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Six young lives lost in one day

Six young people, including one foreign tourist, were killed in motorbike accidents in Phuket in a single day this week.

British Muay Thai fighter Adam Menagh, 22, and Chai-narong Wathana, 24, died instantly in a head-on bike collision in Chalong on the morning of February 22.

Mr Menagh crossed lanes, hitting Mr Chai-narong's bike on Chao Fa West Road opposite Soi Thanoothep in Chalong around 5:30am, an initial police investigation revealed.

When Chalong Police arrived they found the two lying dead on the road, their bikes smashed. When found, neither were wearing helmets.

A 47-year-old Danish national John Bjerg, 47, is believed to have been riding pillion on Mr Menagh's bike.

He was taken to Phuket International Hospital with serious abdominal injuries. At the time of writing he remains in intensive care.

Mr Menagh's family have already arrived from his native Epsom, England to arrange funeral services, which will likely take place at Rawai Temple this weekend.

Friends paid tribute to Mr Menagh, who trained at a number of Muay Thai camps on Phuket and was preparing for a fight in Patong.

Taizo Hughes, an Australian fighter who knew Mr Menagh for two months, said, "He was the nicest guy. He was great to have around and even though he was a bit younger than me he always made me feel good about myself."

The late Adam Menagh from England, dead at the age of 22.

Mr Menagh spent the night before his death at a club in Rawai, Mr Hughes said.

Earlier the same morning a Thai was killed in Kathu when his motorcycle collided with a jeep driven by a German tourist.

According to a local Thai language newspaper, 19-year-old Ronnawee Sukkasem of Ranong drove out of Soi Kuanyang straight into the tourist's vehicle at the bottom of Patong Hill at around 2:30am.

In a similar incident, another young man died the same day when he collided with a car driven by an English tourist on Chao Fa West Road near the TOT offices in Chalong.

The driver of the bike, Preecha Nuancharern, was reportedly not wearing a helmet when he hit 63-year-old Morris Allen's car. He died at the scene.

His wife Mullika Klinchan, who was riding pillion, was fighting for her life in the intensive care unit at Vachira Phuket Hospital on Monday.

At around 9:30am the same day, a 15-year-old Thai student was killed in front of Bang Tao Temple in Cherng Talay.

Nitipong Kuchanan was heading home after taking a test at school in Kamala when he lost balance and collided with a pickup truck.

When police arrived they found Mr Nitipong lying dead on the road in his school uniform, surrounded by weeping relatives.

Another student was seriously injured in the accident.

Then at 10:30am, 27-year-old Phang Nga native Preeyanut Preedaphon was killed on her bike when a 10-wheeled truck hit her at the Tesco Lotus Intersection.

Both Ms Preeyanut and the truck were turning left onto the bypass road from Yaowarat Road when they collided. Ms Preeyanut died instantly when her head was crushed by the truck.

See editorial on page 20.

– Gazette reporters

Masseuses at war in Bang Tao

INDEPENDENT masseuses are rubbing the locals the wrong way at Bang Tao Beach and 300 members of the local masseuses' club are demanding government action to stop the newcomers from stealing their customers.

Cherng Talay deputy district chief Siripong Leeprasitwas chaired a meeting at the Cherng Talay Tambon Administration Office (TAO) on February 23 to discuss the problem.

Cherng Talay Traditional Thai Massage Club representatives told the TAO the problem dates back about two years, but recently worsened because the TAO officer who formerly oversaw the beach massage industry was no longer doing so.

This allowed some 30 rogue masseuses to colonize key positions on the beachfront and get their hands on customers that rightfully belonged to club members.

Club president Prattana Saejew said members pay 100 baht per year to the TAO for the right to operate massage tents in 13 locations along Bang Tao and Surin Beaches.

"Members need to have good qualifications and take turns with customers… All members are local people; the others are outsiders," she said.

As a result of the newcomers about 20 percent of the club's members no longer have any locations to work, she said.

The independent masseuses also lure away clients by charging less than the standard 300 baht per hour, she added.

Mr Siripong said the TAO would try to reimpose order at the beach by registering the newcomers in the club.

– Atchaa Khamlo

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Island's week of wildfires

Rassada Municipality firefighters battle the blaze near Tesco Lotus Intersection on February 23.

PHUKET firefighters have been battling wildfires along the bypass road in recent days.

The first broke out in a field opposite Tesco-Lotus in Rassada at about noon on February 21.

Rassada Municipality dispatched four firetrucks and 20 firefighters to try to douse the flames, which were fueled by thick, dried out vegetation.

"As we arrived there to put it out we saw one guy who had been burning trash in the area fleeing the scene," one firefighter said.

Assisting firefighters were about 20 officers from the Phuket Provincial Wildfire Prevention Unit and some 10 local volunteers.

Fortunately the flames did not spread to structures on nearby Songkhla Road, which is separated from the lot by a two-meter-high concrete wall. A recycling warehouse on the road nearby is filled to capacity with paper, plastic and other flammable materials.

Firefighters thought they had the fire under control later that day, but it reignited three more times: the next morning, at about 8:30pm that evening, and again at around noon on February 23.

Over 100,000 liters of water were used in the operation: 60,000 liters for the first fire, 20,000 for the second and 30,000 liters for the third.

"It is very difficult to stop the fire because we can't see it smoldering beneath the surface, and this is why it continues to reignite... The best method is to spray the entire area to ensure everything is saturated," one firefighter told the *Gazette*.

An even larger fire broke out at about noon on February 23 opposite the Chevrolet showroom on the bypass road northbound, also in Rassada.

Firefighters continued to battle the blaze all afternoon, finally extinguishing it at about 4pm. About 30 rai of forest and underbrush was destroyed.

There have been 15 fires in Rassada this month alone.

"This year is worse than last year because the weather is very hot and dry. When people burn their trash, it is very easy for the fire to spread and become uncontrollable," the firefighter said.

Earlier this month, there was a fire at a recycling plant in Wichit.

– Kitima Pornmongkhonwat

Rain needed or supplies gone in May

The Bang Wad Reservoir will run out of water in May if there is no rain.

THE Phuket Provincial Irrigation Office (PPIO) has reported that the Bang Wad Reservoir in Kathu will run out of water in May if not replenished with rainfall.

Mr Issara Anukool, who heads the PPIO's water management department, said the reservoir currently holds 5.3 million cubic meters of water, about 73% of total capacity.

The PPIO supplies water to both the Phuket Provincial Waterworks Authority (PPWA) and the Phuket City Waterworks Authority, the island's two main municipal supply systems.

He spoke during a meeting of the Phuket Provincial Water Strategy Committee held at the PPIO's meeting room on February 17.

The meeting was chaired by Phuket Vice Governor Teerayut Eimtrakul.

Mr Issara said the PPIO currently has the capacity to collect, treat and transmit about 47 million cubic meters of water annually, which is less than the 51 million cubic meters needed to meet predicted requirements in 2010.

To make up the shortfall, four projects are planned.

Work on the long-awaited third reservoir at Klong Krata in Chalong will get underway 'very soon'.

The PPIO has already signed a project contract worth over 460 million baht to the project contractor, he said.

The organization plans to build a new 2 million cubic meter reservoir at Ao Yon, with work to begin next year.

The agency also plans to increase capacity at the Bang Wad Reservoir by 3.3 million cubic meters annually and implement a 'monkey cheeks' storage project at the 7.2-million-cubic-meter Bang Neaw Dum Reservoir in Srisoothorn to increase production there by 6 million cubic meters.

PPWA Manager Sayan Wareearoonroj said his agency continues to survey private water resources and is prepared to spend over 50 million baht to private suppliers if they can provide water of a high enough standard.

– Sittipong Nongkaew and Stephen Fein

Indian Navy sailors ship in, ship out

SOME 900 Indian Navy midshipmen shipped out from Phuket on February 24 after taking part in training exercises aboard three visiting Indian warships: the *INS TIR*, the *INS Krishna* and the *ICGS Varuna*.

Arriving from Burma, the ships began their four-day training exercise on February 21.

The Indian vessels left the island from Ao Makham for the Nicobar Islands. From there, their next stop will be Cochin City in India's Kerala State.

In addition to the training, the sailors also had some fun when a team of Indian midshipmen played a friendly football match on terra firma against a Royal Thai Navy team at Rajabhat Phuket University. The Thai sailors won the match 3-1.

Royal Thai Navy Area Three commanding officer V/Adm Choomnoom Ardwong said the Thai and Indian navies enjoy a strong and positive relationship.

The Indian visit follows a similar training exercise by the Thai Navy in India, he said.

India and Thailand are jointly responsible for preventing terrorism, piracy and securing maritime safety at the north end of the Malacca Strait, which starts off Phuket and runs between the Malay peninsula and the Indonesian island of Sumatra. Half of the world's shipped oil moves though this strait.

– Atchaa Khamlo

Province aims to reduce bad debt

MORE than 4,000 Phuket residents owe a total of 432 million baht to loan sharks, it emerged earlier this month.

The figures were revealed at a recent meeting at Phuket Provincial Hall attended by government officials, police officers and bank representatives, all members of a new provincial committee set up to deal with the problem of usury and indebtedness.

The 432 million baht estimate is the result of a recent nationwide survey ordered by the Ministry of the Interior to estimate the scale of the usury problem in Thailand, where ads for 'off system' loans cover telephone booths and power polls in every province.

The Phuket committee hopes to reduce the debt burden as much as 25% within one month by having banks take over the loans.

The province estimates there are 4,120 people indebted to unofficial lenders, owing around 432 million baht.

Of those, 2,545 debtors owe more than 50,000 baht.

At the February 17 meeting, chaired by Phuket Deputy Governor Chaiwat Tepee, it was decided that banking representatives would hold talks on taking on the debt with representatives from Phuket's district offices: Muang, Kathu and Thalang.

The debt reduction initiative started officially on February 16.

Officials hope one quarter of the debt can be passed on to banks by March 16.

The problem of debt to loan sharks is particularly acute in some of Phuket's sea gypsy communities.

Poor fishermen tend to borrow money when sea conditions make it impossible for them to catch fish.

Police earlier estimated there are at least 40 loan shark gangs operating on the island.

– Atchaa Khamlo

Mongkhol Pintajan sits behind his haul of 360 ten-baht coins and the brick he used in the robbery.

Brick thief nets just 360 baht

A DOWN-AND-OUT man who robbed a 7-Eleven store by threatening the shop assistant with a brick on February 19 got off with just 360 baht in coins – and was arrested soon after.

Mongkhol Pintajan, 33, told police he robbed the store because he had no money.

Police said Mr Mongkhol walked into the 7-Eleven on Wiset Road in Rawai at 4am.

Brick in hand, he told the frightened shop attendant to give him all the store's cash, police said.

The attendant gave him 360 baht in 10 baht coins.

After police received the crime report they rushed to the store, where they examined CCTV footage of the incident.

Later in the morning they caught Mr Mongkhol on his motorcycle on the Kata-Saiyuan Road in Rawai.

At a press conference on February 19, Chalong Police Deputy Superintendent Narong Laksanawimon warned the public to expect more robberies because of the poor state of the economy.

He also warned the public not to hang bags from motorbike handlebars, as this made them easy pickings for thieves.

"Keep valuables in the seat of your bike," he advised.

Police also used the conference to announce the arrests of several other men for possession of small quantities of *ya bah* (methamphetamine).

Col Wichit Intharasorn, the new Superintendent of Chalong Police, was also present.

Col Wichit said he ordered his men to crack down on all types of crimes, particularly those involving drugs.

His officers were going to crank up the pressure on targeted drugs networks, he said.

– Gazette reporter

Bt200,000 snatched in Phuket bag heist

TWO men on a motorcycle snatched and rode off with a bag containing 200,000 baht in cash outside a rice shop in Chalong on February 18.

Sompon Famangkorn, an employee of Namsaeng Rice Company, was getting out of his pickup outside the Nam Riab Rice Shop on Chao Fa West Road when the heist happened at around 3:30pm.

Mr Sompon, 26, was at the shop to collect payment for a delivery.

Two men around 20 years of age pulled up on a motorcycle. One, wearing a long sleeved shirt and black cap, got off the bike and jerked the bag out of Mr Sompon's hands. He got back on the bike and the two sped off.

Meanwhile, Phuket City Police are reportedly hunting a gang of four youths wanted for assaulting and robbing an Italian expat and a Thai woman in separate attacks on the morning of February 15.

The Italian told police the youths, riding two motorcycles, kicked him off his bike on Wirat Hongyok Road in Tambon Wichit.

They stole 1,500 baht, credit cards and a mobile telephone from him.

Around 25 minutes later, a 20-year-old Thai woman was assaulted in a similar incident involving four youths on Wichit Songkhram Road.

The youths reportedly stole 2,000 baht and a camera before fleeing.

– Gazette reporter

Phuket Pineapple makes the list

A pineapple farmer in Thalang, where all commercial pineapple production takes place in Phuket.

THE iconic 'Phuket Pineapple' has been registered on a list of 20 'geographical identity' products by the Department of Intellectual Property.

News of the listing, made in November, was announced by Phuket Provincial Commercial Affairs Office Director Sompong Onprasert during a meeting of provincial office chiefs at Phuket Provincial Hall.

Also included on the list from around the region were Trang Grilled Pork and Surat Thani Oyster.

Mr Sompong said the application for the Phuket Pineapple listing was made two years ago.

The office also hopes to get a similar listing for the 'Phuket Pearl,' he said.

Registration will allow consumers around the country to know when they are getting authentic Phuket Pineapples and will be good for local farmers, he said.

Farmers in Thalang, where the pineapples are grown between rows of rubber trees, are now trying to set up a system of rules to standardize and improve the quality of their fruit, he said.

Apart from their appeal as a food, Phuket Pineapples are also valued for their appearance.

Miniature versions are common sights at spirit houses and on offering tables at Chinese shrines around the country. Ethnic Chinese Thais believe the many eyes on the husk's exterior represent vision and wisdom.

Songwat Tuetow, a specialist with the Phuket office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, said all cultivation in Phuket takes place at 55 farms in Thalang covering 1,555 rai.

Despite the latest registration, the Phuket Pineapple is actually an import. It is thought to have first been brought to the island by Portuguese traders over a hundred years ago. In the South, the pineapple is also cultivated in parts of Phang Nga, Krabi and Surat Thani, Mr Songwat said.

It is also grown in parts of the Isarn region, but soil conditions tend to make it less sweet than those grown locally, he added.

Its biggest rivals in the Thai pineapple market are the Pattavia, grown mostly in the Central Plains, and the 'Nanglae Pineapple', grown in the Chiang Rai district of the same name.

– Sittipong Nongkaew and Stephen Fein

SAD SITE: Just one of the thousands of trees felled by encroachers in recent years. File photo

Deputy Gov: arrest more encroachers

THE deputy governor tasked with putting an end to encroachment on the island is calling for more arrests.

A provincial anti-encroachment panel chaired by Vice Governor Teerayut Eimtrakul met for the first time this year at Phuket Provincial Hall on February 17.

Statistics compiled by the panel showed a disturbing increase in the number of reported encroachment cases on the island.

So far this fiscal year, which started in October 2009, there have been 22 cases involving 28 suspects who encroached on 130 rai of state forest land and two rai of mangrove forest.

Noting that the number of cases continues to rise, Mr Teerayut told representatives from agencies at the panel that he wanted to see more encroachers arrested and charged.

All too often, officials turn up at encroachment sites only to find them empty.

Tools and heavy machinery are commonly seized as evidence, yet the perpetrators are seldom caught, he said.

In addition to arresting and charging encroachers, Mr Teerayut also encouraged officials to develop better methods to detect encroachment and prevent it from happening in the first place.

Doing this would require better delineation of who is responsible for which areas, as well as getting local people involved in reporting cases, he said.

The encroachment problem at the Bang Khanoon forest reserve in Tambon Thepkrasattri is now under control, but agencies continue to request land inside the park for projects.

These include requests by the Public Health Ministry to build a new hospital on 50 rai, as well as a request by the Thepkrasattri Tambon Administration Organization to site an Islamic cemetery on 30 rai.

The area is already home to the Mid-Road Dog shelter as well as a low-security prison run by the Department of Corrections.

Another area of concern for the panel was the Klong Mudong mangrove forest reserve in Tambon Wichit, where more than 100 households have been established on state land.

Of the forest's 1,500 rai, about 900 rai have been encroached upon by some 100 families. Only 600 rai of mangroves remain there.

– Sittipong Nongkaew and Stephen Fein

Islamic panel demands retrials for 'insurgents'

The discredited GT200 device in action in the Deep South.

BANGKOK: An adviser to a prominent Thai Islamic committee has called for retrials of insurgents or sympathizers in the South whose convictions were based on screenings by the discredited GT200 explosives scanner.

Central Islamic Committee of Thailand adviser Assoc Prof Jaral Maluleem said a scientific test proving the failings of the controversial device meant all prosecutions and convictions relying on GT200 verification were in violation of human rights. He called on the military and the authorities to offer compensatory damages.

The Cross Cultural Foundation (CCF), a human rights NGO based in the deep South, said more than 4,000 people had been classified as sympathizers since 2007 as a result of GT200 scan results.

The device was widely used in searches and raids on local communities by security officials, the CCF said.

Most detainees were held automatically for a 37-day period or underwent four-month forced 'rehabilitation' courses.

Foundation director Phornphen Khongkajornkiat called on the government to set up an independent committee to investigate complaints lodged by the wrongfully detained or convicted, in order to pay them compensation.

"There are also 500 inmates convicted and imprisoned for security-related incidents who could also be innocent," she added.

National Human Rights Commission member Wanchai Srinualnat said he welcomed requests for investigation from those convicted on GT200 evidence.

From now on its use would be regarded as a violation of human rights after scientific tests had proved it ineffective, he said.

Military personnel who used the device had no intention of violating human rights, he said.

"They had used it in the belief it worked efficiently – but it's a different story if they still use the GT200, after the test result showing its inefficacy," he said.

– The Nation

Drivers of some 300 ten-wheel trucks blocked two lanes of the Bang Na Trat Highway in Bangkok on February 22, demanding that police stop collecting 'tea money' from them.

Rabies kills dog breeder

BANGKOK: A dog breeder at Chatuchak Market died of rabies on February 14 after being bitten by a Rottweiler that later died. The death prompted officials to search for others who might have been infected.

