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Family beaten in taxi spat

CHALONG Police are on the hunt for a man thought to be a 'tuk-tuk' or a taxi driver' who allegedly set upon a French family with a beach umbrella shaft in the Kata area on December 26.

The family, an elderly couple on holiday with their 44-year old son, his wife and their three children aged 14 months, seven and nine years old, claim they were attacked when they parked their rented car along the Kata Beach road.

The family claims they were confronted by a man outside the Karon Municipality offices, at the southern end of Kata Beach.

He told them to move the vehicle, the family said.

After checking the area for no-parking signs, and seeing none, the family refused to move their car and began unloading their beach items.

Moments later, the man returned and assaulted them with the shaft of a beach umbrella, breaking the 44-year-old man's arm. The 68-year-old father also sustained bruises in the attack.

Many people saw the incident, which occurred at about 5pm, but no-one went to the family's aid, the victims claimed.

The family escaped in their car, stopping at the Kata Palm

Resort to recover from their ordeal. Staff at the resort alerted paramedics.

The family reported the attack to police on Sunday. On December 29 Chalong police invited the victims to study police file photos of known criminals in the area of the attack.

As this newspaper went to print, the victims had identified their male attacker and police were conducting searches for him in Kata. Police were also appealing to the suspect and witnesses to present themselves at Chalong Police Station.

Phuket's public transport shortcomings have been the

subject of bitter complaints from local residents and foreign tourists for at least a decade.

The complaints have intensified sharply this month.

Following a story by the *Phuket Gazette* on Dec 12, in which taxi drivers were alleged to have threatened staff and tour company representatives at the four-star Centara Karon Resort, the *Gazette's* on-line forum saw the first in what has turned out to be several hundred complaints from angry expat residents and foreign tourists.

For updates on this story see PhuketGazette.Net.

- *Gazette reporters*

Thailand unites to remember tsunami victims

THE fifth anniversary of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami united thousands of tourists and locals at remembrance services in Phuket and Phang Nga provinces on December 26.

They came in honor of the 5,395 lives that were lost in six southern Thai provinces five years ago.

In Phuket, services were held at Patong, Kamala and Mai Khao beaches. In Phang Nga, residents of Kuk Kak released 2,552 lanterns into the night sky, one for each victim of the tsunami in that community. More on page four.

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TOT rolls out the fiber

TOT has launched a new fiber optic internet service in Phuket. Starting at 8,600 baht per month, the long-awaited 'Fiber To You' service offers internet speeds of 10-20 megabits per second.

TOT President Varut Suvakorn said the state-owned company invested 200 million baht to install its 'fiber to the x' (FTTx) network in selected parts in each of Phuket's three districts: Muang, Kathu and Thalang.

The service will connect to 3,200 ports initially, but can be expanded to 20,000 ports. Around 100 hotels and expats have already expressed interest in installing Fiber To You, Mr Varut said.

The venture will bring in annual revenues of 30-50 million baht with annual growth of 10 to 20%, he estimates. TOT plans to recoup its capital investment in three years and seven months.

Services will include high-speed Internet as well as other applications, such as VOIP, Live TV and video on demand. Phuket's large expat community is the major target group.

"Fiber [optic cables] can increase the service speed to more than 100 megabits per second. TOT will work on building knowledge among consumers about the difference in quality when compared to ADSL. IT and software businesses based in Phuket can take full advantage of the new service and be completely confident in its stability," Mr Varut said.

Mr Varut said that the



TOT fiber optic cable installed along Yaowarat Rd in Phuket Town last January. Photo SF.

industrial estates of the Eastern Seaboard and cities including Hua Hin would be the next areas for the rollout of Fiber To You services, with work starting in the first quarter of 2010.

TOT will market Fiber To You service directly and in-directly, by leasing network access to outside vendors. To meet the increased bandwidth requirements, TOT will expand its international gateway and rent additional bandwidth from CAT.

— *Krungthep Turakij*

Bus station built, no one in charge

THE opening of Phuket's new 128-million-baht bus station is on hold while authorities work out which organization will be put in charge of its operation.

Structural work on the station was completed earlier this month, with project contractor Anda Phuket Construction Co Ltd officially handing the structure over to the Land Transport Department on December 4.

No date for the station's opening has been announced, however, because the agency is still negotiating with both Rasada Tambon Administration Organization (TAO) and the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (PPAO) over which, if either, body will be put in charge of its operation.

Work on the station began in September 2008, after the Land Transport Department paid 80 million baht to acquire the nine-rai plot from a private landowner. The station is located on Thepkasatri Rd southbound, just south of Supercheap in Rasada District.

Anda Phuket project engineer Boonlert Pikulthong told the *Gazette* the work was completed within the contract cost of 47.98 million baht.

"After we signed the contract in September last year we started right away just to make sure we could finish and hand over the project before the December 12 deadline," he said. Work was finished within project spec-



Phuket's new bus terminal is complete but won't be operational until it's decided which organization will run the station.

ifications, and no further changes are needed, he said.

Phuket Land Transport Officer Kanok Siripanichkorn declined to estimate when control of the station will be transferred, but confirmed the two bodies under consideration are the Rasada TAO and the PPAO.

The agency is still waiting for both bodies to confirm their intent to run the terminal before making the final decision and consigning the terminal over to the chosen organization, he said.

The new station, officially designated as Phuket Bus Terminal 2, comprises two main sections: a covered platform with drive-up parking for 29 buses, and a two-story passenger building.

"We plan to install an escalator and set up an air-con section for passengers waiting to depart, but we still have to work out the details with the organization

that agrees to run it," he said.

In a bid to boost domestic tourism, the Land Transport Office plans to establish several new, long-haul provincial bus routes in mid-2010, he revealed.

These will include routes to Pattaya, Nongkhai and either Betong District in Yala or Su-ngai Kolok in Narathiwat, both on the Malaysian border.

The biggest problem associated with the opening of the new station will be increased traffic congestion on Thep-krasatri Rd, because buses going off the island will first have to head south then do a U-turn, he said. It is hoped the Phuket Provincial Highways Office will soon build an elevated horseshoe-shaped U-Turn channel to allow buses to make an aerial crossing over Thep-krasatri Rd and head north without obstructing traffic flow.

— *Kitima Pornmongkhonwat*

Police conduct surprise drug tests on bar staff

TO keep Patong free of drugs, Kathu Police have adopted a new strategy that focuses on a method of random drug testing for nightclub staff.

Kathu Police Superintendent Grissak Songmoonrak said that Kathu is compiling lists of staff from participating nightclub owners in order to conduct surprise urine testing to see if staff test positive for *ya bah* (methamphetamine).

The common test regimen

involves adding a reagent to the urine samples. If the urine turns purple, the person is considered to be positive for *ya bah*.

Under the new strategy club owners will call their workers for a staff meeting at which the surprise tests will be conducted. This will put an end to the need for having to raid clubs during peak hours with officials from a number of different agencies, he said.

Col Grissak said the project

is already underway and working well. Those who test positive, both Thai and foreigners, are instructed to seek treatment, he said.

The new strategy is based on the assumption that most people who seek out narcotics source them from staff at nightclubs and other entertainment venues, he said.

"If we keep the clubs drug-free, tourists will find it hard to buy them," he said.

— *Atchaa Khamlo*

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Airport crackdown on 'black plate' taxis



A policeman stops a driver leaving through the exit gate at Phuket International Airport on December 22.

TOURISTS disembarking at Phuket International Airport on December 22 encountered even more high-season chaos than usual, as police erected a new checkpoint there in an attempt to crack down on illegal 'black plate' taxis.

Phuket International Airport Director Prathueng Sornkham held a meeting at the airport the day before to announce the crackdown, which he said was put in place at the request of the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, following complaints from tourists.

The crackdown began, when Wing Commander Pra-thueng was joined by Phuket Land Transport Office Director Kanok Siripanichakorn, Tha Chat Chai Police and Tourist Police in setting up a checkpoint at the exit gate of the airport to check for private cars carrying paying customers.

"Most of the complaints are from tourists, who say the black plate drivers annoy them by taking them on shopping tours against their will, and pestering them to buy things they don't want or need. Some of them fall victim to scams," he said.

The crackdown will continue, he said.

"From the information we have, we think there are now about 200 illegal taxis operating here," he added.

Mr Prathueng said with close to 100,000 passengers

transiting through the airport every month, the problem needed to be solved.

The only ones left out of the loop, it seems, were tourists. Many were forced to wait about 30 minutes with no idea what was going on while authorities interrogated their drivers.

Black plate taxis have long operated clandestinely at the airport. All taxis legally picking up fares from the airport must pay the Airports of Thailand (AoT), which has a concession arrangement with the Phuket Mai Khao Company to run sedan limousines onto AoT property.

Metered taxis are also allowed onto AoT grounds, but must pay a flat fee per fare.

In both case, the costs are passed on to passengers. Both limousine drivers and metered taxis have long complained that taxi syndicates controlling other parts of the island make it impossible for them to pick up return passengers, further increasing their fuel costs and driving up fares.

One 'black taxi' driver told the *Gazette* he was only reacting to passenger demand by supplying transport to and from the airport at true market value. Most of his customers were either friends or repeat customers that called him when they needed transport to or from the airport.

-*Gazette reporters*

Child labor 'not a big problem' in Phuket

WORKPLACE inspections by the Phuket Provincial Labor Protection Office have found that minors make up a very small fraction of the Phuket workforce.

At a meeting at the Phuket Provincial Labor Protection Office chaired by Phuket Vice Governor Tri Augkaradacha on December 23, it was revealed that inspection tours in fiscal 2009 discovered 24 unregistered workers under the age of 18.

The Woman and Juvenile Workers Assistance Center inspected 571 businesses with a total of 16,255 workers: 7,682 adult males; 8,549 adult females and 24 unregistered minors.

The Woman and Juvenile Workers Assistance Center will try to get all 24 youths registered with the Labor Protection Office.

There are currently 62 firms employing 115 legally registered employees under 18, the meeting was told.

Inspections of 74 bus-



A child flower vendor sleeps on a sidewalk along Soi Bangla. File photo, 2005.

inesses during the first two months of fiscal 2010 found a total of 877 adult workers, but no minors.

Vice Governor Tri said the measure to protect women and children included working with related agencies, such as the Phuket Social Development and Human Security Office and the Phuket Culture Office.

"We will give warnings to any businesses who violate labor laws. If they don't take action, they need to be closed. As our inspections have revealed, however, there are very few cases involving children in Phuket," he said.

"As for homeless beggars, Thai children and adults will be referred to the public welfare system, to help them get appropriate career training. Foreign beggars will be repatriated," he said.

"Beggars feigning disability is another issue that will be tackled. The Phuket Provincial Office has already asked police to crack down on this, as it is a common source of complaints from tourists," he said.

-*Atchaa Khamlo*

Tax incentives for new factory, marina growth

PHUKET OEM Co plans to build a 76-million-baht surgical-mesh factory in Phuket after receiving a grant of tax incentives from Thailand's Board of Investment (BOI).

Surgical mesh is used to help surgical wounds heal.

BOI senior executive investment adviser Hirunya Suchinai said Phuket OEM Co had successfully turned Swedish research on synthetic fabrics into a commercial project.

Phuket OEM is collaborating with a vocational college in Phuket to devise courses on medical equipment in order to alleviate a shortage of human resources in this field.

The plant will have an annual production capacity of 250,000 pieces.

Meanwhile, the BOI has also granted tax privileges for an 80-million-baht project to expand capacity at the Boat Lagoon.

Presently, 1,000-1,500 boat owners rent boat berths in Phuket for about 60 days at a time, on average.

The rising demand has put

pressure on the port's capacity limit," Mr Hirunya said.

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Thailand remembers

IN PHANG NGA PROVINCE, the fifth anniversary of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami drew thousands of attendees on December 26. Pictured below, 1,000 Buddhist monks receive alms in front of Takuapa Police Station, and teachers from the Wat Bang Muang School place flowers on a wall of remembrance for the 51 students from the school who died. Photos by Sakhon Saengtongsamarnsin.



IN PHUKET, hundreds of tourists and locals joined evening remembrance services on Patong Beach. Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop (top right, green shirt) read a letter from Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva in a morning address. After dark, Gov Wichai and Phuket Provincial Administration Organization president Paiboon Upatising (top right, suit) made speeches. British Honorary Consul Martin Carpenter (bottom left) and his family also attended. After a minute's silence, candles were lit in holes in the sand and suspended lanterns were lit. Beneath them, flowers were placed in memory of the dead. Hundreds of 'khom loy' floating lanterns were also released into the night sky.

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Friendly frogs hit all the right notes with tourists

AYUTTHAYA: Tourists have been flocking to a temple in the old capitol to get close to a group of extrovert frogs that have taken up residence in a lotus pond.

