pm. For further information contact Mr Peter Webber. T: 0819-680738.

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**October 3. Phuket Surf Lifesaving Carnival**

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 to promote water safety and skills within the local Thai 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.

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

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

**October 4. Full Moon - Chill Out!**

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**October 5 – 6. Recycle Art & Music Festival**

Two days and nights of art exhibitions, performance art and live music from local artists and musicians, including Job 2 Do, with a focus on recycling. Come and camp out to make sure you catch all the entertainment and join us on a bicycle ride around Nai Harn on Tuesday afternoon to pick up rubbish. Attractions include fashion from recycled materials, fire

shows, wood carving, foot massages, traditional shadow puppet performances and story telling. Hand-made arts and crafts, jewelry, local food and herbal teas will also be on sale. Tickets: 100 baht. From 1pm until late at Rawai Art Village, Sai Yuan Road, Nai Harn. For further information contact Khun Pui. T: 089-471 5653. E: pui.t.l.a.s@hotmail.com.

**October 8 – 10. Software Park Forum / IT Architect Conference**

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**October 9 – 15. Art Men 5 at Hung Fat's**

Five Phuket artists present art to celebrate recycled and found objects on the island. John Underwood has invited local painters and sculptors to show their talents at Hung Fat's at Kalim Beach. Bill O'Leary will show his expressionist paintings, 'Phuket Modern Primitive, inspired by the *Phuket Gazette*'. The show opens on October 9. From 7.30pm to 12.30am at Hung Fat's Restaurant. For more information contact John Underwood. T: 081-968 6529. E: john@underwood-phuket.com. W: underwood-phuket.com.

**October 10. Annual Pro Dive Event 2009**

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**Piraphol Hayeechema** has been appointed as the Financial Controller at Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket. Piraphol holds a Bachelors Degree in Accounting from Thammasat University in Bangkok. He has worked for Pricewaterhouse Coopers ABAS, one of the 'Big four' audit firms. He also has four years' experience within the service industry with the Laguna Group and has worked for Courts Mega-store (Thailand) Ltd.



**Wandee Deeraksa** has joined Sound Phuket nightclub as the Assistant General Manager. She will oversee all sales and marketing campaigns as well assist in the day-to-day management of the Patong based night club. Wandee worked for the Greenery Resort for one year and has seven years' experience in marketing gained from her time at the Tarutao Cabana. She has also worked for DHL Thailand in the customer service department.



# Still counting the casualties



## MONEY TALKS

By Richard Watson

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**H**aving just returned from the United Kingdom, I noted that whilst the recession is probably, in economic terms, at an end, the reality is somewhat different.

The recession has ended in part because of massive government spending, however, even official estimates anticipate a budget deficit of 175 billion pounds Sterling which equates to 13% of Gross National Product (GNP). A deficit of this size, in percentage terms, has not been seen since World War II. In addition to direct Government spending, which is unavoidable in the circumstances, the central bank, the Bank of England, is still continuing with a giant quantitative easing policy.

This simply means that the central bank buys vast quantities of UK Gilts - Government issued bonds. The effect of this policy is to create an artificial market for these bonds in order to keep longer dated interest rates at lower levels than would otherwise occur. This is identical to the policy in the US and other countries.

Investors would be well advised to tread carefully in bond markets as central bank intervention has driven prices up. When central banks withdraw their buying programs, prices will likely move sharply in the opposite direction, which will not only impact government bond yields but also corporate bonds.

In the UK, house prices have fallen but, in general, at a slower pace than might have been anticipated in the circumstances. However, there is a wide body of thought that believes we have still to see even lower prices. Groups that have commented to this effect include property analysts such as Jones Lang La Salle, Ernst & Young Item Club and Capital Economics to name a few. Their reasoning is simple; everyone knew that residential property prices were going to fall therefore many sellers delayed placing their properties on the market. However, there are always going to be forced sellers in any market caused by a number of factors, including; financial pressure, divorce or death together with sellers that cannot hold off any longer.

UK unemployment is still

rising therefore there are going to be more forced sellers. Another point that seems to have been forgotten is that in every recession it is in the initial period of economic recovery that the largest number of bankruptcies actually occur. This is caused by the fact that companies manage, by cutting costs and other measures. Delaying payment of trade and other creditors for as long as possible is one such measure but they simply do not have the financial strength to continue even in an improving environment. The aftermath of this recession is likely to show more than normal 'casualties' especially among small and medium sized companies. The reason for this is the unusual nature of this recession being based on credit problems. Banks are in a much worse position than would be normal for a recession. They now need to repair their balance sheets. Published reports from smaller companies reflect that the supply of credit to that sector is actually worsening.

Many analysts do not see any real recovery in UK house prices, overall, until 2011 or even 2012.

It is now predicted that the next general election in the UK is likely to be held in May 2010. The clear favorites at present are the opposition, Conservative Party, although being the party that is likely to form the next government is not something that is being met with total glee. It is probably best summed up by the statement made to the media by the Conservative Party's shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer (Finance minister) some months ago. In this statement he made it clear that after the traditional three-month honeymoon period,



While UK unemployment is on the rise, Derek Simpson, joint leader of UNITE (R), delivers a petition to 10 Downing Street, calling on the PM to insist that UK workers are given fair access to work on UK projects. Photo: AFP/Shawn Curry

the Conservative Party Government would be the most unpopular in 70 years.

The incumbent Labour Party Government is simply trying to procrastinate implementing necessary economic medicine until after the elections. To be fair to the current government, there is in fact little they can do at present to improve the situation. Basically, the economy is still far too fragile to be allowed to stand on its 'own two feet'. However, that date of reckoning cannot be avoided later in 2010.

The effect of this recession on financial markets has been serious. It may at times seem that financial markets have little to do with the real world but in fact they have a direct effect on virtually everyone. One major area has been pensions; in the UK most 'final salary pension schemes' are disappearing. Simply put, employers neither have the wish nor the ability to be able to fund what has virtually become a blank check. Pension liabilities for companies have become a nightmare with huge percentages of even the largest companies underfunding their pension liabilities. This was already a severe problem after financial market turbulence in the period 2000 - 2003, the current recession just made it much, much, worse.

To add insult to injury, annuity rates have fallen significantly. This

has been caused by the fall in yields of long dated government bonds (gilts) and has been exacerbated by the ever increasing life expectancy of pensioners.

Several years ago, UK retirees could come to Thailand and enjoy a higher standard of living than would be possible in the UK. However, the decline in the exchange rate of Sterling combined with a strong Baht has meant Thailand is no longer as cheap as it used to be.

British nationals who have pensions can in many cases transfer these overseas. The UK authorities have made provision for this via QROPS (Qualified Recognised Overseas Pension Schemes). This route offers several advantages to retirees, especially in countries like Thailand and Malaysia who do not tax foreign sourced pension income. The first advantage of a QROPS is that it is free of UK tax, secondly, and this is very important, the choice of investments that the pensioner may use are greatly increased.

There have been some claims about being preminent in Thailand in respect of QROPS. In reality, no adviser has any advantage in this area.

