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Tsunami warning system gets new life

THE tsunami detection buoy off Phuket will be replaced just in time for the fifth anniversary of the 2004 Tsunami disaster, the National Disaster Warning Center (NDWC) says.

Group Captain Somsak Khaosuwan, director of the NDWC's warning system management team, told the *Gazette* the new buoy is being shipped to Thailand from the US and should arrive by the end of the month.

It will be deployed 600 nautical miles northwest of Phuket, replacing the buoy currently there, as part of a one-week mission that will depart from Cape Panwa on December 14.

The first buoy, deployed in December, 2006, was donated to Thailand by the US government under an agreement that the NDWC would be responsible for its maintenance, including

an annual battery change.

However, the NDWC has never changed the battery and the unit finally fell silent in early September, way past its design capacity of just one year.

Rather than change the battery at sea, the NDWC decided to order a new DART II buoy from the US and replace the entire unit, bringing the old unit in for maintenance on land.

The two units will be switched out again next year as part of an annual maintenance regime, Mr Somsak said.

The new unit is being funded by the NDWC.

Two more warning buoys that got 165 million baht in funding approved in January last year have still not been acquired, but Mr Somsak said he is confident they will be deployed some time next year.

Mr Somsak blamed

red tape for the ongoing delays.

The NDWC, initially under the Prime Minister's Office, has been shifted to different ministries so many times it has never been able to get through the civil service procurement procedure before having to start again from scratch, he said.

This also explains why the agency's 1860 hotline is currently inoperable and it currently doesn't have a website, he said.

The hotline will be fixed soon and a new website is on the way that will allow numerous agencies to exchange information in real time about disaster warning and planning, he said.

Mr Somsak was in Phuket recently on a two-day inspection tour of all 19 warning towers in the province and to meet officers at the Phuket Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM-Phuket).

The NDWC is working on expanding the tsunami warning coverage in risk areas by setting up small new towers capable of carrying voice recorded alerts.

Meanwhile, former NDWC Director Dr Smith Dharmasaroja, said he resigned from his job with the agency almost two years ago to protest its failure to properly maintain the buoy.

This failure has put people at risk, not only in Thailand but all around the Indian Ocean Basin, he said.

Dr Smith said he expected that only about 5% to 10% of the 200 solar-powered tsunami warning towers in the Andaman region were still operational.

Mr Somsak refuted this allegation, saying his tour of Phuket revealed all 19 towers were working normally and that all 200 towers are tested twice daily.

— Stephen Fein

Wet locals steaming

IRATE residents living on Nanai Road in Patong are calling for an immediate fix to ongoing flooding, which they claim has become worse over the past few months.

Residents have nicknamed the 50-meter stretch of road the 'Nanai River'.

Several local residents who spoke to the *Gazette* in May predicted severe flooding in the rainy season.

At the time, residents' were assured by Patong Municipality that the problem would be solved within three to four months.

Seven months later, residents say the flooding is worse than ever, blaming poorly-managed building sites, inadequate drainage in the area, deforestation and lack of action by the authorities.

According to Deputy Director of Sanitation at Patong Municipality Teeranun Boonma, rainwater used to drain through the Aroonpat Village estate, through a section of private land into a canal.

However, the owner of the private land blocked the drains, causing the flooding, he claimed.

— Atchaa Khamlo



Two victims of the 'Nanai River' push their broken down bike through the filthy flood water.

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Swiss man arrested in pedophile hunt

A FORMER Swiss bank employee and regular tourist to Phuket was last week arrested in Chiang Mai on charges of sexually harassing boys under the age of 15.

Region 5 Police identified the suspect as Swiss national Cornel Josef Wietlisbach, 54.

Mr Wietlisbach's arrest followed a one-month investigation by Thai police and Swiss Embassy officials.

Mr Wietlisbach allegedly paid hilltribe boys 2,000 to 4,000 baht for sexual services each time.

The trysts, typically involving two or more children, were carried out in a room in a luxury hotel that the accused

rented out on a monthly basis.

Police said Mr Wietlisbach also rented another room in the same hotel where he stayed with a ladyboy whose age was not reported.

Following his arrest, Mr Wietlisbach confessed he had been coming to Thailand as a sex tourist since 2004, police said.

He first came to Phuket for his one-month holidays in 2004, but later decided to spend his time in Chiang Mai.

Police made the arrest after a court warrant was issued.

Police have so far charged Mr Wietlisbach with one count of molesting a child under 15. Investigations continue.

— *Gazette reporters*

Phanason saga burns on

FOLLOWING tense stand offs between landless villagers and construction workers at the Phanason City building site in Wichit, villagers last week petitioned the Lawyers Council of Thailand, the National Human Rights Commission and Government House in Bangkok.

Villagers had earlier blocked the village entrance and set burning tires in the paths of the backhoes to stop them from

covering their homes with earth.

The construction workers retaliated with warning gunshots, the villagers said.

Commenting on the volatile land issue, Wichit Major Kreecha Saetan said many of the villagers were living on the site illegally.

A representative from the National Human Rights Commission is scheduled to visit the site later this month.

— *Atchaa Kamlo*

New TAT director pushes optimism

THE Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) has announced that hotel occupancy rates in Phuket should hit 80 percent during the high season.

New TAT South Region 4 office director Ms Bangornrat Shinaprayoon told the state-run National News Bureau that according to hotel and tour operators, advance bookings for Phuket are on the rise.

Occupancy rates should climb to 80 percent after the Christmas and New Year holidays, she said.

Phuket is ready to deal with the increasing number of visitors, Ms Bangornrat added.

Phuket had 38,528 rooms in 639 accommodation establishments registered with the TAT in 2008.

With the possible exception of Bangkok, Phuket is the most 'international' of Thailand's 76 provinces.

A ride past the bustling eateries that line Patong's Rat-U-Thit 200 Pi Road will confirm it: there are people from every corner of the globe living and working here.

It's this angle that Ms Bangornrat wants to expose in her bid to attract more visitors to the island.

"Phuket is the first place in



TAT South Region 4 office director Bangornrat Shinaprayoon.

Thailand that Americans would like to visit, not just for the beaches, but for the variety of food and culture here," she said.

Ms Bangornrat, 54, took over from Sethaphan Buddhani as the Phuket tourism industry's number one proponent earlier this month.

She started her career with the TAT 27 years ago, joining immediately after finishing a master's degree in Economics at Thammasat University.

Her own international perspective was nurtured during

a four-and-a-half-year stint as a director at the TAT office in New York City.

That experience gave her an insight into how foreigners, especially Americans, view the island.

"Phuket is very well known in America, especially for its spas," she said.

"It has a good reputation because of the people, beautiful scenery and because we have promoted it heavily on foreign internet sites and publications such as tripadvisor.com."

Ms Bangornrat said around 700,000 Americans visit Thailand every year.

Of these, about 100,000 come to Phuket.

"Phuket is the most developed province in Thailand, with more than five million tourists bringing in more than 10 billion baht annually," she said.

"My policy is to further develop the province while preserving the environment," she said.

Ms Bangornrat added that Phuket is already known as an international place, but that she wanted to make it even more well-known abroad, for example as a marine center or venue for international sporting tournaments.

— *Sithipong Nongkaew*

Readers say Veg Fest is 'out of control'

ALMOST half of *Phuket Gazette* readers think the annual Phuket Vegetarian Festival is 'getting out of hand' in terms of firecrackers and self-mutilation, and that the authorities should step in and impose some order.

Of the 330 readers who took part in the poll, 48.8% overall agreed with the statement that:

"The fireworks and self-mutilation are out of control. Participants are a danger to themselves and others. The authorities should impose some order."

Slightly fewer readers (40.3%) overall agreed with the opposing statement that: "Authorities should let it continue to develop naturally, respect people's spiritual beliefs and traditions – and not interfere."

The least common response (10.9%) was: "The government should encourage the festival's growth by providing funding and free firecrackers,

and encouraging people to become 'mah song' spirit mediums. This will draw more tourists'.

Of those voting in the poll, 191 identified themselves as 'local foreign residents', 84 as 'tourists or visitors to Phuket', and 55 as 'Thai nationals'.

Voting trends were roughly the same in each demographic.

In the latest *Gazette* poll, available now online, readers can have their say on a new scheme to introduce fees for plastic bags issued at retail outlets around Phuket.

— *Gazette Poll*

Hello Belgium



The 20 Miss Belgium contestants pose with their happy host Claude Sauter, General Manager of Cape Panwa Hotel & Spa.

Twenty Miss Belgium 2010 contestants touched down in Phuket on November 16 for an action-packed eight-day stay guaranteed to turn a few heads on the island.

The beauty pageant finalists are in Phuket by invitation of the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) and have been taking part in photo and video shoots, kayaking and Thai cooking classes around the island.

TAT South Region 4 office director Ms Bangornrat Shinaprayoon said the aim of inviting the Miss Belgium contestants was to promote tourism in the region and encourage more Belgian tourists to visit Thailand and Phuket.

Plastic pricing scheme stalled

THE launch of a plastic bag charging scheme which aims to reduce the amount of plastic waste generated on Phuket has been postponed for more than two months.

Phuket Energy Office chief Jirasuk Tummawetch said the slated December 5 launch date did not leave enough time to promote the project sufficiently.

The scheme will see major retailers such as Central, Big C, Tesco-Lotus, Makro, Supercheap and Jungceylon charge shoppers one baht for a plastic bag with a five-liter capacity or less and two baht for larger bags.

Mr Jirasuk was speaking following a meeting to discuss the scheme at Provincial Hall earlier this month.

In attendance were new Phuket Vice Governor Teerayut Eimtrakul, Phuket Public Health Office Deputy Director Wiwat Seetamanotch and Nick Anthony, managing director of Indigo Real Estate, who came up with the idea for the project.

Mr Jirasuk said one idea agreed at the meeting, was to record Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop speaking in support of the scheme. The recording would be played on radio stations and on the shop floors of participating retailers.

Local organizations have also been asked to supply cloth bags, he said.

Mr Jirasak said the Phuket Energy Office welcomes any comments regarding the project and invites anyone with suggestions to



The growing pile of landfilled garbage around the overburdened incinerator at Saphan Hin. File photo

call the office on 076-210178-9.

Nick Anthony described government support at both local and national level as excellent.

Central Festival Phuket will host a public awareness campaign on November 23 with 40 retailers setting up displays to promote the campaign and bring everybody on board, he said.

Central Festival has also agreed to donate all proceeds from the sale of plastic bags to charity, he said.

Mr Anthony said he hopes that the successful launch will be the first step in a source reduction strategy that will eventually see retailers mutually agree to cut down or even eliminate the distribution of advertising circulars that are also a large component

of the waste stream.

Asked if major convenience store chains like 7-Eleven were signed up for the initiative, he said the management of CP Group which operates the chain on a franchise basis were seriously considering the proposal.

7-Eleven stores in China and other countries have already started to charge for plastic bags, he said.

Mr Anthony said he hopes support among retailers at all levels will be so thorough that those failing to take part will be boycotted by shoppers.

The delay in the launch is to allow stores time to prepare alternatives to plastic and educate the public, he said.

