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Piracy cops begin raids

IRACY police are targeting Phuket businesses in raids to search for illegal computer software as part of a nationwide investigation into 1,000 companies.

A Gazette source said a high-profile property investment company was raided earlier this week. Police are said to have seized computers containing pirated software in the raid.

The company was issued a million baht fine, the source said.

The raid prompted a number of other Phuket businesses to close for the day.

Colonel Sarayuth Pooltanya, deputy commander of the Economic and Cyber Crime Division (ECD) said last month that all businesses will have to ensure that they are compliant with the Thai Copyright Act.

He said 'major efforts' to target companies using pirated software started on October 26.

The list of 1,000 suspected companies nationwide was

compiled by the ECD and is based on tips, some anonymous, typically from sources within the targeted companies.

Leads are also being shared by the Business Software Alliance, which runs a toll-free hotline and website for informants to report the use of pirated and unlicensed software in businesses.

The ECD has stepped up enforcement of software intellectual property rights.

The *Gazette's* IT Manager, Seubsak Sahaworaphan, said businesses should perform regular checks to make sure their employees are not downloading illegal software.

"We use a software checking device called System Hound, which is installed in all our computers and has a centralized control point in our network. The system performs regular daily checks on every computer in our system and makes sure all licenses are up to date," he said.

- Gazette and Nation reporters

Patriotic Phuketians



HOUSANDS of flag-waving Phuketians braved the threat of rain on October 29 to join the nationally-televised singing of the Thai National Anthem at Phromthep Cape.

Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop and his wife Thaisika led the stirring rendition, with about 10,000 people and a school band lending support.

Timed to coincide with the 6pm sunset, the singing actually took place in twilight.

Yachts and the Royal Thai Navy vessel *Bang Prakong* from the Navy base at Thap Lamu in Phang Nga anchored off the Cape joined in by sounding their horns at the conclusion.

The singing was part of the government's *Thai Khem Kheng* (strong Thailand) campaign initiated by the Finance Ministry to build national unity.

Phuket City CCTV plan hits a snag

NEW project at Phuket City Police Station has the worthy goal of providing disabled people with jobs and a salary.

Nine disabled volunteers will work eight-hour shifts watching monitors in the station's CCTV control room, alerting officers when they spot traffic offenses, other crimes or suspicious vehicles.

But there's a snag: the control room is on the fourth floor of the building and there are no elevators.

Phuket City Superintendent Wanchai Ekpornpit, who initiated

NEW project at Phuket the project, is determined to see City Police Station has it succeed.

His team are trying to work out how to get the volunteers up the stairs, he said.

"The problem is that disabled people, especially those who have lost their legs, can't get up there," Col Wanchai said.

"We can't afford to install an elevator.

"We may have to limit the selection process to people who can manage to get up the stairs by themselves with a walking stick," he added.

Col Wanchai said he planned to ask the Phuket Disabled People's Association for the volunteers.

The nine people chosen would work in groups of three in eight-hour shifts, he said.

Each person would be assigned one monitor to watch.

Although there is currently no budget to pay the volunteers, ultimately they will receive a salary, Col Wanchai said.

Funding has been requested from the Don't Drive Drunk Foundation, he said.

The initiative is not the first innovative project launched by Col Wanchai.

In September, the coffeeloving colonel launched a 'police welfare project' in the form of 'The Seat', a coffee shop at Phuket City Police Station.

All Phuket City Police officers receive a share of the profits made by The Seat.

A similar project is also being planned for Kathu Police Station in Patong, the *Gazette* has learned.

- Atchaa Khamlo



ESIDENTS of Soi Petchkut in Patong have had their fair share of construction-related problems this year, including land slides and month-long water cuts.

In the latest development, a new road has been built nearby which disgruntled residents say 'leads to absolutely nowhere'.

Adding to the confusion, a telegraph pole stands right in the middle of one of the lanes, blocking the entrance.



Governor and consuls to address 'problems'

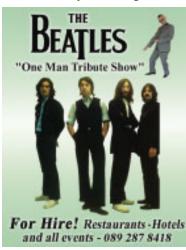
HUKET Governor should be held every three months Wichai Phraisa-ngop has agreed to meet with the island's honorary consuls every three months to discuss problems concerning tourists and expat residents.

The move follows a proposal by the German ambassador to Thailand, Dr Hanns H Schumacher, on November 2.

Dr Schumacher told Gov Wichai that 250,000 German tourists travel to Thailand every

More collaboration between the Thai police and the German Embassy and Honorary Consulate is required in cases involving German expats and tourists, he said.

"A meeting between international honorary consuls in Phuket and you, the governor,



to discuss problems involving tourists and expats," he said.

"The meeting would help co-operation run more smoothly.

Gov Wichai was receptive to the idea.

"From now on, I will order the police to report to me every case in which a foreigner is involved," he said.

Tourism was also on the agenda for discussion.

Phuket is the second most popular destination (after Pattaya) in Thailand for German tourists, Dr Schumacher said.

Gov Wichai told the ambassador that while he knew Phuket was popular with Germans, he would not be attending ITB Berlin 2010, one of the world's biggest travel trade shows, next

"I think Phuket must get three things in order before I show off the island to the world," he said.

"Those three issues are convenient transport, a clean environment and an end to political fighting."

Dr Schumacher presented a coffee cup to Gov Wichai after the meeting.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Thailand and

-Pimwara Choksakulpan

Road to nowhere Teens arrested for gang rape

■IVE teenagers, including two girls, have been arrested for allegedly gang raping a 14-year-old Thai-Japanese girl at a house in Phuket City last week.

The five suspects were arrested at their homes at around 11pm on November 3.

Police say the two girls held the victim down while the three boys raped her.

All five suspects are aged between 14 and 16.

With their faces hidden by balaclavas, the youths were presented to a press conference at Phuket City Police Station yesterday.



The suspects included the vicitm's boyfriend.

Phuket Provincial Police Commander Pekad Tantipong and Phuket City Superintendent Wanchai Ekpornpit were at the press conference.

The victim sneaked out of

her house last Monday to stay with the two girls she believed were her friends.

The alleged rape took place at a house on Soi Phu-thon, off Bangkok Road in Phuket City, police said.

Last Wednesday, the three boys went to the house. The rape took place at around 1pm that day, police said.

One of the three boys was reportedly the victim's boyfriend.

The victim's mother informed police of the incident after searching for her daughter and finding her at the house on Soi Phuthon.

-Atchaa Khamlo

Old seadog bringing a belly of books

N the next leg of its mission to bring books to readers around the globe, the world's oldest passenger liner will make its fifth port-of-call in Phuket later this month.

The MV Doulos, built in the US in 1914, will berth at the Phuket Deep Sea Port for a one-week stay starting on November 19.

Built just two years after the Titanic, the MV Doulos is currently owned by the German charity Good Books for All, or GBA.

The 131-meter ship was rechristened in 1977 and was given the name Doulos, which translates as 'servant'.

It currently has a crew of 330 people from 50 countries.

Since 1978, more than 20 million people have visited the ship at 500 ports in 104 different countries.

HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn visited the vessel in Bangkok three months



The Mv Doulos. Photo courtesy of Good Books For All.

Described as 'the world's largest floating book fair', at any given time the boat is stocked with 4,000 to 6,000 titles.

Purchase prices for the books, which are mostly in English, are very reasonable.

MV Doulos has visited the island four times before, in 1990, 1992, 1996 and 2006.

Its stay in Phuket in 2006 lasted four weeks as the crew worked to help victims of the 2004 tsunami disaster.

In addition to offering books, the crew will stage performances and activities for a wide audience, and have many international volunteers on board to converse with people wishing to practice their spoken English.

An opening ceremony will

take place at 9.30am on November 19 and the ship will be open to the public from 2pm.

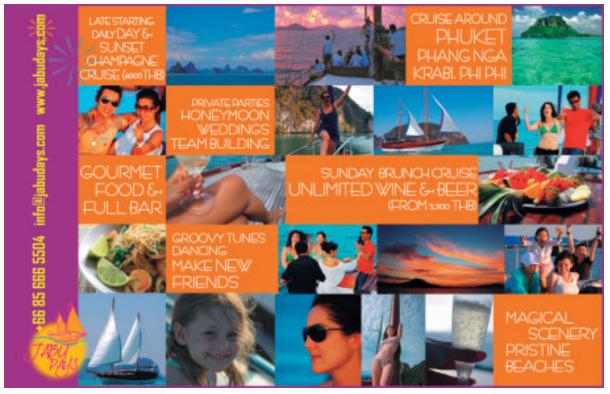
The MV Doulos' publicity coordinator Konstance Doering said she hopes Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop will be able to preside over the opening ceremony.

Tickets to board the massive ship cost just 10 baht.

After its arrival, the vessel will be open to the public at the following times:Tuesday to Saturday: 10am to 9pm Sunday and Monday: 2pm to 9pm

For more information contact Ms Doering (c/o Phuket Shipping Services Co Ltd, 54/1 Montri Road, Phuket City) or call T: 086-0878440.

-Sitthipong Nongkaew







ESLINGTHIP 'Nong Peach' Rungreungniti (pictured center) took first prize in a beauty pageant among 12 lady boy university students during Loy Krathong celebrations held at Phuket Rajabhat University last week.

Nong Peach, 19, is studying performing arts at the university's Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Most of the entrants were from Phuket Rajabhat, with a few representing Prince of Songkla University, Phuket Campus.

A panel of five judges decided the outcome, with about 1,000 people in the audience playing a role by buying and presenting roses to their favorite contestants.

The number of flowers received was taken into consideration by the judges.

In another, more traditional Loy Krathong competition, 22year-old Jiraphan 'Nong Peung' Kaewthong was voted as the 'Miss Noppamas', beating five other beauties to the title.

Nong Peung is a third-year student majoring in human resource studies at Rajabhat. -Hasan Che-aware

A'Peach' of a lady Snakes eye up Phuket property

N a recent string of snake other snake encounters on the island, a 12-Lfoot python 'attacked' a Phuket-based jewelry designer when he returned home to find the aggressive snake outside his front door last week.

Expat resident Daniel Clark said he and a friend fought with the snake for about two hours, fending it off until they were able to wrestle it to a nearby clearing at Ao Chalong Country Home Village.

He said he fended off the snake with a stick but it wouldn't leave his car port so he called neighbor Neil Skeldon to help.

The snake continued to coil and lunge at the pair, eventually taking refuge under Mr Clark's car, he said.

Mr Clark then dragged the python out from under the car to the nearby clearing where it slithered into undergrowth.

The incident follows a snake biting an Environmental Health Officer on the grounds of Vachira Hospital and at least four encounters reported to the Gazette over the past two weeks.

In Rawai, two women and in Chalong

two men escaped snake encounters; one of whom, was PGTV producer Marc Mulloy.

Mr Mulloy said that at around 2am on October 30 he was awoken by his dog barking. Rushing to his dogs aide, he was shocked to find a 12-foot python attacking his dog.

Using a stick, Mr Mulloy fought with the snake for 20 minutes before it finally abandoned the contest by scaling up and over a two-meter-high wall.

Reticulated pythons, a native variety commonly found throughout Southeast Asia, are recognizable by the strikingly colorful geometric pattern along



were attacked Daniel Clark drags a 12-foot python from under his car. Photo by Neil Skeldon

Snake experts characterize them as docile, non-venomous reptiles which are not usually aggressive unless threatened.

One snake expert, Phuket Ruamjai Foundation chief Saiyan Thamaphan, told the Gazette that he felt ongoing human encroachment on snakes' habitat was the reason for the marked rise in reports of snake attacks and sightings in Phuket.

Anyone encountering a snake is advised not to confront or disturb the animal, but to contact the Ruamjai Foundation (076-283346/7) or the Kulsudorntum Foundation (076-246216 or 076-211706).

-Gazette reporters

Iguana touts arrested in Soi Crocodile stabbing

SYRIAN tourist was recently stabbed in Patong after an argument over an iguana turned ugly.

Four Thai men were later arrested and charged for the stabbing and face charges of assault and grievous bodily harm.

According to Patong police, four iguana handlers ganged up on Mohammed Imed Arab, 20, after he got into an argument with one of the handlers on Soi Crocodile off Bangla Road on Ocotober 27.

Police said the Syrian refused to have his picture taken with an iguana when he was approached by one of the handlers.

The situation quickly escalated into an argument, which was exacerbated by the language barrier and

aggressive body language on both sides.