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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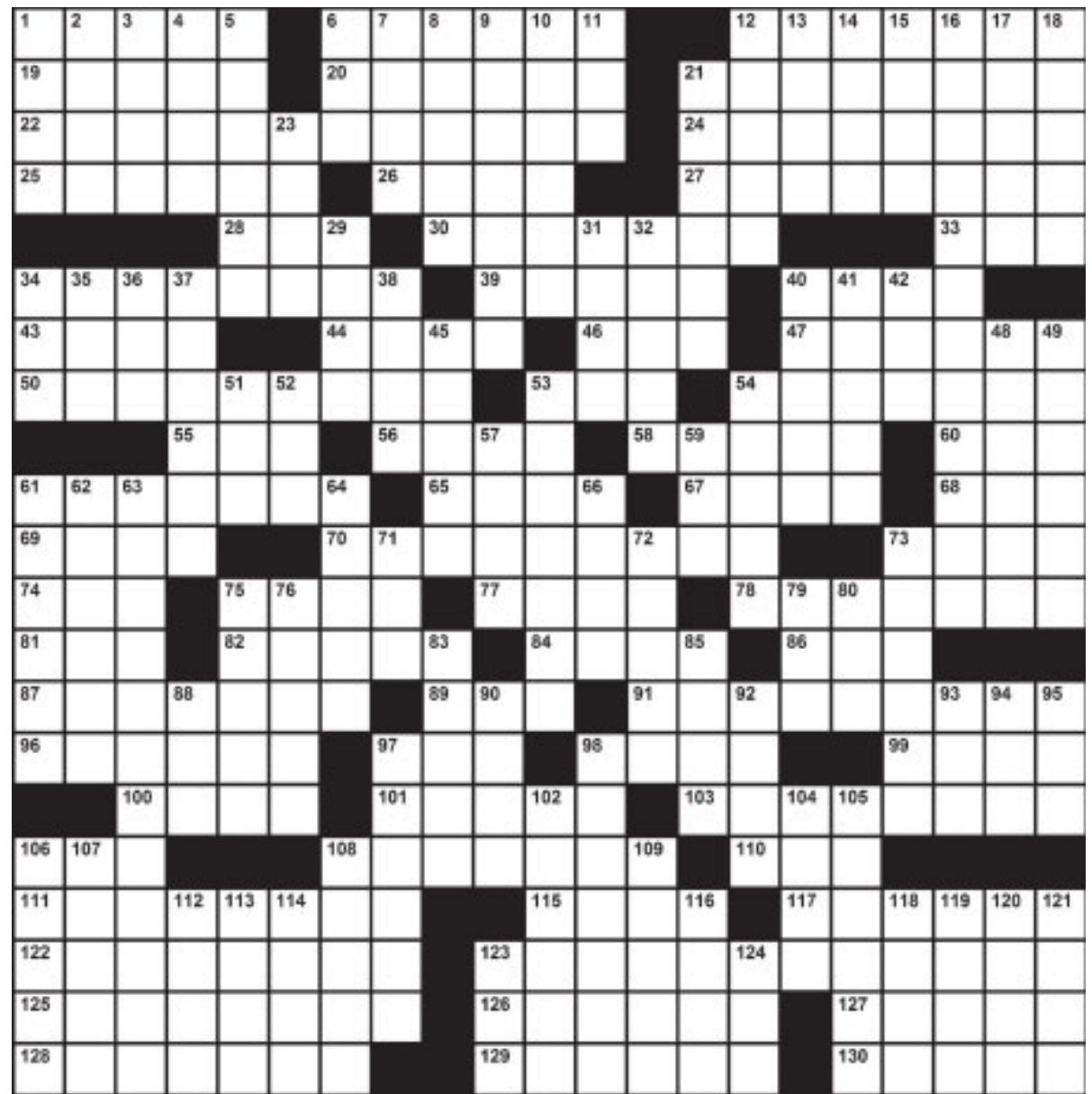
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## ACROSS

- 1 Funeral stands  
6 Cover completely  
12 Criticizes harshly  
19 Time piece?  
20 "Ave Maria" opera  
21 Blended beverage  
22 Uncomfortable place to be  
24 Protrude, in a way  
25 Barbecue fuel  
26 Without water, to a mixologist  
27 Beings  
28 Get on one's nerves  
30 African menaces  
33 Pro-gun gp.  
34 Butterfly features  
39 Command from the king  
40 Answer in an impudent manner  
43 "Half a \_\_\_ is better than none"  
44 Some troubadour's songs  
46 "Um" cousins  
47 Dresses fussily  
50 Lacking ambition  
53 "\_\_\_ matter of fact ..."  
54 Gentlemen of Verona  
55 Big Band, for one  
56 Alexander II, e.g.  
58 "All for one and one for all," e.g.  
60 Family  
61 "Charlie's Angels" co-star  
65 "Nanny McPhee" star Thompson  
67 Computer that serves others  
68 Cephalopod's defense  
69 Evening hour in Essen  
70 Common people  
73 "If I've told you \_\_\_"  
74 Devotee's suffix  
75 Hebrew "A" (Var.)

- 77 Location  
78 San Diego pro  
81 Calendar abbr.  
82 Soprano Anna  
84 Bum around  
86 \_\_\_ carte (not prix fixe)  
87 Big flounder  
89 1973 Supreme Court decision name  
91 Gaining muscles through lifting weights  
96 Puts on a ballot  
97 Unmatched, like socks  
98 Trinidad or Tobago  
99 Bad cut  
100 It turns "a one" into "none"  
101 Cover many subjects?  
103 Was a varsity standout  
106 "20,000 Leagues" harpooner Land  
108 Bring under control  
110 Mothers, at heart?  
111 Shoe dweller of nursery rhymes  
115 "Bravo!"  
117 Ganja smokers  
122 Emulating a goat  
123 Calf-length slacks  
125 Spaces between lines, in printing  
126 Opposed (to)  
127 100-cent coins  
128 Answers the call  
129 Grammarian, at times  
130 Aspiring bands make them

## DOWN

- 1 Life summaries, briefly  
2 "\_\_\_ It Romantic?"  
3 Villa d'\_\_\_ (Tivoli landmark)  
4 Arnsberg is on it  
5 Escorted by a butler, perhaps  
6 Act lovey-dovey

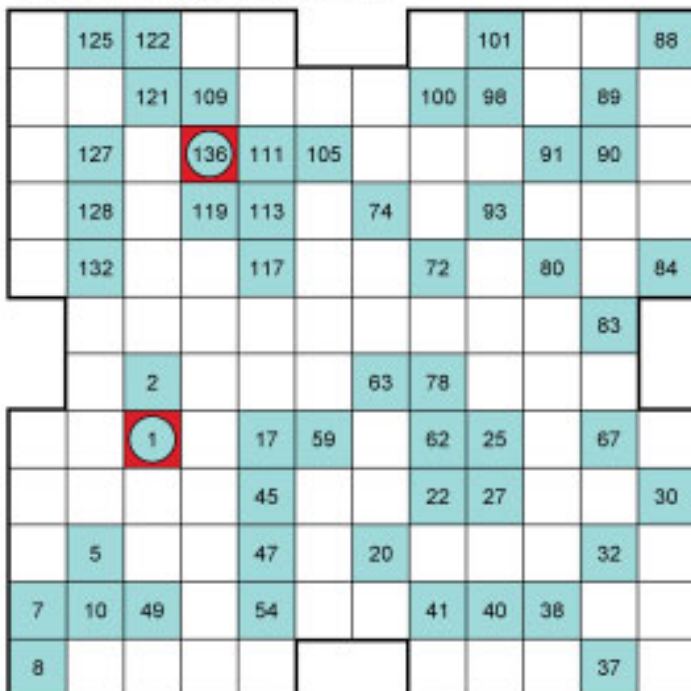
- 7 "Heads up" abbr.  
8 "Spring forward," e.g.  
9 Tickles one's fancy  
10 Full of high spirits  
11 Stroller rider  
12 Closing words, in church  
13 Cause for a suit  
14 "Beloved" author Morrison  
15 "Have \_\_\_!" ("Knock yourself out!")  
16 Certain bad habit  
17 Bad-check passer  
18 \_\_\_ problem with (finds fault)  
21 Percule items  
23 A driver may sit on it  
29 Crinkly cabbage  
31 Businessman's accessories  
32 "Beat it!"  
34 "Happy Days" diner  
35 Classic Japanese drama  
36 "Chi" lead-in  
37 Trick shot in a film  
38 "... \_\_\_ and Juliet is the sun!"  
40 They may take turns for the wurst  
41 Local lingo  
42 Fire and brimstone offense  
45 1940s internees  
48 "Kiss" singer  
49 Type of pitch  
51 "Boyz n the Hood" role  
52 Long's counterpart  
53 Dresser alternative  
54 Far from demonstrative  
57 Heavy metal concert necessities  
59 "Ah, I see!"  
61 Belief systems  
62 Based on fact  
63 Be a hustler

- 64 Burglary  
66 Certain carol singer  
71 Switch status  
72 Abrupt transitions  
73 Agent of the Vietnam War?  
75 Grainfield color  
76 Not worth a darn  
79 Chance occurrence  
80 Spinks beat him in '78  
83 Court requirement  
85 Ponder (over)  
88 "I like \_\_\_ lot!"  
90 Wednesday's namesake  
92 "\_\_\_ Me in St. Louis, Louis"  
93 Fish with bill-like jaws  
94 "\_\_\_ only as directed"  
95 Result of a defended thesis  
97 Borneo primates  
98 No typical stock trader  
102 1864 convention site  
104 "No \_\_\_ Traffic"  
105 Bedeviled  
106 Aristocrat  
107 1970s Emmy winner Corby  
108 Puts up, as a painting  
109 Accident mementos  
112 African arroyo  
113 "Miss \_\_\_ Regrets" (Cole Porter song)  
114 Adjective in a price guide  
116 "... or \_\_\_!"  
118 Elisabeth of "Soapdish"  
119 Academic calendar division  
120 "Buck" add-on  
121 Air hose sound  
123 Baby food  
124 "Ad astra \_\_\_ aspera"

