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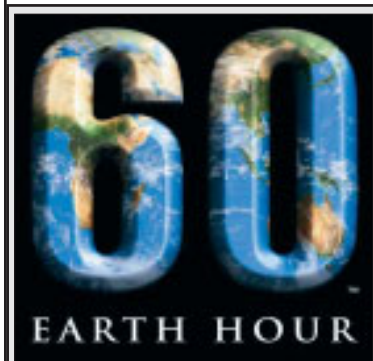
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Ladyboy fraudster purchases hard time

A TRANSSEXUAL supermarket cashier is in jail after stealing the chief of Kathu District's credit card and using it to buy a notebook computer.

Sarayut Yunu, a 24-year-old employee at a well known Patong supermarket, failed to return Kathu District Chief Siriphat Phathakul's card after a transaction on March 12.

After Mr Siriphat left the store, Pattani ladyboy Mr Sarayut passed the KTC Bank card to a friend, 18-year-old resort worker Sarina Doloh.

Miss Sarina used it to buy a 15,990-baht notebook at the store's electronics counter.

Unaware of what was happening, Mr Siriphat headed to Thalang to rehearse for his role as a Burmese prince in last week's Thalang Light and Sound battle reenactments.

KTC Bank called Mr Siriphat to check if he had made the purchase around 8:40pm.

"Then I remembered the cashier hadn't returned my card that day," he said.

Mr Siriphat immediately called the superintendent of Kathu Police, Col Arayapan Pukbuakao, who sent officers to

the store to investigate.

At the store they found the notebook transaction receipt with Mr Siriphat's card number on it. The slip had been signed with the name "Mali".

Officers questioned Mr Sarayut, who denied any involvement, telling the police Miss Sarina was responsible.

The officers took Mr Sarayut to the resort where his younger friend worked.

As soon as the group arrived, the resort security guard presented Mr Sarayut with the notebook computer, saying Miss Sarina had left it for him.

At this point, Mr Sarayut confessed all.

Mr Sarayut and Miss Sarina have been charged with conspiring to use another person's bank card without permission.

Mr Siriphat said, "I want cashiers to be more careful with credit cards. The cashier [at the electronics counter] didn't check the signature."

Col Arayapan worried about the effect the scam could have had on tourism. "If this happened to a tourist and they went home, what could we do?" he said.

- Pimwara Choksakulpan



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Top of the league

Injured FC Phuket defender Nives Petchjamras entertains home fans during the team's defeat of Satun United on March 13. **Full story page 22.**

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Driving change in Patong

Motorists drive along the right-hand lane of Soi Bangla, Patong, to join the northbound traffic on the beach road.

THERE could be a turnaround in Patong's traffic woes by the year's end. Mayor Pian Keesin has announced plans to redirect the one-way system in Phuket's tourist epicenter from clockwise to counterclockwise.

Newly appointed Kathu Police Superintendent Arayapan Pukbuakao said earlier this month that the current system, which came into effect in 2007, "not only confuses people but is in violation of current Thai traffic laws."

Traffic flows southbound

along Rat-U-Thit 200 Pi Road and northbound along the beach road. Under the new system, flow would be reversed.

It is not yet clear what will happen on connecting roads between Rat-U-Thit 200 Pi Road and the beach road, such as Sawatdirak, Bangla and Ruamjai.

At present, motorists drive on the right-hand side on those roads, switching from the left-hand lane as is standard in Thailand.

Mayor Pian also said the recent completion of Phang Muang Sai Gor Road

behind Jungceylon will enable the planned one-way system to run more smoothly.

"The road will be developed as a new business route in the near future and will also become part of the solution to Patong's traffic problems," he said.

Additional plans are in motion to move taxi, motorcycle taxi, rental car and tuk-tuk parking to the side

of Phang Muang Sai Gor Rd, Mayor Pian added.

"This will allow for more public parking space on the beach road for tourists and local residents," he said.

Mayor Pian said a meeting with Phuket Land Transport Office to be held 'soon' would be the next step in moving Patong's transport plans forward.

— Pimwara Choksakulpan

Tourism industry rides out red shirts

THE tourism industry in Phuket has not been affected by the red-shirt protests in Bangkok, according to the vice president of the Phuket Tourist Association.

Mr Krisada Tansakul said on March 16 the island-wide hotel occupancy rate was at about 65%.

"That's good compared to the March rate last year," he said. "Patong is faring especially well with a rate of 70%."

Mr Krisada said tourists still feel safe traveling to Phuket as it is far from the demonstrations and can be reached directly by international flights.

Reservation rates for April and the upcoming Songkran holidays were at an acceptable 30%, he said.

"However, if the political situation escalates, it is likely to have a negative effect on Phuket's tourism industry," he added.

— Sithipong Nongkaew

Bashed while sipping coffee

A 69-YEAR-OLD Norwegian tourist sustained a fractured nose and other facial injuries after he was reportedly attacked while enjoying his morning coffee on March 12.

Kristian Kristiansen claims he was sitting on the porch of his ground-floor room at Moon Shine Apartments in Kata when he was approached by a leather-clad Thai man with long hair.

Mr Kristiansen, who is six feet four inches tall, said the Thai

man asked him if he was having a good morning.

"I replied, 'Yes, fine thank you'," Mr Kristiansen said. "Then he punched me in the face."

After reportedly being punched four times, Mr Kristiansen said he grabbed his attacker by the scrotum and yanked hard.

"The man cried out in pain and ran away," he said.

At the time of writing, Chalong Police were searching for the alleged attacker, who is thought to be a musician who works at a nearby live music venue.

Mr Kristiansen thinks he was attacked for complaining about the noise from the venue.

— Gazette reporter



Kristian Kristiansen sustained a fractured nose in the attack.

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Horrific attack

A 27-YEAR-OLD expat is still suffering migraines after he was brutally attacked by night bandits at the end of last month in Rawai.

US citizen Glenn Gabourel Jr said robbers pulled a chain over Sai Yuan Road, knocking him off his motorcycle before beating him unconscious and stealing his cash and credit card.

At around 3am on February 28 Mr Gabourel had left the

Laguna nightclub and was heading north on Sai Yuan Road.

"Suddenly my bike just flipped," he said. "I remember seeing three or four guys, then they hit me in the head with something."

"I have no idea what it was but it looks like it was a pipe.

"There's a perfect circle on my scalp where my head was busted," he said.

Mr Gabourel said the bandits stole 7,000 baht, the credit

card and made their escape.

Two hours later a friend found Mr Gabourel back at home.

"I was lying on my sofa covered in blood with no idea what just happened to me," he said. "I have no idea how I got home."

The attack represents a disturbing development in an area already known for motorcycle robberies.

— Dan Waites



The attack has left Mr Gabourel with bruises and migraines.

Problems rise over migrants

THE number of illegal aliens lured to Phuket for cheap labor is on the rise, creating a greater strain on Phuket's social welfare department, according to officials.

Jiranan Jiamjaroen, head of the Phuket Shelter for Children and Families (PSCF) said that alien workers, especially those in the fishing industry, are often deceived by employers with false offers of money and shelter.

Once in Phuket, many illegal aliens try to gain social welfare, according to Mrs Jiranan.

"We deal with numerous reports from Vachira Phuket Hospital regarding patients who are not covered by social welfare.

"Some of these patients flee Phuket hospitals without paying for treatment.

"Some run because they are scared of being arrested and sent to Phuket Immigration Office," she said.

"Essentially, they are running away from the hospital but don't know where they are running to," she added.

While employers turn their backs on their workers, many hospitalized illegal aliens "don't know where they live, or even their employer's name," Mrs Jiranan said.

"If we are made aware of any particular case, we will offer assistance immediately. They are humans, just as we are."

To contact the Phuket Shelter for Children and Families call T: 076-213-315

— Atchaa Khamlo

Waging war on rabies

MORE than 100 injection centers have been set up across the island in a drive to vaccinate Phuket's dogs and cats against rabies.

The livestock office campaign began on February 16 and will wrap up April 28.

Centers are operating daily except for weekends and public holidays.

"Instances of infection in dogs seem to be on the decline," said Dr Weerapab Tuemkiatpaisarn, a veterinarian with Phuket Provincial Livestock Office.

"We take random samples from dogs exhibiting suspicious symptoms such as nervous behavior and excessive salivation.

In 1993, we found that one in every five dogs sampled was infected with the rabies virus," he said.

Dr Weerapab said there have been cases of human infection on the island, with the number of occurrences peaking in 1992. Since then, the prevalence of the disease has declined.



A stray dog is vaccinated against rabies at a Phuket temple.

As of 2000 there have been no detections of the virus in humans or dogs, he said.

However, there are still large numbers of stray animals in Phuket which pose a risk.

In 2009 Phuket Provincial Livestock Office counted 12,958 dogs, of which 2,567 were stray.

There were 4,203 cats counted, with 1,270 strays.

The statistics were compiled from the number of animals brought in for vaccination and those being fed at temples, schools, beaches and villages by various organizations such as the Soi Dog Foundation.

"We believe these numbers to represent around 80% of the total cat and dog population in Phuket," Dr Weerapab said, noting that some owners do not vaccinate their pets and that an exact count of stray animals is impossible.

Cautioning that the number of stray animals will continue to grow in the future, Dr Weerapab intends to implement a sterilization program.

"One female dog will breed two times a year, giving birth to six to eight puppies each time," he said, pointing out the need to act quickly. "I don't want to have to deal with this problem when there are 100,000 stray dogs and cats on the island."

"The cost of sterilization is not cheap, about 1,000 baht. Some people do not sterilize their pets for this reason, so I am starting a project to sterilize 1,200 stray female dogs next year after receiving funding from Phuket Provincial Office."