During the altercation, three other iguana handlers went to assist their friend and the Syrian was stabbed in the right side of his torso with a pocket knife.

The victim escaped from his assailants by running into a nearby bar, where staff called police and paramedics.

Mohammed was taken to Patong Hospital and released early the following day.

The four male iguana handlers aged between 18 and 21 years old were arrested later that night in the Patong area.

They admitted to the attack and are due to appear in court to face charges.

No iguanas were injured in the incident.

-Kittima Pornmongkhonwat



Students 'angered' by Red Shirt shindig

¬OLLOWING protests by students, the director of Phuket Rajabhat University canceled a controversial fundraiser for the red-shirted supporters of the United Front for Democracy against Dictatorship (UDD), scheduled to take place at the university on October 31.

About 1,000 red-shirt supporters were expected to attend.

Rajabhat Phuket President Dr Prapa Gayee announced the decision one day before the planned event after around 40 student protesters confronted university staff.

Dr Prapa said the university would no longer host any 'redor yellow-shirt politcal events'.

The students were angered the university was staging a political event that appeared to be giving a stage to the antigovernment UDD.

Chanon Sarawas, chairman of the school's students' association, said "Rajabhat belongs to HM the King. We are angered that our University is being used as a political platform."

The university has hosted

political events in the past without incident.

There was no student outcry when events staged by the yellow-shirted People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD) were held

Governor Wichai Phraisangop earlier defended the UDD members' right to hold the fundraiser at the school.

"Thailand is a democracy and the right to peacefully express political views should be upheld," he said.

-Kitima Pornmongkhonwat



Loy Kratong lights up Phuket







Hundreds gathered on Patong Beach (left) to let off lanterns into the sky, while at Rawai Pier (center), locals gathered to send out floating kratongs. Jungceylon shopping center in Patong also celebrated the romantic festival with a gentlefolk donning traditional dress and dancing to folk music. Photos by Christian Mouchet and Fraser Morton.

LL across Phuket lancandle rafts were set out to sea for Loy Kratong on Monday.

The Buddhist festival, held annually on the full moon of the twelfth month, is celebrated throughout Thailand.

In addition to venerating the teachings of the Buddha, the ritual act of floating away a candle raft (Kratong) symbolizes a release of negative emotions and defilements, allowing believers to start life afresh.

and hair clippings to the raft as a physical embodiment of this wish for renewal.

Across the island, families terns filled the sky and and couples gathered at waters edges for the romantic festival.

> But some tourists and locals said the usually sedate and peaceful festival was 'marred by fireworks being let off into crowds' in some areas of Phuket.

> With the Phuket Vegetarian Festival ending in explosive fashion late October, many left over and unexploded ordinance were set off around the island for the Loy Kratong Festival.

There were numerous reports from Phuket City, Many people add fingernail Rawai Beach and Nai Harn Lagoon of 'excessive use of fireworks'.

Environmental concerns

were also raised by authorities.

Local municipalities had their hands full the day after the festival, with thousands of floating kratongs clogging up river ways, lakes and lagoons.

Kathu Municipality of Education Division Director Phupat Yoktuan said his office contracted a private firm to scoop out all the *kratongs* the morning after the festival.

This year authorities asked people to use only 'natural materials' when making their kratongs.

Traditionally the candle rafts are made from the stems of banana trees cut into cross sections and banana leaf.

However, in modern times plastics and Styrofoam have also played a much larger role.

In Rawai, many restaurants gave free of charge Styrofoam kratongs to customers.

One diving instructor the Gazette spoke with at Rawai Beach said 'Styrofoam is one of the worst materials to put into the ocean and can take 500 years to disintegrate'.

"I gave my kratong back to the restaurant and told them off at the same time."

In Bangkok, where most people float their kratong down the filthy Chao Phraya River, city officials encouraged the use of Styrofoam because it makes it easier for workers to scoop them out of the river the following day.

People typically float away nail and hair clipping in their kratongs, along with

incense sticks and a wide assortment of other decorative materials, many of them

A foreign-trained hydrologist who spoke to the Gazette said they thought it was a "bad idea and reservoirs and the catchment areas that surround them should be kept in pristine natural condition."

"I think the most dangerous part would be the ingredients that go into making the joss sticks.

Even if only natural materials are used it is still a bad idea, as these will decompose and could affect oxygen levels.

"I guess it's too late now, but I really hope they find a more environmentally suitable place to do it in the future.

I think this sends a bad message to children," he said.

- Gazette reporters





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A large number of dead sea slugs were seen washed up in Prachuap Khiri Khan's Muang district on October 28. The slugs' remains were reportedly sent to the Phuekt Marine Biological Center in Phuket for analysis, but as of November 2 they had not yet arrived.

Queer News

Beeswax boosts genitals

LAMPANG: Youths in the North appeared where he injected the have found a dangerous new way to impress the ladies: a homemade penis enlargement therapy using beeswax.

The new trend came to light when a 21-year-old unnamed man checked into hospital at the end of October with a badly infected member.

The man sheepishly told doctors that he had injected his penis with warm beeswax to pump it up to a more impressive size.

The trick worked perfectly at first, but after a few days his penis started to hurt. A nasty wound

wax and continued to spread.

The young man told doctors that he bought a tube of beeswax ointment used to treat cuts.

He put it in hot water until it was soft enough, then injected it straight into his penis.

This was a very popular trick among Lampang's young men, allowing them to gain an extra inch or so, he said.

Doctors operated on the young man. While they managed to save most of the infected penis, they had to remove some tissue.

Source: Kom Chad Luek





Man slain in random roadside gun attack

was shot dead in an apparently random attack as he was driving home from dropping his Swiss brother-in-law Suvarnabhumi Airport in Bangkok in the early hours of last Saturday.

Somyong Hongchantha, 39, was driving back to his home in Hua Hin with his wife and stepdaughter when the attack happened.

Mr Somyong's wife, Laong Omphech, said they had just set off after stopping to eat Phetchkasem Road when a have wanted to kill her husband. motorbike pulled up alongside.

The motorbike, driven by a man, had a female pillion

The driver of the motorbike drew a pistol and shot Mr Somyong once in the neck before speeding off.

Mr Somyong died from his injuries at the scene.

Mrs La-ong said her husband had no enemies and the family didn't know anyone in Nakhon Pathom, adding that she

noodles by the side of the had no idea why anyone would

Police suspect that Mr Somyong may have accidentally cut in front of his killer as he was pulling out from the restaurant where they had eaten dinner or that the gunman had merely wanted to show off in front of his friends.

There had been several reports of groups of youths shooting in the area earlier that night, police said.

Source: Thai Rath/Khao Sod

Grain grifters plunder paddy

PATHUM THANI: Brazen thieves made off with tonnes of rice from a 64-rai farm in Nong Suea District last Thursday.

The thieves openly harvested the rice with six mechanized rice harvesters, which local villagers assumed had been been hired by the field owners.

When 30-year-old farm tenant Bangern Intoh went to harvest his crop last Friday, he found the fields bare. The six harvesters used in the theft were still parked by the paddies.

Lt Thanarat Teuakaew from Nong Suea Police said the harvesters used by the thieves were rented. Police are trying to establish who hired them and harvested the fields.

Crop thefts hit the headlines

repeatedly last year as the price for rice paddy rocketed to record levels. Many farmers started posting guards to protect fields. Reports of thefts have since decreased as the price of rice has fallen.

Like stealing motorbike helmets, paddy theft is considered a particularly vile form of thievery in Thailand.

Source: Khao Sod



Haunted Halloween 'Another rotten



huket took a turn to the dark side for Halloween last week as an army of zombies, ghouls, ghosts and goblins mobbed the island.

Parties and celebrations went off at bars, clubs and resorts island-wide as tourists and

locals got into some shockingly funny and horrificly scary costumes for the occasion.

At the Hitlon Phuket Arcadia Resort and Spa in Karon (pictured top left) throngs of children and familes gathered to take part in face painting, and themed games. Desserts were also craftily made in to some scary Halloween-themed treats.

Ricky Zen (top right) at his Flamingo's Splash Lounge Bar in Kata hosted a terrifying night of fun with many guests turning out in drag just for kicks.

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'Another rotten day in paradise'

huket-based novelist and screenwriter Jim Newport will be launching his latest novel Tinsel Town at Hung Fat's Restaurant in Patong on November 20. The book, subtitled "Another Rotten Day In Paradise" is a Hollywood novel by 'an author who has been there – done that'.

Jim Newport is an Emmy-nominated production designer of both film and television. His credits include the hit movie starring Nicholas Cage Bangkok Dangerous, plus Brokedown Palace, The Shield, and LOST.

Jim says his latest novel is based on and inspired by his experiences in the early years of his career.

"Hollywood is a place where they'll pay you a thousand dollars for a kine and fifty cents for your soul." Narrby Monroe
"Newport was there! We know... he cashed our check!"
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Another Rotten Day
In Paradise

JIM NEWPORT

"Tinsel Town doesn't gloss over the cracks in the scenery, the grit, the stench, the plain old fashioned blood and sweat that making movies is really about.

It gives the reader a glimpse into what it was like to enter this privileged arena in, arguably, its most exciting time – the wild & woolly Easy Rider days of independent filmmaking – a non-stop party," he said.

Jim Newport is also the author of *Chasing Jimmy* (Willat Publishing) – a novel about Jimi Hendrix and the "Vampire of Siam" trilogy (Asia Books) – an epic tale that spans half the globe and a course of 150 years.



Author Jim Newport and (top) his new novel which will be launched later this month.



A whole lotta rosé



Marc Mulloy

o to any up-market restaurant in Phuket and ask to see the wine list and the chances are there will be two initial choices – red or white.

After that there will be a choice of country, year, region, price and so on, but red or white is the first important choice.

Rosé wines are rarely featured and one reason for this is because rosé wines have a certain reputation.

There was a time when rosé would be served up in France on a hot afternoon, where a crisp white wine was made to blush by adding a splash of red.

It went down well, but gave you a belting headache the next day.

This mix is now frowned upon in France, except in the Champagne region where blending still goes on with some good results, but the reputation of rosé being a cheap and cheerful summer wine has stuck... until recently.

Over the past few years, rosé wine production has boomed as pink wine has become a popular alternative to white. A few quality winemakers have decided to create complex rosé wines that use the more traditional vinification methods, but reduce the amount of contact the free-run juice has with the red grape skins.

Only a short period together to impart some color, but not the tannin is allowed – technically very difficult to do well.

One such winemaker is Sacha Lichine, whose father Alexis was a well known winemaker in Bordeaux.

Sacha Lichine moved to Provence, famous for its rosé, and bought Chateau d'Esclans, aiming to produce one of the best rosé wines money can buy.

Using the estate's grenache, rolle and syrah grapes, he hired

Patrick Léon, formerly of Mouton-Rothschild, and provided him with Burgundy barrels to be used for the extended fermentation of this quality wine.

Monsieur Lichine was in Phuket last week at the Evason Resort and Six Senses Spa for a 'Think Pink' evening featuring his Chateau d'Esclans wines.

The Pink Panther was on the screen, Pink Floyd was on the stereo and a 2007 *Whispering Angel* was in our first glass.

This entry level Rosé was well balanced with a sweet-tart nose, raspberry notes and a citrus finish.

Next on the menu, served with Evason's signature SLOW (Sustainable, Local, Organic, Wholesome) cuisine, was the 2007 *Esclans*.

This drier rosé had a light strawberry sweetness that mingled with the wine's slight chalkiness and it had a spicier finish.

To accompany it, 'Four dances of the Andaman sea' was served, a delicious medley of seafood sushi prepared by Evason's new Spanish chef.

The third wine, a 2007 *Les Clans*, was served with salmon in Iberian oil, sofrito and vegetable marrow served as a pisto.

Each new wine was more complex as we moved up the price scale, as a higher percentage of older vines were used in the production.

These rosés don't come cheap and our fourth and final bottle, the 2007 *Garrus*, sells for over \$US100 a bottle, making it probably the priciest rosé on earth. Given how difficult it is to produce a wine of this caliber, those who seek such quality can probably afford it – *Garrus* has a cult status among the wealthy elite of the French Riviera.

This ultimate rosé had a light salmon color and was smooth, oily with both raspberry and wild berry notes, yet elegant and balanced.

The meal ended with an atypical red wine, a 2007 *Déese*, made from the estate's Syrah and

grenache grapes; the perfect companion to the 240-day grainfed tenderloin drizzled with teriyaki syrup.

