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Acid attack victim bravely shows her face

By Kitima Pommongkhonwat and
Sithipong Nongkaew

A 27-YEAR-OLD woman scarred for life after a horrific acid attack in Patong is appealing to the public to help catch her attackers.

Victim Sirirat 'Pui' Nankham, currently being treated at Vachira Phuket Hospital, bravely revealed the extent of her injuries in an emotional appeal for help.

Her left eye is swollen shut and the burns cover 50 percent of her body.

Doctors said the skin grafts and plastic surgery she requires could cost more than a million baht – money that Ms Sirirat and her family, simply don't have.

However, doctors say she will never fully recover from her injuries and that only 80 percent of her burns can be covered by surgery.

She will always wear the scars, doctors said.

Police and Ms Sirirat believe the attack may be a case of mistaken identity.

Ms Sirirat, who works as a cashier at a beer bar underneath the Tiger Pub and Discotheque on Soi Bangla, told police she was attacked at around 12.45am on November 19.



Ms Sirirat ('Pui') asked the Gazette to publish this photo to spur public interest in her case in hopes of bringing her attackers to justice.

She was riding a motorcycle when two men pulled up alongside her approximately 100 meters from the Kathu Police Station.

The man riding pillion threw acid at her face, causing her to fall off her motorcycle.

The attackers immediately fled the scene.

A tourist police officer took Ms Sirirat to Patong Hospital,

where she gave a statement to police before being transferred to Vachira Phuket Hospital.

Ms Sirirat told them she did not recognize the men and that she had not been in any disputes recently.

Police believe the attack may have been meant for her younger sister, who borrowed Ms Sirirat's motorbike the day before the attack.

The two men may have been hired to attack the younger girl, mistakenly attacking Ms Sirirat because she was riding the same bike.

Ms Sirirat claims her sister was also the victim of an acid attack in October, but was not badly injured and did not report the incident to police, she said.

However, Ms Sirirat has been in constant pain since the acid attack.

"You have no idea how badly it hurts, especially when I have to have my skin cleaned every morning," she said.

"Every time I look in the mirror, I cry," she said.

Her parents are now at her bedside and plan to take their daughter home to Nong Khai province.

Meanwhile, Ms Sirirat said she wants her attackers caught.

At the time of writing, her assailants were still at large.

Police are examining CCTV footage from a camera at a nearby municipal office in an effort to gather enough evidence to have an arrest warrant issued for the two suspects.

Police are also appealing for any witnesses of the attack to contact Kathu Police Station on 076-342719.

Phuket Spa Association to push for licensing

IN a bid to improve health and safety standards, the Excise Department has canceled excise tax for spa treatments in licensed spas.

The move is good news for licensed venues, but not for the vast majority of Phuket spas that are unlicensed and will have to

continue paying the tax after the regulation takes effect on January 20.

Even worse for the unlicensed spas, the tax will be increased on that date. Spas that continue to operate without permission will face fines.

The Phuket Spa Association

recently held a seminar to help its members understand the changes, first announced on October 20.

At the meeting, Excise tax lawyer Sutham Suriyo explained the rationale behind the department's move to cease collecting excise tax from spas.

"We'll lose revenue, but this

will improve spa businesses because they will have to meet standards set by the Ministry of Public Health," he said.

At present 65 spas in Phuket hold licenses compared to more than 200 venues operating without them.

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Dutchman killed in motorcycle crash



Klaas Verbeek was a popular member of Phuket's expat community.

DUTCHMAN Klaas Verbeek was killed and his Thai passenger badly injured when the motorbike they were riding collided with a pickup truck driven by a policeman in Tah Chat Chai on November 25.

Mr Verbeek, 53, was an annual visitor to Phuket for at least 15 years and was highly regarded in Phuket's expat community.

His friend Edwin Van Der Mosselaar said Mr Verbeek's family in central Holland are aware of his passing and have hired a lawyer to ensure the investigation and the repatriation of his remains runs smoothly.

Mr Van Der Mosselaar, who flew back to Phuket from Chiang Mai after hearing the news, said he would help Mr Verbeek's family in Holland.

Mr Verbeek's passenger, a woman nicknamed 'Pla', is currently being treated at Vachira Phuket Hospital, where she is said to be in a serious condition.

He was a responsible man and never drove a motorbike after drinking alcohol, said Mr Van Der Mosselaar.

Tah Chat Chai Police said the pickup involved in the crash was driven by a former Tah Chat Chai police officer.

- Gazette reporters

Phuket Governor treks and checks road land

PHUKET Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop set off on November 19 on an extensive walking tour of the strip of land he would like to see become the island's second north-south road artery.

The first day of the tour started off on the bypass road, opposite the newly-opened Premium Outlet Mall, and proceeded all the way past the British International School, a distance of about six kilometers.

If completed, the road would run a distance of 21 kilometers along the same path as high-tension wire pylons, parallel to Thepkrasatri Road.

Over three days, Governor Wichai walked the full length of the proposed route.

Most of the land needed for the project is administered by the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT), but the proposed route also cuts through about 200 plots of private land, most of it in Thalang.

Some landowners, including



Governor Wichai walked the full 21 kilometers that the new road will cover, completing the trek in three stages over as many days.

businesses that stand to benefit from the new road, have voluntarily donated land for the project.

Others, including those who have built homes and have no place else to go, are holding out.

Gov Wichai said there was a generally positive response to the project from local residents and landowners at the first public hearing about the project.

Thanachart Capital Public

Company representative Decha Rakmitr met with Gov Wichai recently to discuss the possibility of donating land held by the finance firm for the project.

"Our board has no problem donating company land for this new road, but we need to see an official written request confirming the details of the 12 rai needed," he said.

-Kitima Pornmongkhonwat

Daylight shootout in public park

ASUSPECTED serial robber was shot dead in an intense shootout between police and alleged thieves in Rama IX Park on November 23.

The deceased, identified as 32-year-old Phuket City resident Amnard Rodpradit, was wanted by police in connection with a recent spate of robberies of Buddhist images from stores and homes around Phuket.

Police said Mr Amnard and two accomplices entered a store on Chao Fah East Road, opposite the Rama IX Park, just before 1pm.

After unsuccessfully trying to sell off stolen images of monk Luang Phor Chaem to the shop owner, the trio exited the store.

When they did, police



Shocked locals gathered after the daylight shootout in Rama IX Park.

were waiting for them outside.

The gang then fled across the busy Chao Fah East Road into the park, where a shootout ensued.

Mr Amnard was shot twice in the chest and fell into a lake at the edge of the park.

By 2pm, around 200 onlookers had gathered at the spot where his body

was dragged from the lake.

One of his accomplices, identified as 32-year-old Apichart Thammathip from Nakhon Sri Thammarat, was also arrested. A third man escaped on foot and remains at large.

No police officers were injured in the shoot out.

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Monk and merit maker killed in hit-and-run



The damaged pick-up truck that hit the pair while the monk was collecting alms on Tuesday morning.

A MAN drove a pick-up truck at high speed into an elderly monk and a man donating alms on his 23rd birthday last Tuesday morning, killing the monk and the alms giver.

The monk, Luangpor Samarn Narakea, 60, was accepting alms from Grissada Nootngie-wongarm, 23, when they were hit by an Isuzu pick-up truck around 6am.

The pair were on Takuapa Road, across the canal from the Silver Hotel in Phuket City, when they were run down.

After the accident the driver stopped the truck and fled the scene on foot.

Luangpor Samarn was an Udon Thani native based at Thavornkunaram (Saensuk) Temple on Ong Sim Phai Road.

He died at the scene.

Rescue workers from the Kusoldharm Foundation, based just 100 meters away, rushed Mr Grissada to Vachira Phuket Hospital but he died on the way.

An elderly lady who witnessed the accident from the

nearby '99' wet market said Mr Grissada had told her he wanted to make merit on his birthday by donating food to a monk.

Mr Grissada, a native of Uttaradit province, worked at a local nightclub, she said.

When the truck appeared from around a curve, Luangpor Samarn was reciting a blessing for Mr Grissada, who was waiting back, she said.

"I feel so sad to see the monk lying dead and soaked in blood on the road," she said.

"He came to the market every day to collect alms."

The truck was moving very fast, making her suspect the driver was drunk, she said.

The pick-up truck is being kept at Phuket City Police Station while police continue to search for the driver.

The area where the tragedy took place is a center of the Phuket City nightlife scene, with many massage parlors, pubs and snooker halls located nearby.

-Atchaa Khamlo

University student stabbed to death

A PHUKET Rajabhat University student handed himself in to police after allegedly stabbing a fellow student to death last Sunday.

Wutipong Meemai, a first year student from Krabi, confessed to stabbing 20-year-old Kritsana Lao-orn in the chest, outside the 'Wihok' bar on Rassada Anuson Road in Tambon Rasada earlier that night.

When police, including Lt Col Wijak 'The Magnet' Tarom, arrived at the scene at around 12.30am they found large quantities of blood on the street outside the bar.

Mr Kritsana, from Trang province, had already been rushed to the nearby Mission Hospital.

He was later transferred to



Stabbing victim 19-year-old Kritsana Lao-orn from Trang.

Vachira Phuket Hospital, where he died from his injuries.

Mr Wutipong, 19, handed himself in at Phuket City Police Station.

He told investigating

officers he went to the bar to meet friends. When he got there, he saw an older student with whom one of his close friends had previously quarreled.

Mr Wutipong approached the man to apologize for the trouble. At this point Mr Kritsana grabbed him by the throat and slapped him in the face, he said.

Mr Kritsana may have believed he was the student involved in the dispute, Mr Wutipong said.

Mr Wutipong drew a knife and stabbed Mr Kritsana in the chest before fleeing. The knife punctured the victim's lung.

Mr Wutipong has been charged with homicide and carrying a weapon in a public place without permission.

- Gazette reporters

Locals drained by 'Nanai River' saga

IN the latest developments on the Nanai Road flooding saga, Patong municipality says a new pump will be installed under the road.

However, disgruntled residents will have to wait until next year for the project to be completed.

Problems first began in April when heavy rains caused three-foot-deep floodwater to collect, wreaking havoc on the 50-meter stretch of road, since nicknamed 'Nanai River' by locals.

The affected stretch runs roughly from the Aroonpat Village housing estate to the Chang Residence Hotel.

Despite appeals from locals in the area, Patong municipality has yet to find a permanent solution to the problem.

The municipality's director of engineering, Sompon Kuanyuen, said the flooding problem is due to the actions of one local resident.

"There is a court case pending between two property

owners in the area," he said.

Mr Sompon claims one of the property owners blocked a drain pipe that used to channel rainwater into the nearby Pak Lak Canal, which feeds into Pakbang Canal and, eventually, Patong Bay.

Meanwhile, the new director of sanitation, Lertpong Tanamanset is determined to fix the

problem, said Mr Sompon.

"We have just drawn up plans to install a new pump under that section of road," Mr Sompon said.

"We expect the budget for the project to be approximately 3 million baht.

The work will start next February," he said.

- Atchaa Khamlo

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Belgian babes get spicy

TWENTY contestants in the Miss Belgium 2010 beauty pageant took part in a Thai cooking class on November 18.

The class, conducted by celebrity chef Nooror Somany-Steppe, was held at the Chin Pracha Mansion in Phuket Town, where the Blue Elephant Phuket will soon open its doors as a royal Thai cuisine restaurant and cooking school.

The dish they were taught to make was none other than the Isarn staple *somtam*, or spicy papaya salad.

The dish is sometimes referred to affectionately by the Thais as '*papaya pok-pok*' after a hit pop song by the same name.

Given the fiery nature of *somtam*, most of the beauties donned rubber gloves throughout the preparation process, which involves smashing ingredients with a mortar and pestle.

The Belgian contestants were in Phuket for eight days, staying at the Cape Panwa Hotel and Spa.

Their visit was by invitation of the Tourism Authority of Thailand, which hopes to



BRAVE AND BEAUTIFUL: One of the contestants was brave enough to not wear gloves. Photos by Sakorn Saengtongsamarnsin

attract more Belgian tourists.

A number of past Miss Belgium winners visited

Phuket back in 2005 to help raise funds for a tsunami relief charity.

Tourist holidays in filthy Kamala toilet

A GERMAN tourist disgusted with the state of a public toilet at Kamala Beach took it upon himself to give the bog a thorough cleaning during his stay in Phuket.

The tourist, 56-year-old Rohlofe Jeck was in Kamala for a one-week holiday, staying in rented accommodation near the Kamala Public Health Office.

Mr Jeck was spotted cleaning the toilet by a group of women doing aerobics near the tsunami memorial monument on November 24.

People were amazed to see the diligent German wearing rubber gloves and using his hands to rid the bowl of its disgusting contents with equipment that he'd bought with his own money.