The frogs sit happily on lotus leaves and allow tourists to stroke and play with them and even pose for photos.

Phrakhrupradit Kijjarak, 46, the abbot of Wat Rachpraditthan in Phra Nakhon Sri Ayutthaya District, said the temple's frog community started out with two baby golden frogs that appeared in the lotus pond around the end of Buddhist lent in October.

As the frogs grew, more and more of the little amphibians came to live in the pool. By the time news of the tame frogs broke on December 22, there were nine of them living in the pool.

Monks began to feed the frogs fish foods. Soon, the frogs became used to the rhythms of temple life and whenever people played music the frogs would come and sit on the edge of the pond to listen and croak along, Phrakhrupradit said. When monks come to feed them, they sit on the lotus leaves to wait for their fish pellets. The abbot added that he thought the colony of frogs had grown in numbers as the frogs felt safe and happy, and so invited their friends to come and live in the temple pond too. Now, it's like the frogs are temple students, Phrakhrupradit said. The day after the story of the frogs was published in the Thai press, around 500 tourists came to pet the animals. Word also seems to have reached Ayutthaya's amphibian community as the following day the chorus of frogs had grown to 12.

Surapha Prachusap, a teacher from Lopburi who brought her students to see the frogs, said they were incredibly tame. Mrs Surapha added that she believes the frogs feel happy and content as Thai temples are known for providing shelter to animals. Phrakhrupradit said if the number of frogs keeps growing, the temple will have to extend the lotus pond so they will all have room to live.

Source: Khao Sod

What a blasted waste



HOLIDAY HORROR: The tire of a pickup loaded with beer and alcoholic beverages burst when it was on a road in Pathum Thani's Samkok district on Christmas Day, causing a fire. The fire was further fueled by the alcohol. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Lotto ruse reels in multiple suspects

BANGKOK: Police arrested 14 suspects, including 10 suspected sex offenders, after sending letters to suspects telling them they had won prizes in a random draw of telephone and national ID card numbers.

Royal Thai Police Region 1, which has its headquarters in Ayudhya, sent letters to around 100 suspects in old criminal cases.

The letters told suspects they had won prizes including

cash, televisions, refrigerators and home cinema sets.

The only condition was that they had to come and collect the prizes in person at a shopping center in Bangkok's Chatuchak area on December 24. A total of 12 men and two women fell for the ruse. Ten of the men were wanted on charges of rape and indecent assault.

One of the suspects, 23-year-old Yuth Charoensoongnen, was wanted for sexual abuse of

a child under the age of 15 in Nonthaburi. He expressed shock and anger that the police would use such a trick in the name of justice.

He couldn't believe his luck when he got a letter saying his phone number had been selected in a random lottery and he had won a 32-inch television, he said. When he arrived at the shopping center from his home in Surin, he was immediately arrested.

Source: Khao Sod



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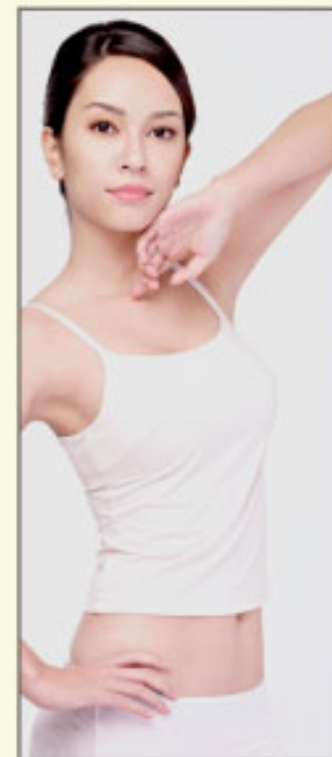
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Beach Body (2)

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ACROSS THE BAY

By Gus Reynolds

The worldwide economic meltdown has left many businesses and individuals cash starved and looking for sources of funds. With the banks all but closing their lending windows, and sales of assets at a standstill, there have been few alternatives in locating sources of money. But, in our free market society, if there is a demand for something, a supply will be provided.

In Thailand, the economic slowdown has seen the emergence of *kai fahk*, a practice where the lender will provide a business or individual a loan for a specified period of time.

Not unusual, except that the lender will register this loan at the Land Department and put his name on the borrower's title deed

as collateral. If the borrower cannot pay back the loan on time, the lender becomes the legal owner of the property. With a large number of businesses and properties for sale, the lenders and practitioners of *kai fahk* have a wide open and fertile field.

It is reported that some individuals have amassed large land banks through the use of this tactic, and many businesses for sale have reported a large number of *kai fahk* lenders approaching them. In fact, there are more lenders than legitimate buyers, causing many property owners to complain.

It is known that many of the lenders parade as possible buyers to ascertain a property's worth, and to determine the seller's need for cash. For the legitimate sellers of property who are not desperate for cash, this becomes a monumental waste of time, and many property owners will not talk to potential buyers until they have been vetted by their lawyer or property manager.

So until the banks start lending money and legitimate buyers appear, it looks like the *kai fahk* lenders are having a field day ruling the property markets for the small businesses and individuals.

Steak and Beer

Gidi Mevissons 'The Carnivore' steakhouse in Ao Nang



Seen and heard at the Belgian Beer Tasting: Olivier Dubois (right), manager of Golden Paradise, explaining the positive attributes of Belgian beer to Kevin Reynolds, owner of the Irish Rover Pub in Ao Nang.

has long been considered the premier steakhouse and at the top of the list of restaurants in Krabi.

Mr Mevisson, born in southern Holland near the Belgian border, learned his culinary arts at the Hasselt School in Belgium. So he has naturally been influenced by Belgian food and drink, and this has carried over to his restaurant in Ao Nang.

Opened six years ago, The Carnivore serves only top-of-the-line chilled meats, along with different special dinners and offerings from Chef Gidi.

This past week, The Carni-

vore went back to its Belgian roots when it teamed up with European beer and spirit importer Golden Paradise Company to host a Belgian beer tasting.

Olivier Dubois, manager of Golden Paradise, supplied numerous Belgian beers, including the popular Stella Artois and Leffe brands.

For those brave of heart and liver there was the 11% alcohol Kastel dark beer. Included in the selection were fruit beers that appealed to the women in the crowd who enjoyed its similarity to wine spritzers.

As in wine tastings, there were beer notes, and the participants were encouraged to rate their likes and dislikes. By the end of the tasting, as in all wine and beer tastings, they all tasted great! Thanks to Gidi and Olivier for keeping the culinary landscape interesting Krabi. If you missed the tasting, and you want to take a taste, check out www.golden-paradise.com.

Holiday bookings

Hotels report late holiday bookings, with many rooms being sold to walk-ins. Evidently, customers know the hotels have plenty of unsold space, so they are insisting on a good price.

Some customers are reported to be asking for low season prices, at least 50% off the normal prices, and it seems that some are getting it. This will make it harder for the hotels to put the prices back up when the economy revives, as customers will always say, "But I only paid x,xxx baht last year!"

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Local life celebrated in style

Streets in Old Phuket Town were filled from end to end with some of the finest food, drink and entertainment in Phuket on December 27, when local residents, tourists and expats came out to celebrate the fourth Local Life Festival.

The annual event aims to bring together Phuket residents and visitors in the heart of the historical district, giving people young and old a taste of yesteryear.

Welcoming guests to the entrance on Thalang Road was an assortment of classic VW Beetle cars, which drew the attention of numerous photographers throughout the night.

Continuing along Thalang Road, street musicians set the ambiance with popular Thai music, and local sketch artists spent the evening drawing caricatures with beaming smiles.

Food vendors filled the air with the smells of classic Phuketian dishes, including the traditional *Oh Tao*, a stir-fried dish with small oysters and taro, and *Ah Pong*, a dessert typically eaten as a morning snack.

The Sino-Portuguese style architecture that fills Old Town was strung with lights and festive decorations, drawing plenty of deserved attention to the classic structures.

This year was also the first without the eyesore of overhead electrical cables.

Having been recently moved underground as part of a project by Phuket Municipality, the street was a glowing visual testament to the island's colorful, multi-cultural history.

At the far end was a JumboTron TV screen and performing stage, which provided the headlining cultural entertainment for the night.

Entertaining with performing arts, actors from Rajabhat University put on a short drama performance. Short film producer Dr Marut Lekpetch ('No Ko Paksawin') showed his inter-



Scott Phillips



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CELEBRATING PHUKET: The Local Life Festival brought locals and visitors together to celebrate the best of Phuket's culture and history. Thalang Road was alive with the sights, sounds, and smells of the vibrance of yesteryear. Children enjoyed sweet snacks, food vendors prepared traditional fare, and local artists performed a variety of musical and theatrical pieces. An estimated 4,000 people turned up for the event.

nationally acclaimed film 'Ngo kaki', which features the old archways of Old Phuket Town.

The Phuket Youth Chamber Orchestra closed out the evening

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Tin and trading in turmoil



The Dutch East India Trading Company's efforts to monopolize Phuket's resources in the 17th Century marked a time of turmoil and difficulty in the island's history.

The Dutch, one of the most distinguished seafarers of Europe, were also amongst the first Europeans to start trading in the Far East region.

The Dutch East India Company started its influence in Siam and Malaya during the early 17th Century. The company's aim, like many other European traders after them, was to establish a network of trade predominately controlled by the company and secure a Dutch monopoly over the region's resources.

In January 1641, a Dutch expedition captured the city of Malacca, on the western coast of the Malay Peninsula, from the Portuguese, effectively gaining a foothold on which to expand its influence and commercial interests throughout the region.

Tin was the most sought after commodity, which was abundant throughout the Malay Peninsula, Phuket Island and nearby Phang-Nga.

The abundance of tin in Phuket has played a significant role in the island's history.

In 1642, the Dutch signed trade agreements with the Sultan of Kedah, a Malaya state. In the following years, treaties were also made with the governors of Phuket and Bang-Khli (modern day Phang-Nga).

With these treaties, the Dutch trading company aimed to completely monopolize trade in the region. Ironically they could not stop Malacca, their base city, from continuing to trade freely with its Indian and Indonesian

neighbors, despite continuous attempts to blockade several tin ports in the region.

Malacca had been a thriving port long before Dutch colonialism, and the Dutch quickly realized that the long-established trade ties with Malacca and the rest of Asia were hard to sever.

Instead, they turned their trade ambitions towards other ports in the region. After 1643, the Dutch had set up a trading colony on Phuket in order to control the mining and export of tin resources.

Writings from that period show that early Dutch dealings on Phuket were plagued with frustration. The island had a small population and the locals were heavily exploited. Historical accounts mention that the island was often raided by 'Johorse Saletters', or pirates from nearby Sumatra and Johor.

Every raid culminated in scores of islanders being captured and taken away to be sold as slaves. Many could not bear the harsh life, so fled and resettled elsewhere. In turn, this caused the island's tin mines to be

unproductive, due to the lack of workers.

The arrival of the Dutch trading company on Phuket only made life worse for the islanders.

A 1645 treaty with the governor of Bang-khli and the Dutch East India Company forbade local villagers and merchants to trade with any other foreign vessels calling at Phuket's ports. The penalties for breaking this law ranged from confiscation of merchandise to arrest and slavery.

The governor also promised to make prompt payments to the Dutch company for goods bought, as well as to extend full protection to Dutch trading lodges on Phuket. Also, found in abundance throughout the Malay Peninsula, the island's common laws did not extend to the Dutch.

If a Dutch citizen was accused of murder or rape, for example, he could not be judged by the governor. Instead, the Dutch suspect would be handed over for judgment to a high-ranking officer of the Dutch trading company.

The trade terms were also

seen as strongly in favor of the foreigners. This was because the town governors and Siamese officials had much to gain from trading with the Dutch. Their greed led them to accept treaties that were, at times, extremely disadvantageous to the local population. To Phuket natives, the double standards stirred strong resentment towards the Dutch.

The way the Dutch conducted trade on the island was also reason for local dissatisfaction. In order to profit from the sale of tin mined in Phuket, the Dutch abused their power as the sole buyer of tin on the island.

Unlike nearby ports like Bengal and Tenasserim, where merchants were willing to pay generously for good quality tin, the Dutch only offered half that price to Phuket's tin miners.

The situation eventually boiled over and the locals rebelled against their superiors in an attempt to drive the Dutch out.

They attacked Dutch settlements in the south of Phuket and killed many Dutch citizens, forcing survivors to flee.

However, the incident did nothing to persuade the Dutch East India Trading Company to relinquish its trade monopoly on the island. Instead, a Dutch warship blockaded the ports in Phuket and Bang-Khli.

According to Thomas Bowrey, an English trader in the region at the time, the Dutch blockaded the ports of Phuket and Bang-Khli for several years -- until 1675.