For information regarding the rabies vaccination drive, contact Dr Weerapab on 086-3574582 or Phuket Provincial Livestock Office on 076-216934.

— Atchaa Khamlo

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Phuket man to start his “healthy new life with his healthy new wife”

MILLIONS watched a Phuket man get down on one knee and propose for a second time to his wife on the finale of *The Biggest Loser Asia* TV show on March 9.

The Malaysia-based weight loss reality show pitched 16 overweight contestants against one another to see who could lose the most weight over five weeks and win a cash prize of US\$100,000.

Representing Thailand was 41-year-old Phuket DJ Garry Holden. When the show kicked off the bald self-confessed “fat lad” weighed 120 kilograms and didn’t look like the fittest chap in the world.

Although he was voted off the show in its fourth week, Garry stuck to his target of reaching 80 kilograms by the season finale.

His hours of personal training in Phuket and Malaysia paid off, and Garry bounded onto the stage on the last night having reached his 80 kilogram target. He also had a full head of hair, further adding to the dramatic transformation.

As the live studio audience applauded his success, Garry jumped from the stage, got down on one knee and proposed to his wife Jackie, for the second time.

“She has been my rock through the whole show and has been with me through the highs and the lows,” he said.

While inspiring Garry to reach his weight loss goal, Jackie also shed 20 kilograms.

The show has rekindled the couple’s love for each other.

“She has never given up on me, and I just wanted to start my healthy new life with my healthy new wife,” he said.

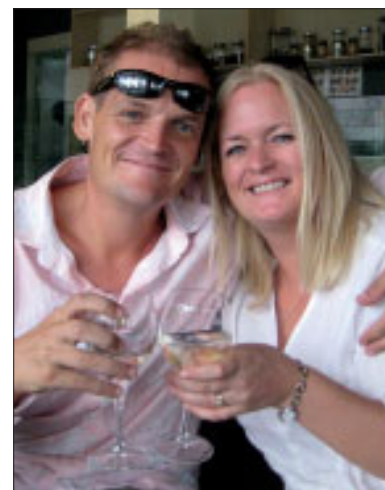
As a “slim lad”, Garry said he can now walk between parked cars without having to worry about knocking wing mirrors off. He is also enjoying having chafe-free thighs and buying off-the-rack clothes.

“The new me is a happier me. I may never be on the cover of *Men’s Health* magazine, but at least I can take my shirt off on the beach,” he said.

Garry and Jackie now in-



Garry Holden poses with his wife Jackie and *The Biggest Loser Asia* host Sarimah Ibrahim.



HOLDEN LOVE: Garry and Jackie plan to renew their wedding vows in Phuket.

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Naming the dead

THE SLOW pace of the tsunami victim identification process in Phuket has motivated researchers in Perth to build a database of skeletons to help identify bodies more quickly and accurately.

According to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, the University of Western Australia has been given a \$400,000 grant for the project, which involves mapping the shape and size of bones.

Assistant Professor Daniel Franklin told WA's Stateline program that police will use the database to identify specific features of skeletons such as age, sex and ethnicity.

WA Police Superintendent Haydn Green was in charge of identifying victims in Phuket from the 2004 Tsunami.

He said the database will be extremely helpful in the future.

Source: Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Intoxicating results

A MAJORITY of *Phuket Gazette* readers have operated a motor vehicle in Phuket while under the influence of alcohol, according to the latest readers' poll.

A total of 844 readers cast votes in the survey.

Overall, 36.7% of readers have driven under the influence "many times", while just over 32% have done so "a few times".

Roughly the same proportion of Thai nationals (37%), expats (39%) and tourists (32%) said they had operated a motor vehicle "many times"

while under the influence.

Respectively, 35%, 34% and 29% of readers have driven after drinking "a few times".

Tourists break from the pack with 38% claiming to have never operated a motor vehicle after drinking. Only 28% of Thai nationals and 27% of expat residents said they had never done so.

Although the numbers show that tourists are more likely to refrain from drinking and driving, it still stands that well over half of each demographic have risked Phuket's roads while under the influence.

Cemetery burns as festival nears



FIERY GRAVES: Firefighters try to extinguish flames at the cemetery on Rang Hill on March 11.

FIREFIGHTERS used almost 9,000 liters of water to put out flames that raged in the Chinese cemetery on Rang Hill in Phuket Town on March 11.

Ten firefighters in three trucks rushed to the scene after the fire started at about 1pm.

It took them around half an hour to bring the inferno under control.

Arthit Phromsiri, head of the Phuket Fire and Rescue

Department team that attended the scene, said the fires were probably started by men hired to clear the cemetery of vegetation in advance of the Chinese Qingming Festival.

Instead of clearing grass by hand, they just set it on fire, he said.

During the Qingming Festival, which takes place annually around April 5, Chinese are expected to pay respects to their ancestors at grave sites.

Cemeteries are cleared to

provide worshippers with access to the graves. A local resident said there are fires at the same site this time every year.

Firefighters were twice called to the cemetery a week prior to the March 11 blaze, when fires extinguished in the afternoon reignited at night.

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Queer News

Man returns as cock

AYUDHAYA: Villagers have been marvelling at a fighting cock they believe is the reincarnation of a young man killed last year.

The cock, born just after the man's death, has become attached to the man's girlfriend, following her around everywhere.

When *Khao Sod* reporters went to investigate the story on March 8, they found the bird sitting in a hammock with 17-year-old Phatsanan Khanthasaree at the noodle shop where she works.

The owner of the shop, Miss Phatsanan's aunt Wanna Khanthasaree, 55, said the fighting cock belongs to her nephew but behaves very oddly.

It has followed Miss Phatsanan everywhere she goes for the past five months.

Mrs Wanna said she believes the cock is the reincarnation of a young man named Yai who used to go out with Miss Phatsanan.

When addressed as 'Yai', the cock answers immediately by crowing, Mrs Wanna said.

Miss Phatsanan said she first met Mr Yai in the noodle shop where she helps her aunt.

They went out for many years and would always sit chatting in the hammock behind the shop.

On June 7 last year Mr Yai was killed after being knocked off his motorbike on the way home from the shop.

"I was very upset. Whenever I came to the shop I couldn't stop thinking about him, so I stopped coming," Miss Phatsanan said.

About five months ago Miss Phatsanan came to terms with the death and returned to the shop to help her aunt.

"The first time I came to the shop, the cock saw me and looked very pleased. He jumped over to me straight away and crowed," she said.

Since then, the cock has followed Miss Phatsanan everywhere, she said.

"Whether I'm sitting, lying down or whatever I'm doing he's always around. Even if people try to chase him off or lure him away with food, he will never leave me. I believe it is Yai's spirit that has been reborn as this fighting cock," Miss Phatsanan said.

Phitsanu Thusawut, 35, a close friend of the human Mr Yai and owner of the cock, said Mr Yai was very interested in fighting cocks and used to help him look after his flock.

Shortly after Mr Yai's death, Yai the cock was born.

When it was only three months old, it started to show odd behaviour for a fighting cock, Mr Phitsanu said.

It refused to fight and would not scratch around for food like other cocks, he said. Instead, it only wanted to hang around with Mr Phitsanu.


This continued until the cock first saw Miss Phatsanan in the noodle shop. Mr Phitsanu said he believed Mr Yai had come back to be close to Miss Phatsanan as he still loves her.

Sadly, following the release of the story in the Thai press, Miss Phatsanan's father forbade his daughter from consorting with the cock as he thought "it looked odd".

However, after Miss Phatsanan reasoned with him, she was given permission to see the cock again.

Source: *Khao Sod*

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Suspect chows on cop's ear

TRAT: A man wanted for a string of crimes, including rape, bit off part of a police officer's ear and stole his gun in an escape attempt on March 12.

At 1:30pm police were called to a hotel room in Muang District by a woman who claimed to have been tricked by 34-year-old Suthat Charoenruai into accompanying him from Chiang Mai with the promise of being given a car.

The woman said she met Mr Suthat in Chiang Mai three days previously.

She said he promised to give her the Toyota saloon he was driving if she went with him to Bangkok to transfer the ownership.

Instead Mr Suthat drove the woman to a hotel in Trat. Frightened, she contacted her family who called the police.

When officers moved in for the arrest, Mr Suthat locked his teeth on Cpl Seksan Aphimon's ear, ripping out a 2cm-wide chunk of flesh.

Mr Suthat grabbed the officer's side arm and fled to his car.

Mr Suthat soon abandoned the car and stole a motorbike.

A short time later police found the motorbike crashed by the side of the road.

Police searched a nearby forest and arrested Mr Suthat in a pig farm around 6pm.

Mr Suthat had 11 arrest warrants pending from Singburi, Lampang, Chanthaburi, Rayong and Trat. His list of suspected crimes include rape, false imprisonment, theft and embezzlement.

Source: *Khao Sod*



Korat cat gets a patent

NAKHON RATCHASIMA: A silver-blue, short-haired cat unique to this Northeastern province has been patented by the Livestock Department.

The Korat cat, from Nakhon Ratchasima's Phimai District, is the first local breed to be patented in the department's drive to register Thailand's unique pet species.

MP Purapat Wisetjindawattana said the species had to be protected because there were only 2,000 Korat cats left in the country. They are so rare that they can fetch between 4,000 and 20,000 baht.

The Livestock Department will soon propose a draft calling for more unique pets to be patented, he said.

Chuchai Wisetjindawat, president of the Korat Cat Conservation Club, said that he was happy the Korat feline species had been patented successfully and that he hoped it would be designated as the national animal.

The breed is known to be intelligent, playful and loyal to owners.

— *The Nation*

Ex-hubby admits to acid attack conspiracy

PHRAE: Police arrested the ex-husband of a nurse for hiring someone to throw acid in her face on March 11.