The bathroom, built with Tourism Authority of Thailand funding as part of its post-tsunami beachfront redevelopment plan, has for years been ignored by local authorities entrusted with its care and maintenance.

It is not ignored by passers-by with full bladders and bowels, however.

The combination of usage and lack of maintenance left the toilet in a sorry state – until Mr Jeck came along.

Saying he used the commode every day on his way to the beach, the German said he could no longer stand the disgusting stench emanating therefrom and

decided to do something about it.

Mr Jeck's whole-hearted devotion to hygiene has won him praise among locals.

Some have pointed out that as public property in such a high-profile location, local government organizations should do a better job at keeping the bathroom clean.

They are also worried that the bathroom will quickly revert to its old state now that Mr Jeck's vacation is over.

This will leave a dark stain on Phuket's image as a world-class tourist destination as the fifth anniversary of the tsunami approaches, they said.

Most public bathrooms at Phuket beaches are maintained by staff who charge people two or three baht to use them under a concession with the local administrative body. It is not known why this arrangement was not being used at this particular bathroom.

Despite the honorable intent of Mr Jeck's actions, his endeavors could technically have run afoul of Thailand's strict alien labor laws.

The laws state that it is a criminal offense for any foreigner to engage in work, regardless of whether one is receiving remuneration, without a government-issued work permit.

Apart from Thais, only Burmese, Laotians and Cambodians are allowed to work as cleaners.

- Gazette reporters

Brothers arrested for murder

CHALONG Police on November 22 arrested two brothers wanted for armed robbery and murder in Ratchaburi province last year.

Both suspects are natives of Ratchaburi province.

After their arrests the men confessed to their involvement in an armed robbery and murder in Ratchaburi last year, police said.

Police were acting on

arrest warrants issued by Ratchaburi Provincial Court in late December, 2008.

A third brother who was allegedly with them at the time was arrested earlier.

The charges against them include armed robbery, conspiracy to commit premeditated murder and multiple charges for the illegal possession and use of firearms.

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Pang Yok, a six-year-old elephant at Nongnuch Garden Resort in Pattaya, wields a skilful trunk to paint a portrait of His Majesty the King and the words 'Rak Por'. This was just a rehearsal: She'll repeat the performance for the public on the King's birthday on December 5.

Queer News



Man falls to death rather than face angry girlfriend

BANGKOK: A man fell to his death November 15 as he tried to lower himself onto the balcony of his fifth floor flat – rather than go in through the front door and meet his angry girlfriend.

The body of 29-year-old Surasak Kasan was found lying on the ground under the balcony of his apartment in Din Daeng. He had some television aerial cable wrapped around his leg. A coat-hanger was found next to his body.

Investigating Officer Thaywa Bunchariang from Din Daeng Police said he believes Mr Surasak was trying to lower himself from the flat's roof terrace onto his balcony by sliding down the TV cable because he did not dare knock at the front door to wake

his girlfriend. The TV cable, however, was unable to take his weight.

Mr Surasak's girlfriend, 21-year-old Parita Thongsuk, said that after getting home from work around 2.30am on the night of the incident she heard a loud bang outside. When she looked down, she saw the body of her boyfriend.

Miss Parita said Mr Surasak was ashamed as he had stolen her mobile phone and sold it. This was not the first time he had done it – a number of her phones had met the same fate, she said.

After doing something bad Mr Somsak usually didn't dare show his face for a while and would do anything to avoid her, even risking a five-storey fall.

Source: Khao Sod

Karaoke bar boss mows down monk

RAYONG: The owner of a karaoke and massage bar ran down a monk and three followers on November 16 after becoming enraged at seeing them collecting alms instead of getting jobs.

Witnesses said Somchai Chutikitdech, 45, first verbally abused the monk before getting in his SUV and chasing him down the road as the monk tried to escape on his brother's motorcycle.

Mr Somchai ran down two

teenage followers of 30-year-old Phrasomchet Sirichanpho before knocking the monk and his brother off their motorcycle. Dragged for about 500 meters, Phrasomchet sustained injuries, including two broken legs.

Phrasomchet's brother, Thanit Feuangkasem, 28, told police as they were collecting alms outside Mr Somchai's bar in Rayong Town, Florida Karaoke and Traditional Massage, Mr Somchai

shouted "monks don't feed themselves, they just go around begging instead of getting jobs."

Phrasomchet went over to talk to Mr Somchai about the importance of the monkhood, but this only enraged the man further. Grabbing a broom, Mr Somchai knocked the monk's alms bowl out of his hands and began to attack him, Mr Thanit said.

Mr Thanit said he and Phrasomchet tried to flee by motorbike, but were run down by Mr Somchai in his SUV. Mr Somchai also crashed into two parked cars and a number of motorbikes in his drive of destruction. He then fled the scene, leaving his new Honda CRV in the middle of the road.

Rescuers pulled Phrasomchet from under the vehicle and took him to hospital, where he remains in serious condition.

Muang Rayong Police Superintendent Mana Inphithak said officers were waiting for Phrasomchet to heal sufficiently to be able to make a statement about the attack.

Source: Khao Sod

Suspected child snatcher caught

BANGKOK: Police on November 17 arrested a man suspected of kidnapping children to use in a begging ring.

Phirach Saraphunsap, 45, was picked up by police outside Chan Songkhram police station, next to Khao San road.

Police Central Investigation Bureau (CIB) Commissioner Thangai Prasjaksattru said Mr Phirach's arrest followed that of his long-term girlfriend Chon Sisong. She was arrested in Udon Thani the week before, after two young children accused her of abducting them from Bangkok's Sanam Luang.

The pair allegedly stole children by having their daughter start playing with them. When their parents weren't looking, they allegedly loaded them into a minivan. The pair forced the children to beg in Bangkok and Udon Thani, Gen Thangai said.

Mr Phirach denies any involvement in the abductions.

Source: Thai Rath

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Electric easy rider

Chargeable electric bikes sound like an excuse to avoid *real* exercise.

They're expensive to buy, heavier than their muscle-powered counterparts and are about as sleek and sexy as an elephant's rump.

However, James Littlewood, managing director of Ebike Rentals – a new electric bike outfit located on Karon Beach, – says his new fleet of bikes have other benefits.

On his daily rides through the Patong Hills, James says he often comes across groups of cyclists, struggling up steep inclines.

"I just whiz right by them," he said.

But James doesn't possess superior athleticism, he is, in fact, a cigarette smoking Englishman who uses the power of his rechargeable bike battery to overtake other Phuket cyclists on the island's toughest roads.

As touted in a review from the *Daily Mail*:

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EASY RIDER: James Littlewood with one of the electric assisted bicycles that can be rented from Ebike Rentals at Karon Beach.

assistance and great speed."

James said that with the ever growing popularity of electric bikes in Europe, Phuket residents and tourists are also expressing interest.

"The bikes allow people of all ages to enjoy cycling for prolonged distances," he said.

Ebike Rentals' seven new Kalkhoff, 21 Shimano-gear, Panasonic battery-wielding

electric bikes can travel between 30 and 50 miles on a single battery charge.

The same amount of energy used to power a light bulb overnight, James claims.

The bikes are completely silent and in stark contrast to motorbikes, emit no emissions.

Electric bikes assist the rider up to speeds of 15 miles per hour, which in most EU countries is the maximum assistance speed allowed by law for electric bikes.

But James said plans are in motion to ship more 'higher powered' bikes to Phuket.

With Ebike Rentals within spitting distance of the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa, James and his staff have been kept busy with streams of customers coming in to give the electric bikes a try.

Although expensive to buy, renting the bikes on Phuket isn't costly. Prices start at 500 baht for a half day with bike delivery thrown in for neighboring Kata and Kata Noi.

Anyone interested in trying out the environmentally friendly machines can contact Ebike Rentals on 081-1553571 or by visiting the website ebike-rentals.com.

Supercars drift in



In a stunning display of sleek sporting style, Niche Car Co flew in a collection of Ferrari's, Lamborghini's and Lotus supercars and their owners from Bangkok last week.

A total of 15 cars turned heads as they cruised across the island with their proud owners at the wheels.

The 'holiday trip' was an excuse for the drivers to unleash their beasts away from the congested streets of Bangkok.

Meeting them at Phuket International Airport was Somnuek 'Nicky' Phonkaew, who arranged a touring trip of Phuket and Phang Nga provinces.

Nicky, owner of Nicky's Handlebar in Patong, owns two Ferraris himself and earlier this year launched the only Ferrari taxi service in Thailand, right here on Phuket.

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Panom reigns when he pours



TOP: Panom Pansook (right) receives his winner's trophy from Methee Tanmanatragul, President of the Thai Hotels Association Southern Chapter. **BOTTOM:** A selection of the wines used during the contest.

Somewhat disappointingly, wine in Thailand is considered a luxury item and is therefore subject to a hefty import tax. This raises the price to a large extent, but many who live on the island would argue that wine isn't a luxury, it's a necessity.

With it being such an important part of people's lives and a fixture of any good meal, the serving of wine is of the utmost importance, particularly given the amount of fine dining establishments that surround us on Phuket.

The serving of wine is so important, there is even a competition to determine who is the top dog when it comes to pouring out the nectar that, according to Malcolm Dunn, Head Gardener to the 7th Viscount Powerscourt, is made from, "the most noble and challenging fruits".

The Holiday Inn Resort Phuket hosted the Southern Wine Butler Competition 2009 last weekend to uncover the best wine butler in the South of Thailand.

Organized by Mr Somchai Chancharoensin, Managing Director of Strategic Catering Co Ltd, the competition brought together 13 of the finest sommeliers in the southern region, who battled it out over two days of fierce competition.

Under the watchful gaze of

four eagle-eyed wine judges – Mr Thawatchai Tappitak, Editor of *Wine Aficionado* from Bangkok; Mr Georges Ciret, Wine Director at Mom Tri's Boathouse; Mr Randy Chinn, Director of Wine at Baan Rim Pa Group; and Mr Thapanat Lohavej, F&B Manager at Phuket Graceland Resort & Spa – the contestants were put through their paces on day one with a written exam, decanting and Champagne demonstrations, and some blind tasting.

After the first day of competition, the 13 participants were whittled down to just four for the final tests – food and wine pairing.

At the end of two days of pitting his skills against his rivals, Panom Pansook from Holiday Inn Resort Phuket was declared the winner, recording a total score of 75 percent.

For his efforts, Mr Panom was rewarded with an all-expenses paid trip to South Africa, taking in the sights of Cape Town and a trip to the Douglas Green Bellingham winery.

Rounding off an impressive two days for the Holiday Inn Resort Phuket, Supachi Badkaew took second place and a four-day trip to the Food Hotel Asia Event (FHA) in Singapore, while Piti Somruk from Six Senses Samui came in third.

-Thanasorn Chookate

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Let's do the twist



In this month's Yoga Moments, we shall work through the stages of the *Parivrtta Parsvakonasana*. The name of the position comes from the words *Parsva*, meaning side or flank, and *Kona*, meaning angle. This is the revolved lateral angle pose or revolved side angle pose.

Since most students can't easily keep their back heel down

in this pose, a modified version will be described here with the back heel raised off the floor.

Technique:

1. Stand in *Tadasana* on the front of the mat.
2. Move the right leg back about four to four and a half feet away from the right foot, rotate the back foot 60 degrees to the right, keeping both hips facing forward.
3. Exhale and bend the left knee so that it aligns with the ankle and thigh, parallel to the floor. Lift the left heel off the floor, making it vertical to the floor.
4. Inhale and raise the left hand. While exhaling, twist the trunk to the left in such a way that the right

shoulder is placed just on the outer side of the left knee. Join the palms in front of the chest in *Namaste*.

5. Remain in the pose, breathing evenly for five to seven breaths.
6. Exhale and look down at the mat or floor. Inhale and lift the trunk to starting position.
7. Perform the posture from the other side, holding the pose for the same duration.

Check Points:

1. Keep the back leg tight, pulling up the knee cap and tightening the thigh muscles.
2. Keep the knee aligned with the ankle of the front leg. Don't let it move in front of or behind the ankle.
3. Keep the back heel vertical. Don't let it move towards the floor.

Precautions:

If you have any neck problems, don't turn your head to look at the top arm. Look straight ahead with the sides of the neck lengthened evenly or look down at the floor.