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- William Roy DeWitt Wallace co-founded what with his wife?
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- According to his business card, what job did Al Capone do?
- Humans are 10,000 times more sexually active than what animal?
- Actress Shirley Schriff is more famously known by which name?
- In the state of Kansas what can a waiter not legally do in a teacup?
- Which country has the lowest birth rate?
- Which 1956 film caused riots in cinemas in the UK and the USA?
- From whom did the USA buy the Virgin Islands?
- Who played the scarecrow in the 1978 film *The Wiz* – a version of *The Wizard of Oz* – featuring an entirely black cast?
- What was or is a Waltzing Mathilda?
- Which country was the first to introduce old-age pensions?
- Which style of hat became popular with children in 1956?
- Actor Malden Serki-ovitch is more famously known by which name?
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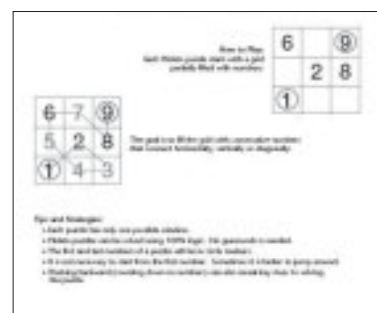
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## Monster Quiz Answers

- Sargasso Sea; 2. De-wrinkle prunes; 3. *Readers Digest*; 4. St Nicholas; 5. Sell Second Hand Furniture; 6. Rabbits; 7. Shelly Winters; 8. Serve wine; 9. Vatican City; 10. Rock Around the Clock; 11. Denmark; 12. Michael Jackson; 13. Swagman's Knapsack; 14. Germany; 15. Davy Crocket; 16. Karl Malden; 17. The American flag; 18. Blaire General; 19. Jellyfish; 20. Ptolemy Dionysus, her brother.

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

### Hidato Puzzle Solution

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# Thailand's vanishing heritage



## Off the SHELF

By Patrick Campbell

Thailand possesses a cornucopia of natural resources, having, for instance, more than 3,000 varieties of trees. Yet the history of Thai forestry and its management of these resources – for ‘forestry’ read ‘deforestation’ – makes melancholy reading, if only because of the unending conflict between the rapacious business of timber extraction and the very existence of rural communities who have always regarded the rainforest as home.

If the decline of Thailand's primary forest is a given, Ann Danaia Usher's *Thai Forestry: A Critical History* (Silkworm Books, 2009; 248pp) expertly analyses why this has been allowed to happen and how commercial and ideological imperatives underscore this litany of waste, mismanagement and greed.

Much of the impressive research for the book was

undertaken while the author was writing about environmental issues for *The Nation*, which perhaps helps explain the author's awareness of contemporary issues, as well as her grasp of historical events.

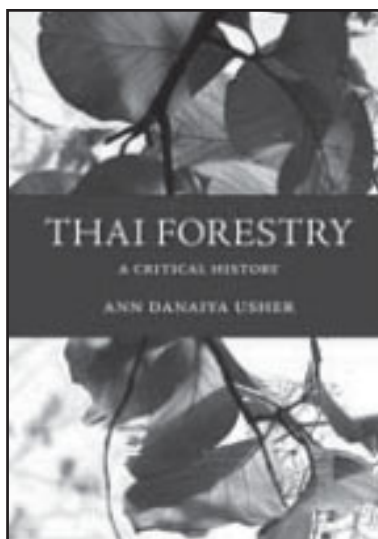
The villains of the piece are by no means exclusively Thai. colonial Britain, having long since destroyed her own forests, turned to India and Burma and thence to Siam.

The jewel in the crown was, and still is, teak, the most prized of tropical hardwoods. Specimen trees were systematically felled or worse, girdled (ringed) and left standing in the jungle for years.

Latterly, and with the newfound ability of the global paper industry to produce pulp from hardwoods, Northern Europe directed its commercial gaze and monocultural policies at countries such as Thailand where the tropical conditions were capable of supporting rapidly maturing trees.

Conveniently and with the collusion of officialdom, this meant: “Replacing ‘chaotic’ or ‘abnormal’ nature with its abundance of ‘weeds’ and ‘inferior’ plants with a ‘normal’ forest, one increasingly dominated by one commercially valuable tree species – be it teak, pine or eucalyptus.”

While attempts to create



teak and pine plantations produced poor results, *eucalyptus camaldulensis* – not a native tree – took to Thai conditions like a duck to water. But like so many invasive species, it was and still is proving to be a mixed blessing.

The account is necessarily selective. Carbon dioxide problems, global emissions and the positive role of tropical forests are not discussed, nor the role of rubber in Thai forestry.

Thailand is the world's largest producer of latex, an industry initiated a century ago, with an emphasis on biodiverse planting that allowed the newly imported rubber trees to coexist with indigenous fauna and flora.

Subsequently changed by

officialdom to a monocultural bias, this shift in thinking only served to underscore what is repeated like a mantra in the book; namely that such short-sighted practices, together with the use of pesticides in this case, have all but put paid to local biological richness and diversity.

Likewise, there is little in the book about the ecologically dubious planting of oil palms and the titular emphasis on silviculture means that rainforests' birds and animals get only a passing, if sympathetic, mention.

The writing is solid rather than elegant and because the format lends itself to repetition, certain elements in the ongoing saga are reiterated at various points. Nonetheless, while the author is careful always to give both sides of the picture, her conservationist convictions permeate the account.

If the infighting has often turned ugly – witness the military's attempts to enforce the resettlement of forest dwellers – Usher's conclusions offer a modicum of hope. The Nam Chom dam project, an environmental disaster in the making, was abandoned, thanks largely to public pressure, while commercial logging was officially banned in 1989.

Moreover, thanks largely to the efforts of two men, Bonsaay

Lekagul and George Rühle, Thailand now has a system of ‘involute watersheds’ – two categories of protected areas – wildlife sanctuaries, designated primarily for research, and public national parks. Forty more of these areas are planned – 117,000 square kilometers in all – “a formidable 23 percent of Thailand's surface area”.

Of course there are always flies in the ointment. Illegal logging has continued within these preserves, tacitly supported by corrupt officialdom. Even if bureaucracy were whiter than white, the author is concerned to note that the myopic official line persists, namely “that the forest is a source of income generation”.

In conclusion, Usher insists that all those painful lessons of history must be heeded if the rainforests are not to disappear.

“It is simply not enough to copy the ‘new forestry’ that is practiced in the Pacific Northwest and Northern Europe.

“A new Thai forestry will have to be invented, one based on the cultural, biological and political conditions that prevail in Thailand... and on Thai foresters' willingness to reinvent themselves.”

Thai foresters should start their reinvention by taking on board the lessons of this admirable book.

## Horoscopes



Isla Star

**LIBRA** (September 24-October 23): The month of October begins quietly for those born under the sign of Libra. If you weren't able to take enough summer holiday to refresh mind, body and soul, there should be enough free time this month to compensate. Personal relationships are put to the test this week when a difference of opinion could prompt floodgates to open. Those celebrating a birthday during the coming days will be busy rearranging priorities in the year ahead.

**SCORPIO** (October 24-November 22): During the month of October, many Scorpions will gain new friends. The stars suggest this will coincide with your discovery that previously untapped talents can make money. You should guard against getting too sidetracked from routine commitments this week; a forgotten appointment on Wednesday could cause stress. Flirtation is easy this weekend when a lone Leo catches your eye. Wearing the color bottle green can promote courage.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 21): Your attitude towards life could become too clouded by minor negative events this week. A water sign acquaintance seems determined to bring you down to their pessimistic level and avoiding this person will be the best solution. A romantic relationship with Capricorn begins

to look more appealing, but waiting for Gemini to make up their mind will not bring happiness. Wear a piece of moonstone to enhance your charisma.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): It could be hard to get work done with an irritating colleague breathing down your neck early next week. Capricorns who need to concentrate should endeavor to tactfully point out their need for privacy. Wednesday is a good day to chase up new options concerning employment, but delay making final decisions until the middle of the month if possible. Wear the color violet to encourage a change of fortune.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): Aquarians can usually focus firmly on the present and the future, but this week an unexpected event brings the past back to haunt you. Talking with an old water sign friend can enable you to find closure. Your ice-breaking abilities are appreciated at a social event on Sunday and at least one new interesting contact can be made. The number eight can bring some good fortune early next week.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): You should start the month of October feeling much brighter. Pisceans who have recently found a way to stick to a regular exercise routine will

be inspired to take up a new sport. Romance is subject to interference from a third person – don't believe everything you hear. A housing situation should be given priority as the stars suggest that sweeping this problem under the mat will lead to complications.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20): Your heart is in the right place, but there is a danger of being taken advantage of this week. Arians' reluctance to hear the truth is forecast to cause ripples in a personal relationship. Tuesday is the most auspicious day to ask questions. A niggling work issue is laid to rest and there are signs your input will be more appreciated as October progresses. The number six can bring good luck late next week.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21): A new water sign friend comes up with a good idea this week and bored Taureans will be delighted with what transpires. Your social life is well-starred during the month of October – expect to receive some intriguing invitations. Love will be mostly harmonious, but those seeking commitment will be disappointed by events this weekend. Money matters become better starred after Wednesday. Wear the color turquoise to encourage a freer flow of creative energy.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21): Keeping options open should be your main focus in October. Geminis who accept the first offer they receive this week will have cause for regret. Tuesday is the best day to schedule meetings concerning finances for. Where affairs of the heart are concerned, your flirtatious manner begins to irritate a new partner. Your efforts to see things from this person's point of view will make a world of difference.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23): Worrying too much about what others think will cramp your style this week. Cancerians who have the confidence to be themselves stand a good chance of getting ahead at work – promotion is a strong possibility. Those who are self-employed are forecast to make contact with an earth sign with innovative ideas. Love with Aquarius has little chance of getting off the ground, but a Virgoan's interest catches you unawares.