Having finished off the wines and the dessert, a chocolate landscape with raspberry sorbet and soft pistchio meringue, the assembled *bon vivants* who had enjoyed this rare treat left the table with a little more color in their cheeks than when they arrived.

One could say we were all feeling 'in the pink'.



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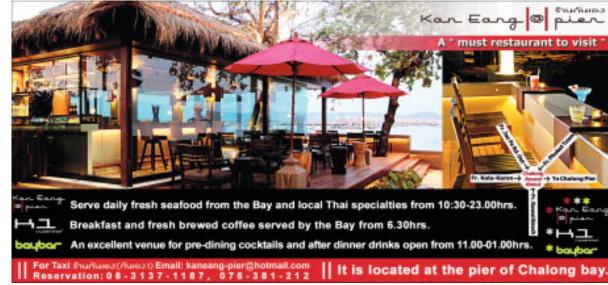
Mom Tri's Oasis wins Wine Spectator award

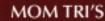


om Tri's Oasis celebrated its prestigious Wine Spectator Award Of Excellence 2009 award with a wine reception last week.

The party took place on the terrace of their tapas bar and included an Australian wine tasting with wines imported by Wine Gallery.

Oasis' award-winning wine list was created by Wine Director Georges Ciret and includes over 200 new and old world wines, as well as a wide range of wines available by the glass. *Photo: Dan Miles*





Gourmet Restaurants in Phuket







Royal Phuket Marina 63/302 Moo 2 Thepkasattri Road Tel: 076 360 855 closed on Tuesdays

Boathouse Kata Beach Tel: 076 330 015 open daily Location / menus www.momtriphuket.com

y the 17th Century, Siam had grown into an important trading destination for European merchants. Whereas China and later Japan would close their doors to white foreigners, many other Asian kingdoms foresaw new opportunities and advantages in trading with the West, especially in gaining the edge over their native rivals in terms of military power.

Many Far East rulers welcomed European merchandise – guns, armor and swords – among other rare imports which couldn't be produced due to a lack of technology.

In order to commence trade in Siam, merchants knew they had to approach the royal court in Ayutthaya to ask the Siamese king for permission to trade.

European envoys, if granted audience with the ruler, would often come bearing rare and expensive gifts in order to appease him.

theory, In without the king's approval, very little business could be done.

Siam in the 1600s was a large and decentralized kingdom Its

territories included many small principalities and towns that were ruled by semi-independent governors and royal households.

Most were tributary states of Siam and were subject to the orders of the king, but the distance between the capital and these semi-autonomous states meant that Ayutthaya could only nominally control the local rulers. At one point Siamese hegemony reached as far south as Malacca,

almost dominating the entire Malay peninsular.

Thai chronicles have referred to some kings of Siam as the 'king of kings', effectively elevating the monarch above other smaller rulers. One king of Siam even took the title of *Maha*-Chakkrabhat, literally meaning great emperor.

Historical records show that towns that were far away from the influences of Ayutthaya -Phuket and Bangkhli (modern day Phang-Nga) for example – had far greater autonomy simply because the court was unable to keep a close eye on the local authorities.

The Europeans realized the limitations faced by Siamese authorities in effectively controlling their territories. They saw the Far East, not in terms of kingdoms or central influences. but in terms of individual ports and cities, each with more than considerable autonomy.

Many felt it was more appro-

priate to bypass the royal court altogether and gain the approval of the local governors to foster European trade.

Phuket during the 17th century was said to have

been wild and sparsely populated, with impenetrable jungles. According to French accounts written in 1686, the island was "full of tigers, wild elephants and rhinoceroses".

Thalang was the only settlement large enough to be called a town, yet this apparent wasteland was abundant in tin ore, a useful metal highly sort after by Western traders.

Tin had many uses, one of

which was to create bronze – a highly resilient alloy often used to cast cannons and other types of firearms. The island's thick jungles also provided expensive commodities such as teak and ivory that could be exported.

Thomas Bowrey, an English trader who visited Phuket during the late 17th Century, wrote about the manner in which foreign trade was conducted on the island. Bowrey wrote that the island "wholly belonged to the King of Siam", but he mentioned that in fact the governor was the person in charge. He was, as Bowrey puts it, "a vice-king to the King of Siam".

Suggesting the governor held the title of 'vice-king' is misleading, but it did reflect his level of authority in the eyes of Western traders. Far from the capital and royal influence, the governor's power was almost absolute.

Bowrey goes on to mention that tin coins were used by islanders as money instead of silver. Traders who came to trade with Phuket left their ships docked at Bangkhli Port, then journeyed about four or five miles upriver to the town of Bangkhli.

There Siamese harbor officials interviewed the foreign arrivals, taking note of the merchandise they sold and the weapons they possessed. Such information was written down and sent to the governor. If the governor approved of what he read, which he did in Bowrey's case, he would invite the foreigners to Thalang so he could meet them.

According to Bowrey's accounts, as commander of the ship, he was transported by elephant to Thalang.

When the foreigners reached Thalang, they were lodged in a temple, where idols were kept and tombs of deceased 'vice-kings' were laid. Food and



Late 16th Century map of 'Siam and her boundaries' drawn by Chevalier de Chaumont, a French envoy who travelled to Siam during that time.

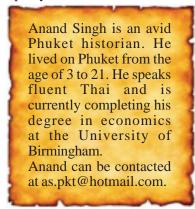
other provisions were generously offered to them.

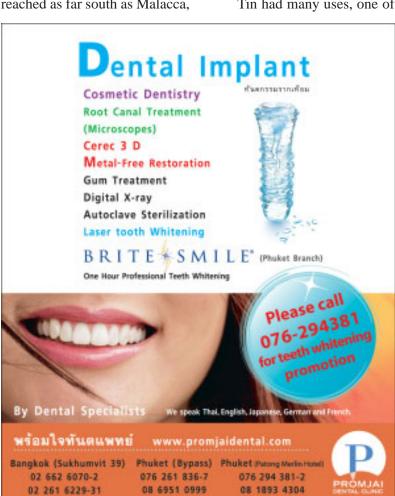
The next morning the governor sent for the European traders. On meeting the governor, Bowrey and his men faced more questioning where he was asked whether he held a royally approved trading license. If traders did not hold such a license, the governor could levy a toll as high as 10 percent on the goods.

Bowrey, however, realized the governor had no right to claim such duty from English traders. In 1674, King Narai had granted the English East India Company the right to toll-free trade in all of Siam's territories, but the governor's officials wanted the commander to give them something valuable as a gift to the local governor.

The English traders, realizing they had to buy the governor's approval, gifted him more than one hundred pieces of silver.

After concluding successful negotiations, the governor showed his goodwill and feasted with the foreigners. A loud drum was beaten, informing the local people of Thalang that the governor's permission to trade with the Westerners had been given. Without this approval, no locals in town would dare to openly trade with them.





Looking Back

By Anand Singh





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'Qualifying is a realistic expectation'

n the past 11 years, the Thailand national football team has been managed by three former England internationals.

In 1998, European Cup winning goal scorer Peter Withe who won 11 caps for his country took control of 'The War Elephants' and sat in the hot seat for four years.

Six years later, Peter Reid, who made 13 appearances for England, held the reigns for 12 months before heading back to England as assistant manager to Tony Pulis at Stoke City.

Reid's replacement Bryan Robson is considered one of the finest players to have ever represented the Three Lions of England.

Having signed a four-year contract last month, Robson has been handed the task of leading the Thai national team to the 2011 Asian Cup, the 2012 London Olympics and the 2014 Brazil World Cup.

Born in Chester-le-Street in County Durham in 1957, Robson grew up supporting Newcastle United and watching his heroes at St James' Park convinced him he wanted to be a professional footballer. At the tender age of 15, Robson left home and joined West Bromwich Albion on a twoyear apprenticeship.

Three years later, he made his first team debut at the Hawthorns, but was in and out of the side – mainly through injury – until Ron Atkinson joined the club as manager and Robson became one of the first names on the team sheet.

At the age of 23, 'Captain Marvel', as he became known, was selected to represent his country for the first time and just two years later, Robson made his first appearance as captain of England, a honor he would receive a further 64 times throughout his international career.

In 1981, his reputation as one of England's best players was confirmed when he joined Manchester United for a British record fee of 1.5 million pounds and was reunited with Ron Atkinson who had joined the Manchester club just a few months earlier.

During his time at Old Trafford, Robson won two league titles, three FA Cups and the European Cup Winners Cup.

His career was influenced by two of British football's greatest

managers – Sir Alex Ferguson, his boss at United, and Sir Bobby Robson, then England manager.

At the end of his career at United, Robson joined Middlesborough in the northeast of England as player/manager and his spell at the club was a mixture of success and failure, something that has symptomatic of his managerial career.

In his first season at the club, they achieved promotion as champions to the Premier League, finishing a creditable 12th the following season.

A year later, Robson's 'Boro side reached the League and FA Cup finals, losing the former to Leicester City and the latter to Chelsea. To compound his misery further, Middlesborough were also relegated from the Premier League to complete a nightmare season.

The club returned to the top flight the next season and Robson would stay with the club until 2001. Between leaving Middlesborough and taking on the role of Thailand manager, he has had three further managerial positions at Bradford City, West Bromwich Albion and Sheffield United, all with limited success.

Robson's mediocre success as a manager has led many to



Bryan Robson: "What I hope to achieve is to qualify for the major competitions and feel that is a realistic expectation. I've only been working with the players for a couple of weeks now, but we can improve together and hopefully in time achieve what we want to."

question his appointment as manager of the Thai national team, but the man himself feels he has much to offer as the *Gazette*'s Daniel Ogunshakin discovered in a recent interview during the Red Bull Phuket Kata Group Cup.

Robson has been given the same brief as his predecessor – qualify for the upcoming major tournaments in 2011, 2012 and 2014 – something Robson believes is within their capabilities.

"I know everybody in Thailand is very passionate about football and also that the country has some very good players," he said.

"What I hope to achieve is to qualify for the major competitions and feel that is a realistic expectation.

"I've only been working with the players for a couple of weeks now, but we can improve together and hopefully in time achieve what we want to."

Like Reid, Robson is using a translator to speak to his players, but unlike the former manager, Robson wants to learn as much of the language as is possible and is aware of the difficulties he faces.

"I want to start to learn all the polite words – please, thank you, hello and so on – straightaway," he said.

"In terms of picking up the language, I've heard many people say it's difficult, but as time goes on hopefully I'll be able to pick quite a bit.

"Out of respect for the players and the media, I want to be able to communicate with them in their own language."

In order to achieve success, Robson is also committed to living in Thailand for the duration of his contract – again something Reid was never truly comfortable with.

"I will be based in Bangkok with the odd trip back to England, but my main stay will be in Bangkok," he said.

Just 12 months into a fouryear contract, Reid was wooed by the bright lights of the Premier League.

The appointment of yet another foreign manager has caused a number of people to voice concerns that Robson might do the same, a suggestion he is quick to refute.

"I always fancied an international manager's position and this is a great opportunity for me," Robson said.

"I hope to be able to bring some success to Thailand and I'm not looking any further forward than that."

-Daniel Ogunshakin



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Angela Prajantabut

An Phuket since 1984 when she arrived with her new Thai husband and got a crash course in Thai culture.

"I met my husband when I was working in Oxford, England. He was studying English, and when he invited me to meet his family and attend his sister's wedding, I said 'yes' immediately. In those days I led a very spontaneous life and just lived from one moment to the next."

She arrived in Phuket in the days before today's conveniences. While the family was well established, there was no phone and there was little electricity in the Rawai area where she went to live.

"I knew nothing about Thai culture, so walked into their home with my shoes on. I smoked cigarettes at that time and wore lots of make-up. I was told that I had to keep my head lower than the elders so I found myself crawling on my hands and knees to get past my husband's grandmother. Fortunately, the family was very patient with me."

What made life easier for Angela was her immediate attraction to the island and the easygoing character of the local Thai people.

Angela was no stranger to 'far-away' places. As a child she

ngela has been enjoying life lived with her parents in Bahrain, Fiji, Hong Kong and Cyprus. In 1980, fresh out of a Catholic boarding school in Hartfordshire, she went to Bahrain to take a secretarial course.

> After settling on Phuket, she spent the remainder of the 1980s working in various jobs. She was a secretary at an established palm oil company, and a receptionist at the Phuket Merlin hotel where she earned 2,100 baht a month. She set up her own English language school in Phuket Town. She also helped her husband's family business in Chalong and became a Founding Member of the Phuket International Women's Club.