-Pimwara Choksakulpan and Stephen Fein

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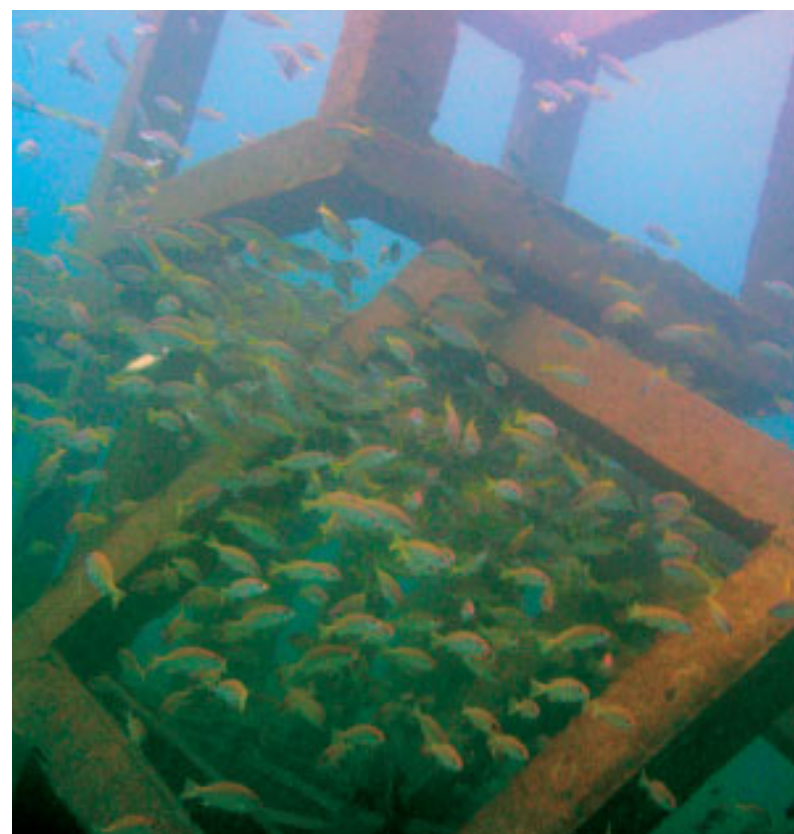
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Reef relief: fishermen reel in a massive haul



The artificial reef, which has 280 concrete sections, was sunk by the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources (DMCR) in 2007. The reef is now thriving, with fisherman netting huge hauls in recent weeks.

AN artificial coral reef sunk off Phuket's Karon Beach two years ago is thought to be responsible for a bumper haul of fish caught by local fishermen earlier this month.

Around 400 jacks weighing four to five kilos each were

caught in a single day by a small group of fishermen using a local type of net called an 'uan ple' (cradle net) at Karon on November 6.

Pornchai Fai-ngarm, a Karon taxi driver who has fished in waters off Phuket since he was a boy, said he was a member of

the group who made the monster catch.

"Eleven of us work together to catch fish using cradle nets whenever we spot schools of fish, normally at dawn or in the evening," he said.

"This year we started

fishing in October until we caught over a tonne of fish on the sixth of the month," he said.

"There are loads of small shrimp and many kinds of fish around now and it's all thanks to the artificial reef."

The reef, which comprises 280 concrete sections, was sunk by the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources (DMCR) in 2007.

Deputy Mayor of Karon Ittiporn Sangkaew said the reef had become home to plankton, which attracted small shrimp to the area. These were in turn eaten by fish such as jacks.

"It's made the environment abundant like it was in the past," he said.

Karon village chief Winai Chitchiew said he hadn't seen such a large catch in 30 years.

He said he had watched the marine environment get progressively more damaged by people using trawls and drift nets to catch fish.

The artificial reef had attracted marine life back to the area, he said.

DMCR Phuket office chief Paitoon Praechaiyaphun said his department had more artificial reef projects in the pipeline.

"We want to set them in a long line along beaches like Kata and Karon," he said.

"They bring many benefits, such as tonnes of fish and protection from large waves during monsoon season."

While modern fishing techniques such as trawling can damage coral reefs, cradle nets do not.

Fishing in Karon using cradle nets used to be much more popular. There are now just two groups of fishermen catching fish in this way off Karon, Mr Winai said.

Catching fish using this method was a traditional activity going back a long time, he said.

Nets are laid on the seabed about 200 meters from the shore whenever large shoals of fish are spotted in the area.

When the fish come near the nets, fishermen pull them to the beach, trapping the fish inside.

Karon fishermen expect large hauls from now until around April, when the monsoon season typically begins.

Mr Winai warned that hiring Burmese to fish can harm coral, as they often use bottom drift gill nets that are seriously damaging reefs off Phuket.

"We local people are trying to end the problem by cutting their nets, protecting the coral reefs that are home to many kinds of fish," he said.

-Atchaa Khamlo

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Expat held over woman's death

CHIANG MAI: Police are questioning a French expatriate over the death of a Thai woman who was found stabbed to death in the trunk of her car parked near his house in Mae On District.

Suchada Sithisan, 33, was reported missing by her family on the evening of November 14 after she did not return home from visiting 66-year-old Richard Mare Frédéric.

When relatives went to Mr Frédéric's house, they found only Miss Suthida's car parked outside but no one at home.

In the early hours of the following morning, Miss Suchada's father went back to the house and noticed a trail of blood

leading to the back of his daughter's car.

On opening the boot of the car with a spare key, he found the body of Miss Suchada.

She had been stabbed multiple times.

Police put out a search request for Mr Frédéric. He was apprehended later that day trying to cross into Myanmar at the immigration check point in Chiang Rai's Mae Sai district.

Relatives of the victim told police that Miss Suchada had met Mr Frédéric in her family's noodle shop where she worked. They had been friends for more than a year.

Mr Frédéric is reportedly a

long-term expatriate who has lived in his house in Mae On District for around 10 years.

Police said Mr Frédéric denies any involvement in Miss Suchada's death. He has yet to be charged with any offence, but police have seized his passport.

Deputy Commander of Chiang Mai Provincial Police Phanudech Bunreuang said police were still interviewing witnesses and waiting on forensic evidence.

If the evidence proves sufficient, they will request an arrest warrant for Mr Frédéric, Col Phanudech said.

Source: Kom Chad Luek/
Thai Rath

Queer News

Drunk driver ducks cops with snooze ruse

BANGKOK: A late-night reveler managed to duck a potential drink driving charge and likely prison sentence, by pretending to be asleep and refusing to get out of his car until morning.

Rangsan Khongsuwit, 42, was stopped at a police checkpoint opposite the Seri Cente in Prawet in the early morning hours of November 13. A young woman was also in the car with him.

Mr Rangsan pleaded with officers not to give him a breathalyzer test. He then drove into the middle of the road, locked the doors and pretended to be asleep.

Officers tried to persuade him to open the doors, but to no avail. Instead, they towed his car to Prawet Police Station with Mr Rangsan still feigning sleep.

A police guard was placed on

the car to stop the suspect fleeing.

Mr Rangsan spent the night drinking water. At 7am, he finally consented to get out of the car and have his breath tested. He passed the test.

Police charged Mr Rangsan with failing to comply with an officer and obstructing traffic.

The charges carried fines of 1,000 baht and 400 baht respectively. After paying the fines, Mr Rangsan was allowed to go home.

Deputy Commander of the Traffic Police Uthaiwan Kaowsaad later told reporters that the officers who stopped Mr Rangsan could have prosecuted him by using witnesses who had seen him drinking, as was done in the days before breathalyzers were used.

Source: Kom Chad Luek/
Khao Sod

Two caught in coral caper

SURAT THANI: Marine Police seized nearly one and a half tonnes of coral on two long-tail boats south of Koh Samui on November 12.

After being tipped off by villagers, a police boat found three men loading sacks of coral onto the two boats, which were moored off Koh Tan.

Spotting police, the men fled into the hills behind the beach.

Police caught two of the men, later identified as 29-year-old Prayong Ranguan and his accomplice Kriangsak Kochakosai, 21. The third man, later identified by his accomplices as 30-year-old Wanchai Ranguan, escaped.

On the two boats police found 49 sacks of coral weighing a total of 1.4 tonnes.

Mr Prayong told police Mr Wanchai was hired to collect coral by a businessman in Don Sak District.

Source: Khao Sod

Charitable Phuketians get groovy

Hair and flair at the PIWC's 20th anniversary fundraiser

The Phuket International Womens Club (PIWC) annual fundraiser last weekend was a smash hit. Partygoers got into the groove with disco dance beats from the 60s, 70s and 80s, dished up live by five-piece Filipino band Rhythm Box Machine.

The psychedelic '20 Years and Still Rocking' theme was a fun-filled departure from the usual penguin suits and ball gowns of previous years and was this year held at Le Meridien Phuket Beach Resort.

PIWC Events Co-ordinator Carol Dux said the enthusiastic participation in the club's 20th anniversary celebration surpassed everyone's expectations.

"A very good time was had by all and many local children will continue to benefit from the generous contributions made to the PIWC's ongoing scholarship program," she said.

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Commence the exercise by slowly turning your body through the hips to the right, holding your hands around the ball.

When you have turned approximately 45 degrees to the left, smoothly roll the ball with the right hand on top and the left hand on the bottom.

Turn the body back to the front, extending the right hand forward and allowing the left hand to roll down.

Next, continue the movement by turning the body through the hips to the left, smoothly rolling the ball until the left hand is on top and the right hand on the bottom.

For the complete exercise, continue turning left and right while smoothly changing the hands.

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Sequence

- Step 1** (Photo 1): Place your feet shoulder-width apart, knees slightly bent, with your hips tucked gently underneath the spine (back straight). Relax your shoulders and hold your head up, keeping your neck relaxed. Place your hands over your *Tan Tien* (solar plexus) and breathe calmly through your nose.
- Step 2** (Photo 2): Keeping your balance centered in your hips, hold your hands loosely around a large imaginary ball at chest level, positioning them in a horizontal line on opposite sides of the ball.
- Step 3** (Photo 3): Next, turn your body through the hips to the right while smoothly rolling the ball over until the right hand rolls on top and the left hand rolls to the bottom.
- Step 4** (Photo 4): Then turn the body through the hips back to the center. Smoothly extend the right hand forward and allow the left hand to roll down.
- Step 5** (Photo 5): Continue to turn the body through the hips to the left while rolling the ball over with the left hand on top and the right hand on the bottom.
- Step 6** (Photo 6): Once the body has turned 45 degrees to the left, begin to turn through the hips back to the center while smoothly extending the left hand and allowing the right hand to roll down.
- Step 7** (Photo 7): Repeat the exercise by turning to the left and right while smoothly changing your hands and rolling the ball. The exercise should be performed as smoothly, softly and as relaxed as possible.
- Step 8** (Photo 8): To complete the exercise, slowly bring the hand to the center of the body then back to the *Tan Tien*. Gather the *Chi* within.

Rick Attix has been practicing Tai Chi for over 25 years with masters from China, Malaysia and the U.S. Rick holds classes three times a week: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8 am at his Kamala Garden residence. A six-day retreat is held the first week of every month. Contact Rick for more info. T: 081-728-9980. E: serenethai@yahoo.com. W: taichiphuket.com.

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A multi-award winning producer and artist, Morales is probably most famous for his 1998 hit single *Needin' U*, which was released under the alias David Morales Presents the Face and brought him to the attention of the public at large.

There was a time when the mention of a top-class international DJ arriving in Phuket to play a set would have caused shock waves of excitement to surge

through Phuket's electronic music aficionados.

However, this year, it has become almost common place to see the likes of Judge Jules, DJ Nakadia, Layo & Bushwaka! and

Louis Vega take their place behind the wheels of steel.

The arrival of yet another DJ means another good night out, but might not be *cause célèbre*.

But then again, David Morales is no ordinary DJ.

The celebrated US DJ and remix artist extraordinaire made his long-awaited Phuket debut at the newly opened Seduction Beach Club on Patong Beach last Friday night.