The blockading warship was armed with up to 20 cannons. It patrolled the coasts in order to deter merchant ships from docking off at any of the ports.

However, in Bowrey's own words, they utterly failed to accomplish this task. Many vessels could still call at Phuket's ports unnoticed by the Dutch patrol.

In one particular incident, however, a merchant ship from the town of Aceh slipped passed the Dutch blockade and sailed into Phuket, fully loaded with goods. The Dutch seized the ship and all the goods onboard. The Phuket Malays refused to yield to such insolence and tried to retake the Acehese vessel by force. In the struggle that followed, a Dutch musketeer killed two of the island's ethnic Malays.

When news spread that the Dutch had killed local Malays, the enraged inhabitants vowed vengeance. They mustered about two hundred men and attacked the Dutch.

Outnumbered, the Dutch warship set sail and fled, lifting years of blockade over Phuket.

After the incident, Bowrey concluded that the "Dutch designs over this place were squashed, that they went away with their ship... and never molested Janselone (Phuket) again".

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When humans become an endangered species

Atwood's *Oryx and Crake* throws a political spin on a classic sci-fi concept



Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

With the death of Robertson Davis a few years ago, my two favorite Canadian novelists are women: Alice Munro and Margaret Atwood.

They are very different. Munro is devoted to the short story, Atwood the hefty novel. She has written no fewer than 20, her most famous being *The Handmaid's Tale* and *The Blind Assassin*, which won the Booker Prize in 2000.

Unlike Munro, who attends mostly to matters of the heart, Atwood is unabashedly political: a lady of the left with passions for feminism and the environment.

Oryx and Crake (Anchor Books, New York, 2004, 376pp) is the first book of her MaddAddam Trilogy.

Like *The Handmaid's Tale*, this is science fiction, though Atwood prefers the term "speculative fiction": what, given today's trends, will tomorrow look like?

Will religious funda-

mentalism triumph over feminism, as in the *The Handmaid's Tale*? Will the environment run amok, helped along by mad dabbling in genetics?

This is the question tested by *Oryx and Crake*.

Oryx is a former Southeast Asian child prostitute who has risen to a PhD in education, and is helping Crake, a demented geneticist, in raising a new breed of non-violent, non-racist, vegetarian humans with no notion of sexual violence. The genes of the bonobo, the pygmy chimp, come into play here.

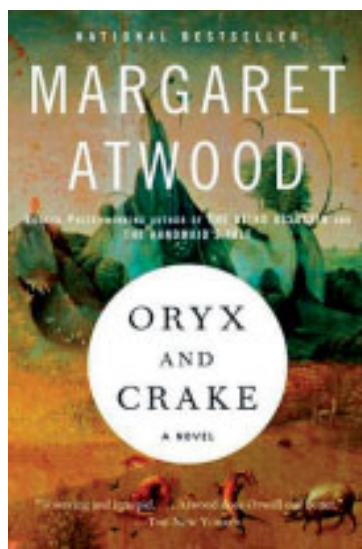
But, as in all the old comic books, something goes horribly awry.

Narrating the story is Snowman, apparently the last of the old human race, who lives in a tree by a beach, wrapped in an old bed sheet, scavenging for food and accepting a weekly cooked fish from the colony of "Crakers".

In time-honored science fiction, catastrophic events are mentioned here casually: the American central plains have turned to dust, the Russian steppes into methane-producing bogs, and the coastal cities of the world have all disappeared under water.

Mutated "wolvogs" and "pigoons" and "ratkunks" roam about in search of prey.

Just like in Orwell's *1984* or Wells' *The Time Machine*, mankind is divided into two: the commoners in decaying violence-



"... the coastal cities of the world have all disappeared underwater. Mutated wolvogs, pigoons and ratkunks roam about in search of prey."

ridden cities, and the elite in sealed-off gated communities with heavily armed guards. In another life, Sandman was Jimmy, the son of a master geneticist.

His mother grows tired of

the whole game of ripping off people for expensive treatments:

"You hype your wares and then they run out of cash, and it's no more treatments for them. They can rot as far as you and your pals are concerned."

Don't you remember the way we used to talk, everything we wanted to do?

Making life better for people – not just people with money. You used to be so... you had ideals, then."

"Sure," said Jimmy's father in a tired voice. "I've still got them. I just can't afford them."

Jimmy's mother flees to the city to become an underground environmental activist. Jimmy never sees her again.

In college and his first job, he uses the story of his scandalous mother to score women.

"Snowman is ashamed to remember how he's used that story – a hint here, a hesitation there. Soon the women would be consoling him, and he'd roll around in their sympathy, soak in it,

massage himself with it. It was a whole spa experience in itself."

Jimmy is rescued from his mediocre education and job by his childhood friend Crake who is at the forefront of genetic research.

In Crake's lair, he finds the great love of his life: Oryx, whom he first saw in a porno video when she was eight.

Crake is also in love with Oryx, who refuses to rise to their level of passion and jealousy, amiably bedding each one.

The global catastrophe, when it comes, is swift, engineered by Crake and unwittingly carried by Oryx around the world. The details are revealed piece by piece by Snowman as he makes his way back to the original lab to replenish his dwindling stock of food, medicine and weapons.

He returns just in time for a cliffhanger climax, which has spurred me to pick up the second volume of the trilogy, *After the Flood*.

Margaret Atwood is 70 now and working on the third.

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EXPAT GALLERY

Martin Carpenter

Martin Carpenter, MBE and Honorary British Consul to Phuket, first arrived on the island in 1992 to take up his appointment as General Manager of the prestigious Blue Canyon Country Club.

He was just Mr Martin Carpenter then. The MBE (Member of the British Empire) – these titles are for Britain and the Commonwealth only; Americans can't get them) – came later, awarded for exemplary service above and beyond the call of duty to mainly British victims (and their families) of the Asian Tsunami in 2004. They had suffered severe injuries and trauma, including the loss of loved ones and family members.

The position of Honorary Consul came in August last year, following the retirement of well known underwater concrete specialist and long term Phuket resident Alan Cooke (who was also awarded an MBE for service during the tsunami.)

Martin came to Phuket from a position as Manager at the exclusive Deep Water Bay Royal Hong Kong Golf Club on Hong Kong island. After four years as GM at Blue Canyon, he moved to become GM at Bintan Lagoon Resort, which with two excellent golf courses is a very pleasant spot on Bintan Island in Indonesian waters, just off the coast of Singapore. I went there once; talk

about a pleasant lifestyle! Mind you, like most island jobs, popping out for a few beers after work isn't all that easy, especially when in the case of Bintan you have to go through immigration to get to Singapore. This is when the small karaoke bar down the road becomes an exciting night out. "It was!" says Martin.

Two years later, Martin returned to Phuket to again serve as General Manager at Blue Canyon, where he also became the co-founder and Chairman of Childwatch Charity Golf Day, an annual event which has been a success for the last 10 years. The charity provides a safe haven, education and welfare for destitute children in Phuket. Martin also became Chairman of the British Business Association of Phuket, in 2004, which enabled him to form a team of over 100 volunteers to help the tsunami victims, earning him the MBE.

Now Martin Carpenter is a family man. Lillian Woon Carpenter, his wife, comes from Kuching, capital of Sarawak, Borneo, Indonesia. Their son Leon is nine years old and was born and raised in Phuket. Lillian is the Resort Manager of the Dewa Resort and Residence, a new luxury resort property on Nai Yang Beach.

Martin and Lillian met when he was at Bintan Lagoon and

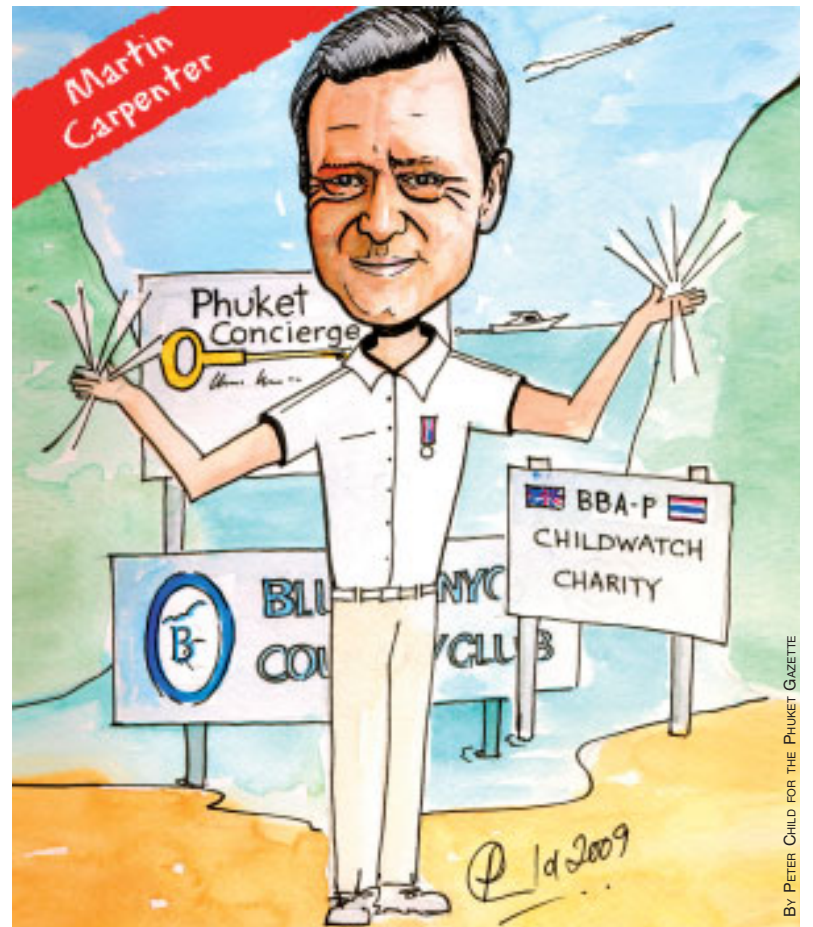
Lillian became the Villa Manager at the resort. Her own career background includes Singapore Airlines and the Hyatt Regency Singapore.

It must have been the film script holiday romance – tropical island, waving coconut palms, secluded beaches (the mind boggles), the karaoke bar down the road, beautiful golf courses (where even if the monkeys do steal your ball....) Anyway, they got married and are now living happily ever after in Phuket.

After leaving Blue Canyon, Martin became opening GM at the Evason Resort and Spa in Phuket, and, after a stint with Phuket Land in the property business, set up his own management and lifestyle consultancy business, Phuket Concierge Co Ltd. The firm offers an impressive list of high-end accommodation as well as private jet, yacht charter and golf services.

The rest of Martin's family have arrived in Phuket now. His father and mother, the very congenial Bob and Maddy, have sold their home in South Africa. They're British, but his sister Claire's husband is a South African, and they, too, have settled in Phuket.

Carpenter senior has been making some improvements at home. The last thing he told me about that particular subject was that a concrete truck was stuck in his front garden. "Welcome to Phuket." But as Martin Carpenter says, "It's the closest thing I've got to home; I think I'll stay a little longer." – *Graham Doven*



BY PETER CHILD FOR THE PHUKET GAZETTE

ABOUT EXPAT GALLERY

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

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STRANGERS MEET: Artist Jirapat Tatsanasomboon stands with paintings in his "Stranger Exhibition", launched at D Gallery on December 19. Jirapat's paintings convey the counterbalance between traditional Thai lifestyle and western capitalist cultures – arranging traditional Thai characters with well known modern super heroes – to illustrate Thailand's multi-cultural society.



HAVE A ROXY CHRISTMAS: Patrons of the Roxy bar filled the Phuket Town venue with festive cheer and much merriment on Christmas Day.




NEED FOR SPEED: Winners of the Phuket Kart Championship celebrate after a day of racing on December 19. The event attracted national pros and go-karters from New Zealand, France, America, England, Denmark and Australia. Two teams competed over three races. Thai go-karter Ekachat 'Eddy' Kumpol (center) scored top points on the day.



CLOWNING AROUND: Kids were kept entertained at Central Festival last week during the Phuket Balloon Festival, featuring balloon blowing clowns, juggling, bubble shows and even whole outfits made out of balloons.



LONG SERVICE AWARDED: Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket awarded long-serving employees with an Associate Long-Service Recognition Award Ceremony on December 22. Since the resort opened in 1987, 32 employees have devoted 20 years of service, 10 employees 15 years, and eight employees 10 years, some of whom are pictured with General Manager Peter Komposch (center) and executive staff.




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By Jeff Heselwood

Freed from the cramped compact

After becoming a success in Indonesia with its spacious interior, premium options, proven safety and respectable price tag, Honda has launched the Freed SUV in Thailand.

The new car, built on the same platform as the popular Jazz, features a 1.5 liter engine, delivering a respectable 116bhp (87kW) and 146Nm of torque.

