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## Tourist and tuk-tuk driver in punch up over 50 baht

**A** PATONG tuk-tuk driver charged with assault for allegedly beating a Canadian tourist has been granted bail.

Tassanarit Damthong, 30, handed himself in at Kathu Police Station hours after the altercation on January 5.

He was arrested and charged with the assault of Canadian tourist Ivan Bob Anwar, 51.

Mr Anwar claimed he was punched five times after refusing to pay 150 baht for a one-minute tuk-tuk ride from the north end of Patong to Kalim at 1pm.

Mr Anwar said he would only pay 100 baht.

Initially denied bail, Mr Tassanarit was released after his wife posted 40,000 baht in surety.

Both Mr Anwar and Mr Tassanarit arrived at Phuket Provincial Court at 1:30pm on January 7 to attend the preliminary hearing.

Mr Tassanarit told reporters that it was Mr Anwar who struck

first. After arriving at the destination in Kalim, opposite the Sunset Beach Resort, Mr Anwar became angry over the fare price and refused to pay, he said.

The Canadian then pointed in his face and kicked him in the chest, the tuk-tuk driver claimed.

Mr Tassanarit lifted his shirt to reveal bruising on his stomach, which he claimed was the result of Mr Anwar kicking him.

After being kicked by Mr Anwar, he retaliated and punched Mr Anwar once in the face, causing him to fall and hit his head on the tuk-tuk, Mr Tassanarit said.

Members of the Patong Tuk-Tuk 'Club' accompanying Mr Tassanarit said they would file counter charges against Mr Anwar.

Mr Anwar told the court that Mr Tassanarit punched him five times after he refused to pay the 150-baht fare.

Kathu Police duty officer Jongserm Preecha said Mr Anwar was brought to Kathu Police Station after the preliminary



**Tuk-tuk driver Tassanarit Damthong claims Mr Anwar struck first, kicking him in the stomach.**



**Tourist Ivan Bob Anwar claims Mr Tassanarit struck first, punching him five times.**

hearing and would be charged with assault for kicking the tuk-tuk driver.

He will not be able to leave Thailand until either the case is cleared or he confesses to the

assault charge and pays a fine.

Mr Anwar was due to leave Phuket at 10am on January 7 for his return trip to Tokyo, but he had to postpone the flight.

— Gazette reporters

## Holiday road toll leaves 8 dead, 92 injured

**F**INAL figures are in for this year's 'Seven Days of Danger' road safety campaign in Phuket citing eight dead; almost triple the number from last year, when three died.

The figures, released by the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM-Phuket) on January 5, showed that 82 reported accidents left 92 people with injuries requiring in-patient hospital treatment.

DDPM-Phuket chief Sun Chuntarawong admitted this year's campaign did not meet its objectives, but said there is little authorities can do to affect

change in public adherence to and awareness of road safety.

"Change can only come when the people themselves realize the dangers of reckless or drunk driving and speeding. We will continue to promote road safety for the next campaign [Songkran 2010], but will seek more co-operation from the public and invite them to help lay out the strategy together," he said.

The final two victims of the holiday period were a pair of teenagers. Their car crashed into a power pole in rainy conditions about 6pm on January 4 on

Thepkrasattri Rd in Mai Khao, home to the infamous 'curve of death' that has claimed the lives of many motorists over the years.

Mr Sun identified the deceased as Wassana Maneesom, 16, and Alongkorn Sirichampa, 17.

Miss Wassana died at the accident scene and Mr Alongkorn was rushed to Vachira Phuket Hospital, where he later died of his injuries.

The DDPM-Phuket reported that a total of 49,939 cars were inspected at checkpoints during the seven-day period, with 6,503 people arrested or fined. The most common in-

fractions were driving without a license (2,412 cases), riding a motorbike without a helmet (2,037) and failure to wear a seat belt (1,250).

Motorcycles were involved in 82 percent of the accidents, which most commonly occurred between the hours of 8pm and midnight.

Drunk driving was given as the cause of 26 accidents with speeding attributed to another 13 accidents. As in previous years, Muang District had the most carnage: four dead, 55 injured.

— Sithipong Nongkaew

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# Man murdered in nightclub driveby

**P**OLICE are searching for the gunmen who shot and killed a man celebrating the New Year holiday at a Rawai nightclub, in what police believe was a revenge killing by rival gang members.

Chalong Police Investigator Boonlert Onklang identified the deceased as 24-year-old Wanchai Withaya, a Chalong resident.

Police received a report of the shooting at the popular Icon Pub, on the road to Kata in Nai Harn, at 4:30am on January 1.

Chalong Police Superintendent Chinnarat Rittakananond and other investigators rushed to the scene, where they found a crowd of Thai and foreign tourists gathered around the body of the victim on the ground in front of the pub.

Mr Wanchai was rushed to Vachira Phuket Hospital in Phuket Town where he was later pronounced dead.

Police questioned a close friend of the deceased, who said Mr Wanchai was with a group of friends who went to the pub to celebrate the new year.

Mr Wanchai was employed as a gardener at a villa residence in Rawai.

According to the friend, Mr Wanchai was drinking at a table when a man identified only as 'Tor' approached and slapped him twice in the face. After this, about 10 friends of the deceased attacked Tor in retaliation.

Mr Wanchai's party paid their bill and left, the friend told police.

However, Mr Wanchai later returned with his uncle, hoping to make sure there were no hard feelings on the part of Tor, who has a reputation as a gangster, the friend said.

As Mr Wanchai and his uncle were talking with Tor outside the bar, two Thai males approached them on a motorbike.

The man riding pillion shot Mr Wanchai twice in the head and then the pair sped off.

As this edition went to print, Chalong Police were still investigating the case and had yet to arrest any suspects.

*-Gazette reporters*

# Family New Year beach trip turns to tragedy

**A**TEN-YEAR-OLD boy celebrating New Year's Day with his family at Nai Harn Beach was the first drowning victim of the year in Phuket.

Chalong Police identified the victim as Apichet 'Nong Max' Srinakarak, a student at Wat Thep Nimit School in Wichit.

Police were notified of the drowning at 5pm and rushed to the scene with members of the Phuket Provincial Administrative Organization (PPAO), the Phuket Tourist Rescue Center and workers from the Rawai Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Office.

They were too late to save Nong Max, who left his party of about 25 people and entered the surf with other children at the south end of the beach.

Friends called family members for help after Nong Max went missing.

His body was recovered about 20 minutes later and sent to Vachira Phuket Hospital.

Drowning remains the



The south end of Nai Harn Beach, where 10-year-old 'Nong Max' drowned on New Year's Day.

number one cause of accidental death among Thai children. Despite being an island, relatively few Phuket children can swim and drownings take place year round.

There were no lifeguards on duty at Nai Harn at the time as a new contractor is currently being

sought to provide the service. The PPAO, which believes the relatively calm surf conditions at this time of year lowers the risk of drowning, announced that a new contract for lifeguards will be put out for tender this month.

*-Gazette reporters*

# Karon tuk-tuk driver hands himself in to police, gets bail

**T**HE Karon tuk-tuk driver accused of attacking a family of French tourists with a meter-long pole on December 26 turned himself in to police and was released on bail, the *Gazette* has learned.

Chalong Police Inspector Chana Suthimas identified the alleged attacker as 32-year-old Likhit Thaengthae, a resident of Karon.

Mr Likhit appeared at Chalong Police Station at 10am on January 4 and posted bail. Assault charges against him will be filed with the Phuket Criminal Court soon, Lt Chana said.

Mr Likhit stands accused of attacking a French family with the

shaft of a beach umbrella support pole, breaking one of the victim's arms and badly bruising another relative, aged 68.

The family's children – aged one, seven and nine – were present at the time of the attack.

Witnesses said Mr Likhit became enraged when the family parked their rented car in a public parking lot near the Karon Municipality offices in Kata.

The tourists, on their way to the beach at the time, ignored his command to park elsewhere because they could not see any signs indicating the lot was reserved for tuk-tuks or taxis, which Mr Likhit insisted it was.

*-Pimwara Choksakulpan*


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## Morning market mayhem: runaway car sends bikes, shoppers and fruit flying



The scene of the crash: a small roadside market area near Bangkok Hospital Phuket.

**A**N out-of-control car plowed through market stalls in the Samkong area of Phuket Town on January 3, leaving scores of motorbikes damaged and one woman with a broken arm.

Phuket City Police were informed of the accident at 9am.

Arriving at the scene on Hongyok U-Thit Rd, they found 10 damaged motorbikes, including a Honda Wave smashed beyond repair.

A crowd of shocked onlookers surveyed the damage, which included a crashed Hyundai sedan that was later revealed to be an official vehicle of Vachira Phuket Hospital director Dr Jessada Chungpaibulpatana.

Adding to the mayhem were fruit and vegetables scattered all over the road, from stores that are normally at

their busiest at that time of day.

Injured in the crash was 53-year-old Oronong Suriya-wong, who was taken to hospital for treatment of a broken arm and other injuries.

About 20 meters away in the middle of the road was the car that caused the mayhem with a damaged windshield, radiator and hood that was still covered with fruit and vegetable matter.

The driver, 37-year-old Sutheep Rungruen, did not try to flee the scene.

She told investigators that before the crash she had visited relatives in the area.

After starting the engine, the car accelerated quickly, plowing through everything in its path.

Police think that panic and problems with her footwear getting stuck beneath the brake pedal may have been the cause.

— *Gazette reporters*

## Stairs still an obstacle for disabled CCTV workers

**P**HUKET City Police are moving forward with a plan to have disabled people monitor closed-circuit television (CCTV) security cameras, but the project will be limited to those who can get up the stairs to the fourth-storey CCTV control room on their own.

Phuket City Superintendent Wanchai Ekpornpit told the *Gazette* on January 5 that his department is working with the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (PPAO) to screen applicants to monitor existing CCTV cameras, as well as 53 more units funded by the PPAO expected to be operational by the end of the month.

Plans to use teams of nine disabled people at a time, working in shifts to monitor the screens, were announced in early November. However many members of the Phuket Disabled Peoples' Club who would like to take part are wheelchair-bound or otherwise unable to get up the stairs.

As Phuket City Police have



Phuket City Superintendent Wanchai Ekpornpit at the CCTV Control Center, located on the fourth floor of Phuket City Police Station.

no budget to install an elevator, Col Wanchai said his department is working with the PPAO and Don't Drive Drunk Foundation to find volunteers capable of getting up the stairs on their own.

Phuket Disabled Peoples' Club President Sawai Promjinda said his group had yet to receive any detailed information about the project, however.

"I think it is still in the public relations phase," he said.

Although the project will begin in Phuket City, the PPAO would eventually like to expand

CCTV coverage across the island and have disabled volunteers working in each police precinct. Chalong Police District has been mentioned as the next target area.

Col Grissak Songmoonark, Superintendent of the Kathu Police, which has jurisdiction over Patong, told the *Gazette* earlier that volunteers would need considerable training in how to use the technology. This includes camera zooming and tracking of suspects to ensure high-quality images are obtained.

— *Atchaa Khamlo*



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# Phuket gets Bt10 billion for infrastructure improvements

**T**HE Cabinet has approved a 2010 budget that includes ten billion baht (approx US\$295 million) in funding for Phuket under the Finance Ministry's 'Thai Khem Khaeng' (Strong Thailand) stimulus package.

The new budget green lights projects intended to solidify Phuket's position as one of Southeast Asia's leading tourist destinations.

Highlights of the plan include a major airport expansion, improvements to roads and transport infrastructure, new schools and construction of an international convention and exhibition center.

Plans for a world-class convention center on the island have come and gone for almost two decades, with numerous sites considered and plans unveiled.

Under the latest plan, the center is to be built on Treasury Department land in Mai Khao, near the Sarasin Bridge.

The lion's share of the newly approved budget, 5.8

billion baht, is slated for an expansion of Phuket International Airport, which will increase transit capacity from 6.5 million to about 12.5 million passengers annually.

An additional 2.8 billion baht is earmarked for the convention and exhibition center, which will be built without a hotel and some other facilities that were included in the original proposal.

Phuket MP Raywat Areerob of the Democrat Party said that Mai Khao and Thalang in general stood to benefit in many ways from the convention center, including an improved road network with overpasses.

The Mai Khao location will also make the center more easily accessible to people driving in from Phang Nga and Krabi, he said.

Some have criticized the location as being too remote from the island's main population centers to be practical.

Other projects approved under the plan include 100

million baht for a new indoor stadium at Saphan Hin, 400 million baht for an overpass or tunnel at the Darasamuth School Intersection on the bypass road, and approximately 90 million baht for infrastructure improvements, including paving of dirt roads.

Mr Raywat said the funds should be available after the end of January.

Structural work on the convention center should take two or three years, he said.

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the airport expansion work was completed earlier this year, but plans still need to be drawn up and finalized before it can go out to tender, he said.

The Darasamuth School Intersection flyover (or tunnel) would be the most labor intensive of the smaller projects.

Still in the very early stages of its extensive EIA preparation, it could take up to five years to complete, he said.

-Atchaa Khamlo

## Phuketians mourn loss of Thai-German student



Anurak Gottschalk: November 9, 1992 – December 25, 2009

**F**AMILY and friends are mourning the tragic loss of 17-year-old British International School (BIS) student Anurak Gottschalk, who died from cardiac arrest when he was electrocuted while taking a shower at his home on Christmas Day.

Anurak is survived by his German father Thomas

Gottschalk and his Thai mother Arunee Nigonrum.