According to the organizers, David Morales' beach bash – the first of its kind in Phuket – drew a crowd of about 4,000 revelers.

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The American 'superstar DJ' brought his own blend of upbeat US house to Phuket, adding to the ever increasing list of international DJs who have played on the island over the past year, building on their legacy.

Before he took to the decks at the new Seduction beach venue, Morales took the time to talk to the *Gazette's* Daniel Ogunshakin about his career, working alongside the legendary Frankie Knuckles and recovering after his marathon 16-hour sets.



An estimated 4,000 revelers attended David Morales' performance at the newly opened Seduction Beach Club on Patong Beach last Friday.

Unlike many of the DJs who have visited these shores, Morales had previously spent time on the island, although his first visit to Phuket differed immensely from his second:

"I didn't even venture out of the resort. I had a wonderful time relaxing," he said.

Morales was born in New York in the early 1960s and grew up at a time when the Big Apple was a melting pot of popular culture, something that influenced his style of play as he became more involved in the industry.

Despite being of Puerto Rican descent, Morales wasn't enamored with latino music, preferring instead the black music that surrounded him in his home town neighborhood of Brooklyn.

"I was exposed to black music in the '60s, so that was the music that I liked," he said.

"I didn't even like latin music, so I really grew up on black music."

Like so many of his era, Morales grew up listening to the music of some legendary artists, drawing inspiration from their sound, beats, rhythms and energy.

There were so many great artists performing when I was growing up, he said.

"I drew inspiration from guys like the Ojays, James Brown, the Temptations, Gladys Knight and the Pips and many more."

At the age of 26, Morales began to make a name for himself as a DJ in New York thanks to the talent spotting abilities of Larry Levan, himself a major player in the NYC club scene.

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Before long Morales was a popular fixture at The Loft, Paradise Garage and The Sound Factory – all highly influential New York City nightclubs in the late 1980s and early 1990s – before he branched out into Europe performing at London's Ministry of Sound and Pacha in Ibiza among others.

In a career that has spanned three decades, Morales has seen a number of changes within the industry. Although these changes aren't to his liking, he is savvy enough to realize it isn't possible to remain rooted in the past if he wants to remain successful.

"The biggest change has to be the technology and styles of music," he said.

"I'm not crazy about both, but to stay in this business you have to evolve with the times."

During his 23 years in the industry, Morales has carved out a reputation as one of the most prolific and skillful remixers in the world, reworking the music of a number of artists including Michael Jackson, U2, Madonna and Diana Ross.

His abilities as a remix artist drew him to the attention of legendary DJ, producer and remixer, Frankie Knuckles, and the two of them collaborated to form Def Mix Productions.

Working with Knuckles is something many DJs can only dream of and Morales is quick to acknowledge this.

"It's an honor to know him and a privilege to work alongside him," he said.

In 1998, Morales opened Stereo nightclub in Montreal, Canada, serving as the club's resident DJ. It was at this point that he became famous for his marathon 16-hour stints behind the decks.

Given the length of the set, most would assume that a lot of work goes into preparing for such an epic effort, but with Morales, they'd be wrong.

"I never prepare for a set, ever," he said.

One thing is for certain though, they do take their toll.

"How exhausted I am depends on how great the night was," he said. "But usually I need about two days to recover (laughs)."

As we prepare to move into new decade, many people speculate what lies ahead. When asked what the future will hold for him, Morales simply replies: "Only time will tell..."

-Daniel Ogunshakin

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EXPAT GALLERY

Claude de Crissey

Claude de Crissey has been working to improve the quality of hospitality at Patong Beach since he arrived on the island in 1997, from his native France.

He is well known at Phuket's most popular beach as owner of the stunning Royal Phawadee Village and La Boucherie restaurant on Sawatdirak Rd, and of many businesses on Soi San Sabai. He is also CEO of the large and prestigious Andaman Diving Group.

As a foreigner with so many business interests, Claude has had his share of challenges, but, he says, "I am very determined to overcome these problems."

One major problem he overcame was the 2004 tsunami which washed away his entire resort, Crissey Village. Instead of selling, he saw the disaster as an opportunity to build something magnificent. He designed and personally supervised the construction of the Royal Phawadee Village.

"I wanted to rebuild a resort that would be absolutely Thai in design but constructed to an international standard. I designed all aspects of the 34 room resort and built a very strong concrete structure, resistant to seismic activity."

Claude was born in Casablanca, Morocco, where his father was a French farmer growing fruit and flowers. In his

youth, he was sent to live with his aunts in Paris during the independence movement. He later studied law but decided to work in the insurance industry.

He comes from a very distinguished French family and is actually the Comte de Crissey, a title he inherited from his uncle.

"Our family can be studied back a thousand years. One of my grandfathers worked in Vietnam for Eiffel Engineering, building the train between Hanoi and Haiphong, and the other was a submarine commander during the war."

Before arriving in Thailand, Claude spent much of his life working with boats. Sailing is his passion and he worked at shipyards to gain experience in building and repairing yachts. His personal yacht today is a 38 foot cutter, the *Amulet*, built in England in 1891.

Claude is also a trained pilot and hang glider enthusiast.

He spent many years designing and selling custom kitchens in the Bordeaux region of France. He says he enjoyed the creativity involved in designing and selling up-market kitchens.

His life changed when his uncle, the Comte, died in 1995. As the sole male heir in his family, Claude inherited the title and spent two years settling the es-

tate. By 1997, he was free to resume his life and accepted an invitation to visit Thailand.

"I had a car and driver and spent several months exploring virtually the entire country. I ended up at Patong Beach and decided to make Phuket my new home.

I bought a business so I could have a car and a work permit, and then began acquiring properties on Soi San Sabai."

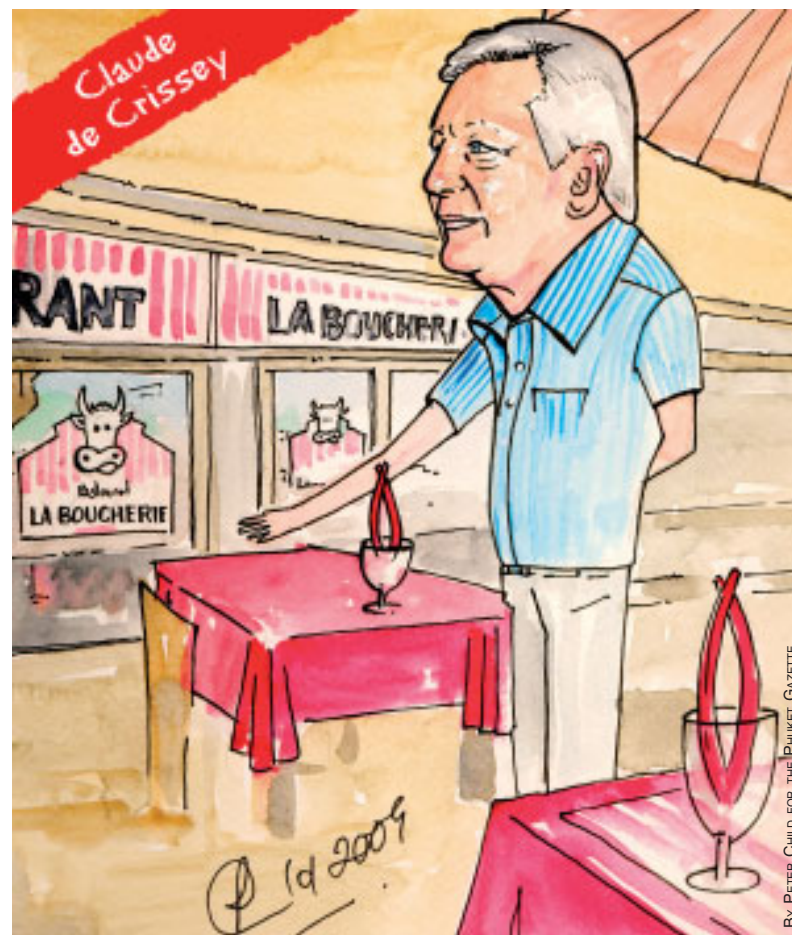
Claude has a PADI certificate and opened Sea World Dive Team, quickly adding All 4 Diving, Aquamaster, the Andaman Diving Group and Mermaid Cruises to his list of interests.

In 1999, he acquired 3.5 rai of land near Patong Beach and built Crissey Village, washed away just five years later.

"My wife was seven months pregnant when the tsunami came. We were fortunate to survive. Sadly, most of the historic papers documenting my family's history were washed away. However, the day after the tsunami I was walking on Kalim Beach and discovered some of them half buried in the sand. With a bit of work I was able to restore them."

Claude works every day with his businesses. In addition, he is active as Vice President of the Tourist Police Volunteers; in the Lions Club Patong Beach; and in Le Chaîne de Rôtisseurs.

"I have been very lucky. After every problem, I have had a good chance with a brand new opportunity." — Bruce Stanley



BY PETER CHILD FOR THE PHUKET GAZETTE

ABOUT EXPAT GALLERY

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

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ROYALE GATHERING: Celebrated architect and entrepreneur ML Tri Devakul (left) is presented with flowers from guests at the grand launching of the Royale Wing Suites at Mom Tri's Villa Royale on November 7.



BABA GANGSTAS: Sri Panwa executives and residence owners are looking 'Sweet, Sexy and Spicy' at a 'Gangster's Paradise' party held at the luxury resort's Baba Lounge for Halloween. Pictured are: Songkran Issara (center), Managing Director of Charn Issara Development Public Co Ltd; his son Vorasit Issara (far right), Managing Director of Sri Panwa; residence owners Derk Sauer (blue shirt) and Ellen Veerbeek (right of Mr Songkran).



DEADLY DUO: Bangkok-based DJ and monthly Stereo Lab resident DJ Octo (left) takes center stage with DJ JSone at the Surin Beach Bar and Club on November 14. JSone headlined along with Roots crew's Rahzel and the two treated revelers to some world-class scratching, emceeing and beat box.



PAINTING THE TOWN RED: Absolute World Group executives at a 'Bangla Rouge Night' party last weekend, held at the Bangla Suites' rooftop nightspot Climax Poolside Dining and Music Lounge. Pictured are (from left): Managing Director – Thailand Andrew Parker and his wife Trudy; Chairman Bryan Lunt; and Financial Controller Malinee Srisaikaew.



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

This 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.

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November 21. Phuket Yacht Club's 40th Birthday Celebrations

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

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

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.
– November 27: Ao Chalong Yacht Club. From 7pm to 9pm at Ao Chalong Yacht Club. For further information contact Robin Gillow. T: 081-797 1421. E: robinzart@gmail.com.

November 27 - 28.

Seventh Phuket International Soccer 7s

The one and only Phuket Soccer 7s will celebrate its seventh anniversary this year. This tournament has developed into one of the largest sevens tournaments in Asia. Organizers expect up to 50 teams taking part in three categories: open men, masters (over-35s), and women (last year's participants will be given preference). 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 28 - December 5.

WET & WILD exhibition – Kata

The Wet & Wild exhibition of original art by Robin Gillow at Kata Beach Resort.
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December 6. Laguna Phuket Triathlon 2009

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Many expats, especially retirees dependent on overseas income, are discovering that the strong Thai baht is eroding their income and worsening their standard of living here.

Thai leaders have been warned that the strong baht will damage the tourist industry and generally hurt the Thai economy.

Thailand, like many others, has felt the chill of economic

winds sweeping across the world over the past two years, but should resume a trend of economic growth in 2010.