The husband confessed he ordered the attack after his wife started seeing a Westerner she met on the internet.

Chanchira Phinphetch, 39, an assistant nurse at Phrae Hospital, was left with severe facial injuries following the attack.

Police immediately called Mrs Chanchira's former husband, 44-year-old Phatya Panchai, in for questioning. He denied involvement and was released for lack of evidence.

Later, Sarawut Uttha, 29, handed himself in to police for the crime.

He had also suffered injuries to the face and hands after being splashed by the acid.

Mr Sarawut said Mr Phatya paid him 500 baht to throw the acid at Mrs Chanchira.

He claimed he did not know the liquid was acid, saying Mr Phatya told him it was only very diluted cleaning fluid.

He said he agreed to do it because he was indebted to Mr Phatya who had previously helped him with financial problems.

After being brought in for questioning again, Mr Phatya confessed to hiring Mr Sarawut to throw acid on his ex-wife. He was angry she had started seeing a *farang* she met on the website Hi-5, he said.

The former husband and wife, who have two daughters together, split up after she began spending all her time chatting to her internet friend, he said.

Source: *Thai Rath*

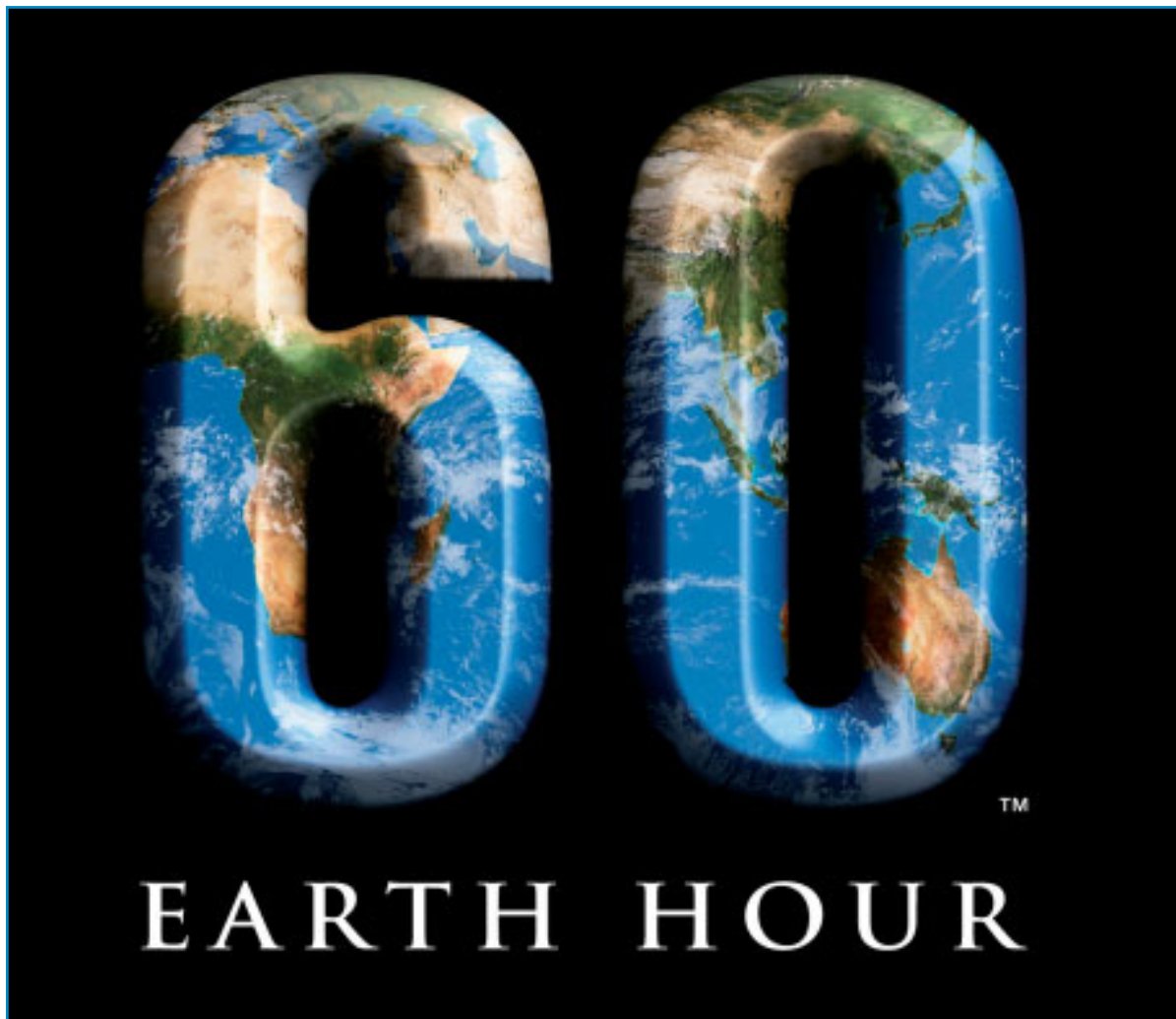
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Earth Hour 2010 will be observed in Phuket on Saturday, March 27 at 8:30pm and is a global call to action to every individual, business and community throughout the world.

Local venues participating by turning out their lights for an hour include Le Meriden Phuket Beach Resort and Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket, which has special candle-lit dinners arranged.

Yoonique's bar in Nai Harn will be hosting candle-lit 'un-plugged' acoustic performances by local musicians.

Le Meriden Phuket Beach Resort General Manager Rudolf Borgesius said, "We are pleased to support this world-wide environmental initiative. Since opening in 1987, the hotel has taken great effort to minimize its impact on the local environment with emphasis on waste reduction, energy management, water conservation, and active participation in

community green programs.

A recipient of the ASEAN Green Hotel Recognition Award 2007-2009, as well as a Five Green Leaf Certification from the Board of Environmental Promotion of Tourism Activities, Mr. Borgesius states, "the Resort is known for its pristine beach and lush tropical surroundings, our setting is one of our greatest assets. We are responsible for caring for this and the larger environment we belong to and we take this responsibility seriously."

At the Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket Resort's La Trattoria, a special Earth Hour dinner event will be hosted starting at 7pm.

The Resort's restaurant is doing their part to celebrate the event in style with 20% of the dinner's revenue being donated to support the World Wildlife Fund.

Individuals, businesses, governments and communities worldwide are all invited to turn out their lights for one hour to show their

support for action on climate change. Earth Hour started in 2007 in Sydney, Australia when 2.2 million homes and businesses turned their lights off for one hour to stand against climate change.

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Makruk makes a move



Local players try to outsmart each other at Phuket's first official Thai chess tournament, held at the On On Hotel in Phuket Town.

Phuket held its first Thai chess competition at the On On Hotel in Phuket Town from March 13 to 14. The competition was organized by the hotel proprietor, Dr Anurak Tansiroj, of Phuket International Hospital (Sirirot). Thai chess, also called *Makruk*, is board game descended from the 6th century Indian game of *chaturanga*, or a close relative thereof, and some players believe it involves more strategy than international chess.

"I have played Thai chess for 10 years and believe that it is one among many ways to prevent Alzheimer disease, because it exercises brain function. It also helps maintain Thai sport traditions and culture," said Dr Anurak.

In the past, chess players gathered at shops in town to drink coffee and play a game or two. However, with an official Phuket chess competition, Dr Anurak has taken the players from their local haunts and brought them together for a proper chess tournament.

The 37 male competitors were divided into two categories: open and new comers. The winners in both categories were awarded 20,000 baht and a trophy each. Winning the open category in the chess competition was Mr Somchai Eimprasert.

Sakchai Netchompu came first in the newcomers class.





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Nai Harn's Hog Heaven



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Clockwise (from top left): A Harley rider rolls up for the Nai Harn Bike Event island ride last Friday; This custom skeleton chopper was just one of the many impressive bikes on display; Bikes of all shapes and sizes, before the afternoon ride, included Harleys, Hondas and modified scooters; Three of the main organizers from the total of nine motorcycle clubs which sponsored the party.

The first annual Nai Harn Bike Event, held March 11-12, was a huge success, with hundreds of riders and bike enthusiasts from around Phuket turning out for the fun.

The two-day party welcomed all members of the island community and showcased the most impressive motorcycles, whether traditional or modified.

Hogs on show included Harley Davidson Choppers, Fat Boys and Heritage Softails, as well as a host of Honda, Vespa

and other vintage scooters.

At sunset the live music kicked off the party while dozens of bikers made their entrance into the lakeside venue. Long rows of motorcycles, food vendors and beer stands dotted the perimeter around the main stage.

All proceeds from the event will be put towards new trash cans for Nai Harn Beach.

Organized by nine Phuket motorcycle clubs – the Scan Hogs, Mang Moon, Chalong Riders, Herr's End, Free Wheels,

Warlords, Born to be Wild, Reggae Riders and the Hepp Hepp Riders – the hope is to make the party an annual event to support the local community.

To get the event idea off the ground, all nine motorcycle clubs kicked in 10,000 baht each to pay for tents, party rentals and beer.

Event highlights included Thursday night's opening party, followed by Friday's group ride and afternoon of 'adult game' challenges organized by each of the nine bike clubs.

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Next Saturday, Irish expats in Phuket will be celebrating St Patrick's Day. The JW Marriott Phuket Resort is set to hold its first St Patrick's Day ball on the island, putting on a wide range of entertainment with an Irish theme in conjunction with the Life Home Project in order to raise funds to help support HIV Positive women and children in the community.

Phuket's Honorary Consulate of Ireland Hélène Fallon Wood and her team have been the driving force behind organizing Phuket's first large-scale St Patrick's Day event.