**LEO** (July 24-August 22): Leos are advised to remember that pride comes before a fall when dealing with impatient business colleagues this week. The astrological atmosphere will ease towards the middle of the month, but working relationships are likely to be strained until then. This weekend, you learn there is cause for family celebration. Finances move onto a smoother path, with emphasis on extra gain from investments. Wear

the color chestnut brown to promote relaxation.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 23): Your reluctance to take risks is compromised during the first week of October. An air sign acquaintance is forecast to encourage your participation in a business scheme that is unlikely to pay off. Personal relationships are sweet and sour – many Virgoans learn that a family visit is imminent and this may interfere with plans already made. A dream this weekend gives food for thought concerning a budding romance.



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## Roy was the right word

Phuket likes to think of itself as the island that offers something for everyone.

But the major events that take place here tell us a lot about the sort of tourists the island is best at attracting.

The Blues Festival, the Old Town Festival, the King's Cup: all perfectly respectable, but much more appealing to the old than the young.

While Phuket is a magnet for families and retirees, it's less popular with the average 20-something tourist looking to have fun – and spend cash – in Thailand.

Perhaps last weekend's Roy Fest music festival will help to change that.

Government quangos don't have much of a reputation as rave organizers, but the TAT deserves credit for putting on two nights of great music, and getting the festival atmosphere right.

Young Thais turned out in droves to see their heroes Smile Buffalo, Thaitanium, T-Bone and Silly Fools.

And names such as Japanese DJ Ken Ishii and England's Abdsorb drew in tourists and expats eager for the kind of music common in the clubs of Tokyo and London.

The mix of artists, the packed crowd, the huddle of food stalls – Roy Fest felt remarkably similar to a Western music festival.

Added to good organization was a dash of luck: the rain that poured onto the island all day Friday and Saturday lifted just in time for the music, returning only for a couple of brief showers.

In place of the mud and drizzle that are the staples of many a 'Euro fest', there was sand and warm sea air.

And the traditional bane of any festival goer's existence – the toilets – were remarkable easy on the nose, right to the end.

Roy, Southern Thai for fun, delicious and enjoyable, was exactly the right word.

What's more, the birth of Roy Fest might be timely.

There are rumors that the days of Koh Phangan's full moon party, which has drawn young revelers to Thailand for more than 20 years, are numbered.

The Surat Thani island is trying to change its image from drug-fueled party place to family destination.

Phuket already has that reputation, but there's no reason it can't make a grab for a younger party-going crowd too.

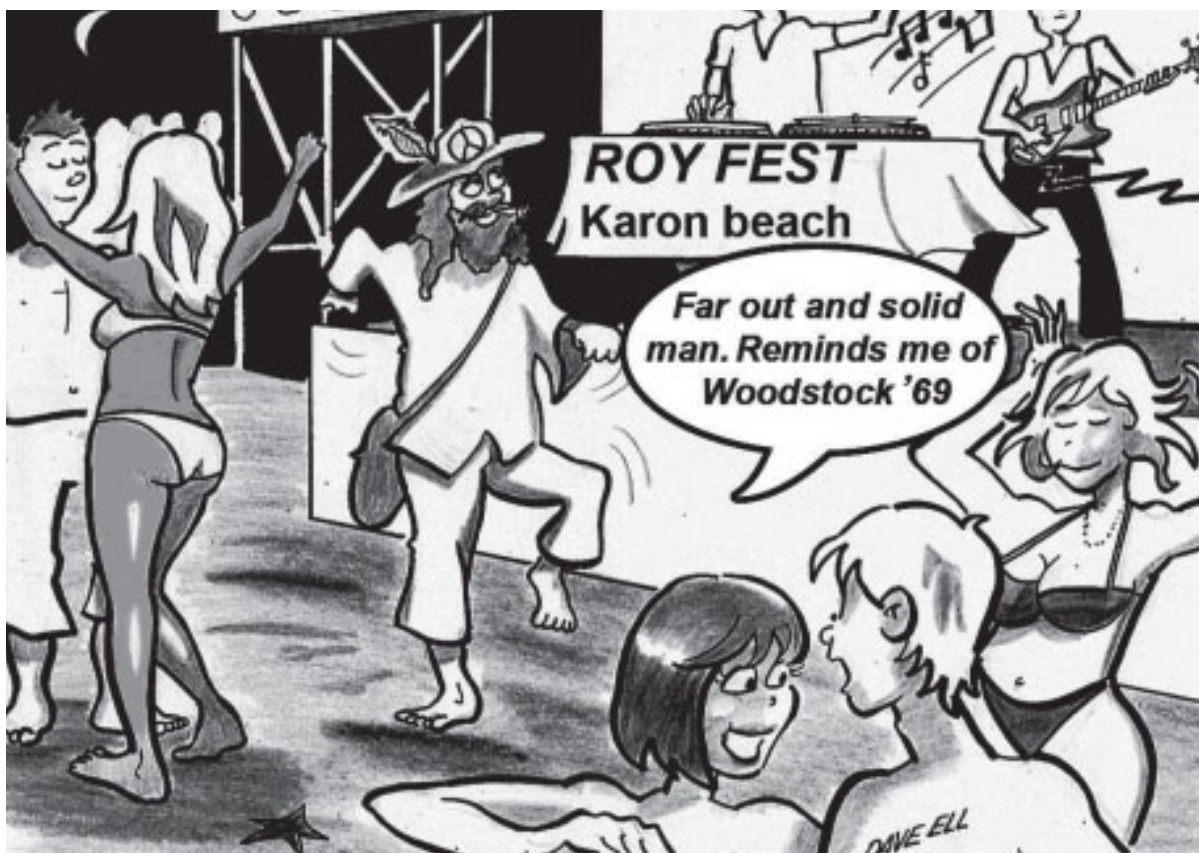
Plenty of these travelers have money to spend.

A growing number of the island's venues realize this, and are starting to book DJs with international reputations: Club Lime, Stereo Lab and Sound spring to mind.

And with Karon Beach stretching for three kilometers, Roy Fest could become the biggest beach music festival in the world.

That would really put Phuket on the map.

– Dan Waites



## Letters

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### Sex and the city

I think all prostitution in Phuket should be moved to Phuket City [*Gazette online*, September 26].

This would allow the beach resorts to be 'family friendly' areas with normal bars and nightclubs, and stop the growth of the sex industry in those parts of the island.

Those who wish to participate in the sex industry would head for Phuket City at night and return to their beach resort hotels during the day.

Phuket City would benefit because it would be busy at night, rather than being quiet as it is now, and very few people live in many of the city center areas, so residents would not be disturbed.

I'm sure some visitors would prefer to stay in Phuket City to be closer to the action, so many of the hotels and guesthouses in Phuket City would benefit.

I am not opposed to the sex industry, but feel uncomfortable when it is too close to the 'straight' holiday market.

It is unfair on both groups.

I truly believe this could work. Only the property owners on Bangla Road would reject it out of hand, but even Bangla could flourish under the new plan.

**Frank Peterson**  
Phuket

### Paradise lost

After reading about your new online poll [*Gazette online*, September 26], it'll be interesting to see how the *Gazette* produces newsworthy results from it.

Will you do any statistical analysis of the data? Are you going to collect demographics of the people who respond?

What about police corrup-

tion here in Phuket or the problem of corrupt landlords [the foreigners]? Why isn't anything ever printed about these issues?

How about some columns in your newspaper dedicated to things other than male commentators writing about investment and the prospects of making money here in Thailand or leisure activities that cater to the older male demographic?

I figured I'd ask these questions since you have at least dared to print something that is 'real' instead of talking about 'paradise Phuket' which in reality is just for dirty old men from Europe. Thanks.

**Madeline Eve Josefsberg**  
Rawai

### Good clean fun

I have made several trips from America to Phuket and absolutely love the island.

I think the word 'prostitution' has a somewhat negative connotation and just doesn't seem to be an appropriate label for the night life on Soi Bangla.

The exchange of money for sexual activity which transpires in Patong should be more fondly referred to as a financial exchange for a fun and romantic time.

I view this happy profession in Thailand as a win-win situation for all involved.