Despite 2009 being a year of recession, Thailand's foreign exchange reserves rose from US\$110 billion to around US\$136 billion between January and late October.

However, Thailand is not trying to encourage a strong currency, government policy is simply to keep the baht in line with other regional currencies.

The easiest way to gauge this policy's effectiveness is to measure the baht against the Malaysian ringgit, which is about 10 baht to one ringgit, and remains almost constant. The policy is working.

However, currency levels break down with China's exchange rate.

China has the world's largest foreign exchange reserves (over US\$2 trillion), but has unofficially pegged its currency to the US dollar.

The US currency has fallen steeply against most other world currencies and, in theory, this should have positive effects on the US economy.

A weak US dollar – or any currency for that matter – encourages exports by being highly competitive and discourages imports as they become increasingly expensive.

China is simply looking after its own national interests but it has a problem. Because it is a dictatorship, it is generally accepted that as long as the economy is booming, the population will remain fairly quiet.

A booming economy or just robust growth in Chinese terms is accepted to mean a minimum eight percent annual growth. The global financial crisis meant China's economic growth fell well short of eight percent as export volumes declined significantly.

China has relied on the world accepting their exports and when this became problematic, alternatives had to be sought, so it is now focusing on domestic consumption to keep the economy on track.

The Chinese consumer is well known for having extremely high savings levels; around 30 percent of total income.

One of the reasons for this has been the need to have capital to cover ill health and old age. In



STIMULATING SHOPPERS: A lingerie show at a shopping mall in China. Women have become a major driving force behind China's economic growth. Retail sales rose 15% in the first half of 2009, driven in large part by women under the age of 35, buoyed by China's 586 billion USD stimulus package and a stock market that has risen around 80 percent since January. Photo: AFP

an attempt to loosen consumers' purse strings, the Chinese government is introducing social security.

The Chinese government has also provided a US\$686 billion stimulus package accompanied by a directive to banks to lend money to compensate for the slowdown in exports.

When governments in the democratic world encourage banks to lend money there is little compliance, unless it happens to coincide with bank policies but in China, government policy is altogether a different story. Only a brave but rash banker would ignore the call.

Chinese bank loan books rose substantially in the first half of 2009 and it was only in August when the government told the banks to rein in lending to a degree.

This has allowed the Chinese economy to return to its required eight percent growth path, but few doubt there will be adverse consequences for the banks in the form of bad debt due to excess lending to often unworthy borrowers.

Had China allowed its currency to float freely, its enormous trade and current account surpluses would have led to substantial currency appreciation. It is likely that against the US dollar, this would have amounted to at least 30 percent.

From China's perspective, this would have led to even lower

export volumes and potential domestic unrest.

The world has been very patient with China and its currency policy, but cracks are beginning to show.

Much of the patience to date was caused by multiple factors, including a realization of China's difficult economic and political act.

In addition, China promises to be a giant market for many countries, not just for exports, but for direct investment into China's booming car market, banking and insurance and many other industries and service sectors.

However, as the situation continues and economic groups such as the European Union find they are playing on a field that is anything but level, protectionist measures are becoming more evident.

The EU can accept a weak US dollar simply as it is unavoidable because of the current state of the US economy.

China, however, is an entirely different matter. The Chinese currency is level pegging with the dollar purely on an artificial basis.

There is a very real danger of protectionist policies becoming more pronounced.

This in turn can lead to a trade war, probably the greatest economic threat the world currently faces. Trade wars have no victors; all national participants emerge as losers.



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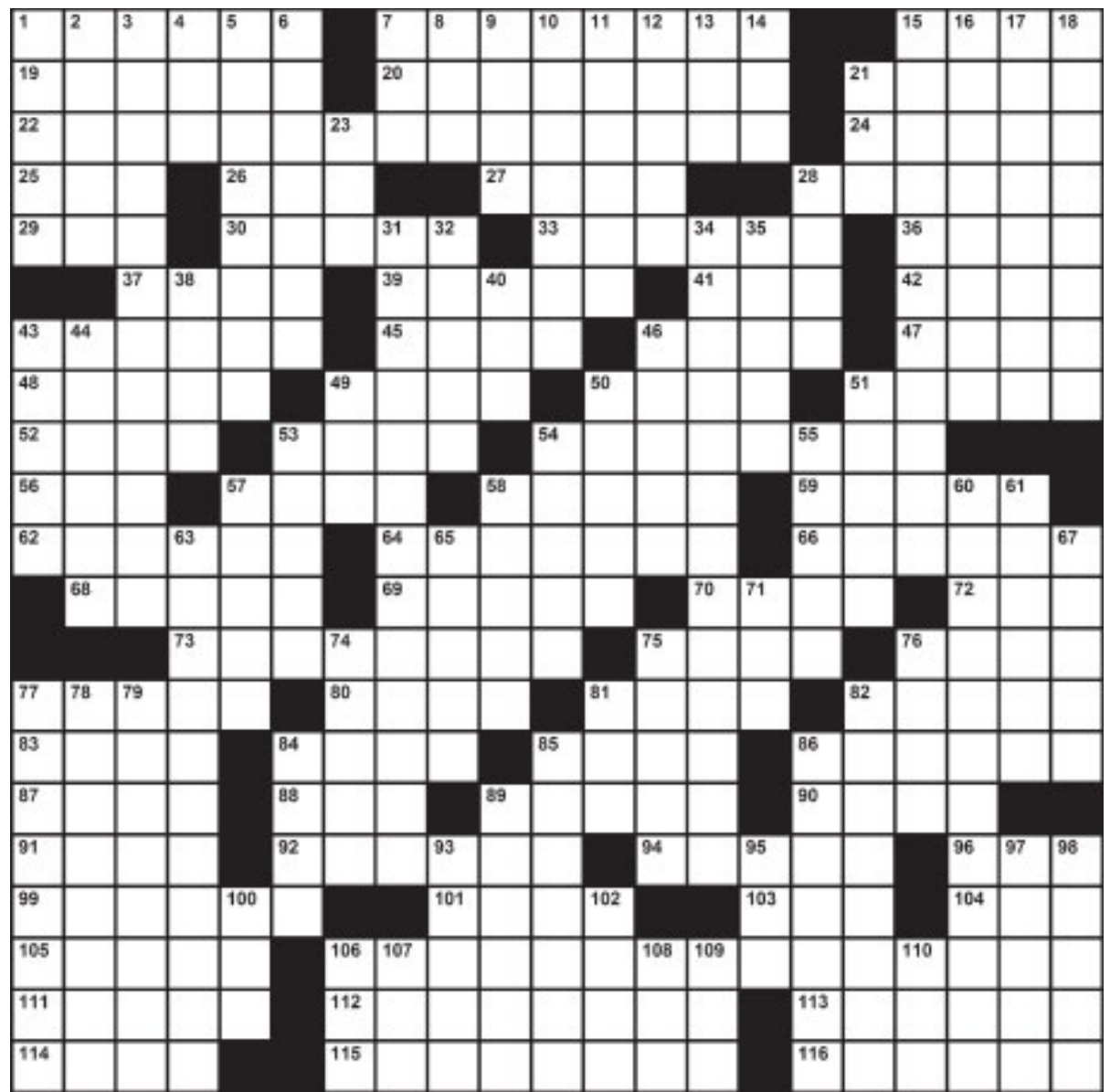
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Can you find the ten differences between the two cartoons below? And can you find them faster than the rest of the family?



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- 1 Some poems
- 7 Not utilized
- 15 What a dabble makes
- 19 Ceremonial procession
- 20 Constituent of steel
- 21 Commit a no-no with a party chip
- 22 It's meant to grab readers
- 24 Watts of "21 Grams"
- 25 What a fall guy takes
- 26 Despite, in poems
- 27 Garden hose crimp
- 28 Noble partner?
- 29 Word in a sequel title, often
- 30 Alex Haley bestseller
- 33 Heavy, filling food
- 36 "What did I just get myself ___?"
- 37 Tea leaves reader
- 39 Not default on, as a loan
- 41 Suffix with "rocket" or "racket"
- 42 Black-sock wearer in gym, perhaps
- 43 Buddhist nonviolent doctrine
- 45 Strike while this is hot
- 46 In ___ (befuddled)
- 47 Choral singer's club
- 48 Yoga position
- 49 ___ pas (error)
- 50 Trucker with a band?
- 51 "Glengarry Glen Ross" profession
- 52 Daily Planet first name
- 53 Like the eye of a hurricane
- 54 China's most populous city
- 56 "And now, without further ___ ..."

- 57 Chesapeake Bay catch
- 58 Houdini's real last name
- 59 "Giant" of pro wrestling
- 62 Big cheese (with "head")
- 64 Long Island college
- 66 Feel indignant toward
- 68 Actor Milo
- 69 Acts like a couch potato
- 70 Avoid an obstacle, in a way
- 72 Goal for many, on a golf course
- 73 Place for aspiring painters
- 75 Put on a happy face
- 76 "Arrivederci ___"
- 77 Olympic gymnast
- 80 Snack
- 81 Tuna-and-cheese sandwich
- 82 Administered medicine
- 83 Designer Cassini
- 84 Arabian nights total?
- 85 '50s audiophile's purchase
- 86 "As good as gold," e.g.
- 87 "___ Only Just Begun"
- 88 Everest or Sinai (Abbr.)
- 89 Hazardous gas
- 90 Verbal elbow?
- 91 Opposite of sans
- 92 What nudniks do
- 94 Determine, as a solution
- 96 Little Giant Mel
- 99 Former West-Coast NFLers
- 101 Problem that breaks out?
- 103 Roaring Twenties, e.g.
- 104 Regret
- 105 Back in the Navy
- 106 Businessmen can

- be vested in them
- 111 Japanese form of fencing
- 112 It shows the direction of a breeze
- 113 Main or Easy
- 114 Suffixes for believers
- 115 Auditor's focus
- 116 Present, past and future