Deputy Bangkok Governor Dr Malinee Sukavejworakit said she had ordered officials to find out who had visited the 'Take Care Pet Shop' so they can be vaccinated against the disease.

Officials are also investigating the origins of dogs at the shop, she said. The city would also arrange vaccinations for people in a five-kilometer radius of the shop and have officials inspect the market itself, she said.

Dr Malinee said city officials would have the Food and Drug Administration test the rabies vaccine that the victim had bought to inject the dogs with. Eight other dogs at the shop also reportedly died of the disease.

The incident had prompted the city to alert related agencies to keep an eye on pet shops both at Chatuchak Market and several shopping malls, she added.

– The Nation

Queer News

Cop treats house spirit to Bt50,000 sports bike

RAYONG: A police officer worried about keeping up with today's criminals gave his guardian spirit a boost by donating a high-powered motorbike to his spirit house.

Sen Sgt Maj Adisak Buphachat, who serves at Rayong Provincial Police Headquarters, spent more than 50,000 baht on a 400cc Honda CBR 400 sports bike to offer the spirit house at his home. He spray-painted the bike black and mounted it next to the shrine.

Mr Adisak said he bought the motorbike instead of the usual offerings of statues of elephants, horses or buffalo. Giving models of animals was old fashioned and not suitable for the digital age, he said.

The motorbike meant his house spirit would be able to help him much more quickly than in the past, he said. This is particularly important as he is a police officer and has to catch criminals every day, which is a dangerous business, he added.

Since making the offering, he has felt a lot more self-confident, Mr Adisak said. He also said he would let others copy the idea if they wanted to give their own house spirits a two-wheeled speed boost.

The spirit house has turned into something of a local attraction, with neighbors visiting in the hope of getting help from the speedy spirit.

Source: Khao Sod

Philanthropy in full swing

Making a special Phuket appearance, the fabulous Stockholm Jazz Orchestra hits town for two nights on Saturday, March 20 at the Adamas Resort and Spa at Nai Yang Beach and Saturday, March 27 at the Metropole Hotel in Phuket Town.

This popular big band styled orchestra is led by its founder and veteran trumpet player Fredrik Noren, and features arrangements by Chicago pianist Jim McNeely. Orchestra members come from Sweden and beyond, creating a musical melange of international sounds including jazz, swing, flamenco and bebop.

The original members came together more than 20 years ago to form a rehearsal band, which allowed local freelance jazz musicians a chance to jam. However, in 1986, the band formed a permanent bond when they made their debut performance at Skeppsholmen Jazz and Blues Festival in Stockholm.

After a few years, the band received support from the Swedish National Council for Cultural Affairs, which has since enabled them to play a dozen concerts a year, touring all over Europe and the USA.

With nine successful CDs to their credit, today the band sounds better than ever and consists of some of the best young jazz players in Sweden.

Their repertoire of modern swingin' jazz music is rooted in tradition, but their CDs highlight a variation of old and new styles with titles like *Big Band Flamenco Fusion*, *Tribute to Jaco Pastorius* and *Tango*.

All funds from tickets sales and the pre-show silent auction will be donated to three Phuket schools: Koh Loan School in Rawai; Koh Naka school in Talang; and Koh Mapraw school in Koh Kaew. Several computers and other learning materials will also be donated to each school.

The evening kicks off with a cocktail reception starting at 6:30pm followed with a gala dinner buffet at 7pm. The music starts at 8:30pm.

Tickets for the gala dinner and concert event at the Adamas Resort and Spa are priced at 1,600 baht, and tickets for Metropole Hotel's gala dinner and concert are priced at 1,200 baht.

For ticket reservations or information about the events, contact the Adamas Resort & Spa (T: 076-316000), or the Metropole Hotel. T: 076-2140209.

All fore charity

Following the hugely successful inaugural Phuket Oilfield Classic charity fund-raising golf event last year, which raised over a million baht, more than 200 golf enthusiasts in the oil and gas industry are set to tee off again in April.

Event organizer Mark Cameron said this year's event, scheduled from April 8 to 11, should attract double the number of participants than it did last year, with the hopes of raising more money for the event's selected charity, the Phuket Sunshine Village.

Of the funds raised last year, 760,000 baht was donated to the Phuket Sunshine Village.

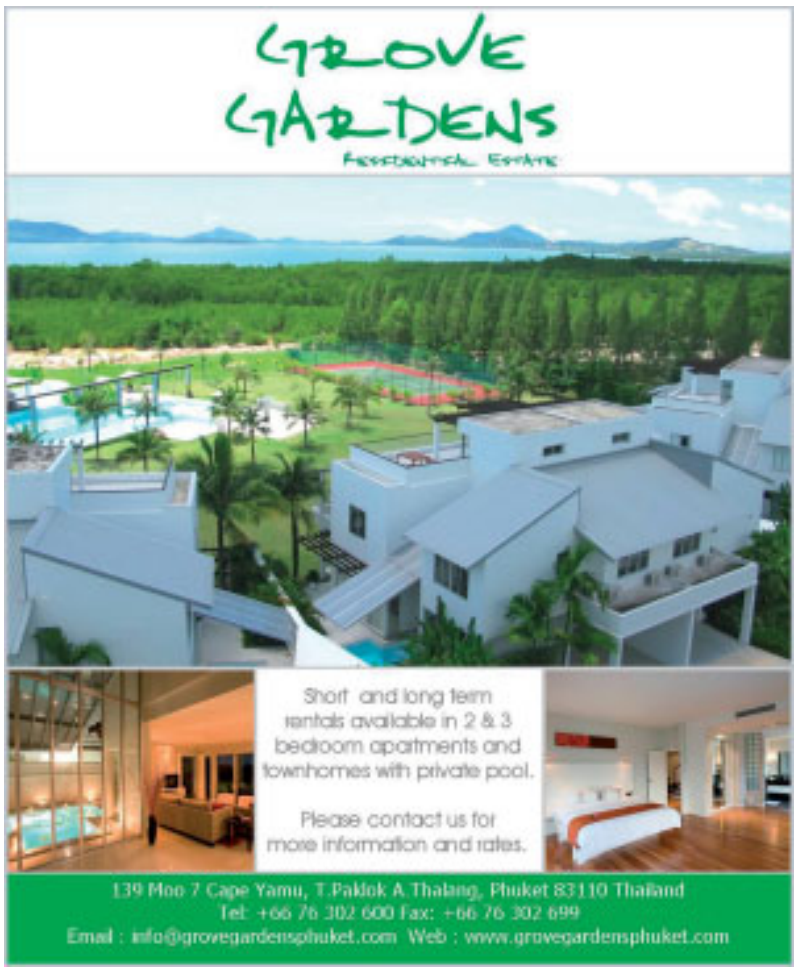
The event is backed by the Tourism Authority of Thailand and will again be held at the Loch Palm and the challenging Red Mountain golf courses. Red Mountain was recently voted the 3rd Best New Course in Asia.

"Even though participants are primarily in the oil and gas industry, anyone can take part," said Mr Cameron.

"Now that the event is an annual fixture, a Phuket-based charity will be chosen on a bi-annual basis, so we are actively looking for possible beneficiaries for the 2011 and 2012 events.This is an ideal opportunity for local companies to tap into a market segment (oil and gas executives), not really catered for in Phuket, and with over 200 expats visiting the island, there is always room for local part-icipation in the event," said Mr Cameron.

Anyone interested in participating in the event can find out more by visiting www.phuketoilfieldclassic.com or by contacting the organizers directly. T: 081-788 2843 (Thailand), or (65) 9665 8227 (Singapore).

Luxury cruiser the *58 Zephyros* leaves Boat Lagoon on Windy Boat's inaugural cruise on the recent launch of their charter cruises. The Windy family ranges from 25-ft to 58-ft luxury cruisers and Oceancraft powerboats, which are hand built in Norway. www.windyboats.asia.



Not your average German sausage

After spending a few weeks in Thailand, a westerner's palate often starts to crave the savory tastes of home. Even amid the plethora of exotically flavored foods offered in Phuket's restaurants, sometimes nothing beats a big, meaty sausage.

At the Bavarian Sausage Company in the Jee Teng Complex in Phuket Town, they understand all the nuances of perfect meat products; their 'farm to table' philosophy celebrates the traditions of Germany.

Company partner and sales manager Gerd Weissman has always had a passion for good food. Gerd has been a chef for 35 years, working in high profile restaurants in the UK, France and of course, Germany.

"The philosophy is simple… Use the freshest meat, prepared in the authentic Bavarian tradition and package quickly for best flavor," Gerd plainly stated.

After working as a general manager for a food import company in Bangkok, Gerd received a special request from a friend to prepare something special for a birthday party. Pulling from all of his years of culinary knowledge, Gerd prepared a variety of traditional German sausages for his pal, and the rest is history. Over the years, he has tweaked and formulated his recipes into what is now the Bavarian Sausage Company's cookbook, utilizing decades of fine dining experience and a wealth of knowledge of meats.

"I have created a trademark Thai sausage, the Chiang Mai sausage. I use the ingredients of *Tom Yum* with a few other locally found herbs like cumin and lemongrass to give it a Thai kick."

Most of the company's pork and beef comes from Surin, however, in their Bavarian style sausages they only use herbs imported from Germany to maintain the traditional taste.

Smoked bacon is the top-selling overall meat product, but they manage to produce 100 varieties of sausages and cold cuts, all made fresh in their new, state-of-the-art facility.

ABOVE: Weisswurst or Munich white sausage has been a German favorite since 1857 and is best eaten skinless, fresh and hot. TOP RIGHT: Bavarian Sausage Company evokes an old world European feel with its Black Forest style gingerbread facade and retail shop featuring a hundred varieties of sausage, frankfurters and cold cuts. RIGHT: Genoa and German style salami is made fresh in the Bavarian Sausage Company's state-of-the-art factory in Phuket Town.

Impressively, the factory's equipment was imported from Germany, which augments the sausages' authentic quality. Both the factory and retail shop's facades replicate old world Bavarain style with rich red and black colors.

Inside the meticulously stocked retail space, they offer everything a meat lover could desire. Shelves are stocked with imported crackers, mustards and other premium dry goods. The refrigerated cases display a large variety of meats and cheeses, including frankfurters, bologna, salami and a myriad of sausages.

Gerd boasts the famous white Munich sausage – or Weisswurst – as the best seller, made with finely minced pork, parsley and other secret German spices. Due to its delicate flavors, the Weisswurst is boiled and eaten without the skin and "best served with sweet mustard and a Bavarian beer," adds Gerd.

Master butcher and operation's manager Rene Lehmann understands the science behind quality meat cuts with skills similar to that of a surgeon. He trained for years in a German culinary school near Bavaria to master the art of butchery and food preparation.

When he landed in Phuket six years ago, he had only planned a short vacation, but noticing the lack of German meat purveyors, he decided to stay and open a his own shop to fill the island's meaty needs. He has since partnered with Gerd in a joint sausage venture with both food craftsmen, sharing a passion for traditional German foods.

The Bavarian Sausage Company's retail shop is open everyday to offer their specialty sausages, cured meats and cold cuts to the general public, as well as to island restaurants.

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Suggestions for sun seekers

Modern Skin

With Dr Suchart Ngamlertkul

Sunlight contains ultraviolet rays (UV), which expedite skin aging. Two types of UV light (UVA and UVB) give us that lovely tan and the appearance of being fit and healthy.

While UVA gives skin an immediate tan, UVB is responsible for a delayed tanning effect and sunburn. Both UVA and UVB break down collagen under skin and cause wrinkles. They also cause freckles, melasma (skin discoloration) and, the worst of them all, skin cancers. Because the rays can pass through glass, hiding in the room with glass windows does not protect one from them.

Most of us encounter sun rays everyday, so protecting our vulnerable skin from sun damage should be a routine priority from an early age.

Nowadays, most gentle sunscreen lotions can be used on infants. I recommend formulas containing zinc or titanium oxide, which are hypoallergenic (do not create allergic reactions) and effectively reflect UV. As a dermatologist, I feel obliged to promote UV protection habits. I think it should be a part of our daily routine like taking bath, brushing our teeth or wearing clothes in public.

Adults should take one further step to regularly check their bodies for any signs of skin damage or change.

Here are some tips from the American Association of Dermatologists' guidelines to being 'sun smart':

1. Routinely apply a broad spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen with a sun protection factor of 30 or more.

2. Wear protective clothing when going out in the strong sun, such as a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses.

3. Avoid direct exposure to sun rays when they are strongest, between 10am and 4pm. If your shadow appears to be shorter than you are, seek shade.

4. Use extra caution near water, snow and sand because the sun's rays are reflected from these and doubles their intensity.

5. Don't risk skin cancer by sunbathing to get vitamin D. You can get vitamin D safely through a healthy diet and vitamin supplements.

6. Avoid tanning beds, as these give you an unnecessary extra doses of UV.

7. Check your entire body often to detect signs of change. Skin cancer is treatable when caught early.

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New Year in the Old Town

As part of the Chinese New Year celebration from February 19-21, roads in and around Old Phuket Town were packed with smiling faces and full stomachs as local residents and tourists all came together to enjoy the sights, smells, and tastes of Sino-Phuket culture.

The streets of Soi Romanee and Thalang Road were illuminated with the familiar red hue of paper lanterns hanging from Phuket's trademark Sino-Portuguese buildings as The Old Phuket Town Festival proved to be the spot for all things related to the island's rich Chinese heritage.

From one end of Town to the other, this year's festival featured a vast range of cultural performances, such as 'Fun Fun Poh Thong' – culture tours of local Chinese shrines aboard old-style 'songthews' – and performances by troupes from 10 different provinces of China. Amidst the seemingly endless food stalls selling favorite local dishes, local performers and artists also joined in the entertainment, sketching, singing, and dancing their way into the Chinese New Year.

Pirates of Phuket in danzing adventure

Celebrating the new year in swashbuckling style, Phuket Town's Danz Steps Studio recently showcased its 'Pirate Adventure' dance presentation for parents and dance fans alike. Kicking off an adventure theme 'in search of treasure while encountering the world of reality and fantasy', the performance featured a variety of the studio's dance performers, including the Hip Hop Teens, Hip Hop Juniors, the Jazz Kids, the Baby Ballet, and the B-Boy Kids. The performers took the audience through a variety of island settings, each with a different Pirate Adventure theme, starting with Fairlyland and working their way through Tribal Island, Asian Village, and Treasure Island.

Danz Steps Studio in Phuket Town offers a vast range of dancing lessons and styles to both kids, teens, and adults, some of which include ballet, jazz, hip hop, breakdancing, tap dance, Latin, contemporary, and even Classical Thai dancing. For further information contact the studio. T: 076-213659 or 076-213661. E: info@phuketdanzsteps.com. W: www.phuketdanzsteps.com.

Jewelry maker braids pearls of wisdom

Teen Talk

By Maria Giulietta

During one of my tours around Phuket, I came across Chaiporn 'Lek' Srilee, an island character who's story deserves to be shared. Lek sells earthy *Bijouterie* (gems or jewelry in French) and various fashion trinkets which he designs, but the pieces are manufactured by an outside source.

Upon meeting him a year ago, I was taken by his kindness, cordiality and jokes, so I wanted to return and listen his interesting stories about life.

He is a quiet guy who likes peace and order. He is proud to share information about his personal history, as well as that of the island's history. Lek also likes to boast that he inherited his strong work ethic from his grandfather and a sense of courage from his mother.

Maria and Lek share a joke on Promthep Cape, where Lek sells his hand-made jewelry from the back of his pick-up truck; a trade that has enabled him to leave behind his childhood poverty.

Lek hails from a Cape Promthep family of 12 children, with four sisters and eight brothers, and suffered in deep poverty throughout his boyhood. In his childhood he walked the island's southern tip with his dog; it is the same place where today, Lek sells jewelry on a mat under his favorite tree.

Lek did not attend school, so he speaks very little English, but has used his creative gifts as a jewelry designer to rise out of the poverty that once saddened his childhood.

On the spot where his makeshift jewelry store stands, comprised of his truck and some carpets for displaying jewelry, Lek feels a strong connection to the earth. In his youth he would often visit this area, voluntarily cleaning the streets of trash left by tourists.

He told me that it was a filthy place, full of condoms and human excrement. A look of disgust appeared on his face when he described the area's previous condition, saying that pigs could not create more dirt.

Lek believes that because he patiently cleaned every day his efforts have been rewarded by the tourists who come to buy his jewelry.

Over the years, Lek embraced different religions, but ultimately became a Muslim after contemplating ending it all several times. However, he came to believe that God didn't want him dead, because he hasn't completed his mission on earth.

Many tourists take a liking to him and stop by his makeshift shop to exchange a few words on Lek's the carpet.

It is nice to know the personal stories of the humble people who populate Phuket; their stories add to the island's folklore and charm.

When in Cape Promthep pay a visit to Leck, to view his unique jewelry, hear his stories about Phuket's history, or swap theories about philosophy.

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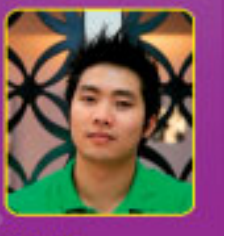

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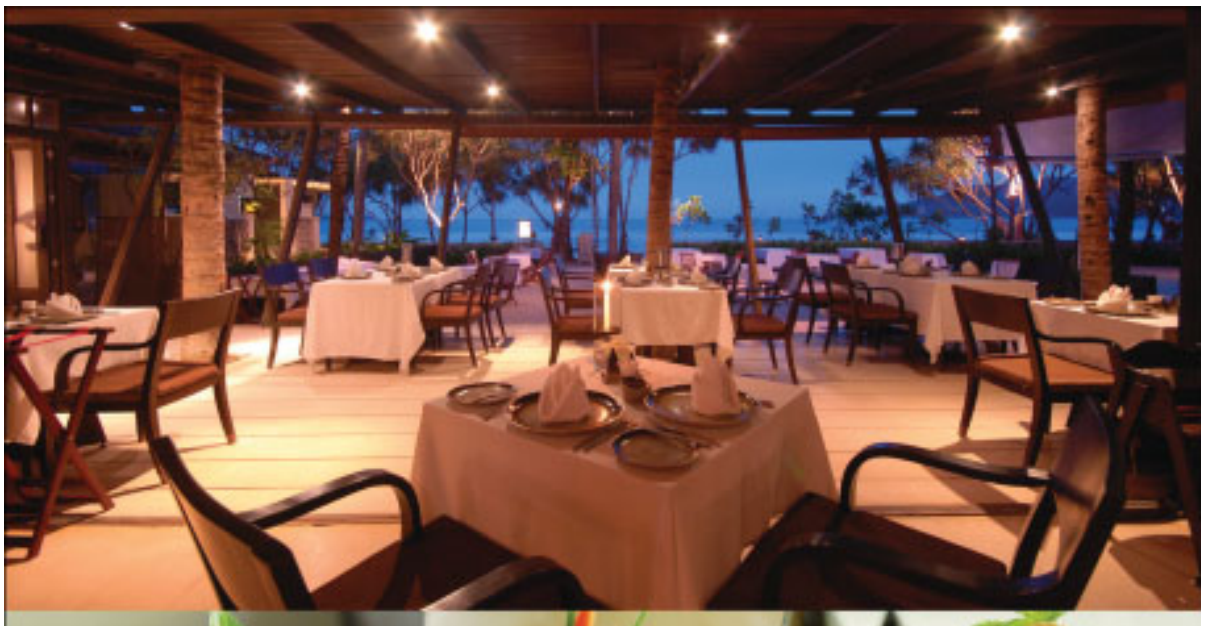

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BEHIND THE WHEEL

By Jeff Heselwood

The new Ford Focus was launched at the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) in Detroit this year.