"The Irish Government have been the biggest supporters [of the Life Home Project] with a long history of providing financial aid. HE Mrs Mary McAleese, the President of Ireland, personally visited the project in 2002, creating a very strong Irish connection. She has honored us by writing a personal forward to put in the booklet in support of our first Phuket St Patrick's Day event," said Ms Fallon Wood.

A number of VIPs are expected to attend the March 27 event in Mai Khao, including: Irish Ambassador to Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and Laos HE Eugene Hutchinson and his wife Adele; Phuket Governor Vichai Phraisa-ngob and his wife Khun Thaisika; Khun Thanwat Sirikul, Head of Phuket Passport Office

and his wife; and Martin Catrpenter MBE and his wife Lilian.

"We also have a wonderful Irish MC coming from Bangkok, and there will be entertainment to suit all ages," said Ms Fallon Wood.

A number of major sponsors are also taking part in the event with the aim of raising a substantial amount for the charity with an auction and prizes, including: round-trip flights to Dublin from Eithad Airways; a week's accommodation in Ireland with the Carlton Group of Hotels, plus a generous three- to four-day golf package at JW Marriott Druid's Glen in County Wicklow, which is famously known as 'The Garden of Ireland'.

Other items donated as prizes include: a Harley Davidson Fatboy; artwork; a Suzuki motorbike; stays in luxury villas at Amanpuri, Trisara and a Royal Villa at JW Marriott Phuket Resort and Spa, plus many more prizes from the Courtyard Hotel group.

More amazing prizes are up for grabs in the evening's raffle. Tickets are 100 baht each and can be purchased in advance at the British International School (BIS) or from Julie Street or Hélène Fallon Wood.

Students from BIS have also dedicated some of their time to the Life Home Project as part of a Creative, Action and Service Program by helping the women

Phuketians all set for St Patrick's Day



St Patrick's Day is celebrated by the Irish in communities all over the world. Photo: AFP / Alexey Sazonov

at the project prepare invitations, content for the booklet and video presentations to be shown during the St Patrick's Day ball.

The women at the Life Home Project have also been busy preparing many other festive additions, such as Irish flags, leprechauns, backdrops and table

runners. The Irish Times Pub has also generously donated a lot of time and energy to create a truly authentic pub-like atmosphere at the ball venue, and they will be serving pints of Guinness and Magners Irish Cider to ensure everyone has a real 'craic'! Jameson Whiskey and Pernod-

Ricard Thailand will also be making appearances and each guest will participate in making his or her own Irish Coffee following the meal provided by JW Marriot's Richard Taff and staff.

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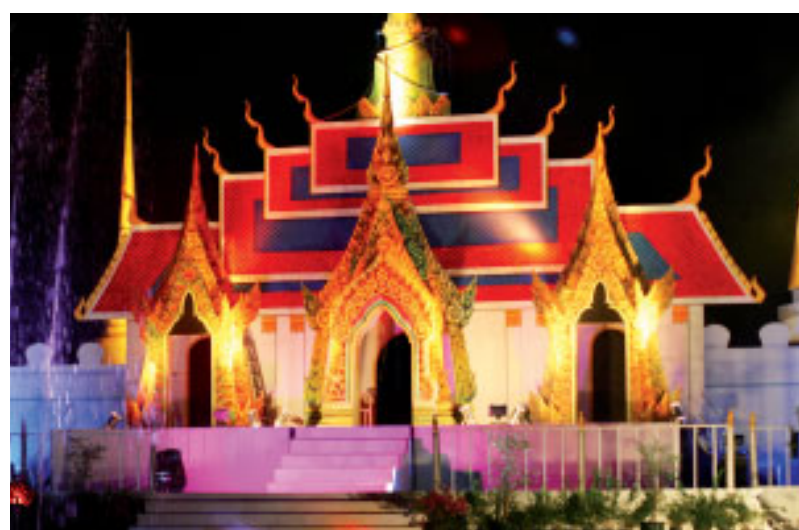
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Phuket Festival honors heroines



TOP: Dancers, actors and musicians were the main attraction at the Heroines' Festival last weekend. A young girl in traditional Thai costume performs the Manohara dance, based on character in regional mythology. **RIGHT:** An elaborate stage was erected at Thalang Memorial Field to host the festival's performances depicting the epic battle between Phuket's heroines and the Burmese army. **LEFT:** Local actors and drama students from Rajabhat University performed the story of the Khun Chan and Khun Mook; Phuket's beloved sister soldiers.

Photos by Thanasorn Chookate



According to island lore, in 1785, two Phuketian sisters dressed themselves as male soldiers and fought to defend the island from invading Burmese troops. Today, heroines Khun Chan and Khun Mook are

honored in Phuket with a festival celebrating their courage and the island's cultural heritage.

The annual Thao Thepkassatri-Thao Sri sunthorn Festival, or Heroines' Festival, took place between March 7-15 and

included many events, starting with a monk ordination ceremony at Wat Lattiwarnaram in Phuket City and continued throughout the weekend with stage performances and a fun fair at Thalang Memorial Field.

Organized by Phuket Provincial authority, big crowds turned out to enjoy the food, music and theatrical performances on the Memorial Field's main stage.

Each day of the festival offered a different event to honor the sister soldiers; a wreath laying ceremony, a historical walk and a variety of Thai sporting matches, including Muay Thai

contests were held at the Heroines' Monument and at Thalang Memorial Field.

One of the festival's highlights included the Thalang Victory Memorial Light and Sound Show, which depicted the historical heroine's battle. On the site where the historic battle took place over 200 years ago, local performers dressed in traditional garb and recreated the battle.

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EXPAT GALLERY

Hélène Fallon Wood

Hélène Fallon Wood has been the official Honorary Consul for Ireland since December 2004, when she became actively involved in helping local people whose lives had been devastated by the tsunami.

"We lost four Irish citizens that day. The government of Ireland pledged 500,000 euros from Ireland Aid to help the local communities that were affected by the tragedy. I was able to identify certain needs and make proposals for the allocation of these funds."

Hélène advised the Irish government to fund small business projects, mostly in Khao Lak, for women who were the primary wage earners for their families. Grants allowed these women to start small operations, such as laundries, which enabled them to support their children.

Hélène also advised buying educational equipment for schools and worked with Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn projects to replace destroyed houses.

She is also well known for her work with Life Home Project, a local charity providing housing and vocational training for HIV infected women and their children.

"In 2001, my son Brian came home from school with a notice about women needing food and clothing. I decided to check out their conditions and first be-

gan teaching them English three times a week. As the demand for supplies and facilities grew, I decided to launch a fund-raising campaign and held the first Life Aid Benefit Ball in 2003 at the JW Marriott Resort and Spa."

Hélène was able to raise three million baht and had equal success in 2004 and again in 2006 with similar Life Aid Benefit events.

"We then began to focus on building a permanent home for HIV infected families, and with the help of Ireland Aid, a very kind banker from Morocco and a family in California, who had lost parents in the tsunami, we were able to construct a purpose-built facility which houses 25 women and 30 children with six buildings, a day care center and a bakery."

And now Hélène is producing a St. Patrick's Ball, at the JW Marriott, for the Life Home Project on March 27, as again funding is in short supply and she is committed to maintaining the facility on Koh Sirey Island.

"The Life Home Project needs the support. We've been getting grants from the Thai government, UNICEF, Global Fund USA, and tremendous support from the Rotary Club of Patong, but our expenses exceed what is donated. As the Honorary Consul of Ireland, I decided to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an

authentic Irish event featuring The Roaring Bhoys and a live Irish pub atmosphere."

Hélène is no stranger to producing successful events. When she lived in Ireland, she worked as a production manager making feature films and television series. One of her first jobs was in an ad for Canada Dry mixers, where she performed as a Mardi Gras dancer. Her dynamic personality impressed the director who recruited her as his assistant for the next couple of years.

She went on to work on a Roald Dahl production of 'The Witches' and a Maeve Binchey project, 'Echoes'. She also set up Britain's first home shopping TV network.

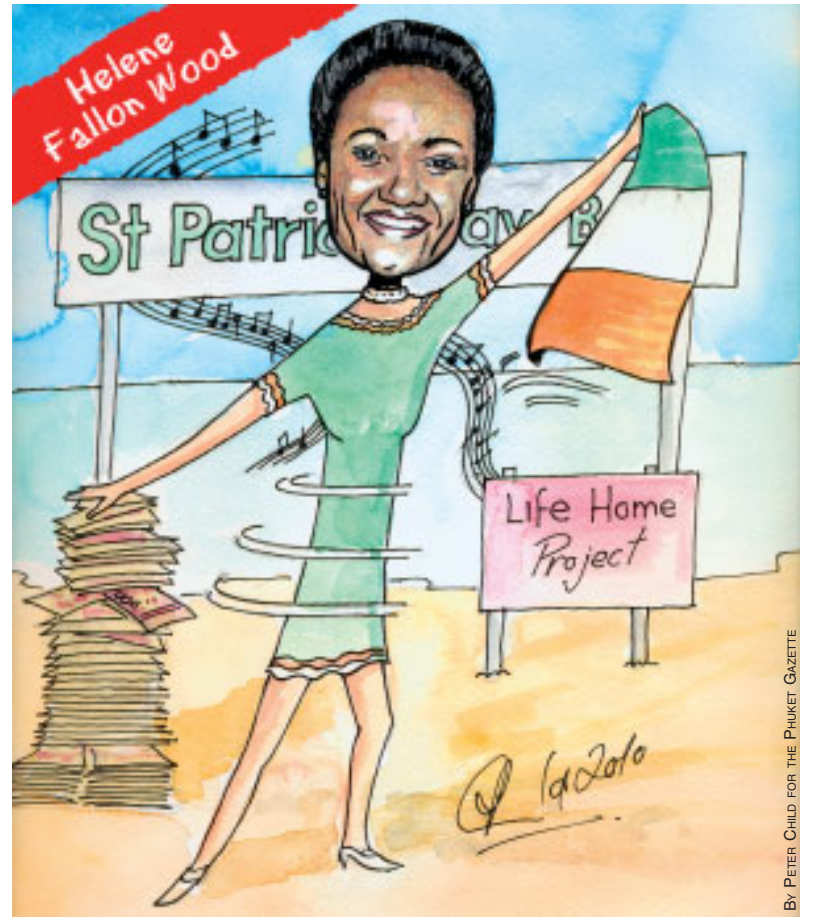
Her last assignment in Ireland was as production manager on the popular feature film, 'The Commitments'.