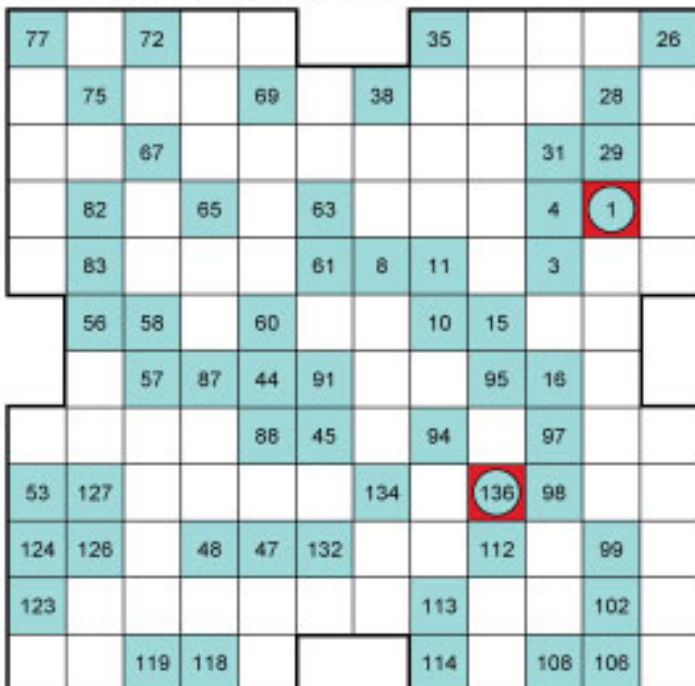
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- 2 Oblong yellowish fruit
- 3 Despite, for, at and others
- 4 Linked-computers acronym
- 5 No-no job title at Ms., presumably?
- 6 Portuguese lady
- 7 Alternative to FedEx
- 8 Maiden-name indicator
- 9 Armored vehicle
- 10 Craftsperson
- 11 More than enough
- 12 Left-winger of years past
- 13 Catchall abbr.
- 14 Poor grade
- 15 Some sound amplifiers
- 16 "Rosie Live" host
- 17 Citrus source
- 18 TV serial segments
- 21 Messenger molecule
- 23 Excessive sentimentality
- 28 Floating ice mountain
- 31 Courtroom decoration?
- 32 Syringe contents, sometimes
- 34 Group in front of Ray Lewis
- 35 Conductor Solti
- 38 Birds in the outback
- 40 Plague's cousin
- 43 Imam's deity
- 44 Bad luck
- 46 Bring shame to
- 49 Plane-regulating grp.
- 50 Erik Estrada series
- 51 Not as mad?
- 53 Southern Slav
- 54 Exchanges for money
- 55 Male seal's bevy
- 57 Oteri of "Saturday Night Live"
- 58 Like Catherine Zeta-Jones or Tom Jones
- 60 Storage facilities
- 61 Bicuspid coating
- 63 Commonly-used plastic
- 65 "___ say, not ___"
- 67 Carpentry or masonry, e.g.
- 71 "I could ___ a horse!"
- 74 Ten sawbucks
- 75 Make less visible
- 76 CD-___
- 77 Stanley in "A Streetcar Named Desire"
- 78 Promotes
- 79 Deeply respectful
- 81 Prefix with "life" or "wife"
- 82 Aversion
- 84 Baby sitter's bane
- 85 It will hold your horses
- 86 Most scanty
- 89 A hairline can do it
- 93 Mountain lakes
- 95 Old-time gumshoe
- 97 Alexander the Great, to Aristotle
- 98 Assays
- 100 Alphabet string
- 102 Long narrative poem
- 106 Airline associated with Howard Hughes
- 107 "To each ___ own"
- 108 "PUSH FOR ___"
- 109 ___ out (barely make)
- 110 "Ode on a Grecian ___"

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Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

A few years ago I read a book by an American who cycled around Australia. When he reached Cooktown in the far north, he stepped into a pub in the middle of a savage uproar; beer cans flying, sandwiches hurled at the television.

This was, in fact, the middle class bar. The really bad one, down the block, was for the 'ferals' – hippies who lived off the land and smoked a lot of homegrown dope.

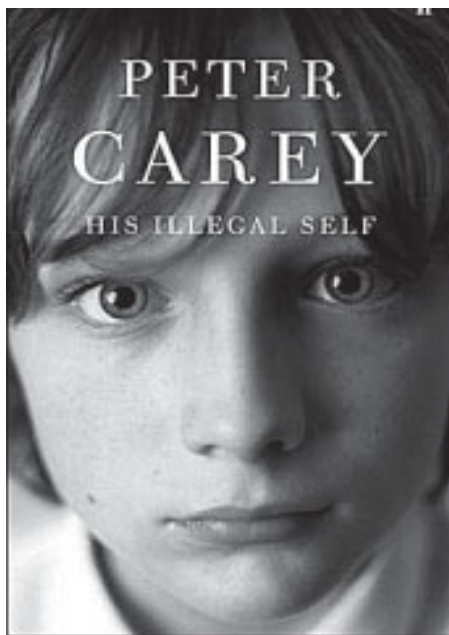
Peter Carey takes us into the heart of the Queensland feral community and a better guide cannot be found.

An Australian now living in New York, Carey is a two-time winner of the Booker Prize for *Oscar and Lucinda* and *True History of the Kelly Gang*, and he tackles his hippie tale with gusto in his tenth novel, *His*

Illegal Self (Faber & Faber, London, 2008, 272pp).

The year is 1972 and eight-year-old Che Selkirk is under the protection of his rich grandmother on the Upper East Side of Manhattan.

He has never seen his parents who are young radicals on the run from the FBI. So protective is the grandmother, Che is forbidden to watch television lest he see news of his fugitive parents. Then into his life comes Dial who whisks him off on the subway to the Port Authority bus station and thence to Philadelphia, California, Seattle and Sydney, Australia. Che



believes that Dial is his mother and he yearns to meet his father.

The story is told from two perspectives: Che's and Dial's.

From the trusting Che's point of view, the narrative switches to Dial's and we learn that she is not Susan Selkirk, Che's mother.

She is a brilliant academic, accepted for a teaching position at Vassar, who had been a college friend of Susan and former nursemaid for Che.

Doing a favor for Susan, she arrives in Philadelphia only to be informed by a phone call that Susan

has died in an explosion of one of her own bombs.

Soon enough, passed hand

to hand by 'The Movement', Dial and Che are in feral territory, hitchhiking in the outback of Queensland where they're picked up by two dope-smoking hippies, Trevor and Rabbitoh.

They drive into the bush and then stop. As the atmosphere turns sinister, Carey depicts the boy's feelings with uncanny accuracy.

After the boy says, "I think you should take us to town":

"That made a big hole of silence in the car. The boy waited with his heart banging in his ears. Then the engine started and Dial squeezed his hand real hard. The car scraped back out into the road.

"In a short time they got to the little township of Yandina where nothing lived but violent dark. Leaves and branches everywhere, the street looked skinned, rippling like melted tin."

The boy is happy enough in Dial's company. They watch television in motel rooms, play cards and read books together.

Che adopts a kitten and names it 'Buck' after the hero of *Call of the Wild*. Buck becomes an item of contention among the

hippie community since cats kill the native bird-life.

"The pussycat was drunk with heat, passed out in his malodorous cardigan pocket, paying no attention to the 10 people, just a few feet away, who were trying to agree on the correct way to hold hands and make a circle.

"That number included two of America's most wanted and eight Australian hippies.

"The hippies wore khaki shorts, Kmart shirts at \$2.95 or \$4.25, Kuta Beach sarongs, overalls, Indian pajamas from a head shop in Caloundra.

"They all sat cross-legged in what was called the Crystal Community Hall although it was no more than a warped and buckled floor, held up on ten-foot-high bloodwood stumps, both a folly and a sacrifice offered to the Queensland rain and sun."

Out of such unpromising material, Dial and Che begin to make a life for themselves, in partnership with the accommodating Trevor.

What seems to be an inevitable end, the return of Che to New York, is detoured by a final, desperate, heroic act of love. This novel is a triumph of good people moving beyond themselves.

Horoscopes



Isla Star

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): Sagittarians should make their limits clear this week or face the likelihood of others trying to bask in their glory. Those celebrating a birthday during the week ahead will find that money flows more easily towards them in the coming year. A romantic commitment is indicated to bring happiness early in the New Year.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): This is an auspicious week for Capricorns to focus on whether their coconut is half full or half empty. Choosing a positive frame of mind to end November in will lead to a carefree time during the holiday season. An encounter with Pisces this weekend gives food for romantic thought.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Aquarians anxious to reach an agreement in a real estate deal should take care that they are not palmed off with an inferior offer. It appears that an earth sign may be smarter than you gave them credit for. A Taurean love potential will return your interest in their own time. The number eight can bring some good luck late next week.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Those born under the sign of Pisces who feel caught between a rock and a hard place see a way to wriggle out of this situation. Your instincts are sharp during the last week of November and there will be enough opportunities to put this advantage to good use. Where romance is concerned, your secret crush will not be safe if you spill the beans to a fire sign friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): The sun won't shine on your attempts to find new employment until next month. Arians are advised not to react too quickly when a colleague tries to point them in a different direction as an ulterior motive is highlighted. The astral atmosphere is forecast to be generally more supportive in December. The number seven can be lucky this weekend.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): Good-natured Taureans could be taken for granted this week. The stars suggest that you should avoid becoming too involved in others' real estate business. Your luck in love improves, but those still regretting a broken relationship are advised to work harder on finding closure. Wear the color mango to encourage a more realistic outlook.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Cloudy vision hampers your insight during the last days of November. Geminis who are finding it difficult to make important decisions are advised to maintain a low profile this week. The stars predict your energy will be refreshed once December begins. Sunday is the best day for pursuing a romantic interest with Aries.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): Cancerians who have suspected their partner has a hidden agenda will be relieved to discover what is going on this week. Common goals are highlighted to strengthen a relationship, but more honesty should also be encouraged. The completion of a business agreement leaves you free to plan a trip in December.

LEO (July 24-August 22): Leos should focus on eliminating negative thoughts to create space for new ideas. An uncomfortable experience earlier in November will not be repeated and a useful lesson can be taken on board. Those who are single begin to see that a casual relationship is not what another fire sign has in mind. The number four is lucky late next week.

VIRGO (August 23-September 23): Virgoans' natural inclination to spend too much time alone needs to be addressed as living in

a bubble could mean you lose out on a business deal. Social contacts are highlighted to be the key to progress this week. The astral atmosphere will encourage you to take more chances in romance – love is in the air on Saturday.

LIBRA (September 24-October 23): A trying week at work could leave Librans feeling blue. Seek out amusing company as laughter will be your best medicine this weekend. A down to earth Capricorn friend can help you see how to put a more positive spin on your

employment situation. Romance should be treated in a light-hearted way – don't expect too much support from a new partner.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): Scorpios are reminded that slow progress is better than no progress. During the last week of November, you will probably be frustrated by what seem to be an unreasonable amount of barriers preventing you from moving forward. Those who are single find the path of true love leads them towards another water sign.

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A positive step at last

In a show of public-private sector co-operation, Phuket's major retailers are working with the government to institute a nominal fee for shoppers who carry off their purchases in plastic bags [see News pages].

The first of its kind in Thailand, the initiative is a sensible and long overdue attempt to deal with Phuket's waste management crisis.

With each passing day, approximately 300 tonnes of additional waste – about 20 percent of it plastic – piles up at the landfill around the incinerator at Saphan Hin.

Phuket sells itself as a tropical paradise of sea, sun and sand, but long-suffering residents of nearby Ban Saphan Hin community would be quick to add a fourth 's' to the list – stench.

Also affected are nearby schools and government offices, not to mention the island's largest and most popular public park. That we truck waste from all over the island through Phuket Town and pile it up there turns the concept of 'nimby' (not in my back yard) on its head.

A new incinerator being built nearby is scheduled to go on-line next year, but there is no time to spare in reducing the amount of waste we needlessly produce.

Significantly reducing the amount of plastic we use won't be easy, even with a small financial incentive. For a start, our society seems more dependent on plastic packaging than most others on this planet we share.

Getting mom-and-pop shops, takeaway restaurants and even wet market vendors involved is necessary.

A single takeaway meal for four typically comes with about 20 plastic bags, many of them filled with small amounts of condiments that most of us already have at home.

Many of these are thrown away unopened. The only other common alternative available at most takeaways is even more unpalatable: foam boxes lined with, you guessed it, plastic.

More environmentally-friendly food packaging alternatives are needed, such as those made of biodegradable bagasse or traditional banana leaf.