A Buddhist cremation ceremony was held at Chalong Temple on January 3, attended by many family friends, BIS students and members of the Lions' Club Andaman Sea, in which his father plays an active role supporting the Phuket Sunshine Village Foundation.

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# Kamala snatch-and-run bandits face their victims



The thieves, in handcuffs, re-enact the crime as the two English victims look on in Kamala on January 5.

A PAIR of of English tourists flew out of Phuket on January 6 with no pictures of their holiday to show friends back home – thanks to the depredations of a trio of thieves in Kamala.

Englishwoman Alyson Ashforth, 30, and her companion Nicholas Gilmore were walking back to their room at the Aquamarine Resort & Villa at about 10:30pm on January 3 when the thieves struck in front of Rajapranukroh 36 School on the beach road.

Ms Ashforth filed a complaint with the Kamala Police, and said that three men approached from behind on a motorbike, snatched her handbag and sped off.

The bag contained a Sony digital camera, some hand gel and

cosmetics, she told police.

Realizing the trio didn't pick up any cash in the heist, Kamala Police officers expected them to remain on the prowl.

As, according to the police, snatch-and-run crimes are uncommon in the area, the Kamala officers co-ordinated with neighboring Cherg Talay Police in searching for the culprits. The effort paid off: two of the three suspects were taken into custody on Srisoonthorn Rd Soi 11 in Cherg Talay about half an hour after the complaint was reported.

The pair were identified as Jirawat Salee and Manoon Manabutr, both 18 years old.

The two have been charged with conspiring to commit a snatch-and-run theft using a

vehicle, charges which could land them in prison for up to seven years and six months. The third suspect remains at large.

On January 5, Phuket Provincial Police Commander Pekad Thantipong and Kamala Police held a press conference to announce the arrest of two men. The press conference included a re-enactment of the crime.

"We want to know for sure, before we go back, that those guys are going to jail, because they deserve it," Ms Ashforth said at the re-enactment.

With their camera returned to them, all its photos deleted, Alyson and Nicholas returned to England after a 14-day holiday in Phuket.

"One thing we don't understand is why they had to view and delete all the photos in our camera. Those photos really meant a lot to us," she said.

"Phuket is not a bad place to go on holiday at all. Even though we had a bad experience our first time here, we will be coming back again," she added.

**-Kitima Pornmongkohnwat**

## A fab start to the year



ITALIAN tourist Fabio Fanzani was reunited with his lost wallet on January 6, after an appeal was launched on [www.phuketgazette.net](http://www.phuketgazette.net) a day prior.

Kamala Police had been trying in vain to contact the owner of the wallet after it was found by Thai tourist Ms Khanungnit Kwanyao at Surin Beach and handed over to authorities in late December.

When *Gazette* reporters went to cover the successful arrest of two thieves by Kamala police, Lt Col Supavich Suvanpirom showed them the wallet, which contained an Italian driver's license, 3,300 baht, 20

euro and one US dollar in cash.

Shortly after posting the appeal online a *Gazette* Online reader, going by the somewhat appropriate nick-name of James Bond, tracked down Mr Fanzani using Facebook and sent him the message that the wallet had been found.

A grateful Fabio arrived at Kamala Police station on January 6 to retrieve his possessions and used Lt Col Supavich's mobile phone to personally thank Ms Khanungnit.

"I had given it up for lost. Thank you to all who have helped me retrieve it and Happy New Year," he said.

**-Marc Mulloy**



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# Corruption busting councillor shot dead

CHUMPHON: A member of Lamae Municipality was shot dead following a New Year's party in the early hours of January 2.

Police believe the killing was motivated by the victim's dedication to anti-corruption campaigns against certain town council members.

Pocharaphon Sae-cheuang, known locally as 'Sor Thor Dong', was found dead in a patch of grass by the roadside near his home.

A witness reported seeing Mr Pocharaphon, 42, stop to relieve himself on the way home from the party, which was held at a nearby municipal market.

As he was standing, two men on a motorcycle pulled up behind him. The pillion passenger called out his name and shot him once in the forehead when he turned around. Mr Pocharaphon died at the scene.

The witness said they reported the shooting to the police at around 1am, but no officers

came and Mr Pocharaphon's body was not found until about 8am in the morning.

At the time of his death, Mr Pocharaphon was serving his second term as a member of Tambon Lamae Municipality.

He had developed a reputation for honesty and exposing corruption.

The day before his death, he received an anonymous phone call warning him to stop digging up evidence of corruption.

An officer investigating the killing said police believe the motive may have been Mr Pocharaphon's exposure of corruption in the tenders of 10-million-baht building project that caused an influential figure to lose out.

Police believe the gunmen came from 'Sum Surat', an association of gunmen for hire run by local politicians in neighboring Surat Thani province, the officer said.

Mr Pocharaphon is survived by a wife and two young children.

Source: Kom Chad Luek

## Monks nabbed on booze run

LOEI: Two monks on a late-night beer run were arrested for drunk driving in the early hours of January 3.

Police said the pair, identified as Phra Rungarun Khrutsoi, 25, and Phra Danai Saoidokchik, 28, were stopped at a checkpoint around 1:30am.

Police said the car was weaving all over the road as it approached the checkpoint. Phra Rungarun was still wearing his monastic robes while Phra Danai had changed into civilian clothes.

Police said the pair smelled strongly of beer and were slurring their words. The

breathalyser test found Phra Rungarun, who was driving, well over the legal limit.

Under questioning, Phra Danai confessed that they had been drinking beer in the temple to celebrate the New Year.

When they ran out, they borrowed another monk's car and set out to find a shop.

Phra Rungarun was so desperate for another drink that he didn't have time to change out of his robes, Phra Danai told police.

Police took the monks to be defrocked by their temple abbots.

Source: Daily News



A young visitor tries to snap a picture of an albino pig and a giant rat which featured as part of Bangkok Dusit Zoo's New Year celebrations on January 4. Photo by Prasert Thepsri



## Army employs blimps to keep an eye on the troubled South

An airship like this Aeros 40 D (Sky Dragon) model will be used by the Royal Thai Army for air surveillance operations over the Southern border provinces from early 2010 onwards. The region has been a hot zone for insurgent terrorist attacks in recent years. Photo By Charoon Thongnual

## Four-year-old shoots himself and family member

NARATHIWAT: A four-year-old boy shot himself and a relative while playing with his father's gun on January 3.

Asaruwan Salae was playing with a high-caliber pistol

belonging to his father, 52-year-old government officer Sudeng Salae, who was not home at the time of the incident.

Asaruwan let off two shots. The first shot hit his relative,

Army Ranger Yaruwee Bainmading, in the foot. The second shot lodged in his own stomach. Both victims were taken to Sungai Kolok Hospital for treatment.

Source: MCOT

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# New Year's Eve goes green

**O**n New Year's Eve morning, several hundred hotel guests and locals gathered on the beachfront at Pru Jeh Son to celebrate the release of 50 young green turtles, a highly endangered species, into the sea.

The ceremony was sponsored by the JW Marriot Phuket Resort and Spa to benefit The Mai Khao Marine Turtle Foundation.

"This is the first year we have tried something like this", explained Robert Lohrmann, General Manager at the JW Marriot Phuket Resort.

"Although we have been involved in other turtle releases on the island, we wanted to produce our own special event and honor this New Year's Eve holiday in Thai tradition."

In Thailand, turtles are released on many different occasions such as birthdays, weddings and holidays to symbolize long life, good luck and healthy blessings.

The Mai Khao Marine Turtle Foundation received the turtles from the Royal Thai Navy's hatchery program.

Each turtle was sponsored for release and the donations go to support the ongoing efforts of both the Royal Navy's Hatchery program and Mai Khao Turtle Foundation.



Three elated crowd members get ready to release their young turtles into the sea at Mai Khao Beach. Photos by Elizabeth Branca

For the past eight years, the foundation has worked to educate, restore and protect the island's turtle population, as well as provide medical care to the endangered species.

After a blessing ceremony by local Buddhist monks, an informational address and cheers from the crowd, the turtles were ushered by their sponsors into the Andaman.

"We are all working towards the same thing," stated Mr Lohrmann. "The purpose of the turtle sponsorship is to give back."

People turned out today to celebrate the holiday and make a contribution to a great local organization."

With such an outstanding response to the release project, The JW Marriot Phuket and The Mai Khao Marine Turtle Foundation plan to host this event annually.

For the 50 green turtles released and the enthusiastic crowd of young and old sponsors, the New Year's event highlighted the promise for new life in the year ahead.

- Elizabeth Branca



A few of the turtle chaperones waded into the water in order to say farewell. The diminutive turtles brought out a large crowd to celebrate the holiday while supporting marine conservation.

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# How safe is that tour boat?

**All at SEA**  
Jeroen Deknatel

Once took a water taxi in Sydney for a short hop around the corner from Darling Harbour. The boat remained within swimming distance of the shore and was crammed full of lifesaving equipment.

At the time I wondered how Phuket's tour boat fleet would fare if Aussie maritime safety rules were applied.

Visitors to Thailand only need the taxi ride from airport to learn that local attitudes towards safety are somewhat different from their home country's standards. Few farangs realize that these sub-par safety practices are standard aboard the dive and tour boats they entrust their lives to.

Most western countries have detailed safety rules for commercial passenger vessels. One example is the UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency's Small Commercial Vessel Code or SCV Code.

Any tour boat operating in the UK has to conform to the safety standards set forth in this code and is surveyed annually. Failure to comply with SCV Code means the boat cannot leave port.

Based on the SCV Code, here are some questions you should ask the boat operator

before you book your diving cruise, fishing trip or island-hopping tour. Their reply will tell you a lot about the type of ship they run.

In recent years, there have been several accidents with tour boats capsizing, catching fire and sinking. Lives have been lost. The object today is to give you, the reader, a few tips that help determine if your tour boat is safe before boarding.

The basic safety questions should include the following:

Is there a liferaft on board? What is the boat's capacity?

Are there life buoys or life rings and enough of them?

How many emergency flotation devices are there and are any of them fitted with lights?

Are there enough lifejackets for everyone, including children?

Are there effective means to recover a person from the water?

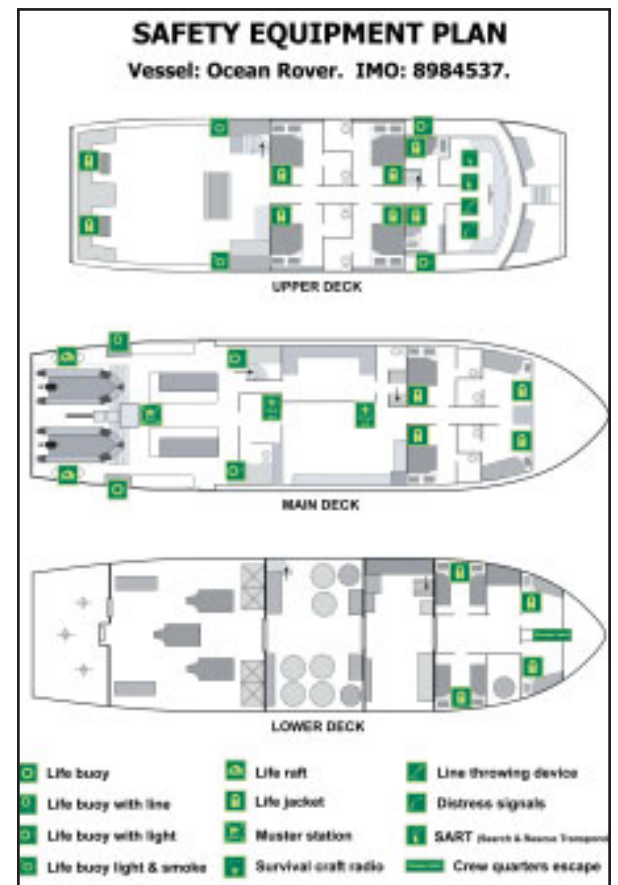
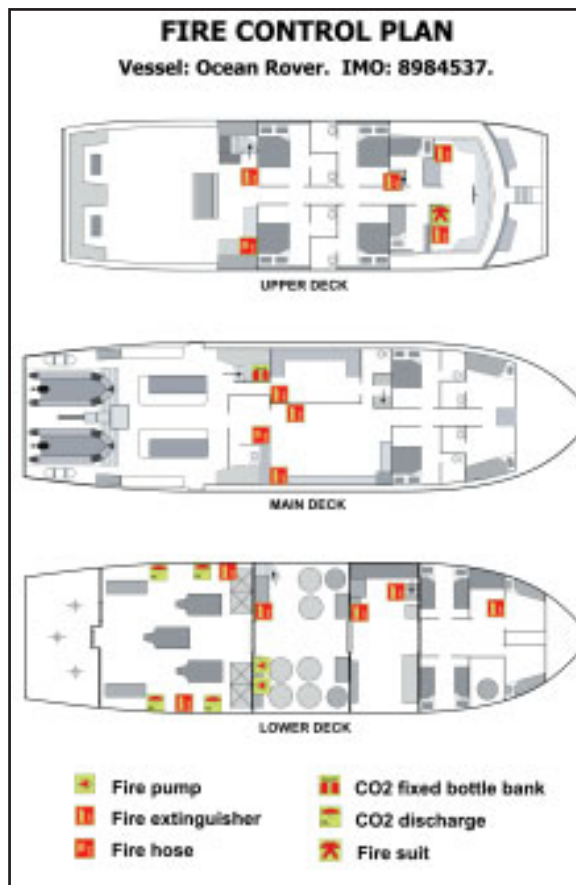
Does the vessel carry flares and smoke signals?