When her husband, Peter Wood, suggested they move to Thailand in 1988, Hélène was up for the adventure.

She spent a long time enjoying her new life in the tropics at Fisherman's Way, but as she became aware of the needs of those less fortunate, she came out of semi-retirement to help.

"I want the Phuket community to know how the Life Home Project is doing, and to give them the chance for their continued support. We are again aiming for a fund-raising goal of three million baht, and those who attend can be sure of having a very good time."

— Bruce Stanley



BY PETER CHILDS FOR THE PHUKET GAZETTE

ABOUT EXPAT GALLERY

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



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GAZETTE BLESSINGS: Phuket Gazette Staff and guests at the Gazette's brand new office building, Gazette Square, following a Buddhist inauguration ceremony performed by local monks on March 17. Pictured are (back row from left): Tassanee Tipakorn; Phuket Gazette Editor Parichat Utintu; Janpen Arno-Magee; Managing Director of Anda Focus Media, Natchanok Sucharitkul; Executive Producer PGTV Marc Mulloy; (front row) Radhiline Boonyathong and Phuket Gazette Managing Director Oranee Hildebrand.



PHUKET PROMOTED: The Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa management team welcomed staff from the Tourism Authority of Thailand's Los Angeles office on March 11. This was the 50th annual educational trip to Phuket by the TAT L.A., which aims to promote Phuket in the international tourist market.



HERE TO STAY: Headstart International School Phuket headmaster Jazon Edouard (center), parents and teachers celebrate the school's issuance of a permanent international school license from the Ministry of Education. The school had been operating under a temporary license since opening its doors last September.



NAVAL BIRTHDAY: Bangkok Hospital Phuket Deputy Director Dr Bodin La-ied (center) presents a bouquet to Rear Admiral Supot Sudprasert, Deputy Commander of the Third Area Naval Command in Makam Bay on March 11. The occasion was the anniversary of the founding of the naval base. Also pictured is Bangkok Hospital Phuket's Corporate Social Responsibility Project Manager Pareeya Jullapong.



SPA TREATMENT: Luxury spa products maker Biocos Professionnel announces the arrival of French produced ALGOTHERM cosmetics at hotel Mercure Patong Phuket. Pictured are (from left): Biocos GM Chutiya Paitoon; Export Manager in Hong Kong Celine Heuls; Marketing Director Chalotorn Sengsomvong; and Asia Pacific Trainer in Hong Kong Brigitte Niederberger.



MEDICAL TOUR: Phuket International Hospital (PIH) welcomed 31 nurses and medical professionals from Korea on March 17. The Korean visitors were given an inspection tour of PIH as a case study for a hospital to be developed in Korea.



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An open version of the 300SLR famously won the Mille Miglia in 1955 with Britain's Stirling Moss and Denis Jenkinson.

The 300SL was introduced in 1954 as a two-seater sports car with the distinctive top-hinged doors.

It was launched at the New York motor show aimed at the booming post-war American car market. Apart from its unusual doors, it was also the first gasoline-powered car to be equipped with fuel injection directly into the cylinders.

Now there is a new gull-wing Mercedes: the SLS AMG, which promises to be equally successful.

Occupants of the SLS AMG are treated to a very special interior with a low seating position typical of sports cars, perfect ergonomics, and a high level of long-distance comfort. One important criterion for customer satisfaction is ease of access and egress through the exclusive gull-wing doors.

At the design stage, great attention was paid to the widest possible opening angle; it is a full 70 degrees. Equally important is the distance between the open doors and the road surface is a generous 1.49 meters.

Another important addition that makes for dignified access is two gas-pressure struts positioned next to the door hinges, which require only a little pressure to open and close the doors. In addition, the doors require less opening space than conventional coupé doors, and can be fully opened in a standard garage.

The power unit is AMG's proven 6.2 liter V8, the same found in the C63 and E63 sedans. Peak power is 571bhp (420 kW) at 6,800rpm, while the torque output is a massive 650Nm at 4,750. All this adds up to a benchmark sprint time of 0 to 100 km/h in 3.8 seconds and a maximum speed of 317km/h.

To rein in this performance, the SLS is equipped with composite disc brakes: internally ventilated and perforated at the front; internally ventilated and perforated disc brakes at the rear. A seven-speed, double-declutch sports transmission is fitted in a transaxle configuration.

The appearance of the SLS is as dramatic as its performance figures. To quote Mercedes-Benz:

"The distinctive styling of the SLS AMG demonstrates a passionate sportiness and reinterprets the breathtaking lines of the Mercedes-Benz 300 SL – one of the outstanding design icons of the Mercedes-Benz brand.

"With its purist design, the SLS reflects the philosophy of contemporary sports car engineering: the bonnet, which measures just under two meters; the low greenhouse, positioned well to the rear; and the short rear end with an extendable aerofoil are just as powerful a reminder of the superlative dynamism as the long wheel-base, the wide track and the large wheels.

"The short overhangs feed through into the proportions, as does the design of the super sports car with its low-slung front-mid-engine set well back and dual-clutch transmission in transaxle configuration."

Weight distribution front to rear is an admirable 47:53 and this, coupled with a low center of gravity, makes the SLS one of the best handling cars in the Mercedes-Benz line-up.

A host of options is available with the car when it goes on sale in spring this year, including an advanced ceramic composite high-performance braking system, a sophisticated Bang & Olufsen BeoSound AMG surround sound system, sports bucket seats, a performance steering wheel in leather and Alcantara, and a carbon fiber interior package that includes seat backs, sills and door panels.

Buyers are already queuing up to order their SLS AMG Gullwing, even with a price tag of around 177,000 euros.

It is a remarkable machine and is likely to become a classic, much as its predecessor of the 50s is now viewed.

BEHIND THE WHEEL

By Jeff Heselwood



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The new SILK restaurant at Andara resort and villas is stylish and spacious with a view over Kamala Bay.

Shrimps in sarongs

By Nick Davies

SILK restaurant has a new look and venue and has added a selection of Italian cuisine to its menu of traditional Thai dishes. Now located at Andara resort and villas in Kamala, the new SILK has spacious indoor and alfresco dining options with a view over the swimming pool and bay beyond.

This new venue with a view is a stylishly spacious high-ceilinged alcove of wood and glass that allows large groups to dine together while still leaving enough distance between other diners with more intimate ambitions.

The restaurant's signature dish is Kung Sarong (shrimps in sarongs), which can be ordered separately (325 baht) or as part of a finger food platter of appetizers served with traditional Thai dipping sauces. The shrimps are artfully wrapped in fried Phuket noodles and dipped in mango sauce.

The Thai appetizers range from 215 to 415 baht and include several vegetarian dishes and other Thai classics like spring rolls and stuffed crab.

The list of wines from around the world, including champagne, is extensive, but non aficionados can easily pick wines by the glass (295-320 baht) from a short list that includes a sparkling wine, two reds, two whites and a rosé.

Italian appetizers include salads, soups, pasta, eggplant and seafood dishes infused with mouth-watering Mediterranean cheeses, oils and herbs.

Among the many seafood, meat and poultry main Thai dishes (425 - 995 baht) are some interesting fusion salads, like pomelo with tamarind dressing and crispy challots (225 baht). The 'Healthy Stuff' section has a variety of light and mainly vegetarian dishes, such as tofu in thick creamy curry (265 baht).

The small selection of desserts includes the Thai favorite, sticky rice and sweet mango (215), and coffee lovers can finish off with a nice strong cup of Vittoria coffee.

SILK's Thai dishes come in sizable portions, large enough for farang appetites, but they don't pack the same flavorsome punch to the palate as you'd find at less classy local joints. This does make the restaurant a good venue to introduce Thai cuisine to uninitiated newcomers but would leave your average expat or Thai hankering for a more fulfilling foray into the contrasting flavors of street-side Thai food.

Exploring Italy's culinary identity

By Nick Davies

Fifth generation winemaker Claudio Lenotti of the Cantine Lenotti label brought a collection of his north Italian wines to the tables of Dusit Laguna's La Trattoria Italian restaurant last week.

The evening started in the restaurant's grounds with a classic light and 'peachy' summer wine; Cantine Lenotti's only rose, Chiaretto Bardolino Classico.

Once seated inside, La Trattoria's little Italy by the beach came to life. The décor and tableware, a simple and elegant blend of classic and modern styles, is subtle yet stylish. White linen covers the tables adorned with classic cutlery and custom-made glasses in this 130-seat restaurant by the sea.

Winemaker Claudio began to educate the audience about the wines of his country. Apart from soil and weather, Italian wines are distinct in that they are usually named according to where they were produced, rather than the more common use of the grape variety to name a wine.

The Cantine Lenotti winery is in the hilly area of Bardolino, near Verona in northern Italy, and produces at least 20 different wines.

For this 'extraordinary' wine dinner, La Trattoria's head chef, also an Italian named Claudio, conjured up a five-course meal paired with four Lenotti wines.

Although La Trattoria prides itself on 'authentic' Italian cuisine, Chef Claudio couldn't help adding some contemporary twists to his traditional dishes.