There are various equipment levels, with prices reflecting this, yet virtually all options prove to be excellent value. The Freed is expected to sell for between 894,500 and 1.074m baht.

Although it is a compact SUV, it is a full seven-seater; a widely successful design in its home country of Indonesia. Among the practical benefits of being able to fit seven people, vehicles with seven or more seats in Indonesia are subject to the least amount of vehicle tax.

Given these circumstances, it's not surprising that the Freed, like Proton's Exora, has found its way into being locally produced for Indonesia.

The seven-passenger model features captain's seats in the second row to ensure that occupants are treated to the same level of comfort as if they were in front. The walk-through layout means anyone can get from

front-to-back of the interior very easily, and access any row from any door without having to operate a seat adjuster.

The Freed is also fitted with sliding side doors, either manual or power operated, the latter featuring an 'anti-pinch' device to save trapped fingers.

The instrument panel is placed above the steering wheel to enhance visibility and minimize eye movement. A tilt and telescope steering wheel provides an optimal driving position, while the front A-pillars are designed to maximize visibility. Side window sills descend as they move forward.

Oversized quarter windows give the Freed an unobstructed field of vision.

An eight-passenger version has a 60:40-split, double-folding seats in the second row, creating a bench seat for three. Honda claims to have enough space for a 27-inch wheeled bicycle to fit into the back without having to remove either the wheels, seats or handlebars.

Suspension is conventional with Macpherson struts at perfect front and a rear end locations, while the power steering features electric assistance rather than hydraulic.

The Freed is powered by the well-proven 1.5 liter i-VTEC with a 5-speed automatic. Honda claims it meets the tough Japan emission standards, and also offers reduced fuel consumption compared with its closest competition, such as the Toyota Avanza.

Performance is modest with a claimed 0-100 km/h sprint



With its spacious interior and wide range of options, Honda hopes its Freed model finds the same success in Thailand as it did in Indonesia.

in a leisurely 13.2 seconds, while top speed is 170 km/h.

While the Freed has many similarities to the existing Honda Jazz – which is firmly established in the Thai market – it is more comprehensively equipped and has a larger interior. All in all, it's a far better mode of transport. The Jazz, cheap though it is, reflects this difference in the limited scope of its standard features.

Driving the two cars is much the same, with the same nimble handling and agility, but the brakes on the Freed – ventilated discs at the front and drums at the rear – are noticeably better and more progressive. The centrally-located gas tank gives the vehicle a low center of gravity, which helps the handling by making direction changing almost instantaneous.

Safety has been firmly addressed in the Freed, with an advanced body structure that not only helps protect occupants, but also mitigates the damage incurred by other vehicles in the event of an accident.

Pedestrian-injury mitigation technology helps protect other road users from injury in case of collision. To help protect against head injuries during side collisions, a side curtain air bag system is standard on some models and available on all.

Despite the obvious financial reasons for Honda's recent withdrawal from Formula One racing, the company is clearly still investing in production facilities and R&D, hence the introduction of the Freed. It should be a welcome addition to the Thai auto market.



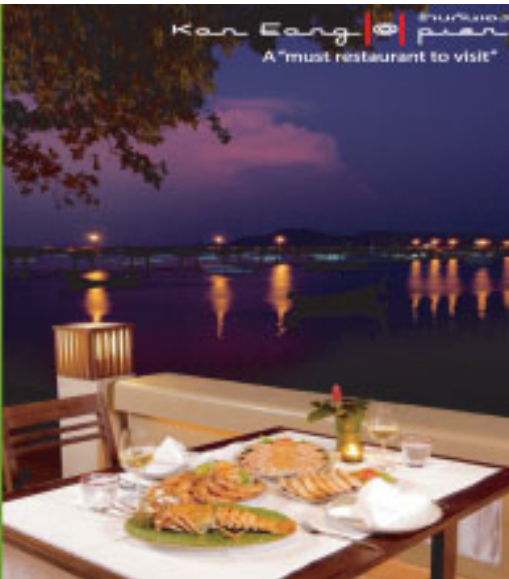
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Upcoming events on the island

Phuket International Boat Show 2010 (PIMEX) – January 7-10



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January 7-10. Phuket Maritime Forum

Bangkok-based Human Development Forum Foundation (Hdff) will be holding its first Phuket Maritime Forum conference on maritime security. Issues covered include: Harbor security; Archipelago states security; and Security of sea lanes. The forum is a pioneering event that aims to bring together international experts on maritime security issues and technical experts to introduce new perspectives and advancements in both policy and technology. The Phuket Maritime Forum is sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette*. From 9:30am to 4pm at Royal Phuket Marina. For further information contact Christian Scholz. T: 02-617 7020. E: info@hdiff.or.th. W: hdiff.or.th.

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January 7. Celebrity Pub Quiz with DJ Danny O

From 8:30pm to 11pm, the Happy Days Bar and the Phuket Has Been Good To Us Foundation hosts a night of fun and prizes with quiz questions from DJ Danny O and a raffle. Prizes include a prized football top, a play basketball hoop, a BBQ knife set, a shot board game and more. Quiz participation 100 baht per person. Raffle tickets 50 baht each. Proceeds go to helping underprivileged Phuket children. First team to sign up wins a prize. Round 1 begins at 8:30pm sharp at Happy Days, Chalong Pier Road.

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January 8-10. Kamala Festival

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January 24. Phuket's First Celebrity Chef Raw Food Workshop

Celebrity raw food chef Ani Phyo conducts a raw food workshop at Mom Tri's Villa Royale, from 1pm to 5pm, demonstrating six raw food recipes using local ingredients. Participants can also sample the dishes, which will include three guilt-free deserts, a main, an appetizer, a soup and a drink. Book in advance and pay 800 baht per person or pay 1,000 baht on the day. Payment can be made in cash at Villa Royale or by credit card via email or fax. For more information contact Sylvie Yaffe, PR Manager. T: 087-888 9089. E: pr@villaroyalephuket.com. W: momtriphuket.com/events.htm. For more information about Chef Ani Phyo visit aniphyo.com.

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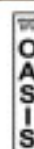


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What's in store for investors in 2010?

Welcome to 2010, and let's trust that it's a better year than the one just passed.

Before looking at what this year has to offer it is worthwhile reviewing 2009, as much of what happens in the early part of this year will be an extension of trends from the end of last year.

We certainly start 2010 with most areas looking brighter than was the case one year ago.

January 2009 saw markets continue a freefall in what can best be described as panic. The actual meltdown started in the Autumn of 2008 with the collapse of Lehman Brothers, a U.S. investment bank. However, panic on this scale had not been seen since before World War II.

The real cause of this panic may have been attributed to Lehman Brothers and the fact that the U.S. authorities allowed this to happen, but there were many other factors. Banks and related financial institutions had, in countries such as the U.S. and UK, been lending money on a completely unsustainable basis; common sense had apparently disappeared completely.

The former chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve (central bank), the "Fed", has been widely criticized for keeping interest rates too low for too long after the recession in the early part of the decade. Hindsight shows that this is probably true, but it really was not the cause of the problems that arose.

Many factors contributed to the mess that finally ended in what is now called the "Great Recession".

The real cause was a failure in regulation, and much of the problem can be laid at a series of events and circumstances that made this all go wrong.

The reality is that no sensible lender is going to lend money to a borrower who looks unlikely to be able to repay the loan.

When banks and other lenders become eager to lend money to borrowers who are simply not creditworthy, then something is terribly wrong. Naturally, the old business model of lenders states that if you lend money to those who cannot repay, and if you lend enough to this category of borrower, you will go bankrupt.

However, the rules of the



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game changed. Lenders only have to worry about bad loans if they actually hold the loan when it turns sour. The introduction of "securitization" changed everything as it allowed lenders to package their loans and sell them off to an unsuspecting third party, e.g. a municipality or pension fund. When this occurs, then lenders can concentrate on simply finding enough bodies to lend to, be it on credit cards, mortgages, or whatever.

The bonus culture that has in recent years infested the banks simply meant that banks were still incentivized to continue the same behavior.

The reader may well question how this came about, and also

why it had not happened before.

This is where another vital link in the process comes into play – credit rating agencies. It had long been a foundation of the financial system that credit rating agencies gave unbiased views on whatever entity was being examined. From a bank, to a bond, to a country, they all have credit ratings, and the higher the score the lower the risk.

For many years there were only two major credit rating agencies and they effectively became a cartel. The introduction of a new major credit rating agency created competition and the result of this was that any group wanting a better credit rating could go shopping for that rating.

Lenders wanting to securitize a block of loans and sell them to a third party needed to have a good credit rating to make them seem better than they really were. The credit rating agencies were paid for their rating by the lender. The system had been corrupted.

When the securitized loans started to fail, the original lenders found that in most cases they were unable to distance themselves from their own terrible failings. Then the meltdown started.

Banks and other lenders found that they could no longer trust their counter-parties, i.e. other banks, as they often had huge hidden problems in their own

balance sheets. The money markets and other markets went into freefall.

2009 started with the continuation of the rout of 2008, in a fashion similar to a virulent disease, the effects of which were felt on a global basis.

The U.S., being at the center of the problem, saw the national currency, the dollar, come under intense pressure. Money flowed to apparently safer areas such as the Yen and the Euro.

Massive stimulus packages introduced into many countries around the world helped stabilize economies and markets.

In March 2009 the realization came that the world was not going to fall into an economic depression. The recovery then started and confidence returned, slowly in many cases.

The recovery was also aided by the realization that governments would simply not allow large financial institutions to collapse. Everybody has learned a lesson from Lehman Brothers.

2010 promises to be a better year than 2009. Some of the global problems have been addressed. The biggest concern for 2010 is the ability of economies to remain on a growth footing without massive government support. During this year, excess liquidity is going to have to be withdrawn without hurting economies. This requires a delicate touch.

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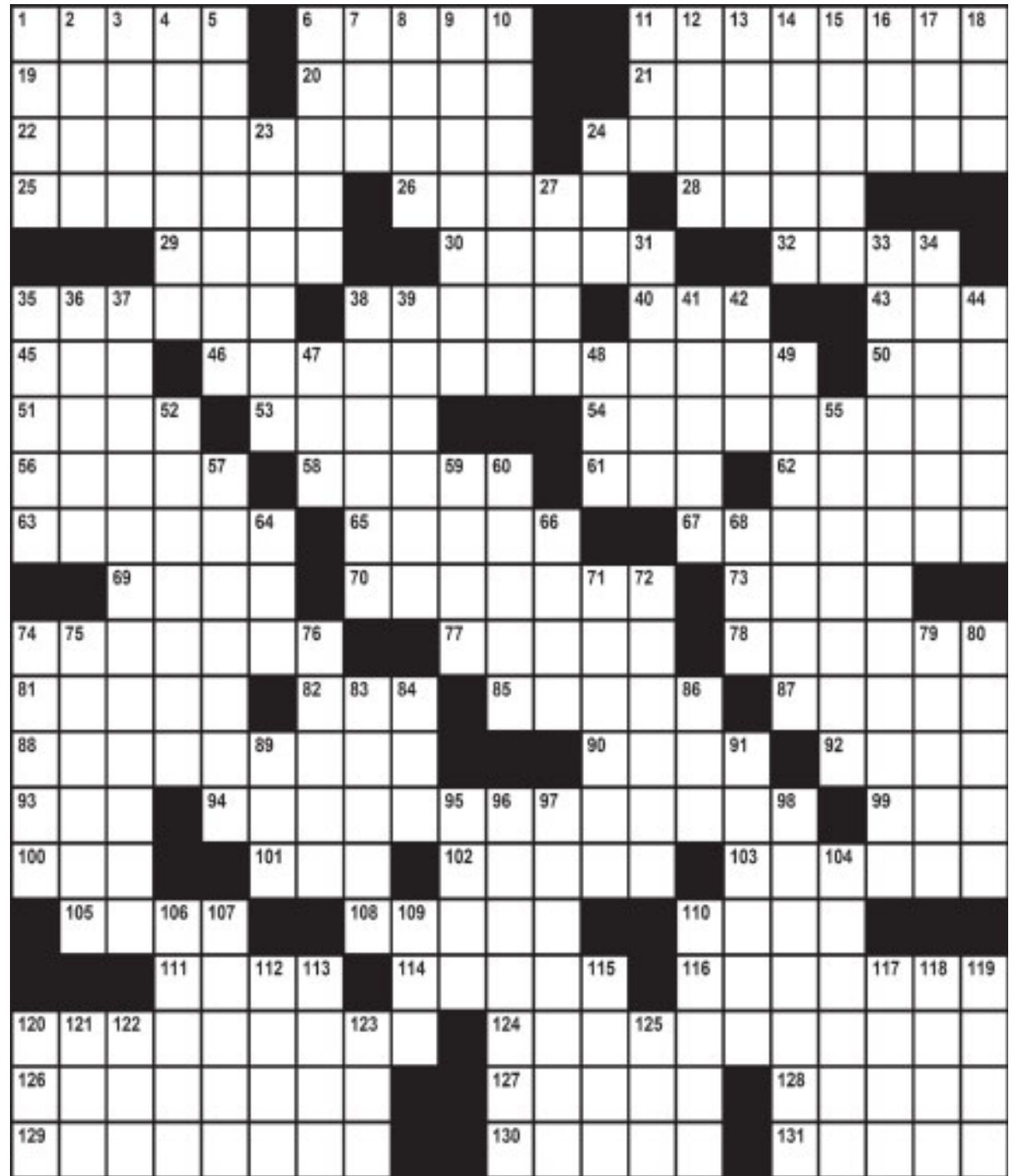
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- 22 Triangular pyramid, e.g.
- 24 Traveling salesman
- 25 Gravedigger, at times
- 26 "Looks ___ everything"
- 28 ___ up (energizes)
- 29 "Like two ___ in a pod"
- 30 Words with "spades," "hearts" or "diamonds"
- 32 New driver's hurdle
- 35 More than shouldn't
- 38 "... wish upon ___"
- 40 Scary street, in the movies
- 43 It's up your sleeve?
- 45 Nile nipper
- 46 Pleasantly brief
- 50 Air traffic agcy.
- 51 Business attire
- 53 Not the best place for a thorn
- 54 Symbolize
- 56 Pelvic bones
- 58 Cigarette brand
- 61 Wrathful emotion
- 62 Extraterrestrial realm
- 63 Type of hydrocarbon
- 65 Adjust, as a satellite dish
- 67 Prepared a violin bow
- 69 Plant bristles
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- 73 Try to get along