When is the boat due for inspection?

Some boat operators will tell you they don't need liferafts on board.

That is an incorrect and dangerous assumption. Inflatable dinghies and liferafts are not the same thing. The biggest difference is that dinghies are not stocked with emergency water, food and medicine.

If a boat is indeed operating very close to shore and there are no liferafts provided, then ask the operator about their emergency plan concerning abandoning the vessel at sea.



**Boats practicing good safety measures will display safety plan diagrams. There is a common tendency for vacationing tourists to disregard the need for safety aboard the ever-popular tour boats. With little effort, any passenger can assess the basics of boat safety.**

Before you board, check to see if the vessel is loaded deeper than the waterline or listing to one side.

If the vessel looks unstable and unseaworthy, then she probably is.

Watch out for continuous pumping of the bilge, as evidenced by a non-stop flow of dirty oily water, which also not a good sign.

Ask to see proof of competence of the key people on board. Keep in mind that aboard every vessel there should always be someone else besides the captain who is capable of navigating the vessel.

A good boat operator should be able to show a Load Line Certificate, a recent survey of his vessel and proof of liability insurance, as required by Thai law.

If the above questions were

answered to your satisfaction and you have booked the trip, there are still some additional things you should look for once aboard the boat.

All of the life saving equipment should be in plain sight and easy to deploy. The boat should have a sturdy side rail or gunwales.

Look for any unsecured heavy items on deck; they can become a problem in rough seas.

Persistent fuel smells, especially on boats powered by outboard engines, are a bad omen. Sneak a peek in the galley – if the cooking gas cylinder is stored near the stove, or anywhere else indoors, you know you are on an unsafe boat.

Next, have a look at the doors, windows and hatches.

Many locally built tour boats are prone to downflooding. This is what happens when a large

wave washes over the deck and water gets below through doors and hatches that are not watertight. The amount of water that enters in downflooding is often enough to overwhelm a vessel's bilge pumping capacity.

Lastly, look around the interior. You want to see a tidy, uncluttered ship with plenty of portable fire extinguishers in sight. Smoke or fire alarms should be fitted and clearly displayed.

All "EXIT" signs and the boat's deck plan should be in a prominent place and easy to see. Any lifejacket storage should be clearly identified.

These safety checks are a lot to ask from a person on vacation, but keep in mind we haven't even talked about machinery and systems that are impossible for the average passenger to check.

Until the authorities and boat operators get more serious about real safety for commercial tour boats, then asking questions and keeping your eyes open is all that stands between you and a disastrous boat trip.

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# Adventures in the jungle



Yoga for children is fun and healthy. Over the next two yoga features, kids teacher Barbara Van Oers from Abbyssan Yoga & Wellness Center will take you and her students on an exciting yoga adventure.

"Kids yoga looks like a party!" exclaims seven-year-old Pimpa, excited by the possibilities of kids yoga.

Fly like a bird, hop like a frog, curl up like a little mouse or float in your spaceship to the moon. In kids yoga you can be whoever you want to be and nothing is silly.

Traditional yoga postures are playfully offered in a yoga adventure: music and materials help guide stories that challenge and stimulate the imagination and the senses of the child.

The lessons have varied themes such as the jungle, sea, or moon. Each lesson is turned into an exciting 'adventure' and it gives kids time to move, draw, talk and relax.

Many positions are inspired by animals and stimulate the child's suppleness, strength, concentration and self esteem; all great tools to help calm down in our busy society.

The poses are for kids of all ages. Now, let's go on an adventure!

## The Sun

You are in the middle of the jungle and the sun is warming your body.

### Technique:

1. Stand upright with your feet together and join your hands together in front of your heart.
2. Close your eyes and breathe slowly in and out.
3. Imagine you have the sun in your body. Starting from your belly, feel her rays are beaming to all parts of your body. You feel the warmth and the energy flowing throughout.
4. Relax and breathe slowly in and out. Thank the sun and slowly open your eyes. Continue your adventure.

**Benefits:** Standing or sitting quietly is a perfect preparation for a yoga session. It develops awareness, imagination and concentration.

## The Elephant

On the side of a lake you see a herd of elephants drinking water.

### Technique:

1. Stand upright with your feet hip-width apart. Interlace your fingers and imagine this is your trunk.
2. Breathe in and stretch your arms high up above your head, then lean back slightly.
3. Breathe out and bend forward from your hips with long legs and a straight back.
4. Let your arms dangle and relax your upper body and head. Rest quietly in this position, listening to your breathing.
5. Slowly come back up to a standing position, bringing your head up last. Repeat several times.



The Sun

**Benefits:** This exercise gives energy and makes the back strong and supple.

## The Cobra

In the bushes you see a cobra.

### Technique:

1. Lie down on your belly. Put your hands flat next to your chest on the floor.
2. Breathe in. Slide forward onto your tummy and use your back and arm muscles to lift your chest, head and shoulders up.
3. Try to curl up like a cobra while keeping the lowest part of your tummy on the floor.
4. Breathe out and hiss like a snake while moving your chest down. Repeat several times.

**Benefits:** This posture opens the chest, makes the back strong and strengthens the diaphragm so breathing can flow easier.



The Elephant



The Cobra

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# Phuketians party in the new year

Last week, thousands of Phuketians filled the island with festive cheer to welcome the New Year, and a new decade, with traditional ceremonies and a great deal of partying into the early hours. Free entertainment was put on at Saphan Hin, while many of the island's resorts put on barbecues, dinners and dances, filling the midnight sky with glorious fireworks displays.



Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop (in pink) and provincial officials (from left) Phuket City Mayor Somjai Suwannasuppana, Tourism Committee chief Thanyarat Achiriyachai, PPAO president Paiboon Upatising and Phuket TAT director Suwalai Pinradab, release pigeons at Saphan Hin on New Year's Eve.

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Well wishers send floating lanterns into the sky while a fireworks display lights up the midnight sky over Saphan Hin.

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Thousands partied in the New Year on Patong Beach with live DJ action on stage. Photo: Scott Phillips



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## EXPAT GALLERY

## Philippe Zircon

Philippe Zircon first arrived in Phuket from Paris in 1981, on an invitation from a French friend who gave no local address. The 20-year-old Philippe didn't know that Phuket was a big island with lots of people. But the enterprising young man found his friend anyway, on the second day of his visit to Phuket, at Kata Beach.

He grew up in the Drome region of France on his mother's family farm that was full of peach and apricot trees. His father was a mechanical engineer from the West Indies. The young Philippe decided to leave home at age 14 to begin his life in Paris.

"I had always been intrigued by the idea of travel to faraway places. As a child, I remembered the scent of the perfume *Fiji*, and I decided that I wanted to go to the place with that name. So I spent my teenage years buying and selling clothes, working in a laundry and collecting and selling scrap metal. By the time I was 20, I had saved enough money to be able to travel to the other side of the world."

During his first year on Phuket, Philippe learned to dive off the waters of Koh Racha. He also became friends with a British expat who wanted to refurbish a traditional Chinese junk. After spending the next year buy-

ing handicrafts and jewelry in Bali and then selling them in Ibiza, Bombay and Goa, Philippe returned to Phuket in 1983 to join as a partner to refurbish the junk at Ao Makkham. With his new partner, they opened Ocean Center Tours in Phuket Town.

"We were fortunate to capture the interest of Mom Tri Devakul and his partner, Gerard du Deffend, who were developing the Le Meridien resort and wanted our junk to carry guests on day trips off the coast."

With solid financial backing, Philippe was able to contract the work to put their junk into operation offering sunset cruises and journeys to Phuket's remote, deserted beaches.

In 1989, Philippe opened his own boutique, 'Dam Dam', in Phuket Town in a traditional Sino-Portuguese house where he sold clothing and handicrafts from Indonesia and India.

By 1993, he was ready to return to life on the Andaman Sea and became a guide aboard, and then manager of base operations for, the *June Bahtra*, a traditional wooden sailing junk operated by East West Siam.

In 1998, he joined Thai Marine Leisure, the region's most experienced yacht managers. The company also offered brokerage,

chartering, and insurance services. Over the next ten years, Philippe was a Director, shareholder and General Manager of the company.

Life was moving along quite smoothly for Philippe until one day he began to notice unusual pain in his neck and arms.

"I went to three Phuket hospitals who all told me not to worry about it. Eventually, I flew to Bangkok where x-rays showed I had tumors in my head, causing the pain.

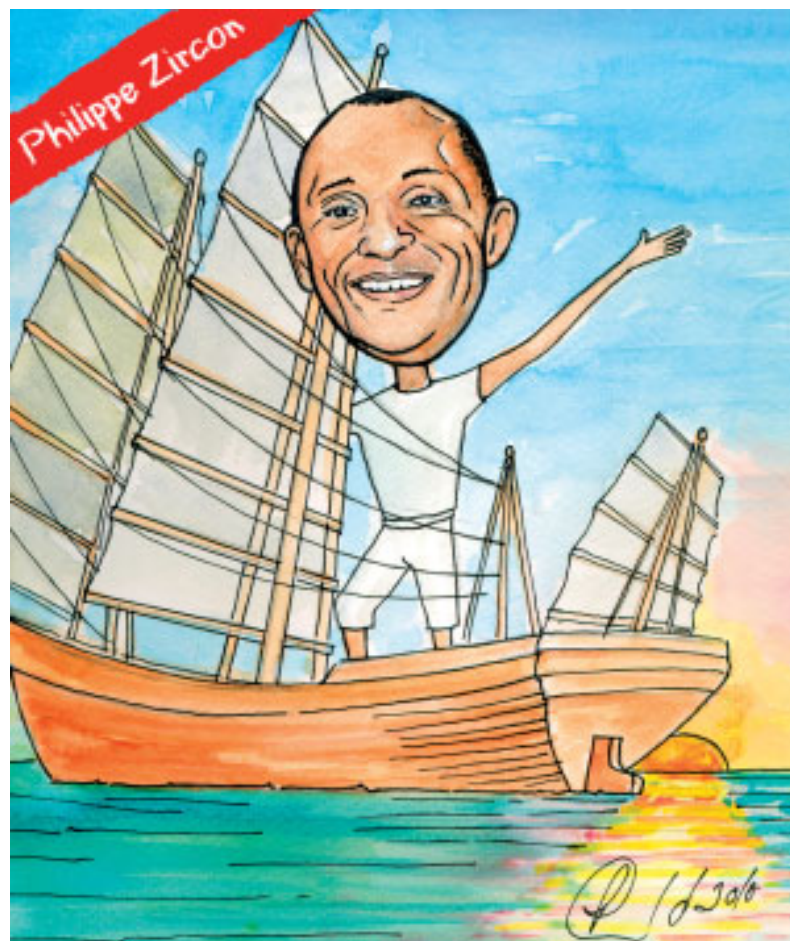
"I was hospitalized for months. At times, I couldn't even breathe or walk without a lot of effort. But eventually I was well enough to fly home to France for a series of medications that gave me back my life."

These days, Philippe works to improve his health through exercise and detox therapy. He traveled extensively last year to Bali, Goa, Sri Lanka, Switzerland and France and spent a month in Chumphon province improving his skills in kite surfing.

He has also set up his own company, Generale Marine Asia, which manages boat trips on the Mekong.

"I'm also interested in developing a new type of boat trip for Phang Nga Bay and I'm curious to develop new systems for boats to be more efficient in the amount of power they use."

Philippe has a charming enthusiasm about his life on Phuket and all the travels, adventures and new friends that are waiting for him to discover. — **Bruce Stanley**



BY PETER CHILD FOR THE PHUKET GAZETTE

## ABOUT EXPAT GALLERY

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

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**PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999:** To celebrate the start of the high season, revelers at Cape Sienna Hotel enjoyed a 'Purple Rain' theme party. Guests were treated to a lavish tapas buffet and free drinks, while entertainment included a fashion show by clothing brand 22 Century, several DJs, a belly dancer and a fire show.



**TEAMWORK TRIUMPH:** Iron employees of The Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket stepped up to the starting line at the the Laguna Phuket Triathlon 2009, competing against international athletes over land and water in the 70km race. Pictured are cyclists Manop Suwannachit and Somkit Houpet, runner Niwat Sinplachai and swimmers Kongkiat Kittithada and Rewat Sumain.



**HARD ROCKIN':** Staff at the Hard Rock Cafe in Patong showed off their party style on New Year's Eve, taking in the new year amidst the crunch of classic rock and roll tunes. All over Patong, restaurants, bars and nightclubs jumped to the beat of the holiday vibe, and a beachfront fireworks show welcomed the start of 2010.




**HOT NOISE:** British DJs the Queens of Noize celebrated New Year's Eve with guests at the Paresa Resort in Kamala. Attractions included special prizes, a Thai dance show and fireworks. Music pumped while the crowd dined on a selection of fine international food and wine.



**GOOD TIDINGS:** The staff of the *Phuket Gazette* are all smiles after taking part in their annual holiday gift exchange. Reporters and editors participated in the festivities and look forward to another year of bringing you the island's top news stories.



**GIVING BACK:** During the holidays, employees work extra hard in the hospitality industry, so the J.W. Marriot Hotel and Spa hosted a fete to say 'thank you' to its staff. The night's theme was 'Heroes' and all hotel associates were honored for their hard work and dedication.