A light yet complex white, Colle dei Tigli 2008, accompanied the first course of gratinated Hokkaido scallops, made sweet with orange granite.

Claudio explained that the full-bodied and fruity aroma with



Winemaker Claudio Lenotti, Dusit Laguna F&B Director Alexander Mack, and Chef Claudio.



Gratinated Hokkaido scallops with orange granite

hints of peach and apple was the most suitable wine to begin the culinary journey.

Chef Claudio's next course was two thin slices of raw veal (veal carpaccio) with horseradish, truffle oil and shaves of Castelmango cheese, which was accompanied by Lenotti's Pinot grigio del Veneto 2008.

This pairing created an entirely different sensation, as both the wine and the dish were distinctly pungent yet mixed harmoniously.

Winemaker Claudio had deliberately chosen two very different wines to start the meal and was keen to demonstrate that diners' individual tastes and preferences were what mattered, not necessarily the name and year of the wines.

A show of hands proved that about half the diners preferred the light bouquet of Colle dei Tigli, while the rest voted for the Pinot grigio.

Of course no trip to Italy would be complete without a risotto. Chef Claudio broke the rules here by putting two pulses in the same dish, but the risk paid off and the filling risotto went down a treat with the

evening's first red, a fruity and complex Capomastro Rosso del Veneto 2007.

Winemaker Claudio was especially excited about the penultimate main course of braised beef cheek and porcini mushrooms, as it was the perfect opportunity to show off his winery's classic red, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2005, which has a full-bodied slightly bitter, velvety taste. It was the perfect accompaniment to the rich meat dish.

For dessert, Chef Claudio presented caramelized pears and cinnamon ice cream with almond tart, while the diners polished off the rest of the Amarone.

The two Claudios did an excellent job of taking diners on an adventurous culinary journey to the land of art and romance in the latest installment of Dusit Thani Laguna's 'best of' Wine Series. Everyone left feeling satiated but not overly full.

This Saturday, La Trattoria is holding a special candle-lit dinner from 7pm for this year's Earth Hour, which begins 8:30pm local time. Bookings can be made directly at the restaurant or by calling 076-362 999. Ext 7303.



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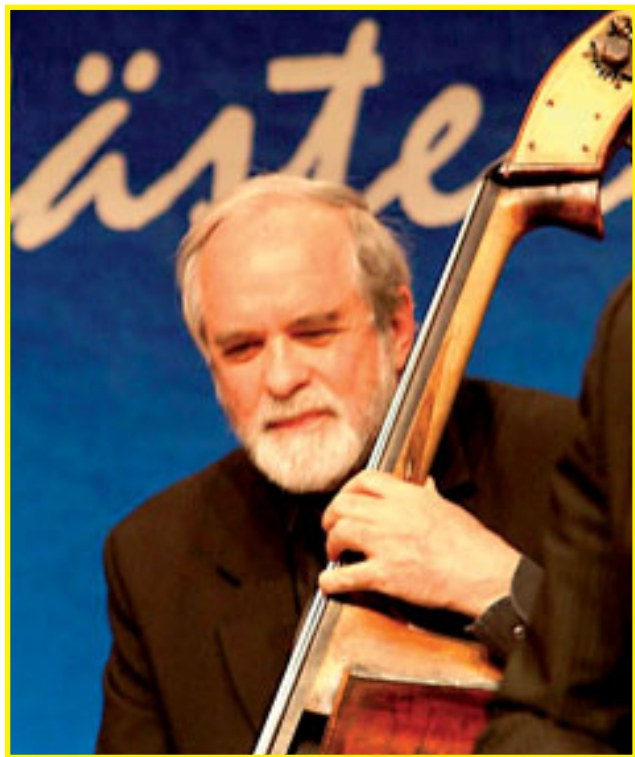
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EVENTS CALENDAR

Upcoming events on the island

Charity Jazz Dinner Concert at The Metropole Hotel in Phuket Town – March 27



Join the second Charity Jazz Dinner Concert 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. Funds raised will be used to buy computer equipment and other learning materials. The March 27 concert will be at The Metropole Hotel in Phuket Town. Tickets are 1,200 baht per person, inclusive of cocktail and gala dinner. Tickets are available from 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.

March 20-21. Sea Turtle Charity Event at Aleenta
Aleenta is proud to announce its third sea turtle charity event. Over the past four years, Aleenta has raised more than one million baht in support of the sea turtle sanctuary of the Phang Nga Coastal Fisheries Research and Development Center in Thai Muang. This year, Aleenta is again aiming to raise 500,000 baht to support valuable research. All proceeds of the event go to Aleenta's turtle fund. From 12pm to 3pm at Aleenta Resort & Spa Phuket - Phang Nga. For further information contact Andreas. T: 085-4891301. E: rmphuket@aleenta.com W: aleenta.com/phuket.

March 24-26. International Baccalaureate Art Exhibition 2010

Come to the Grand Opening of an exhibition of students' art on March 23, 4:30pm, at BIS. For further information, contact the BIS Marketing Department. T: 076-238711. E: usarap@bisphuket.ac.th. W: bisphuket.ac.th.

March 25. Spring Wine Dinner at Mom Tri's Kitchen

Michelin Star Guest Chef Gérard Royant teams up with Mom Tri's Maitre Cuisinier de France Jean-Noël Lumineau to present an evening of fine wine and culinary excellence at Mom Tri's Kitchen at Villa Royale. The French team will present Spring Dinner, a six course dinner including a selection of five paired wines. Price is 1,800 baht per person (excluding tax and service charge). The main dish is Fillet of black Angus beef, morel mushrooms in cream sauce, braised fennel paired with Château d'Arcins 2006 Haut Médoc, cru bourgeois, France. From 7pm - 10:30pm at Mom Tri's Kitchen in Kata Noi. For further information contact Sylvie Yaffe. T: 076-333568 E: pr@villaroyalephuket.com W: momtriphuket.com/events.htm

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. Phuket House Mafia Exclusive Marina Night at RPM

Phuket House Mafia introduces an evening of music and fun at Royal Phuket Marina. The PHM DJs will mix the decks head to head and turn "Grasslands" into a massive dance floor. The evening will also showcase a superb collection of classic bikes for all you petrol heads. Come and experience a night with the Phuket House Mafia at Grasslands, Royal Phuket Marina. Free admission. From 8pm - 11:30pm at Royal Phuket Marina. For further information contact Mr Murat Can Sakarya. T: 081-797 3364. E: muratc@royalphuketmarina.com. W: royalphuketmarina.com.

April 2. Laguna Phuket Turtle Release @ Sheraton Grande

To help protect Thailand's endangered sea turtles, Laguna Phuket will host this annual event in association with the Phuket Marine Biological Center and the Royal Thai Navy. This year's event will feature the release of

two juvenile turtles equipped with satellite tracking devices, part of the ongoing research that maps local feeding grounds and migration patterns of these turtles. Get involved in the fundraisings: Donate 3,000 baht to release a turtle, purchase 100-baht raffles and win turtle release and prizes. Game booths and lucky dip: 20 baht. Turtle release from 5.30pm to 6pm. From 4pm to 6pm at Sheraton Grande Laguna Beachfront. For further information contact Ms Thareeya Deasakorn Khamkar. T: 076-362300 E: thareeyak@lagunaphuket.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 throughout the world. 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 4. Fun Football Day at Royal Phuket Marina

Join Royal Phuket Marina for an afternoon of family football. Test your skills on a penalty shootout, demonstration of Futebol de Salão, mixed family-sided games and much more. All proceeds will be used to purchase footballs for a Local Thai Orphanage. Free Admission, and parents will receive a 20% discount at RPM restaurants from 7pm to 9pm. From 4pm to 7pm at Grass lawn near Tennis Court at RPM. For further information contact Mr Murat Can Sakarya and Mr. Martin Hill. T: 085-331 0295. E: muratc@royalphuketmarina.com.

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The Euro rattles with its weakest links



MONEY TALKS

By Richard Watson

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The Greek prime minister has told the heads of state of France and Germany that his country does not require a bailout.

Pointing to Greece's recent success in raising funds on the bond market, the Greek PM then went on to state that Greece simply cannot afford to continue to raise money at these expensive interest rates.

The reality is that Greece did manage to raise funds in the bond market – albeit at 6.4% – which is substantially higher than the more 'credit worthy' member states of the Euro pay for funds.

However, Greece would not have been able to raise funds at all if the bond market believed

that there was any risk of a Greek default. On arriving in Germany, the Greek PM heard, via the media, Germany's Finance Minister state that not one cent of German taxpayers' money would be used to bailout Greece.

Now, the Greek PM has visited the US stating that he is not seeking a bailout, but could do with assistance.

European law relating to member nations of the Euro Zone state that no member state will bailout another.

In addition, all member states are expected to adhere to the 'stability pact', which states that no member state will run a budget deficit in excess of 3 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) or allow total government debt to exceed 60 percent of GDP.

However, in the eleven year life of the Euro, all member states have been guilty of breaching these rules. Unfortunately, this has now led to some member states running double digit budget deficits and government debt in excess of 100 percent of GDP.

A common currency such as the Euro requires that member states adhere to its rules; when these rules are ignored, it can be the beginning of the end for that currency. History is littered with examples of unsuccessful attempts to create currency unions.

The correct route for Greece to take is to approach the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for assistance.

However, Greece is trying to avoid that route, as IMF terms are likely to be harsh and there is also some muddle-headed thinking that Euro Zone states should not embarrass other members by seeking IMF assistance. It should not be necessary for any member state to be in financial difficulties that cannot be rectified internally.

The reality is that Greece is merely the tip of the iceberg. If it was only Greece that faced severe difficulties, they would have already been fixed.