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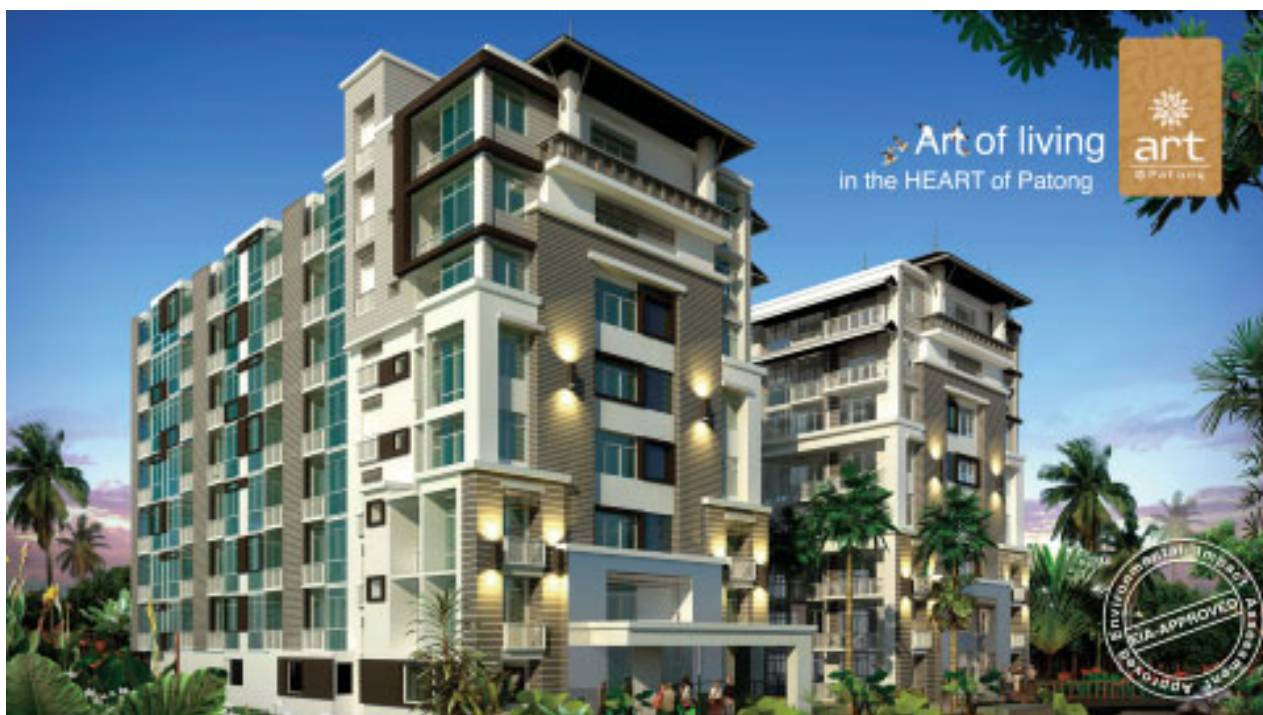


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Adrian Gardner

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This year, bargain hunters from all walks of life are out in force, looking for that special five-star experience at three-star prices. These can be found, you just need to know where to look.

Living the life of Riley and experiencing a jet set lifestyle is just a dream for many, but for those in the know, and you will be after this article, it can become a reality.

'Five-star' is a term that is used with seemingly reckless abandon here to rate restaurants, hotels and other related products and services. But exactly what defines five-star? Just two key factors in my book:

Attention to detail in all aspects of your product and service, and a genuine service attitude from staff, where service provision is not only professional, but executed with real hospitality; from the heart if you like.

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I went to Ao Po pier once more to test another pudding and taste the proof for myself.

Upon arrival, we boarded the *Chom Tawan II*, a luxurious 50-foot Azimut cruise palace.

There was ample seating, consisting of comfortable padded sofas and armchairs inside, and three well laid out, spacious cabins, two with en suite. Unusually, you can actually stand up and walk around without stooping or ducking, and at six

foot three inches, this is an unusual experience for me.

We moved upstairs to the fly bridge to meet Captain Wat, a charming gentleman who greeted us with a warm smile and a *wai*.

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We sat around the dining table on the fly bridge as we cruised out of the marina to the iconic Phang Nga Bay with its limestone castles and azure waters. As we departed, we were served freshly brewed coffee, croissants, butter and preserves – just a standard part of the outgoing journey on all Tawan Cruise charters.

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One man *can* make a difference

By Kitima Pornmongkhonwat

A once impoverished and crime-ridden village on Koh Sireh has undergone a dramatic transformation over the past 15 years.

It has blossomed into a friendly neighborhood with a strong sense of community spirit, where most of the villagers now have jobs and crime is almost a thing of the distant past.

The village is called Tha Rue Mai Ruam Jai Pathana, and the man largely responsible for its transformation is 57-year-old village headman Pawat 'Ko Piak' Supasuwan.

Ko Piak established the Kaeharassada Phuket Credit Union Cooperative Limited, which offers financial assistance to those most in need and gives them the means to earn a living by themselves.

Ko Piak was born in Samut Songkhram in 1952 and grew up in Ratchaburi.

At age 14, he left home with nothing but the clothes on his back and found work on a fishing boat, learning a trade and eventually saving enough to buy his own boat.

For the next 20 years, Ko

Piak worked as a self-employed fisherman, until ill health and a poor economy forced him to quit the only work he had ever known.

After retiring in 1995, Ko Piak moved to Tha Rue Mai Ruam Jai Pathana. Shortly after settling down in the village, a few of the locals approached him and asked him to stand in an upcoming election to choose a village headman.

The request from the villagers took Ko Piak completely by surprise.

"I wasn't from Phuket and didn't really know that many people, but the villagers who asked me to stand for election wanted me to be headman and voted for me," he said.

Despite being new to the area, Ko Piak won the election and has held the position ever since.

Unbeknown to Ko Piak at the time, Tha Rue Mai Ruam Jai Pathana was considered a *dong jone* (an area with a high crime rate), something largely attributed to the overwhelming poverty and diversity of the inhabitants.

More than 95 percent of the villagers came from different parts of Thailand, most of whom had no education, no money and

no work, leaving the village with no real sense of community.

In his role as village headman, Ko Piak acknowledged that things had to change.

"After I won the election, I realized there was a lot of crime in the village," he said.

"I didn't want things to continue the way they were, so I started to think of ways to change things and make a difference."

In May 1997, Ko Piak established Kaeharassada Phuket Credit Union Cooperative Limited, providing a center for the community where local people could come and learn how to save money and where they could receive small loans to help them get back on their feet.

Ko Piak felt the latter part of the project was essential for the village to evolve, believing that the high interest rates charged by banks prevented many people from being able to fend for themselves financially.

They had the knowledge and skills to earn a living working for themselves, but they didn't have money to get started.

"If they went for a loan through the banks, they had to pay between 10 and 20 percent interest on what they borrowed; there was no way they could have paid it back."

In the beginning, the center had just 121 members with about 10,000 baht in the fund.

Over the past 12 years, Ko Piak has seen membership grow to almost 3,000, with over 80 million baht circulating in the fund.

"I am glad it has been so successful and I'm happy to be able to help people," he said.

"None of the committee members who work here receive a salary. We don't get paid, we work because we want to help and feel happy doing so.

"I don't consider the



HEADMAN: Village leader Pawat 'Ko Piak' Supasuwan has helped to change the lives of many people in Tha Rue Mai Ruam Jai Pathana. His efforts have helped reduce crime by 75 percent and foster a strong sense of community within the village.

members to be customers. We are a family and we own this together."

Anyone who lives in Phuket is welcome to be a member of Kaeharassada Phuket Credit Union Cooperative Limited. There is no formal advertising for the company, but news of it is spread by word of mouth.

Tha Rue Mai Ruam Jai Pathana village is a lot different these days compared with when Ko Piak first arrived 14 years ago.

Crime is down 75 percent and more than 80 percent of

villagers have their own business and are able to live their lives debt free.

A few of the villagers have now saved enough money to buy their own house.

Anyone visiting the village can easily see the difference that Ko Piak has made.

There is a real sense of community spirit among the people, which is evident in the way they talk and treat one another.

Many parts of the world could learn some important lessons from his efforts.



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John Underwood

John Underwood is quietly changing the face of Phuket. This Australian born designer and sculptor transformed his former home at Kalim Beach into the stylish Hung Fat's restaurant.

"We were living across from the beach when the 2004 tsunami washed away everything in our home. I moved my family into our industrial factory on the Bypass Road. When Baan Rim Pa offered to open a stylish Pan Asian restaurant in my house, they gave me the freedom to turn the house into a big sculpture using mostly recycled and found materials."

John also worked with Bangkok designer Bill Bensley to renovate and refashion the former Pearl Village Resort at Nai Yang Beach into the stylish, award-winning Indigo Pearl. John studied the history of the owners, the Na Ranong family, who owned and operated tin mines on Phuket. Using mining as a theme, he created public sculptures, lighting and interior fixtures to create a resort that radiates world class appeal.

John grew up on a farm in rural Australia and spent his early years working as a jackaroo and sheep shearer before succumbing to his love of making art. He enrolled in the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology where he

earned a Fine Arts Diploma. He then studied mosaics, print making, sculpture and painting at the Victorian College of Arts on a fellowship grant.

He then began his international career in public art, with one of his first commissions being the production of glass mosaics in Italy with local masters of the craft.

When he returned to his native Australia, he began producing sculptures for public spaces. His studio, 'Artbusters', received a commission to mold hundreds of human figures for the Expo 88 held in Brisbane.

"I got my wife and friends together and asked them to be the models for the life-like expressionist characters. This required them to first strike a pose and then be covered in Vaseline, after which wet plaster was smeared all over their bodies. They had to hold their positions until the plaster dried, which often took hours," John recalls.

These human figure sculptures were so popular that Artbusters went on to receive commissions to build public art for the Australian Pavilion at the Korean Expo 90, and again at the Expo 92 in Seville, Spain.

He then moved to Thailand to create the large concepts and decorative elements for Seacon Square in Bangkok.

Artbusters began to expand around the region during the 1990s, opening seven companies in five countries. His most significant public sculpture was a million dollar, seven meter high stainless steel whale built for the Kuala Lumpur City Center.

But the 1997 Asian financial crisis meant cutbacks and an opportunity to take his career into new directions. John had been bringing his family to Phuket for holidays and by 1998 decided to move his entire production here, to an abandoned wood factory on the Bypass Road.

"I wanted the opportunity to focus on my own work instead of managing large contracts, and I wanted a better quality of life."

The commissions began to come in. The first was to build a cover for the swimming pool at Marina Cottages at Karon Beach. Then his friend and mentor Bill Heinecke, Managing Director of the Minor Group and owner of Phuket's JW Marriott Resort & Spa, asked him to create that property's signature light fixtures, furniture, spa doors and sculptures.

Currently, John is returning to his original interest in sculpture. He is a master of using surprising combinations of materials which he fashions or recycles into original forms. He is also creating his own gallery for contemporary art, allowing him to share his excitement about this genre with more and more people in Phuket.

— Bruce Stanley



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ABOUT EXPAT GALLERY

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

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FLYING SHARKS: Siam Ocean World staff prepare to release a young shark at Cape Panwa. Five one-year-old bamboo sharks were flown from the aquarium in Bangkok on one of Thai AirAsia's new aircraft to mark the launch of the airline's Phuket-Hong Kong route and to spark interest in marine conservation.



BRISBANE CALLING: Holiday makers disembarking from V-Australia Airline's inaugural flight from Brisbane to Phuket were greeted in traditional style by dancers from Phuket Rajabhat University. Also welcoming the new arrivals were TAT Director Mrs Bangornrat Shinaprayoon; Chairman of the Southern Hotel Association Methee Tanmanattragul; and Phuket International Airport staff.




WELCOME ON BOARD: Board members of Phuket's Chamber of Commerce congratulate Mr Bongkot Sirnag (2nd from left) on his appointment as the new Director of the Consular Branch, which opened recently at Phuket Provincial Hall.



BIRTHDAY GIRL: Cristy Baker (second left), Fundraising Events Co-ordinator for the Soi Dog Foundation, celebrated her birthday at Stereo Lab in Surin with some close friends last Saturday. Also pictured are (from left): Stuart Reading, Senior Assistant Vice President-Finance, Laguna Resorts & Hotels Public Company Limited; Thomas Alexandre, owner of Stereo Lab; and Jeanette Skelton, owner of Luxury Events Phuket.



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The luxury cars are being put on display by AAS Auto Service, the sole authorized importer and distributor of Porsche and Bentley cars in Thailand.

The event offers ticket holders an exclusive opportunity to experience the Bentley Continental Flying Spur Speed and the Bentley Continental GTC Speed, one of the most powerful convertibles ever made.

Also on display will be the Porsche Panamera, the premium Gran Turismo 4-door and the new 911 Carrera.

There are a limited number of tickets available for this prestigious event.

For further information contact Murat Can Sakarya.

Tel: 081-797 3364. E: muratc@royalphuketmarina.com.

without reservation and confirmation: 3,500 baht. From 6.30pm to 2am at Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa. For further information contact Mr Jorge De La Torre. T: 089-725 6994.