The 1990s brought a big change for Angela. Her marriage dissolved and she started working at the then recently opened Holiday Inn at Patong Beach as Guest Relations Manager.

"I was very fortunate to meet my current husband, Lek Prajantabut, and we've had the best life with our daughter, Amy, that anyone could want.'

Angela and Lek opened Amy Mart in Rawai in July 1994 and introduced international foods to the local community. Their immediate success was due to hard work and the ability to fill a growing need for a full range of hardto-find food and beverages.

Choice Foods, one of Phuket's major suppliers, noticed how well Amy Mart was doing and offered Angela the opportunity to represent the company in their marketing to the island's five star resorts.

"I worked for Choice Foods as Regional Sales Manager from 1997 to 2006, establishing them as the primary supplier of imported foods on Phuket."

Three years ago, Angela decided to step back and spend more time with her family.

"I'm totally involved with fitness these days. I believe in reinventing myself from time to time, and now I'm studying to become a fitness trainer though an Australian fitness network. I work with weights twice a week and run four times a week. I want to spread the word about living a healthy lifestyle."

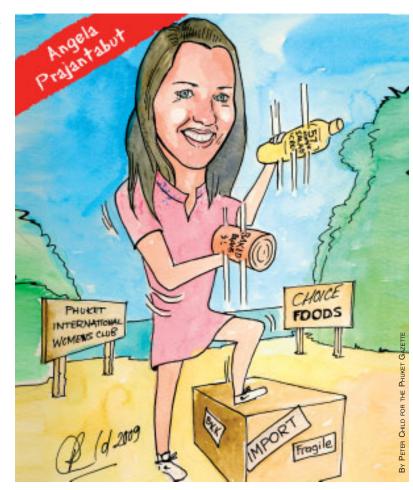
She has also launched 'Phuket Consult' which provides personal executive assistance services for businesspeople who can benefit from her experience with local legal issues and other matters required to build a successful business on the island.

Angela speaks Thai like a native, the Thais say.

"I've lived on Phuket longer than anywhere else in the world and feel I'm a better person for it.

"I've spent the past eight years preparing to meet the requirements to become a Thai citizen, and I feel that that is going to happen in the near future."

- Bruce Stanley



ABOUT EXPAT GALLERY

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





IT'S A DEAL: Air Berlin and Bangkok Airways executives shake hands after their airlines joined forces to share flights to the region's popular tourist destinations, including Phuket and Koh Samui. Pictured left are Bangkok Airways' vice- and senior-vice presidents of marketing Prote Setsuwan and Peter Wiesner. On the right are Air Berlin Thailand's general manager Stefan Magiera and head of marketing and sales Rungnapa Leechaianan.



GROW YOUR OWN: Children at Childlife Orphanage in Maseai check out a new tractor donated to them last month to help them grow their own food. The tractor was bought with money donated by Phuketians at fund-raising events organized by Kirstie Flood.



NEW AUTHENTIC ITALIAN ON THE BLOCK: Basilico Hotel and Italian Restaurant at Kamala Beach opened its doors for the first time with a grand opening party on October 29. Pictured are (from left) Baya Beach Club, Patong manager Lautent Hulot; Roman Grimm and his wife Pat, owners of the Sunhill Hotel; Basilico manager Rungarun Chormanee; Twin Palms' Catch Beach Club manager Mr Bastien and Basilico's owner Ben Andre.



UNITED WE EAT: Muang Thong United players Saenchai Sor Kingstar (3rd left) and Wisarut Pannasi (right) take time out from playing in the Red Bull Phuket Kata Group Cup to enjoy a home cooked meal at Siam Thai Food in Kata last Friday. On the left from Siam Thai Food are Mukda Phoduang, Surapan Sudsamnieng and Ruthairat Rojanavitit.



ART ATTACK: Johnny Thavornvongwongse from QSI International School of Phuket proudly displays his paintings, which were part of an art show held at the school on October 21.



FINAL FAREWELL: A fleet of boats set out from Ao Po Grand Marina on Thursday following a wake for Simon Grant at the marina's Quarterdeck restaurant. Simon's ashes were scattered on the water in Phang Nga Bay. The wake followed Simon's cremation at Thareu Temple on Wednesday.



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Revolving your triangles



n this month's Yoga Moments, we shall work through the stages of the Parivrtta Trikonasana or revolved triangle pose.

The name of the position comes from the words *Parivrtta*, meaning to turn around or revolve and from Trikonasana, meaning triangle.

Technique:

- 1. Stand in *Tadasana* on the front of the mat (photo one).
- 2. Inhale and move one leg back, placing it three to 3 and a half feet away from the other foot, keeping both heels aligned.
- 3. Raise the arms sideways to shoulder level, palms facing down. Keep the arms parallel to the floor.
- 4. Turn the left foot 60 degrees to the right, keeping the left leg stretched out and tightened at the knee (photo two).
- 5. Exhale and rotate the trunk to the right. Stretch the spine forward and place the left palm on the floor beside the outer border of the right foot (photo three).
- 6. Stretch the right arm up, bringing it in line with the left arm. Gaze at the right thumb (photo four).
- 7. Keep the knees tight and don't lift the toes of the right foot from the floor. Press the outer side of the left foot hard on the floor.
- 8. Stretch both the shoulders and shoulder blades.
- 9. Stay in the pose, breathing evenly for five to seven breaths. 10. Inhale and lift the left hand from the floor, rotate the trunk back to its original position and

Precautions

With any neck issues, do not turn the head up, look sideways or forward.

Benefits:

Strengthens and stretches the legs. Stretches the hips and

the spine.

Opens the chest and improves the vital capacity of the lunas.

Relieves mild back pain. Invigorates and tones the abdominal organs. Improves the sense of balance.





Photo four



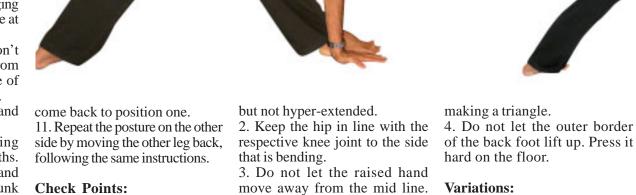
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Keep it in line with the lower arm

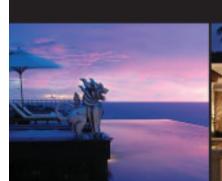
of the back foot lift up. Press it hard on the floor.

1. If you are unable to place the

palm beside the outer border of the foot, either hold the ankle with the opposite palm or place the palm beside the inner border of the foot. 2. If you still find it difficult, place a block next to the foot to rest the palm on it.















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EVENTS CALENDAR

Upcoming events on the island



PIWC Anniversary Party '20 Years and Still Rocking' – November 14

The Phuket International Women's Club is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a party in the spirit of the '60s, '70s and '80s at Le Meridien Phuket Beach Resort on November 14. Be there or be square! Tickets on sale now. From 6.30pm to 1am. For further information contact Carole Dux.

T: 076-200730. E: info@phuketiwc.com. W: phuketiwc.com.

November 3-8. Phuket Thailand Open Swatch FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour for Women

Featuring the world's top beach volleyball players from over 30 countries, including Brazil, Germany, USA, Japan, China, Great Britain, Switzerland, Norway and Sweden. The sponsor village adjacent to the center court has a food court, games and booths. A beach volleyball amateur event and children's clinics will be held from November 7 to November 8. Admission is free. From 9am to 5.30pm at Karon Beach. For further information contact Geoffrey Rowe. T: 02-311 3414.

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November 8. Free Computer Clinic - Laguna.

Join Woody Leonhard and other Windows victims at his Sunday morning Computer Clinics, which are co-sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette*. The Computer Clinics are designed to help everybody – even (especially!) complete computer novices – and they're absolutely free. From 10am to 12pm, at Sandwich Shoppe Laguna. For further information contact Woody. T: 076-290468. E: woody@KhunWoody.com.

Driving instructions at www.Woody.info.

November 13. Les Anges & Djmisscaro

Les Anges and Djmisscaro present 'Remix sur Canapés' – an evening of great music from Paris DJ Caroline Laleta Ballini joined by Oye on percussion. Enjoy it with gourmet French canapés and petit fours, all washed down with some great French wines.

Simply sit and enjoy this great combination of the arts, or dance the night away on the boardwalk under the stars. Price: 1,500 baht including 3 glasses of selected French wine. From 8pm to midnight at Les Anges, Royal Phuket Marina. For more information contact Peter. T: 076-360803. E: peterw@royalphuketmarina.com. W: lesangesphuket.com.

November 14. Eighth Annual QSI Fun Run

This is a day of fun activities and fund raising to help improve the educational experience of all students who attend our non profit, international school. Throughout the

day there will be music, games, silent auctions, raffles and lots of other family fun! There will be one 6.5 kilometer run and two one kilometer runs. Drinks and BBQ will be served. We hope to see you all there! QSI International School of Phuket's 8th Annual Fun Run takes place at Bangwad Reservoir in Kathu from 6am to 8pm. For more information contact Matt Zandstra.

T: 076-8813580. E: matt-zandstra@qsi.org.

November 15. Phuket Pearl Lions – A Ray of Hope Bowling

The Lions Club of Phuket Pearl invites you to 'Have Fun for Funds' by joining the charity bowling competition taking place on Sunday, November 15 at C. S. Bowl in Big C. Entry for a team of three costs 3,000 baht or you can donate any amount, item or complimentary voucher to promote your business – be it a hotel, resort, spa, restaurant or any commercial business or service.

Your donations are needed more than ever as living conditions for the less fortunate deteriorate more and more. We look forward to the pleasure of welcoming you there. From 9am to 4.30pm. For further information contact Adrienne Tusoni. T: 076-284713 or Wanida,

T: 086-954 4389. E: adrienne.tusoni@gmail.com.

November 15. Free Computer Clinic – Chalong From 10am to 12pm, at Sandwich Shoppe Chalong. For further information contact Woody Leonhard. T: 076-290468. E: woody@KhunWoody.com. W: KhunWoody.com.

November 21-22. 4th Andaman Phuket Soccer 7s

This tournament is an invitation competition, which provides a socially competitive environment for players who approach the game with the right attitude and in the right spirit, and is open to the following categories: open men, masters (over-35s), and women (last year's participants will be given preference).

With no prize money at stake, teams take part for one reason only – their love of soccer. Games are two seven-minute halves, no offside rule, on 3/4-size pitch (70m x 45m), full-size goals and rolling substitutions. Please register your interest now. From 9am to 5pm at FIFA Phuket Tsunami Football Center. For further information contact Alain and Tim. T: 02-990 6881. E: info@Thai7s.com. W: Thai7s.com

November 21. Phuket Yacht Club's 40th Birthday

Skippers Restaurant will be hosting the Club's 40th birthday celebration on Saturday, November 21. The event will appeal to all ages with children's entertainment, a buffet dinner, silent auctions, happy hour bar, music and raffle prizes. Please come and join us. From 5.30pm to 10.30pm at Skippers at Royal Phuket Marina. For further information contact Donna Stephens. T: 086-120 0752. E: awatea@loxinfo.co.th. W: phuketyachtclub.info.

November 22. Free Computer Clinic- Chalong

From 10am to 12pm, at Sandwich Shoppe Chalong. For further information contact Woody Leonhard. T: 076-290468. E: woody@KhunWoody.com. W: KhunWoody.com.

November 25-28. Phuket International Sportfishing Tournament 2009

Registration: November 25 at 6pm at the Captain Hook Bar and Grill. Fishing days: November 26 to 28. Prize giving dinner on November 28 from 8pm onwards at the Tamarind Bar. Enjoy our live band, with free food and beer for all anglers and their guests. For further information contact Uwe Schittek.

E: uweschittek@yahoo.com.

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November 26-27. WET & WILD: an exhibition of art by Robin Gillow

Don't miss WET & WILD, an exhibition of original art by Robin Gillow. The general public are welcome to attend the opening party at the Ao Chalong Yacht Club on November 26.

Exhibition schedule:

- November 26: opening party, Ao Chalong Yacht Club.
- November 27: Ao Chalong Yacht Club.
- November 28 to December 5: Kata Beach Resort.
 Christmas/New Year Period: Kata Beach Resort.
 From 7pm to 9pm at Ao Chalong Yacht Club and Kata Beach Resort. For further information contact Robin Gillow. T: 081-797 1421. E: robinzart@gmail.com.