The car will be the Focus for the European market in the future, but such is its importance to Ford, the decision was taken to introduce it at NAIAS in January. Ford is the only one of the 'Big Three' automakers – General Motors, Ford and Chrysler – in the US that did not file for Chapter 11 in 2009, and as such, it must demonstrate to its lenders that it is moving forward with imaginative new products.

The new Focus will be nearly identical in all markets with 80 percent parts commonality around the world.

Speaking at NAIAS, Ford's president and CEO Alan Mulally, said the new Ford Focus was a clear demonstration that 'our One Ford strategy is providing global consumers with great products that harness the best of Ford Motor Company.'

"The efficiencies generated by our new global C-car platform will enable us to provide Ford Focus customers with an affordable product offering quality, fuel efficiency, safety and technology beyond their expectations," he said.

Safety has been firmly addressed with this new Focus. As well as the usual ABS, all models now feature electronic stability control, two-stage front airbags, side-impact bags and air curtains, and a tire pressure monitoring system.

On the top-of-the-range versions, there is a sophisticated perimeter alarm system, designed to discourage vehicle theft or tampering. The brakes are ventilated discs up front and drums at the rear.

There are two body styles: a two-door coupé or a four-door sedan. Both are powered by a two-liter aluminum engine, producing 140bhp (103 kW) at 6,000 rpm; torque peaks at 185Nm, delivered at 4,250rpm.

The motor is mated to either a four-speed manual or five-speed automatic transmission driving the front wheels.

The entry-level model offers a rather tacky plastic interior, although move up the price range, and you will find sumptuous leather upholstery and a decent audio system.

The audio system has an interesting feature. It remains mute until the seat belt is buckled; a simple but effective safety device.

The coupé offers marginally more power at 143bhp, thanks to a sports muffler, while there is a range of wheel options, from 15-inch alloys to 16- or 17-inch sports wheels.

The entry-level model of the Ford Focus offers a rather tacky plastic interior, although move up the price range, and you will find sumptuous leather upholstery and a decent audio system.

The new Focus was developed by a global team, led from Ford's European small and medium vehicle center of excellence in Merkenich, near Cologne, Germany, with powertrain development led by a similar team at Ford's technical center in Dunton, England.

The vehicle has been engineered without compromise to meet all customer and legislative requirements of the major worldwide markets.

In developing the vehicle for global markets, the product team in Europe was able to call on the experience acquired from recent programs like the much-acclaimed new Ford Fiesta, and was supported by the expertise of vehicle and powertrain technology specialists located in Ford's engineering center in Dearborn, Michigan.

Introduced in 1998, the original Ford Focus brought new levels of agility and responsiveness to this segment.

The makers of the latest Focus plan to raise the benchmark once more, targeting improved driving quality, outstanding steering precision and road feedback with significantly improved refinement and ride control.

Ford engineers have updated the innovative suspension from earlier models, developing optimized new designs for the multilink rear suspension and the semi-isolated front and rear sub frames.

The chassis design is complemented by a completely new electric power steering system, which has been carefully tuned to deliver precise responses at high speed while remaining light and maneuverable for easy parking.

The new Focus will go on sale in the USA late this year and in Europe in the first quarter of 2011.

It is currently priced at around US$16,000 but no prices for the rest of the world have been announced yet.

EXPAT GALLERY

Bart Duykers

Bart Duykers brought a fresh new standard of hospitality to Phuket when he took over operations at the venerable Mom Tri's Boathouse in 1993.

"When Mom Tri interviewed me, he only asked one question. 'How would you manage the Boathouse?' It took me two hours to answer as I saw the potential for the boutique resort and felt that activities such as wine dinners, an art gallery and literary meetings would attract interest and better business."

It was a formula for success. Besides gaining recognition for an award winning wine cellar, many of the region's top writers and artists had shows at the Boathouse during Bart's three year tenure as GM.

He left to become Executive Director of Mom Tri's Three Generation School outside Chiangmai.

"I loved working with Mom Tri Devakul. He's a fantastic leader and gifted artist. He stimulated my work and motivated my creativity."

The school venture was sidelined by the Asian financial crisis in 1997 and Bart returned to Phuket to develop Baan Kata, eleven elegant villas next to Mom Tri's home on the headland overlooking Kata Noi Beach.

Bart was born in southeast Holland and took a four year course at De Rooi Pannen Hotel School where he learned practical hotel operations. He worked for Crest Hotels and the American Hotel, part of the Inter-Continental, before becoming Front Office Manager at the Chateau Marquette, a restored 68 room property with origins dating back to the 13th century. It was here that Bart learned about putting on a show that would capture the imagination of his guests.

"The Castle had coats of arms from owners dating back 700 years. We did themed medieval dinners for important groups such as NATO and an EC conference with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs in Europe. We had authentic horse carriages taking the guests from their rooms to a medieval market in the courtyard. It was where I learned that I love theater and putting on a show."

In 1988, Bart came to Phuket on holiday and stayed at the Chedi at Pansea Beach.

"It was fantastic. I almost never left the property. It was my first time in Asia and I knew that I wanted to return to work."

He was approached by the Amari Resorts who needed Resident Managers for three properties in Thailand.

"I told Kurt Rufli, the Managing Director, to give me the most challenging. He sent me to the Amari Coral Beach at Patong where I spent the next year organizing the accounts."

He was then asked to take over the construction and development of a new property, The Residence, on Kalim Beach.

"I've never walked away from an interesting challenge. I became the contractor and learned to speak construction Thai. I set up the rental program and prepared the design for the interiors. Most importantly, I learned about direct marketing."

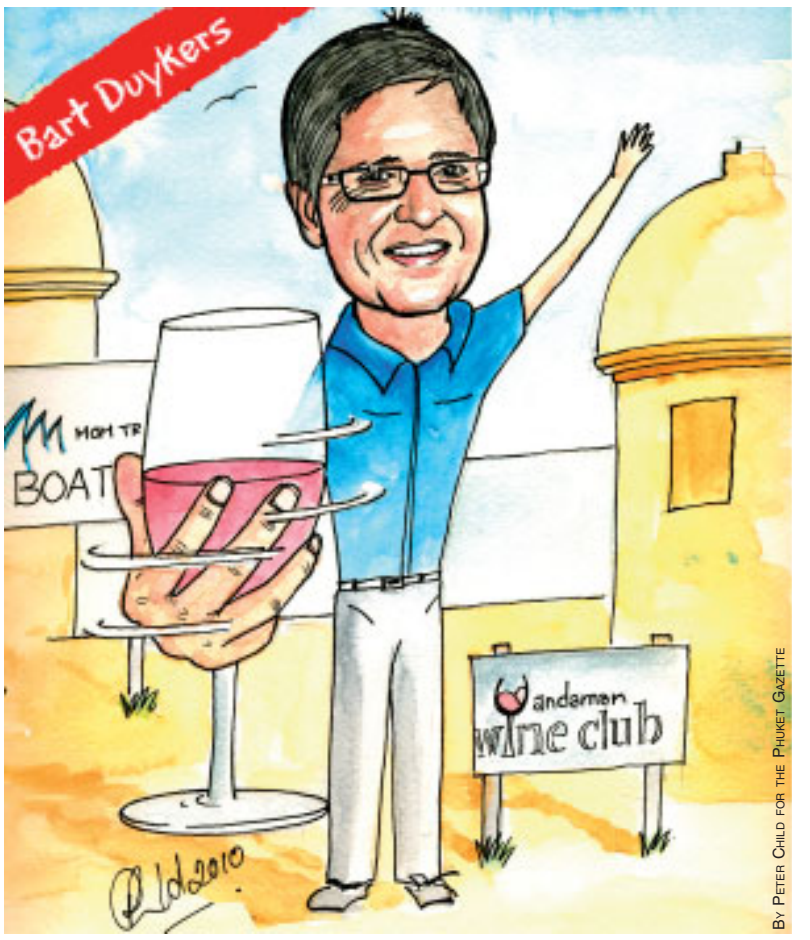
He stayed at The Residence until recruited by the Boathouse.

In the past ten years, Bart has worked as the General Manager for a Sheraton property in Tianjin, China and developed Villa Santi, a mixed use development, (now known as Indochine Resort and Villas) overlooking Patong Bay. He also developed the high end villa project Djinnah Santi.

When the distributorship for a distinctive new wine group, BB&B, became available, Bart decided to take on the opportunity. He has created the Andaman Wine Club which allows him to present wine tastings and dinners that return him to his natural position as Phuket's luxury hospitality impresario.

Bart is turning 50 this year and has already established an impressive legacy of resort development and hospitality events. He sees Phuket as his permanent home and we can look forward to enjoying his promotions and projects for many more years.

– Bruce Stanley



By Peter Child for the Phuket Gazette

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ENVIRONMENTAL EMINENCE: His Royal Highness Prince Henrik, the Prince Consort of Denmark (right), met with the Director of Energy Products for Energy Maintenance Service (EMS) Boonma Vipasdumrongkul on February 16 at Evason Phuket Six Senses Resort. Prince Henrik is well known as an ambassador for environmental conservation and is currently president of the Danish World Wild Life Fund. The Prince visited the 'biomass absorption chiller' installed at Evason by EMS and KSM-Stoker, a Thai-Danish partnership.

YOUTHFUL BASH: The Rotary Club of Patong Beach organized a Kids Day celebration with games and races at the Phuket Special School in Pa Khlok, Thalang. The February 20 party day was filled with fun and featured a much appreciated performance by Tiger the Magician, followed by lunch for all participants. The Patong Rotarians were assisted by students of the British International School (BIS) and Quality Schools International (QSI).

BIKES FOR TYKES: Phuket Provincial Community Hall hosted the 76th annual Japanese Used Bicycles Hand Over Ceremony on February 22. Organized by the Rotary Club of Phuket, Rotary Club of Bangkok and the Japanese Rotary Club, the event collected 450 used bicycles, which were distributed to 43 schools throughout Phuket and Phang-Nga.

TEEN TOURISM: Famous Thai singer Nichkhun Buck Horvejkul from the boyband 2PM met with members of his South Korean fan club during a Phuket sojourn from February 13 to 16. The event was organized to promote Nichkhun as the new face of the Tourism Authority of Thailand's 'Come to Thailand-Let's Take a Break' campaign, targeting teens throughout South Korea and Asia.

SHARE THE LOVE: Methaya Beauty World in Patong Beach celebrated Valentine's day by sharing gifts with 100 children from Ban Sai Namyen School. On the day of love, February 14, students recieved scholarships, free hair cuts from the hair stylists, watched dragon costumed dancers, had lunch and and enjoyed strawberry ice cream.

DIVINE DEBUT: Andara Resort & Villas Phuket celebrated its official grand opening on February 13 with more than 300 guests from Thailand, Asia and Europe in attendance. Pictured are: Andara Resort and Villas Phuket's architect Branko Pahor (left) and Chairman of Lan Kwai Fong Holding Limited Dr Allan Zeman (right) with his wife Marisa.

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Navigating life's lessons in Ao Yon Bay

All at SEA

With Adrian Gardner

Local sailing school Topper Sail Phuket of Ao Yon has been organizing sailing lessons for the children of Phuket SunshineVillage Foundation for several years. These watery adventures provide important life lessons to help nurture the children's sense of companionship, trust and confidence, as well instill a better knowledge of sailing and cultivate a love of the sea.

The Phuket Sunshine Village Foundation was founded in 2004 and provides a safe and secure home for children orphaned by the tsunami.

For many, a sailing lesson can look very complicated due to all the ropes, rudders, sails and paraphernalia, however on a morning sail through Ao Yon Bay the Sunshine Village Foundation's children made it look and feel like child's play.

A small group of children and staff from the foundation, as well as Topper sailing teachers set off from the beach on Topaz craft with a good breeze, effortlessly whizzing into the bay.

A Topaz can turn on a sixpence; they are highly manoeuvrable and fast. Topaz sailboats have been described as the most versatile sailboat, and aside from being versatile, this boat is a lot of fun. Topaz sailing systems come with a choice of rig options, which allows everyone to set up the boat to suit their individual needs, providing fast-track sailing from beginner's basics to advanced.

The skills and dexerity the kids had mastered since starting their sailing lessons was impressive, and with a strong wind, the boats moved quickly and turned with accuracy.

For these young sailors, last year ended on a high note, as they were able to take part in the Phuket Kings Cup Regatta, racing two Topaz dinghies. They enjoyed the ambiance of the day's yacht racing events and even received prizes for their achievements.

During the morning sailing adventure adults were loaded onto two RIB's (rigid inflatable boats) as support vessels in order to supervise the Topaz crews.

Safety is key on the sea, so plenty of re-hydration liquids and snacks were provided thoughout the day. After all, a day on the water gives sailors a great appetite and thirst.

Marker buoys were placed along the sailor's route, but with an eleven-year old at the helm, the Topaz craft moved smoothly through the course. Aboard the small vessels there was a great sense of mastering Mother Nature.

For just a bit of fun the kids illustrated how to 'dry capsize' their boats, which involved tipping over, standing on the boat's keel and then uprighting it again; all without getting wet.

The day was filled with fun and the children had a chance to sharpen their skills while taking in the great views of Ao Yon Bay. Topper Sail Phuket offers private three-hour sailing lesson starting at 3,300 baht, as well as a variety of other sailing packages.

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Looking Back

By Anand Singh

The rise of the first high commissioner

In the late 19th century, Siam as a country began to change rapidly. Much of the reforms were initiated by King Chulalongkorn (Rama V) and his government, which consisted mostly of princes and members of the royal household.

The king saw an emergent need to modernize the kingdom and strengthen the core of the government. One of the reforms undertaken during that time completely changed Siam's archaic administrative system, which had prevailed for centuries.

The new system broke down and redefined the country's administrative regions into provinces, Tambons and Amphurs that still survive to this day.

In 1897, the Local Administration Act came into effect. Previously, Siam consisted of semi-independent towns and small principalities headed by local hereditary princes and governors, but the new act aimed to abolish any other centers of influence outside Bangkok.

Several cities and smaller kingdoms that used to be regional centers of influence were subsequently annexed and brought under direct control of the capital. The governors and sometimes princes that had ruled in their territories for centuries were removed from power and replaced by officials directly appointed by the government in Bangkok. The newly created administrative regions were called '*Monthon*'.

The south was divided into four Monthons: Chumphon, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Tsaiburi (created out of the Malay sultanate of Kedah, a vassal state of Siam) and Monthon Phuket.

The man who was chosen to become the first High Commissioner of Monthon Phuket was a distinguished statesman of Chinese origin: The youngest son of the famed Hokkien governor of Ranong, Khaw Soo Cheang.

In 1900 Khaw Sim Bee was appointed to one of the most powerful state positions outside Bangkok. In the years before his appointment, Sim Bee had served initially as governor of Kraburi.

Then, in 1890, he was appointed governor of Trang. His family had come to Siam as immigrants many years earlier, and they were immensely successful in their business dealings.

After managing to thoroughly change the face of Ranong into a thriving town, Sim Bee's father was appointed the town's governor.

Monthon Phuket, created in 1897, was a union of six towns on the Andaman coast: Ranong, Trang, Krabi, Phang-Nga, Phuket Island and Takua-Pa. In 1907, in a move to consolidate and legitimize its territories in the south, Siam was compelled to cede most of Monthon Tsaiburi to British Malaya.

Satun, the only province of Tsaiburi that remained in Siam, was added to Monthon Phuket that year. When Khaw Sim Bee became High Commissioner of Phuket in 1900, he was granted the title of 'Phraya'. From then on he became known by his noble title as Phraya Ratsadanupradit Mahisorn Phakdi.

It is widely believed that one of the reasons Khaw Sim Bee was favored to become High Commissioner was because the ruling aristocrats in Bangkok believed his business influence could be used to thwart British business expansion into southern Siam.

Prince Damrong, a brother of King Chulalongkorn and Minister of the Interior during that period, was deeply suspicious of the British. Many treaties Siam had been coerced to sign with the British allowed Britain to become the dominant partner in Siamese commercial affairs, often to the kingdom's disadvantage.

After 1897, Siam was constantly under pressure from Britain to open up the southern provinces to western enterprise. However, Prince Damrong's ongoing policy was to promote Thai enterprises on Thai soil and prevent foreign business influence.

The government was anxious to find a suitable candidate who could deal with the perceived British threat. Khaw Sim Bee inherited a business empire that spanned all along the west coast of Siam and he was widely recognized as a shrewd businessman. Most importantly, his family had continuously proven their loyalty to the Siamese king.

Ironically, the British also strongly supported the appointment of Khaw Sim Bee to Phuket's top job. They believed that an able administrator, with strong connections in Penang, would do well to further British interests in the Andaman provinces.

What assured the British even more was that in fact Khaw Sim Bee was himself a British subject. One British official even went as far as remarking that "interests of British subjects in Trang may safely be entrusted to Mr Khaw Sim Bee, who is himself a British subject".

The British could not have been more wrong. As High Commissioner, Khaw Sim Bee played his dual role with great skill. On one side he was a great administrator and governor of the southwestern provinces.