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# La dolce ristorante

**On the menu**  
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Some well-known and successful restaurants in Phuket are meant to be; the result of serendipitous circumstances. Others achieve recognition through acquired talent, pure graft and long hours. And there are some that are so heavily financed they are willing to operate at a loss, just to save face.

The first two certainly apply to M&M's in Nai Harn and I believe the best way to describe this place is to quote the Australian entrepreneur Alan Bond, who said, "The harder I worked, the luckier I got."

It's very rare that I rave about a place that has created its very own niche, quite simply because there aren't many on the island. After all, there are loads of restaurants that flaunt first-rate chefs, so some degree of success would seem logical given the mixture of a still relatively good international money exchange, along with top-of-the-range locations and flown-in culinary talent.

When you take all those factors into account, it'd almost be a tragedy for them not to succeed to some measure.

M&M's is Phuket's wonderkind, a one-off. Well-loved by local expats, a must-do for tourists and highly recommended by food guides, this unpretentious yet highly frequented Italian eatery has got to be at the top of my list for the past year's *Gazette* reviews.

Maggie, from Brescia, is a vivacious, charming and down-to-earth hostess, who has a great team of savvy staff members. Mario is from Sondrio, also in northern Italy, and he's the silent guy busting a gut in the show kitchen.

It is Maggie who olive oils the cogs of this open-sided



Amid the sounds of blues music, a bustling kitchen and warm chatter, M&M's restaurant serves up traditional Italian fare. Having recently relocated to Nai Harn, M&M continues to be an island favorite.

spaghetteria and pizzeria, while Mario creates the popular dishes.

With low prices, great food and a genuine Italian atmosphere, for nine years it reigned supreme amongst Rawai's beachside eateries; now it has moved up the road to face the Nai Harn challenge.

And what a challenge it is. Did you know that the stretch of road from Nai Harn Beach to Don's Mall contains no less than 50 restaurants, all vying for customers through a troupe of gimmicks? Some are amateurish, as one sign announces 'Draught Chang Beer 30 Bath' and some are pretty slick. However, M&M's alone regularly brings in the crowds and fares them well.

"I don't really speak that good Thai or English, so this results in rather bizarre communication between me and my staff," says Maggie. "I can speak pretty good Italian, though."

When I told one of my kids

Italian is one of the world's most beautiful spoken languages, he merely shrugged and asked, "Why do they speak with their hands so much, then?"

We opt for a rucola salad with cherry tomatoes and Parmesan cheese, plus a troika of thin-crust pizzas and spanking-fresh gnocchi, washed down with a carafe of red house wine.

The pesto pizza comes out of the oven and the customer announces his pane e crudo to be the best pizza he's had in his 14-year Phuket sojourn.

For an old crusty like me, the pizza crust is a welcome respite from the spongy, ketchup and prawn Thai versions available for twice the price at phone-in locations at Central Festival.

What's more, M&M's renowned spinach ravioli, created by Signor Ravioli Ravioli in the 1890s just before his unfortunate accident in a malfunctioning bidet, is to die for.



The place fills up with a Friday-evening crowd and the tempo of service sharpens; Mario ups the pace, too.

With steelworker-like precision, he shoves in and removes pizzas from the oven, while peals of laughter ring through the early evening air as Maggie makes the rounds.

Meanwhile we sit, contentedly digesting one of the most down-home meals we've had for ages.

The bluesy riffs of Al

Kooper play in the background. Maggie loves the blues, which makes this a music-lover's destination, and all the while cicadas grate and court aloud. Mm hmm, this is a cool place to eat.

With an attractive new venue, homemade pastas and prompt service, M&M's is a must-do venue in Nai Harn.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

## Upcoming events on the island

## Phuket's First Celebrity Chef Raw Food Workshop - January 24



Celebrity raw food chef Ani Phyo will conduct 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 desserts, a main course, an appetizer, a soup and a drink. Advanced bookings pay 800 baht per person or pay 1,000 baht on the day. 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.

## January 8-10. Kamala Festival

A free festival will be held at the King's Park on Kamala Beach from 8am to 12pm. Fun games and contests are scheduled, plus an historical exhibition of Kamala figures from the past. Evening entertainment includes stage performances by Kamala students and Superdance, plus pop stars Bowry, Kangkeng, Hin Lek Fai and Shama. A parade kicks off the festival at 4:30pm on Friday. Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop will officially open the festival by ringing a bell at the auspicious time of 6:39pm. The festival is open to anyone interested. For more information contact Supaporn Intana. T: 076-385640. W: kamala-city.org.

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## January 21. Phuket International Women's Club Monthly Lunch

The PIWC monthly luncheons are open to members and guests. Newcomers are also welcome. From 11:30 am to 2pm at Kata Beach Resort. Contact the club for further information. T: 076-200730. E: info@phuketiwc.com W: phuketiwc.com.

## February 3-7. Phang Nga Bay Regatta

A fun-filled four days of racing in between the islands of beautiful Phang Nga Bay and Krabi. Perfect for families and the less serious racers. Held around Chinese New Year, there is a party at a different beach venue each night from 10am-11:30pm at Phang Nga Bay. For more information contact Vicki or Rolien. T: 085-069 0940. E: vicki@loxinfo.co.th W: bayregatta.com

## February 10. Phuket Punchline Comedy Club

Live International Stand-Up Comedy. The Punchline Comedy Club is back this February with what is probably the finest line-up so far this year. The three comedians on offer, John Moloney, Stewart Francis, and Pete Johansson, have over sixty years of stand-up experience between them, so you can be assured of a fun packed night full of laughter. It all takes place in an air-conditioned venue with a 'comedy' bar selling drinks at sensible prices (Beer 100 baht; Selected Spirits 120 baht; Wine 140 baht). From 8pm to 11pm at Holiday Inn Resort Phuket, Patong Beach. For further information contact Khun Boom. T: 089-646 9278. E: info@phuketcomedy.com W: phuketcomedy.com.

## February 13. A Vibrant Chinese New Year at Movenpick Phuket

The Chinese New Year falls on February 14, this year. In accordance with tradition, Movenpick has arranged a celebratory feast on Chinese New Year's Eve. Families and friends gather for a reunion dinner before starting the New Year together. You'll feast on a dazzling array of superb Chinese delicacies and international desserts. The Chinese New Year's Eve Buffet Dinner at Pacifica on February 13 is served from 6:30pm until 10pm and is 1,288++baht per person. For further information contact Mr. Patrick De Staercke. T: 076-396139. E: patrick.destaercke@moevenpick.com W: moevenpick-phuket.com

## February 14. Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year starts with the New Moon and is the biggest social occasion in the Chinese calendar. It is celebrated with gusto amongst Thailand's sizeable Chinese community, and legions of Chinese tourists from neighboring nations choose to enjoy the holiday in Phuket.

## February 14. Jazz in the Park on Valentine's Day

The Rotary Club of Tongkah proudly presents a charity 'Big Band' Jazz Concert to raise funds for the Bang-Neaw School Library on

Valentine's day, February 14, at Queen Sirikit Park. Enjoy the night with your favorite artists, including Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, and many more, all played by the JCB Jazz Cool Band. There will also be a Classic & Supercars Show from 5pm-9:30pm. For further information contact Chaisak Koaysomboon. T: 076-304090. E: chaisak@expressdata.co.th W: tongkah.org.

## February 14. Valentine's Surprises at Movenpick

Valentine's Surprises and Serenades Dinner at Karon Beach, Phuket. Surprise your loved one with a Valentine's Day dinner on the Lagoon Lawn where you will indulge in a romantic six-course affair while being serenaded by classic romance tunes. The price is 3,000++ baht for six courses per couple, including a glass of sparkling wine and a red rose for the lady. From 6:30pm-10pm at Lagoon Lawn at Movenpick Phuket. For further information contact Patrick De Staercke. T: 076-396139. E: patrick.destaercke@moevenpick.com

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## MONEY TALKS

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The world of investment is a baffling one and the list of options is growing all the time. The following descriptions will give you some indication of the categories available in the collective investment world.

**Money Market Funds** are investments on cash or short-term money market securities. The advantage for investors is that they get, because of the large amounts invested in total, wholesale investment rates which would not normally be available to investors.

There are many 'funds' to choose from in a wide variety of currencies. In the Anglo-Saxon investment world, customers often ask banks or financial institutions for rates on fixed-term deposits, but in countries such as France, the public would be more inclined to ask the current yield on a money market fund.

Banks usually offer two

# The Investment List



Stock brokers in Germany celebrate on the final day of trading of 2009. The German share index DAX was at 5,957,43 points, compared with 4,810,20 points on the same day last year.

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types of money market funds: up to six months; from six to 18 months. They can be withdrawn without notice and interest accrues daily.

**Bond Funds** come in many shapes and sizes. Collectively, they cover trillions of dollars, euros and other currencies, but the bond products are usually more complicated than they superficially appear.

For their bonds, funds either invest in a wide range of currencies or one currency in particular. Every fund has a 'base' currency, but will use the issues of other currencies to enhance the returns.

Currency hedging techniques may or may not be employed so investors should examine the investment strategy in advance.

**High Yield Bonds** are the attempts by a fund manager to enhance returns by investing in bonds with a low-grade investment rating – or even in bonds that are not of investment grade.

One recent case involved a very large investment group that offered short-dated bonds to investors, giving them the same feeling of safety as would be expected in a money market fund.

Unfortunately, the fund included some SIVs (Structured Investment Vehicles) and investors only received 96% of their capital back. Fortunately, no members of the public were involved. However, 14 institutional investors were affected.

The fund was shut down immediately afterwards.

This was a very unusual case as the fund manager is one of the largest corporations in the world. The fund was not large so the losses only amounted to US\$10-15 million.

For the sake of their reputation, perhaps it would have been wiser for them to have taken the loss on their balance sheet.

**Asset Backed Lending** is an area where the primary question is 'what are the quality of the assets?'.

Even sophisticated institutional investors have to be careful and wary of credit-rating announcements. Security listings have been given a 'double-A' and even 'triple-A' credit rating only to be downgraded to worthless 'junk' a few months later.

Simply put, those with global-credit-rating awareness were caught completely off guard by a wave of SIVs, Collateralized Debt Obligation and other complex 'paper'.

The credit rating agencies claim that it's the investors who are ultimately responsible for their individual assessments. It's only a matter of time before many of these cases end up in court, especially in the US.

This has been a serious blow to credit rating agencies' credibility. It will take them years to recover. For example, it used to be standard operating practice for Swiss Bank to offer clients a selection of bonds, with the credit

rating included as standard information. Many other global banks find themselves in exactly the same situation.

**Structured Products** have frequently been foisted on to an unsuspecting public by many of the world's private banking operations.

They advertise in the most exclusive magazines and financial publications alongside six-figure watches, eight-figure real estate and the finest products and services for the ultra rich and often hint that they really don't serve 'riff raff' clients with less than US\$10 million.

Some of the products they sell are of the 'heads-we-win, tails-you-lose' variety. Just as the 'sub prime' borrowers in the US housing market are screaming that they did not understand the contract, rich victims of private banking operations also did not understand the nature of their investments.

However, they are generally too embarrassed to discuss these matters. The simple remedy is, if you do not understand a financial product, LEAVE IT ALONE.

You will not be alone in your decision to do so.

Many high-flying or crashing investment bankers have learned that opaque financial products are to be avoided.

The new term in global financial circles is 'transparency'. It is only common sense, but how many million of investors keep forgetting that point?

We only have to look back to 1999, when Warren Buffett – the world's wealthiest investor – said he did not understand the business model or valuations of many dot.com start-ups.

Bloomberg LP founder, Michael Bloomberg, also stated in an interview in the late 1990s that many dot.com companies did not have viable business plans and had never even shown profits.