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any investors are still holding their assets in cash. While this has certainly been a safe strategy over the past two years, it has not provided profits of any size.

In these difficult financial times a cash strategy is understandable given the amount of uncertainty that still surrounds us.

Bonds appear to be another safe alternative. These come either in the form of bond funds or in funds that are labeled 'cautious' or something similar.

However, this is likely to be anything but a safe investment, as bond yields are likely to rise substantially in the coming months. Rising yields mean capital losses for those who have already invested.

Many governments have been buying bonds, including the US and the UK. The reason for this strategy was to keep interest rates low over longer periods.

Governments, through their respective central banks, are always able to set short-term interest rates.

The purchase of bonds – mainly government issued as used in Quantitative Easing Programs – has had the intended effect of reducing longer-term interest rates.

As soon as these programs cease, interest rates will rise to market levels. This is the dangerous time for investors in bonds.

In reality, the next few years could be problematic for bond investors as inflation is likely to rise, perhaps substantially.

Several governments have been forced to inject substantial amounts of liquidity into the financial system to keep their economies from falling into outright economic depression.

Perhaps the best way to

However, this is likely to be describe what has transpired is to imagine these economies as ond yields are likely to rise tantially in the coming care units.

The economy/patient has been kept alive by extreme measures and slowly needs to be weaned off the medication as its condition returns to normal.

If any of these measures are too abrupt, the patient/economy will suffer a relapse. In the case of national economies, this is going to be a very difficult balancing act.

During the Great Depression of the 1930s, the US government withdrew liquidity in 1937 before the US economy had recovered sufficiently.

The result? A further decline into 'economic depression'.

What we have faced so far is a deep recession. The harsh lessons of the 1930s have been learned and the global economy has not been allowed to reach depression levels.

When liquidity is reduced, it's going to be a testing time for a number of economies as they will be required to 'stand on their own two feet'.

This process cannot be rushed and central banks and governments know that, to a great degree, they are operating in new territory.

There is one safety valve that is going to be virtually irresistible to many governments – inflation.

Inflation has two positive aspects

Firstly, if the inflation genie is allowed out of the bottle, it means the even greater problem of deflation has been averted.

This is extremely important because, as Japan has discovered, deflation is a monetary condition that is extremely difficult to escape.

In a deflationary environment, consumers and businesses defer purchases for as long as possible as it becomes widely believed that postponing purchases means they become



THE BANK OF ENGLAND: Governments, through their respective central banks, are able to set short-term interest rates. The purchase of bonds—mainly government-issued as used in Quantitative Easing Programs—has had the intended effect of reducing longer-term interest rates.

increasingly cheaper.

Why buy today when it will cost less tomorrow?

Japan found out to their dismay that even zero interest rates and abundant liquidity are still insufficient to return the economy to steady economic growth.

Secondly, inflation is an excellent method of reducing the real amount of debt in an economy.

The US and the UK are perfect examples of economies where debt is excessive.

It will be virtually impossible for politicians to try any other remedy when introducing inflation can provide such an easy respite.

One result of allowing inflation to exist is a weaker currency, but that is expected and is already happening in both the US and the UK.

With all this speculation about inflation, it then becomes clear why the gold price is at record levels, as the metal is traditionally a hedge against inflation

As things stand, the alternatives to gold are the euro and the yen as both currencies

are unlikely to suffer inflation.

Investors who require income should not necessarily completely shun bonds.

The best strategy is probably to buy medium-dated bonds, wait around five to seven years until they mature and then simply take the income.

In this situation it is necessary to ignore the drop in the market value of these bonds in the interim, knowing their value will be restored on the bond's maturity.

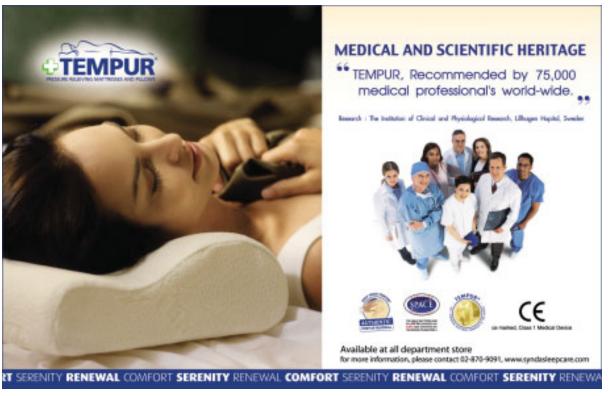
When buying individual bonds it is vitally important to ensure that you purchase either government bonds or very high investment-grade corporate bonds.

With the latter, diversification is essential. If in doubt, seek professional advice.

Investment in government bonds also requires a cautious approach as any previous investor in Argentinean bonds will certainly confirm.

In conclusion, bonds are a very unattractive asset class at present with the possible exception of government inflation adjusted bonds.









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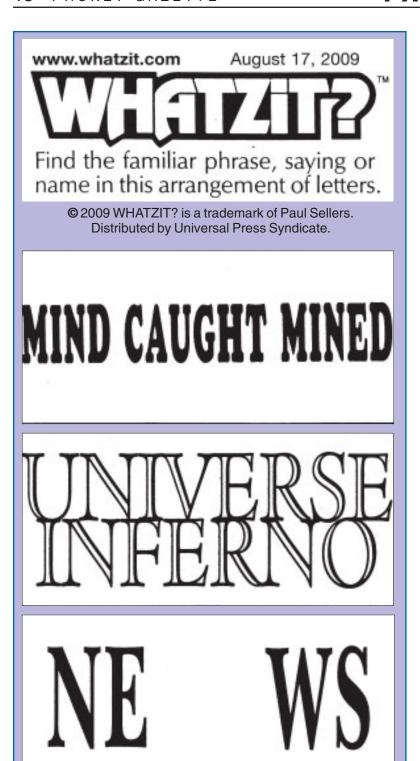
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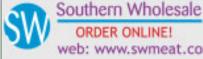
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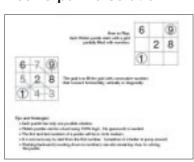
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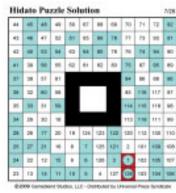


Monster Quiz **Answers**

1. Baby Face; 2. Ronald Regan; 3. Grape Knee High: Leather; 5. Calf; 6. Goldfinger; 7. The Piano; 8. Tongue; 9. Wood; 10. Art Theft 11. Saw a Woman in Half; 12. Victor Hugo; 13. Flamingo 14. Helios; 15. Alexander the Great; 16. Diogones 17. Toothbrush; 18. Dealing with Motorists in the Canals; 19. WW1 Gas mask filters; 20. American Indians.

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Solution to this week's crossword

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A perfectly plotted novel

scored a huge success for his original screen play of the film *The* Education. Two of his six novels, High Fidelity and About a Boy, were also made into highly praised films.

In his latest novel, Juliet, Naked (Viking, New York, 2009, 249pp), he appears to be on the familiar territory of the pop-music addicted losers of *High Fidelity*, his novel about employees of a record store.

Duncan Thompson is a

fanatical fan of Tucker Crowe, an American singersongwriter who abruptly quit the music business in

The first line of Off the the novel sets up the obsession:

"They had flown from England By James Eckardt to Minneapolis to look at a toilet."

Duncan and his girlfriend Annie are on a three-week pilgrimage to admire the sites of

ick Hornby has just Tucker Crowe's life: his Dylan's 'Blood on the Tracks' as birthplace in Montana, his recording studios in the Midwest, the Los Angeles home of the woman who had inspired his last and greatest album, Sylvia, and the toilet of the nightclub in Minneapolis from which he had emerged to disappear forever.

Duncan and Annie have been living together for fifteen years, leading a nothing life in the English seaside town of Gooleness. He teaches English at a mediocre college; she is the curator of a pathetic museum

> dedicated to the town's history.

Duncan's sole claim to fame is his blog dedicated to Tucker Crowe and visited by a dozen other fans worldwide. He pores over every tiny piece of Tucker Crowe minutiae with the manic energy of the

true obsessive.

The end of Chapter One is a Wikipedia entry about the album 'Juliet', comparing it to Bob

a masterpiece portraying the wreckage of a grand romance.

The only reported sighting of Tucker Crowe in the years since his disappearance is found in a single photograph of an angry man on a farm in Virginia.

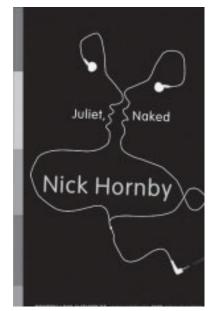
With these unpromising pieces in play, Nick Hornby assembles a powerhouse of a plot.

I don't want to give too much away since the amazing twists of the plot are the main joy of this novel. Things keep happening that you never expect.

A new recording has come out, called Juliet, Naked, a bootleg recording of Tucker Crowe strumming a guitar and singing early versions of the ten songs on the legendary album.

Duncan listens with tears in his eyes and writes an ecstatic review on his blog. Annie counters with one of her own, saying the bare bones of the acoustic version only highlight the mastery of the finished product with full backing band.

The first shock comes when Tucker Crowe breaks a 20-year silence to respond to her review.



Her first reaction is incredulity, but Crowe enters into a genial correspondence, revealing he is living in a small town in Virginia, not a farm, married to his fourth wife and taking care of his six-year-old son Jackson.

He has four children from three other remarried wives. He's a recovering alcoholic. That angry photo is of a friend, Farmer John, yelling at the fans to get off his property.

Annie keeps this news from Duncan as he has just chosen to walk out of a 15-year live-in relationship to move in with a new teacher at his college.

The narrative point of view switches to Crowe in America now and the plot starts bubbling along.

His teenage daughter Lizzie from his second wife in London turns up at his home to reveal she is pregnant, leading him to reflect on all his failures as a father.

"He could see that fatherhood was important when you actually were a father - when you're at home with the kids in the middle of the night, convincing them that their nightmares were as insubstantial as smoke, when you chose their books and their schools, when you loved them however hard they made it for you to feel anything other than irritation and occasionally fury."

But the only love he has now is for Jackson.

The plot then veers off in all sorts of totally unexpected directions, but I won't reveal anything more.

Just read the book.

Horoscopes

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SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): Scorpios wanting to get ahead in business are advised to change their bright and breezy approach to something more serious. Negotiating with an earth sign this week will require concentration. Those celebrating a birthday in the week ahead should see stronger financial gain in the coming year.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): The second week of November allows Sagittarians ample opportunity to balance their books. A debt that was weighing you down is about to become less of a problem. Where love is concerned, someone who was the apple of your eye starts to look more like a sour lemon.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): A mystery at work is solved when you hit the nail on the head this week. Those born under the sign of Capricorn who thought an air sign colleague was on their side may have an unpleasant surprise. Wear the color pearl white to encourage realistic thinking.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Your creative skills are strong this week and a plan that did not impress others works like a dream. Jealousy could be a feature during the remainder of November, whether at work or in your personal life. Those involved with another water sign should watch out for the reappearance of that person's ex flame.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Business continues to boom for many Pisceans, but having enough time and energy to take care of all commitments could prove to be a problem. It would be wise to dampen your social life until work responsibilities ease. Those planning relocation are advised to wait until the end of the month before moving house.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): Arians should find this a less stressful week, although Monday and Tuesday could bring pressure due to appointments being canceled at the last minute. Your luck in love improves towards the middle of the month, but commitment with an earth sign should be put on hold.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): Pooling your creative skills with another earth sign can lead to success. The astral atmosphere is ready to support your efforts to find more rewarding work. A lonely Sagittarian would like to get to know you better, but needs some encouragement. Wear the color light coffee to enhance your charm.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Many Geminis are likely to be sidetracked from work by too much socializing this week. Balancing business with pleasure costs you more effort than usual and there are signs that fatigue will be an issue later in the month. If you are the slightest bit insecure about a possible business venture, listen to your instincts.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): Although it appears as though not much is happening in your social life, there is more excitement bubbling under. The stars suggest the second half of November will be filled with activity and Cancerians are advised to store energy before then. The number nine can be the key to good fortune on Monday.

LEO (July 24-August 22): Those who have been wondering why an important business contact has been hard to reach receive a surprising answer early next week. Leos who were counting on this person will have to rearrange plans at the last minute. Your world of romance blossoms when Cancer shows how much they really care.

VIRGO (August 23-September 23): Virgoans tend to be people who watch things happen, rather than make them happen. Your lack of motivation is preventing much from changing in the world of work, but November is the month to work on leaving this rut behind. This weekend sparkles when Capricorn extends a flirtatious invitation. Wear

the color mango to encourage a less cautious attitude.