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- 78 Finishes a cake
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- 82 Blond shade
- 85 Seasonal temp job
- 87 In progress
- 88 Err
- 90 An eternity
- 92 Synonym for 61-Across
- 93 Trim (off)
- 94 What little girls are made of
- 99 Nothing
- 100 Collection of literary miscellany
- 101 Certain musical genre
- 102 Raccoonlike carnivore
- 103 Word after "finnan" in a fish dish
- 105 Bottleneck
- 108 Indian instrument
- 110 Musical Amos
- 111 Steam outlet
- 114 Wood for a chest
- 116 Like a dinghy
- 120 Object of dread
- 124 Financial obligations
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- 129 Made orderly
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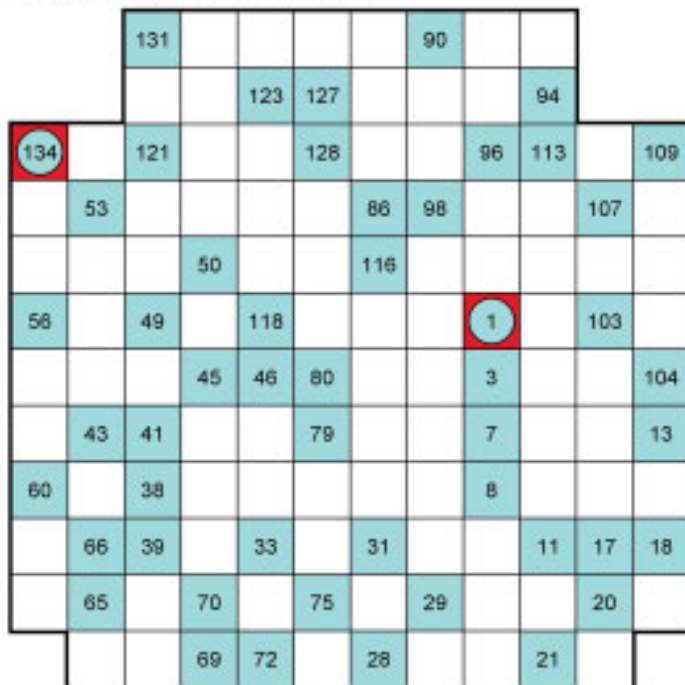
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- 8 "Slumdog Millionaire" locale
- 9 How some dividends are distributed
- 10 Like some Roman tragedies
- 11 Suitable to the occasion
- 12 "Wood" or "chocolate" follower
- 13 Voice mail cue
- 14 All thumbs
- 15 John 3:16, for one
- 16 Physicians' org.
- 17 Anger management number
- 18 Winter setting in NYC
- 23 Tracts of uncultivated land
- 24 "Who am ___ judge?"
- 27 Teen movie stereotype
- 31 Less numerous
- 33 Secure
- 34 Zombielike state
- 35 Tuscan marble-exporting city
- 36 Same old same old
- 37 Spotless
- 38 Passionate states
- 39 Sound choice?
- 41 Town outcast
- 42 Debussy's "La ___"
- 44 Didn't just check
- 47 End for "human" or "planet"
- 48 ___ Lanka
- 49 Mosaic piece
- 52 Fished with a net
- 55 Second-generation show
- 57 Auxiliary buildings
- 59 Some batteries
- 60 "Peanuts" boy
- 64 Beginning of summer?
- 66 Drug known as ecstasy
- 68 On vacation
- 71 Most rational
- 72 Tentacled mollusks (Var.)
- 74 Summer resort of India
- 75 They sometimes call strikes
- 76 Fat-nosed antelope
- 79 Shinto shrine gateway
- 80 Arrange hair
- 83 Reaches the breaking point
- 84 Lyndon Johnson's pooch
- 86 It gives a pose pose?
- 89 Mink coat
- 91 Place that has class
- 95 Farm unit
- 96 Alphabet soup letters
- 97 Arp, for one
- 98 Insects with pincers
- 104 One-celled algae
- 106 Turn aside
- 107 Action or drama, e.g.
- 109 Ventura of film
- 110 Excursions
- 112 It can be common in grammar class
- 113 Backsplash square
- 115 Hotel fee
- 117 Ballpoint inventor
- 118 Emblem of Wales
- 119 In ___ (actually)
- 120 "___ voyage!"
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5. Atephobia is a fear of what?
6. What are Grapnel, Bruce, Danforth, Plough types of?
7. Why did Handel compose The Messiah?
8. Red flags (Joli Rouge), flown by French ships, originate from what?
9. In which country could you spend a Kwanza?
10. Singer John Henry Deutchendorf is better known as who?
11. Mitre, Dovetail, Jig and Hack are types of what?
12. What was Tracey and Hepburn's first film - in 1942?
13. Antimacassars were fitted to chairs. What is macasser?
14. Jack Ketch had what job from 1663 1686?
15. Nekal was the first type of what product (Germany 1917)?
16. Name the first Grand Prix driver to use a safety belt, in 1967?
17. The Science Fiction award the 'Hugo' is named after Hugo who?
18. Actor Maurice Micklewhite is better known as who?
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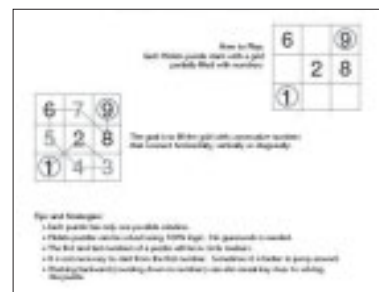
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Solution to this week's Spot the Difference**Monster Quiz Answers**

1. Seeing Distance under 1,000 yds; 2. False Teeth; 3. Romans; 4. Thaddeus; 5. Imperfection; 6. Anchor; 7. For Cash; 8. Jolly Rodger; 9. Angola; 10. John Denver; 11. Saw; 12. Woman of the Year; 13. Hair oil; 14. Hangman; 15. Detergent; 16. Jackie Stuart; 17. Gernsbeck; 18. Michael Caine; 19. Rain; 20. Turnip.

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

Hidato Puzzle Solution

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Solution to this week's crossword

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Horoscopes



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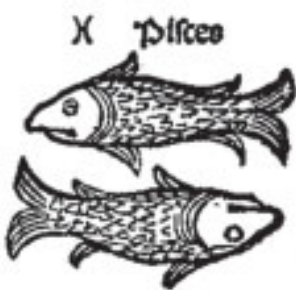
Ecliptic forecast for the year ahead



CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Capricorns should have learned at least one useful lesson relating to investment in 2009 as financial loss was probably caused by lack of research. One of your New Year resolutions will probably be to respect money more, and also to be more wary when others seem to have answers too easily. The stars predict that romance will go more smoothly, with emphasis on commitment in the middle of 2010. Those celebrating a birthday this week will also see relationships with family becoming more relaxed in the year ahead. Wear the color electric blue to help recharge your batteries after the holiday period.



AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Wearing your heart on your sleeve too soon was the most likely cause of romance turning sour in 2009 for Aquarians. This year, the stars predict that you will be more cautious before becoming romantically involved. However, there are indications of disappointment in love in April or May. Travel will open your eyes to new possibilities during the summer months. Where finances are concerned, you learn that where there's a will, there's a way. Property matters will be particularly well-starred in June and July. This week, wear a piece of amethyst to encourage a lucky start to 2010.



PISCES (February 20-March 20): Pisceans are forecast to be on a quest for enlightenment in 2010. Experiences during the year just passed will have shown you that progress is limited by lack of knowledge and fishing for answers will become a priority. Until the middle of the year your

need for spiritual comfort will be strong, but after May the stars predict that learning new work skills takes over. Proficiency in a new area of creativity should open doors to better employment later in the year. Romance will bring more happiness and security after the beginning of March. The number eight can be lucky this weekend.



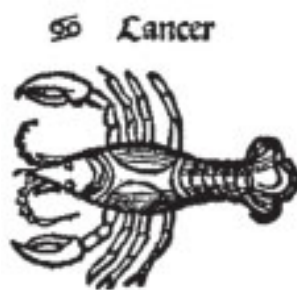
ARIES (March 21-April 20): Arians can look forward to a year with fewer ups and downs. The stars indicate that you will find a healthier balance in most areas of your life during 2010. A new romance is particularly well starred during the first quarter, but disagreements could cloud your summer months. Those who are in a long term relationship are advised to find ways to improve communication before small cracks have chance to widen. The purchase of property should be delayed until after April. This week, wear the color emerald green to encourage a more self confident start to the year.



TAURUS (April 21-May 21): Health and wealth are forecast to be better starred for Taureans during 2010. Any financial insecurity at the end of 2009 should be resolved during January, and a windfall is likely to boost your bank balance during February. However, there are signs that friends with a tendency toward laziness could see you as a soft touch and expect to benefit from your good fortune. During the summer months those who are single can look forward to some holiday romance with an air sign, but it's likely that a lot of compromise will be called for if you want this relationship to grow.



GEMINI (May 22-June 21): As 2010 progresses, Geminis should gradually feel more grounded and satisfied with more simple pleasures. Your constant need for excitement during the year just passed has meant that you ended 2009 feeling somewhat burned out. A romance with a fire sign that fizzled out some months ago is forecast to be sparked off again in March or April. Those in a committed relationship are forecast to realize their partner's need for change at that time. Finances take a turn for the better in the summer months when your employment circumstances change. The number nine brings some luck this weekend.



CANCER (June 22-July 23): Cancerians are advised to be more cautious in romance this year. The stars suggest that you may still be in denial after experience with a gold digger in 2009. Becoming involved with Leo in February could be too tempting to resist, but this person is ready to take you for a ride. Love with an earth sign in the summer months is well-starred. When it comes to platonic friendships, your heart is in the right place and your social circle becomes a more interesting source of entertainment as 2010 progresses. This week, wear the color peacock blue to encourage more positive thinking.



LEO (July 24-August 22): Having ended 2009 on a high note, Leos could be disappointed to see that January brings more challenges than they anticipated. The stars suggest that events in February and March will be more to your liking. Romance will certainly bring happiness after April when a game of cat and mouse finally settles into a fulfilling relationship. Ideas for property investment that went down like a lead balloon earlier in the year are appreciated by others with influence in August. September is forecast to be your most profitable month and financial affairs should be smooth sailing from then until the end of 2010.



VIRGO (August 23-September 23): An employment situation that suited Virgoans down to the ground in 2009 is highlighted to turn tedious early in 2010. This situation could be the kick-start you need to set your sights higher. The stars suggest that this year will be a pivotal one concerning fame and fortune. During the spring months, an air sign colleague is forecast to introduce you to a more lucrative way of earning money. Cupid will also ensure that romance is forthcoming for those who are single. Expect to meet a water sign person in June who will rock your world.



LIBRA (September 24-October 23): Librans who began a quest for knowledge in 2009 are forecast to discover much more in the year ahead. Long distance travel in springtime will give food for thought, and relocation later in 2010 is a strong possibility. Although monetary gain is less important, it is likely that you will spot a good opportunity to earn more in March. Your pressing need for answers in the realm of romance could compromise a relationship this month, but the stars suggest that you will follow your heart to the right place. Wear the color olive green this week to promote honesty.



SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): Scorpios' talent for putting fresh spin on stale ideas is certain to ensure that 2010 will be a stimulating year. Collaboration with another water sign in April should lead to a successful business venture, but Aquarius could cause you to waste time in the summer months. Single Scorpios are set to enjoy a carefree romantic time after their interest in a fire sign tails off soon. Those committed may be confused by their partners' behavior towards the end of the year. Financial affairs are predicted to be positive, although carelessness in September may cause unnecessary loss.



SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): Some Sagittarians suffering from tunnel vision are advised to open their eyes wider in January. The stars suggest that you are likely to miss a golden opportunity for improvement in your career and this could lead to a negative attitude brewing early in the year. Where romance is concerned, your interest in Gemini tails off when you learn more of their recent history, but the summer months will bring chance of a relationship with a trustworthy earth sign. Money matters are particularly well highlighted in the summer months. The number five can bring good fortune late next week.



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Blot on the landscape

As this edition went to press, Chalong Police were questioning a family of French tourists, who were savagely assaulted in Kata [see News pages].

The *Gazette* has yet to fully confirm all details of the attack, but sources said the beating was thought to have been administered by one tuk-tuk/taxi driver incensed with the fact that the foreigners ignored his command not to park their car along a certain road near Kata Beach.

Although clearly in the public domain, the driver had established that particular stretch of as being under his own private control, the source said. It seems that some miscommunication and cultural misunderstanding were also at work, with the French family speaking little English and perhaps not fully comprehending the danger they were putting themselves in by overriding a directive issued by an alleged member of a Phuket transport syndicate.

At least two of the family reportedly suffered injury requiring hospital treatment, one needing a metal rod implanted in his arm to help his shattered bone heal. It goes without saying that none made it to their intended destination: the beach.

How badly this latest incident will affect the island's already tarnished image among foreign tourists remains to be seen. However, the fact is that confrontations between taxi drivers and tourists play out all over the island, year-round. There probably isn't a single car owner on the island – Thai or foreign – who hasn't at some point been told to move out of a 'reserved' area by these groups, whose 'authority' derives solely from the ruthless intimidation tactics they employ.

As horrific as it is, news of the assault will come as little surprise to readers who have been following the *Gazette's* on-line debate on related Phuket taxi issues. Following a past story, hundreds of letters and complaints poured in to the *Gazette* from all over the world, many from foreign tourists vowing never to return to the island for this very reason.

It will be interesting to see exactly what line of reasoning the alleged tuk-tuk/taxi driver will take in defending himself: 'Just doing my job', perhaps or 'We are local people and we need to feed our families'. The fact is many drivers, if not most, aren't even registered residents of Phuket.

Chalong Police deserve to be commended if they can bring the guilty party to justice. However, they and other police districts on the island should brace themselves for many similar cases in the future given the sense of thuggery and lawlessness that are allowed prevail in the Phuket public transport sector.

– *Somchai Huasaikul*

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Hats off to cops

After reading your review of 2009, in particular the full stories regarding Mr Burrowes and Ms Smoel, I feel once again the strong urge to write a letter in praise of our local cops. Portraying Burrowes and Smoel as victims, and Thai police generally as crooked, would be a bad distortion of events.

Of course, there are rotten apples in every barrel, but I personally have not come across one yet.

Over the two years I've spent in Phuket and other parts of Thailand, I have often come into contact with police officers, whether related to a road accident or misdemeanors on my part, such as parking violations or not wearing a helmet.

On other occasions, I've requested their help, or just observed officers at work.

Not one single time have I encountered anything but courteous and professional conduct from police officers. And this, I have to admit to my shame, is sometimes in the face of rather annoying and angry behavior on my part.

They have often gone out of their way to be helpful and I have never come across any hint of corruption.

In fact, when I once offered a sum of money as a sign of gratitude for their particularly time-consuming and helpful service, it was sternly rejected.

I have talked with friends about these observations and they all have similar, if not even stronger, sentiments.

The bottom line is that police officers do a tough and often dangerous job under difficult

circumstances for very little pay.

I wouldn't even be upset if the odd financial act of appreciation would be viewed as a perk of their job, but it is a minority viewpoint to think that way.

So hats off to the boys! I hold them in high esteem, and because of their service, I feel much safer here than in my own country.

**Hans Meyer
Phuket**

Driving tourists away

In my view, it's a fact that tens of thousands of tourists do not come back to Phuket because they feel cheated and often threatened by the unruly tuk-tuk operators. Unfortunately, the airport guys are not much better.

No other city in Thailand, or in the region, has prices like the Phuket's tin cans. Bangkok taxis cost a third or less, because in Bangkok, the government controls the taxis. But in Phuket, it may well be the other way around.

**Dirk Naumann
Hon Consul of Germany
for Southern Thailand**

...All the way to Malaysia

Phuket tuk-tuk drivers are destroying the island's image, but no one ever seems to want to do anything about it.

It's also ridiculous to hear that the tuk-tuk drivers want to transport tourists from their hotels to their excursion set off points.

If I book a tour with a company that charges me 3,300 baht to visit the Phi Phi Islands, I do not want to be transported in a

tuk-tuk or in an old-timer minibus.

I have seen tuk-tuk drivers engaging in gang-violence against a drunken foreigner (about 10 against one). What a lot of guts it takes for these cowards to beat up that helpless drunk. And they called my wife a prostitute because she was with me. They are rude, arrogant and selfish.

If nothing is done, more and more foreigners will move to Malaysia. Not only because of the tuk-tuks but also for other reasons, such as fair pricing for entry into national parks, being allowed to buy land, and buying a beer whenever you want.

After so many negative reactions to the tuk-tuk stories, most people are clearly not in favor to these guys in their red and yellow boxes on wheels.

**Manu Alders
Phuket**

Best of broadband

The TOT fiber optic plan does not look cost effective. The TTT MaxNet Premier and CAT HighNet 4MB look pretty much in a tie for subpar service, delivering about 3.4MB for 2,400 baht/month.

Thus the broadband company dubbed '3BB' looks like the clear winner, delivering around 4Mb for just about 1,000 baht/month. Consider also the TOT DiamondCyber, which is delivering about 3.5 Mb for 799 baht/month in some installations.

The internet situation is getting better, but still decidedly inferior compared to many other countries.

**Michael Leons
Phuket**

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Confronting human rights: Time to tell all we know



By Kavi Chongkittavorn

There are three ways to talk about the condition of human rights in any country. The first is to lie through one's teeth. The second and third options are to tell partial or whole truths.

All these approaches have been used to a certain extent at the universal peer reviews on human rights at the UN Human Rights Council over the past two years. The four-year cycle allows UN members to present and defend their country's human rights records among their peers – or foes.

Obviously, non-democratic countries try every possible way to shield their governments from criticism citing domestic conditions, laws and practices. Further questions from non-democratic regimes are not expected. How can a pot call a kettle black on an international stage?

Comments and questions could be raised from UN members, especially those from countries respecting the fundamental rights of their citizens. Quite often just as visible at the past six sessions, the non-democratic regimes often questioned and criticized the human rights records of developed countries, highlighting what they claimed as double standards and hypocrisy of the West. For instance, Iran ferociously attacked Norway's racial discrimination at the peer reviews early this month.

Changes in global human rights approaches also impacted on similar policies among major

powers. Recently, US State Secretary Hilary Rodham Clinton spoke in detail about the new direction of US policy on human rights. It was clear that from now on this sensitive issue would be dealt with in more discreet ways, especially when it could be detrimental to other more immediate priorities and co-operation among allies.

Long-term outcomes would be the main aim, not publicity stunts as before. Mrs Clinton was frank in acknowledging the limits of US influence on human rights in countries around the world, especially with the major powers such as Russia or China.

Indeed, even with a small country, such as Burma, US influence is limited.

To remain agile on human rights, Mrs Clinton said the US would work with local democracy groups, multilateral organizations and socially responsible corporations in targeted countries. This strategy would fit in better, especially in the Asian environment.

If the absence of US public criticism could increase overall resources in capacity building in this area, it would be a laudable policy.

The new US human rights agenda, it is hoped, would not affect the annual human rights report put out by the US State Department. Since 1979, assessment of the human rights situation around the world has been used by Congress to evaluate US aid programs to recipient nations. Developing countries would normally lash out at the annual report, labeling it as biased and branding it as an act of interference in internal affairs. Despite its controversial nature, the report has been used as a human rights index by many countries, including Thailand.

In 2007, the first human rights report by the Thai National Human Rights Commission was released with numerous detailed cases of human rights violations the government needs to pay attention to and resolve. Lack of resources, especially a lack of



Photo: Royal Thai Army

The recent deportation of thousands of Hmong refugees from Northern Thailand to Laos highlighted some of the issues that surround the struggle for human rights in Southeast Asian countries.

investigators, has delayed a subsequent report, even though they are supposed to be issued annually.

Within the Southeast Asian region, Thailand is not the only nation trying to improve human rights conditions. Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines are also very candid about their human rights records. These four countries, despite existing national human rights commissions, have not done a good job in protecting individual political and civil rights of their peoples. Their work has been marred by bureaucratic inertia and lack of cooperation from concerned authorities on inquiries. In Thailand, investigations involving human rights abuses by police or the military were frequently interrupted by lack of follow-up.

When it was set up in 1997, the public viewed the Thai rights commission as a key mechanism to prevent state-sponsored abuses and guarantee a fair

administration of justice. It has not been very effective. From 2003 to 2005, for instance, numerous reports of extra-judicial killings wrecked Thailand's reputation as moderate on human rights. Human rights abuses continue unabated in the troubled southern provinces, even though the current government has a pretty good record of respecting human rights in general.

As Thailand is preparing its human rights report for the 12th peer review session at the end of 2011, it has to be straightforward in reporting the whole truth about human rights conditions in the country. In the previous report to the UN Human Rights Commission in 2005, Thai representatives nervously feared the UN would have additional information to rebut their positions, especially on the numbers of deaths resulting from the notorious program of extra-judicial killings of drug suspects.

Should the Asean countries

mentioned above manage to ameliorate their human rights records in years to come, they could provide best practice for other members to emulate. As a starter, Indonesia and Thailand set good examples in selecting independent candidates to join the Asean Intergovernmental Commission of Human Rights (AICHR). The commission will have a tough task to protect and promote human rights across the board in the region, due to some members' unyielding attitudes. Asean-based civil society groups are important stakeholders to ensure that AICHR fulfill its objectives.

It would probably take decades of progress for all the Asean members, beyond the 2015 Asean Community deadline, to follow the AICHR terms of reference. After all, an Asean Community without a common approach and commitment to human rights and human dignity is not worth building.

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What will the import tax be on my incoming package?

I recently purchased a pair of cross-trainer shoes from a company in China, because I cannot get my size in Thailand. The shoes cost approximately 900 baht plus post and packing.

When I collected the package from the Post Office, I had to pay nearly 700 baht import tax, which seems rather extreme.

Can anyone explain how import tax is calculated?

Thomas Fletcher
Phuket

Customs officer Mr Ratikorn replies:

The import duty for shoes is equal to 30 percent of the item's value. When Customs officers calculate import duty, they also add freight (shipping costs) and seven percent VAT.

Shipping costs from China are quite expensive, making the import tax quite high.

The Phuket Customs Office is located next to Phuket Immigration offices on Phuket Road. T: 076-211 105-6.

Are bars supposed to stop selling alcohol at midnight?

After reading about the Alcohol Control Act being enforced ['Thailand to raise excise tax on booze', *Gazette Online*, December 24], I have a question.

Some places are not allowed to sell alcohol at all, which is understandable, but the story also says that alcohol can only be sold from 11 am to 2 pm and from 5 pm to midnight. Does that include bars?

Can I not go to a bar and have a drink after midnight?

Mickey Saunders
Phuket

Phuket Public Health officer Ms Meena Panun replies:

By law, bars are included in the act, except those establishments that registered as bars before 2003, before the recent Act was forced. The sale of alcohol in bars is also governed by zoning.

Bars in areas such as Bangla Road in Patong are allowed to sell alcohol until 2 am.

For more information about zoning contact Phuket District Offices in Taladyai. T: 076-211 171.

Vagabonds' big show turns silver

The Phuket Vagabonds recently sent their under 12s rugby team from Sai Nam Yen School to a tournament at Kasetsart University in Bangkok, where they made an impressive run that brought home a silver medal.

Arriving a day early after the arduous drive to Bangkok, the lads were fresh and hyped up for their first game, which turned out to be against one of the oldest and most famous rugby schools in the kingdom: King's College, who were also the tournament favorites.