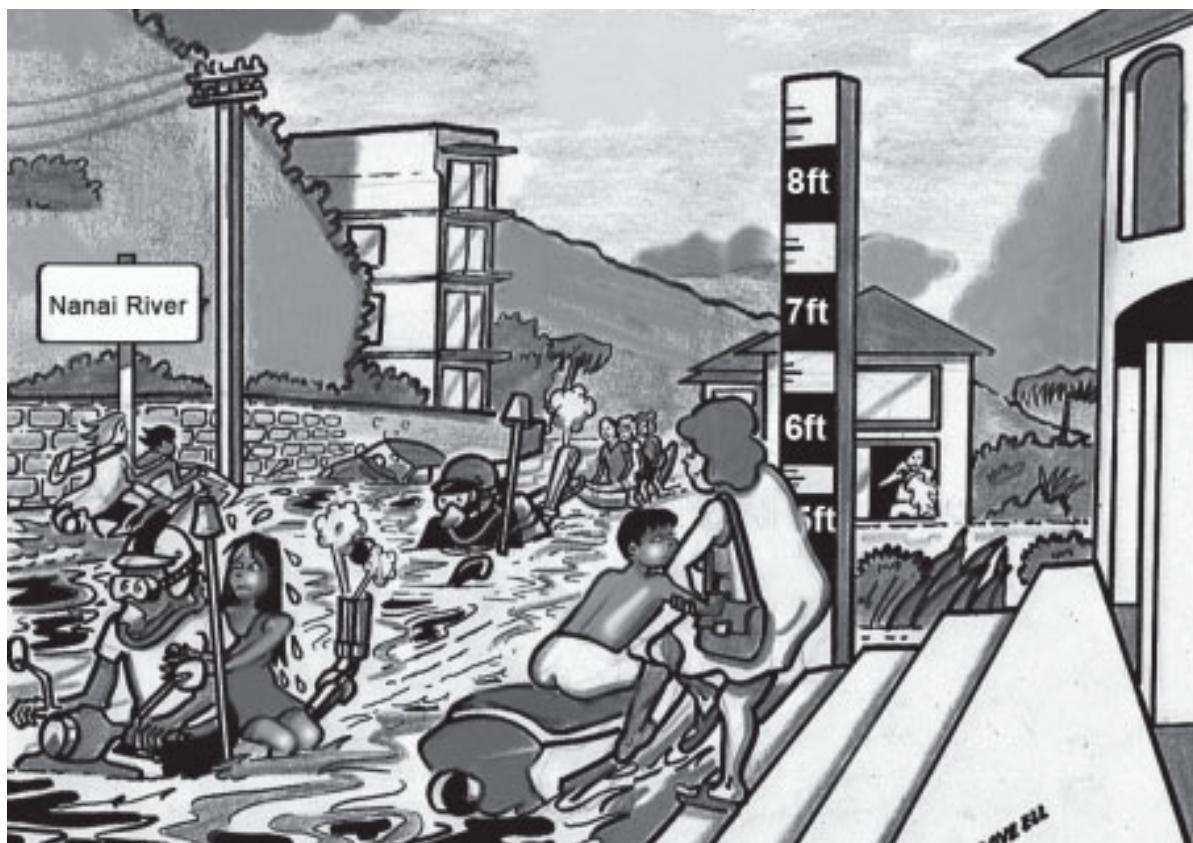
If people are forced to pay for all these plastic bags there is a good chance customers will show up with a *pinto* (stacked stainless-steel containers) or some other type of reusable container.

With the island's major retailers showing some responsibility, let's hope they can also be convinced to stop the very wasteful practice of door-to-door distribution of multi-page advertising materials on the island.

Another major contributor to the waste stream, the majority of these get carted away unread, right next to all the uneaten food.

Why not save on the production and distribution costs, pass the savings on to consumers and help keep the island clean?

-Stephen Michael Fein



Letters

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

Bike crimes

Based on personal experiences, the experiences of friends and reading the news, it would seem these incidences of thefts by motorbike riders are quite common (*Gazette Online*, November 16) and a worrying thing for Phuket.

Last February, my friend was riding up the hill from Patong towards Kathu on his bicycle when a motorbike pulled up and grabbed his wallet and camera out of the pocket of his bicycle jersey.

My own Yamaha Nuovo motorbike saddle was broken into three times last high season and I had valuables stolen from inside each time.

Given all the troubles the island has seen, the last thing we need going into high season are more tourists being ripped off and robbed, and returning home with tales of woe.

**Richard Hill
Kathu**

Travel smart

It is a shame that so many travelers are naive about the amount of cash they freely carry with them when they are out and about (*Gazette Online*, November 16).

There seems to be a large number of sad stories being reported on daily basis, where people are losing their hard-earned holiday cash.

In this day and age, travelers should be made aware that debit cards and travelers cheques are the best way to look after their funds.

I have been coming to Phuket every year for the past decade and I make sure that I only ever carry up to 1,500 baht

when I'm out and I don't carry a wallet.

Everything else is safely tucked away in my hotel's safety deposit box.

The reason I responded to this article is simply as a form of support for Phuket and travel in general.

The message to travelers should be, "If you don't carry large sums of cash around, you won't be robbed."

**John Wagenvoort
Melbourne, Australia**

Flood issues

If what the director of Patong municipality is stating is correct with regard to the blocking of the drains on private land (*Gazette online*, November 17), do the municipality have an alternative solution to fix the problem?

And if so, what is the time frame?

This situation simply cannot be allowed to continue as it is.

**Christian Nygaard Sørensen
Patong**

Use biodegradable

It is good to know that something is being done to reduce the amount of plastic bags (*Gazette Online*, November 17), but I would like to point out that one small supermarket – Marina Deli in Royal Phuket Marina – is way ahead of the game when it comes to waste management and the topic of plastic shopping bags.

Since it opened in November last year, the shop has only ever used biodegradable shopping bags.

They cost the shop a little more to purchase, but the owners have taken it upon themselves to do their bit for

Phuket's waste problem.

Is this not something that all the big retailers should be doing?

Having customers pay for bags will cut down the amount of rubbish. People will re-use their bags many times, requiring fewer to be manufactured, but ultimately they will still be discarded.

Biodegradable bags will place no burden on the island's waste disposable problems and are therefore surely a better option.

**Simon Worrall
Phuket**

Reef protection

It was encouraging to read about the success of the artificial reef project sunk off Karon Beach earlier this week (*Gazette Online*, November 17).

The coral reefs around Phuket are in dire need of preservation from aggressive fishing and it seems that some forward thinking officials are looking to help marine conservation.

While I am not a fan of commercial fishing, I understand that people are required to make a living and perhaps this can allow people to fish sustainably.

In a previous First Person, (*Phuket Gazette*, September 12) TDA CEO Rainer Gottwald touched on the idea of using artificial reefs in the waters off every beach in Phuket to preserve the natural ones.

On the evidence of the performance of the one in Karon, these clearly work, but we must ensure that fishing is limited so fishermen aren't forced to return to the natural reefs once the artificial ones have been exhausted.

**Ric Owen
Bang Tao**

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Helping tourists in trouble



FIRST PERSON

As a Thai English teacher with over 20 years' experience teaching in Phuket, 'Alex' is good at helping foreigners master the Thai language. He's also a bail bondsman and legal consultant, proficient at the even trickier business of assisting foreigners if they have a run-in with the law. As we head into a new high season, bringing increased numbers of tourists, many people wonder who might be the next Simon Burrowes or Annice Smoel. In this week's First Person, Alex talks about his role, how he helps foreigners when they are in trouble and what to do and not to do should you find yourself accused of a crime and arrested. Due to the nature of his work, Alex's true identity has been concealed.

I am often contacted when foreigners are arrested. Depending on how serious the case is, I can try and help them by negotiating with the police on their behalf.

If the evidence against them is very strong, it is more difficult to help, but if for instance, they are involved in an accident and there is some doubt over who is at fault, I can deal with the police for them.

If, however, someone is caught in possession of drugs, there is a limit to what I can do to help that person.

I must stress that it is never a good idea to try and bribe a policeman if you are arrested.

You have no idea what is going through the policeman's mind at the time and the police could get very angry if they think you are insulting them.

What's more, attempting to bribe a policeman is a serious crime in Thailand; you could end up on the receiving end of a five-to-ten-year prison sentence.

Sometimes people don't trust the police or they have difficulty communicating with them, so it is much easier if an accused knows a Thai person

they trust to translate for them.

My job is to ensure that the accused fully understands the charges against them. Everyone has the right to a lawyer or a person they trust present to translate for them.

If someone has been arrested, I can also help by communicating with their friends and family, explaining the details of the case and how they can help.

I also act as a bail bondsman. If a person doesn't want to stay in prison while they are awaiting trial, they have to post bail.

Bail is a guarantee that the accused will not attempt to run away before they face trial. It can either be cash or land, but in the case of a foreigner, it will normally be cash because a Thai person is unlikely to risk guaranteeing a Chanote title deed for them.

If the accused does run away, the court will keep the cash or seize the land. The bail bondsman will also be punished but this has never happened to me.

I remember a particular case over twenty years ago which happened soon after I moved to Phuket.

A young British man here on holiday was found unconscious in his room in Patong by the hotel bell boy.

They took him to the hospital but the hospital staff could not work out what the problem was.

Eventually, they found a small packet containing white powder in his pocket. Unfortunately for him, a policeman was standing nearby and the doctor asked the policeman if he could identify the powder.

The policeman recognized it as heroin and placed the patient under arrest.

When he woke up a day and a half later, the patient was taken straight to prison. He phoned a lawyer, the lawyer phoned me and we were able to bail him out the following day, but he was still facing serious charges and was very upset.

He had to wait two months for the case to go to court and he was facing up to three years in prison.

It turned out that the British tourist thought he had bought cocaine, because in the UK cocaine is white and heroin is brown, whereas in Thailand coc-



DOUBLE TROUBLE: Simon Burrowes and Annice Smoel found themselves in trouble with the law. Someone like Alex can help in situations like theirs.

aine is brown and heroin is white.

He pleaded guilty and the judge took pity on him. Because of his total lack of understanding of what he was in possession of, the judge could see that he was not a drug dealer or an experienced drug user.

He was fined 30,000 baht and told to leave the Kingdom within 48 hours.

My advice to people would be not to break the law in the

first place. However, if you do end up getting arrested, it is essential that you remain calm, as losing your temper with the police is never a good idea.

If you are arrested, it is imperative that you find someone suitable to represent you. It could make all the difference to the outcome.

People in need of a legal consultant contact Alex by phone on 084-543 7320.

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Why wasn't my friend's bank account accepted when applying for a visa?

In a previous issue of the *Gazette*, a response to a question in this section relating to appropriate bank accounts for a retirement visa application stated the following:

"The rules are as flexible and friendly as possible.

"You can produce any number of different bank books to show that you have funds totaling 800,000 baht or more.

"The accounts can be either regular deposit or fixed-term deposit accounts.

"Current accounts and bonds of any description, however, cannot be used for the application."

Can you tell me when this policy was changed and why a friend of mine who had his 800,000 baht in a fixed-term deposit account was recently told at the Phuket Immigration Office that this was not acceptable?

Kerry Stevens
Patong

Pol Capt Rassarin Teerapattanakul, Sub-Inspector at Phuket Immigration, replies:

Are you certain your friend had his money in a fixed-term account?

We will accept the balance in any regular deposit account,

fixed-term deposit account or savings account.

If it was in any of the above, we would have accepted it.

If it was in a fund account then we are unable to accept it to process his visa.

Please ask your friend to check his account type carefully, as he will be required to change it in order to receive his retirement visa.

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Must I pay to walk on Paradise Beach?

I recently went for a walk on Paradise Beach but a guy there told me I had to pay 100 baht to walk on the beach. He then told me that I would have to leave if I wouldn't pay the fee. What is the situation?

Richard Walker
Chalong

Mr Baramee, Patong Municipality officer, replies:

Paradise Beach remains a free beach, unlike some others on the island.

For more information you can contact Patong Municipality. Address: 12/3 Ratpatanusorn Road, Patong, Kathu. T: 076-344275, 076-344255. Or visit patongcity.go.th/index.php.