On March 9, the well known business channel Bloomberg Television reported that the Spanish economy, also a member state of the Euro Zone, is in severe difficulties. Fitch, one of the "Big 3" credit rating agencies, told a Bloomberg researcher that the Spanish economy is in trouble.

Bloomberg went on to point out that many well known economists were very negative about Spain's economic prospects.

Unemployment is now at 19.5 percent and youth unemployment for those under 25 now stands at a staggering 45 percent.

There are also 900,000 unsold housing units lying vacant in Spain and the property market is in a meltdown.

Spain is apparently trapped: its budget deficit is in double digits, government debt is vastly ahead of the 60 percent of GDP limit and with the economy in trouble, it is difficult to see an escape route.

To bring the budget deficit down and government debt to be contained will require a strong austerity program. However, the Spanish population will resist further austerity measures by mass strikes, demonstrations and



Demonstrators protest in Athens on March 11 during a 24-hour general strike to protest the government's austerity plan to solve country's debt crisis. Photo: AFP/ Aris Messinis

other unwanted measures.

Austerity will also not allow the Spanish economy to grow, which creates even more problems.

It appears likely that Spain can postpone its most serious problems until June this year, when the Spanish government has to repay substantial amounts of debt. It is going to be a real problem for Spain to refinance itself in the bond market.

Should the Euro Zone come

to the conclusion that it must ignore its own laws and rescue Greece, Spain and any other "worthy" claimant, then it is sowing the seeds of its own eventual destruction.

Historically, countries such as Spain and Greece that faced severe economic problems had an escape route: the currency.

This time around they are tied into the Euro, which means the escape route is not available.

Bloomberg came to the conclusion that the only viable alternative for countries such as Greece and Spain is to return to their original currencies, the Drachma and the Peseta respectively, where the devaluation option is open.

The UK is fortunate that it never adopted the Euro or they would be facing the same problems as Greece, Spain and maybe others.

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By DAVID OUELLET

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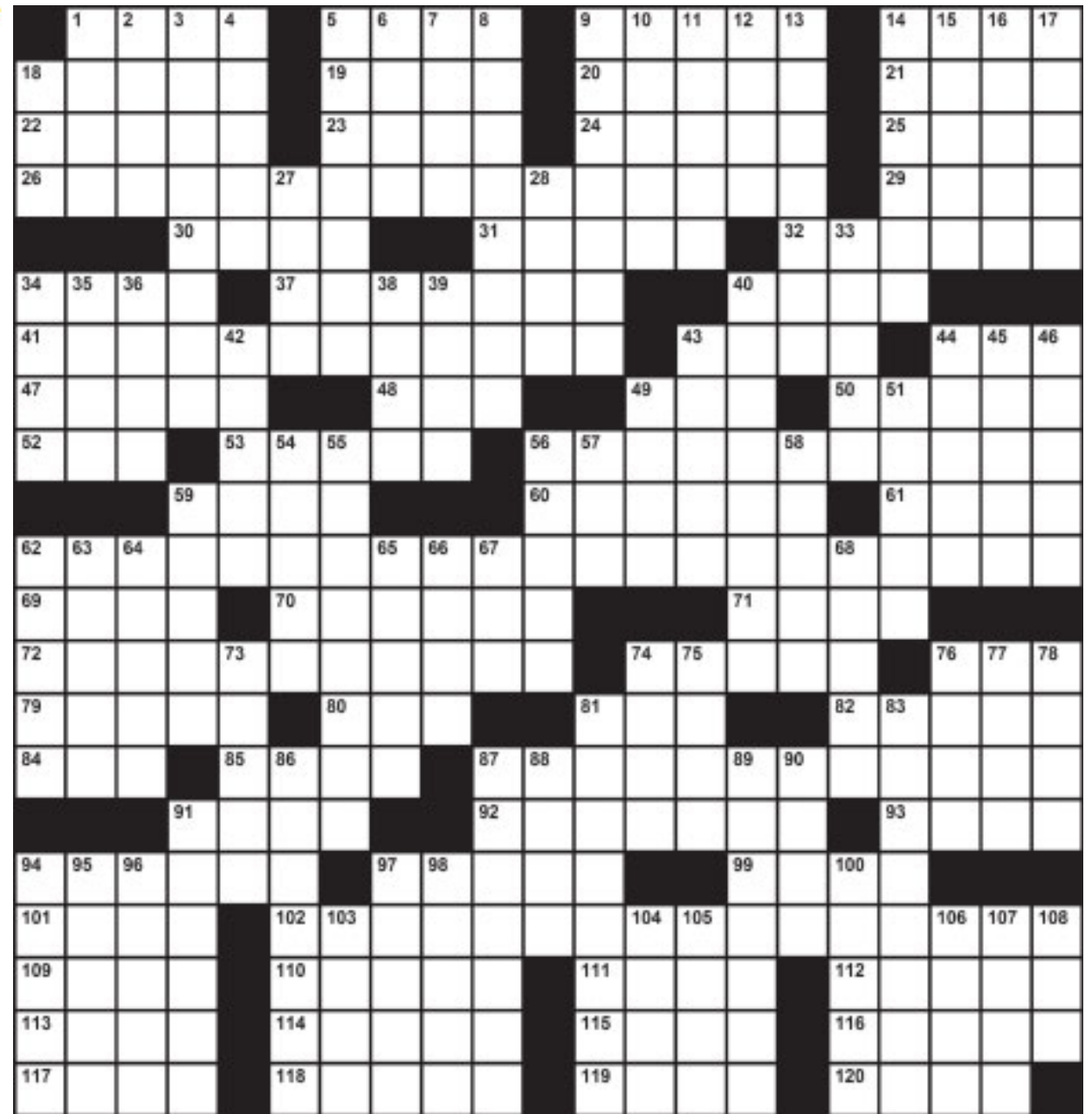
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ACROSS

- 1 Dedicatory poems
- 5 Canceled, as a shuttle launch
- 9 "Anglo" or "audio" add-on
- 14 Bog material
- 18 Abstract art prominent in the '60s
- 19 Arabian Sea's Gulf of
- 20 Wood and Turner
- 21 Bar between wheels
- 22 2:1 or 5:2, e.g.
- 23 Tree trunk
- 24 Baseball player's representative
- 25 Ancient gathering spot
- 26 24
- 29 "Magical Mystery" (1967 Beatles album)
- 30 Cash conclusions?
- 31 Apt to stay put
- 32 Handles grounders
- 34 Just (tiny amount)
- 37 Andean country
- 40 Some Halloween decorations
- 41 7
- 43 Blackballs
- 44 "Love ___ Many Splendored Thing"
- 47 "Later!" in Lourdes
- 48 Ruminant's chaw
- 49 Cambridge campus, briefly
- 50 "Rebel Without a Cause" actor Sal
- 52 Cape on the Atlantic
- 53 Computer class setting
- 56 Florida tourist attraction
- 59 Mishmash
- 60 South African brew
- 61 Racetrack tipster
- 62 "24"
- 69 "... more than one way to skin ___"
- 70 Kind of nut

- 71 End of the old switch?
- 72 Modern medicine tablet feature
- 74 "The Courtship of Miles Standish" character
- 76 Start for "suppose" or "school"
- 79 1985 John Malkovich film
- 80 Rubble maker
- 81 "Can I take that as ___?"
- 82 "Finding Nemo" setting
- 84 Pt. of DOS
- 85 When repeated, a child's train
- 87 7
- 91 Poster abbreviations
- 92 Baby shower phrase, perhaps
- 93 "Alouette" body part
- 94 Affording a view
- 97 "Victory" (WWII documentary)
- 99 Wilder in the movies
- 101 Hungry one's discomfort
- 102 24
- 109 "European" opening
- 110 ___ disc (injure one's back)
- 111 Give a skeezy look
- 112 Ames brother?
- 113 "... and the twain shall meet"
- 114 "Gil Blas" novelist
- 115 Start for "while"
- 116 "Queen Christina" star Garbo
- 117 Centuries-old Icelandic work
- 118 "Fuzzy Wuzzy" fuzzy ___
- 119 Ellipsis threesome
- 120 Fictional alter ego

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- 1 "Fire" gem
- 2 Enterprise android

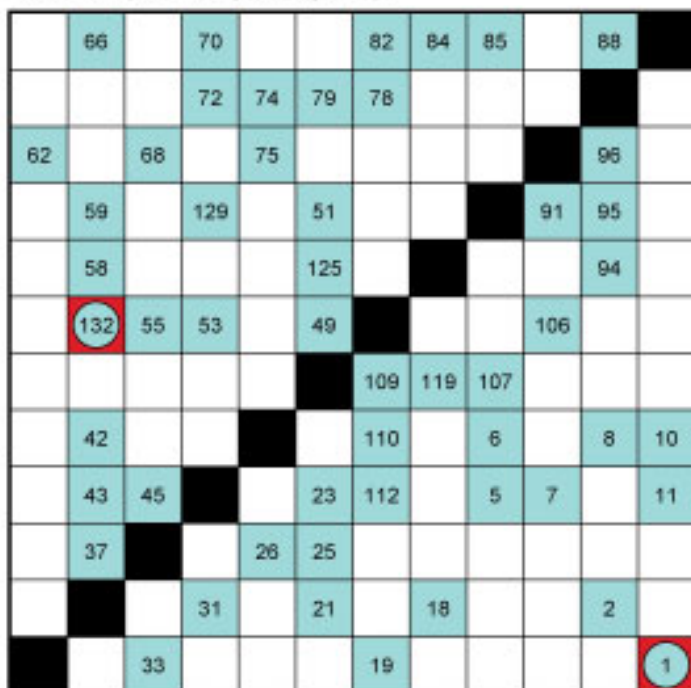
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- 4 Add fuel to
- 5 Teddy Grahams maker
- 6 Air freshener's target
- 7 Neuter, as a horse
- 8 Biased
- 9 Smoothing tools
- 10 Dik Browne viking
- 11 All thumbs
- 12 Civil rights scholar/activist Guinier
- 13 "Anything for You" singer Gloria
- 14 Affixes, as in a scrapbook
- 15 Acclaim
- 16 A way to think
- 17 Crocodile's output?
- 18 Globe
- 27 Start to form, as a storm
- 28 "___ out?" (poker query)
- 33 "Who's there?" reply
- 34 "Never Wave at ___" (1953 Rosalind Russell film)
- 35 List heading
- 36 Drought-stricken
- 38 What Huey, Dewey and Louie call Donald
- 39 "Rub" follower
- 40 Secured, as hatches
- 42 Having two parts
- 43 Plant and animal life
- 44 "You're falling ___ deep sleep ..."
- 45 No-___ (gnat)
- 46 Major artery
- 49 LVIII times XXV
- 51 Opening, for short
- 54 "Odyssey" enchantress
- 55 Silicon Valley city
- 56 "___ go, regard this dying prince" (Shakespeare)
- 57 ___ capita
- 58 Band of fighters
- 59 More than