Prince Damrong Rajanubhab, King Chulalongkorn's brother was also Minister of the Interior during the establishment of Monthon Phuket.

On the other hand he did all he could in his authority to advance his own business interests at the expense of the British. This was not a problem for the Thai authorities, as Sim Bee's enterprises were considered 'Thai', and for them Sim Bee's gain was more desirable than British gains in Thai territory.

Among the many cases involving Khaw Sim Bee's conflicting business interests against the British, is the case of the Strait Trading Company; a British tin smelting firm based in Penang.

In 1902, the company applied for permission from the Thai authorities to set up an agency in Phuket. This right was granted in the spirit of trade fairness, so long as their trade activities were not prejudiced towards Siamese businesses. But when the new office was opened on the island, the reception it got was less than welcome. Frank Adam, the agency's manager, was housed in a fortress-style house with guards watching his moves. The company began buying local tin in 1904 but it suffered many setbacks. Property leases were refused. There were complaints that the Phuket treasury was unco-operative in currency transactions and the rules of business applied only when it suited the officials.

Four years later, the manager of the company in Singapore was driven to observe that: "The present game (at Phuket), seems to be one in which we are the ball, while a selected circle of well-informed and powerful Chinese are the players".

From these sources it seemed likely that Khaw Sim Bee did everything in his power to protect the monopoly he held in the region's tin trade, even sometimes using painful bureaucracy to frustrate his opponents. Throughout his time in power, he always had Prince Damrong's support in obstructing British enterprise in Phuket and the southwest coast.

In 1906, British Consul General Sir John Anderson wrote: "So far as Phuket is concerned no enterprise will ever get a fair chance so long as it is run by the present High Commissioner who has his finger in every pie, and by himself or his family levies toll on everything".

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Upcoming events on the island

"Much More of Me" Art Exhibition – March 1-7

"Much More of Me" is a collection of innovative abstract art works by Map Abday. Selected pieces from the collection will be showing daily until March 7 at the Clubhouse of Blue Canyon Golf and Country Club in Thalang. From 8am to 8pm. For further information contact Ken. T: 081-6493557. E: art@phuketlifestyle.com. W: phuketlifestyle.com.

February 28. Makha Bucha Day - Public Holiday
Makha Bucha Day, which falls on the full moon of the third lunar month, commemorates the Buddha's ordaining of 1,250 monks who had arrived unannounced from afar only seven months after the Buddha began his teachings. It is also the date the Buddha delivered his Fundamental Teachings – just months before his death.

March 5. Great Night on Fire at Watermark
The Watermark Restaurant at Boat Lagoon welcomes guests to Great Night on Fire: A Fire & Music Wine Dinner. Enjoy fire dancing, live music and a four-course dinner accompanied by an exquisite wine selection. Be dazzled by an artistic fire dance performance by beautiful Nong Kwan and a live atmospheric DJ set by Pierandrea, aka 'The Professor'. Prices are 1,700++ baht. Seats are limited. Please make your reservation in advance (T: 076-239730). From 7:30pm until 1am at Watermark Boat Lagoon. For more info contact Mario. T: 084-305 9243. E: mario@ugolinigroup.com. W: watermarkphuket.com.

March 20. Charity Jazz Dinner Concert at The Adamas Resort & Spa
Join two Charity Jazz Dinner Concerts in Phuket with the famous Stockholm City Jazz Orchestra and Deri Rowlands from Sweden. All donations will go to the following three schools on islands off Phuket: Koh Loan School, Ban Koh Naka School and Koh Mapraow School. The funds will be used to buy computer equipment and other learning materials. Tickets for this first concert, at The Adamas Resort & Spa, Nai Yang Beach, are 1,600 baht and are inclusive of cocktails and gala dinner. 200 seats are available. Tickets go on sale on March 1 at The Adamas Resort & Spa; SF Cinema at Jungceylon in Patong (076-600555); and SF Cinema, Central Festival (076-209000). From 6:30pm to 10pm. For more information contact Claude J Scheffer. T: 076-316000. E: claude.s@adamasresortspa.com. W: adamasresortspa.com.

March 27. Saint Patrick's Day Ball at JW Marriott Resort and Spa
Bringing in a bit of the celtic festivities from around the world, JW Marriott presents the first St Patrick's Ball Phuket has ever seen. This event is about all things Irish, including the best of food, beer and the 'craic'. The Life Home Project is proud to be the beneficiary of this event. Tickets are 3,000 baht and include free-flow wine and beer at dinner. The night will be sparkled with live and silent auctions along with many raffles. Join us for an evening of sophistication, fun and dancing till dawn. From 6:30pm to 2am. For further information contact Nid. T: 086-984 1580. E: joojee88@yahoo.com.

March 27. Charity Jazz Dinner Concert at The Metropole Hotel in Phuket Town
Join two Charity Jazz Dinner Concerts in Phuket with the famous Stockholm City Jazz Orchestra and Deri Rowlands from Sweden. Donations will go to three schools on islands off Phuket (see March 20 listing).
The March 27 concert will be at The Metrepole Hotel in Phuket Town. Tickets are 1,200 baht per person, inclusive of cocktail and gala dinner. Tickets are available from March 1 at The Metropole Hotel (076-214-020/9); SF Cinema at Jungceylon Patong (076-600555); and SF Cinema, Central Festival (076-209000). From 6:30pm to 10pm. For further information contact Khun Patitta. T: 086-682 7118. E: patitta@metropolephuket.com. W: metropolephuket.com.

April 2-8. Day-Night and Day art gallery at Royal Phuket Marina
Day-Night and Day will feature the works of renowned artist Nguyen Tan Cuong on mixed media canvas. The theme of time in 'Day–Night and Day' contains several moments that continuously run around and mingle, opposing the contradicting aspects of the flow of time. The artist has participated in art exhibitions in Vietnam, Japan, Switzerland, Singapore, Philippines, Belgium, Korea, Italy, USA, England and Canada. The exhibition runs from 11am to 7pm on weekdays and from 12pm to 6pm on Sunday. At D Gallery, Royal Phuket Marina. For further information contact Watinee (Ann) Kaewket. T: 076-360867. E: info@dgallery.co.th. W: www.dgallery.co.th.

April 6. Chakri Day – Public Holiday
Chakri Day commemorates the origins of the Chakri dynasty, founded by Rama I, who established Bangkok as the nation's capital. HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej is the ninth monarch of the Chakri dynasty.

April 8-11. Phuket Oilfield Classic 2010
The Red Mountain and Loch Palm Golf Courses welcome all competitors to their 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament. This event attracts international golf pros as well as local competitors. Come join in the fun on the weekend before Songkran and see if you can win some of the fantastic prizes available to all contestants. Lucky contestants will bid for a once-in-a-lifetime collectible at the Charity Auction, like a framed Carlos Santana Guitar or the F1 Checkered Flag signed by all the F1 Drivers. For further information, contact Mark Cameron.
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April 13-15. Songkran Festival – Public Holidays
Songkran – Thailand's biggest holiday – celebrates the beginning of the Thai New Year. Also known as the Water Festival, Songkran is held during the driest months in Thailand, and is celebrated by Thais throughout the country by pouring (traditionally only a little, but these days a lot) of water on other people to wish them good luck for the New Year.

May 1. National Labor Day – Public Holiday
National Labor Day is a public holiday for all commercial workers, but government offices will remain open.

May 1. May Ball at the Sheraton
Start off the month of May with an evening of canapes, cocktails, a four course dinner, free flowing wine and beer and fabulous entertainment. 3,000 baht per person. The Sheraton is offering special rates for those who would like to make it a weekend away. To book, use promotional code: mayball. From 6:30pm - midnight at the ballroom of the Sheraton Grande Laguna. For further information, contact Tina Hall. T: 080-143 9554. E: tina@phukethasbeengoodtous.org.

Free Computer Clinics

Have a computer problem? Frustrated with your Internet connection? Upgrading from a pirate copy of Windows? Want to know where to buy a computer, or get one fixed? Join "For Dummies" author and Windows victim Woody Leonhard at one of his FREE weekly Computer Clinics, held every Sunday morning at Woody's Sandwich Shoppes in Chalong, Patong and Laguna. Even if you don't know a USB from a DVD, drop by and ask away. All clinics are from 10am-12pm.

February 28, March 21 & 28 – Chalong
March 7 – Patong
March 14 – Laguna
For more info contact Woody. T: 076-290468. E: woody@KhunWoody.com. W: KhunWoody.com.

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On The Move *Introducing the island's movers and shakers*

Aom O'Carroll has been promoted as Assistant Director of Sales of Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa. She is a native of Nakornsithammarat and graduated with a bachelor's degree from Ramkhamhaeng University. Her past 10 years' experience in the hospitality industry has included Banyan Tree Bangkok, Gulf Hotel in Bahrain and Karon Beach Hotel. She joined Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa in 2006 as Assistant Events Service Manager.

Indigo Pearl has appointed **Chutipon Taatloha** as its new Executive of Housekeeping. Mr Chutipon has a degree from Vittayanukorn Vocational College and more than 18 years housekeeping experience, including the Hyatt Orchid Chiang Mai, The Landmark Hotel and Plaza, Royal Garden Resort Hua Hin, Sofitel Racha Orchid Khonkaen, Centara Grand Beach Resort & Villas Krabi and Radisson Plaza Resort Phuket Phanwa Beach.

Millennium Resort Patong, Phuket recently announced the appointment of **Mohamed Jamaludin Bin Mohamed Sidik** as Executive Assistant Manager. Jamal Sidik joined Millennium and Copthorn International Limited (MCIL) in March 2000. Prior to joining Millennium Resort Patong Phuket, he was a front office manager at M Hotel in Singapore. He has been working in the hospitality industry for more than 10 years.

Risky business in global currency markets

MONEY TALKS

By Richard Watson

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The speed that currencies can change direction in value often takes people by surprise.The global financial crisis which peaked in late 2008 saw the US Dollar as the most popular haven of last resort.

Last year saw the dollar fall as perceptions favored other currencies such as the Yen and the Euro. The latter currency became the favorite of many people for a number of sound reasons or at least they appeared to many as sound reasons at the time. These reasons included the "perception" that continental European banks were not so exposed in general to the "credit meltdown" which was more of a US and UK problem.

We move then into the philosophy of "risk"; one of the areas we now know to contain some risk is among the sixteen member states of the Euro Currency Zone.

Greece, although only accounting in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for less that 2% of the Euro Currency Zone, has budget deficits and debt at dangerously high levels. Unfortunately, details of 'swaps' conducted in partnership with at least two major US investment banks were entered into in the 1991-1992 period were now emerging. This was solely designed to window dress Greece's national economy into appearing stronger than it actually was; to meet the requirements of Euro currency membership.

Unfortunately, when Italy showed its own statistical economic data to gain Euro admittance, one analyst compared Italy's accounting to that of Enron.

This is what is really worrying central bankers, investors and all other interested parties. How bad can this become with Portugal, Spain and everybody shuddering when the Italy word is used? Using 'Italy' and 'default' in the same sentence is considered poor taste.

However, Euro Zone politicians are ever more happy to announce that recent falls of the Euro against the US Dollar is good news. They are right; Euro Zone exports have suddenly become cheaper and more competitive in key global markets: North America, Latin America, and Asia. This will assist many European (Euro Zone) countries who are in need of all the help they can receive.

All this commotion and uncertainty over component countries in the Euro will have lasting effects on the currency unless the future holds even worse news for the US Dollar. Markets hate uncertainty and doubts about the Euro will probably persist.

When countries such as Greece come onto credit rating agency screens with downgrades to sovereign credit ratings this is no simple event.

That means that the Greek Government has been selling Greek National Bonds denominated in Euros to many investors. These investors are naturally alarmed and yields on Greek Government's debt are much higher than on, say, German Government debt, known as Bunds. The debt of Spain and Portugal has also shown losses, as worries mount.

The European Union is very upset about the Greek situation. For once they seem prepared to take an erring country to task. There has been a conference of Financial Ministers, referred to as the ECOFIN group, and they have set Greece a timetable to enact more economic policies to rectify their problems. The deadline is March 16, 2010.

Already, Greece is facing internal opposition, with strikes in both the private and public sectors protesting against measures that the government is already trying to implement. The public reaction in Greece to even more stringent economic discipline is obviously going to be even more extreme.

The 2008 global economic crisis saw the US Dollar fall as investors favored other currencies such as the Yen and the Euro. Even as economic recovery takes hold in Europe, the European Commission believes that unemployment in 16 nations using the euro currency will continue to rise into 2011. Photo: Roland Weber

It is simply impossible to introduce a full range of economic measures to rectify the situation by March 16, but on the other hand, the present situation is out of control.

Analysts believe that 30 percent of the adult population is actually paying no tax at all. Tax evasion is a national sport, and it is going to be a lengthy period before this can be solved, especially as members of the Revenue Department have joined the strikers. The March 16 deadline imposed on Greece is to be backed up by sanctions and fines if the Greek Government does not meet its commitments in full. Greece also needs to issue bonds by April, and in the current circumstances, this may well prove impossible; a failed bond auction will simply add to Greece's woes.

The Euro Zone may have escaped most of the credit crisis, but with some member states having dubious 'balance sheets', they have not escaped sovereign debt traps. The Euro Zone investors in national 'sub prime' bonds include many private investors, pension funds, banks and other parties.

One suggestion of how to quickly help rectify the situation – at least temporarily – comes from an American source. Boston University Economics Professor Kojlikoff has been described by Bloomberg as the guru to Britain's central bank governor Mervyn King. Kojlikoff recommends that all Greek wages and prices be reduced by 10 percent.

It may work if implemented, but it does sound very similar to the prices and incomes policy that was tried more than 40 years ago in Britain, and that was not a success.

One thing is certain, the Greek and other weak members of the Euro Zone have a story that is going to continue to make headlines.

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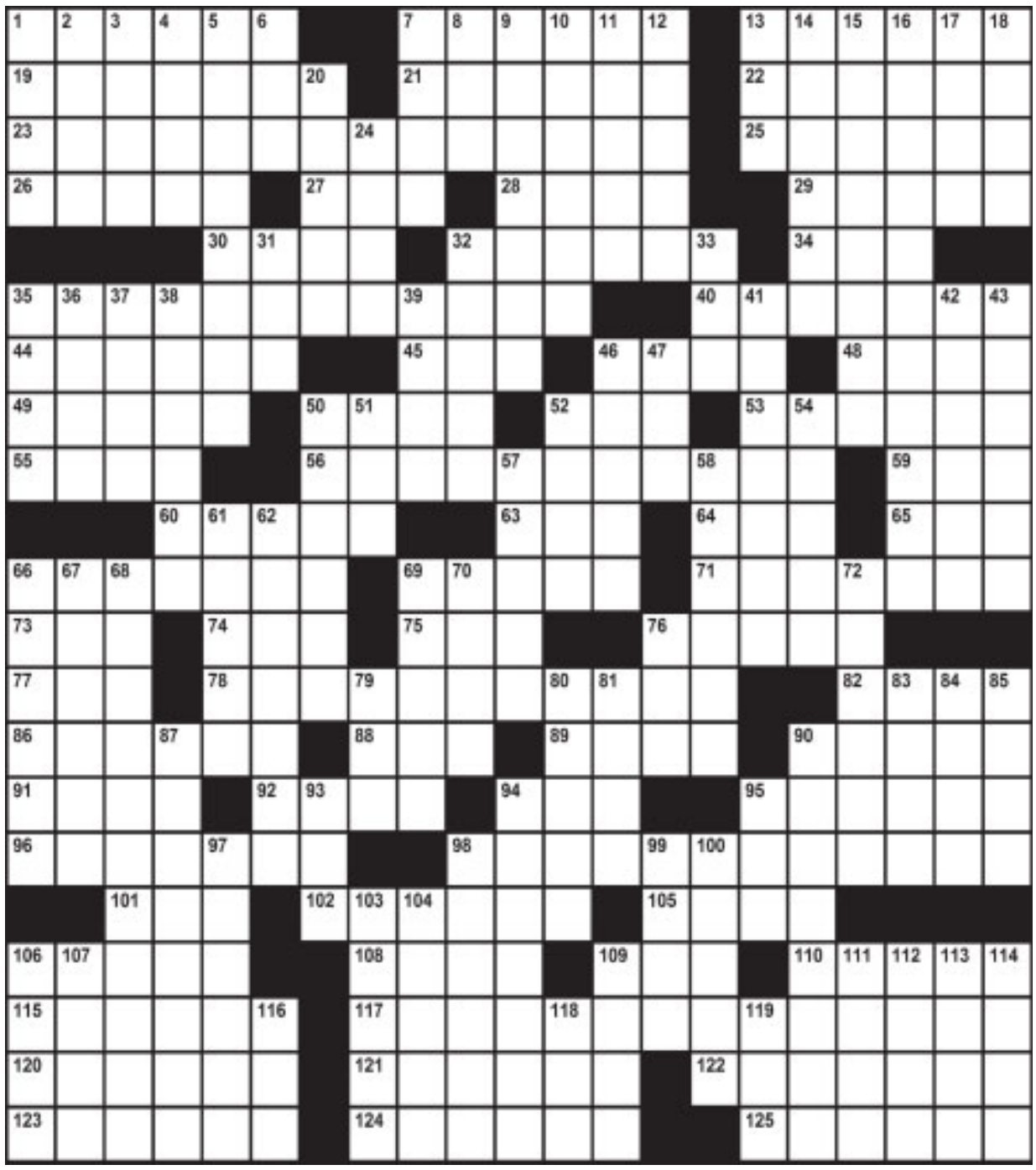