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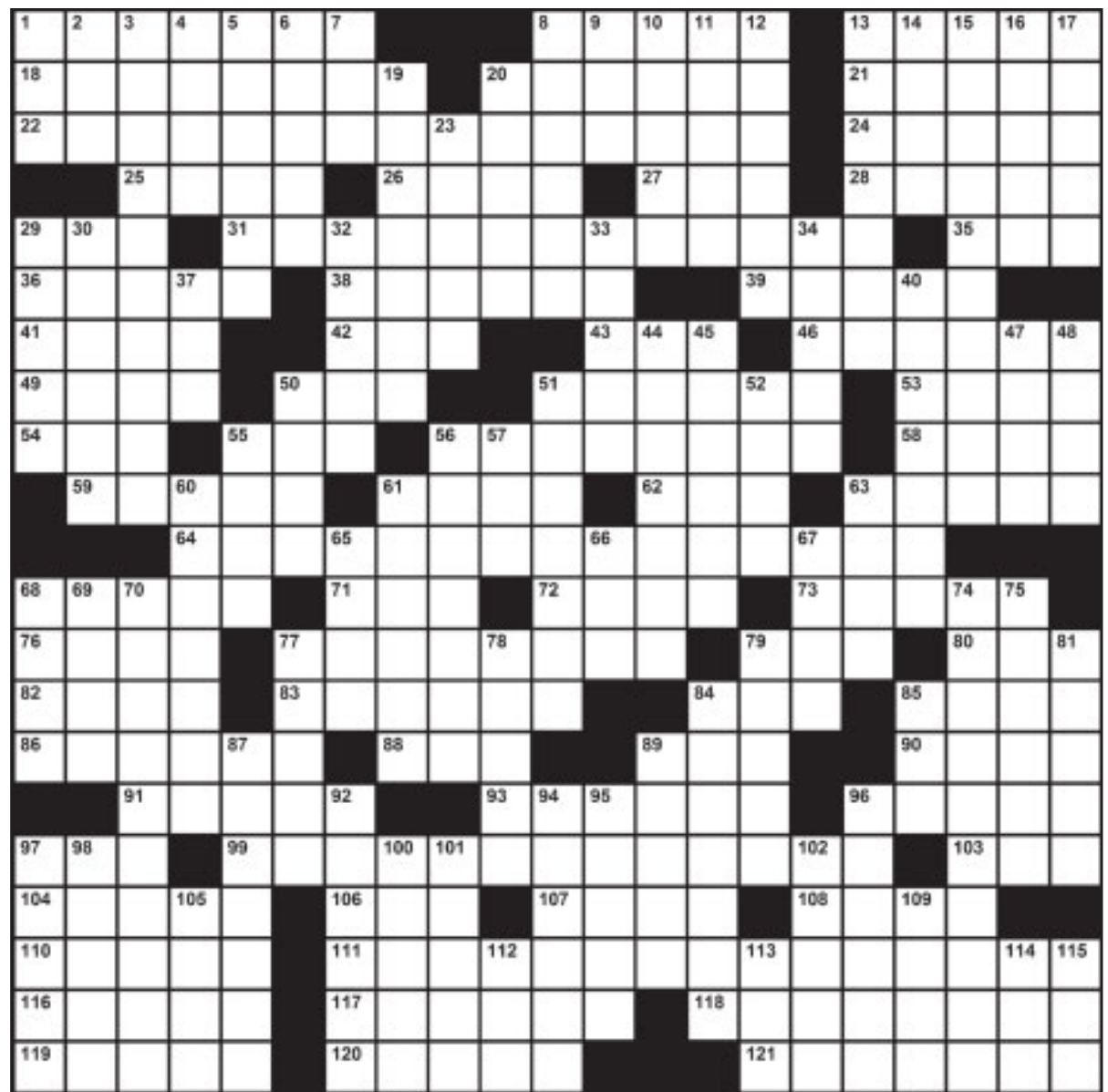
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8 Filmstrip unit  
13 Hot coal  
18 "The Odyssey," for one  
20 Luce and others  
21 Start for "graphy"  
22 City in the Midwest  
24 Native of Nigeria  
25 Copper-colored coin  
26 Weaver's machine  
27 Motorist's org.  
28 "See what \_\_\_\_ jelly bean?"  
29 "The \_\_\_\_-King" (Schubert work)  
31 Cowardly, in slang  
35 Q-U connection  
36 Provide more guns for  
38 Colored eye parts  
39 Egyptian desert  
41 Dish of many ingredients  
42 \_\_\_\_-de-sac  
43 From A \_\_\_\_  
46 Clothed  
49 Bygone phone call cost  
50 Shark's appendage  
51 Topple, as a ruler  
53 Card-carriers (Abbr.)  
54 Opposite of AAA  
55 Body art, slangily  
56 Hall  
58 "Router" attachment  
59 Criminal deception  
61 "Today \_\_\_\_ man"  
62 Basketball center?  
63 Louis-Dreyfus' "Seinfeld" role  
64 Healthy edibles  
68 Sophia of films  
71 "Lemon" end  
72 One of 60 billion

in a min.

73 Cross the threshold

76 Cain's sibling

77 Percussionists' purchases, perhaps

79 Common rodent

80 Cotillion honoree

82 Pie a la \_\_\_\_

83 Receive

84 Affinity for music

85 "Garfield" dog

86 Human being

88 WSW's opposite

89 "Kapow!"

90 Manipulates an outcome

91 Alexander Pope piece

93 Gather on a surface, in chemistry

96 Cara in "Fame"

97 Up-\_\_\_\_-coming

99 1998 Travolta film

103 Colorado hrs.

104 Traffic controller's perch

106 Type of sale (Abbr.)

107 Phrase of denial

108 Other, in Madrid

110 Like sheep

111 Sign of 45-Down

116 Run-down and filthy

117 Most like brut

118 Back out of

119 Crystal ball users, e.g.

120 \_\_\_\_ ease (relieve one's mind)

121 Analyzed ore

DOWN

1 Letters on a VCR button

2 Prefix with "center" or "dermis"

3 Fine print, often

4 "\_\_\_\_ homo!" ("Behold the man!")

5 Person for whom

something is named

6 \_\_\_\_ Carlo, Monaco

7 "His" in French

8 Fire component

9 Music genre

10 Common font

11 Olympics prize

12 Work by Montaigne

13 Egg-laying mammal

14 Title of respect to a lady

15 Top honor or kind of panel

16 "\_\_\_\_ Dream" ("Lohengrin" piece)

17 Cheerful

19 Water wheel's driver

20 Black birds

23 Lite dressing claim

29 Wear away, as earth

30 Feeling when the pain stops

32 Permitted by law

33 Often fragrant compound

34 "The \_\_\_\_ Sanction" (Eastwood film)

37 Wade's legal opponent

40 Movie seat feature

44 Morphine and codeine, for two

45 Twelve-signed system

47 One-named art deco designer

48 U.K. military awards

50 Diminish in color

51 Jack Webb TV oldie

52 Attachment for "ab"

55 Respond to "gee" or "haw"

56 Alley Oop and Fred Flintstone

57 Cockney residence?

60 Eternally young

61 Bring about, as labor

63 Angled

65 Be deserving of

66 Superlative suffix

67 King of Shakespeare

68 Aladdin's gadget

69 Bassoon kin

70 Neil Diamond song

74 "Two Tickets to Paradise" singer

75 Rules a kingdom

77 Algerian coin

78 Asparagus piece

79 Stallone title role

81 Set upon

84 Before

85 Boston Bruins legend

87 Large hawks

89 Former telephone location

92 Lets another go first, on the road

94 Hereditary ruler

95 Figure skating champion

96 Carpet fibers

97 What's the matter?

98 Variable stars

100 Ripped fabric design

101 Sphere of influence

102 Horses of a reddish color

105 Train operator (Abbr.)

109 Hindu music style

112 Stephen of "The Crying Game"

113 "Luck \_\_\_\_ Lady"

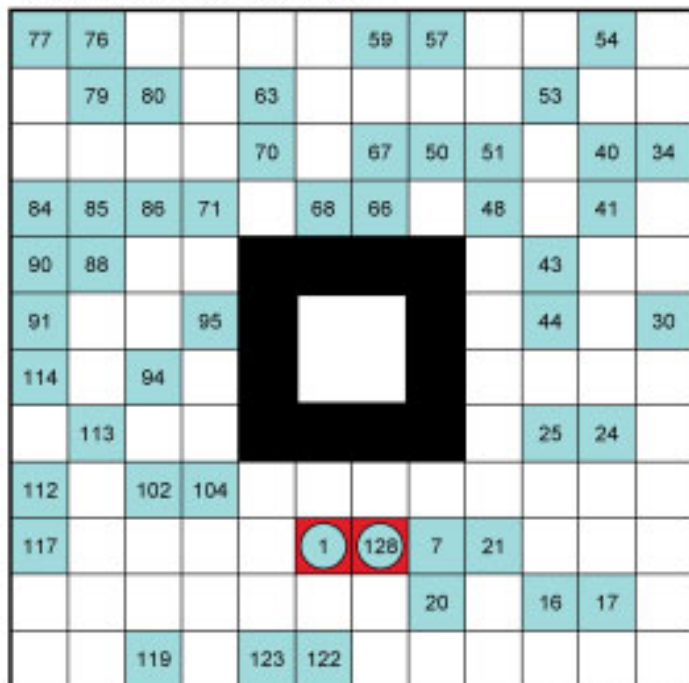
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4. Saponification is the process of making what common product?
5. Blue, red, green and yellow are the colors of four of the Olympic rings. What color is the fifth ring?
6. Detective Philip Marlow smokes what brand of cigarettes?
7. Who landed on Timor Island after being cast adrift?
8. What is the more common name of the Chaparral Cock?
9. In what language did St Paul write his epistles?
10. Ian Fleming has a house called Goldeneye in which country?
11. Alfred Schneider became famous as who?
12. A C-Curity was the original name of what common object?
13. 'Fidelity, bravery, integrity' is the motto of which organization?
14. Who was the first black entertainer to win an Emmy award?
15. Anthony Daniels played who in a series of sci-fi films?
16. In early watches, what were the hair-springs made of?
17. Napoleon III held a banquet in 1860 with dishes made of what?
18. Who created the detective Dick Tracy?
19. What is the most widely used vegetable?
20. What on a person are lentigines?

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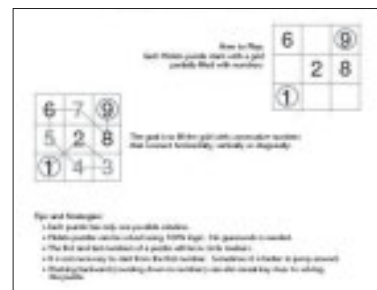
# Puzzle Solutions

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## Monster Quiz Answers

1. April Fools Day (April 1); 2. Bigamy - tried in 1922; 3. Blackbeard; 4. Soap; 5. Black; 6. Camels; 7. Captain Bligh; 8. The Road Runner; 9. Greek; 10. Jamaica; 11. Lenny Bruce; 12. Zip Fastener; 13. The FBI; 14. Harry Bellefonte; 15. C-P30; 16. Pigs hair; 17. Aluminium; 18. Chester Gould; 19. The Onion; 20. Freckles.

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





# When chickosaurs roamed the earth...

is dinosaurs running around the planet, gobbling up everybody.

"Not so fast", critics will say. Many dinosaur species were vegetarian. Benign vegetarian dinosaurs might be just the thing we need to brighten our dull lives and set a sublime moral example for us all. If you encountered a large vegetarian dinosaur on your way to work, you could offer him an eggplant, thus contributing significantly to improved interspecies amity.

**Scene:** A dedicated vegetarian activist is walking along Soi Bangla when he encounters a large dinosaur sniffing out the nightlife scene.

**Vegetarian** (proffering an eggplant): Dude! Have an eggplant. We vegetarians have to stick together.

**Dinosaur:** Why, thank you very much, sir. But you're talking to the wrong species. I happen to be a carnivore.

(Eats the vegetarian, together with his eggplant.)

Vegetarian dinosaurs would set a salutary moral example for us to emulate. "We are prehistoric animals, and we don't eat

our fellow creatures," they would say primly. "You are highly evolved hominids, and you do. What's your excuse for such primitive behavior?"

Shamed by this rebuke, we would all renounce eating animal flesh and take to a diet consisting solely of eggplants. All animal species would applaud. The eggplants wouldn't like it, though, and we might have to brace ourselves for fierce protests by the indignant activists of the United Eggplant Front.

Unfortunately, there's a downside for dinosaurs, even if they're vegetarians. If there were enough of them, they might eat up what's left of the Amazon rain forest. This would deprive the planet of a major source of oxygen and condemn all life to slow extinction.

Besides that, herds of dinosaurs stomping around our cities would tear up the streets, knock over buildings, and squash large numbers of cars and pedestrians. See the Godzilla movies for graphic illustrations. This would have a chilling effect on the tourist trade.

Presumably, dinosaurs bred from chicken embryos would be called chickosaurs.

Assuming that they had the characteristics of chickens, there would be a problem that I bet the Canadian paleontologist hasn't thought of.

I don't know if you've ever smelled chicken poo, but I can assure you it is not edifying. Thousands of giant chickosaurs depositing large amounts of chickosaur poo all over our cities would devastate the tourist trade.

The paleontologist probably also hasn't thought about the consequences of breeding male chickosaurs.

These creatures, known as roostosaurs (misch-ievously called cockosaurs by rascals inclined toward ribaldry), would crow loudly and repeatedly at sunrise every morning. Slumbering urbanites would not take kindly to being awakened every morning by thousands of giant roostosaurs crowing triumphantly as they lubricated the sidewalks with their morning poo.

No, breeding dinosaurs

from chicken embryos is a very bad idea. Still, there would be advantages that deserve some thought.

We don't know what dinosaur meat tasted like. For those of us who eat meat, chickosaurs would enable us to find out. They might prove very tasty.

Indeed, chickosaurs might solve the problem of world hunger. One chicken-generated brontosaurus could feed an entire neighborhood. Properly marketed by McChickosaur's, the Big Bronto would quickly become the burger of choice for discriminating burger-biters.

Despite these benefits, the thought of all that chicken poo remains a deterring factor, and we should give that Canadian paleontologist a definite 'thumbs down' on his current project. Maybe he should turn his attention to the possibility of resurrecting the woolly mammoths.