E: jorge@capesienna.com.

W: skalphuket.org/upcoming-events.

November 29. Free Computer Clinic – Chalong

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

For further information contact Woody Leonhard.

T: 076-290468. E: woody@KhunWoody.com.

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December 5. HM the King's Birthday Public Holiday

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For further information contact Martyn. T: 084-308 0827.

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November 27 - 28. Seventh Phuket International Soccer 7s

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November 28 - December 5. The Phuket King's Cup Regatta

First sailed in 1987 to celebrate His Majesty the King of Thailand's 60th birthday, the Phuket King's Cup Regatta is now in its 23rd year. From 8am to 10pm at Kata Beach. For further information contact Khun Kae Wattana. T: 076-273380. E: info@kingscup.com. W: kingscup.com.

November 28. Brightstar Academy Open House

An invitation to visit the Brightstar Academy during its Open House day from 10am to 1pm at the Boat Lagoon Resort. Brightstar Academy is an international pre-school for children aged two to seven with curriculum designed

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November 28 - December 5. WET & WILD art exhibition – Kata

The Wet & Wild exhibition of original art by Robin Gillow at Kata Beach Resort.

– November 28 - December 5: Kata Beach Resort.

– Christmas/New Year: Kata Beach Resort.

From 7pm to 9pm. Contact: Robin Gillow

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November 28. SKAL Phuket Christmas Gala Dinner at the Hilton Arcadia

SKAL Phuket is organizing its second annual Gala Dinner. All profits will be donated to the SKAL Children's Fund, which funds the educational costs for tsunami affected/underprivileged children in Phuket and Phang Nga.

Entertainment includes an auction, silent auction, a raffle and live music from Aquamarine and DJ Altero. Event Schedule: 7pm aperitif (foyer), dinner (Grand Ballroom) Santa Claus arrival, belly dance show, charity raffle and auction. Dancing and fun until 2am. Price

December 6. Laguna Phuket Triathlon 2009

Southeast Asia's premier multi-sport event, the Laguna Phuket Triathlon 2009 will take place on Sunday, December 6. This internationally renowned event is known as the 'Race of Legends' and has completely sold out for the last four years.

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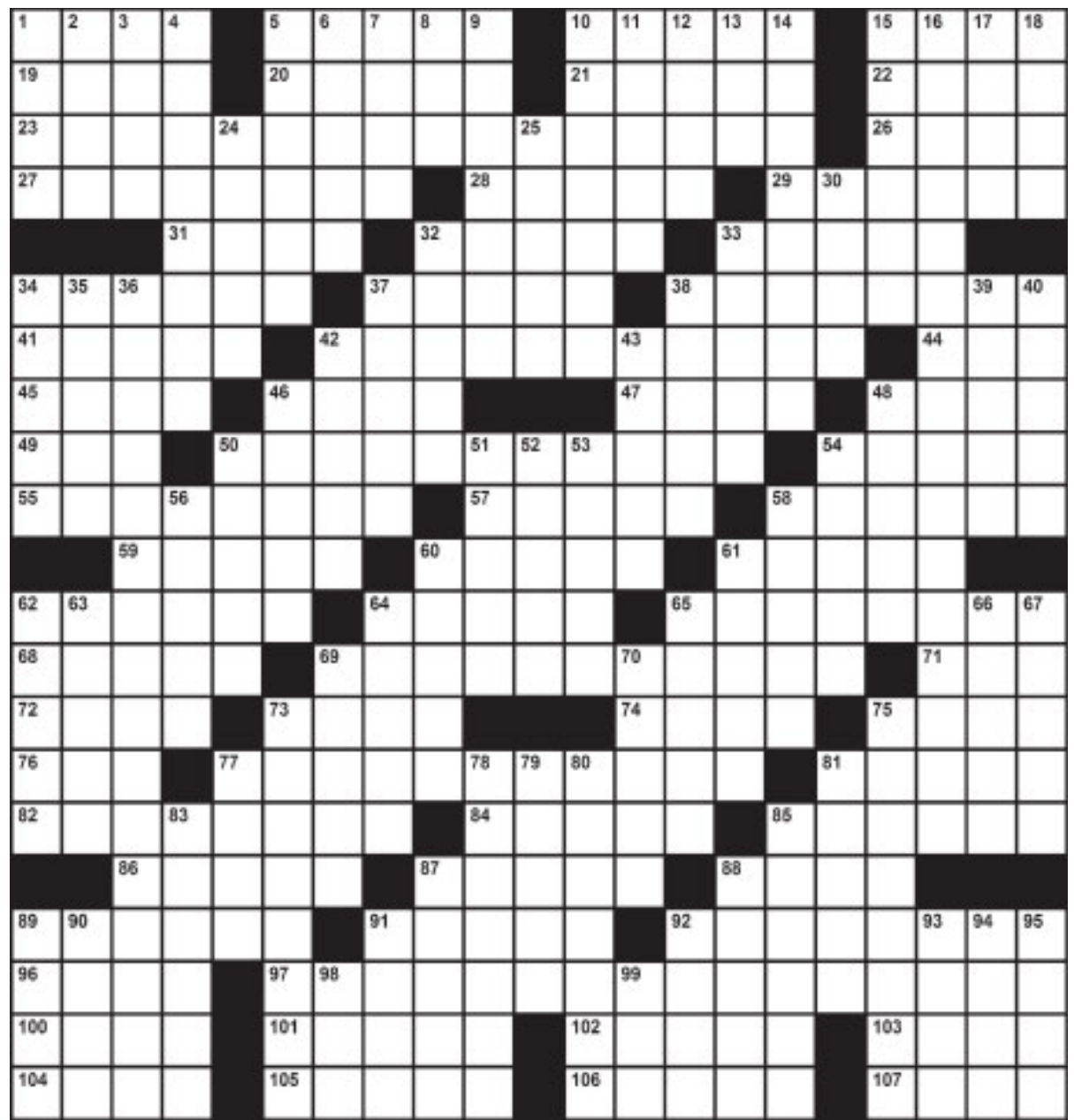
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- 1 Grant's landmark
5 "Concentration" objective
10 Microphone innovator Berliner
15 All tucked in
19 General's milieu
20 Cockamamie
21 It's south of Saudi Arabia
22 Second helping
23 Uproar over a matter of little importance
26 "All ___ being equal ..."
27 Partner of Steed
28 African bush areas
29 Went on a tirade
31 Homilies, for short
32 Briar and corn cob
33 "The Great ___ Pepper"
34 Holes for anchor cables
37 Extend a welcome to
38 One without equal
41 Anagram for chase
42 Blooming
44 Craggy crest
45 Blender noise
46 Fruit of the blackthorn
47 Network of nerves
48 U2 frontman
49 Hebrew measure
50 Indicators of impending bad weather
54 About half of all turns
55 Military personnel
57 Lagomorphic leapers
58 Blackboards
59 "The Flintstones" character
60 Old European coin

- 61 Freeload
62 Barker's speeches
64 Proofreader's mark
65 William Hurt and Kathleen Turner film
68 Word in a mouthwash ad
69 Bruce Springsteen classic
71 It's approx. 252 calories
72 88 or 98 automaker
73 Ball- ___ hammer
74 Sound from an arch-backed cat
75 Genealogist's study
76 Blacktop component
77 Made a stand
81 10,000,000 ergs
82 Rock-surface alterations
84 Faulty part of the shuttle Challenger
85 Steam bath garb
86 Blends
87 Single-handedly
88 1,003, on monuments
89 Feature of Apple's MP3 player's name
91 Nuptials principal
92 Very untidy place
96 Walden or Golden
97 Something incredibly fast
100 Puerto ___
101 Put on ___ (fake it)
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103 "... ___ saw Elba"
104 Primordial substance
105 Handles cargo
106 "If you only ___ much effort into ..."
107 Atoll barrier

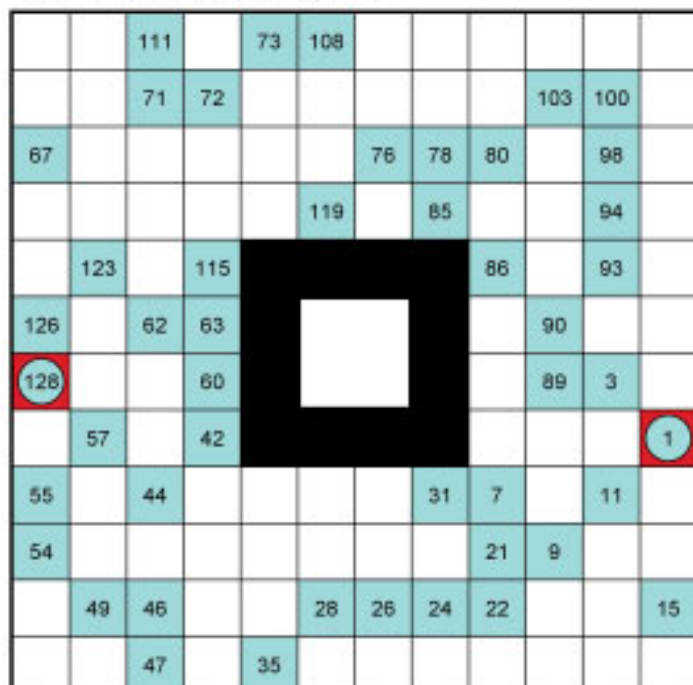
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2 Beehive State city
3 "De-lish!"
4 Shunt, e.g.
5 Scrooge McDuck and others
6 Adds to the kitty
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8 Larry King's station
9 More substantial
10 Sneaker features
11 Fermented honey drinks
12 Baby sitter's bane
13 The lion in summer
14 Spellbind
15 Adds a rider to
16 Sudden surprise
17 Gael's tongue
18 "No good ___ goes unpunished"
24 Dueling weapons with no cutting edges
25 "Dances with Wolves" home
30 Sailing 101 word
32 Introduction
33 Customary behaviors
34 Flying predators
35 "Bless you!" prompter
36 Marriage after three weeks of dating, e.g.
37 "Mine eyes have seen the ___ ..."
38 Food, shelter and clothing
39 Short adventure tale
40 Businessman Perot
42 Botanical garden display
43 Oil or vinegar holder
46 Apple holders
48 Bum's locale?
50 Not at all serious
51 Old-fashioned farm apparatus

- 52 Spiked
53 Address Congress, e.g.
54 "Back to the Future" star
56 Gets rid of waist?
58 Concoctions by some jerks
60 Cause to cower
61 Animal hunted by Sarah Palin
62 Belted, in the Bible
63 Pablo's wife in "For Whom the Bell Tolls"
64 Masticates
65 Deliver in person
66 If-possible connector
67 Medley material
69 "American Graffiti" extras
70 Lorelei rock river
73 Like the son in a Biblical teaching
75 Prize sharer
77 Aromatic herb
78 New Age gurus
79 Cause to deteriorate
80 Single-file
81 Beam in the attic
83 On rare occasions
85 Parishioners' contributions
87 "It's ___ to the finish"
88 ___ cum laude
89 Surprisingly limber
90 Act the drudge
91 Abacus component
92 Act that may be read aloud
93 Its bottom is Cork?
94 Dagger in "The Mikado"
95 "At last, the weekend!"
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- What is Erse?
- On oometer measures what?
- Of what substance did table tennis balls used to be made from?
- If you have variola
- what disease are you suffering from?
- Which playing card is known as the 'Curse of Scotland'?
- Han van Meegeren most commonly forged the work of which artist?
- In 1907, which European country elected the first female members of parliament?
- In 1969, what category was added to the Nobel Prize awards?
- In which city was Bob Hope born?
- In the human body, where is your occiput?
- Who wrote *Star Spangled Banner*?
- Which food did Victorians regard as 'little bags of mystery'?
- Which Hollywood action star was famously known as the 'Muscles from Brussels'?
- Which film star was the first to appear on a postage stamp?
- What would you expect to find in a binnacle?
- Which former Hollywood star has appeared on the cover of *Life* magazine more times than anyone else?

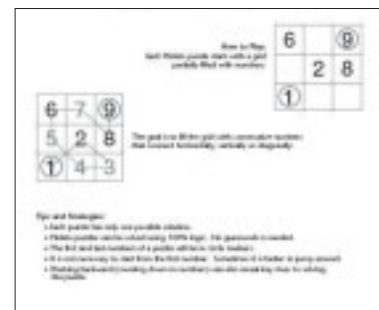
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Answers**

- King Camp Gillette; 2. Norwegian; 3. Brandy, Cointreau, Lemon juice; 4. Swine; 5. An Alternative Name for Gaelic; 6. Bird's Eggs; 7. Cork; 8. Smallpox; 9. The Nine of Diamonds; 10. Vermeer; 11. Finland; 12. Economics; 13. London; 14. Back of head; 15. Francis Scott-key; 16. Sausages; 17. Jean-Claude Van Damme; 18. Grace Kelly; 19. A Ship's compass; 20. Dame Elizabeth Taylor (11).