ACROSS

1 "If ___ broke ..."
7 Sister of Moses
13 Leak source, often
19 Problematic
21 List for a meeting
22 Lock, stock and barrel
23 Marketing technique for a new product
25 Customary observance
26 Speak to one's countrymen
27 "Fish" star Vigoda
28 "Atalanta and Hippomenes" artist
29 "Natural High" singer Haggard
30 "The ___ Collector" (1999)
32 Had a spoonful
34 Getty contents
35 Lawyer's wear, often
40 Elective surgery choice
44 Mama Cass
45 Andy's mate
46 Favoritism or discrimination
48 Divorce mecca
49 Thing to fetch
50 Unlike Norman Bates
52 Mangy mutt
53 The common people, generally
55 Bask in a bath
56 Not imagined
59 ___ for tat
60 Weapons that are hardly cutting-edge
63 "Annie" character (with "The")
64 Thing's hairy visitor
65 Tokyo's former name
66 Give a new corporate image to
69 Niches in churches
71 Environmental group member
73 Unhealthy-sounding beverage?
74 Meteor tail?
75 Companion of the hart?
76 Judicial capital of Bolivia
77 Great weight
78 Some purified liquids
82 Six-shooter of the Wild West
86 "... get a bang out of life" mint
88 Fate of Wednesday's child
89 "St. Elmo's Fire" actor Rob
90 War classic "Low ___"
91 Sports legend Arthur
92 They may clash in Tinseltown
94 Cup perimeter
95 Bantam
96 Sitcom with two Darryls
98 Activities organized for one's own protection
101 ___ Lingus (airline)
102 87, 89, 91 or 93
105 Himalayan abomination
106 Young salmons
108 Units of electrical resistance
109 Luau chow
110 Plaster of Paris preparation
115 FedEx alternative
117 Quick meet-and-greet, e.g.
120 Earth pigment
121 Attract attention
122 They have paydays
123 More nimble
124 Where to drink glogg
125 Appear that way

DOWN

1 Stats and stuff
2 1 mmHg
3 ___ lot (gorged oneself)
4 "So this is the thanks ___?"
5 Steno pad
6 Craggy peak
7 Able to go into men's rooms
8 "Need ___ on?"
9 "E-I-E-I-O" is one
10 Overrun, in a troublesome way
11 Make ___ in (progress)
12 Osmond sister
13 Type of Christmas tree
14 Feminine sides, to Jung
15 Speakers
16 Medieval entertainer
17 Roster-truncating abbr.
18 Enameled metalware
20 Portrayer of Woody's Annie
24 Retired for the night
31 Uneaten table morsel
32 Pitch adjuster
33 Incriminating evidence
35 Tracy, nee Trueheart
36 Certain register
37 Hipbone sections
38 One with a lollipop
39 Smooth, as wood
41 Slowly permeating
42 New York silverware city
43 Fenway Park locale
46 Speed inhibitors
47 Angry feeling
50 Chukka boot materials
51 Pt. of Q&A
52 Work for Sam Spade
54 "... happily ever ___"
57 It has three legs
58 Cause of atrophy
61 ___ visit to (called on)
62 Temptress, essentially
66 Wickerwork material
67 Kay Thompson title girl
68 Reserve player
69 Parting south of the border
70 True north spot
72 Say, as the Pledge of Allegiance
76 "So" homophone
79 Blue pool ball
80 ___ and kicking
81 Pith helmet (Var.)
83 Wednesday was named after him
84 "I think we should"
85 Support for a backyard tire
87 From Iran's capital, old-style
90 Check one's math
93 Title Pontiac of song
94 Kind of oil
95 Pampered one
97 Poisonous gas
98 Loose shirt or tunic
99 Rhone's capital
100 Prepare for take-off in winter
103 Baseball's "Georgia Peach" and family
104 Heaved
106 "___ in Boots"
107 Take ___ (sample tea)
109 Teller's partner
111 Feminine suffix
112 Stern's other end
113 Spanish muralist Jose Maria
114 Estimator's phrase
116 Roman household god
118 Agent's cut, e.g.
119 Intl. alliance since 1948

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1. What type of fish is a *Scomber scombrus*?

2. The terms brick, fontina, port-salut and quargel are used to classify types ofwhat?

3. In which country did the turnip originate?

4. Tchaikovsky died of which disease?

5. Sam Barraclough was the first owner of which cannine film star?

6. Which animals can live longest without water?

7. Captain Hanson Gregory Crockett created what pastry void in 1847?

8. 'Kaka' means parrot in which language?

9. Which Australian writer wrote *A Town Like Alice*?

10. Which fruit contains more protein than cow's milk?

11. Saint Ignatius of Loyola founded which organisation?

12. Which 16th century Italian wrote *The Prince*?

13. A 'meander bend' derives its name from the River Meander. Where is that river located?

14. Whois the narrator in the story *The Arabian Nights*?

15. Alfred Jingle appears in Dickens' first novel published in 1867. What is the novel's title?

16. Vaselina and Brillantino were alternate character names in which classic film?

17. In the film *Gold Rush* Charlie Chaplin ate a prop boot. What was the prop made of?

18. Phoebe Anne Mozee is better known as whom?

19. What is the tenth letter of the Greek alphabet?

20. If you are *misocapnic*, what do you hate?

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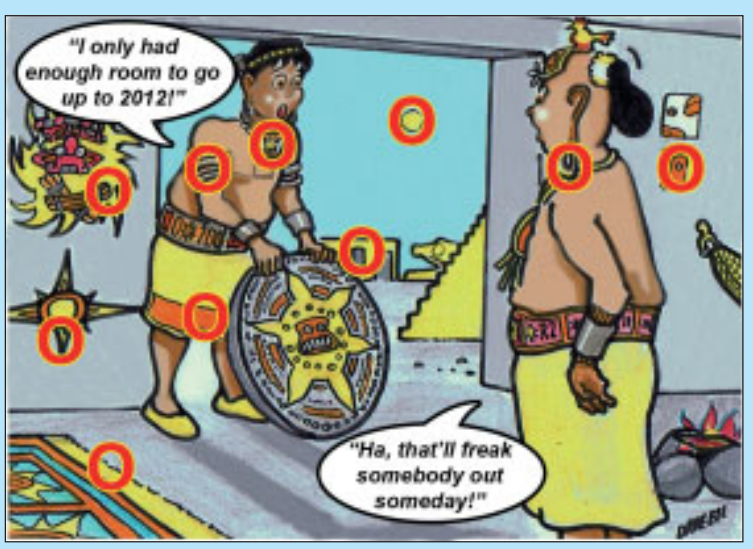
1.Pied Piper. 2. News bulletin
3. To have and to hold.

Solution to this week's Spot the Difference



Monster Quiz Answers

1. Mackerel
2. Cheese
3. Greece
4. Cholera
5. Lassie
6. Rats
7. The hole in donuts
8. Maori
9. Nevil Shute
10. Avocado
11. Jesuits
12.Niccolo Machiavelli
13. Turkey
14. Scheherazade
15. The Pickwick Papers
16. Grease
17. Liquorice
18. Annie Oakley
19. Kappa
20. Tobacco smoke

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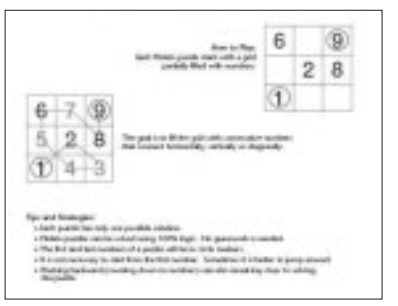

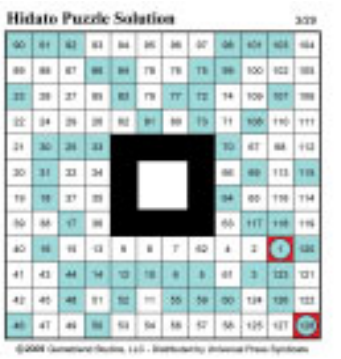

Solution to this week's crossword

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Off the SHELF

By **James Eckardt**

In the peril of Holy Roman politics

Robert Harris is a 53-year-old former British journalist who turned to writing books. The last two of his novels are the first in a thrilling trilogy about the Roman statesman Cicero.

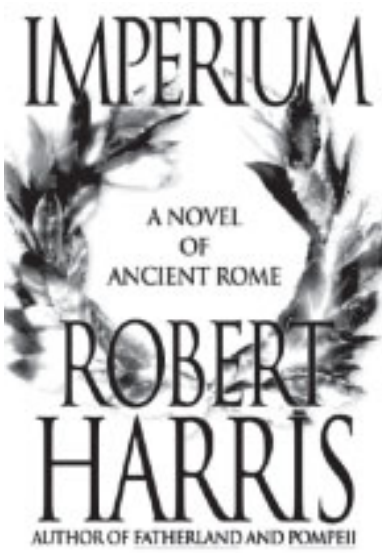
I remember Cicero well, having translated his magnificent diatribe against Cataline during my junior year in high school. A more towering example of prolonged invective is not to be found in any literature in the world.

"How long, O Cataline, will you try our patience?" Cicero opened his oration at the Roman Senate in the classic historical speeches. By the time he had finished, all of Cataline's unsavory gang of supporters had quietly moved away from him until he was sitting alone in disgrace.

The first book of the trilogy is *Imperium* (Arrow Books, Hutchinson, London, 2006). The story is narrated by 100-year-old Tiro, Cicero's slave and private secretary. Historically, Tiro had indeed penned a biography of Cicero which was lost in the fall of the Roman Empire.

Tiro first accompanies the sickly 27-year-old Cicero on a tour of Athens, Egypt and Asia Minor to learn the arts of oratory. When he returns to Rome, Cicero is on the road to becoming the robust, crafty, towering statesman of history. Cicero had neither wealth nor a glorious family name but he persevered over the aristocrats in championing the common man. Tiro observes him in action among the "new men", the first in their families to win election to the Senate:

"These were his people, and observing him treading his way among them that afternoon was like watching a master-craftsman



in his studio, a sculptor with his stone... He would seem to have all the hours of the day to listen to [a man's] dreary story but then you would see his hand flicker out and catch some passer-by, and he would spin as gracefully as a dancer, with the tenderest backward glance of apology and regret, to work on someone else."

Cicero's biggest challenge is taking up the case against Verres, the corrupt and violent former governor of Sicily. Among his many witticisms is: "The fellow gives corruption a bad name." When the ambitious Crassus, the wealthiest man in Rome, summons Cicero to a meeting, he laments to Tiro: "So Crassus will pose the question: 'Are you with me or against me?' and then I shall face the politician's worst nightmare: the requirement to give a straight answer."

Arrayed against him is the wealth of Crassus and the power of Pompey the Great and the full force of the aristocracy. At the trial of Verres, supposedly a foregone conclusion given all the bribes spread around, Cicero beats them all with his cunning and surprise oratory and ascends at the climax of the novel to the consulship, the highest office of Rome.

Watching the election by the tribes in voting pens on the Field of Mars, Tiro is moved to reflect:

"This was the old republic in action, the men all voting in their allotted centuries, just as they had in ancient times when as soldiers they had elected their commander. Now that the ritual has become meaningless, it is hard to convey how moving a spectacle it was even for a slave such as I, who did not have the franchise. It embodied something marvelous – some impulse of the human spirit that had sparked into life half a millennium before among that indomitable race who dwelled amid the hard rocks and soft marshland of the Seven Hills towards the light of dignity and freedom, and away from the darkness of brute subservience."

The second book of the trilogy, *Lustrum*, will carry the story forward for five more years after Cicero is elected consul. As he struggles to prevent his beloved republic from sliding into an empire, he will face a far more formidable opponent than Cataline: Julius Caesar.

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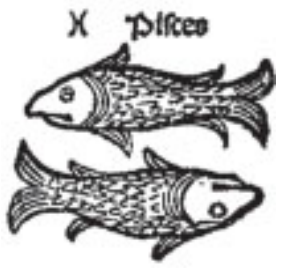

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Something you thought you didn't give a hoot about becomes important this week. Pisceans who have been playing it cool realize that they need to become involved with a situation related to work. Your luck in March becomes better, with emphasis on a reunion taking place with an estranged family member. Those with a birthday during the week ahead will enjoy more stimulating friendships in the coming year.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): Arians are advised to take life at a snail's pace this week. Your efforts to get ahead in February have probably had a negative result on energy levels. The stars suggest that March will bring chances of more rewarding employment, but you should focus on ways to balance work with leisure more successfully. A discussion with a water sign friend this weekend clears the air for a more honest relationship.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): Taureans should guard against rubbing salt in a wound this weekend when talking to a fire sign friend. Offering sympathy will be more appreciated than pointing out why this person is now in a difficult situation. Those who have become romantically interested in Aquarius may not like something they hear about this person. Wednesday is a good day to ask important questions.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Geminis' tendency to skim over problems could land them in hot water during the first week of March. The astrological atmosphere is slightly unpredictable until the middle of the month and you should not take too much for granted. Water sign colleagues will be particularly hard to pin down. Where romance is concerned, there are signs that those involved in a long distance relationship will start to have second thoughts.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): A once-in-a-blue-moon opportunity catches Cancerians unawares during the first week of March, but your reluctance to leave familiar territory could get in the way of a rewarding future. Those with a partner can expect more support to make a move than they may have expected. A dream this weekend gives fresh perspective to a personal problem. Wear a piece of amber to encourage more practical thinking.

LEO (July 24-August 22): Leos' luck in love will increase in March. This week, you discover that the way to an air sign's heart is easier than you imagined. Those in a committed relationship will be pleased when their partner opens up more about their work-related problems. Your own employment is forecast to offer new scope for talents that have not been used lately.

VIRGO (August 23-September 23): Virgoans should avoid sweating the small stuff this week when a series of minor work-related problems could cause you unnecessary stress. As the month of March commences, it would be wise to put your life into a more realistic perspective. Romance remains a source of satisfaction, although those who are single are advised to reject a blind date organized by a water sign friend.

LIBRA (September 24-October 23): March is forecast to be a winning month for many Librans. Your luck in love is particularly well-starred, but positive change is also forecast for those who have been searching for a more rewarding way of earning money. An earth sign contact who you met at the beginning of the year will enable useful introductions this week. The only downside could occur on Tuesday when monetary transactions are liable to be complicated.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): The temptation to open a can of worms should be resisted this week. The stars suggest that certain Scorpios are still seeking answers to a question that is better forgotten. The month of March will become a time to examine your motives more closely. Romance is forecast to go more smoothly when a partner's interfering friend disappears from the scene.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): The path to success becomes easier to follow for Sagittarians during the month of March. Financial gain this week will put a skip in your step and those who have been in the red since the start of this year should see a healthier bank balance soon. Where friendships are concerned, there are warning signs that a recent argument with Leo has had more of a ripple effect that you realized.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Capricorns could be liable to mood swings this week. During the first half of March, the stars suggest that your balance will be affected by unexpected events. A family member is predicted to ask for more help than you want to give this weekend – make your reaction crystal clear to prevent further demands. For those who looking for romance, Cupid is ready to encourage a match with a water sign.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Aquarians are advised to keep their dreams separate from what is really happening this week. The astrological atmosphere could encourage you to see a potential romantic situation with an earth sign through rose-tinted shades. In the world of work, an introduction to someone who appreciates your skills could lead to more fulfilling employment, but this will not happen immediately. Wear the color sandstone to promote a more sensible outlook.

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Cause for change from two-wheeled casualties

Apart from the obvious need to fit all taxis and tuk-tuks on the island with meters, another pressing topic emerged during last month's meeting between Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop and Phuket's 16 honorary consuls: the need to improve the island's vehicle rental industry, especially for motorcycles.

Casualty figures alone justify the need to keep inexperienced, unlicensed and often inebriated motorcyclists off Phuket roads. In a single day last week, six people perished in motorbike accidents in Phuket, most of them while still in their youth. [See page 1]

According to police statistics for January, 18 people died in Phuket in 362 accidents, 219 involving motorbikes. There were also 321 people injured and property damages estimated at over 2.1 million baht.

Nurses in the West refer to the two-wheeled conveyances not as motorcycles but as 'donorcycles' because so many of the dead are young, healthy people killed instantly from head trauma, making them perfect candidates for organ donation.

As in so many other areas regarding tourist safety in Phuket, an instant improvement could be realized by simply enforcing existing laws. Anyone operating a motorbike in Thailand is legally required to be in possession of a valid Thai motorcycle license. Yet this law is seldom enforced, and when it is the riders simply pay a fine before driving off.

Scores of motorbike rental companies in Phuket rent out bikes to anyone willing to turn over their passport as surety. Many of these outfits, including some run by policemen, fail to warn foreign customers that they could face fines. Problems worsen when it turns out they don't have their passports when stopped at a police checkpoint or – even worse – when they are involved in an accident.

The rental companies are also happy to rent out motorbikes to fellow Thais, provided they hand over a Thai ID card. At as little as 150 baht a day, rental motorbikes are the vehicles of choice among criminals, who use them to carry out snatch-and-run crimes and other forms of thievery and thuggery.

As it is unlikely that police will ever crack down on companies that hold riders' passports or rent out bikes to people without Thai licenses, perhaps the law should be changed to allow foreign motorbike riders to ride legally in Thailand on foreign motorcycle licenses.

An even better approach to keeping foreign tourists off motorbikes would be to provide them with the kind of safe, reasonably priced transport options that exist in Thailand's 75 other provinces.

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Traffic cop-out

Every Wednesday and Saturday there is a market in Kamala and there is often a traffic police presence there.

On February 17, I observed the on-duty traffic policeman at the market between 4:45pm and 5:15pm. His only activity during this time was to sit astride his parked motorcycle whilst around him a variety of road traffic violations took place.

Eighty percent of passing motorcyclists were not wearing helmets, there were many motorcycles passing with three or four passengers including young children without helmets, and many motorcycles were ridden by underage children without helmets with other underage children being carried as pillion passengers. At no time during the half hour in question did the traffic policeman do anything about these numerous traffic violations.

Is it any wonder that the police in Phuket have such a poor reputation and there is such chaos on the roads?

Charles
Kamala

Look to Costa Rica

Tossaporn Thepabutr's article 'Building a better future for Phuket' [*Phuket Gazette*, Feb 20] mentions estimates of Phuket's annual tourist arrivals more than doubling over the next few years to an eye watering 12 million. Presumably these additional tourists will come from so-called 'developing' countries, such as China and India. God/Buddha help us, is all I can say.

This small island is already bursting at the seams. I think the ruination of Phuket can be best viewed as a microcosm of all that is wrong with unregulated free market policies and the greed and arrogance it encourages: a once pristine paradise morphing into a concrete jungle.

Contrast this with Costa Rica, a small country but still 90 times the size of Phuket. A Costa Rican official recently stated the current annual load of two million tourists visiting his country is close to its limit for sustainability. This is because a while back, Costa Rica realized its most precious resource – nature – must be preserved. They are now the leaders in eco-tourism.

I just wonder how the huge increase in tourist numbers planned for Phuket can be justified considering the effect on climate change this would bring. It's too late to emulate Costa Rica, but damage limitation is still possible. Stop the madness.