S. Tsow can be flamed at s.tsow@gmail.com, except when he's wondering what woolly mammoth poo would smell like.

## Horoscopes



Isla Star

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): After a slow start to January, the pace of your life picks up this week. Those Capricorns who are having difficulty making a decision relating to employment should have a clearer vision after Tuesday. Your luck in love is forecast to improve, although a relationship with Aquarius will not bring long lasting happiness. If your birthday is due in the week ahead, expect the coming year to bring more financial security.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): A lively week lies ahead for those born under the sign of Aquarius. The arrival of visitors will ensure that boredom is not an issue, but trying to please too many people at the same time could cause Aquarians to suffer from stress. Sunday is the best day to explain exactly how much you are prepared to do. The number seven can lead to good fortune next Wednesday.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): The ability to tune into the truth should prevent Pisceans from being taken for a fool this week. The stars suggest that someone born under a fire sign will not be completely straight with the facts on Monday or Tuesday. Delaying important agreements until after the middle of the month is advisable, as the astrological atmosphere will encourage more honesty then. Romance with a new partner becomes easier when an old flame finally leaves the scene.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20): A bumpy ride in business this week might leave Arians wondering whether they are heading in the

right direction. The stars predict that working with another fire sign will take a lot of patience, but should work out to everybody's satisfaction in the end. Your love life is subject to misunderstandings and it is advisable to be honest about the type of relationship you want to have. On Monday you will be lucky with money.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21): Taureans who have been feeling unappreciated by a particular person are likely to discover that the feeling is mutual. An honest talk this weekend should set matters straight. Those who are at a loose end are advised to seek contact with an air sign friend who always has bright ideas. Your finances benefit from generous astral conditions this week. Wear the color slate gray this week to encourage a practical outlook.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21): A nugget of information is worth its weight in gold early next week. Those Geminis who have been looking for a different direction where business is concerned are forecast to be more than satisfied. Where love is concerned, your dream of romance with Aries is dashed, but an encounter with Leo makes up for disappointment. Technology cannot be trusted midweek – taking time to make copies will help avoid frustration.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23): Cancerians still enjoying a holiday mood could be brought back down to earth with a bang this week. The stars suggest that an overdue bureaucratic issue is about to demand your attention. Attend to this situation before Wednesday as crossed wires after that day will

make misunderstandings hard to put straight. Where affairs of the heart are concerned, your interest in Capricorn is about to bring rewards. The number four is lucky this weekend.

**LEO** (July 24-August 22): Last minute changes to travel plans could affect many Leos this week. Missed appointments are highlighted to delay progress in business – keep communication flowing to avoid giving an inconsiderate impression. Those who are hoping to commence the New Year with a change of employment should hear something to their advantage on Tuesday or Wednesday. Where love is concerned, jealousy is forecast to bring a new relationship to a standstill.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 23): A burning question becomes easy to ask this week. Those born under the sign of Virgo who thought that they already knew the answer are certain to be

surprised by what they hear. Monday is an auspicious day for honest communication. Sudden moves at work are inadvisable if there is the slightest doubt in your mind. The stars predict that employment becomes less of a worrying issue in February.

**LIBRA** (September 24-October 23): Librans see that every cloud has a silver lining this week. A mistake that you made late last year should have positive results. Where romance is concerned, don't hold your breath for another air sign to make up their mind. Taking a platonic relationship with Taurus to another level is predicted to bring happiness. Those already committed realize that their partner is determined to keep an important New Year resolution.

**SCORPIO** (October 24-November 22): Those Scorpios trying to mend fences in a platonic relationship may have to put in more effort than they expected. The stars suggest that an earth

sign won't forget and forgive as quickly as you thought. Romance will also require patience – your partner's need for personal space should be indulged if you want this relationship to grow. Wear the color salmon pink to encourage a more sympathetic nature.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 21): Financial agreements are subject to delays until the middle of the month, but Sagittarians will have enough to keep them busy in the meantime. This week, an old colleague has an interesting proposition that is bound to suit your talents and experience. Your flirtation with Aquarius over the holiday period could lead to something more serious, but a hot date with Leo leaves you cold. The number eight can bring good luck next Thursday.



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## CCTV a logical move

The Phuket Provincial Administration Organization's (PPAO's) funding of 53 more closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras at a cost of 17 million baht seems a wise use of taxpayer money, which should provide a needed boost in security, albeit initially just to Phuket Town residents.

Numbers alone justify the increased use of ever-improving CCTV technologies in the war against crime. Phuket has a regular police force of about 1,200 officers to provide security for an actual population estimated to exceed one million during peak periods.

Although difficult to estimate, the police-to-population ratio could exceed 1:1,000 during the high season. Such a figure might be appropriate to a Utopian society, but that description hardly fits a tourist destination like Phuket, as best evidenced by the recent series of violent confrontations between tourists and locals.

Indeed, Phuket's cosmopolitan make-up, huge migrant population and drastic disparities between haves and have-nots conspire to make crime practically unavoidable. Given that the Royal Thai Police has no stated plans to increase the number of officers here, using CCTV and other effective crime-fighting technologies seems the most logical alternative.

This editorial writer may be in the minority when it comes to CCTV coverage, however, preliminary results of a *Gazette* reader's poll on whether the CCTV expansion will make much of a difference reflect widespread pessimism in all three demographics: Thais, expats and tourists.

With 163 votes in, the number of people who felt increased CCTV coverage wouldn't make any difference (30.1%) more than doubled the number of people who felt it would (12.9%).

The majority of voters, however, felt that the CCTV expansion should have started in Patong and Karon, especially where tuk-tuk drivers congregate.

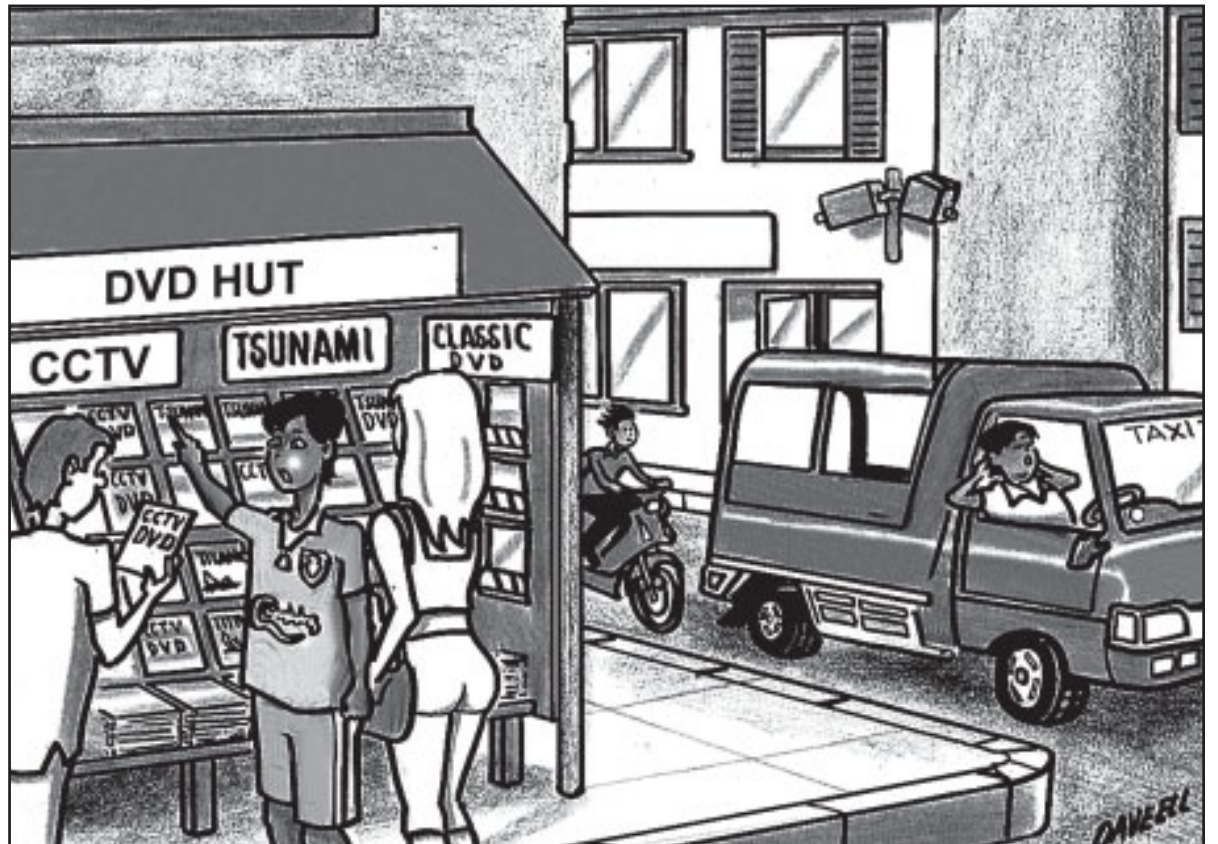
This yet again reflects a widely held belief among readers that the island's firmly-entrenched transport syndicates – and the forces that ensure their continued existence – are the biggest hindrance to the island's tourism industry and the rule of law and order.

As with any security system, the effectiveness of the CCTV surveillance is only as good as the people behind the monitors.

Given the extent to which law enforcement manpower is spread thin, the joint plan by the PPAO and Phuket City Police to use disabled people to work in this capacity makes perfect sense and should truly be a win-win situation.

Unfortunately, lack of access to the Phuket City Police Station's fourth floor CCTV control center by disabled people who rely on wheelchairs prevents the project from helping those who would benefit from it the most.

– **Stephen Michael Fein**



## Letters

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

### 'Tuk-tuk Watch'?

I usually enjoy reading 'Property Watch', and last week was no exception.

It was amusing that most of the article was about how much Mr Barnett enjoys Bangkok taxis.

As for the local tuk-tuks, is Mr Barnett aware of their extortion and propensity for violence?

Oh, I see – he has one for a friend. Just park in the wrong space and then see how much of a friend you have.

"Some of their income derives from commissions", writes Mr Barnett.

Personally, I do not care to pay a higher price in a store or hotel, just so the driver that brought me there can have some commission.

Mr Barnett goes on to state that, "in some industries it's construed as marketing. In others it's considered corruption; we have to try to understand these business operators and their reality."

Somali pirates take notice. Think of your thievery as supporting your family or making car payments.

Yes! We understand that highway and high-seas robbery pays better than fishing. It's all okay now, according to Mr Barnett. You have bills to pay, too.

Dear Readers, just peruse the *Phuket Gazette* editorial of January 2, 'Blot on the Landscape', or the online readers' comments for a realistic view of the current situation, and you, Mr Barnett, please go back to writing about property values.

**Frank Visakay**  
Rawai

### Empty stomach

Every day, around lunch-time, I try to park my car beside the Kata Municipality building where all the tuk-tuks drivers have their base.

At that time of day, most of the parking spaces are occupied by tuk-tuks. However, on more than one occasion, I've been intimidated away from a vacant spot by a driver shouting "go-away" or "don't use this space!"

I have been living, working and paying taxes in Thailand since 2000. Don't I have the right to park my car in a public space without being harassed by these guys?

**Patrick Catellani**  
Phuket

### Swedish sentiment

These taxi drivers are the scum of the earth and do not deserve anything!

They are the rudest, most aggressive people that I have ever met on holiday, in any place in the world.

**Johan Sandstrom**  
Stockholm, Sweden

### Black market fares

All legitimate taxis should have a TAT license, either yellow or green license plates, and proof of full insurance.

The police need to start checking all the cars with black plates posing as taxis.

These black plates, located at the end of Patong near the pier, are offering fares and shopping trips for huge amounts, not including tax!

**Knut Joerenson**  
Phuket

### Hanoi harangue

I had lived in Phuket for two years before finally leaving the island with disgust, and I do believe that most of the tuk-tuk drivers are crooks.

To test this idea, a non-thai person only has to try and solicit a ride to the airport from a taxi or tuk-tuk.. Better yet, go to Patong and inquire about fares!

I do believe that this newspaper will never publish the truth because it might anger the government or tour groups.

Please help Phuket stay a beautiful place with some great people, by exposing the crooks.

**Ed Halpen**  
Hanoi, Vietnam

### Checkpoint Charlie

During the holidays, Phuket's police force set up several extra check points on the streets, pulling over hundreds of drivers, especially farang motorists.

On one occasion, I didn't have enough cash to pay for a ticket, so the policeman kept my license as collateral, so I could go and get money.

On my way back to pay the fine, another officer pulled me over. Who would have guessed... He wanted to fine me for not having a license.

Those were two of four occasions in which I was pulled over on New Year's weekend.

If Phuket loves the tourist industry so much, then perhaps the police should ease up on the aggressive campaign against foreign drivers.

**Sarah Jones**  
Patong

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# A memoir of Phuket justice

## FIRST PERSON

Phuket Provincial Court Chief Varangkana Sucharitakul is a well-known proponent of mediating disputes outside the court system in efforts to ease court case loads and save taxpayers' money. A mother of two, Mrs Varangkana has 18 years' experience in the Thai judicial system, including several posts in the juvenile court system and as

chief court justice in Phattalung and Ubon Ratchathani provinces. Judge Varangkana recently learned she will be transferred to the Region 8 Court of Appeals in Bangkok, effective in April. Before leaving the island, she wanted to say goodbye and share some of her experiences and insights with *Gazette* readers.

I think the juvenile court system is more complicated than the normal court, because the primary objective is not to punish, but to teach and rehabilitate. But whatever the court, the qualities needed to be a successful judge are the same: good communication skills, patience, respect for the law and an ability to observe the social constraints that come with the position.

Phuket Provincial Court is quite different from most others, because many cases involve foreigners, with consular representatives and other embassy staff always coming to check on the progress of cases. Some of them don't quite understand the system and complain that the cases are being tried too slowly. They want the cases to move through the system faster, but we must treat all cases the same way as we do those involving Thai people. Consider that if a Thai national breaks the law in another country, that person is treated equally under the law of that country.

Nevertheless, some consular officers have asked to modify the system by setting up a special court for cases involving foreigners. Even if we wanted to, we couldn't do that Phuket, as it would require a policy change from the Court Justice Bureau. However, in petty cases such as the theft of the beer mat in Patong last year, we can expedite the process by allowing them bail right away so they can return home. But each case needs to be considered independently, on its own merits. In the case of foreigners in jail, I try to schedule their hearings as quickly as possible.