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

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A beer at the White House



Recently in the United States, a black college professor and a white policeman got into a confrontation. The police arrested the professor and the professor accused them of racism.

This caused a great uproar, with media pundits weighing in from every quarter. Eventually even President Obama got into the act. He said the police had acted stupidly. This raised another uproar.

So the president tried to smooth things over. He cut through all the foofaraw and struck upon a simple, but brilliant

solution by inviting the professor and the policeman over to the White House for a beer.

This is a very 'guy' thing, which every guy will understand immediately. It is the ultimate conciliatory gesture for guys.

Two guys may hate each other with a passion, but if a third guy invites them over for a beer, they will both go. They have to go. It is a moral imperative for guys. No guy turns down a free beer.

As we might have expected, the presidential beefest was a resounding success, but to cement the atmosphere of good will and camaraderie, I thought the three participants should watch *The Godfather*, which is the ultimate movie for guys.

I also thought the professor and the policeman should retire to the White House basketball court afterwards to shoot a few hoops with the president.

I imagined that the conversation would go like this:

Professor: Thank you for inviting us over, Mr President.

Policeman: That goes

double for me.

President: You're welcome, guys. Let's just kick back, suck down a cold one and forget about all the fuss.

Policeman: Yeah. Hey, I'm sorry I hassled you, prof.

Professor: It's okay, dude. I'm mellow. I may be black and you may be white, but we're both guys.

President: Let's drink a toast to our essential 'guyness'.

(They toast, and drain their beer mugs.)

Policeman: That was good, Mr President. May I have another?

President: Well, I invited you both over for a beer. That means one beer each. I didn't invite you over to empty my refrigerator.

Professor: Mr President. Barack. May I call you Barack?

President: Why not? My mother did, and so does my wife.

Professor: Barack, man, a bird can't fly on one wing. A man can't function on one beer. We need another one.

President: Okay, one more round for the three of us. (Five

rounds later:) Guys, I really think we need to wind things up. I need to work on my prelh hare cogram. I mean, my health care program. Burp.

Policeman: Aren't you going to invite us to watch *The Godfather*?

Professor: I thought we were going to get to shoot a few hoops with you.

President: I'd really love to, guys, but I've got a runtry to cun. A country to run.

Policeman: Hmph. Well, it's back to the mean streets to resume my lonely and thankless career of crushing crime in America for this brave, but underpaid cop.

Professor: Yep. And it's back to the books and lectures, and grading papers for this stalwart, but unappreciated guardian of our intellectual freedoms.

We don't know exactly how the conversation went, but I bet it went pretty much like that.

Joe Biden was also there, with his famous mouth. But apparently he didn't open it, so nothing newsworthy transpired.

A beer at the White House! If this practice could be institutionalized, it would

revolutionize world diplomacy.

It could mollify Kim Jong-il into renouncing North Korea's nuclear program, ditto with Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran. Except in his case it would have to be non-alcoholic beer.

If Ban Ki-moon invited Than Shwe to U.N. headquarters for a beer, Aung San Suu Kyi might soon be free.

If Vladimir Putin invited Mikheil Saakashvili to the Kremlin for a beer, the problems between Russia and Georgia might soon be history.

Moving closer to home, if Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva invited former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra to Government House for a beer, the conflict that has divided Thailand might dissipate like the morning mists at noontide.

A beer at the White House: a new model for world diplomacy, a simple solution to humanity's divisive problems. Just so long as it's no more than one.

S. Tsow can be flamed at s.tsow@gmail.com, except when he's relaxing over a round of beer.

Horoscopes



Isla Star

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): Sagittarians could be surprised to discover they get on like a house on fire with someone they were anticipating to have communication problems with. If this person is a new work colleague, the stars predict a successful future lies in store. Those who are celebrating a birthday during the coming week should see all kinds of relationships becoming more satisfying in the year ahead.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Your imagination is stretched by an encounter with an old water sign friend this week. Those born under the sign of Capricorn who would like to seek pastures new should receive a good chance to leave familiar grazing grounds. A romantic relationship will be put to the test by this situation, but you may see a way to ensure everyone is happy with the outcome. Wear the color aubergine to encourage a practical frame of mind.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Your patience is stretched to the limit when someone wants to make a business plan more complicated than it needs to be. Aquarians will begin to wonder whether working under difficult conditions is worth it, but the stars suggest you will soon come up with a way to calm stormy waters. In the realm of romance, your unwillingness to take a liaison as seriously as the other person wishes could cause friction.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Pisceans are forecast to begin the month of December feeling as keen as mustard. Early next week, you receive an indication that promotion will be possible in the New Year and this could prompt sudden plans for a well-earned getaway

during the Christmas period. The number four can bring some good fortune on Sunday.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): Arians are forecast to experience insecurity during the first week of December. Your employment situation will become less stressful towards the middle of the month; in the meantime, you shouldn't make any sudden moves. Where love is concerned, it will soon become clear that rekindling the ashes of a relationship that ended abruptly earlier this year is not out of the question.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): Taureans should chance upon new outlets for their creativity this week. The astrological atmosphere in December will provide support for those who want to improve their skills. A Scorpio friend is ready to share knowledge and this could bring the opportunity of earning some extra cash. Sagittarius is eager to flirt this weekend and the less interest you show, the more intrigued they will become.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Keeping all your eggs in one basket is the sensible approach to December. However, many Geminis will be tempted to spread investment into unfamiliar areas. Someone born under a fire sign could come up with a scheme that is bound to cause you financial loss. Your romantic life ticks along slowly and steadily, but a lovelorn friend could demand your attention this weekend.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): A friend's confession takes the wind out of your sails this weekend and this could lead some Cancerians to re-evaluate a longstanding relationship. Where finances are concerned, there are signs that an

unexpected windfall is on the way and December is highlighted to be a more lucrative month. However, a partner's spendthrift tendencies may prompt a heated discussion.

LEO (July 24-August 22): Your conscientious attitude at work should ensure that potential problems are avoided this week. During the month of December, attention to detail will be all-important for those born under the sign of Leo. An earth sign colleague could try to lead you up the jungle path on Monday and this may be the final straw for those weary of compensating for others' lack of ability. The number eight is lucky this weekend.

VIRGO (August 23-September 23): Travel is highlighted to brighten the beginning of December for many Virgoans. The stars suggest that those involved in a long-distance romance will have serious decisions to make this week. If you're single and searching, someone born under a water sign is ready to make your heart beat faster. Wear the color strawberry to encourage a relaxed mood.

LIBRA (September 24-October 23): Most areas of your life improve as the month of December commences. Librans who were considering seeking new employment will have a change of heart when a better

position becomes available at your current place of work. If you're recovering from a broken relationship, a social whirl helps to keep you occupied. The number seven can bring some good luck on Monday.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): Scorpios are set to end the year with luck on their side. The stars predict you will enjoy a profitable time during December; money should start to flow your way this week and outgoings will be less than expected. Romance could be affected by your inability to share feelings, but a heart to heart talk this weekend will help to clear the air. Wear the color toffee brown to encourage more patience.

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A tough time for police

This past week has seen a real change in the weather in Phuket, literally and figuratively.

The monsoon season appears to finally be drawing to a close and with temperatures dropping in colder northern climes, high season is upon us. Hotel occupancy rates are rising and the island's population continues to swell.

By some estimates Phuket's actual population is already in excess of one million; the true figure remains unknown.

To keep everyone entertained, numerous events are planned: the 40-million baht Chang-powered Patong Carnival, the Phuket Old Town Festival and the Red Cross / News Year's Festival, to name just a few. After last year's airport fiasco, all of this is long-awaited good news for the tourism industry.

The huge influx onto the island, however, spells trying times for Phuket's law enforcement community.

For every charter flight full of holidaymakers that touches down at Phuket International Airport, it is safe to assume there is a busload full of migrant workers rolling into the provincial bus terminal, all hoping to reap benefits from the extra cash being spent in the province at this time of year.

While the vast majority of these arrivals are honest and hardworking, the sheer number of incoming migrants combined with the current state of the economy make an increase in crime almost inevitable.

As if on cue, the past week has also seen what appears to be a dramatic rise in the number of violent crime cases: a wild shootout between police and alleged thieves in one of the island's most popular parks; a woman brutally disfigured in a senseless acid attack; a transgender restaurant worker shot through the temple at point blank range in Wichit; a monk and a merit-maker run over and killed by a hit-and-run driver; a Rajabhat Phuket freshman stabbed to death by a fellow student...

We can only hope this is all coincidental and not the start of a crime trend that will run until March or April.

One cause for optimism was the capture of two murder suspects from Ratchaburi who were on the run in Phuket for almost a year.

Indeed, Phuket's huge migrant population, warm weather, great food and cheap prices make the island an ideal winter escape for people of every stripe, both Thai and foreign – including some who should be wearing stripes and sitting in jail cells.

It's a shame that the automated CCTV security system planned for Tah Chat Chai road checkpoint is not in place, because police are going to need as many tools as possible in combating crime this high season.

– Stephen Michael Fein

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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.

Inadequate warning

I have lived at Tri Trang Beach Resort for nearly four years now. I know there is absolutely no procedure in place to warn guests of a tsunami, yet some rooms will be hit very badly if we should have one [*Gazette online*, November 20].

I don't think the hotel gets any official warning or is given any official procedures. If it does, we as guests have no knowledge of it.

Furthermore, I was in a coffee shop at the top of Haad Patong Road and could not even hear the sirens at the last practice, so, except for those on the beach, it is likely that the rest of the public will never know what is happening until the wave comes rushing up the road.

I guess my point is that the warning system is inadequate.

Dave Lombardi
Patong

Paper over plastic

Regarding the project to charge for plastic bags [*Gazette online*, November 18], how about replacing non-degradable plastic with paper or other degradable materials?

Charge for any type of bag, with plastic at a premium, and encourage the use of large cloth shopping bags, with store logos, at cost.

This will serve as a form of promotion.

It will be hard to eliminate plastic completely overnight, but what did we use before plastic?

Make the boxes in which supplies arrive available at check out counters as an alternative way of packing groceries.

At present, only Makro seems to get it! You purchase an

11-baht large Makro plastic bag and take it back each time you come and shop.

Joe Hart
Rawai

Charge more

I read, initially with some encouragement, that there was going to be a campaign to stem the tide of plastic bags engulfing us in Phuket [*Gazette online*, November 18].

However, when I got to the details, I was dismayed that the strategy involves charging a single baht for a plastic bag. Expecting local organizations to supply cloth bags is equally absurd.

The thrust of the campaign should be that people pay more for a plastic bag than a cloth bag. For example, people can pay three baht for a cloth bag or five baht for a plastic bag.

This will have two main effects. First, there will be a financial disincentive for people to buy plastic bags and an incentive to buy cloth bags, which can be used many times.

Second, the bags can be made locally by socially disadvantaged people, who can do something positive for their communities.

The other thing I would like to suggest is that people who want takeaway food provide their own plastic container to eliminate the waste produced by polystyrene containers, another plague on the environment.

Ronald Brown
Phuket

Irresponsible behavior

I was appalled to read your 'First Person' article on page 21 of last week's newspaper, irresponsibly promoting the anonymous bail bondsman 'Alex'

[*Phuket Gazette*, November 21].

It's 'fixers' like this man who are behind most of the recent problems at Suvarnabhumi Airport, resulting in some extremely damaging world-wide publicity for Thailand. Even the Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva has ordered these people be outlawed, but still you give this man free publicity, even though he won't be identified.

Surely if a tourist gets into trouble with the Thai police, it is his country's consul or a lawyer who he should be calling, not a parasite like 'Alex', whose sole concern is to extort as much as he can from unfortunate people caught up in difficult situations.

Peter Castleton
Surin

I am a music fan

Another week, another copy of the *Gazette* and yet another whole page devoted to electronic dance 'music' [*Phuket Gazette*, November 21].

While I am sure this appeals to a fair number of young people (mostly tourists), it is way out of proportion to the demographics and average tastes of the expat population of Phuket.

How about some coverage of music featuring people who actually play instruments and sing.

This encompasses many genres from rock and folk to jazz and classical.

It would be great to have some sort of gig guide for the upcoming week in the back of the paper.

I feel this would be a great addition to help plan your week's entertainment.

There could also be selected reviews the following week.

Derek Steele
Phuket

Letters conveying views and suggestions are published here. Those seeking comment from government officials and/or business owners are published in *Issues & Answers* at www.phuketgazette.net.