After a nervous start, the Vagabonds got into the game, but playing against a well-drilled unit whose boys were twice the size, they succumbed to a 15-0 defeat.

It was a rude awakening, but it showed the Phuket lads that they could compete with the best. It showed in the next game against the PMS club, who were no match for the direct hitting and off load attacks that the Vagabonds produced. A great display of straight running and support play was rewarded with a well deserved victory of 15-0.

Next up was West View College from Singapore, and



The Phuket Vagabonds made an impressive run at a recent tournament in Bangkok. Defying some expectations and keeping up with the best teams in the league, the Vagabonds came home with a silver medal and a team full of smiles.

after an enthralling encounter which could have gone either way, the Vagabonds broke through in the final minutes to snatch a hard fought game 10-5. It was decided between the teams that it was such a close game that they would have another social match. The lads, whose confidence was growing with each game, took to the field and gave no quarter, running out

20-0 winners to round off day one.

Day two defined the tour. Having performed so well on day one, they were understandably nervous going into the knockout stages.

When they were drawn to face Surin – a good rugby playing province – they knew it was going to be tough.

And so it turned out. All the training, tackling practice and

hard work the Vagabonds have done over the last few months came together, and an outstanding defensive performance allowed them to produce the only score of the game to win 5-0. This put them into medal contention prior to the final game of the competition.

Opponents Bangpoo Rugby Club were strong favorites to win this one, but the Phuket lads had

other ideas. Having traveled so far, they weren't going down without a fight. Again the ferocious forward play set up the platform for the backs to dominate and win the game 10-5 and secure a silver medal.

Two Phuket players received awards with Hooker Atitphet Phetkrua chosen by the tournament organizing committee as the Under 12s' 'Player of the Tournament' and Sirirat Thipjaroon awarded a trophy as top try scorer in the Under 12s division.

The tournament showed a fantastic effort by the Vagabonds lads. For the first time, Phuket has played in a youth tournament and created a big stir among the normal powerhouses of regional rugby by playing with style, panache and controlled aggression to come out as silver medal winners.

The coaches who help out at the youth coaching every Saturday morning can be proud of the way the lads executed what they had been taught.

The next competition will be held in Hat Yai in January. The Rugby Youth Development Program welcomes all support.

Practice is held every Saturday from 9am to 12pm at Prince of Songkla University campus in Kathu.

- James Goyder

Fair Play set for kickoff



The 2010 Fair Play League will kick off on January 10 at the Youth Football Home (YFH) in Thalang. The under 13s will get the action underway with six teams competing in a seven-a-side format.

The children are from schools across Phuket, including the YFH, the British International School and the Phuket

International Academy, as well as a number of Thai schools.

Matches will take place on alternative Sundays at the YFH and the British International School, with each team playing one match every Sunday.

The league is designed to give children the opportunity to make new friends, as well as enjoy a game of competitive football.

An under 16s league is also in the process of being set up, which should kick off soon after the under 13s league. This will be an 11-a-side league and will consist of four teams.

There is currently space for more players in this league and anyone interested should contact Hannu Tukkanen. T: 083-644 7915. E: hannu.yfhphuket@hotmail.com.

Wandering to an early win



Phuket's first ever futsal league found an early winner in the Wanderers, who clinched the top spot after winning three out of their first three games.

The Phuket Wanderers have secured victory in the first ever futsal league at the Phuket International Academy.

Although there is still one outstanding fixture, three victories out of three mean that the Wanderers have maximum points, and none of the other three teams in the league can overtake them.

The matches have been taking place on Thursday nights at PIA. Games have been played between two teams of five using a size four futsal. Much harder than a normal football to use, futsal produce much less bounce, requiring more precise control from players.

The Phuket Wanderers took on a PIA 'C' team in the first game and ran out as comfortable winners after a 12-2 victory. The second game, against the PIA 'B' team, was more competitive, with the Phuket Wanderers winning 6-3. This meant that victory against the undefeated PIA 'A' team would guarantee a first placed finish,

but any other result would give the momentum to the PIA 'A' team.

It turned out to be a much more closely contested match, with the Phuket Wanderers taking an early lead, only to be pulled back late on in the game before running out 9-8 winners.

Andy Hewett of the Phuket Wanderers hailed the league as a great success.

"For years we have played football on some poor playing surfaces in Phuket and have had to travel around in search of a decent pitch, hence the name the Phuket Wanderers. The surface here is absolutely perfect and I am sure there will be lots more teams wanting to join in in the new year," he said.

The league is going to be expanded to include six teams in 2010, with the top four teams at the end of the round robin format playing off. Entry fees are 500 baht per team per game. For more information, email martyn@phuketinternationalacademy.com.

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Cambodian coastline 'the next Phuket'

Global property developer CB Richard Ellis announced an 'unprecedented response' from Phuket-based property investors at the launch of a new luxury resort located on an island off the Cambodian coast.

More than 70 people attended the launch of the Song Saa Island Resort Cambodia, which was held at Twin Palms' Catch Beach Club at Surin Beach on December 17.

Organizers said that at least 60 percent of the 14 one- and two-bedroom residential villas were booked during the launch.

Construction of the resort, developed by Brocon Investment Co., will begin next month and is expected to be complete by mid-2011. When complete, it will include a five-star over-water restaurant and bar, swimming pool, spa & wellness center, yoga and meditation center and a beachside water sports center.

Prices for the exclusive villas begin at US\$200,000.

Sugaring the deal for investors was a three-year guaranteed yield of 10 percent and the attraction of the resort project marking the beginning of the international

development of the Cambodian coastline.

"We are extremely pleased with the immediate success we've had in bookings for this project. The Phuket market has clearly identified with the product. Despite being an emerging destination, Song Saa has attracted a global mix of investors, including British, Norwegian, French, Hong Kong Chinese and Hong Kong expatriates," said David Simister, Chairman, CB Richard Ellis Thailand.

"Within one week of sending out the launch invitation, the project has received substantial response and eight bookings were made by the end of the event," he said.

The project offers a 99-year leasehold tenure.

Brocon Investment's chairman Rory Hunter said the launch of Song Saa Island Resort puts Cambodia on the global map and has paved the way for future developments in the area.

"I believe the uniqueness of the product, the charm of the island and pricing have been the key factors for Song Saa's success," he said.

The Song Saa Islands are



TOP: An aerial view of Song Saa Island Resort off the Cambodian coast.
BOTTOM: An artist's impression of the planned US\$200,000 villas.

nestled in the lee of Koh Rong, Cambodia's most important resort island, pitched to be a future Phuket. The entire island is owned by one of Cambodia's largest corporations, The Royal Group.

According to CB Richard Ellis, a number of international investors have purchased beachfront land in the area and it is expected that the official opening of the Sihanoukville Airport will increase development activity for four- and five-star hotels.

The airport is currently open for chartered flights and private jets. Flights from Phnom Penh and Siem Reap are expected to begin in the near future, with rumors of regional airlines also planning scheduled flights in 2010. The airport will be the principal gateway to Cambodia's southern coast and a critical catalyst for the area's development. Transfer to Song Saa Island is 30 minutes by boat.

"The aim is to position the island as Asia's first environmentally planned island development. With an unparalleled quality of water, beach and the environment, the Koh Rong archipelago and the Cambodian coastline has the potential to become the next Asian Riviera, comparable to established markets such as Phuket, Samui and Bali," said Mr Hunter.

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Central plans Bt200m expansion with expats in mind

Central Festival Phuket is set to undergo a Bt200-million transformation in 2010 with retail renovations and the addition of higher-quality shopping, dining and edutainment facilities.

Retail enhancements due by April include an upgrade of the Tops Supermarket to Central Food Hall, similar to the outlet in Central's Bangkok flagship Central Chidlom, which stocks a wide range of international food products from Europe, Australia, Japan and the USA.

According to a CFP spokesperson, Central Festival's 10 percent growth in revenue over the past year justified this year's expansion plans.

"Revenue growth in 2009 was less than previous years, which would usually be between 30 and 40 percent. However, last year's growth was still good compared to other retailers," the source said.

"About 40 percent of our customers in Phuket are expats or tourists. They have spending power so we focus on them as a premium class," he said.

As the six-year-old shopping center is well established as a seven-days-a-week banking destination, Central Group directors are now focused on bringing



Central Festival Phuket's Bt200 million expansion plans include an upgrade of the Tops Supermarket and an education zone.

a wider range of food and dining options to the Phuket mall.

Japanese restaurant Yayoi is among the new dining outlets planned for 2010.

From the Bt200m expansion

budget, Bt20 million has been earmarked for developing the Tops Supermarket, and Bt60 million for general renovation, including the new food hall. The remainder of the budget will go to-

wards retail space expansion and an education zone.

Gymboree, an international child development program center from the US and a Yamaha Thailand Music School

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A Central shuttle bus service to the mall from Patong and Phuket Town will also begin operation this year.



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Tuk-tuks: the great debate continues



PROPERTY WATCH

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Many of us can recall the epic film *Taxi Driver* with star Robert De Niro playing the demon-ridden Travis Bickle who when asked why he wanted to be a hack, deadpans "Because I can't sleep nights."

When I first moved to the island, I had this uneasy feeling

that something wasn't right, that something was missing. It was hard to put my finger on, and after a few days of driving around it came to me in what can only be defined as a true moment of clarity; there were no taxis.

Did they only come out after I was asleep? Or were they in fact there but I just couldn't see them? (My eyesight isn't what it once was.) The only ways to traverse this particular piece of paradise appeared to be car, motorbike or tuk-tuk.

Hate them or put up with them, the tuk-tuk, or, as I like to call them, tuk-tuk-tuk-tuk is the locally ubiquitous version of the taxi. Its roots can be traced back to the rickshaw or trishaw that over time became mechanized and morphed into both three- and four- wheel versions.

Now don't get me wrong, I've spent many late nights speeding through the silent streets of Bangkok in a humble three-wheeled tuk-tuk. I have wonderful memories of urging the obliging wide-eyed driver and new best friend to go faster and faster. But that was a decade ago, and in Bangkok.

This is Phuket, and as the 2009 tourist season is rolling ahead



a 'Great Debate' is again set upon us like a pack of hungry wolves clawing at our collective door.

Some years back a previous governor allowed yellow taxis with meters to hit the mean streets of banana land. And, as most locals remember, all hell broke loose, with vehicles burnt, tires slashed and some reported gunplay.

Since then it's been an uneasy and unholy alliance between metered taxis and the tuk-tuk-tuks. From time to time a cautious, slow moving yellow taxi can still be seen, but they appear to be on the endangered species list.

Reading about the recent tuk-tuk wars, blockades, tirades and dismal trashing of all things Phuket, certainly adds a sinister tone to the entire debate about their existence. But what is the true reality of these dark forces that pound the streets?

Although my physique could rightly be compared to a baby water buffalo in expensive running shoes, on most days as the dawn rises I, too, am out pounding the streets; training for triathlons.

Over the years, I've made a friend in a local tuk-tuk driver who also runs, swims and bikes in the same area, and we often

trade smiles and wave as we go about our sweaty task.

If I happen to be with a friend as we pass, I often say, "He's a nice guy," before adding, "He drives a tuk tuk." More often than not it creates an immediate recoil, a muttered obscenity or just silence. I can understand the reactions to a certain extent.

However, I believe that in order to improve what is without a doubt one of the biggest negatives for tourists in Phuket, we have to try to understand these business operators and their reality.

Now don't get me wrong; I am in no way justifying the existence of tuk-tuks in Phuket. In fact, it gives me great pleasure to be able to go to Bangkok and get into a metered taxi. I enjoy spending the countless days plying the capital city with the comforting sounds of baht being counted on the noisy contraption.

When you speak to most Phuket tuk-tuk drivers, you learn that their income derives not only from transport but also from commissions derived from delivering customers to restaurants, shops, precious mineral stores....

This system is more or less the same as that employed in most hotels, where staff receive com-

missions for generating customers. In some industries it's construed as marketing. In others it's considered corruption.

Most Phuket taxi drivers have to pay someone for the daily use of their vehicle, or else make car payments. They have families and children that need to be schooled. If you were to ask a Phuket taxi driver why he does what he does, you'd likely hear, "Because I have to; it's my job."

Personally, as a backseat driver I'd suggest transforming the existing tuk-tuk armada into retrofitted taxis by simply installing meters.

Passengers would then be able to choose a vehicle, sedan taxi or tuk-tuk taxi. With both having meters, what would ultimately happen over time would be the culling of the herd through natural selection.

Now, as taxis in Bangkok receive more and more business, the older tuk-tuks are being gradually grandfathered out. So, unfortunately, the 'late night speeding through the streets of Bangkok in a rickety tuk-tuk' mode of transport in Phuket would also soon be replaced by the less joyous but safer cruising in an air-conditioned taxi.