Large sums of money are spent in Phuket having fun and this provides a great source of income for the entrepreneurs involved, which I am told helps take care of their families back home.

Those spending the money are perhaps receiving some of the most fun and exciting times of their lives and it is a chance for humans to be generous to each

other with pleasure and money.

I have been generous with my money on my trips to Phuket and never felt cheated or forced to spend my money, but I would feel cheated if the laws regarding prostitution were strictly enforced in Phuket.

One run in with the law, and I would probably not want to return to the island that I love.

You have a wonderful situation in Phuket with your beautiful beaches, fabulous food, relaxing massages and sexual fun in abundance for those who desire it.

It is a great package when you include the physical pleasure and one that should continue to be permitted if Thailand wants the stream of income created from this profession.

**Buzz Thurber**  
Las Vegas, USA

### Utter disgrace

A friend of mine went to Boots Pharmacy recently and was horrified to see shark cartilage for sale.

She contacted Boots and also posted a message about it on Facebook.

The shark population around the world is declining at an alarming rate.

In the last 30 years, 90 percent of the world's sharks have been killed, primarily for their fins which are used in shark fin soup.

Soon there will be none left.

It's a major environmental concern and for any company – let alone one from the UK – to do this is just outrageous. To make matters worse, it's their own brand.

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# A fantastic festival of fun



## FIRST PERSON

Phuket has never seen anything like it. A 10,000-strong army of hedonists, tourists, locals, expats and music lovers congregated at Karon last weekend for two adrenaline-filled nights of Roy Fest. Mounted by the Tourist Authority of Thailand and a host of sponsors, the biggest beach event to hit Phuket went off almost without a hitch. Writer Marque Rome was there to witness the groundbreaking event on Karon Beach.

First I should make clear that, in my bones, I detest big gatherings. Crowds are a nuisance to one who loves luxury and techno-dance is a sin against good taste to one who loves jazz, so I don't fit the target profile for mega-music events.

But despite all that, I must say the painstakingly well-organized Roy Fest was a blast.

There was something for everyone, even jazz lovers.

Police fought against all odds to control traffic-flow along the beach road, and heavy rains dampened the grounds but not the enthusiasm, which was electric.

Parked cars and vendors lined the footpath along the strand for perhaps a kilometer. It looked a nightmare of crowd control. It wasn't. Entrance and egress were surprisingly easy. Security, toilet facilities, sound – all were handled without mishap.

Only the weather refused to be reined in. Intermittent rain continued all night. The crowd, many of whom, intoxicated by the rhythms or heated by dancing and other stimulants, didn't mind the showers.

Roy Fest featured performing bands and star DJs over two nights. The promoters aimed at providing Phuket with a musical identity – same as Hua Hin or Koh Phangan – and described this year's event as “only the first

in an annual series”.

Entrance to the festival and concert grounds, which covered about one-square kilometer, was entirely free of charge. Free music festivals have been done before in Phuket but this is the first time so many people packed in.

I attended Friday's show, which began at 6pm and ended after 2am with East Asian DJ supernova Ken Ishii.

The biggest crowds were seen during a performance by Thai rock band Smile Buffalo. Around 10pm, the densely packed, standing-room-only crowd stretched back from the stage over a hundred meters.

They danced, drank, cavorted and waved their arms in time to the music, shouting out lyrics in a deafening roar that overpowered the band's already thunderous sound-scape.

Other performers included the fine ska/reggae band T-Bone, DJ Seed who opened Fatboy Slim's show at the Brighton Beach festival in England, Malaysian DJs Lapsap who described their sound as “garbage, because everything is thrown together”, and Doobadoo.

The fest finished on Saturday with a line-up including ska band Ta Mone; dub-stepping DJ Dragon; hip-hoppers Thaitanium and South-Side Phuket; BBC Radio 1 DJing music sensation Adisorb; and

Lord Warddd, the British- and US-based impresario and DJ who was among the founders of the now well-known Brighton Beach fest.

I was especially impressed with Doobadoo's set.

Doobadoo may be taken as a paradigm for others in what appears an emerging trend on the Thai music scene: artists consciously aiming to attract niche audiences rather than a huge market.

Comprising guitarist Jessada Sookdhamorn, drummer and singer Soo Kusolpisarnsut, bassist Karin Mekmok, percussionist Art Youamarin and lead vocalist Look-wa Jittaputta, they play streamlined, infectious danceable bossa nova.

Together with the lovely, gay and charmingly intimate Look-wa, Jessada has developed a sound – and a disarming insouciance in performance – other musicians might envy.

Look-wa, in flower-print dress, gray vest and black balaclava, held the crowd in her palm as she swayed, singing to the syncopated Brazilian rhythms with which Doobadoo underpins their own songs.

On *Thalay*, a tune by classic Thai composer Chalard Feuangarom, Jessada started with a long octave-based solo; then, just when one might have



Over the course of the two-night event, it is estimated that RoyFest attracted around 10,000 locals, expats and tourists.

thought the song ending, drummer Soo began singing, joined thereafter, and just as unexpectedly, by Look-wa's sultry alto.

Playful, but nonetheless brilliant.

A lot of hard work went into organizing Roy Fest and it paid off – even the toilets impressed.

Okay, I admit even this festival had glitches – a makeshift toilet-bus leaked gallons. Some human predators were in evidence – a pickpocket loudly pleading his innocence was hauled off by Chalong police. The odd reveler, drunk

and unimpressed by the surf's wild condition, tried to get himself drowned.

But the security forces – police, Royal Air Force, and volunteers both Thai and foreign – handled most problems with smoothness, efficiency and remarkable friendliness.

In the spirit of goodwill, even the producers of the popular morning-after headache reliever, ‘Hangover’, handed out free bottles of their elixir.

Nobody drowned, no injuries were reported. A good time was had by all.

I can't wait till next year.

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# Making the same mistake twice

Two weeks ago, the *Gazette* reported that former England and Manchester United superstar Bryan Robson would head to Phuket as the guest of Muang Thong United who are scheduled to take part in a four-team tournament on the island later this month.

Robson was recently appointed manager of the Thai national team who enjoyed fervent support on the island during last year's King's Cup. But is Robson the best man for the job?

As former England captain, he enjoyed a distinguished playing career, but like his predecessor Reid, has had mixed fortunes as a manager.

Reid's decision to walk out after completing only one year of a four-year contract to take up a job as assistant manager at a low-level premiership club gives an indication of how international coaches view the Thailand manager's job.

For elite managers, Thailand still represents the footballing wilderness.

Following Reid's sudden departure, the Thai FA's decision to replace one high-profile former England player with a dubious managerial record with another, is a surprising one.

Will Robson, who prior to his recent appointment had no affiliation whatsoever with Thailand, be able to resist he Premiership if called to do so?

Moreover, if he completes his contract without receiving a single offer from his native England, what does that say about his managerial credentials?

The Thai FA appear to have been seduced by Premiership managerial experience, successful or otherwise, and for it to have been the sole consideration in their decision-making process.

Robson has never lived in Thailand, can't speak Thai and has no Asian football experience.

His appointment is a gamble. However, the Thai FA appears happy to risk repeating this expensive mistake. Reid's salary was rumored to be in the region of US\$1.5 million a year.

Reid privately voiced his

frustration at having to communicate with his players exclusively through a translator.

Thai players speak little or no English and Reid, with his thick Liverpoolian accent, made little attempt to learn Thai.

It is not known whether Robson, whose strong northern accent betrays his Durham roots, will start taking Thai lessons, but there is little precedent in football for managers who are unable to speak the same language as his players being successful.

Robson's brief is to take Thailand to the 2014 World Cup.

Should he succeed in doing so, he would become an unlikely national hero, but realistically, 2014 will come far too soon for a side that still struggles against the lesser lights of Asian football.

Would the vast amounts of money invested in Reid and Robson not have been better spent developing the grass roots of the game within Thailand, ensuring the top players of tomorrow have access to the best coaching and facilities today?

Repeatedly appointing



Peter Reid (right) made no attempt to learn Thai. Will the new national coach Bryan Robson be any different?

foreigners to manage the national team will provide only a superficial solution to Thailand's footballing deficiencies.

If there is not a suitable candidate within Thailand, the Thai FA should be looking to redress this situation by ensuring coaches have access to the necessary coaching courses and qualifications.

If Robson is serious about living in Thailand for the next five years and mastering the Thai language then he could prove to

be the right man for the job.

If not, the Thai FA would be better off ensuring football coaches within Thailand have opportunities to develop the skills and knowledge required to manage at an international level.

The creation of a Thai national team capable of competing on the world stage requires prescient planning and judicious decision-making.

Robson's appointment has all the hallmarks of a quick fix.

-James Goyder

## Junior rugby set to kick off again

The latest junior rugby season is set to get underway at Prince of Songkla University (PSU) on Saturday.