Aiming to end Phuket's plastic addiction



FIRST PERSON

In mid-February, Phuket will become the first province in Thailand where all major retailers will charge customers for plastic bags. The prime mover behind the campaign is Nick Anthony, Director of Indigo Real Estate. Here he explains why the launch was delayed, why the project is needed and why he is so optimistic it will be a success. Compiled by News Editor Stephen Michael Fein.

The date when the project will kick off will be announced very soon, most likely Valentine's Day.

We have had some very open discussions with the retailers and they have asked for a little more time to put together their alternative strategies.

The government has been a very strong backer of this campaign and they would also like a little more time to promote it to residents, government officers and employees, and to put together a marketing campaign to promote the strategy. They are very proactive and 100 percent behind it.

December 4, however, is only a week away and there was a concern that if consumers are being charged for plastic bags and there are no alternatives in place, there could be some backlash.

We are the first province in Thailand to initiate the plastic bag charge. There has been a great deal of interest from Bangkok and we hope that at least one of the ministers from Bangkok will be with us on December 4 when we sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the retailers.

We have a plan for 2010 to broaden this Phuket strategy into Phang Nga Bay. I had a meeting with Phuket based eco-tourist operator John Gray to put together

a 'Protect the Bay' strategy for 2010. We can incorporate the plastic bag charge into all of Phang Nga Bay, start cleaning it up and being positive and active in promoting eco-strategies.

There have been discussions on how to reduce the number of two-stroke engines in Phang Nga Bay, for example.

There have also been discussions on how to set up wide-scale recycling programs in all communities in Phang Nga Bay; it is going to be an active, positive campaign.

We have also been in conversation with people on Koh Samui and in Hua Hin, plus a number of groups in Bangkok, all of which are very excited about what we are doing here.

Our focus, however, is just getting Phuket launched. I think we will then see other provinces follow.

Our intention, and that of the government, is for this policy to go far beyond first-tier retailers. It is easier for us to work with the biggest retailers at the moment. They are the biggest problem as they produce the largest volume of plastic bags.

Following on from that, there will be a strategy to get into the wet markets, mom-and-pop stores and food vendors.

A lot of that is going to be driven by the local government. All of the tambon administration

organizations and municipalities will be responsible for enforcing the plastic bag charge and checking the major retailers.

They will also be responsible for educating their constituency on what we are trying to do with recycling and waste management.

The governor will also provide a budget to give away reusable plastic bags to the community.

Getting used to change is a mindset and it takes some practice and understanding. I have looked at these plastic campaigns in 30 or 40 countries around the world.

The initial step of charging people for plastic bags and bringing it into people's mindsets will have a dramatic impact.

China started off with the Shanghai and Beijing strategy, which was very tough. Then, as of March this year, they hired 450,000 inspectors.

They were sent to all points in China and were responsible for checking retailers and for fining them up to US\$1,000 dollars if they were giving away free plastic bags. They took the fight to the provinces and it has been phenomenally successful.

This campaign goes back to our beach cleaning in April and the change from 'low' season to 'summer' season, promoting year-round tourism in Phuket.

If we promote Phuket as an annual destination, then beach management also has to be an annual process, but historically it has only taken place from November until April, then shutting down and forgetting about it for six months.

We collected massive amounts of plastic, so we decided that the best strategy would be to start with plastic bags. It can be enforced by the government. It is necessary. There is precedent around the world.

Once we have the plastic bag strategy in place, we will have, probably for the first time in Phuket, all of the different government departments working together, including provincial and local.

We will have all of the retailers coming together for a common cause and we will have the public getting involved in an initiative that is positive for Phuket at a time when global warming and the planet's sustainability is in peoples' thoughts.

Once we have the strategy implemented and running smoothly, and can announce that the amount of plastic has been cut by 30 percent, then 40 percent, then 50 percent, we will see momentum build.

The government is extremely keen to take all of the next steps: curbside recycling, a

plastic bottle campaign, and looking at ways to reduce waste of every aspect – paper, plastic, bottles, cardboard and so on.

Every aspect will be reviewed to see if there are other strategies we can implement to support further long-term reduction.

The only other way is to build more incinerators and more landfills sites.

With the population growth we have in Phuket, the waste will soon double from 500 tonnes to 1,000 tonnes per day.

I think the problem the government has had in the past is that it is such a big problem, they have had trouble developing strategies to handle it. By introducing this plastic bag strategy, we now have the first step in the right direction.

I am really positive about this campaign. I am expecting every retailer to follow and support us on this.

I don't think there are going to be any holdouts, including the convenience stores. Quite frankly, if there was one retailer who said, "I am going to hold out", I would expect a public backlash with people boycotting them.

When we sign the Memorandum of Understanding on December 4, if there is one company that refuses to go along, then I expect that company to face problems.

Issues & ANSWERS

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What happens to my work permit when I switch jobs?

I would like to know what happens to my work permit if I move from one company to another. Can it simply be switched from my old employer to my new one?

I have also heard I would have to leave the country to get a new visa even if my current one hasn't expired. Is this the case? If so, how long am I allowed to remain in the country before I have to get a new visa?

Michael B Way
Rasada

K. Soawapa, an officer at the Department of Employment Phuket, work permit section, replies:

Your old company will cancel the work permit and you will receive a cancellation document (Tor tor 10).

When you apply for a new work permit, you must bring the cancellation document with you.

Once your work permit is canceled, you have to leave the country to apply for a new Non-Immigrant B visa so you can apply for a work permit with your new employer. You must do this within 7 days.

For more information contact the Department of Employment at 38/27 Rattanakosin 200 Pi Road, Phuket City, or call 076- 219660-13.

Can a foreigner practice medicine here in Phuket?

My brother has just completed his bachelor's degree in physiotherapy (BPT) in India. Can he practice here in Phuket? and can doctors from other countries practice medicine here in Thailand?

Nishant Chauhan
Phuket

Officers from the Department of Employment Phuket office and the Medical Council of Thailand reply:

Foreign doctors can apply for a work permit, but they need to get a license to practice medicine from the Medical Council of Thailand if they wish to work here long-term.

If that is the case, they have to pass a test in Thai in order to get a permanent license. If they are here to practice medicine temporarily on a contract basis, they must contact the Phuket Provincial Public Health office and apply for a permit covering the duration of their stay.

For more information contact Phuket Provincial Public Health Office at Narisorn Road, Phuket; or call 076-211 330. Alternatively, contact: the Medical Council of Thailand at Building 6, Floor 7, Building of Secretary Ministry of Public Health, Thiwanon Road, Nonthaburi or call 02-590-1880-3.

The platform of choice for investors



MONEY TALKS

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This column has periodically covered Personal Portfolio Bonds or PPBs, which offer investors a holding and dealing device for funds. They also offer continually updated valuations of the holdings in a portfolio.

PPBs target medium- to longer-term growth, or income, and effectively give access to the whole investment universe.

However, the word 'platforms' is gradually replacing the term 'PPBs'. The list of platform providers includes names that have nothing to do with insurance.

This is a very sensible expansion in the market and gives expats an outstanding opportunity to make tax-free returns; making the right decisions in the selected investment world makes all the difference.

For example, you could simply invest in Money Market Funds via your platform, with a wide range of currencies and virtually all choices of banks available.

It would be a very safe investment but yields are very low in all major currencies as the aftermath of the global recession is still strongly with us.

Few global central banks are raising interest rates with the

major tradable currencies – the US Dollar, Euro, Yen and Sterling – all firmly in pause mode. This state of affairs may continue for some time; there is a whiff of deflation appearing in many areas and a worrying level of debt.

For example Japan, which is still the second largest economy in the world, also has the second highest levels of foreign exchange reserves at almost US\$1 trillion (China has the most foreign exchange reserves with US\$2 trillion). However, Japan's domestic debt now stands at around 200% of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

It is generally recommended that a country's debt should not exceed 60% of its GDP.

'Platforms' make it easy to diversify, allowing you to invest in an Australian Investment Fund and American Mid Caps or simply an International Fund, among many others. Platform providers often publish their full discounted prices into various funds. In many cases they receive a full 100% discount on any upfront commission levied by any fund management group.

Platforms do not take any of the discounted commission from fund manager fees; the full discount is passed directly on to the customer. What actually happens is that fund management groups are used to dealing with platforms, because in reality, platforms provide much of the money that ends up with Fund Managers. Many Fund Management groups look upon front-end charges simply as a 'marketing expense'.

Fund management groups have long-standing links to platforms, especially the insurance sector's personal portfolio bonds or PPBs. It makes for easy and rapid dealing. One company, Royal Skandia, said that their dealers had to deal with up to 500 trades every day.

Without a platform, how does an individual or couple invest their money? Platforms, in this new world, allow people to invest wherever they wish; there is one caveat most platform providers require: that an investment be vetted by their in-house investment committee.



BIG IN JAPAN: Bank of Japan Governor Masaaki Shirakawa speaks before press at the bank's headquarters in Tokyo in November. Japan's central bank announced that it was leaving its super-low interest rates unchanged at 0.1 percent, in the face of mounting concerns about deflation in the world's second-largest economy. Photo: AFP /Yoshikazu Tsuno

Every fund manager I speak to tells me which platforms, usually insurance companies, accept their funds. No acceptance means no business and fund management groups are acutely aware of the microscope view with which insurance companies often look at investments.

The real issue of individual investment has changed dramatically in less than ten years. Expat investors who normally reside in Thailand take on the international rating of this country. A number

of platform providers look closely at the data supplied by a Berlin based service called Transparency International. The latest figures published by this group, in mid November, reveal that Thailand is now the 84th least corrupt country in the world, down from the 80th place last year. On a broad score of areas, Thailand only achieved 3.4 out of 10.

This information also ties in closely with other assessments of Thailand. Taken together, this means that any financial institution dealing with an expat in Thailand usually wants more background information than an expat based in Singapore would normally have to supply. All financial institutions now have compli-

ance departments, and they are very strict on source of wealth issues.

Therefore, anyone wanting to have a diversified portfolio, which normally means dealing with a number of financial institutions, can find the process time consuming and frustrating.

In many cases, fund management groups do not even want to deal with individuals, because they are simply too time consuming. They will certainly not be offering any discounts.

Platforms offer another great advantage: expats can go through source of wealth and compliance only once. Thereafter, it is the platform provider that deals with all the requested fund management groups or stockbrokers, or any other entity.

There is no need to supply ongoing information; the platform provider itself is conducting all trades.

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Windows 7 the smart way

The fifth part in a series on Microsoft's new operating system

KHUN WOODY'S COMPUTER

Last week, a good friend of mine spent the whole day at one of my shops, working on his laptop. I asked him if the internet at his office was broken.

"Nope," he replied. "I shut down my office until the software police raids blow over."

Like dozens – probably hundreds – of small business owners on the island, he was worried that the Business Software Alliance, with special police in tow, would enter his place of business, unannounced and without a warrant, and confiscate any PCs with less-than-genuine software, present him with a breathtaking fine and possibly throw him in jail.

In the end, my friend spent 15,000 baht making each of his PCs legal with genuine copies of Windows. He also lost four days of business, heaven knows how many hours of sleep and – his wife assures me – significant clumps of hair.

That's what I've been writing about in this series, folks. This is the fifth in a series of articles describing how you can put a 100 percent genuine copy of Windows 7 on all of your PCs.

If you have a friend in North America or Europe, you can do it for less than 1,500 baht per PC.

If you have old PCs, you may have to invest 2,500 baht or so to bring them up to scratch, following the instructions in this column last month.

That's what I did with all six of the XP-era PCs I have in the Sandwich Shoppes and they run Windows 7 really fast. Try them and you'll see.

For the princely sum of 1,500 to 4,000 baht, depending on how old your hardware might be, you can be using a legal Windows 7 on a decent PC.

As a 'genuine' Windows user, you qualify for free patches to Windows and a handful of additional useful, free programs, including Windows Live Mail (which replaces Outlook

Express), Photo Gallery, Movie Maker and the latest version of Windows Media Player.

You also get an excellent, free anti-virus program called Microsoft Security Essentials. No hassles. No problems.

Failing that, you can ignore my advice, pay 15,000 baht for an old copy of Windows Vista, and/or pray that you don't get caught. The choice is yours. See why I call it 'the smart way'?

Some people blame Microsoft or the Business Software Alliance. Others blame the police, the government, disgruntled employees or even their mother-in-law for the software busts. Poppycock.

What we're seeing in Phuket is happening all over the world – except, possibly, in China and North Korea.

If you've been to any of the Computer Clinics, you'll know I don't have much sympathy for Microsoft; I've been fighting MS in print for almost twenty years. But in this case, they're right.

If you can't afford 1,500 baht for a genuine copy of Windows 7, don't use Windows. Use Linux. Or pay through the nose for a Mac. Up to you.