LIBRA (September 24-October 23): Those born under the sign of Libra who have embarked on a learning curve discover that they have more options than ever before. If you are feeling spoiled for choice this week, try asking an air sign friend who knows you well for helpful advice. The stars predict you will make the right decision later in the month.

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Giving the disabled a lift

A new project to employ disabled people to watch Phuket City Police CCTV cameras is highly laudable.

Staring at a CCTV monitor all day might not be everyone's idea of an engaging career, but it's a job that needs to be done.

Phuket City Police Superintendent Wanchai Ekpornpit deserves to be congratulated for trying to give members of this often overlooked segment of society the chance to contribute to public safety.

Col Wanchai's innovative project will not only provide nine disabled people with jobs, but also give them the satisfaction of knowing they are helping fellow citizens.

Of course, the fact that disabled volunteers have a problem reaching the fourth level of a building with no elevator needs to be overcome. It would be a shame if this obstacle were allowed to torpedo the initiative.

The project might have to go ahead with volunteers who are able to get up the stairs by themselves, but this seems to defeat the whole point: to give people with serious mobility problems a job.

People who can scale four flights of stairs using a cane have a much better chance of finding jobs elsewhere. It's the most seriously disabled citizens who need projects like this the most.

Perhaps a better solution would be to hire volunteers to help wheelchair users up and down the stairs.

Let's hope the police and the Disabled Person's Association can work something out.

The episode highlights an issue that receives far too little attention in Thailand: lack of disabled access to buildings, both public and private.

How is it that a building as important as Phuket City's Police Station is inaccessible to wheelchairs above the first floor?

What many people might not realize is that Thailand now has all the legislation needed to ensure public buildings are accessible to all its citizens.

The Ministerial Building Regulation (MBR) of 2005 states that all new government buildings with a certain proportion of space devoted to public use must be designed to provide such access.

Unfortunately the regulations are all too often ignored. Why? Because although the MBR is supposed to be compulsory, there's no provision for penalties for non-compliance.

Of course, Phuket City Police Station was built well before these regulations were in place.

Yet even the newly-built provincial and tourist police buildings lack ramps, let alone elevators.

Let's hope that when Phuket City Police get new headquarters, flights of stairs don't get in the way of good initiatives like Col Wanchai's CCTV project.

- Dan Waites

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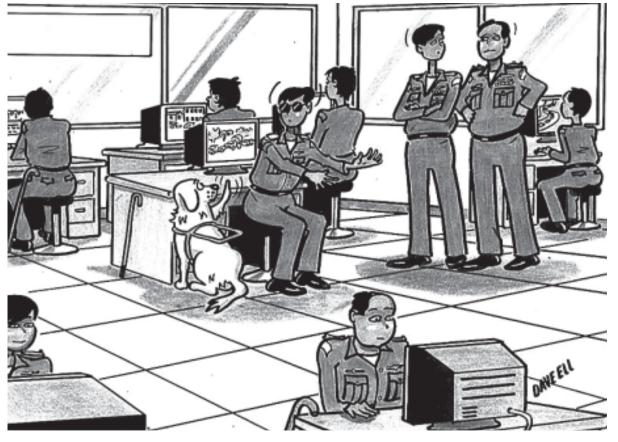
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Don't blame snakes

I wonder at the repeated use of the word 'attack' in the report on the python encounters [Gazette online, October 30].

A python would never gratuitously attack a human being. Humans are not their natural prey.

From the report it sounds like the people involved suddenly came across the python and startled it, causing it to respond in a threatening manner to scare

Saying the python(s) 'attacked' the people in question seems a bit of a stretch.

It is unfortunate that wild animals are perhaps unwittingly demonised in the popular media through the use of alarming language.

We need people to understand the natural world, not be terrified of it.

> **Nirmal Ghosh Bangkok**

Snake season

In response to the article about the snake attacks [Gazette online, October 30], I just wanted to let you know the snakes are probably out and about because it is the start of breeding season

These will most likely all be males out looking for a girlfriend.

April, May and June are the months for the babies to hatch.

Most reticulated pythons in Thailand are more aggressive than the ones in Indonesia. They have over 100 razor sharp teeth and can deliver a nasty bite, so be careful.

But we also need to look out for the snakes as this is their home too. Please brake for snakes and protect the snakes in Phuket.

Frances 'The Snake Lady' Chalong

Get with the times

I'm sad to say it's not only the Michael Jackson film that Phuket is going to miss out on [Gazette online, October 30].

None of the local cinemas have invested in the digital projection technologies common elsewhere, meaning Phuket doesn't have the ability to show the increasingly common 3D films being showcased – the prime example being James Cameron's allegedly 'world changing' release of Avatar later in the year.

At a time when a home projection system is affordable to most with an interest in film, cinemas need to remain one step ahead of the technology to keep the experience of going to a cinema exactly that – 'an experience and one that's not achievable at home.

Sadly, all we need to do to mimic the current Phuket cinema experience is invite a few friends around to all talk over the soundtrack and answer their phones during the presentation.

Frank Slater Phuket

Pitch poor

I would like to congratulate the Kata Group for their successful staging of the fourteam tournament that took place in Phuket last week.

As a keen football supporter living on the island, I am denied the opportunity to watch live football of a decent standard sadly the Sea Dragons of Phuket don't cut the mustard, although I still go and watch them.

I enjoyed the football on display and it was a good chance to see the Thailand team in action.

What was immensely disappointing, however, was the appalling condition of the pitch.

We had four good sides on the island, the least we could have done was given them a good surface to play on.

I wonder what Bryan Robson made of it?

Not much, I imagine.

Chris Hughes Bang Tao

Not a bag idea

This move to start charging people for using plastic bags is fantastic [Gazette online, October 28].

Thumbs up to all those concerned for trying to save the

Banners should be put up at all major retailers on the island or even the airport so tourists and locals alike are made aware of this so there won't be any unnecessary arguments caused by the new rules.

Shoppers should also be given the chance to buy cloth bags of varying sizes at the retail stores, which they can subsequently use for their shopping purchases then and in the future.

> **Dennis Johnson** Muang

Loy Kratong

This is the first time I've traveled to Thailand in November and I just wanted to remark what a wonderful experience Loy Kratong was.

I shall definitely return to Phuket at this time of year.

> **Doris Shepard** Sheffield, England

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Thai foreign policy adrift

OPINION



Dr Thitinan Pongsudhirak

ntil recently, Thai foreign policy was renowned for its highly effective flexibility and pragmatism. Patently shrewd, Thailand's pattern of foreign policy engagement has enabled the country to weather a century of colonization, two world wars and four decades of ideological struggle between two opposing superpowers.

Its geographical position as a buffer between British India (which included Burma) and Malaya on the one hand, and French Indochina on the other, was instrumental in its survival. Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, alliance formation was critical.

Thailand's alliance with the US, dating from the 1830s, solidified during the Cold War as it supported the US-led coalition against the forces of communist insurgency at home and communist expansionism in Southeast Asia

Its relationships with the Soviet Union and China, as well as with communist Indochina,

dimmed correspondingly. To fortify its security, Bangkok became a founding member of successive regional organizations, culminating with the formation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in 1967.

Bangkok's objectives in foreign policy were aimed at maintaining independence and territorial sovereignty. Successive Thai governments were decidedly autocratic, including a 25-year period of military-authoritarian rule that began in 1947, but they conducted foreign policy consistently.

Relative domestic stability and the ability to deter external threats enabled Thailand's export-oriented economic base to expand steadily from the early 1960s. In the latter years of the Cold War, Thai economic dynamism was internationally recognized.

By the mid-1990s, *The Economist* magazine predicted that Thailand would be among the ten largest economies in the world by 2020, but the 1997-98 economic crisis doomed that dream.

Military/Bureaucrats versus Politicians

The waning years of the Cold War witnessed the first crucial shift in Thai foreign policy dynamics. Until then, foreign policy was the exclusive domain of elite, foreign-educated technocrats within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA).

The election of Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan in 1988 shifted the conduct of Thai foreign policy in favor of elected politicians at the expense of what had been dubbed the MFA's "bureaucratic polity".

Relations with the US now had to make room for the realignment with China that began in the

mid-1970s. ASEAN was an important foreign policy pillar but Bangkok was intent on occupying more space in the world.

The February 1991 putsch, justified on grounds of corruption and graft, restored the bureaucracy-military axis. Foreign policy reverted to a focus on ASEAN, bilateral alliances with major powers (particularly the US) and multi-lateralism. Continuity trumped change.

Foreign policy tracked regional and international dynamics as opposed to Chatichai's short-lived assertive posturing.

Thaksin Whirlwind

Thaksin's election in 2001 changed all that. In some ways, Thaksin was the second coming of Chatichai. The two shared the same coterie of policy advisors, and they both favored elected politicians and ministers over unelected bureaucrats and generals, who were viewed with disdain in an era of intensifying democratization.

Thaksin's Thai Rak Thai party soon monopolized Thailand's political space, dominating and undermining the institutional components and innerworkings of the popular, reformdriven 1997 constitution.

Thaksin's foreign policy objectives were bold and assertive, reminiscent of Chatichai's. He lorded it over the MFA, and his foreign policy team set out to carve its own space in international affairs, exhibiting the ambitions of an aspiring middle power.

They initiated the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), which spanned from the Korean Peninsula to the Middle East, with mainland Southeast Asia as its center of gravity and Thailand at the epicenter.

They sought to foster intraregional cooperation and to mobilize financial resources for Asian economies in order to lessen reliance on the West.

But ultimately these policy initiatives became a major overreach for Thaksin and disintegrated after his downfall.

Global Ambition, Domestic Opposition

Thaksin provided staunch Thai support for the global war on terror, sending troops to Afghanistan and Iraq in exchange for the Bush administration's declaration of Thailand as a major non-NATO ally, and for the commencement of FTA negotiations in November 2003 when Thaksin was riding high as the host of the APEC summit.

The FTA negotiations, in particular, were indicative of Thaksin's foreign policy rise and domestic demise.

The negotiations brought fierce civil society opposition, manifested in the "FTA Watch" coalition of NGOs against Thaksin's rule.

It snowballed into the broadbased, yellow-shirted People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD), whose demonstrations over a long trail of corruption and graft allegations against Thaksin and his cronies set the stage for the September 2006 military coup.

During the coup period of 2006-07, FTA Watch and other like-minded activists wove their preferences into the constitution-drafting process, resulting in Article 190 of the 2007 charter that mandates parliamentary approval prior to and after international agreements are signed.

This controversial article has become symptomatic of Thailand's political quagmire, a constitutional basis for a host of criminal indictments and convictions of former ministers and politicians who prospered under Thaksin.

The foreign policy pendulum swung back in the opposite direction. Change, boldness and assertiveness would be subsumed under continuity. But Thai foreign policy continuity has not returned this time.

After much turmoil, the government of Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva took power in early 2008, but it is widely seen as compromised and partial to pro-establishment forces.

Few Thais seem to doubt Thaksin's corruption and abuses of power. But a growing number also yearn for a cleaner embodiment of Thaksin's foreign policy vision, leadership and chutzpah.

To be a "player" in a middle power mold that matters in Southeast Asia and beyond, Thai policymakers will have to balance the pendulum and recognize and maximize Thailand's strategic resources. These include democratic legitimacy, geographic centrality, resilient economic growth, a fine diplomatic corps, eclectic relationships with all of the region's major powers, and cultural and economic attributes that have attracted both tourists and investors even in times of crisis.

The foreign policy establishment should be mindful of these strong domestic attributes in order to ensure the best outcome once the dust of crisis finally settles.

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I want to go outside without being shot

I live right next door to a gun club where visitors play war games using air guns loaded with plastic pellets. I wouldn't mind at all but what I do mind is getting hit by the pellets every time I go outside

I called the police to complain about it but I was told to go to the *Orbortor* to solve the problem.

Can you tell me which department I must go to?

Oliver Smithers Rasada

Ms Sathiya, Officer of Rasada Municipality, replies:

Please go to your local Municipality offices, where you can fill out a complaint form. You can also file a complaint on line by going to go www.rasada.org.

Municipality officers will then go and check the area and decide whether action needs to be taken. This process takes about a week.

If the officers find that the gun club is unsafe, they will caution the operators and order them to resolve the issue.