Starting this week, the Phuket Vagabonds will be running a coaching session every Saturday from 9am until 12pm at the university campus in Kathu.

The session is open to people of all ages who are interested in rugby.

Organizer Pat Cotter said the sessions are being held with a particular goal in mind.

"We want to set up an under-15s league later this year. Kids who are older than 15 are still welcome to come and train, as are much younger kids," he said.

There are already three ten-a-side under-15 teams on Phuket; two from Sainamyen School and the third from the British International School (BIS). Pat and the Phuket Vagabonds hope the coaching days will attract sufficient interest to form another couple of teams to start a league.

Previous coaching events



Pat Cotter hopes to be able to set up an under-15s league this season.

have been held at BIS and Pat is optimistic the move of venue to PSU will help encourage more Thai schoolchildren to learn rugby.

"I think a lot of them find BIS quite intimidating. When the kids from Sainamyen School first went there, I think they found it all a bit overwhelming," he said.

The session will consist of stamina and fitness training for the first hour, skills and technique during the second hour and game scenarios for the last hour.

Sponsors are needed to help provide training equipment, such as balls, tackle bags and mouth guards.

Anyone interested in sponsorship or in getting involved on either a regular or part time basis should contact Pat Cotter. T: 089-8731190.

-James Goyder

## Disappointing haul for Phuket athletes

The Phuket team returned home with a modest 26 medals, including just three golds, following last month's Trang Games. Saifa Kruepanit in the men's Wu-Su (Kung Fu), Muamma Usen in the men's Pencak Silat (Indonesian martial art) and Tantipong Petchaiya who took gold in the men's athletics were the only members of the 155-strong team who topped the podium.

Of the Phuket team's remaining 23 medals, nine were silver and 14 were bronze.

Chedthawit Tantipanwadee, Director of the Phuket Sports Association, said he had mixed emotions about the team's performance.

He was happy with the three golds, but felt the team could've won more, particularly in the women's badminton and tennis events, he said.

Phetchaboon will host the 2010 Games and Chedthawit is already looking at ways to boost the Phuket's medal tally.

"I want to find some good coaches who will come to Phuket to train our athletes," he said.

"We will continue to send our best sportsmen and women each year, but I will endeavor to make sure the team has trained as much as possible before next year's games."

-Daniel Ogunshakin

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# Seeing through window problems



periodic cleaning and lubrication.

Not only does this make it easier to open the windows, but it helps the windows themselves last longer because the force applied to pull or push them open is transferred instantly to the pivots.

If the sliding-piece scrapes and sticks, and the pivots dry out and refuse to move easily, then some of this torque is absorbed by the window's frame, twisting it and eventually resulting in warping and loosening of the frame-pieces as well as rattling, leaking panes.

The wooden-framed windows have small metal pieces, mounted on pivots inserted into the frame's top and bottom cross-pieces about one inch from the corners, which slide along metal tracks attached to the top and bottom window sills.

These tracks are 'L'-shaped and mounted on their backs, with the short leg vertical and its top folded over, creating a gap between it and the vertical part.

An upright edge of the sliding piece moves within this gap.



Photo 1



Photo 2

**NO MORE WINDOW WORRIES: Making your old window frames work in your favor.**

To keep the slider working smoothly, use a little axle-grease.

Photo 1 shows the track, with its upright portion and gap, the arm connecting the window to the track with its pivot and, at the rear of the track, the small sliding piece.

Photo 2 shows the arms pivot on the bottom of the window-frame's crosspiece.

The whole arrangement is repeated at the window's top.

So first, take a close look at

the track, the sliding pieces, the pivots in the connecting arm, as well as the pivots holding the sliding-piece to the window's top and bottom crosspieces. Is the track's metal corroded or encrusted with dirt? Are the pivots dry? Is the window hard to move, or does it make a screeching or scraping noise when opened?

If so, you'll need to first clean the track and then lube it, and all the pivots.

First, open the window about halfway, (or as close as possible) and sweep out any dirt or debris from the track, then wipe with a slightly damp rag to remove any dust.

If the track is rusty, use a fine brass-wire brush to remove the rust.

Next, move the window again and clean where the slider had been. You may have to use a piece of wire (like a bent paper-clip) to clean up inside that gap between the upright portion of the track's short leg and its folded-over top edge.

Use a light oil, like the type referred to as '3-in-1' oil in the USA, to lube the pivots.

A little motor oil would work as well, but because of its thicker viscosity, it penetrates more slowly.

Whatever type you use, put a few drops on, work the window back and forth to help it penetrate, then repeat.

The sliding-piece's pivot can't be seen, so just squirt a good amount into the joint where it joins the window frame, and

work it in. To lube the pivots on the window's bottom, a plastic squeeze-bottle with a long snout or the metal-canister type with trigger-pump works well.

Be sure to lube all three pivots (the sliding-piece, and the two on the arm connecting the window to the track) on both the top and bottom.

Then apply some axle-grease onto the track with a cotton-swab, beginning with the areas right in front and in back of the slider.

Use a swab, your bent wire, or a piece of flexible plastic (like a strip cut from a milk or water bottle) to work some of the grease up into that gap.

Then, work the window open and closed in increasing arcs until the track is lubed and the window moves smoothly.

While you're at it, check the screws which hold the track to the window-sill, and make sure that their heads are not protruding, as they can become so if the track gets dry.

This is due to the flexing of the track which then occurs, and the levering of the screw-heads by the sides of the track's screw-holes.

If they are loose, tighten them back down so that they're flush, and won't scrape the sliding piece as it moves over them.

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# Phuket hospitality show set to return next year



Exhibitor Chef Alessandro Frao of Acqua restaurant served up samples of his innovative Italian fare at the hospitality show.

Plans are already afoot for a second hospitality expo in Phuket in 2010 following a good turnout during the region's first Phuket International Hospitality Show, held at the Royal Phuket Marina International Exhibition and Conference Center last weekend. According to the organizers of the three-day event, Informa Yacht Group (Thailand) / IIR Exhibitions, the aim of the show was to 'help people in the hospitality industry catch up with coming trends and prepare themselves to be in the forefront of the business'.

The event attracted just

under 1,000 visitors and included a wide variety of people and businesses, who set up booths to give participants and attendees the chance to network and check out the latest innovations in the industry under the categories: Food and Drink; Hotel, Bakery; Restaurant and Food Service Equipment; Supplies and Services.

The expo also included a trade exhibition featuring suppliers from all areas of hospitality, a culinary fair and various industry-specific seminars.

Vitoon Panyakul, Executive Director of Green Net and one of the event's speakers, said there was a good response.

"It was interesting to see the other exhibitors products and services. We received a great response from all visitors and people basically made orders right away," he said.

Visitors were able to sample exhibitors' products, including wines, beers, pastries, meats and spa products. Exhibitor Alexei Pasyukov, Director of Finance & Operations for the Royal Eastern Beverage Company, which imports Kingfisher Beer, said the majority of visitors to his booth were leaders and decision makers in the Hotel and F&B industries.

"Everyone had a good time. We made many valuable contacts and we received excellent feedback on our products. We definitely plan to participate next year," he said.

Speaker Gerard Gonzalez of the Cornell-Nanyang Institute of Hospitality Management said he was also looking forward to next year's event.

"This being the first ever event, I thought it was well done, especially the very personalized touch it was given. I'm sure next year's event will be even much better as word spreads around," he said.

## Alternative Ownership Conference on the way



'Fractional ownership' will be the words on the lips of industry experts attending the event, scheduled for October 11-13.

Property experts from around the world will be convening in Phuket next month for Asia's first Alternative Ownership Conference for Hotels and Resorts – Asia Pacific.

Key industry players will be speaking at the two-day conference and networking event on fractional ownership and vacation ownership, which will be held at the Millenium Resort Patong from October 11 to 13.

International property experts will be sharing their experiences, presenting case studies, highlighting strategies and advising newcomers on how to introduce the concept to their business model.

The event is ideal for hotel and resort owners, and professionals in tourism and the real estate industry. From the event, "you will understand why fractional and vacation ownership are booming while other industry sectors are slowing down," the organizers say.

The *Phuket Gazette* and PGTV are sponsors of this event.

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# Thailand's kitchen garden

## A two-part look at the Kingdom's vegetables

### Nature & Nurture



By Patrick Campbell

As Adam and Eve found out to their cost, most kinds of fruit grow on established trees. Vegetables, on the other hand – unlike Adam and Eve – quickly reach maturity and since they are central to all forms of cooking – here as in the West – our foray into the kitchen garden should naturally begin with them.

Pride of place goes to the tomato. Technically a fruit, it is employed the world over in savory dishes as a vegetable – a familiar presence in both temperate and tropical kitchen gardens alike.

Belonging to the *solanaceae* family, it shares an unlikely kinship with the potato and the aubergine.