Junior league to expand in 2010

Following the success of the 2009 Phuket Fair Play League, plans are under way to expand the league in 2010.

Organizers hope to establish two leagues: under-13s and under-15s, and include children from schools across the island.

Up until recently the development of children's sport in Phuket has been slightly stagnant.

Hampered by a lack of facilities and an absence of communication and co-operation between the relevant stakeholders, little progress has been made at grassroots level.

But there are signs that a new era is dawning following the opening of the Phuket International Academy (PIA) with its world-class sporting facilities, the growth of youth rugby and the recently announced expansion of the Phuket Fair Play League.

In previous years, the competition has been run as an informal league by the British International School (BIS) and the Youth Football Home (YFH).

Originally set up to allow boys from both institutions to play together, the league will open its doors to boys from all over Phuket in 2010.

In keeping with league tradition, teams will once again

be decided by ballot and players randomly assigned to teams.

Boys from different schools and backgrounds will be playing together and organizers hope that new friendships will be formed, transcending lingual and cultural barriers.

The league is not just a social experiment; it is an opportunity for boys in Phuket to play competitive football every weekend.

Besides the YFH and BIS, the Quality School International, PIA and Headstart have already confirmed their participation. Negotiations are also underway with a number of bilingual and Thai language schools.

Hannu Tuukkanen of the Youth Football Home and one of the founders of the league is excited by the prospect of an expanded competition.

"Last year's league was a fantastic success and we had some really positive feedback from everyone," he said.

"It's been a great opportunity for the boys from YFH to learn some English and make some new friends.

"I hope by extending entry to schools across Phuket we can help more children get the chance to play competitive football and make some new friends at the same time," he added.



Action from this year's Phuket Fair Play League. Originally set up to allow boys from BIS and the YFH to play together, the league will open its doors to boys from all over Phuket in 2010.

Organizers hope that 220 boys will sign up for the leagues.

Matches are scheduled to take place at BIS every Sunday from January onwards.

There will be a selection day at BIS on November 28 at 9.30am. Anyone who is unavailable on this date can attend a second selection day at PIA on December 12 at 2pm.

These days will be used to gauge the level of interest in the league and allocate children to their teams.

To be eligible for the under-13s league, children must have been born no earlier than 1997 and no later than 1999, and for the under-15s league all players must have been born between 1994 and 1997.

By signing up, children will be making a commitment to try their utmost to be available every Sunday throughout the season. The league is also seeking adults to help coach the teams.

For further information contact Hannu Tuukkanen. T: 083-644 7915.

E: hannu.yfhphuket@hotmail.com. -James Goyder



Competitors young and old get underway at the eighth annual QSI Fun Run at Bangwad Dam on November 14.

The not-for-profit school organized the race to raise funds for an all-weather playing surface at the school.

The Fun Run was sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette* and PGTV.

Phuket teen wins world title

Phuket badminton star Maneepong Jongjit (back right), 18, helped to secure Thailand's first ever gold medal at the Yonex-Sunrise BWF World Junior Championship in Malaysia earlier this month, winning the mixed doubles title with partner Rodjana Chuthabunditkul.

Maneepong and Rodjana overcame Indonesian duo Angga Pratama and Destiara Haris Della by two sets to one (21-19, 14-21, 21-17) in 38 minutes to secure their place in Thai badminton history.

Ratchanok Intanon, 14, completed a golden week for the Land of Smiles when she overcame compatriot Porntip Buranaprasertsuk 21-15, 21-23, 21-10 in the final of the girls' singles, becoming the youngest ever World Junior Champion.

Maneepong and Rodjana went into the final full of confidence on the back of an impressive straight sets win over second seeds Liu Peixuan and Xia Huan of China.

The Thai duo took a close first set before losing the second by seven points, handing the momentum to their opponents.

Despite the setback, Maneepong and Rodjana rallied and managed to sneak ahead at the end of the match to secure a historic victory.

After returning to Phuket, Maneepong told the *Gazette* that he was proud to have brought success to Thailand and Thai badminton.

"I am glad and very proud that Rodjana and I won this trophy for Thailand," he said. He added that it was the first badminton trophy Thailand has ever won at international level. "I want to say thank you to my parents for encouraging me and to Sutthipong Tanponngjareon who always supports me."

Maneepong has been playing badminton for 11 years, starting out when he was just seven years old. With his first global title under his belt, Maneepong now has ambitions to bring further success to Thailand in the future.

"I hope to be able to represent Thailand at the Olympic Games in future," he said.

"I will try my hardest to win gold and bring more success to my country."

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Phuket to make big changes for 2010

Some of the best foreign football players on the island turned out for a trial hosted by Phuket FC at Ao Makham last Saturday.

Seven players arrived at the FIFA Tsunami Memorial Center hoping to win a coveted place in the Phuket FC squad for the forthcoming season.

Of the seven, all but one had turned up in response to an appeal launched by the *Gazette online* the previous week.

The willingness to accommodate the best foreign players living in Phuket in the squad, combined with the expected announcement that a manager with international coaching experience is set to take the reins next season, should signal exciting times at Surakul in 2010.

With a few months until the new season Phuket FC fans can expect big changes in both playing personnel and coaching staff.

All of the African players who appeared in the second half of the season are gone and club organizers are in the process of building a side capable of challenging for promotion after last year's disappointing campaign.

Sources within Phuket FC have given assurances that the club is going to be run more professionally with salaries for the players and regular coaching sessions at the FIFA pitch in Ao Makham.

One player Sea Dragons fans should see plenty of next season is Phuket International Academy sports teacher Martyn Ware.

Martyn, a goalkeeper, was formerly on the books of both Tottenham Hotspur and Q.P.R. in the English Premiership.

At the age of 33, Martyn is hoping for the opportunity to renew his professional football career.

"I was at Tottenham with Paul Gascoigne, Gary Lineker and Nick Barmby. They had a great squad of players and it was a fantastic time to be at the club," he said.

"Gazza was great fun to be



The 2010 Phuket FC side should bear little resemblance to the one that took to the field last season.

around, he was crazy. When they let me go it was a big disappointment, they said they thought I had the ability, but I just wasn't tall enough.

"Q.P.R. picked me up and they had a good side at the time with Les Ferdinand and Trevor Sinclair, but I decided to take a break from professional football to go to university," he said.

The seven trialists took part in a small-sided game with some existing Phuket FC players under

the watchful eye of a couple of Phuket FC coaches, but no decisions will be made until the arrival of the new manager this week.

Last season Phuket FC were restricted to fielding a maximum of three foreign players, but next season that quota will be raised to five, increasing the possibility of some Phuket-based expats turning out for the Sea Dragons.

-Gazette Reporters

Laguna to host Ironman 70.3

The world's top Ironman 70.3 competitors will descend on Laguna Phuket next year following confirmation that the Cherng Talay-based resort complex will host the inaugural Ironman 70.3 Asia-Pacific Championship race.

The announcement of the season-ending event comes after an agreement to stage the event was signed between Laguna Hotels and Resorts Plc and the World Triathlon Corporation (WTC).

The 70.3 race will incorporate Laguna Phuket Triathlon's trademark swim course comprising two-bodies of water, a challenging and spectacular bike course with hilly sections and winding rural roads through rubber plantations and villages before culminating with a two-loop flat run that will include roads within Laguna Phuket.

Athletes will be able to qualify to compete at the Laguna Phuket Asia-Pacific Championship race at 35 Ironman 70.3 races around the world.

The championship race will offer a US\$60,000 professional prize purse as well as 50 qualifying places for the 2011 Foster Grant Ironman World Championship 70.3 in Clearwater, Florida.

Laguna Phuket currently stages its own annual triathlon event held on the first weekend of December.

The event is known as the 'Race of Champions' due to the number of world-class triathletes it attracts. This year will feature defending champions Belinda Granger and Richie Cunningham as well as Beijing Olympic gold medalist Jan Frodeno.

-Daniel Ogunshakin

Great gates



Most Thai houses have driveways in front or on the side with a gate which slides across the entrance. This gate usually has a small, hinged 'people door' built in.

To keep your main gate rolling smoothly along, a little maintenance is all that's needed.

To do this, you'll need a meter-long piece of wood or metal bar, two bricks or wooden blocks, 17 and 22mm wrenches, some axle grease, spray lube and sandpaper, a small screwdriver, wire brush, empty metal can and a couple swabs, and perhaps some rope.

At one side of the driveway,

usually mounted to a pillar or wall, there's a bracket holding either two rollers – which ride along the gate's top rail's sides, keeping the gate vertical – or just one, which rides in a 'channel' between the gate's rail and a vertical piece of sheet metal.

Beneath the gate's bottom rail are two sets of roller wheels (although extra-wide gates may have three or four), which roll along a slightly raised steel track embedded in the cement of the driveway.

The upper rollers, the lower roller wheels and the barrel hinges on the people door all need to be lubricated.

It's best (if possible) to clean bearings before applying new grease, so before starting this job I suggest stopping at the local petrol station and buying a liter of gasoline or diesel to dissolve and clean out the gunk.

Let's start at the top.

The vertically-mounted rollers are small, about 1.5 inches outside diameter and have their central axle threaded on the upper end for mounting on the bracket (Photo 1).

Because of their 'open'

design, rainwater gets in, and this, plus their vertical mounting, contributes to the constant washing away of any lubrication, so if you lube them with just oil, you'll be doing it quite frequently.

Therefore, instead of using oil, remove them, clean them and then pack them with grease.

Check to see if your gate could fall over if the rollers are removed and if so, tie it securely to the bracket before beginning.

First, remove the rollers' retaining nuts (usually 22mm). You may need a ratchet wrench with a deep-wall socket.

With the small screwdriver, scrape any old gunk from the rollers' openings, then set them in a can of gas/diesel.

Swish them around in the gas, then grip them by the threads and spin the roller to make the gas penetrate and dissolve the dirt and old grease inside.

Dip and repeat, allowing the dirty gas to drip out the bottom of the roller until all the gunk is gone. Set it down (upright) to drain while you clean the other one.

Then, take the first one and, holding it by the outer shell, use the screwdriver to scoop some axle grease up and pack it in. Turn the roller's axle to work it in and keep packing it down into the bearings inside until it is completely full.

If the threads are rusty, wire brush them and wipe them with a little grease on a rag. Pack the second one, reinstall and tighten the nuts. If you tied your gate, untie it now.

Next, the bottom rollers. Set two bricks or wooden blocks beside the gate's bottom rail. Slip one end of the meter-long piece under the bottom rail close to one of the sets of wheels.

Slide one block or brick beneath it and push down with your foot to lever the gate up and off the track. Then slide the other block or brick beneath the gate to hold it up so you can remove the wheels, using two 17mm wrenches (Photo 2).

Clean them in the gas the same as the rollers, then grease both the axles and the wheels' bearings.

Unlike the rollers, these



Photo 1



Photo 2

bearings have a much larger opening around their central core, so just pack in as much as you can.

Reinstall the wheels in their holder. Move the lever to the second set and repeat the process.

Only lift one side of the gate at a time and be careful that the gate doesn't hang up on the tops of the rollers when lowering it back onto the track.

Now for the people door. These are usually hinged with a two-piece, separable hinge called a barrel hinge.

To lube them, open the door all the way, making sure the hinged edge clears the opening in the gate, and then just lift the door up and off.

They're not that heavy, but they are awkward, so a helper comes in handy.

Clean the upright stud portion of the hinge, if necessary

using a wire-brush or sandpaper to remove any rust, and then coat it liberally with grease.