For more information contact Rasada Municipality, 17/58 Moo 3, Rasadanusorn Road, Rasada, Phuket, 83000. T: 076-525779. F: 076-525788. E: info@rasada.org. W: rasada.org.

What can be done to stop these power cuts?

I live on a hill in Nai Harn where there are frequent power cuts and the power supply fluctuates.

This has been going on for quite some time and it is starting to become incredibly frustrating as I can no longer rely on my power supply.

What can be done to solve this problem?

Jim Robinson Nai Harn

An officer in the Operations section of Provincial Electricity Authority Phuket office replies:

In the event of you having no power, please call at our office right away at the number below and ask to be put through to the repairs department.

Once we are aware of the problem, we will come to check out your power supply, which may be due to transformer problems.

Should these power cuts continue on a regular basis, please send a letter of complaint to our office detailing the problems along with your last invoice and your address.

For more information please contact: Provincial Electricity Authority Phuket, 185/17, 40-41, Phang Nga Road, T. Taladyai, A. Muang, Phuket, 83000. T: 076 211663, 076-210379.

Thailand lift Phuket Kata Cup

ryan Robson made a winning start to his career as Thailand boss as his side clawed back a two-goal deficit to secure the Red Bull Phuket Kata Group Cup following a nail biting sudden death penalty shootout.

With the game finishing 2-2 after 90 minutes, Robson's side successfully converted all seven of their penalty kicks, before Hoang Anh Gia Lai missed their seventh to hand Thailand the cup.

With rain having fallen earlier in the day, the Surakul pitch deteriorated further and made life difficult for both sides.

Despite poor conditions, the visiting side from Vietnam made a lightening quick start and raced into a two-goal lead within the first 20 minutes.

Stunned by Hoang Anh Gia Lai's quick-fire double, Robson's Thailand side regained their composure and slowly began to work their way back into the match.

As the half drew to a close, Thailand launched one final attack and managed to claw back a goal following a dreadful mistake from the Hoang Anh keeper.

Boosted by the late goal and some stern words at half time by Robson, Thailand came flying out of the traps in the second half and leveled the scores within 10 minutes of the restart.

With parity restored, Thailand pushed hard for the third

ryan Robson made a goal, but were denied by a winning start to his career as Thailand boss and woeful finishing.

With neither side able to find the winning goal, the match went to penalties and the Thailand team held their nerve under the pouring rain to collect the trophy.

After the match, Bryan Robson said he was pleased with the character his side showed after conceding the two early goals.

"We started the game a bit slow, which was disappointing. But I thought the performance in the second half was excellent," he said.

"The attitude and character they showed to come back from 2-0 down was great and really we should have won the game in normal time."

Robson admitted to being disappointed by the state of the Surakul pitch, but said it would not deter the national team from playing in Phuket again.

"The state of the pitch was poor and it is a good job we practiced on the beach beforehand," he joked.

"We will definitely be coming back to Phuket and I have received assurances there will be a much better playing surface."

In the third/fourth place match, Thai champions Muang Thong United made amends for their disappointing loss on Tuesday, recording a comfortable



Robson's Thailand side came from two goals down to secure the Red Bull Phuket Kata Group Cup.

4-2 win over Yadanarbon FC of Burma to take third place.

On Saturday, the tournament culminated with a friendly match between a new-look Phuket FC side and Muang Thong United.

On paper it appeared a bit of a mismatch and Phuket fans feared the worst when United took an early two-goal lead.

The Sea Dragons didn't let their heads drop and pulled back a goal to set the visitor's nerves jangling.

Midfielder Japan, consistently the best Phuket player last season, was once again outsta-

nding and the Phuket players could hold their heads high at half time, trailing by a single goal.

What promised to be a competitive second half was spoiled when the Phuket keeper was sent off for bringing down a Muang Thong striker who was bearing down on goal.

United converted the resulting penalty, leaving the Sea Dragons with a mountain to climb.

The visitors made their extra man count and with substitute Saenchai Sor Kingstar, widely regarded as the best Muay Thai fighter on the planet, making an impressive cameo

appearance, they scored a fourth goal to put the game out of reach.

Tournament organizer Eam Thavornwongwongse of the Kata Group was quick to reassure Phuket fans about the state of both the pitch and the football club ahead of the new season.

"There is going to be work done to improve the pitch and the squad will be much stronger next year," he said.

"The setup is going to be much more professional and there are also ongoing negotiations with a couple of foreign players who we hope will join us."

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SCRUM DOWN: A delegation from the New Zealand Rugby Association visited Phuket to sign contracts to establish a New Zealand Rugby academy at the Phuket International Academy in Thalang. The hope is

that with the establishment of this academy, rugby teams from around the world will be able to visit Phuket to train. Pictured are (from left): PIA Sports, Arts and Wellness complex general manager Sean Panton, PIA Founder Klaus Hebben; Pat Cotter of Phuket Vagabonds; Graham Spence and David Andamen from New Zealand Rugby Resources.





Angling for success

he Phuket International **Sportfishing Tournament** returns to Phuket later this month.

Anglers from all over the world are expected to flock to the competition which will be hosted out of Chalong from November 26 to 28.

Over the three days, participants will visit some of the best fishing spots in Phuket's surrounding waters

Last year teams from Singapore, the US, Germany, Austria, Australia, Hong Kong, England and Malaysia turned out and a similarly diverse group of entrants is expected this year.

Registration will take place at Captain Hook Bar and Grill in Chalong on November 25 from 5pm onwards.

The fishing begins the following day when the boats depart from Chalong Pier at 8am, with the teams returning before 7pm.

The weighing station will be located at the Tamarind Bar, which will be open from 5pm onwards, serving up a buffet dinner and free beer every evening to anglers and their friends to round off a hard day's fishing.

The rules have been designed to allow teams to fish this event as they would while fishing for fun.



Anglers from all over the world are expected to flock to the competition which will be hosted out of Chalong from November 26 to 28.

Top team honors will go to the team that tallies the most points per kilo during the tournament.

The tournament will also award prizes to the teams that catch the largest fish by weight in each eligible species.

A release trophy will awarded to the team releasing the most billfish.

Tournament organizer Uwe Schittek is keen to encourage responsible fishing practices during the tournament.

"To recognize the value and beauty of all billfish, anglers will have the option to catch and release any black marlin or sailfish they catch, he said.

"We also urge all boats to pay attention to dive charter operations, particularly in the waters around Racha Noi And Racha Yai island as divers are not an eligible species and will not be weighed!"

The 2009 Phuket International Sportfishing Tournament is sponsored by the Phuket Gazette.

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QSI to host eighth annual Fun Run

The annual QSI Fun Run returns to Kathu this month on November 14.

This year marks the eighth running of the event and organizers believe this year's will be the biggest and best yet.

Early registration for the event will be held on November 8 and 9 at QSI but friends and family are welcome to go and register on the day of the race.

Registration will be held between 8am and 9am.

There will be one 6.5-kilometer run and two one-kilometer runs held at Bangwad Dam in Kathu.

Throughout the day, drinks and a BBQ will be served and there will be silent auctions, raffles and lots more family fun.

QSI is a non-profit school that delivers international-quality education for more than 150 stu-



This year marks the eighth running of the annual fun run. Organizers believe this year's will be the biggest and best yet. Photo by Bidgee

dents in Phuket.

A representative from QSI said, "We hope this will be a great day out for our students and their families.'

The QSI Fun Run is sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette*.

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Six new resorts boost Absolute's global portfolio

he world's largest luxury exchange programme and one of the Wyndham Worldwide family of brands, recently announced the affiliation of Absolute Developments to its programme, adding six new Thai resorts to its global network of luxury properties.

'We are delighted to welcome Absolute Developments to The Registry Collection," said Geoff Ballotti, President and CEO, Group RCI, parent company of The Registry Collection.

"This relationship not only provides us with an opportunity to work with one of the leading developers of mixed-used resort operations in Asia, but also marks a significant achievement in securing the first properties for The Registry Collection in Asia," he said.

He added that "Thailand in particular is home to a wealth of five-star resort developments and idyllic beach locations which have succeeded in attracting international jetsetters for some years.'

Analysts report that investment in Asian real estate has increased by more than 40 per cent this year with wealthy buyers returning to Asia raising levels of cross-border activity.

"Buyers are following global trends of looking for increased value in their spend which is a strength of the product," he said.

"The fractional concept is relatively new to Asia and Absolute is bringing its expertise of shared-ownership, great brand strength and sales and marketing expertise to Thailand. We believe Absolute will be very successful in this fast-growing market and are thrilled to be partnered with them," Ballotti added.

Bryan Lunt, Chairman of the Absolute World Group said: "Fractional ownership is the perfect antidote to the current financial climate. Buying fractional allows you to actually purchase your dream holiday home, hassle-free, for only the time you would use it. We offer a stunning collection of properties, all exquisitely furnished with exclusive benefits such as the use of speedboats, spas, golf equipment, luxury airport transfer and the privilege of membership. Our target market is a discerning purchaser seeking high quality accommodation and excellent service."

Resort saves with upgrade



Bel Air Panwa Resort and Spa recently upgraded from being a condominium to an allsuites resort. The upgrade included installing Momentohos, a fully-intergrated software system designed to save time and make hospitality staff member's lives a lot easier.

el Air Panwa Spa and Resort recently became the first Phuket hotel to install Momentohs, hailed as the next generation of hospitality management software by its makers.

"Momentohs, the flagship product of Seven Seas Computers LLC, Dubai, is a fully intergrated software system that is generations ahead of its competitors," said Regional Director Mohsin Hamza.

The system uses a single server to intergrate all departments within a hotel, from Reservations and Front Office to Accounting and F&B purchasing and inventory, making inter-department tasks a lot easier and less time consuming, say the system's makers.

"Nowadays, business is conducted

online. The Internet and mobile commerce now sets the new rules of the game in the global digital economy. The world has changed and with Momentohs enterprise, hospitality management software has too," said Mr Hamza.

The system comes in three versions: A lite version for hotels and serviced apartments with less than 30 rooms; a sprint version for hotels and serviced apartments with less than 100 rooms and the enterprise version for hotels with a global presence.

"We developed Momentohs from the ground up after studying the hospitality business in great detail," said Mr Hamza.

"Using our banking experience Momentohs has been developed as an integrated system that not only completely satisfies the front desk users but also middle and executive management," he said.

"The system's Managing Information Software (MIS) backbone is extremely powerful and provides seamless information on a real time basis.

Its database structure allows for a complete audit trail down to the voucher level throughout the entire business model. A structure the company feels will appeal to Phuket businesses."

By adopting the Momentohs system, businesses can handle all the requirements of a large global hotel enterprise under one database, he said.

Mr Hamza added that there is no interfacing between systems and no duplication of data, meaning that the front desk of a hotel would not have a version of a customer profile as well as the back

In operational terms, Momentohs does not need multiple servers (one for front office, one for back office, one for billing, one for Food & Beverage etc.).

Instead, with Momentohs, you have one server only with backup as required.

With Momentohs, managers do not need to extract data from multiple applications and export to excel spreadsheets for additional processing.

All the reports that all levels of management require can be easily generated from the database with ease.

This means no more late nights trying to tally the end of day figures, matching records and entries between different systems and no more waiting for information.

"Unlike our competitors the end of day process takes less than five minutes, during which time the system remains fully operational," said Mr Hamaz.

Bel Air Panwa Resort and Spa general manager Doeke Bonga said installing Momentohos was part of the property's upgrade from a condominium development to an all-suites resort.

"The system works very well and really does save time," he said.





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Preparing to plunge into property investment

nvesting in Thai property should be well planned and strategically thought through to avoid any pitfalls and to provide adequate security and protection for your investment.

In legal terms, investors can feel well protected by the Thai legal styem.

However, a property purchaser should always show due diligence in their research prior to entering into contractually binding agreements.

Such due diligence should be provided by reliable and professional local or international law firms, possessing solid backgrounds and experience in this specific field.

Your legal advisor will help you to understand the different ownership structures and will assist in all the necessary acts required to make your property purchase sound, solid and fully legal.

Your legal advisor will perform the necessary due diligence on the property to assure it is safe and appropriate for purchase and will also draft and review the requisite legal documents needed to facilitate the transaction.

In addition, advisors will attempt to negotiate favorable terms on your behalf with



SAFETY FIRST: Skydivers + parachute = safe landing.

Property purchase + good legal advice = a sound investment

the seller. They will also facilitate the required conveyance and registration of the property being purchased, making the buying process a lot less stressful. Such due diligence should include a land title search verifying the title's history, disclosing encumbrances registered against the title and, if secured, access to the land is provided.