Available in thousands of varieties from cherry to beefsteak, this chameleon propensity allows the right cultivar to be grown just about anywhere.

Just give the plants some shade and water daily.

In Thailand they are one of the most abundant and least expensive foods, a key ingredient in many soups, in sweet and sour

pork and a colorful addition to stir-fried rice. The seeds are widely available.

On the other hand, the *brassicas* – cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli – though obtainable here, are not widely cultivated – it is just too hot. One strain of cauliflower (*oleraceae*), developed from a 19th Century Indian variety, does grow here, if principally in the north and although it can be bought from market stalls, I wouldn't recommend it for your garden.

The same applies to ordinary cabbage. One white variety, *brassica campestris*, can be cultivated in tropical climes, though I have yet to see it actually growing in Phuket. Thais, fond of its spicy taste, like to eat it sliced and raw. They know only too well that this 'tanginess' is lost when cabbage is boiled.

You can also buy another family member, broccoli, in the supermarket. It often comes wrapped in cellophane – which suggests a Chinese or Indian origin where most of the world's supply is grown.

The plant won't take here, preferring a temperature between 18 and 23 degrees Celsius. A pity because all these vegetables are good for you; rich in vitamin C and in those precious anti-carcinogens which help prevent cancer.

But they are not typically Thai and though cabbages may be associated with kings, I must give them short shrift.

One *brassica* variety is however quintessentially South-east Asian. I refer to Chinese kale, arguably the most popular leaf vegetable in Thailand.

It comes in several varieties:



Brinjal usually end up quartered in a green curry – a key ingredient – though Thais have a habit of eating them uncooked with *nam prik*, a particularly hot garnish.

they all have blueish-green leaves and crisp, succulent stems which to my mind is the best part. One cultivar, 'big boy', has longer stems and yellow flowers. You can eat it raw, as I usually do, sliced diagonally in stir fries, or simmered in soups.

If you want to try growing it, the seeds germinate readily and within 50 days you should have a crop.

Even better, you can cut the central stem without destroying the growing plant; the side shoots will continue to sprout. However, if you don't have the inclination to cultivate it, you can buy a bunch for 10 baht anywhere.

So too, *pak choi* or Chinese cabbage. This leaf vegetable exists in two varieties: *Pekinensis*

and the larger *Chinensis*. It looks a bit like celery with its white spoon-shaped stems; tightly wrapped around the base, they give the plant a cylindrical appearance, but the leaves, in contrast, are broad, cabbage-like and green in color.

The difference does not end there. The leaves taste, unsurprisingly, like cabbage, while the stems are almost sweet to the taste. Two vegetables in one. Almost as popular in Thailand as in its country of origin, it is usually cooked rather than eaten raw and is a common ingredient in soups.

Because it hails from Northern China, it is less likely than kale to succeed in the Phuket kitchen garden.

However, if you do decide

to give it a go, remember to plant it in a shady spot or a movable container, and, since it is a shallow-rooting plant, water it little and often.

So much for leaves. Of course, in many cases, we grow vegetables for their fruits – hence the odd coinage: fruit vegetables.

Thailand is a veritable cornucopia of such things: one visit to an open-air market will astound the visitor with their range and variety.

They come in every conceivable color, from green and yellow to red and purple, in every shape and size, and uniquely endowed with distinctive smells and flavors.

Most are versatile, and can be eaten or cooked in more ways than one. What's more, most possess both nutritional and medicinal properties.

Take, for example, the aubergine family. In the West, we are used to the exotic appearance of the purple eggplant, but unlike its cousin the tomato, we rarely grow it in our kitchen gardens.

Here in Thailand, it will germinate readily from seed, and, unfussy about soil conditions, will soon mature into a bush.

Productive all year round, this aubergine's dense and highly absorbent flesh is used extensively in Thai cuisine, featuring in the traditional dish, *soop ma khuea*, sometimes baked in the oven, or fried with fermented soybean or egg yolk.

Yet its popularity is surpassed by the much smaller brinjal (two to three centimeters), another kind of eggplant. Green and spherical, and with its pointed sepals, it vaguely resembles a small, unripe tomato.

Though my brinjal plants have experienced some trouble with a fungal infection, they have survived long enough to produce the characteristic fruit.

They usually end up quartered in a green curry – a key ingredient – though Thais have a habit of eating them uncooked with *nam prik*, a particularly hot garnish.

What a constitution most Thais possess! So much for eating apples.

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## Construction Update

## Cape Panwa

# Cape gets multi-purpose makeover

An eight-rai section of Cape Panwa beachfront on the island's south-east coast is being developed into a multi-purpose, commercial and residential area.

The two-phase Sittarom Cape Panwa project near Phuket Aquarium will comprise shops along the beachfront with residential units located behind.

Design and construction of the project is by I Will Design, which began construction of phase one in August.

Phase one is scheduled for completion by June next year.

At this time, the project owners have yet to decide when construction of phase two will begin.

Each of the two phases occupies four rai.

Zone one will feature 14 commercial and residential units, which will combine two-storey shops situated at the front and three-storey houses just behind, offering owners the chance to live and operate their business in the same location.

Zone two will either feature a hotel, a resort or a condominium block, depending on what the owner believes will best suit the market.



A computer generated image of how the 90-meter stretch of Cape Panwa will look once the multi-purpose Sittarom Cape Panwa project is completed. Phase one, the beachfront commercial zone, is currently under construction and expected to be finished by June 2010.

Zone one sits on the seafront, occupying a 90-meter stretch along Cape Panwa beachfront, while zone two will nestle behind among tropical landscaped gardens.

Each of the 14 units will occupy three floors, cover a total of 484 square meters and be split

into two sections.

The first section, which sits at the front of the development, is solely dedicated to the commercial aspect of the project.

Section two covers the residential part of the building and covers three floors. The ground floor consists of the kitchen and

living area, the first floor is home to two guest bedrooms with ensuite, while the top floor is occupied by the master bedroom. The master bedroom includes an en-suite bathroom, a dressing room and provides access to the rooftop pool and garden which sits on top of the shop in front.

As a special offer for early investors, each unit is currently priced at 19.9 million baht.

According to the developers, that price will remain in place only until November, whereupon it will rise to 22.9 million baht.

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for sale. Prestigious Villa Baan Prangthong on Kwang Road, fully furnished with too many fittings to list. 5.8 million baht. Tel: 081-539 9612, 087-633 1472.

### LAND IN RAWAI

Between Chalong and Rawai, 2,788sqm with Chanote title. For further details mail or call Tel: 089-8854517. Email: ruedi.kaufmann@gmx.ch

### CHALONG: LAND FOR SALE

Six rai on main road, 500 meters from Chalong Circle. 9 million baht per rai. Tel: 081-797 5191 (Thai), 081-979 1147. Email: mnobnorb@hotmail.com

### LUXURY CONDO

for sale. Andaman Beach Condominium, 160sqm. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, big kitchen and living area. Panoramic sea view from 18th floor, freehold, fully furnished. Contact Songpan. No brokers please. Tel: 081-737 8662.

### ROYAL PLACE CONDO

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

### TOWNHOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT



In Moobaan Tinawut, Samkong, close to Yada Dental Clinic. 2 connected buildings, 2 floors, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. For rent: 12,000 baht per month, sale: 2.8 million baht. Tel: 081-597 6302, 081-597 9441.

### 65 SQ WAH APT IN RAWAI

1 bedroom. Only 1.25 million baht with Chanote title. Photos on request. Mail for details. Email: mlandi@free.fr

### PATONG TOWER

condo units for sale. Freehold, hill and sea views. From 5 million baht. Tel: 081-878 2199. Email: orso.realestate@gmail.com

### HOUSE & FURNITURE FOR SALE

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

### NEW BRAND CONDO

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

### COCONUT ISLAND LAND



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

### LAND AT CHERNG TALAY

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

### NEW HOUSE

for sale! Phuket Thane Project at Heroines' Monument. 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, on corner, 24 hour security. Very good price: 2.9 million baht. Tel: 087-817 3019.

### QUICK SALE!

Nice single house, 2km from Heroines' Monument. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fully furnished. Quick sale, 2.4 million baht. Tel: 087-817 3019.

### 30 RAI IN TOWN

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

### LAND AT PA KHLOK

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

### NICE HOUSE, QUICK SALE



Kathu area. Nice house, private, 215sq wah, 2 floors, swimming pool, garden. 8.5 million baht. Tel: 081-541 2025 (English & Thai), 081-767 6200 (English & Thai).