Derek Steele
Phuket

Tear jerker

Can you get anything other than a tear in your eye after reading a story like this [*Gazette online*, Phuket leukemia patient gets royal treatment, Feb 23]? Nice to see articles like this instead of only road deaths, robberies and murders. (Sorry, I forgot tuk-tuk problems, scams and plastic bags.)

Best wishes to Jenarong Tapklaeng. I hope you have a long and happy life.

Richard
Gazette Forum

Thanks to the King

I want to thank HM The King for helping this boy, giving him a chance [*Gazette online*, Phuket leukemia patient gets royal treatment, Feb 23]. One of the best men I have ever known died from this disease and if I could have traded places with him, I would have.

Randy Hodge
Gazette Forum

Garbage fires

It comes as no surprise that a man burning garbage was responsible for the conflagration near Tesco Lotus [*Gazette online*, Wildfires flare in Phuket, Feb 23].

If readers care to go up Rang Hill in Phuket Town at 6pm on any given evening they will be in for a surprise: looking south towards the Big Buddha one can count, at the very least, 20 individual garbage fires.

Lord alone knows how many there are looking northwards.

Sam W.
Rawai

Taken a-black

I was driving along Chao Fa West Road yesterday when I was dumbfounded by a sign I saw advertising a brand called 'Black Man'.

The ad depicted a man of African descent wearing a butler's uniform. The products this smiling 'negro' was advertising? Mops, brushes, dustpans and sponges.

I am utterly shocked at this racist and thoroughly offensive association between black people and menial labor.

I will never buy this company's products and I urge all other right-thinking folk to do the same.

Julian Graun
Chalong

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The imperialism behind travel advice

FIRST PERSON

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It's been a very long time since the phrase 'the sun never sets on the British Empire' was in vogue, but news that Britain has issued an advisory for travelers to Thailand brings the phrase to mind.

The advisory, issued from Bangkok by British Ambassador Quinton Quayle, advised UK citizens living in the Kingdom as follows: "The political situation in Thailand is tense and uncertain... British citizens should exercise great caution throughout Thailand."

It furthermore urged UK nationals to "stay indoors and monitor the media and this website" on February 26, when the Supreme Court will rule on the fate of 76 billion baht in assets seized from companies linked to former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

In a country like Thailand that has struggled to recover from both the political events and economic crises of the past two years, the alarmist mentality of foreign missions abroad could be conceived as careless, with the potential to inflict unnecessary damage to a recovering tourism industry.

As I write this, overseas news headlines tell the tale of a deranged man in the US who has 'gone postal' and crashed an airplane into a US tax office building in Texas. The report notes that while Air Force fighter jets were scrambled, this 'clearly was not a terrorist attack'. Western news media were clearly careful not to create panic or perceptions that the incident was anything more than a domestic crime.

The web is full of crime statistics covering every blood-stained corner of the globe. A read of the 'United Nations Survey on Crime Trends' shows that in terms of number of crimes per 1,000 population, the United Kingdom ranked sixth, with 85.5 per 1,000 people. The United States, which has also issued an advisory, came in eighth at 80.0 per 1,000. Thailand, by comparison, was ranked 45th, with just 8.8 crimes per 1,000 citizens.

Perhaps danger is in the eye of the beholder. For the British man stabbed a few weeks ago during an Aston Villa FA Cup Clash, this was clearly just a case of over enthusiastic fan support. Roll back to the 1985 tragedy where 39 fans were crushed to death in Brussels in a match between Liverpool and Juventus. Danger unfortunately comes in many guises in this world, but the question remains: was the same high level warning issued to footie fans in the UK and Europe asking them to stay home and not travel to matches?

The staid colonial ambitions of the developed West, with its xenophobic and dubious double-standard of protecting unfortunate third-world countries for democracy, unfortunately still seem to apply to Asia today.

Despite Asia leading the world recovery after the recent global economic crisis, it still remains an uninvited guest at the elite cocktail parties attended by those who fancy themselves the world's true rulers.

There is no need to go into detail over how the miserable attempts – by those who consider themselves answerable only to a higher calling – to save Iraq and Afghanistan have played out. Clearly the perceived God-given right to meddle with lives of people in countries far from their own borders, together with some sort of outdated manifest destiny, remain at play even in today's world.

As I type this, I can see a new email has arrived from the US Embassy in Thailand. Written in a similar tone to its British counterpart, it also warns my fellow Americans of impending disaster.

In reality, probably the Bangkok diplomatic corps most pressing danger is getting a bad oyster while attending a cocktail party in one of the capital's luxury hotels. Americans might recall the three days it took to evacuate 20,000 people trapped inside the New Orleans Superdome in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina; this despite perceptions that some sort of warm protective blanket of safety and security cover us all when we are safe inside our national borders.

In days past travel advisories were reserved for countries in the midst of civil war, famine or plague. While in today's age of instant media gratification, breaking news and, yes, TMZ, at the blink of an eye we become almost anesthetized to a world of suffering and bleak prospects. Western countries' increasing propensity to issue warnings all too often equate to the little boy who cried wolf. While you can accept this in children, accountability and respect for a nation's sovereign rights and self determination seem to be missing from the equation.

There is little doubt about the grave nature of the current situation in Thai politics, and indeed the fate of the current government of Abhisit Vejjajiva remains precarious. But anyone can see the new rash of warnings merely play into the hands of Thaksin Shinawatra. In the age old story, the West's do-gooders have become strange bedfellows of the deposed prime minister and his media-driven frenzy to regain power.

Perhaps it's time for developed nations to abandon these attempts to regain lost glory. Time to stand aside and let events and the democratic process take their course, instead of using influence to pursue an agenda wildly different from that of the citizens of this country.

Having lived in Asia for 25 years in at least 12 countries, I can't point to a single instance when I felt more threatened than when walking around certain parts of East Los Angeles or London. I've never received a travel advisory when landing at LAX or Heathrow, though statistically the chances of becoming a victim of crime are far greater in those places than here.

My only advice to those sending out these clumsy messages while claiming 'I'm from your country and I'm here to help' is to apply such thinking to your own backyard. Those who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. Unlike the days of old, the sun does set in Thailand, but one thing for sure is that unlike the gladly forgotten fallen empires, it's going to come up again tomorrow. I'm sure of that.

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I want to buy a house and live in Thailand. Can I do so legally?

I live in Iran and like Thailand very much. I would like to buy a house in your country. I plan to spend part of the year in Thailand and the rest in Iran.

Under the law, am I allowed to buy a house in Thailand? If so, how do I do it?

Kavous Javvi
Iran

An officer at Phuket Provincial Land Office replies:

Under the Condominium Act, foreigners are permitted to buy condominium apartment units freehold in their own name in Thailand. However, not more than 49 percent of the total unit floor space of all units in a condominium complex can be foreign-owned. In addition, foreigners can not own land in Thailand unless they own a Thai company and buy the house in the company's name.

For more information contact Phuket Provincial Land Office: 36 Damrong Road, Muang, Phuket 83000. T: 076-212103.

Can I sue my employer?

My employer released me from work without a written or verbal termination in order to bypass labor laws and the provisions of my employment contract. Then he canceled my work permit without notifying me, although I still possess the document. What is my legal situation with regards to my visa and compensation? Is this still the responsibility of the labor department?

Willie
Phuket

An officer at Phuket Provincial Labor Protection and Welfare Office replies:

Normally to cancel a work permit, both employer and employee must be present. As your employer has already canceled your work permit without telling you, you cannot work for another company until you go to the Labor Department and cancel the work permit yourself. If you want to sue the company you must obtain verbal or written proof that the company has terminated your employment. You can launch proceedings at our office. The case will take around 60 working days from when we get the order to proceed. You must bring a translator when you come to see us.

For more information contact Phuket Provincial Labor Protection and Welfare Office: 188 Sakdidet Road Soi 1, T. Wichit, Muang, Phuket 83000. T/F: 076-211995, 076-220760.

BENEATH THE WAVES

By Diver Dan

Safari in the Similans

Diver Dan takes off to one of Thailand's most revered dive spots

There's been something that I've been meaning to get off my chest for some time, but I've always been a bit embarrassed to admit it.

As a dive instructor who has spent a large part of his diving life in Thailand, training and working, as well as living in Phuket for the past year or so, what I'm about to tell you might come as a bit of a shock.

Here goes. Until last month, I had never, ever, been to the Similan Islands.

There, I said it.

I can imagine the sharp intakes of breath all round the island as people come to terms with such a shocking revelation... Or perhaps not.

It is, however, quite shameful that I had never been to the best dive location in Thailand until the last remaining days of the previous decade, especially given how much I love diving and the amount of time I've been in the area.

As the remaining days of 2009 dwindled, I decided that something must be done to rectify this glaring omission from my diving CV and sought the aid of some close friends to accompany me on my journey.

Before we knew it, we were heading out on a five-day, five-night trip around Thailand's premier dive destination.

First, a bit of background knowledge for those of you who aren't familiar with the Similan Islands.

The Similans are a group of nine islands in the Andaman Sea off the coast of Phang Nga. The name 'Similan' is derived from Yawi, a dialect of the Malay language spoken in the southernmost provinces of Thailand along the border with Malaysia, and means 'nine', reflecting the number of islands in the archipelago.

In a bid to protect the precious underwater habitats, the islands were given national park status in 1982; divers must pay a national park fee for the privilege of diving there.

On the east side of the islands, scuba enthusiasts get to enjoy gentle sloping coral reefs with sandy patches, while the topography alters dramatically on the west side and divers cruise past colossal, towering monolithic boulders. The positioning of the rocks provides ample opportunities for divers to discover narrow swim throughs – an exciting aspect of recreational diving.

Photo: Yap

Photo: Lia Barrett

Photo: Betacommandbot

Those who venture into the waters of the Similan Islands at the right time of year might be fortunate enough to view some of the site's most impressive offerings, including manta rays (middle left), whale sharks and a variety of other pelagic (very big) species.

As well as being home to two types of topography, the Similans is known for its variety of marine life. Fans of pelagic species, otherwise known as 'the big stuff' – sharks, rays, tuna, barracuda and more – will be in for a treat if a trip to the Similans is planned at the right time of year.

Of all the pelagics, manta rays and whale sharks are best known to get hearts racing more than any other species.

Manta rays tend to treat the islands as their personal playground from December until mid-April.

On our trip, we were treated to some acrobatic fly-bys by a couple of these magnificent creatures.

Encounters with the world's largest fish, whale sharks, are thought to be most common in this part of the world in April and May, although sightings are possible in the early months of the year.

Divers who prefer the smaller things in life – macro – will also be kept happy. The reefs and pinnacles are also home to some the sea's weird and wonderful creatures, including frogfish, harlequin shrimps, seahorses and nudibranches, to name but a few.

In between these two extremes, thousands of colorful reef fish, as well as a handful of turtles, mill around the hard and soft corals, gargantuan gorgonian fans and colossal boulders, creating a sensational kaleidoscope of color.

Given that we had five days and five nights, we were able to cover all of the best sites the Similan Islands has to offer. Dive sites included the magnificently named 'Elephant Head Rock', 'Deep Six', 'East and West of Eden', Koh Bon, the Boonsong wreck, which has sat on the seafloor for no less than 25 years, and Koh Tachai.

But no dive trip to the Similans would be complete without an excursion to Richelieu Rock, the undisputed number one dive site in these waters. Named after the only foreign commander of the Thai Navy, Richelieu Rock isn't actually part of the Similans, but instead belongs to the Surin Islands.

Its reputation as a world-class dive site precedes itself and it doesn't disappoint. Coated in soft corals, Richelieu Rock rises up from a depth of 35m to just below the surface at high tide. The site is home to a huge amount of life and is well known for reasonably frequent visitations by whale sharks and manta rays.

Unfortunately, neither of the two turned up and the site was packed with divers, but despite these setbacks it still made for a memorable dive.

On the 18 dives that I did, I was able to see the aforementioned manta rays, a leopard shark, turtles, barracuda, tunas, false stonefish, frogfish, seahorses, ornate ghost pipefish and nudibranches among other things during the day, as well as some interesting crabs, squat lobsters, octopi and more on the night dives.

My personal highlight was witnessing the courting of a female octopus by a male in an attempt to mate. As if to prove that life below the surface rarely differs from life above, his advances were rebuffed and the female scarpered.

After not diving very frequently in 2009, the opportunity to get some nitrogen flowing through my veins was greatly received.

The weather was good; the diving was great and the trip to the Similans made for a fantastic mini-break.

It took me 28 and a half years to get to the Similans; I guarantee I'll return much sooner than that.

Thanks to Loma Divers who took us on the liveaboard to the Similans and showed us the wonders of the Andaman Sea. The Khao lak-based dive operator offers three-day/three-night and five-day/five-night trips to the islands. For more information: E: info@loma-diving.com. W:loma-diving.com.

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A team from the Sheraton Grande Laguna takes on PIA in a friendly futsal game. Both teams are likely to join the league next month.

Futsal league gets an early winner

Phuket Wanderers have all but secured victory in the second season of the Thursday night Futsal league at Phuket International Academy, needing only one more point from their remaining two fixtures to guarantee pole position. The league takes place on the artifical futsal pitch at PIA. The games are played over the course of 40 minutes under futsal rules, with each team playing each other twice.

The regulations of the league have been very relaxed, with some players representing more than one team, but the organizers want to give as many people as possible a chance to play football. Two new teams have emerged during the course of the current season and have been playing regular friendlies at PIA and the idea is to expand the league to include as many teams as possible.

A newly expanded league will start almost as soon as the present league has concluded, with the first round of fixtures tentatively scheduled for March 11. PIA is also planning to introduce a veterans league on Monday nights and football coaching sessions on Tuesday nights. For more information visit: www.phuketinternationalacademy.com.

Race of the Hua Tongs

In keeping with the tradition of one of Phuket's most recognizable trademarks – the Hua Tong boat, commonly used as the body for longtail boats – the 6th annual Hua Tong's Boat Paddling competition brought out the best in the area's boatsmen for a weekend of competitive racing on February 5 and 6. The competition was held at Ao Por Pier in Pa Khlok.

Pa Khlok co-ordinated the race with nine villages whose residents commonly use Hua Tong boats for fishery and traveling. They are commonly used in the Andaman Sea and are found in most parts of Krabi, Phuket, and the islands throughout the area.

The opening ceremony was presided by Vice Governor Smith Palawatwichai on the morning of the February 5, with racing beginning shortly after. Eighteen teams, each with ten male paddlers, participated in the competition. Two additional teams of women competed, also with 10 paddlers each.

Team Sam Chong was the first place winner, which earned them 6,000 baht and a trophy presented by H.E. Mayor General Privy Pijit Kullavanij. Team Sea Food Laem Lang Restaurant came in second place and received 4,000 baht and a trophy from Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngob, while third place went to Krua Chumchon Bang Rong, who represented the local residents of the Bang Rong community.

Competition at the Hua Tong Boat Paddling Race. Nine local villages raced through the waters of Ao Por Pier aboard the trademark boats.

With only two women's teams competing, racing guaranteed a placement finish and a cash prize. First prize with 2,000 baht and a trophy went to Tah Sak community. Ban Ao Por came in second with 1,500 baht.

Two additional racing classes – one-paddler canoe and and two-person tandem canoe – finished out the racing classes. Paddlers representing team Andaman Sea Kayak took both first and second in the one-paddler race, as well as first place in the two-person tandem race.

– Atchaa Khamlo

Spicy soccer sets up in Thalang

Photo: Thaisevens

Still riding the success of the introduction of seven-a-side football to Phuket seven years ago, the popular setup returns this weekend with the Spicy Soccer 7s tournament.

The Phuket 7s started as a one off seven-a-side tournament with matches held over a single weekend. The tournament proved extremely popular, with teams traveling from all over the world to enjoy two days of football, as well as a bit of the undeniable attractions of Phuket.

With more and more teams wanting to take part, organizers were forced to add a second tournament in 2007, the Andaman 7s. Last year a third tournament was added to the calendar and the Phuket Spicy 7s was born.

Over 20 teams have already been confirmed and last year's open champions, Phuket Morning Star FC, will be back again this year to defend their title. The matches, which only last for 14 minutes, will take place in Thalang.

Organizer Alain Brulfert said, "These tournaments are invitation tournaments that provide a socially competitive environment for players who approach the game with the right attitude and in the right spirit. With no prize money at stake, teams take part for one reason only: their love of soccer. More than 70 teams from 20 different countries participated in last year's tournaments including some teams of ex-pro players from the Australia National team and English and French professionals which was a huge bonus."

For more information visit www.ThaiSevens.com.

– James Goyder

Tin mining traditions cast in bronze

By Bruce Stanley

Bill Bensley

Bill Bensley is a legend in design circles around Southeast Asia. Trained as a landscape architect with a graduate degree in Architecture and Landscape Design from Harvard University, he moved to Southeast Asia to work with noted Thai architect Lek Bunnag, who had been his primary design influence while studying at Harvard.

"I was fortunate to win a full scholarship to Harvard in 1981 based on my proposal to build a completely self sufficient green community. It won a nationwide design competition."

Bill and Lek Bunnag have worked together on projects in Thailand, Indonesia and China, ranging from five-star resorts to private residences but today, he works out of his own compound, Bensley Design Studios, which employs 65 Thai architects, 30 interior designers and 20 landscape architects. His work is in demand around the world.

"We get at least one proposal a day for our work. It is very gratifying to see the interest in what we do."

On Phuket, Bill was the creative hand that transformed the Pearl Village into the stylish, award-winning Indigo Pearl Resort at Nai Yang Beach. Though the property has been opened for a few years, Bill keeps an active interest in the resort. Currently, he has been donating his talents to raise funds for the Phuket Sunshine Village, a local project which provides a home for local children, many affected by the 2004 tsunami.

"I've fashioned ten different bronze sculptures which pay homage to the tin mining industry. I spent four years researching the tin mining business while designing the Indigo Pearl and these bronze figures represent many of the activities of the workers."

Bill has used art deco design to fashion the figures. It's a design period he admires and the results are dynamic action figures that would suit large installations around Phuket.

He has fashioned three sets of the ten sculptures which are being held in a silent auction. A top bid of 45,000 baht assures the bidder their choice of sculpture but lower bids are accepted and the highest bid received by February 28 will be accepted. The project is expected to raise one million baht.