Furthermore, all sales documentation provided by the seller, including the Reservation

Agreement and main agreements should be carefully reviewed by your legal advisor and explained to you to make sure that you understand entirely the legal structure underlying the target property and all legal implications in connection with your investment.

Your advisor should also verify that important permits and licenses have been obtained by the seller, for example the building permit or land development licenses.

In addition, every property investment should be checked thoroughly in regard to its suitability and capability for a potential re-sale and protection of inheritance.

Attention should also be given to the correct application and submission of documents, which have been issued by a competent bank when transferring funds into Thailand designated for property purchase.

Such documentation might be required to take on a title for certain properties such as condominium units.

Documentation can also be used as evidence of the original source of monies, which is to be repatriated out of Thailand at a later date in case of re-sale or as evidence for actual payment of

the purchase price if any kind of interest should be registered against the property with the relevant authorities.

It also needs to be considered that property transactions in Thailand may be subject to payment of certain taxes and fees.

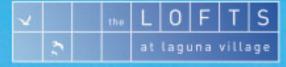
However, the individual responsible for these taxes and fees is subject to negotiations between buyer and seller.

Also note that property ownership itself, as well as the income generated from rental proceeds, may be subject to annual and ongoing taxes and fees payable to the authorities. Your legal or tax advisor will also assist you in this matter.

In summary, whenever purchasing property under a foreign jurisdiction, the same basic commercial and legal principles that apply to every reasonable property investment anywhere in the world should be considered.

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Making going green a reality



By Salvatore Consentino

an you imagine a house that uses rainwater to cool its interior? This is just one example of using clean technology in the household. There are many more.

As you read this, a development is underway in Phuket, constructing a condominium that will utilize clean technology and renewable energy, but more of that later.

Since I started writing in the *Gazette*, I have received many compliments from friends and readers, but they have also voiced their concerns about the detail in which I write, fearing that people might copy my ideas and become potential competitors.

I have spent more than half my life promoting environmental projects along with researching them and disclosing the information.

This has been always a big source of satisfaction for me, but I've never received compensation from those who have copied or taken the cue from my information and research – I wouldn't actually want it.

What I have received from them are new ideas and new challenges.

So, my readers and friends, do not worry. My articles are purposely written to disclose useful information and give new ideas to everyone. Up until now, 'Going Green' has presented various practical clean technologies: GeoExchange, wind turbine vertical ax and solar photovoltaic panels.

In addition to that, I have described how to obtain financing through 'revolving funds', what carbon credits are and what other privileges are offered in Thai law by following the direction of the Kyoto Protocol.

But as with anything in life, it's easy to talk the talk, but not many people can walk the walk.

I strongly believe in everything I write about, so I decided to put my words into practice and have started to build a condominium called ReCondo (Renewable Energy Condominium) as a practical example. The specs for the project are shown in the diagram to the right.

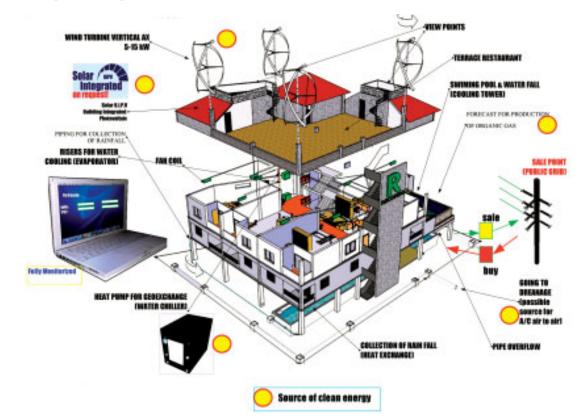
I figured this would help people understand all the fundamental aspects and ideas involved, but more importantly, I believe this is the only way to show all the technologies applied, or those that can be applied in similar construction projects, from houses to industrial buildings.

The condominium will be completed in a less than a year but the site can be visited now. It will be implemented with two main renewable technologies: GeoExchange and wind turbine vertical ax.

Only turbines can produce an income of more than 2.5 million baht per year, regardless of occupancy.

A similar figure can be achieved by GeoExchange in terms of carbon credit.

The complete thermal load of the building is 785.000 BTU and it will be air-conditioned with the help of rainwater stored in the basement and one special geothermal pump located on each of



GREEN INVESTMENT: The ReCondo (renewable energy condominium) combines several green technology applications. Any excess energy produced on site will be sold to the national grid.

the five floors.

The turbines provide the energy to recirculate the water, avoid blackouts, provide the electrical energy for the areas of common property such as the lift, the swimming pool and the waterfall which will also function as a cooling tower.

The excess energy will be sold to the public grid at a designated price established by the Ministry of Energy in the tariff-in (5.5 baht per kWh).

The diagram shows a series of yellow dots, which represent sources of possible clean energy.

Other than GeoExchange and wind, the building can be equipped with building-integrated photovoltaic (BIVP), a special kind of solar panel with two functions—as solar panels and as a roof.

Organic gas production can be achieved with an anaerobic digester. This requires a modified septic tank which can then clean the water for public use, produce gas for domestic use or additional electricity.

This system, very popular in

other countries, would be advisable in Thailand – especially Phuket – where there is no sewerage net and subsequent sludge treatment.

The diagram also mentions another possible source of energy – the drainage.

It has been noted that the temperature inside the drainage never exceeds 20°C, which is perfect for air-to-air cooling within rooms, something very common in India among poor establishments.

Two view points will be located on the roof for visitors who want to take pictures and see how the turbines work. They can also visit the control room to see how they are connected to the battery and the converters.

A regular computer will be used to control the building. This will feature software which shows all the data coming from various sensors located in all the building.

It calculates the energy consumed by the occupants of the building, the energy produced by turbines, the amount of carbon dioxide that would normally be released into the atmosphere and various other calculations.

The data will also be used to improve other developments of its kind in Phuket and will be given to the local energy office in Phuket for future development, while a simulation program will be given to local schools for promotional use among youngsters.

Students, developers and anyone who is simply curious is welcome to visit the site and take advantage of the new ideas.

It is time to understand that going green is not so difficult to achieve. Instead it's just a question of will, ideas and a little effort and financial resources.

I'm an engineer, not a developer and I have spent almost half of my life in the environment field.

My job is to implement new technologies to third parties, but I willingly promote renewable and clean energies.

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The pole should not obscure views of oncoming traffic as it is just 15 inches in diameter at the base, tapering to just 4.5 inches at the top. The 400-watt lamps to be set at the top of the pole would be much brighter than the standard 250-watt lights that line many Phuket roads.

Chalong Circle (roundabout for Brits) is on schedule for the project's completion date November 17.

The new-look thoroughfare now boasts super strong white floodlights set atop of a 15-meter

Phuket Highways Department official Sathaporn Sornchana said the extra lighting, comprising eight lamps in all, would help reduce accidents at the busy junction.

The pole would not obscure views of oncoming traffic as it would be just 15 inches in diameter at the base, tapering to just 4.5 inches at the top, he said.

The Phuket Highways Department office is funding the project at a cost of 3 million baht. Project contractor CEC Construction Company Ltd began work on August 21.

If the project is not completed by November 17, the Highways Department will fine **CEC Construction Company Ltd** 1,500 baht per day if completion

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> Meanwhile, both the Phuket Highways Department and Chalong Police have agreed not to install traffic lights at the intersection in future, he said.

> "More than a year ago we tried installing lights at the intersection, but within just half an hour there were terrible traffic jams," he said.

"Traffic seems to flow much better without the lights," he added.

Chalong Circle has undergone numerous face lifts over the years.

In September last year, the Highways Department finally removed the large fountain that sat at the circle center for years. Due to its appearance, the fountain had been referred to as 'the birdbath' by some locals.

Marque Rome, a 20-year resident of Chalong, said efforts to beautify Chalong Circle date back to the mid-90s when a private sector group donated money to spruce up the area with a small park known as the 'peace circle'.

The fountain followed about

Mr Rome doesn't think the 'new look' for Chalong Circle will do much to improve traffic flow in the area, however.

"Given the population projections in the future, I don't really see that it will make any difference because the real problem is not Chalong Circle, but the number of cars increasing at a rate of several hundred a day in Phuket," he said.

It is hoped that the improved lighting will help Chalong Police control traffic in the area.

There are currently five closed circuit television cameras in or near the circle, four belonging to the Chalong Police and one more to the Chalong Tambon Administration Organization.

Thus far, the traffic police cameras haven't been as effective in preventing traffic problems as originally hoped because the cameras lack the ability to zoom and usually produce images with insufficient resolution to allow police to read license plate numbers, a source told the Gazette.

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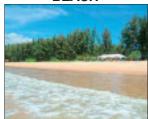
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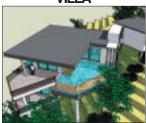
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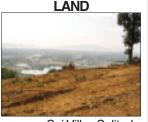
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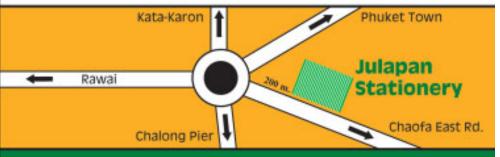
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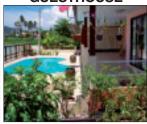
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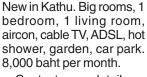
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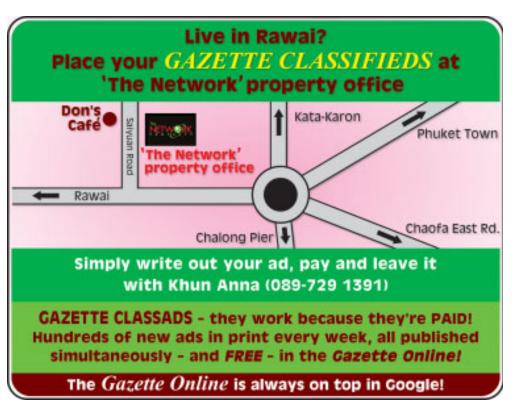
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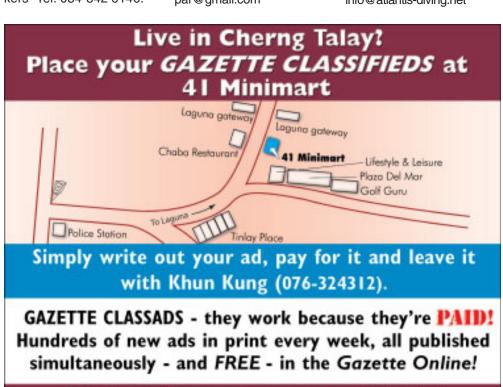
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Leading audio visual company is seeking candidates for the position of secretary/PA to the managing director. Applicants must befluent in written and spoken English and Thai and have good computer skills. Experience in administration and accounts an advantage. Interested applicants please send full CV to: cv@ enhanceav.com Or call: 076-527640.

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Must have full command of written and spoken English. Must have prior experience in this field. Part time and work from home. Tel: 081-797 4100. Email: charles@edenrockvilla.

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- 4.Chef 5.Chef de partie Hot/ Cold /Deli/Cook

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 Able to work in Chalong
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If you meet the above qualifications, please submit your CV with recent photograph to: christophv@hotmail.com or fax: 076-521434, 089-7807558.

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DIRECTOR OF SALES

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NEED HOUSE MAID

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GSA-RECEPTIONIST

Day/night GSA - receptionist required for guesthouse in Patong. Male only, good English, one year of experience. Working hours: flexible. Please call for more information. Tel: 076-293196081-989 5487, Or send your resume to: v_choosri @hotmail.com

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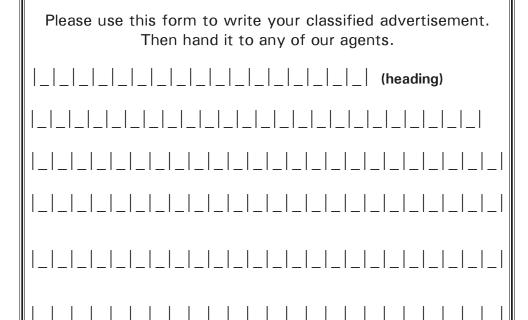
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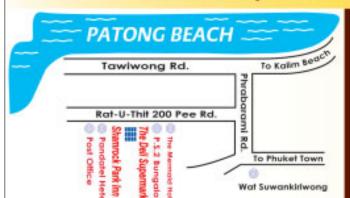
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