The court system is the final support system for the public, and I can honestly

say in my capacity as a Chief Justice that the courts are unbiased and fair. People must behave themselves while inside the courthouse and neither the media nor any other observers are allowed to comment on court rulings.

If any litigants does not agree with a court ruling they can enter an appeal.

Unfortunately, this isn't always what happens. After one memorable case at Ubon Ratchathani Court, a fight broke out between litigants unhappy with the verdict. One girl took off her high-heel to hit another. They were both jailed immediately.

Another famous case here in Phuket involved Taiwanese gang members living in Phuket and other places throughout Thailand, where they set up bases with the intent of defrauding fellow countrymen. They were denied bail and many questioned this move, saying it was just a small case. But our reputation would have been tarnished if we let them out on bail.

With just eighteen judges and 10,000 cases a year, the court is very busy, so the mediation center helps a lot. The mediation project nationwide was initiated by the Dispute Settlement Office of the Court Justice Bureau. The mediation process is divided into criminal and civil cases. Some types of criminal cases can be mediated outside the court, such as those involving fraud or embezzlement. Most civil cases can be mediated. The only exceptions are single party cases, such as when an heir or heiress applies for an inheritance and there are no disputes to the claim.

Last year, Phuket Provincial Court won three awards, including two for excellence in mediating cases outside the

court system. For all of 2009, we settled 90.6 percent of civil cases and 72.3 percent of criminal cases entered into the mediation system.

If the Chief Justice emphasizes the importance of mediation, the process will work well. Last year when I was Chief Justice in Ubon Ratchathani, the court also won first prize for its success in mediation.

One case I am particularly proud to have successfully mediated was an inheritance dispute between two brothers whose parent died intestate. The case dated back 15 years and had already been ruled upon by the Supreme Court, which sent its ruling in the form of an official court letter that I received unopened. I was about to open it, but when I reviewed the case and realized they were brothers I wanted to try one last time to get them to settle. So I set up a meeting, showed them both the letter and asked how either of them would feel if they received nothing from the ruling. I also asked them to think about how their parents would have felt about the case if they were still alive. Finally they agreed to share the inheritance, so I sent the ruling letter back to the Supreme Court unopened. To this day we still don't know what judgment it contained.

Phuket's rapid economic development has made land prices here very expensive and many land disputes end up at Phuket Court, including those involving encroachment. Some of these are not possible to mediate, such as cases of encroachment on public land.

In April, I will take up my new position as Deputy Chief Justice of the Region 8 Appeals Court in Bangkok, where

I will continue to stress the importance of mediation. With the right leadership, the process can work well.

As an example, I recently mediated a case between Phuket Provincial Organization President Paiboon Upatising and another litigant. I spoke to them both for five minutes each over the phone and they agreed to a settlement. Think about this when taking a case to court. It is a long and expensive process, so mediation is the best way. It can also settle disputes that might otherwise turn violent.

I think the mediation center here in Phuket will continue to function well, even after I am gone, as we have laid a very good foundation with 30 experienced mediators. In civil cases not all mediators have to be judges. For example, one civil mediator here in Phuket is an election commission officer from Phang Nga. I would like to thank them as they have to work very hard for little compensation, just 500 baht per settlement. How long each settlement takes to negotiate depends on the litigants. In some cases they have to go back and forth up to seven times before a settlement can be reached.

I would like both Thais and foreigners who have questions about cases to speak with us at the mediation center.

My goal in life is simply to do the best I can day to day. I have gained a great deal of experience in Phuket and I will miss this beautiful island and its kind residents. I have been impressed with all of the government department heads, especially the governor, police commander, head of the legal execution department and the prison warden.

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## Are tourists allowed to share taxis from the airport?

One of the few redeeming features of Phuket's diabolical taxi service is that one can actually take a metered taxi from the airport at a fair price.

However, when I returned from Bangkok this Sunday with a friend, we were abruptly told that we could not share a metered taxi, as we wanted to be dropped off at different addresses in Bang Tao! "Only one stop for a metered taxi", the driver said.

Is this the accepted standard for airport taxis? Can tourists heading in the same general direction really not share a taxi?

Bryan Shale  
Thalang

### Miss Piyanan of the Taxi Meter Association replies:

A taxi meter is provided for one-stop service only. If you would like to be dropped off at different destinations, you will pay separate fares.

For example, if you hire a taxi and would like to be dropped off at Kamala beach, but your friend wants to be dropped off at Patong beach, the prices will be different. You can expect to pay a 300 baht fare to Kamala and your friend should expect to pay 450 baht fare for Patong. That means you and your friends have to pay a total of 750 baht.

For more information contact the Taxi Meter Association. T: 076-202171,082-421-1644. E: [Taxi.meter@hotmail.com](mailto:Taxi.meter@hotmail.com) W: [taximeter-phuket.com](http://taximeter-phuket.com).

## Should I be charged for parking in Phuket Town?

When in and around popular spots in Phuket town, I am frequently approached by a collectors who charge a fee to allow me to park my motorbike.

They do not wear any clothing to identify them as government workers, so I'm not sure if it's a legitimate charge.

Is it legal to ask for a parking fee around Rassada Road, Robinson's department store, the market area or in other public places in Phuket Town?

Joanne Nelson  
Phuket Town

### An officer at the Phuket City Municipality Office replies:

Yes, it is legal. There are signs in Thai and English saying a parking fee will be collected around Phuket town.

The price for a motorcycle is 1 baht for the first hour and two baht for every additional hour.

The price for a three-wheeled vehicles is three baht for the first hour and five baht for every additional hour.

The price for a car is five baht for the first hour and 10 baht for every additional hour.

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# Course set for 'fun' regatta



The Phang Nga Bay Regatta will be held February 3 - 7, emphasizing its trademark theme of having fun. Sailors will spend four days racing through the bay's scenic limestone karsts.

The Phang Nga Bay Regatta 2010, one of the world's most scenic sailing events, will be the center for the Southeast Asia's yachting community this February 3 - 7.

Encompassing four days of racing and five days of partying that covers the three provinces of Phuket, Phang Nga and Krabi, the regatta's success in past years has helped it earn the nickname, 'the fun regatta'.

Now in its 13th year, this year's regatta 2010 is expected to be the biggest yet. With over 60 yachts participating, the regatta has established itself as one of the key fixtures on the South East Asia yachting calendar.

Entries from Thailand, Malaysia, Malta, Singapore, France, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom will compete for honors in six classes: Racing, Cruising A, Cruising B, Bareboat Charter, Firefly 850 and Multihull.

The regatta's date has traditionally coincided around the time of Chinese New Year, thus encouraging regional competitors to participate.

The route takes participants close to the limestone karsts that have made the bay famous. Though beautiful, the area can be a challenge for racing yachts, due to light winds and strong currents.

The race is widely popular because, unlike other regattas, it is a 'roaming' regatta, meaning it follows a course with a different stop-over each night.

The unique flavor of the event makes it a hit with sailors who prefer a daily change of scenery throughout the race, as well as sailors who enjoy distinct differences from other major regattas, such as the overall theme of having a great time.

The racing committee endeavors to pursue the fun-loving credence throughout the race.

The Regatta is organized by the PNBR 2010 Organizing Committee under the auspices of the Ao Chalong Yacht Club. The courses are set by local Phuket sailing personalities Andy Dowden and Simon James.

As a media sponsor of the event, the *Phuket Gazette* will be providing comprehensive coverage of the action.

Boat registration and the opening party will be held at Absolute Chandara Resort and Spa at Ao Por on Wednesday, February 3.

The following day, the racing day begins from the north east corner of Phuket and races north to the top of Phang Nga Bay, past the famous ramparts of Koh Phansak, the Koh Hong Islands and James Bond Island, ending

the day at one of the area's famed beachside restaurants.

February 5 will see the fleet running south to one of the many secluded islands of the bay and another party venue. The race then heads west to Krabi on February 6 for another beach party at the Sheraton Krabi hotel.

On the final racing day, February 7, sailors head home to Phuket through the open waters of Phang Nga to meet the closing party in Chalong Bay.

The regatta offers perfect beachside locations and a chance for sponsors and competitors to meet and share interesting stories. Live music, fire dancers and fire balloons, plus a slide show of each day's racing highlights provide the evening's entertainment.

A prize-giving ceremony will celebrate each of the top three places in the six racing classes.

The closing party sees the top awards presented to the overall winners of each class, those who most successfully navigated the challenging conditions and, last but not least, those who arguably had the most fun.

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# Tournament courts singles and doubles



The Phuket Tennis Club will hold a tournament at Sapan Hin from January 16 to 18, hoping to bring out the best of Phuket's players.

The Phuket Tennis Club will hold a major tournament between January 16 and 18 in Phuket Town. The matches will be played at the Sapan Hin tennis courts, featuring men's and women's singles and doubles categories.

The tournament is open to all age groups, ranging from 8-10 year-olds through to adult players. The entry deadline is January 10. The fees are 400 baht for the singles and 300 baht per pair for the doubles.

This is the sixth year that the tournament has taken place and more than 100 players are expected to participate. In past years the overwhelming majority of players have been Thai, although farang players are more than welcome.

"Tennis is popular in Phuket, but there is a lack of communication and organization amongst the island's players," said tournament organizer Mrs Chatchadaporn. "I think there are more than 80 tennis courts here, however most of them are private."

Commenting on the cost of tennis to local residents, Mrs Chatchadaporn said, "it can be rather expensive and complicated to play if you are not a hotel customer."

One of the other challenges facing Phuket's tennis lovers is, "finding a partner at your level," said Mrs Chatchadaporn, "however, there are a few foreign coaches who are trying to change this."

For further information about entering the upcoming Phuket tennis tournament visit: [www.tennis-th.com](http://www.tennis-th.com).

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# Locals take grass roots action against rapid development

By Atchaa Khamlo

**A**fter a fourteen year battle with mounting trash, the Koh Racha Yai Environmental and Conservation Protection Association have finally found an answer to the island's environmental plight: their very own recycling plant.

The association, which was established in 1996 by a few conservation-minded locals, today boasts 490 members each donating between one and 20,000 baht in membership fees to join.

Since its inception, the association has tried to find methods to conserve Koh Racha Yai's land and marine ecosystems.

Koh Racha Yai is located about 20 kilometers south of Phuket's main island.

The island's pristine waters in Ao Patok, Ao Siam, Ao Tue and Ao La bays have seen a hike in Phuket-based diving and snorkeling tour operators coming to the island in recent years.

There are four dive shops on Racha Yai, which, together with dive shops on Phuket's main island, attract more than 200 divers a day during the high season.

But when tourists numbers soar, so does the quantity of trash the island produces.

Building on the island is also a cause for concern.

Three five-star hotels, four boutique hotel resorts, three restaurants and 16 local families today occupy the 3,000 square kilometer island, and together produce about one tonne of reusable trash each week.

But the association is deter-

mined to solve Koh Racha Yai's environmental woes, and maybe make a baht or two in the process.

Association members have pegged glass bottles as the major offending trash item and have funded an ingenious glass-grinding recycling machine.

Designed by the President of the Thai Industrial Development Forum Dr Woothiwong Toatong and put in place six months ago, the machine, which cost about 140,000 baht, is a one-off in Thailand.

Association public relations officer, 45-year-old Sopon 'Bang Ke' Sukharind said it takes just 20 minutes for the machine to grind 200 kilograms of glass bottles into minuscule shards of glass.

The club intend to crush about 1,000 kilograms per week.

Once ground, the mounds of glass shards, which resemble grains of sand, are transferred to Phuket and sold to construction companies for use in concrete mixing.

In a recent move, the association plans to make their own concrete mix to build a two-tonne cinder block, which will be sunk just off Koh Racha Yai's shoreline and used as a permanent mooring for arriving vessels.

Mr Sopon said the association had also engineered a second recycling machine for Koh Racha, but the additional unit would be used for plastic materials. The association are in the process of building a sheltering structure and loading dock for the second machine.

Under the banner of the association's 'No Burn, No Bury'



**ABOVE:** The mountain of glass bottles collected by conservation association members at Koh Racha Yai in just two weeks. **INSET:** The new color-coded bins for the local glass recycling project.



**LEFT:** A resident operates the 140,000 baht glass grinding machine, which was locally made especially for the grass-roots recycling project. **RIGHT:** The end product – grains of glass that are sold to construction companies for mixing with concrete.

project, Koh Racha Yai residents now have numerous trash depositories around the island for sorting waste into different categories.

For a fee of 300 baht per month, the association also provides local businesses with new color-coded bins; black bins for food waste, yellow for plastic, blue for metal and red for glass.

Since the color coded bins were introduced six months ago Mr Sopon said the project is working well but needs additional funding from Rawai Municipality, the local government office

responsible for Koh Racha Yai.

Koh Racha Yai's environmental strife made headlines in early December when more than 100 villagers from Koh Racha Yai gathered outside Phuket Provincial Hall to protest against a new resort development they claimed was disrupting their way of life and destroying the environment.

The protesters, led by Chakrit Chandee of the Koh Racha Environmental Conservation and Protection Association, handed a letter to Phuket Governor Wichai

Phraisa-ngop in which they made three allegations against the Raya Buri Group, the company constructing the new resort: That the company had blocked an important thoroughfare on the island, preventing villagers from going about their business;

That two barges carrying building materials for the project damaged a coral reef in Siam Bay, on the island's northeast coastline; that the company started construction of the resort without government approval.

The issue is ongoing.