Bill designed the iconic Hotel de la Paix in Siem Reap, Cambodia, which gave the small town an international presence. He established his own charity, the Shintamani Foundation, which is building a hotel training school to help raise local workers out of poverty. He fashioned Khmer themed sculptures based on historic figures and auctioned them to support his foundation.

His work blends historic with modern influences. He has designed the landscape for Phuket's Moevenpick, the Marriott Resort and Spa and most recently, created a water village at the Anantara Resort at Mai Khao Beach.

Now Bill is spreading his creative influence far from Asia. He has his first project in Turkey and is designing a resort village in Puerto Rico. But his home is here in Thailand and we can expect to see a lot more of his work around Phuket in the years to come.

World's largest hotel chain opens Allamanda

The world's largest hotel chain, Best Western International, recently opened its fourth property in Phuket; the Best Western Allamanda Laguna Phuket.

The 129-room hotel in the Laguna Phuket resort is located at Bang Tao Beach and commands views over a golf course and swimming pool.

The suites have been upgraded to cater to families and couples, or for those seeking a golfing getaway, and include separate kitchenette, living and dining areas.

Being located in Laguna, Best Western Allamanda's guests can take part in on-site water activities at the resort, such as sailing, canoeing, kayaking and paddle boating.

The hotel also offers all-day dining at its Courtyard Cafe, which serves an international buffet breakfast and a la carte Western and Thai dishes.

Service at the hotel focuses on giving guests a taste of Thai hospitality, which can be experienced in the comfort of the Allamanda Beach Club, Marine Center and the laid-back lobby bar.

Best Western Vice President for International Operations – Asia, Glenn de Souza, said the decision to open the island's fourth hotel in the Laguna complex was made to offer guests a full range of services and activities in a serene setting.

"With its own distinctive character, this hotel perfectly meets the variety of travelers' needs, whether for families or for weddings and corporate events."

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OUTRIGGER LAGUNA PHUKET RESORT AND VILLAS

Femme fatales and lethal lovelies

A look at the world of poisonous plants

EARTH MATTERS

By Green Sleeves

Recently a reader from New Zealand wrote a letter to the Phuket Gazette about the poisonous propensities of *Nerium oleander* [*yeeto*]. I had spoken of its toxicity in an earlier piece, saying how goats near my Spanish garden – and goats will eat almost anything – refused to touch my oleander hedge.

But I had not reiterated these concerns in the article she had read. Quite properly, she wanted readers to know just how toxic the oleander can be, citing the case of a family who became seriously ill after inhaling smoke from a bonfire containing oleander clippings. Highly poisonous. Even the sap can give you a nasty rash.

Of course, when you *are* stocking a garden, one of many decisions facing you will be whether or not to include poisonous shrubs. It is, of course, a personal choice and may well depend on whether or not you have young children. But one of the extraordinary things about tropical plants is that they are, for the most part, either toxic or edible.

Some plants here – cassava for example – have it both ways: they are both poisonous when raw, and safe to eat when cooked. While those of us who hail from temperate climes know that little gathered on a European nature ramble will be edible – apart from blackberries and a range of autumnal nuts – we also know that almost nothing we encounter will be seriously poisonous, apart from the glossy purple berries of the deadly nightshade [*Atropa belladonna*].

A few toxic plants such as the foxglove [genus *Digitalis*], hemlock or dogbane, and deadly fungi such as the fly agaric do exist, but Europeans know well enough not to sample them. When the Greek philosopher Socrates was ordered to eat hemlock seeds, he did so in the certain knowledge that they were going to do him in.

Not so in Thailand. Lost in a rainforest, you would hardly die of starvation: many of the hybrid plants that are cultivated here also exist as species in tropical jungles – bananas, mangoes, sator, durian. You could even survive on emerging shoots of bamboo. But you might very well die, and not just from a cobra or krait bite, but from ignorance, from ingesting the wrong bits of the wrong plant.

To return to the oleander: It is only one of a whole family of toxic shrubs to be found in Thailand. Indeed, most of the *apocynaceae* or dogbane genus come into play here, including two of my favorites: *Allamanda cathartica* or yellow trumpet, and *Thevetia peruviana*, an even closer relative of the *Nerium oleander*. Both contain indoid lactone, a potentially fatal cathartic.

If you do decide to grow them – as I have – remember to avoid contact with the milky latex when pruning the shrub's excesses, and also try to refrain from burning any branches you have lopped off.

Another plant to be careful of is the genus *Alocasia* [elephant ear], the monstrous member of the *philodendron* clan that grows everywhere in Thailand where there is moisture and filtered protection from the sun. Literally thousands line the mountain road between Kata and Rawai.

BEAUTIFUL BUT DEADLY: A variety of Thailand's natural floral beauties possess deadly poisons, such as the massive elephant ear (top left), the brightly colored Madagascar Periwinkle (above) and the potentially fatal *Thevetia peruviana* (left).

I planted a number in my garden in an endeavor to create patches of shade – a tactic that has only partly succeeded, since their natural habitat is marshy jungle. But elephant ear is also extremely poisonous and if you cut off those dramatic, sail-like leaves, remember to wash your hands, lest you come out in a rash.

Alocasia is sometimes kept as a house plant in Europe and America because its natural environment is dark and cool. It is for this reason that many other understorey plants from tropical forests are grown commercially, both in European hothouses and under plastic netting in Thai garden centers.

I am thinking, for example, of the spectacular *Brugmansia* or *Datura* with their magnificent pendulous trumpets, the large genus of Philodendrons such as the heart's leaf cultivar popular in homes, and the variegated *Dieffenbachia*[dumbcane]. Interestingly, *all* are poisonous: the heart's leaf philodendron contains calcium oxalate; most of the others, potent alkaloids. If eaten, all can prove fatal. The reason why *Dieffenbachia* has the popular name of dumbcane is because it can cause swelling of parts of the mouth, loss of speech and asphyxiation.

The Madagascar Periwinkle [*Catharanthus roseus*] is a charming little flower related to the indigo blue vinca that lights up European hedgerows. Its pink or white flowers are a familiar presence here: the plant flourishes everywhere in the most unlikely sandy and saline soils.

Grown mainly as a herbaceous or border sub-shrub, it looks harmless enough, but its glossy leaves contain those same alkaloids that are present in so many other dangerous plants. Odd then that the oleander hawk moth caterpillars in my garden will eat nothing else. Only periwinkles and a munch of oleander.

But toxic plants are not without their attractions to humanoids as well as caterpillars. As well as looking splendid, a significant number – and I am not suggesting for a moment that you sample them – produce hallucinogenic effects when ingested in substantial quantities: morning glory, the aforementioned *Datura*, and a lot more I had probably better not mention by name.

But significantly – much more significantly – the chemicals in most of these poisonous plants also provide a range of treatments for all sorts of ailments, for various forms of cancer and heart disease, for diabetes and more mundanely for intestinal upsets and infections.

A final thought: It is always worth remembering that that our gardens are much more dangerous than we think…

Forget the serpents in Eden: they're unlikely to come and talk to us. Just make sure your children don't get too friendly with these plants.

Construction Update **Phuket Town**

Avenue living

A new condominium development being marketed as a modern lifestyle choice in Phuket Town is currently under construction and set to be completed in June.

Construction of the seven-story Phuket Avenue Condo began in December 2009 and occupies just over one rai on Thepkrasattri Road.

The developers, Phuket Avenue Company, already have a proven track record with Theptanee Phuket, a residential development comprising 'villa' homes in a gated community in southeast Phuket.

Phuket Avenue Condo, however, is a modern development comprising five different types of unit and targeting young and first-time home owners who want to live in a central location.

Avenue Condo facilities include a swimming pool and fitness center.

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Unit buyers so far comprise mostly locals who want to live near their place of work. However, some foreigners have also made reservations.

For more information contact the Phuket Avenue Condo sales office.

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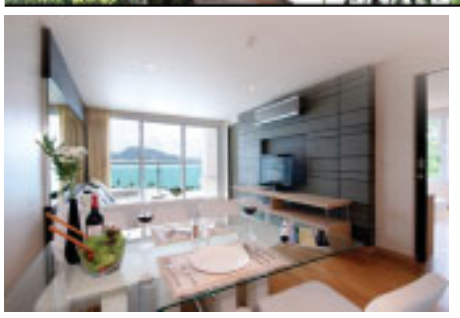
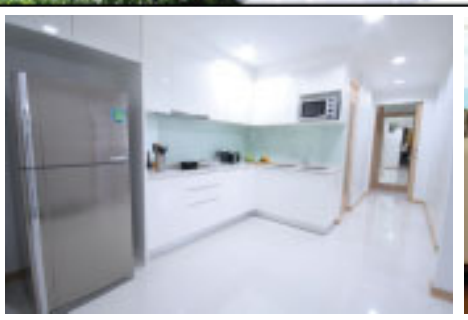
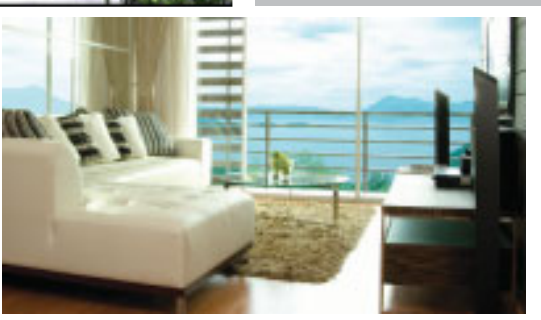

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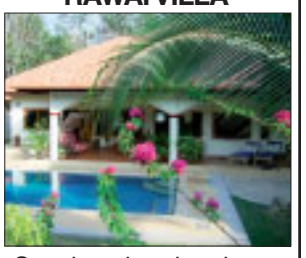

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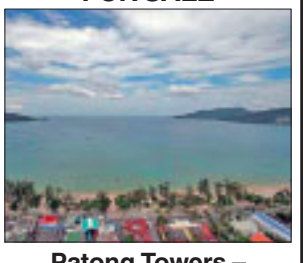

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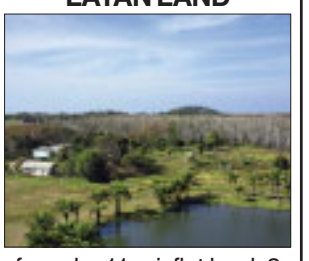

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in Phuket Inter villa project for sale. 2.3 million baht. 36.5sq wah. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, includes furniture, curtains, kitchen, 1 aircondioning unit, common pool access. Tel: 089-873 1009 (English), 081-893 8524.

TOWNHOUSE, 2 STOREY

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

SHOPHOUSE - CHALONG

12 months old, 3 storey, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 1 km south of Circle. Full kitchen, 1 air con, hot water, all-glass front door, office furniture, beds, very clean. Rent 28,000 per month. Valued at 3.7 million, you pay 3.6 million baht including additions. Bargain! Tel: 086-476 2093.

TOP SEAVIEW LOT

2 rai, Chanote, 6 million baht per rai. Tel: 089-473 8338. Email: phuketone@gmail.com

SALE CHEAP CONDO PATONG

Modern studio apartment, fully furnished, beach 400m. 1.1 million baht. Tel: 081-082 5707.

HOUSE SALE OR RENT

7 bedrooms, 7 bathrooms, swimming pool, kitchen, bighall bar, near Simon. Rent 70,000 per month or sale 19 million baht. Tel: 087-267 7281, 085-243 3878.

48 RAI KHAO LAK / BANG SAK

250m from the beach. Chanote, Nor Sor 3. Only 1.7 million baht. Call or mail for further info. Tel: 080-522 4089 (English), 081-397 4957 (Thai). Email: kamala@phuket.ksc.co.th

3 BR, POOL, 354 SQM

Modern home w/ pool. 3 bedrooms, 4 baths, kitchen, dining, living, parking. 8.5 million baht. Tel: 085-782 6900, 085-782 6900. Email:dahammer6089@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

BEST DEAL IN KATA

1 bedrooms condo, sale/rent, 100m. from beach. 2,500,000 baht or 20,000 baht per month. Tel: 086-025 8276. Email: prisanan@gmail.com

ROMAN STYLE CONDOMINIUM

Bangkok studio condominium. Modern furnished luxury studio condominium in prestigious Romanesque style complex, with built-in kitchen, cable, internet, gym/pool, aircon, washing machine, parking, 33sqm. Sale 950,000 baht. Rent 8,500 baht per month. Tel: 089-504 8882. Email: nattida1973@yahoo.com

NEW DETACHED HOUSE

for sale in Phanason 3, Thalang. 253.25sqm, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, double garage, furnished and landscaped garden. 2.95 million baht. Contact Phing. Tel: 087-278-0067. Email: sweetpinky@live.co.uk

HOUSE IN KATHU

for sale. Freehold, 2 floors, 2 bedrooms. 2,000,000 baht. Tel: 081-415 6415.

VILLA FOR SALE

5 bedrooms, 5 bathroms, fully furnished. Tel: 081-895 7310. See at www.horizonresidenceandspa.com

NAI YANG MODERN VILLA

Top spec villa, 600m from beach. 210sqm, 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, pool, sala, big shade sail lookout, modern furniture. 10.2 million baht. Tel: 084-653 5863.

2 GOOD INVESTMENTS

2 houses, furnised. Panoramic Kata. Land at Banpara Pakhlok on main road, 2,532sqm. Call for more information at Tel: 081-367 0991.

TWIN HOUSE WITH BUSINESS

2 houses with business. Area totals 285 sqm. 5 years. 4,950,000 baht. Tel: 076-281196, 086-045 3139. Email: finale.2001@hotmail.com

BAAN BAI MAI

for sale in Samkong near Bangkok hospital. 2 storey, 2 bed, 2 bath, 1 car parking space. Email: info@allaboutwebanddesign.com

BEACH LAND KOH YAO YAI

8 rai beach land, public road & water 80m long white sand beach, no rocks, include shop house, Beautiful view Beautiful land. Tel: 081-649 3557. Email: ken@phuketlifestyle.com For further details, please see our website at http://www.phuketlifestyle.com

HOUSE IN BANGJO

for sale. 2 bed, 2 bath, chanote, western kitchen, saloon, fully furnished. Price 6 million baht. Contact Khun Lek. Tel: 089-5903665.

BEAUTIFUL HOUSE, FULLY FURNISHED

Ready to move in, 254 sqm. 2 floors. Near Downrung school, Laemchan area, close to Phuket Town, nice living room and garden, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, fully furnished, 2 car parks, very nice and quiet area. Price: 6.8 million baht. Tel: 081-541 2025.

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

KRABI, AO-NANG POOL VILLAS

Land area 320 sqm., 2 bedrooms. 6-7 million baht. Second home with strong rental income. Tel: 087-897 7380. Email: mraxelmay@gmail.com

2.4 MILLION BAHT HOME

Khok Kloy town, Phang Nga. 4 years old. 118sqm home on 904sqm plot. 3 bedrooms, 1 bathrooms, lounge, big kitchen, aircon, phone line, 2 car covered parking. Chanote. Tel: 081-728 4821.

QUICK SALE HOUSE IN CHALONG

94sq wah, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 car park, big garden, full furnished. Price 4.5 million baht. Tel: 087-886 4208.

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VERY GOOD DEAL

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VILLA FOR SALE

5 bedrooms, 5 bathroms, fully furnished. Tel: 081-895 7310. See at www.horizonresidence andspa.com

SEA VIEW CONDO

Sale/rent new condo. 2 bedrooms, kitchen, balcony, pool, WiFi, parking. Tel: 084-851 0703. Email: st@kl.lv

FAMILY HOUSE, PATONG

2 storys, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, living, kitchen, small garden. Price: 8 million baht. Tel: 086-120 1873.

BEACH LAND KHAO LAK 5 RAI

Beautiful 5 rai of Chanote land. Hard to find better than this, next to 5-star resort. 118m of beach front, stunning property. Tel: 081-649 3557 (English). Email: ken@phuketlifestyle.com For further details, please see our website at http://www.phuket lifestyle.com

PRIME PLOT READY TO BUILD

Bangtao plot of 900sqm within gated area. Ready to build on. Water, electricity, concrete road. 4.5 million baht. Serious inquiries please email: pg1kl @hotmail.com

VILLA FOR SALE NEAR LAGUNA

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Open-plan kitchen, living room. The villa is fully airconditioned and furnished. Built on 360sqm, 176sqm living area, with a beautiful garden. The location is only 10 minutes to Bang Tao beach and 5 minutes to Laguna. Price 5.5 million baht. Tel: 089-813 1447. Email: kwanphuket@ hotmail.com

HOUSE IN KAMALA

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

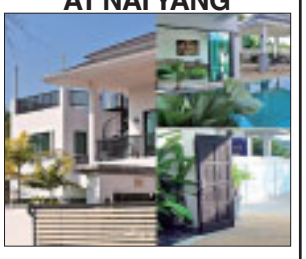
ONLY 6,300,000 BAHT, MANEEKRAAM

2-story house in Thai-applied style. Living area 152sqm and land 600sqm, pool, 5 aircon units, 2-3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 parking places with a large outdoor terrace. In a very calm and cool area near a hill. Special price for purchase before 31 March: 200,000 baht discount! Email: sinsupa.sagerklint@gmail.com

BEACHFRONT CONDO

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

TWIN VILLAS AT NAI YANG



Only 600 meters from beautiful Nai Yang beach, this modern pool villa is perfectly located. Featuring a chic, clean-cut design coupled with a choice selection of quality materials and furniture, this villa is a promising investment for holiday seekers and permanent residents. Price: Bt10.2mil. Contact Khun Penprapa. Tel: 087-898 9646. Email: penprapa 2526@gmail.com

PATONG CONDO

1.9 million baht, new decor, pool, 3 min walk to Junceylon, 5 min to beach. Tel: 086-272 6755.

POOLSIDE APARTMENT

Large 85 sqm. open plan, one-bedroom furnished apartment with pool and secure undercover parking. Very quiet and natural location in the hills at the north end of Patong Beach. 5 mins to beach. Contact Andy at Tel: 081-891 3466 (English). Fax: 076-296160. Email: antc@phuket.ksc.co.th

NICE HOUSE WITH POOL

Near Nai Yang beach. 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 220sqm. 4.2 million baht. Tel: 085-796 2827, 089-473 5873.