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Tune Hotels, a Malaysian chain of “limited service” facilities, will open its first Thai property in Phuket in 2012 to serve budget tourists. The company will continue building new hotels throughout Thailand, with plans to complete 20 more by 2013.

Thailand’s Evolution Capital, a listed real-estate investment advisory and management firm focused on hospitality and residential properties, recently signed a partnership agreement with Tune Hotels in a bid to expand into the budget-hotel market.

Tune Hotels is a subsidiary of Malaysia’s low-cost air carrier, AirAsia.

Under the terms of the agreement, Evolution Capital will operate 44 Tune Hotels in Thailand, China, Bangladesh, the Philippines and Indonesia.

Tune Hotels CEO Mark Lankester said his company was attracted to Thailand because of its bright tourism outlook.

“Despite its recent troubles, Thailand remains a great prospect for both leisure and business travellers. With its combination of lower living costs together with an increase in the number of flight deals, it’s no surprise it is consistently ranked Best Value for Money,” he said.

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The ‘limited service’ of Tune Hotels has been a success throughout Malaysia, offering spartan rooms at low costs to budget travelers. Now coming to Thailand, the company will build its first hotel in Phuket by 2012, with hopes to expand 20 more throughout the country by 2013.

pricing’, similar to AirAsia. Using a demand-based booking system, guests can obtain rooms starting at US\$3 (Bt100) - or even lower during promotions.

The hotels’ limited services include a swimming pool,

conference room, restaurant with room service and sauna. Guests pay for additional features like towels, air-conditioning, toiletries, television and internet access.

Evolution Capital managing director and president Simon

Gerovich said the proliferation of low-cost carriers like AirAsia had enabled more budget travellers to fly, and they wanted similar economical hotel rates at their destination.

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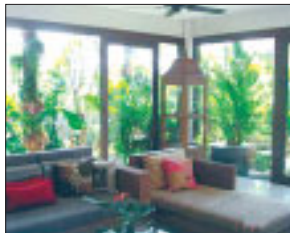
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As new 1 bedroom, 85sqm apartment with spectacular ocean and city views. Parking included. Price: 7 million baht, includes furniture. Email: mbohlsen@gmail.com

DIRECT FROM OWNER/BUILDER

in Kata Beverly Hills, new pool villa, 4 bedrooms, includes studio. From 26 million baht. Now 22 million baht. Tel: 081-788 8280.

ROYAL PLACE CONDO

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

CHEAP HOUSE FOR SALE

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

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.

PATONG BEACH SALE

8 rooms, fully furnished, 9-year contract. Only 700,000 baht. Call for more info. Tel: 083-633 5967.

NEW HOUSE IN THE BANYAN VILLA



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

2-STOREY HOUSE IN PATONG



sea view. Hasip Pee Road, 60sqw. 2 bedrooms with balconies, 2 bathroom, air-con, fully furnished. Chanote. Price 17 million baht ono. Tel: 087-270 9093. Email: a.pueng@gmail.com

NEW TOWN HOUSE



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

LAND AT CHERNG TALAY

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

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

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

LAND AT PA KHLOK

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

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.

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Kata centre, unique penthouse on 6/7th floors, 6 bedrooms, living room, terrace, jacuzzi, seaview. Total 450sqm living space. Now 29 million baht. Tel: 081-788 8280.

LAKESHORE VILLAS

Luxury townhome. 2 bed, 3 bath large kitchen and store room. Very private, quiet, pool & garden. In exclusive estate next to Laguna. Price 14 million baht. Tel: 081-719 5454, 081-894 5848.

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.

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

PATONG TOWER

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

VILLA FOR SALE OR RENT



312 sqm. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Fully furnished, 24-hour protection. 5 minutes to Chalong Bay, 10 minutes to Nai Ham Beach, 20 minutes to Patong Beach and 15 minutes to Phuket Town. Price: sale: 7 million baht. Rent: 65,000 baht per month. Pls contact Khun Sam (English/Thai). Tel: 085-110 6449. Email: vipeurasian@yahoo.co.th For further details, please see our website at www.ipdproperty.com

LAND NEAR LAGUNA

800sqm in Bang Jo, same road as Two Villa project. Few mins to Laguna. 2.5 million baht. Tel: 081-078 0014. Email: homeinphuket@live.com

KATHU HOUSE FOR SALE

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, nice garden, carport. Mint condition in quiet area. Fully furnished. 3,150,000 baht. Tel: +66-81-894 5061 (English & Thai). Email: info@birdies.asia

PATONG 2-BED SEMI

Quiet soi off Nanai Rd, European kitchen, 3 aircons. 5.5 million baht or near offer. Tel: 081-691 8786.

NEW HOUSE FOR SALE/RENT



In Srisuchart Grandville 3, not far from Tesco Lotus. 3 bedrooms 2 bathrooms, 1 car park and little garden. Very nice house contact to come see at 087-277 0978 or koyangle99@hotmail.com

VERY NICE SEAVIEW LAND



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.

KARON CORNER

townhouse in nice lane, international occupancy. 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, sea and mountain view, chanote title, fully furnished. 6.3 million baht. No agents. Tel: 089-594 0423. Email: crustaceaus@yahoo.com

2 HOUSES WITH EXTRA GYM

For sale: 2 houses with extra gym in Patak Villa. 5.7 million baht. Tel: 076-281196. 086-045 3139 (Thai). Email: finale.2001@hotmail.com

WHOLE BAY FOR SALE

Famous diving destination island, Koh Tao. 56,000sqm (35rai). 70 million baht. Please email me for photos. Tel: 081-271 9340. Email: brandyblackcherry@gmail.com

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New project in Rawai, close to Beach/Pier, 4 apartment with pool, all furnished include company 8.5 million baht. Tel: 081-788 8280.

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PATONG GUESTHOUSE

A fully-furnished guesthouse in Patong's Paradise Complex is available for freehold sale @ 6 million baht. Phone 086-588 8383. Email: sumalee1955@yahoo.com

AO MAKHAM FOR QUICK SALE

2.5 rai plot. 2.9 million baht a rai or 6 million baht for total. Sea view, 500m from Ao-Yon beach, road access, electricity. Tel: 087-381 8477.

LAND NEAR RAWAI

for sale. Chanote title. 1 rai 2 ngan 97sq wah. Tel: 089-885 4517.

FREEHOLD PATONG 28SQM

Brand new studio, fully renovated and furnished 1.95 million baht. Tel: 089-971 5664.

PERFECT LAND FOR SALE

on the main road to Cherng Talay and Surin. 43 rai, 1 ngan, 85sq wah. For sale by owner. 5.5 million baht per rai. Tel: 081-956 2406. Email: phatsarar@gmail.com

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BEACH LAND CHANOTE

Koh Yao Yai private sale. Email: m3shmigelsky@yahoo.com Info at www.s-design-phuket.com/MIKELAND/gallery.htm

HOUSE AND LAND

for take over. 4 houses and 2 rai. 2 million baht per year. Tel: 089-288 3047.

PARICHART VILLAGE, CHALONG



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

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BAAN BAI MAI



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BEAUTIFUL VILLAS

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A CITY FOR SALE

Check "Buy Exotic City Thailand" on Google. 22 million baht. Freehold. Tel: 086-715 5797.

HOUSE IN KAMALA

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

BEAUTIFUL NAI YANG LAND



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

74 SQM CONDO

Condo for sale in Phuket Town near Villa Dowroong. 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 3 aircon units. 1.8 million baht. Tel: 085-782 8881 (English & Thai), 081-895 6629. Email: arunrat65@hotmail.com

BEACHFRONT LAND

with road access to Kamala, Surin, Bang Tao, Kata, Karon. Contact Andy. Tel: 081-958 3923.

PATONG SEAVIEW VILLA

Modern, luxurious, furnished. Pool, jacuzzi, garage, etc. Minutes (2km) to the beach. Price reduction @ 15 million baht (o.n.o.). Tel: 084-292 0008 (English), 087-883 4866 (English & Thai). Email: robinsonkevin@mac.com For further details, please see our website at <http://public.me.com/robinsonkevin>

PATONG DELUXE CONDO

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BEACH LAND CHANOTE

Koh Yao Yai private sale. Email: m3shmigelsky@yahoo.com Info at www.s-design-phuket.com/MIKELAND/gallery.htm

TALANG LAND SALE

Chanote, private sale. 990,000 baht. Email: m3shmigelsky@yahoo.com Photo and info, please see our website at www.s-design-phuket.com/MIKELAND/gallery.htm

RAWAI LAND CHALONG



Quiet, green, good area, own water, near creek, chanote, 1 or 2 rai lots, 5.4 million baht per rai. Tel: 087-388 7702 (English & Thai), 084-850 7106 (English). Email: pkeowan@gmail.com, sulimierski123@gmail.com

THE HOME PLACE CONDOMINIUM

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DIRECT FROM OWNER/BUILDER

Kata Centre, luxury 1 bedroom apartment, 65 sqm include furnishing with pool from 4.5 million baht. Now 3.9 million baht. Tel: 081-788 8280.

CONDO PATONG

for sale. Fully furnished freehold in Andaman Beach Condominium, Patong, Phuket. 126.43sqm, 16th floor, seaview, 2 bedrooms, 1 living room. Contact Songpan. No brokers please. Tel: 081-7378 662.

LUXURY POOL VILLA

3 bedrooms, ensuite, Western kitchen, bathroom, garage, UBC, ADSL, walled garden. 5 minutes to Kamala beach. Chanote. 9.3 million baht. Tel: 084-711 3422 (English), 085-798 9714 (Thai).

NEW HOUSE IN NAI HARN-RAWAI



for sale or rent. 3-story villa, sea view, hill view, garden, pool, 4 bedrooms with 2 en-suite bathrooms, 6 bathrooms, ADSL, Jacuzzi. Big living room, kitchen/dining, laundry room. 5 aircons. 8m x 3.5m private pool. 2 parking spaces. Tel: 081-677 9837, 089-646 4786. Email: sync_koji@hotmail.com

TOWNHOUSE, 2 STOREY



opposite Boat Lagoon. 24sqm, 3 beds, 2 baths. Email: info@allaboutwebanddesign.com

BEACH LAND KOH YAO YAI

8 rai. 80 meters of beach front, public road and water supply. Beautiful land. Tel: 081-649 3557 (English). Email: ken@phuketlifestyle.com <http://www.phuketlifestyle.com>

LAND AT PA KHLOK



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LEASE ON 12 RAI, KATA

Four houses on 12 rai of uninterrupted sea view. 18 years remaining on lease. Perfect for resort or hotel. Tel: 081-891 4069 (English). Email: dickytassenaar@hotmail.com

OCEAN VIEW CONDO

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NICE PLOT BEHIND LAYAN HILL ESTATE



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STYLISH COMPACT VILLAS



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OCEANFRONT LAND



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DIRECT FROM OWNER/BUILDER

in Kata Beverly Hills, 3 luxury bedrooms, pool villa, garden, jacuzzi, includes furnishing. Special price now 17 million baht. Tel: 081-788 8280.

PATONG 1 RAI SEAVIEW 25 MIL

Patong. 1 rai of sea view land. 25 million baht. Perfect for apartments or housing project. Contact Michael. Tel: 076-381303. Email: m@bayproject.com

QUICK SALE

Villa with jacuzzi, pool, seaview, Chalong Bay, open daily 9am-12pm. Tel: 089-908 2112.

CONDO IN KRABI

New condo in Ao Nang, Krabi, 1 month from completion. 32sqm condo management company already committed to rent it for 14,000 baht per month if bought for investment. Photos on request. 1,960,000 baht. Tel: 081-895 7095 (English), 089-908 7586 (Thai). Email: peter@seafa.com

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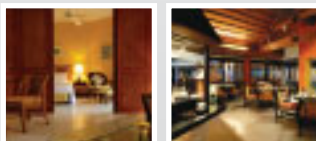
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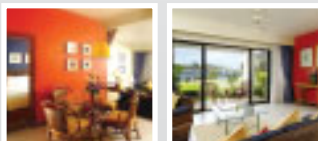
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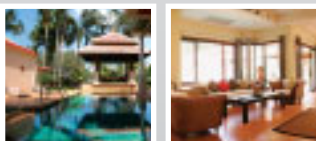
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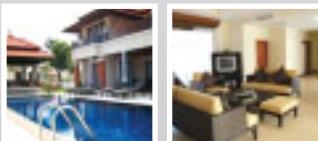
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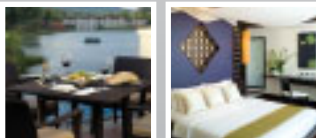
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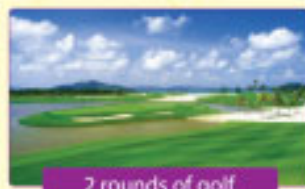


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