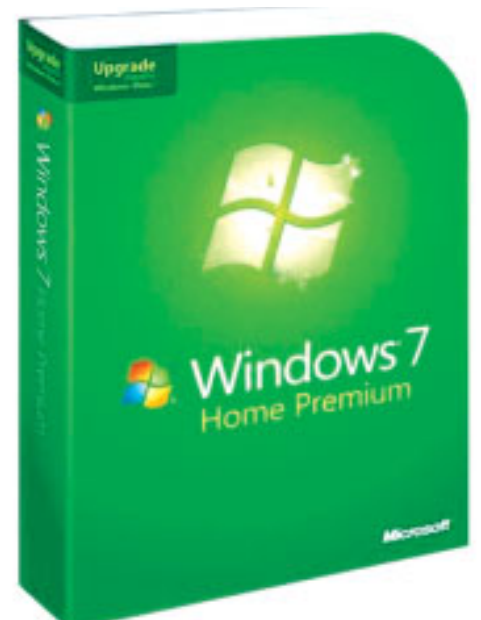
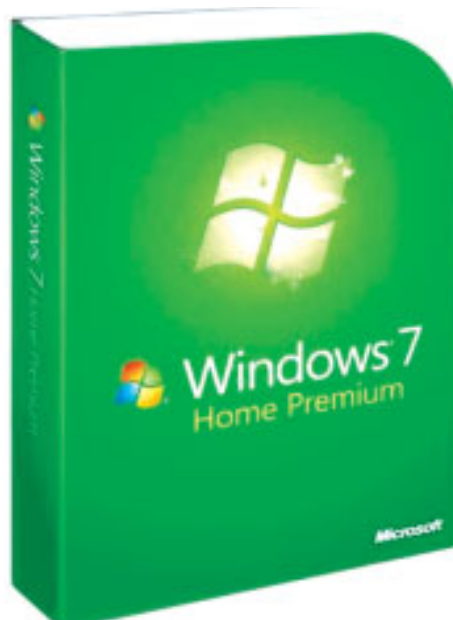
But if you knowingly run pirate software, the people who make the software have every right to demand payment.

Contrariwise, you, dear reader, have every right to drive the best bargain you can. That's what these articles are about. I can't get you a red hot deal on MS Office, but you can use OpenOffice or Google Docs.

I don't know how to get cheap copies of Photoshop, Illustrator, CS or Autocad and I'd rather cut off my clicking finger than help you install McAfee or Norton, but I do know how to get a perfectly good copy of Windows 7 for a tremendous price.

To recap, the best way to get a good price on Windows 7 is to buy an upgrade DVD in the US or Europe.

If you have an extended family with three PCs and you want the English version of Windows 7, you can get the Windows 7 Home Premium Family Pack, which includes an



The 'upgrade' version of Windows 7 (right) is about half the price of the 'full' version on the left. You never have to pay for the full version.

upgrade key valid for up to three PCs, for US\$125 or so in the US.

That's less than 1,400 baht per PC. Have a friend buy the Family Pack at Costco and email you the upgrade key.

On this side of the big puddle, you can install Windows 7 from any available DVD and there are plenty of completely legal, fully legitimate DVDs floating around.

There's nothing wrong with passing around the DVD; Microsoft makes its money selling the licenses, but you want to make sure you get a good, clean copy.

Most people will want to install the 32-bit version of Windows 7 Home Premium. You can install Windows 7 and use it, completely legally, for up to 120 days without typing in a key (See my Windows Secrets Newsletter Top Story at tinyurl.com/mzb4n5).

Microsoft sells two different kinds of Windows 7 licenses – 'upgrade' licenses and 'full' licenses (see screen shot).

Depending on where you buy the boxes, full copies of Windows 7 cost about twice as much as upgrades. In theory, you can only install the upgrade version of Windows 7 – and you only qualify for upgrade prices – if you have a licensed, legitimate version of Windows XP or Vista running on your computer.

If you have a pirate copy of XP or Vista on your PC, or if you're installing onto a bare new PC that's never had a genuine copy of Windows (or activating a new virtual machine, as in the Mac's Bootcamp), you have to pay more for the full version.

Or maybe not.

In practice, things are a bit more, uh, fluid. One of the dirty little secrets that Microsoft only recently confirmed is that the DVDs included in the upgrade and full boxes are identical. The only difference is the keys.

In my next column I'll take you through the steps required to

activate Windows 7 the smart way – even if you're starting from a pirate copy of XP.

Woody's latest books, *Green Home Computing For Dummies* (widely available in several languages) and *Windows 7 All-In-One For Dummies*, are now on store shelves. Catch the latest Woodifications in Windows Secrets Newsletter, Windows Secrets .com, and on the site Ask Woody.com.

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Record fleet expected for King's Cup 2009

Organizers of the 2009 Phuket King's Cup Regatta are anticipating a record fleet at this year's event despite the well-documented financial woes of the past 12 months.

The fleet list for the 23rd staging of the King's Cup is expected to contain a total of 105 boats when the regatta officially opens on November 28 for registration.

In another boost for the event, favorable weather has been forecast for the five days of sailing, with racing due to commence on November 30.

Competition on the Andaman Sea off Kata Beach looks set to be fierce once again following the confirmation that six champions from 2008 are returning to defend their crowns.

With the promise of record numbers, ideal conditions and tough competition, regatta director Simon James was upbeat about the upcoming event.

"Certainly the Phuket King's Cup Regatta 2009 is heading for another big year with a record fleet," he said.

"Even the wind is on schedule, with a strong north easterly now settling into its regular pattern."

The final day of racing at this year's event will coincide with HM the King's 82nd birthday and Mr James confirmed there will be some slight alterations to the final day's events.

"This year the King's birthday falls on the closing Saturday, so we will have the sail past in the morning and then we'll race," he said.

In other news, the King's Cup, which started out with dinghy races, is going back to its roots and will feature two days of dinghy racing before the main event gets underway.

Six children from the Sunshine Village have been given the opportunity to participate in this prestigious event courtesy of Topper Sail Phuket who have donated four Topaz dinghies.

The racing will take place at Kata Beach on the afternoons of November 28 and 29 with three or four races scheduled each day.

The prize giving will take place on Sunday night at the King's Cup opening party.

As a media sponsor of the King's Cup, the *Phuket Gazette* will be publishing regular updates during the regatta online at phuketgazette.net.

Chaichote leaves BIS for Singapore on a high note

Singapore-bound footballer Chaichote Panasampon helped his British International School side to victory at the Youth Football Home tournament last weekend.

The talented youngster scored nine times in the competition, including one in the final as his side won the trophy on penalties.

Phuket played host to two consecutive weekends of youth football earlier this month, with tournaments held at the British International School (BIS) and the Youth Football Home (YFH).

Around 800 players from schools in Brunei, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and across Thailand all converged on BIS for the school's eighth annual soccer tournament, the biggest of its kind in Southeast Asia.

Despite the presence of teams from a number of countries, local schools still fared well.

Patong School had a particularly successful weekend, claiming victory in both the over-15s and under-15s events for boys.

The home school also had a victory to celebrate, when its

over-15s girls side, inspired by captain Karnnika Porter, claimed victory to defeat the International Community School from Bangkok in the final.

The following weekend there was a smaller competition at the YFH in Thalang, featuring boys from BIS, Phuket International Academy, QSI and a few international teams.

Finals between teams from the YFH and BIS have produced some classic encounters in recent years and spectators would have been licking their lips when the two sides met in the under-12s' final.

YFH were a goal ahead at half time through Wittiwat Phunsing and they doubled their lead soon after the break when Sooksan Ashacan added a second.

BIS were left with a mountain to climb against a small, but skillful YFH side, but were able to claw a goal back through Chaichote Panasampon, making his final appearance for BIS, before Jackson Main grabbed a late equalizer.

With the scores tied at two apiece, a sudden death penalty shoot out was required to separate the sides.

The first four penalties were

converted, but the third YFH penalty taker was intimidated by the presence of experienced BIS goalkeeper Monnavut Baonyasit and fired his penalty against the base of the post.

Nappasit Paramacharoenroj was entrusted with the vital kick and he made no mistake, firing home to give BIS victory.

Chaichote Panasampon is leaving BIS to attend ESPN Star Sports presenter Paul Masefield's Singapore Sports School, having been one of 18 footballers selected from a group of 800 at a recent trial.

He scored nine goals during the tournament, including the crucial opening BIS goal in the final.

"I'm really happy we won and it will leave me with some great memories. I never thought it was all over, even at 2-0 down I still believed we could come back and win it," he said.

"I'm looking forward to going to Singapore, but I am really going to miss playing with my friends in Phuket."

In the under-14s tournament, YFH defeated Subang Jaya Community Sports Club from Malaysia 3-0 in the final.

-James Goyder



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Defending champs face stiff challenge at Laguna

Defending Laguna Phuket Triathlon champions Richie Cunningham and Belinda Granger of Australia will face tough opposition when they line up to defend their titles at the 16th staging of the Laguna event on December 6.

Granger, winner of the Laguna event at the sixth time of asking, faces stiff opposition in the form of Canada's Tereza Macel and Virginia Berasategui of Spain, newcomers to the Laguna event.

Macel and Granger raced against each other earlier this season, when the pair locked horns at the Canadian Ironman.

On home soil, Macel emerged victorious, pushing Granger into second place and the reigning Laguna champion will be out to reverse the finishing positions in just over a week's time.

Berasategui, a trained psychologist, however, might surprise the pair of them, coming into the event on the back of an excellent season, which includes a win at the Avia Wildflower Triathlon and a third-place finish at the recent World Championships in Hawaii.

Cunningham, competing in his sixth Laguna Phuket Triathlon,



Australian athlete Belinda Granger will be up against stiff opposition as she attempts to defend her crown.

will be pushed all the way by 2007 champion and 2008 runner up Massimo Cigana of Italy and 2008 Beijing Olympics gold medalist Jan Frodeno of Germany as he looks to defend his crown.

Last year's event was the Aussie's first success over the 1.8km swim, 55km cycle and 12km run course and Cunningham should arrive in Phuket full of confidence after yet another superb season.

After losing his crown last year, Massimo Cigana will be determined to make amends in 2009 and arrives in Thailand in good form

after winning the recent Long Distance Triathlon in Alpe d'Huez.

Olympic champion Frodeno is a newcomer to the Laguna event, but with such great pedigree, he should prove to be a difficult opponent for Cunningham and Cigana.

With the reigning champions, a former champion and an Olympic gold medalist in the line up, the 2009 Laguna event underlines why the triathlon is known as the 'Race of Legends'.

As a media sponsor of the event, the *Phuket Gazette* will be closely following the athletes on the day. **-Daniel Ogunshakin**

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The history of civilization has been shrouded in mystery since records began. First there was the mystery of the pyramids. How did the ancient Egyptians manage to engineer such wondrous, gargantuan structures?

Then came the disappearance of the Aztecs and Mayas, something which confounds historians and scientists to this day, lest not forget about the fabled city of Atlantis, the location of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, Stonehenge or the disappearance of the Colossus of Rhodes; all shrouded in mystery.

In recent times we have had the conundrum of Michael Jackson's nose and how it eventually took on a life of its own.

To quote *The X Files* – that



Some of Phuket's construction issues are as enigmatic as the reconstruction of Michael Jackson's nose. Photo: AFP File

infamous television program that explained the universe's great perplexities – "the truth is out there", we just aren't always sure where.

With that in mind, perhaps it's an opportune time to talk about the enigma of the Tamarind Hills condominium project. I've received more questions, comments and opinions on this single topic over the past year than any other. Yep, even more

than the recent debate about over development and environmental issues on the island.

To the chagrin of many overseas investors who bought units from the Lersuang Group a number of years ago, the project has been mothballed for over two years and remains uncompleted.

To solve the riddle, I spoke to Dr Metta Visessombat, the new managing director of the renamed Tamarind Hills Layan Co Ltd, who laid out a rehabilitation project for the distressed project.

First a bit of history. The Lersuang Group started out as Holbrook Construction, developing town homes in Surin. Holbrook then became the Lersuang Group, building Club Lersuang in Surin before rapidly expanding; developing Turtle Cove in Mai Khao, Layan's Tamarind Hills, Surin's Infinity

Heights and finally Lersuang Village in Cherng Talay.

With the exception of the first two developments, unfortunately none of the other projects have actually been completed and have left a legacy of unhappy purchasers, alleged litigation and consumer complaints in jurisdictions such as Hong Kong.

A recent visit to the company's former head office in Cherng Talay revealed they have relocated and we were unable to speak to the former directors at the time of writing.

Speaking to Dr Metta, the current rescue plan only covers Tamarind Hills and he has relocated company offices to Ban Don Road in Cherng Talay. Aside from his current role, he also heads the energy group Sepco Asia (it should be noted that Dr Metta was a former director and shareholder of the Lersuang Group, something he has been completely transparent about).