### VILLA FOR SALE OR RENT



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### TOWNHOUSE, 2 STOREY



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

### SEA VIEW LAND

Patong Beach, 500 m2 mountain plot, very natural and quiet location with good access road. Part of an existing project consisting of 3 houses and a common swimming pool. Priced to sell. Contact me (Andy). Tel: 081-891 3466 (English). Fax: 076-296160. Email: antc@phuket.ksc.co.th

### 3 BEDROOMS HOUSE

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

### COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

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

### LAND FOR SALE

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

### PERFECT LAND FOR SALE

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### NICE PLOT BEHIND LAYAN HILL ESTATE



Manik area, 4.7million baht. Chanote title, good for pool villas. Email: talayjan@yahoo.com or 081-538 7050.

### 2 RAI IN AO MAKHAM



Chanote, in Soi Rat-U-Thit 1, public utility area. easy access in and out. Just 12 million baht for both rai. Tel: 076-522938, 087-689 9679, 089-588 5458. Email: tasuwan@hotmail.com

### PERFECT LAND

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

### CHEAP HOUSE FOR SALE

1 story house on land. 1.5 rai, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fully furnished at T. Taimuang, Phang Nga 2.5 million baht. Tel: 083-180 2143. Email: pookie.lovely@gmail.com

### NEW TOWNHOUSE

for sale. 2 floors, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room. 2 million baht. Tel: 081-895 3661.

### LAND AT PA KHLOK



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

### PRIVATE SALE OF HALF A RAI

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

### THE ROYAL PLACE

4th floor unit with 2 balconies. Approx area: 42sqm. Fully furnished, ready to move in. Email: info@allaboutweb anddesign.com

### CHANOTE 7 RAI

for sale. Mai Khao, 200m from the beach. Connecting condominiums projects a possibility. Can purchase just one or two rai. Tel: 080-719 8627.

### NEW HOUSE FOR SALE/RENT



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for sale. 3.4 million baht, near Land and Houses Park. 29.5sq wah, 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, hill view, common pool, club house. Tel: 089-873 1009 (English), 081-893 8524.

## HOUSE FOR SALE

Nice house in Patong! Good location, living room, 2 bathrooms, kitchen, extra studio with bathroom, rooftop terrace and garage. Very good price: only 6.9 million baht! Must see! Tel: 087-883 8066. Email: michahildner@hotmail.com

## BAAN BAI MAI



for sale in Samkong near Bangkok hospital. 2 storey, 2 bed, 2 bath, 1 car parking space. Email: info@allaboutwebanddesign.com

## PARICHART VILLAGE, CHALONG



35/20 Soi 1. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 aircons, some furniture, 50sq wah, garden. For sale or for long-term rent. Must see. Contact Nina. Tel: 087-689-9679. Email: tasuwan@hotmail.com

## BEAUTIFUL NAI YANG LAND



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

## BEACH FRONT CONDO

North Patong. 2 bedrooms, freehold, great seaview. 9.7 million baht. For pics, please contact Tel: 086-276 5117. Email: jihshand@gmail.com

## CONDO IN KATHU SALE/RENT

Two units: 38 and 48sqm. Nice view, gym, pool, very central. Available for sale or rent. Tel: 075-662161, 089-652 7900 (English & Thai), 089-583 5097 (Thai). Email: mail@chanida.de

## SURIN BEACH

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## RAWAI HOUSE BARGAIN

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## LAND FOR SALE, 700SQM

Talang. Chanote, electricity in 2 years. 1 million baht. Email: m3shmigelsky@yahoo.com

## LUXURY DETACHED HOUSE



in Koh Keaw, Phuket. Fully furnished, ready to move in. Convenient location in the heart of Phuket, only 20 minutes to Phuket Town center, 5 minutes to the British International School and very close to Phuket Boat Lagoon. House area 300sqm. Land area 480sqm. 4 bedrooms, 2 with ensuite bathrooms and loft. Western-style kitchen, laundry, maid's room, swimming pool, tropical garden, 3 parking spaces and 24-hour security. Asking price: 15 million baht. Great investment opportunity. For more information please contact Khun Mon. Tel: 085-882 7008. Email: monica@phuketfunction.com

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## 2 STORY HOUSE CENTER RAWAI

Sale or lease. 160sqm. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, close to beach. 1.8 million baht. Tel: 086-940 8914. Email: rawai1@yahoo.com

## KOH YAO YAI FOR SALE

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

## KARON VILLA TOWNHOUSE

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## PAKHLOK HOUSE

for sale. Reduced by 10%. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living, dining, office, kitchen, carport, quiet. 2 million baht. Tel: 086-905 1406 (English).

## LAND NEXT TO MISSION HILL

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## VERY NICE SEAVIEW LAND



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## 1 RAI IN PASAK

Pasak Soi 8. One rai with Chanote title. Pls contact me for exact location and details. Email: jkgk24@hotmail.com

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## LAND CHALONG BAY

Flat land with bay views and access. Priced to sell. Tel: 089-652 1473 (English). Email: jacek\_fi@hotmail.com

## 2 BEDROOM CONDO

74 sqm, 2 bedrooms, 3 aircon units, swimming pool. 5th floor with nice view. 1.8 million baht. Tel: 085-782 8881 (English & Thai). Email: arunrat65@hotmail.com

## NATAI LAND FOR SALE

4 rai and 1 ngan on the main road to Natai Beach. Only 2 km to the beach. 1,000,000 baht per rai. Email: nisaya@yahoo.com

## 2-STOREY HOUSE IN PATONG



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

## NEW TOWN HOUSE



in Phuket Inter villa project for sale. 2.3 million baht. 36.5sq wah. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, includes furniture, curtains, kitchen, 1 airconditioning unit, common pool access. Tel: 089-873 1009 (English), 081-893 8524.

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## HOUSE IN KAMALA

for sale. 2 houses on land. 2 ngan, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fully furnished, Nor Sor Sam Kor title, good location, 5km from the beach. Price: 10 million baht. Direct from owner. Tel: 083-180 2143. Email: pookie.lovely@gmail.com

## BEACHFRONT LAND FOR SALE

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## LAND IN KATA BEACH

700m from Kata center, great location, 600 sqm, title deed. Please buy me. Tel: 081-271 9340. Email: brandyblackcherry@gmail.com

## HOME IN LAGUNA



for sale. Detached home on golf course, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 270sqwah. Price includes golf membership and residents' privileges at all lagoon hotels. Must sell. 19 million baht. Call Steve. Tel: 076-305657, 087-888 1913.

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## POOL VILLA RAWAI

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

## BEACH LAND, 1 RAI

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## LAND IN CAPE YAMU

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## BEACHFRONT LAND



Beautiful piece of land (7 rai) with 185 meters of beach frontage opposite of Yacht Haven Marina. Water, electricity, road access, secure Nor Sor 3 Kor title. For sale direct from owner. Now only 35 million baht. Tel: 081-343 0777.

## KATA POOL VILLA

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

## LAND, 161 SQ WAH

for sale. Baan Maneekram, quiet, lovely views across the bay possible. Reduced to 3 million baht. Tel: 086-905 1406 (English).

## LAND SALE IN THALANG

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

## CHEAP LAND FOR SALE

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

## LAND ON BYPASS ROAD



Area: 16 rai or 6 acre, hillside (Phan Thu Rat Mountain) with fantastic view over Phuket Town and Sapam Bay. About 700 m to Tesco Lotus and short drive to Big C, Central Festival Phuket and Premium Outlet. 10 million baht per rai. No agents. Tel: 089-890 3161.

## CONTEMPORARY VILLA FOR SALE

4 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, 4m x 12m pool w/Jacuzzi, living room, dining room, Western kitchen, maid's room, solar hot water, sala, built-in BBQ, parking for 3 cars, electric gate, CCTV & alarm system and nice tropical garden on a 1,606sqm plot with over 400sqm of living area. 16 million baht. Email: nisaya@yahoo.com

## SHOPHOUSE

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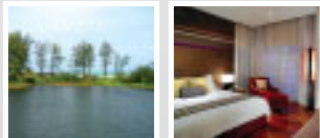


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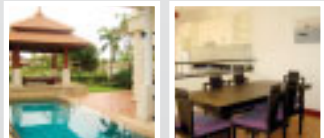
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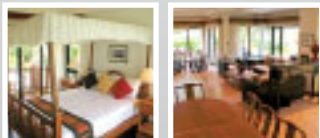
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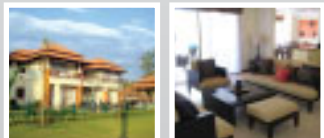
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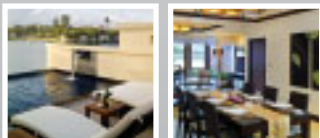
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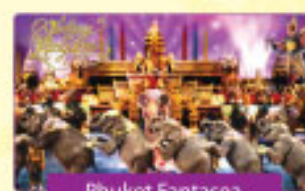
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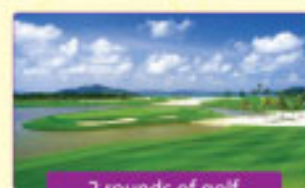
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