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## Luxury property sales top Bt1.1bn

Phuket's luxury property market saw transactions worth 1.1 billion baht for the period of July through November last year, according to market research by leading Thai consulting firm C9 Hotelworks.

A growing resale sector accounted for 50 percent of the sales.

According to Bill Barnett, Managing Director of C9, "this year has seen the absence of new high end product which has propelled the secondary segment, while off plan product remains sluggish."

Adding further, Mr Barnett commented that "the failure to launch new projects is a key constraining factor limiting volume in the marketplace."

Despite demonstrated sales of a number of 'super' high-end villas from 165 to 330 million baht, developers remain on the sideline, more out of negative risk concern than fundamentals."

Market data pinpoints that a growing number of early purchasers in developments are now cashing out at substantial profit levels, thus pushing up pricing points for existing real estate product.

Geographically, Kamala's Millionaire's Mile has experienced the highest level of activity.

Without significant new



**Luxury property saw 1.1 billion baht in sales from July to November of 2009, with resale accounting for 50 percent of that figure. Developers continue to hold back from new projects for fear of negative risk.**

product entering the supply steam, the second half of 2009 has seen a growing number of premium ocean view lots transacted with buyers set to develop their own luxury residences.

"Traditionally the period of December to April remains peak

sales season, and feedback in the past few weeks has seen sales traction," said Mr Barnett

"Ultimately, the market desperately requires new launches to stimulate broader interest if there is to be a return to stabilized trading," Mr Barnett concluded.

## New Phuket flyover under consideration

The Highways Department is currently studying the possibility of building a flyover or tunnel to relieve traffic congestion at the Darasamuth School Intersection near Central Festival.

The first in a series of five planned public hearings on the issue took place at The Metropole Hotel on December 24.

The Highways Department has included the project in its 10-year development plan from 2007 to 2016.

First phase work on the project's Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is already underway by project consultants Thai Engineering Consultants (TEC) Company Ltd.

As part of the EIA process, four more public hearings must take place by the end of June.

Attending the hearing were government officers, local business people and residents.

Khasame Srivaranun, who heads the Phuket Highways Department survey, construction and planning division, said the first meeting was simply to introduce the project to the public.

Four alternative structural plans for a flyover or tunnel are under consideration, he said.

His agency has been informed that land expropriation 'was not an option' in the area, which has some of the highest land prices on the island.

"We are studying all engineering, environment and funding aspects and we will listen to all public comments. If the people of Phuket do not want this project, it will be canceled," he said.

The final design will include a plan for an improved drainage system to address frequent flooding on sections of the bypass road.

The owner of the newly-opened Dara Hotel, which is very close to the proposed project site, said he was strongly opposed to the plan.

"It will kill my business. Please consider whether this project will bring more harm than good," he said.

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# Copenhagen calling



By Salvatore Consentino

After the recent and controversial Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, many people have been asking me how Thailand – specifically Phuket – will be affected by the summit.

It is not an easy question to answer, but it is an important one.

To begin, let me report the words used by US President Obama, addressing the leaders who attended that summit:

“The time for talk is over... It is better for us to act than talk.

“Or we can choose delay, falling back into the same divisions that have stood in the way of action for years. And we will be back having the same stale arguments month after month, year after year, all while the danger of climate change grows

until it is irreversible.”

It was a strong and clear message. I love hearing these kinds of words from global leaders on international television.

Unfortunately, a number of key countries were holding out against the overall package.

Despite these problems, diplomats somehow reached a deal after hours of tense negotiations, even though no country was ‘entirely satisfied’ with the agreement.

To make a long story short, the accord reached is a tentative agreement that requires a second and more binding accord to be reached within 12 months.

With just about everyone wondering what real changes will be made as a result of the summit, many local residents are asking: What will the effect be in Thailand?

I’m afraid it doesn’t look like there will be many immediate changes. Thailand’s existing environmental laws are not bad, but their enforcement is a completely separate issue.

I will try to exemplify the matter with a case that happened to me, just after the summit in Copenhagen was concluded.

As many readers know, I’m constructing a condo that implements practical environmental technologies. These technologies represent one of the few – if not the sole – examples of practical applications of going green in a real and sustainable way.

Since we began the planning process, an important developer approached me and had very nice comments on my work, saying that it was a very good answer to the failures of Copenhagen.

He said he liked the idea and wants to apply it to his next project as part of his efforts to become one of the ‘smart developers’ that supports the environment.

I was very happy and flattered by his words. The following day we met again, and we reached an agreement on a price for the project.

Of course, with him being so satisfied with my business, I also wanted him to complete the building with the installation of the new clean technologies.

As unbelievable as it was, his answer was that he would very much like to apply the technologies, but due to the present



Photo: AFP

**THE COPENHAGEN SLEEPERS:** Despite the attention drawn to the recent climate change summit, its final agreement is unlikely to cause any changes in Thailand (or elsewhere). Businesses will continue to place enviro-friendly practices at a distant second to maximizing profits.

financial constraints in the market, he must decide against them in order to increase his margin of profit.

I don’t know if I made good decision, but I gently rejected his proposal, even though it was a lucrative deal. It made an impression, though; for a moment I saw all my research and ideas thrown away in the name of profit.

I think this example gives an idea of the conservative behaviors that will likely dictate the decisions of many developers in the near future throughout Thailand and Phuket.

Some developers have coined the term, ‘eco-Phuket’, and invited people to support the concept of Phuket going clean and green. I sometimes wonder what this term means, but it can help increase awareness about global climate change.

I want to be confident in the future. We cannot leave Phuket without proper infrastructure (a decent sewage system) or with the problems of waste disposal or indiscriminate development. Much like the goal of using terms like ‘eco-Phuket’, this begins with increasing awareness. Copen-

hagen was a half failure, but it was an important event to open the eyes of millions of people and a number of countries.

Moreover, we must consider the future economic impact on Thailand from the global climate crises: the cost of additional infrastructure for a growing population, natural disaster responses, crop losses and additional public health problems. How much easier would these problems be if they were addressed as part of an international plan to combat global warming?

I presume the Thai government will take action in the near future to purchase products and services – including those in real estate and construction – that meet minimal sustainability standards. This could start with the use of an energy label on construction materials for commercial real estate and housing.

Finally, the government should take the necessary steps to reduce emissions and conserve energy by providing comprehensive information and guidance on environmentally friendly practices.

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# Getting in on the condo act

## Reforms augment the appeal of completed condo market

The latest revisions to the laws on condominiums in Thailand have already raised the interest of all who know about them and may be considering purchasing property in Thailand.

The amendments to the Condominium Act have provided consumers with protection unseen prior to July 2008 when they were introduced.

Although investors may have become more careful and risk aware, the purchase of completed condominium units has become a popular option, particularly in the current global economic downturn, which has badly affected the property industry in Thailand.

Property developers are of course seeing far lower sales rates, forcing them into construction delays or, when the cash flow gap cannot be bridged, outright abandonment of projects. Wary of this, the few buyers who remain in the market now tend to eschew off-plan purchases and focus on completed properties such as condominium units.

Typically, purchase of a completed condominium unit is made by either assignment of contractual purchase rights, earlier granted by a developer

to a property buyer, to a subsequent buyer; sale or resale from an original buyer and registered owner of a unit to a new buyer.

The first option usually applies in cases where a sale from an initial 'buyer' to another buyer is facilitated after completion of a unit, but just before registration of title transfer from a developer to the initial buyer.

Mostly known by the more experienced property industry people as "multiple investor property flipping", the practice is widespread in rapidly rising, and often highly speculative, property markets.

Re-sale of a unit before registration of title transfer usually helps the initial buyer, now the 'seller' but really only a purchase rights holder, to pass off to the new owner of the unit the contractual tax responsibilities arising from registration of title transfer.

The second option, a sale or re-sale of a condominium unit after registration of title transfer from one owner to another, can be completed by simple further title transfer from the original buyer to his new buyer. This is done at the competent land

department office, as described under a Condominium Unit Sale and Purchase Agreement executed by and between the unit's owner and the new buyer.

Advantage of purchasing a completed condominium unit from a registered owner, rather than taking on an assignment of contractual purchase rights prior to issuance of the title deed pertaining to the unit, is obvious. It allows a buyer to reduce to almost zero the potential risk of non-completion or inability to register title transfer for any reason.

However, this significantly lower risk might well be reflected in a considerably higher purchase price.

Nevertheless, whenever purchasing a completed unit from its registered owner, comprehensive due diligence is essential in order to further minimize potential risks and ensure that a fair and balanced Sale and Purchase Agreement will be executed to satisfy a buyer's individual requirements as well as all others for a safe, sensible and sound investment.

It is extremely important to verify that all documentation required to assume ownership of a condominium unit will be



Visitors look at model of condominiums displayed at a property show in Bangkok. Confidence among buyers has improved slightly in hopes of an economic recovery. AFP Photo: Pornchai Kittiwongsakul

obtained, including but not limited to a letter issued by a Condominium Juristic Person (CJP), certifying that overall foreign ownership in the condominium itself has not exceeded 49% of the total space in the condominium, and that the condominium unit vendor has no outstanding debts with the CJP.

Furthermore, it needs to be demonstrated to the land department when applying for registration of title transfer that

the person into whose name the unit is to be transferred has imported into Thailand the purchase price funds required for the purchase.

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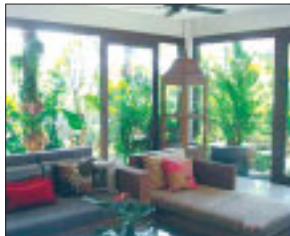
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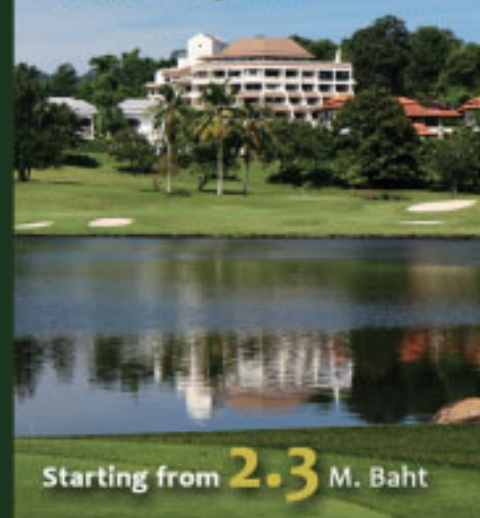
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## HOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT

Fully furnished, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 3 aircon, hot water, washing machine, ADSL, WiFi, tel, garden. 10 minutes to Bang Tao beach. Price 18,000 baht per month. Tel: 089-795 6363. Email: sara\_supertik@yahoo.co.th

## CHEAP LAND FOR SALE

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## LAND AT PAKHLOK

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.

## 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

## 30 RAI IN TOWN

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

## PERFECT LAND

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

## 2-STOREY HOUSE IN PATONG



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## NEW HOUSE IN THE BANYAN VILLA



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## LAND AT CHERNG TALAY

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## 3 BEDROOMS HOUSE

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## ROYAL PLACE CONDO

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## LAND FOR SALE

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

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## PATONG DELUXE CONDO

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## BANGTAO VILLAS

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## RAWAI HOUSE

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## TOWNHOUSE, 2 STOREY



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## VILLA FOR SALE OR RENT



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## LAND AT PA KHLOK



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## HOUSE FOR SALE

in Bangtao. 2-4 bedrooms, big swimming pool, from 5 million baht. Tel: 085-674 6786.

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Kata centre, nice apartment includes furnishing, aircon, pool. Price 2.9 million baht. Tel: 081-788 8280.

## NAI HARN POOL VILLA

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## 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

## OCEANFRONT LAND



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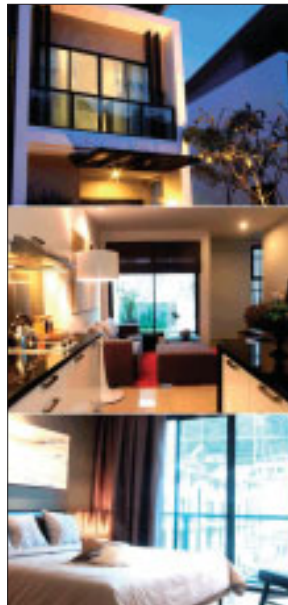
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## PATAK VILLAS HOUSE

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## BAAN BAI MAI



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## 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

## 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

## 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: phatsara@gmail.com

## CONDO PATONG

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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](http://www.s-design-phuket.com/MIKELAND/gallery.htm)

## 2 RAI IN AO MAKHAM



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

## NICE PLOT BEHIND LAYAN HILL ESTATE



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## RAWAI LAND CHALONG



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## LAND FOR SALE IN KATHU



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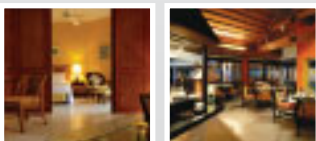
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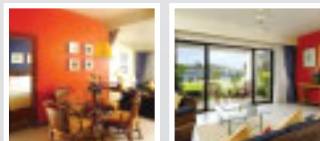
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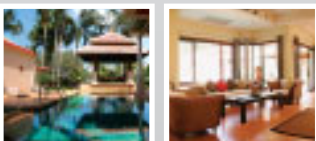
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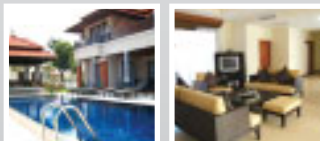
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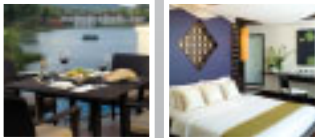
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