Returning to the tale of woe for buyers in the Tamarind project, many payments were made into an offshore bank account linked to the Lighthouse Group – project partners and in charge of sales and marketing.

Unfortunately, the Lighthouse entity went bankrupt. Funds that had reportedly been moved to other offshore accounts for tax purposes were actually spent on project expenses according to a recent report published in the *Bangkok Post*.

Of a total of 142 condominiums planned, 80 were sold, leaving 62 units for sale. The problem they face now is that the land on which the project sits is divided into separate plots belonging to a number of external parties.

This came about when the developers attempted to raise capital to fund projects affected by the 2004 tsunami, the global financial crisis and a spiraling, aggressive expansion plan.

The new plan sees the company working with the Government Savings Bank to buy back the project land and to generate funds to complete construction. Existing buyers have been asked to pay any

outstanding amounts and a premium of 15-20 percent over the original contracted selling prices, effectively securing the land and completion of their units.

If the plan is successful, and Dr Metta has stated that a number of buyers are already on board, the first units should be completed by April next year.

Speaking to a few buyers, a number of concerns were raised about the current team, given that it includes many connected to the previous failures. As an outsider, it's impossible to assess the financial viability of the rehab, the legality of it or prospects for success, but at face value it appears to be a pragmatic process, addressing what are now compelling, time sensitive issues.

Unfortunately, there remains more questions than answers in this entire saga. Many voices who wish to be heard have asked, "What happened to my money?", "How can land titles for a project be sold without my consent?" and "Why aren't those involved facing legal proceedings?"

While we have been told there is ongoing litigation, one thing's for sure: the road kings of karma will have their day on this one.

As I write this, a number of established developers, agents, lawyers and local businesses have expressed concern over this case.

The lion's share of property here has been transacted in a professional manner over the years. Yes, Thailand does have laws in place and there remains due process of a significant nature.

At the same time, we empathize with those overseas investors who find themselves caught up in this real estate nightmare. Rest assured, this is the exception rather than the rule and that the industry is not turning a deaf ear.

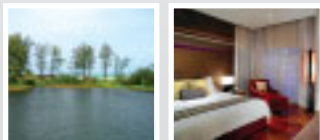
This continues to be a developing story and certainly much more will be revealed in the coming months ahead, which leads me back to where we came in...wasn't it something about Michael Jackson's nose?

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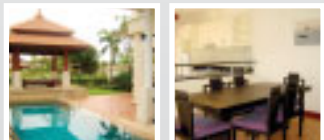
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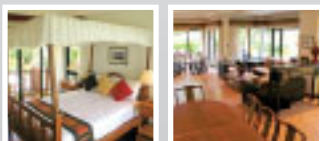
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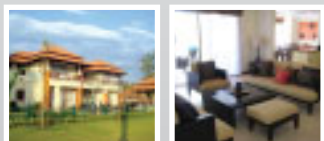
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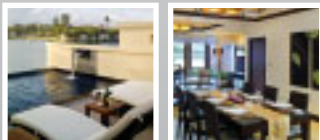
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Lowering the risk of tax liabilities

A property purchase should be well planned and discussed with your lawyers and/or tax advisors in order to avoid pitfalls. This should provide the required peace of mind with regard to tax liabilities which usually occur in connection with the registration of a title transfer.

Whenever purchasing and registering a transfer of property with the land department in Thailand, certain taxes and fees – income tax, transfer fee, specific business tax or stamp duty – must be paid.

Each party's individual responsibilities for those taxes and fees are regularized by the relevant laws, but are subject to negotiation and individual agreement between the parties.

A fair arrangement seems to be to agree that the seller is solely responsible for all occurring taxes and stamp duty, while the payment of transfer fees is split evenly between the buyer and seller.

When approaching your seller to discuss each party's individual tax and fee responsibilities, be prepared for the seller to ask you to under declare the property's sale and purchase price when applying for registration of title transfer with the land department office.



A prospective buyer talks to an exhibitor from Thailand during the International property expo at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The exposition showcases various properties from the Asia-Pacific region to Europe and the US with advice from international experts on where, what and how to invest, including legal, tax, financial and immigration issues. Photo: AFP / Laurent Fievet

This is done in order to lower the occurring taxes and fees. Such under declaring of a property's sale and purchase price usually helps a seller to (illegally) lower their tax liabilities.

Bearing this in mind, the difference between a property's sale and purchase price, the assessed value and the declared price needs to be understood.

The assessed value is the value determined by the relevant

authorities and is usually far lower than the sale and purchase price agreed between buyer and seller.

The declared price is the sale and purchase price reported by both seller and buyer to the land department when applying to register the title transfer.

It is important to understand the difference between these three values. They basically provide the different calculation basis for the applicable taxes and

fees – the (declared) sale and purchase price is used to calculate the taxes and the assessed value the fees.

Furthermore, every property buyer should consider that the applicable laws require parties to declare the agreed sale and purchase price in full to the authorities.

Any attempt to declare a lower price to a land department officer could be deemed as a

criminal act and may have serious consequences, including prosecution of the involved parties.

On top of this, a property buyer should keep in mind that under declaring a property's sale and purchase price when buying may have negative repercussions when it comes to selling.

The resale of an undervalued property might stall as a potential buyer might be cautious about purchasing a unit that has a questionable tax history.

In summary, whenever purchasing property the applicable laws, including, but not limited to, tax laws and regulations should be diligently examined and strictly complied with in order to avoid a rude awakening when the tax man scrutinizes your investment.

With this in mind, it might be of interest to know that the Thai government has significantly lowered the applicable taxes and fees payable on property transfers as an incentive to boost property transactions.

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Water way to save the earth



Men's urinals aren't generally considered a hot topic of conversation except, perhaps, among plumbers and maybe toilet enthusiasts, but it's worth pondering the amount of water that can be saved by installing waterless urinals.

Every year, billions of liters of precious drinking water is wasted in flushing urinals, so as an eco-conscious consultant, I take pride in advising businesses to opt for waterless urinals.

As unhygienic as waterless urinals sound, they are actually cleaner than flushing urinals and provide an affordable means for businesses to play their part in preserving the environment.

A standard flush urinal uses between one to three gallons of fresh water per flush.

As the name suggests, the waterless urinal operates without using any water, but at the same



OLD Vs NEW: The water-flush urinals on the left each use between one and three gallons of water per flush. The waterless urinal on the right is actually more hygienic and is an affordable way for businesses to do their part for preserving the environment.

time exceeds hygienic standards of a regular urinal.

"No way," I hear you say.

Let's have a look to the general benefits:

As waterless urinals don't need freshwater pipes, you can avoid pouring money down the drain on inflated plumbing costs and piping.

Also, waterless urinals don't have a flushing mechanism or any electrical or mechanical parts.

Virtually no water is required, so there are no water costs involved.

Also, waterless urinals are actually cleaner than their water-using counterparts.

"No way," you say again.

Well, did you know that urine in its natural form is sterile and only contains bacteria when water is added?

This defies the common belief that conventional water-



using urinals are more hygienic than waterless urinals.

A recent study by an independent German government agency found that using waterless urinal systems reduces bacteria concentration in the urinal bowl area compared with water-flush urinals.

Still not a believer?

Well, you probably want to know how a waterless urinal works. Here goes:

Most waterless systems use a cartridge to dispose of urine through an air sealer fluid which stops fumes flowing back.

Together they function to allow urine to pass into traditional sewer systems without wasting valuable water.

Before using the waterless urinal, a trapping cartridge must be filled with water and placed into the urinal base. Then the air sealing liquid can be poured into the cartridge.

After this, the toilet is fully functional.

However, the cartridge needs to be changed between two and four times per year,

depending on usage.

Another relief provided by the waterless urinal is easy maintenance.

The waterless urinal should be cleaned as often as you would a water-based urinal.

For optimal cleaning, use an atomizer bottle containing a diluted solution of disinfectant or a biodegradable cleaning solution – one that does not contain high concentrations of bleach or acid.

Spray the urinal with the solution, and then wipe off with a damp cloth.

If maintained correctly, you can avoid nasty odors and that stale urine stench.

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Phuket City seeks stadium funding

Phuket City Municipality has applied for 154 million baht in funding to build an international-standard indoor sport stadium at Saphan Hin.

Phuket City Mayor Ms Somjai Suwanasupana made the announcement at a press conference held at Phuket City Hall last week.

Funding is being sought from the Ministry of Finance under the central government's *Thai Khem Kaeng* (Strong Thailand) national development scheme.

Mayor Somjai said the funding request is in line with plans to develop Phuket into a world-class sports tourism destination.

She stressed that a new stadium is also needed for domestic tourism as Phuket prepares to host the 25th Annual National Youth Games in 2012.

The existing indoor stadium at Saphan Hin does not have air-conditioning and has a seating capacity of just 500, making it inadequate for hosting national- or world-class sporting events,



Phuket City Mayor Somjai Suwanasupana announced that Phuket City Municipality had applied for 154 million baht in funding at a press conference at Phuket City Hall last week.

she said.

The new stadium would be air-conditioned with 4,000 seats and would be built to Sports Authority of Thailand standards to host major competitions, she said.

The city's planning department is currently working on the

design and once that is complete, construction of the stadium would put up for bidding.

The winning contractor would have until the end of 2011 to complete the work, she said.

If it moves forward, the project might take some momentum out of the plan to build



The existing indoor stadium at Saphan Hin (above) lacks air-conditioning and has seating for just 500 people, making it inadequate to host national- or world-class sporting events.

an international-class sports complex in Mai Khao, an idea originally championed by former Phuket Governor Udomsak Uswarangkura.

Many have complained the proposed site of that project, on Treasury Department land in the northern tip of the island, is too distant from the island's main population center in the south.

However, the current government continues to move forward with plans to build an international conference and exhibition center nearby.

On any given day, anywhere from 1,200 to 1,500 people use the numerous sporting facilities at Saphan Hin, Mayor Somjai said.

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NEW HOUSE FOR SALE/RENT



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HOUSE FOR SALE, RAWAI

2-storey, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths plus self-contained bungalow. 6.8 million baht. For sale by owner. No agents please. Tel: 087-628 3673 (English & Thai), 081-078 1112 (English). Email: islanderbar3@hotmail.com

SEA VIEW LAND

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RAWAI 5 BED POOL GUESTHOUSE



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LAND AT PA KHLOK



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

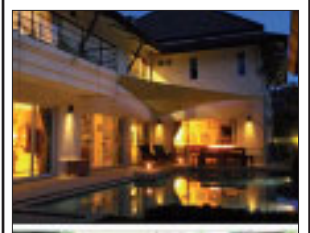
BEACH FRONT CONDO

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

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17 RAI WITH PALM TREES

at Kok Kien, Takuapa, Phang-Nga. 85,000 baht per rai. Contact Khun Piek. Tel: 081-892 4094, 084-304 9339.

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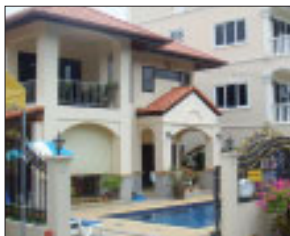
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NEW HOUSE IN NAI HARN-RAWAI



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30 RAI IN TOWN

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

PERFECT LAND FOR SALE

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NEW TOWN HOUSE



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LAND AT PA KHLOK

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

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PRIVATE SALE OF HALF A RAI

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

3 BEDROOMS HOUSE

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PERFECT LAND

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

LAND FOR SALE

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

ROYAL PLACE CONDO

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

CHEAP LAND FOR SALE

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

KARON TOWNHOUSE

2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, sea and mountain view. Includes furniture. Asking 6.3 million baht. No agents. Tel: 089-594 0423 (English). Email: crustaceaus@yahoo.com

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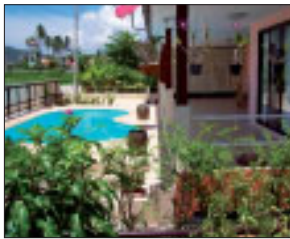
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THE ROYAL PLACE

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4 RAI FOR SALE

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LUXURY VILLAS

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LAND FOR SALE IN GOLF COURSE CLUB

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PARICHART VILLAGE, CHALONG



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PATONG HOUSE & LAND FOR SALE

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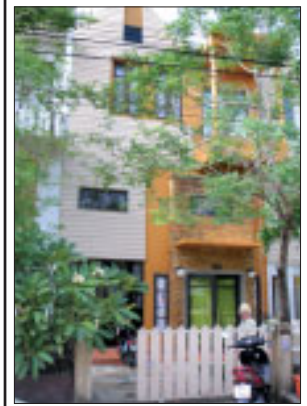
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