LOVELY POOL VILLA

Big pool & garden. 3 bedrooms, 4 baths, office. Quiet hillside near beach. Freehold. Secure. Very nice. Tel: 076-388236, 089-727 5407 (English). Email: cosmocampbell@yahoo.com For further details, please see our website at http://www.villa-sale-phuket.com

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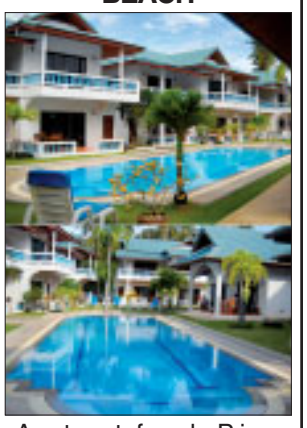
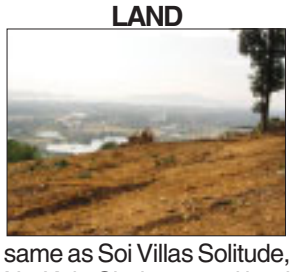
YANUI PARADISE BEACH



Apartments for sale. Prices from 2.75 million baht. Close to Yanui beach and Rawai beach. Tel: 087-884 4663 (English), 089-292 9416 (German).

VERY NICE SEAVIEW LAND



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

MARINA VILLA, 14 MB!

New Pool Villa in Boat Lagoon. 14 million baht. Tel: 076-238948, 081-968 9046 (English & Thai), 081-353 9730 (English & Thai). Fax: 076-273466. Email: pen @phuketpropertytrip.com For further details, please see our website at http://www.phuket boatlagoon.com

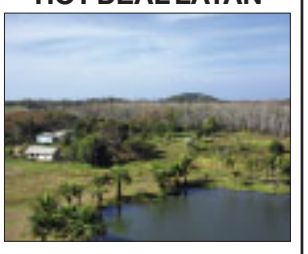
KATA BEACH

nice, one bedroom apartment incl furnishing, air, pool. Special price now 2.9 million baht, financing available. Tel: 081-788 8280.

NICE PLOT BEHIND LAYAN HILL ESTATE

Manik area, 4.7million baht. Chanote title, good for pool villas. Tel: 081-538 7050.or email: talayjan@ yahoo.com

HOT DEAL LAYAN



Land 3 plots, Chanote of 3/4 of rai each, sale by lot or full plot, road, electric, water, lake view. Start at 4,500 baht per sqm.

Land 19 rai, Chanote, lake view, road, electric. Under priced at 5.5 million baht per rai. Tel: 081-787 4383. Email: ruggdan@gmail.com

HOUSE IN RAWAI

for sale. Single-story house, 155sqm living area, fully furnished, 2 bedrooms with bathroom, 1 living room, kitchen, aricon, safe, bathroom with washing mashine, covered car park and terrace, swimming pool 4x8m, land area 640sqm. Price for the house 5.2 million baht. Land lease for 96,000 baht per year. Long term lease contract. Tel: 076-248100.

HOUSE IN KAMALA

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

2 HOUSES IN PATONG

for sale. Live in 1 and rent the other or sold separately. 5.1 million baht each, fully furnished, well kept, 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, Western kitchen, phone line and ADSL. Center of Patong, 2 minutes to Jungceylon. Contact owner at Tel: 087-279 3312.

400SQM POOL HOUSE

Rawai seaview, 12m x 4m pool indoor area all as new for sale. 9.9 million baht. Tel: 084-843 3613.

APARTMENT, KARON

3-floor apartment in Karon Plaza for sale. Fully furnished w/aircon. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms w/ hot water, kitchen, and large living room. 2 balconies + terrace. The apt also has a room for renting out. Pls contact at Tel: 076-396693, 087-267 6830 (English), 087-267 5957 (English & Thai). Email: gymworld@loxinfo.co.th

CHEAP LAND

4.8 rai of land between the airport and the Sarasin Bridge near Mai Khao includes access. Can be subdivided into 4 plots. 6 million baht. Tel: 080-521 5425 (English). Email: r.felton@hotmail.co.uk

3B/R VILLA IN SAI YUIN RD

Lovely quiet private estate, well maintained 4 year old 3 B/Room Villa for sale for 9.5Mil THB, Neg. Western kitchen, fully furnished, 5 aircons, curtains, large common pool & sala. 24/7 security with key pass access. Contact Michael for extra pics or veiwing of the house. Sale price is 9.5MIL & company already established so just change over the directors' names. Tel: +61-3-9766 3633, +61--414 4732. Email: micsta75 @hotmail.com

SUPERB LOCATION IN NAI HARN

Are you looking for the perfect location in Nai Harn? Excellent plot of Land - 1 rai - with house in a safe soi. Only ten minutes walking distance from Nai Harn Beach! Call now. Tel: 081-892 1057(English & Thai), 081-691 9679 (English & Thai). Email: service@phuket-consult.com

4-BEDROOM 3-BATHROOM HOUSE

Rawai. 2 floors, aircons, hill views, cul-de-sac. Tel: 081-270 6310. Email: jackiebeyers@ hotmail.com

NEW HOUSE FOR SALE/RENT

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

2-STOREY HOUSE IN PATONG

sea view. Hasip Pee Road, 49sqw. 4 bedrooms with balconies, 2 bathroom, air-con, fully furnished. Chanote. Price 17 million baht ono. Tel: 087-270 9093. Email: a.pueng@gmail.com

5-BEDROOM POOL VILLA

Rawai beach. Land and house for sale. 6.5 million baht. Credit lease 360,000 per year. Tel: 086-940 8914. Email: rawai1@yahoo.com

OCEANFRONT LAND

Beautiful piece of land, 3.5 rais (can be sub-divided) with over 90m of beach frontage. Opposite Yacht Haven Marina, water, electricity, road access, secure Nor Sor 3 Kor title. For sale direct from owner. Now only 19 million baht for all. Tel: 081-343 0777.

MANEKRAM 161SQ WAH

Corner block to the rear of the estate. 19,000 baht per wah. Email: lowprofile@mail.com

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BEACHFRONT CONDO

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

PATONG LUXURY SEAVIEW VILLA

Super sea view over Patong. Ready to move in. 25 million baht, freehold. Tel: 086-982 2888 (English & Thai). Fax: 02-960 7051. Email: prim_purdue @yahoo.com For further details, please see our website at http://awphuket.com

TOWNHOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT

In Moobaan Tinawut, Samkong, close to Yada Dental Clinic. 2 connected buildings, 2 floors, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. For rent: 12,000 baht per month, sale: 2.8 million baht. Tel: 081-597 6302, 081-597 9441.

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Properties For Rent

BIKER VILLA
In Biker Resort, Nai Yang, for rent. 100,000 baht per year. Tel: 085-795 9160.

COZY NEW HOUSE
3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, big living room, aircon, Internet, private and safe. Ready to move in. 15,000 baht per month. Tel: 080-522 4433 (English & Thai), 086-918 3745 (English & Thai). Email: onion_zhu@hotmail.com

NAI HARN, 2 BEDROOMS HOUSE

for rent. Low season price 18,000 baht. Computer, pool. From 1 April to 30 Oct 2010. Tel: 083-388 8036.

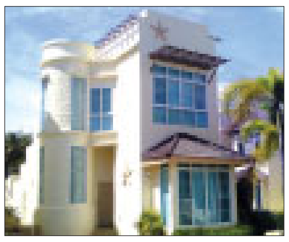
NEW HOUSE NEAR LAGUNA
in Cherngtalay Soi Pasak 2. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fully furnished, long term rent, 18,000 baht a month. Call K. Jureeporn. Tel: 087-274 0680, 076-615721. Email: noegabriele@hotmail.com

RAWAI POOL VILLAS
Aircon, internet, cable TV. 2 beds, 2 baths: 25,000 baht per month. 3 beds, 2 baths: 30,000 baht per month. Tel: 081-894 1660 (English), 081-077 0133 (Thai). Contact for more details at email: cottrell@tttmaxnet.com

KAMALA BEACHFRONT VILLAS

3 bedrooms, fully furnished, full services, for short or long term. Tel: 084-843 6837. Email: suchada_villas@hotmail.com

NEW VILLAS



for rent. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fully furnished and equipped, club house, swimming pool, gym, garden, 24-hour security CCTV. Short and long-term. Available at good prices. Call for details and viewing. Sai Yuan-Nai Harn area. For further details, tel: 087-432 2636, 081-968-9550. See our website at www.phuketmedvillage.com

BEAUTIFUL LUXURY VILLAS
with private pool, 3 to 4 bedrooms, fully furnished. For rent or sale. Tel: 087-8938 747.

PATONG OCEAN VIEW
Baan Suan Kam-Nan. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms with pool green quiet area. 25,000 baht per month, long-term preferred. Must be seen call Edwin. Tel: 086-786 6350.

FOR RENT
Luxury appartment with a view. Private swimming pool, fully equipped, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, European kitchen, big terrace, very nice view, aircon. Rent: 35,000 baht per month, for long term only (minimum 1 year). Contact Noi Tel: 087-284 4823 (English & Thai), 087-284 4823 (English & Thai). Email: beniluxnoi@hotmail.com

3 BEDROOM HOUSE

for rent. 1.5km from Central Festival, Villa Suan Luang, 88sq wah. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 hot water, 1 bathtub, 2 big living room, 6 aircon, fully furnished, European kitchen, beautiful garden. Contact Khun Mongkon. Tel: 084-062 8040.

TRIPLEX SEA VIEW RAWAI
290 sqm. Triplex 4 rooms/bathrooms.Seaview.Swimming pool on the last floor.Rawai near Nai Harn Beach.Long term(6 month min) 50,000 baht per month (about 1,100 euros per month). Tel: 089-873 1312 (English). Or email: dp1102@gmail.com

B.L. APARTMENT
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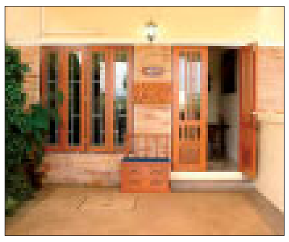
MODERN HOUSE NEAR BANGTAO BEACH



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

FULLY FURNISHED HOUSE
2 bedrooms, 2 aircon, hot shower, free internet, cable TV. 12,000 baht per month. Near Chalong Bay. Tel: 081-892 4311.

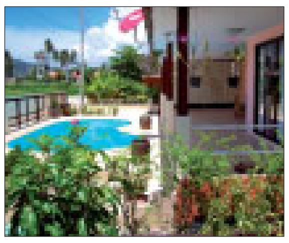
2 NICE HOUSES IN SAMKONG
for rent. Near Bangkok Phuket Hospital & Tesco Lotus. 2 floors, aircons, nice place, well kept, parking. Good for home office or residential unit. 22,000 baht per month/each. Contact owner. Tel: 081-797 3138 (Thai), 083-551 8855 (Eng).

PATONG LUXURY APARTMENT
2 bedrooms, ADSL, large swimming pool 2 levels 200sqm. Long or short term. Tel: 086-279 0837. Email: bricothailand2@hotmail.com

PATONG: 3 BED THAI VILLA
Hilside location, stunning bay views. Gated. Tropical Gardens. 5 mins from Patong centre to Karon. 3 beds, 4 baths, elevated open lounge, kitchen, TV/DVD, WiFi, large terraces, swimming pool, 4-seater Jacuzzi.Tel: 086-2672 646 (English). Or send email to: tony@yctgroup.co.uk www.phuketholidayrentals.com

HOUSE FOR RENTAL
land & house 3 bed, 2 bath, 3 aircons & full furniture security 24 hrs. only 20,000 baht starting rental 1st March '10 pls contact 080-2280777. Contact Mr. Ley.

35,000 BAHT PER MONTH



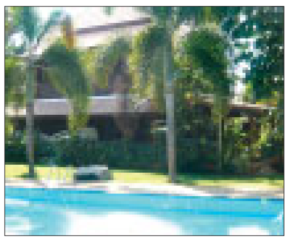
Rawai beach. 5-bedroom pool villa, long-term lease, furnished, cable TV, WiFi. Tel: 086-940 8914. Email: rawai1@yahoo.com

HOUSE IN KATHU FOR RENT
3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Fully furnished with parking lot. Built in BBQ in the garden. Cable TV, UBC, internet. 23,000 baht per month. Please contact for more information. Tel: 081-432 6587.

WESTERN STYLE HOUSE
3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1 powder room, hot water, 4 aircon units, telephone, ADSL, cable TV, washer, dryer, western kitchen, 40" LCD TV & entertainment. 160 sqm. For rent or sale. Tel: 02-860 3254, 081-400 0796, 087-895 3555. Email: popeyepse@hotmail.com

3 BEDROOM CHALONG
3 bath, 3 car parking, furnished, aircon, 13,000 baht per month 1 year lease 6 months advance. Tel: 081-370 3199.

HOUSE IN NAIHARN



for rent. From 20 Feb 2010 until 30 Nov 2010. Low season price 20,000 baht per month, 3 bedrooms, computer, pool. Naiharn. Tel: 083-388 8036.

FREEDDOM APARTMENTS
Patong. kitchen, fridge, cooker, fully funished, aircon, TV, safe bathroom, hotwater. 12,500 baht per month. Tel: 081-891 4561, 084-845 0541.

150SQM NEAR LOCH PALM
Golf Club. 2 bedrooms, living room, 24 hour security, kitchen, hot water, garden, with furniture, store tank pump. Price 17,000 baht per month. Tel: 086-411 7842, 084-186 0947.

RAWAI BEACH CONDO
Bungalow long term rental, start from 11,000 baht per month. Daily cleaning, WiFi, cable TV. 1 minute to Rawai beach. Contact for more details. Tel: 086-143 7915 (Thai, Eng, German).

3 BEDROOM CHALONG 2 BATH
garage, storage, furnihsed, aircon, year, 15,000 per month 1 lease, 6 month advance , private. Tel: 081-370 3199.

KATA CONDO

2 and 3 bedroom, 2 bath room, with sea view. 115sqm inside with a huge 50sqm terrace, teak kitchen, furnished, long term preferred, 25,000/month. Tel: 084-840 1262. Or email: north8east98@yahoo.com

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Bungalow long term rental, start from 11,000 baht per month. Daily cleaning, WiFi, cable TV. 1 minute to Rawai beach. Tel: 086-143 7915 (Thai, Eng, German).

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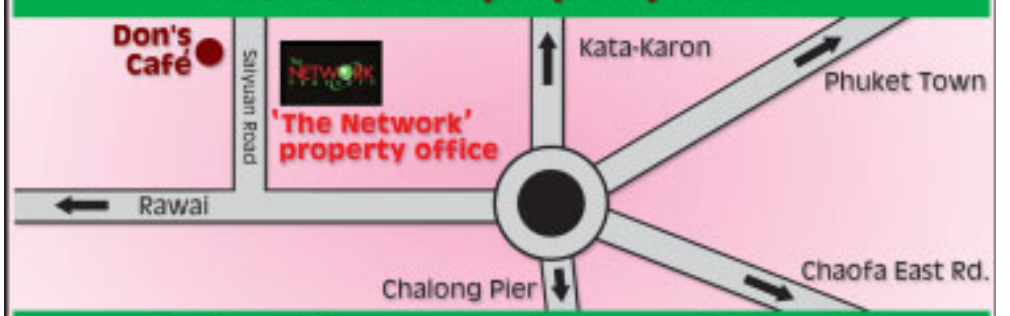

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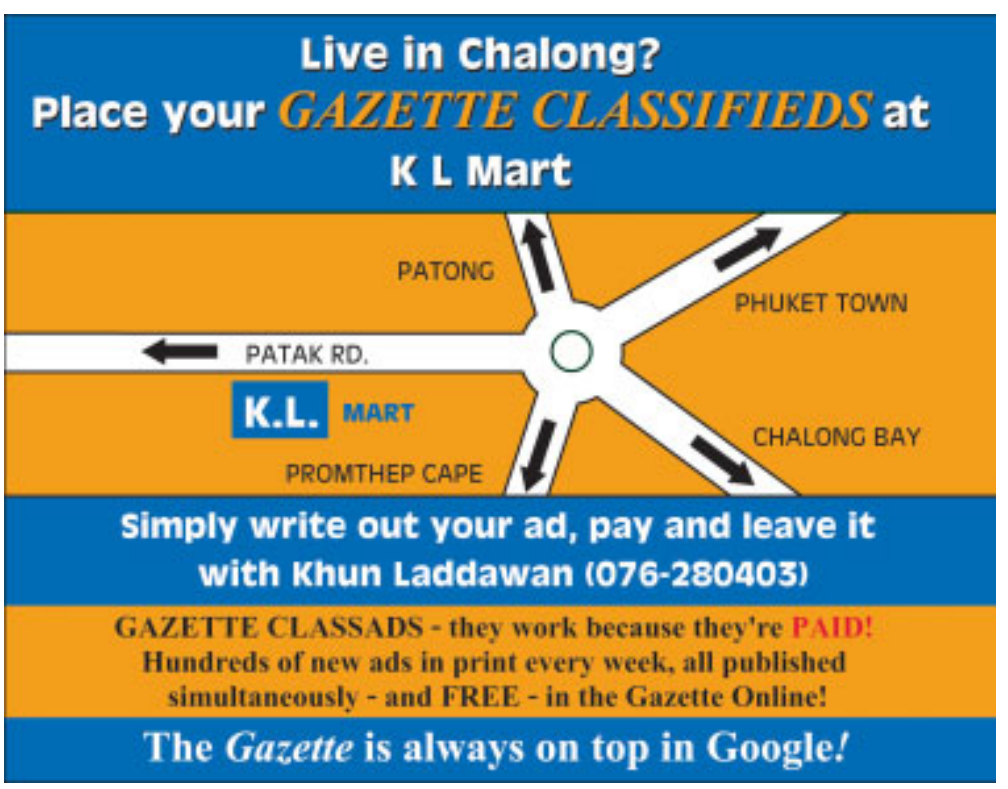

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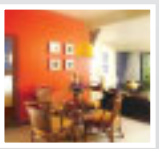

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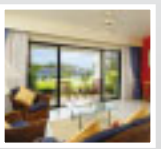
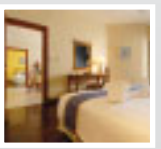

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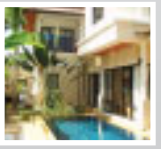

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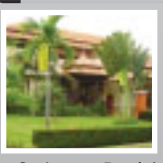
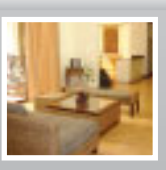

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