Roll a piece of sandpaper (rough-side out) into a tube and clean inside the 'female' portion, smear some grease in there with a swab, then re-hang the door.

Because both hinges have to be correctly aligned at the same time before the door will lower back into place, a helper really helps here!

Next, spray a little silicone lube or MoS2 (molybdenum disulfide) into the door's lock assembly to keep it working smoothly.

Last, the latch. Because gate latches vary so widely in design that it's impossible to give specifics here, so just swab a little grease on any sliding or rotating parts.

That's it! Roll 'em out! Have a beer! See you next time.

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Construction Update

Thalang

Down in the valley of plenty

Situated on Srisoonthorn Road in Thalang district, The Valley 2 project is set to provide the area with a number of affordable houses, office buildings, parks, a kindergarten center and a limited number of upscale residential dwellings.

Located just a few minutes drive from Heroines' Monument, The Valley 2 will afford residents easy access to Laguna Phuket and all of the restaurants and facilities that surround the Cherng Talay-based resort.

The new project is also just a short distance from Phuket International Airport, Royal Phuket Marina and Boat Lagoon, British International School and Phuket International Academy.

Developed by Max Asset Co Ltd, construction of the one-billion-baht project began in January 2007.

Given the multi-purpose nature of the project, work will be completed at various stages over the next two years.

Built on a total of 138 rai, The Valley 2 will feature 186 one-storey houses, 110 office buildings, 20 luxury lakeside



Built on a total of 138 rai, The Valley 2 will feature 186 one-storey houses (left), 110 office buildings (right), 20 luxury lakeside residences, three public park areas, a kindergarten and space for further development. Construction of the one-billion-baht project began in January 2007 and should be completed in the next two years.

residences, three public park areas, a kindergarten and space for further development.

At this time, 130 of the 186 one-storey houses have been completed, with the rest scheduled to be finished by 2011.

So far, 100 of the houses

have been reserved or purchased at a price of 1.9 million baht per property. The remaining 86 are slightly more expensive, selling for 2.9 million baht.

The 110 office buildings are scheduled to be completed within the next two years.

Potential owners will have the chance to purchase either a one-, two- or three-story building at a cost of 9.9 million baht.

Just two of the 110 office buildings have been purchased to date.

At a cost of 20 million baht

each to purchase, the luxury lakeside houses should be ready to move into over the course of the next year.

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-Hasan Che-aware



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PROPERTY WATCH

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A Double Pool Villa at Banyan Tree. The luxury tier, primarily represented by Trisara, Amanpuri and Banyan Tree, has performed as well as it did in 2008, while some cases have actually been more successful this year than they were last.

This strange and difficult year is finally coming to an end, but there's one question to be asked: where is this zig-zagging turbulent roller coaster ride going to lead? Let's take a few moments

to reflect on the general health of luxury hotel offerings to see what may lay in store for those with more money than sense. As always, if you have to ask how much it costs, then perhaps this is not your demographic.

Despite the global financial crisis and continued fears here and abroad of a drawn out recession, depression or whatever, since our mid-year hotel pipeline update, more than 45 new hotels are under development in Phuket.

I like to compare these developments to the running of the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, as both defy logic and reason. Joking aside, the broad resort market is undoubtedly headed for a serious oversupply hangover.

We've seen the effects of the mid-market property supply and demand imbalance over the past two years of slowed overseas demand, continued building and rentals or resales displacing new project sales.

Hotels are continuing to gear up in similar fashion and the average room rates and profitability are following suit.

According to Jonas Ogren at leading hospitality trend

tracker STR Global, year on year occupancy in Phuket from January through September declined 18.8 percent compared with 2008.

Average room rates plunged 14.3 percent and the important revenue per available room (RevPAR) was down 30.5 percent.

For 2009, this equates to an overall occupancy of 52.9 percent across the island at an average rate of 3,786 baht per night. While fourth quarter figures will raise these as we come into high season, there is little doubt that poor market sentiment and increasing supply are hitting rates hit hard.

Somewhat bucking the trend though is the luxury tier, primarily represented by Trisara, Amanpuri and Banyan Tree. For the most part this segment of the market has performed as well as it did in 2008, and in some cases, some have actually been more successful this

year than they were last year.

Rounding off this segment, Sri Panwa, Six Senses Yao Noi and Anantara are all working to towards retaining a semblance of sanity in rate protection strategies and are taking a more long-term view than many in the wider upscale and midscale market.

Looking forward, the pipeline fundamentals continue to look strong as projects such as The Yamu, Jumeirah Private Island and Taj Exotica are all lagging behind projected opening dates. While these developments had substantial residential offerings with a hotel-managed overlay, priorities have been managed in order to mitigate risk through project pre-sales.

New supply into this segment is now primarily limited to the Andara Residential Resort opening late this year, and the recently launched Paresa, both located on Millionaire's Mile in Kamala.

Looking further ahead, the relatively high barriers to investing in a luxury villa resort unit remain. This can often run from US\$600,000 to over US\$1 million.

The lack of prime development sites is also a key factor.

At the moment, it seems that if you do own one type of hotel in Phuket, the high echelon luxury segment is the place to be.

That said, with the continued aging of the current offerings, it will be interesting to see how the new breed of properties will perform. One such example is W on Koh Samui, which will present travelers with a more modern offering and try to lure Phuket's well-heeled visitors to the Gulf of Thailand.

Though much has been written about luxury guilt in these troubled times, the rich continue to travel, as will always be the case.

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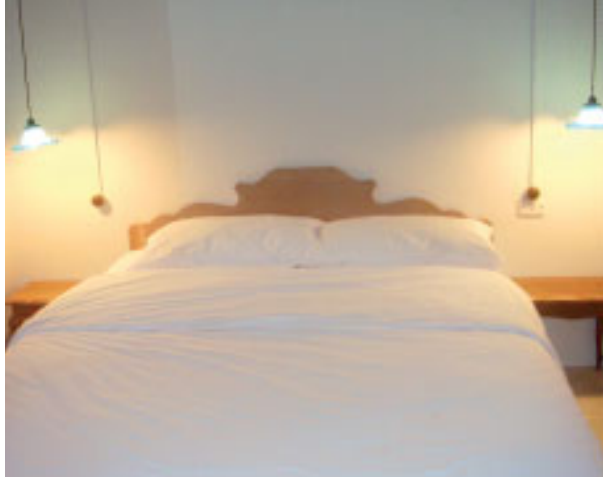
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LEFT: The subdued conference room at Casa 104. RIGHT: The minimalist decor in the guesthouse's bedrooms provides space and comfort, a striking contrast to the vivid reception area (right).

Casa 104 guesthouse in Phuket City is a sight to be seen. The building's Sino-Portuguese facade abuts Yaowarat Road, close to the Dibuk road intersection.

With Thalang Road and Soi Romanee a stone's throw away, this quadrant of Phuket City is synonymous with architectural gems and sought after by design-hungry tourists.

But while many Sino-Portuguese guesthouse proprietors have opted to use cool colors and minimalist furniture arrangements, Casa 104's owners have taken a different approach.

You don't really find Casa 104, instead the place finds you.

The scarlet red interior of the entire ground floor area, screams at ambling passersby to wander inside for a snoop around.

Stepping through the three-meter front doors and into the belly of Casa 104, the ferocity of the red walls, ceiling and floor quickly subsides with the aide of soft lighting hung from overhead chandeliers.

A sizable stained wood bar lines the right hand wall, and strategically placed tables and chairs provide ample seating for

any weary first time visitors.

With sprinklings of oranges and limes provided by a few scattered cushions, the main bar area appears intimate yet fresh and invigorating.

Clever seating arrangements have maximized space in the main entrance/bar area and makes the area feel relatively cool, even though the scarlet interior would initially have you believe otherwise.

Casa 104's owner, fashion designer Chawalit Rattanachinakorn, 43, said he wanted to pay homage to Mediterranean interior design concepts in the design of his guest house.

"I designed everything myself and I wanted to create a Spanish styled setting for my guests," he said.

Minimal use of intriguing furnishings dot the main bar area.

Meandering through the main bar, guests then stoop into a small greenhouse area, where sunlight streams down onto lush plants and flowers.

Venturing further into a tight passageway, guests eventually find their rooms. Sprangly decorated and functional in their arrangement, the rooms are light, airy, clean and classical –

painted white, which gives an airy feeling of spaciousness in the snug rooms.

With a meeting room on the first floor capable of seating 16 people and a new kitchen opening soon, owner Chawalit says he expects a busy high season.

The unique combination of influences at Casa 104 is a rare gem in Phuket City; a must see for interior design fans.

For more information about this guest house, contact Mr Chawalit Ratanachinakorn T: 086-0241907.

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VILLA FOR SALE OR RENT



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LAND AT PA KHLOK

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NEW HOUSE FOR SALE/RENT



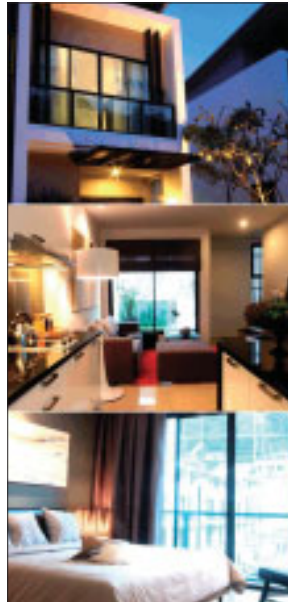
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BEAUTIFUL HOME

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CONDO FOR SALE

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CONDO FOR SALE

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HOUSE NEAR LAGUNA

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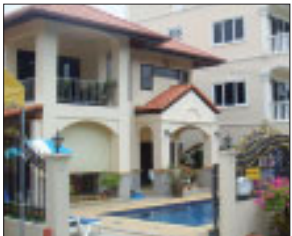
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NEW HOUSE

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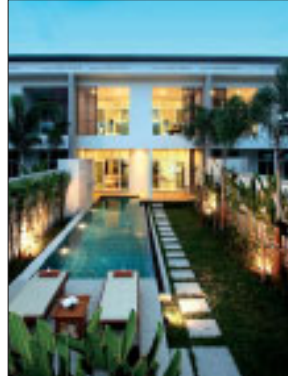
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LUXURY HOUSE



for sale. Mission Heights community. 7 mins to Blue Canyon Golf Club, 10 mins to airport. House: 454 sqm, land: 1,444 sqm, 4 beds, 4 baths, Western kitchen, 16x6m pool, fully furnished with solar heating. Tel: 081-344 4473, 081-862 2962.

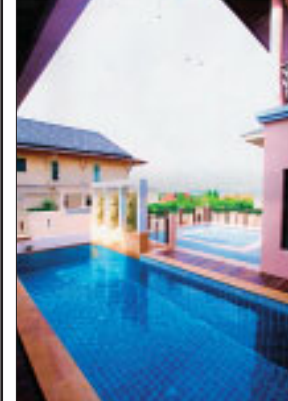
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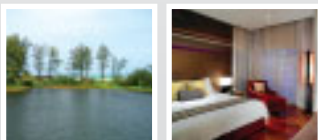
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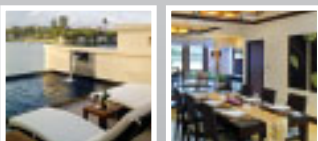
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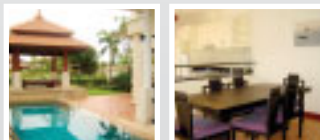
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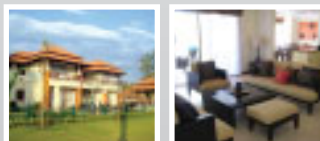
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