- 62 occasionally Jackson and Winslet
- 63 Without warmth
- 64 Noted designer of chairs
- 65 "___ hooks" (shipping crate caution)
- 66 "___ Girl" ('60s TV series)
- 67 "For ___ a jolly good ..."
- 68 "What am I supposed to ___?"
- 73 Lake of "Hairspray"
- 74 First name in a Tolstoy novel
- 75 Leopold's partner in a sensational 1924 trial
- 76 Champagne pop?
- 77 Marooned sailor's construction
- 78 Start of Massachusetts' motto
- 81 Attacked violently
- 83 Quiz show choice
- 86 Bladed tool
- 87 Standoffish
- 88 Ending for "suburban"
- 89 Custardlike dairy products
- 90 One with a colorful job?
- 91 Fur-bearing goat
- 94 Place for a book title
- 95 Like rattan chairs
- 96 Wasn't renewed
- 97 Soprano's repertoire
- 98 Simple basket
- 100 It comes straight from the horse's mouth
- 103 "... and to ___ good-night"
- 104 Agrippina's son
- 105 Bug to swat
- 106 Delayed payment on
- 107 One way to run?
- 108 Incriminating evidence

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1. What symbol is the most common on the flags of the world?
2. Which country is alphabetically last?
3. What was invented by the UK's Tom Smith in 1840?
4. Minerva is the Roman goddess of what?
5. What type of animal is a Spanish Jennet?
6. A crapulous person is characterized by what type of behavior?
7. In what sport would you wedel?
8. What is the correct name for a baby otter?
9. What color is the gemstone peridot?
10. Sanskrit is a Indo-Arian language which means what?
11. In which country do they play *houlani*, a type of ice hockey?
12. The Hebrew name Tabitha means what?
13. What do you need to play a game of spangy?
14. From which two words does the canned meat Spam get its name?
15. The Irish rock band The Pogues took their name from the Gaelic phrase '*Pogue Mahone*' meaning what?
16. On the Chinese calendar what year follows the year of the snake?
17. In Zimbabwe, the local Lozi tribe call it the '*Mosi-oa-Tunya*' or 'the smoke that thunders' What is it?
18. What kills an average of one person every six seconds and is responsible for one in 10 adult deaths worldwide?
19. The average American consumes over 28lbs of what each year?
20. What is the world's largest rodent?

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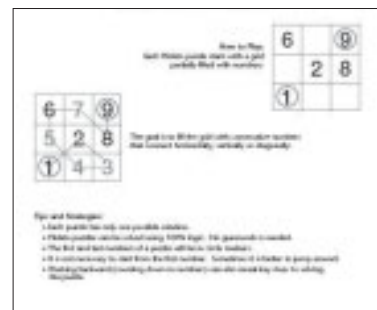
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Monster Quiz Answers

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2. Zimbabwe
3. Christmas crackers
4. Wisdom
5. Small Spanish horse
6. Gross excess of drinking and eating
7. Skiing
8. Kitten
9. Green
10. Well made or perfected
11. Turkey
12. Gazelle
13. Marbles
14. Spiced Ham
15. Kiss my a**
16. Horse
17. Victoria Falls
18. Tobacco use
19. Bananas
20. Capybara

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



Hidato Puzzle Solution

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By S. TSOW

Currently visiting Phuket is famed futurologist Master Aisee Yoo, an adept who describes himself as an astrologer, crystal-ball gazer, feng-shui expert, black-belt Scientologist, prophet, mahatma, revelator, and seer.

Eager to learn what this great man predicts for the rest of 2010, I managed to get an interview:

Tsow: Welcome to Phuket, Master Aisee. What do you foresee from this point onwards for 2010?

Master Aisee: The political conflicts in Thailand will multiply. Right now you have only the yellow shirts fighting the red shirts. But new groups will arise, representing every possible political viewpoint. Each group will adopt a different color for their shirts. Soon all the colors will be

Sheep to show up strippers

taken. People who want to stay neutral won't be able to find a politically neutral color to wear.

Tsow: Good heavens. What will they do?

Master: In a brilliant masterstroke, Thais who are tired of all the turmoil will stop wearing any shirts at all. Since this accords with an old Thai custom and makes perfect sense in Thailand's horrendous heat, shirtlessness will quickly catch on and become the new fashion norm for both men and women.

Tsow: Wow. What else?

Master: Osama bin Laden will flee when it is discovered that ever since the bombing of Tora Bora he has secretly been living in Patong as the owner of a chain of go-go bars called Osam-A-Rama. This is a novel new concept that features dancing sheep.

Tsow: Do the sheep, uh, "show"?

Master: No. Nothing immodest. In accordance with its puritanical code of morality, Al-Qaeda enforces a high standard of chaste decorum in all its go-go bars. The sheep wear pasties. And they're all female. Since Al-

Qaeda sternly forbids the mingling of the sexes, there's no immoral mixing of male and female sheep on stage.

Tsow: And, uh, can the sheep be bar-fined?

Master: Yes, but they call it a baa-fine. A little humor from the fun-loving punsters of Al-Qaeda.

Tsow: Uhhhh... what do you do with a sheep after you've baa-fined it?

Master: The stars don't say. I suspect that lamb chops and sheepskin coats might be part of the picture. But the failure of the American intelligence community to detect Osama when he was in Patong for so long will prompt a great outcry in the United States.

President Obama will promise an intense review of procedures and a shakeup of intelligence personnel. High-level officials will step forward to assume responsibility.

Tsow: Just a minute. I've always wondered about these government officials who say they assume responsibility. What does that mean? Does it mean they'll resign?

Master: No. Usually

people applaud and say, "Ooo, that's cool, he assumes responsibility. Let's give him a medal."

But beginning with the Osama-in-Patong debacle, people will begin to demand that such officials fall on their swords, the way the ancient Romans did. In extreme cases, they'll demand that they commit hara-kiri, Japanese-style. In public. On TV. It could become a new kind of reality show.

Tsow: And will this become a new requirement for public officials who screw up?

Master: No. It'll be the focus of a bill that will get stalled in Congress. At issue will be the question of whether officials should be issued a Roman sword or a Japanese sword upon assuming office, because they'll need something to commit suicide with if they screw up.

One group will argue that American officials should not have to commit suicide with foreign swords. They'll propose that Bowie knives be used instead. That's a good, patriotic American knife with an illustrious history. But this effort will founder

when the Bowie knife manufacturers object, stating they don't want the reputation of their fine product to be sullied by association with officials who screw up.

One final note. On the Thai political scene, my ouija board predicts the rise of Wan Yoobamroong to a position of eminence and power, possibly even the premiership.

Tsow: What? Don't you mean his father, Chalerm?

Master: No, it's Wan, the erstwhile Mr Happy Toilet in an earlier administration. As my ouija board cryptically put it, "Young Blood Will Rise." That's a coded message: Y for Yoo, B for Bam, R for Roong, with the W for Wan. You have to know how to interpret these things.

Tsow: Sounds like it'll be an exciting year, all right.

S. Tsow can be scolded for writing such scurrility at s.tsow@gmail.com, except when he's wondering whether he can save money on lamb chops by patronizing the Osam-A-Rama.

Horoscopes



Isla Star



ARIES (March 21-April 20): Many Arians could find that a heated discussion is the only way to conclude a disagreement this week. As long as you stick to the subject concerned, this should not have a negative effect on an important relationship. Where romance is concerned, another fire sign gives you food for thought this weekend. Those with a birthday in the week ahead will have a more sensible attitude towards money in the coming year.



TAURUS (April 21-May 21): Those Taureans whose dream of finding more rewarding employment has begun to fade should be cheered by events this week. The stars forecast that a Leo friend has inside information that could open doors. If you are still searching for someone special, there are signs that travel will lead to romance. Thursday is the best day to talk about a sensitive subject with an air sign and Monday is lucky for finances.



GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Geminis suffering from a cash shortage realize that

every little helps this week. Your financial situation is predicted to improve considerably next month, but a small gain this week could be enough to settle a pressing debt. In the area of romance, your unwillingness to change a habit becomes an issue - Sunday is the best day to reach compromise. Wearing the color dove gray can encourage a more peaceful mood.



CANCER (June 22-July 23): Those born under the sign of Cancer who have been bored lately should enjoy a livelier week. From now until the end of March, it will be tricky to keep up with your social schedule. Meeting up with well-traveled friends this weekend will be an advantage, and will help remind you that the world can still be your oyster. Bringing more romance into an established relationship is the only answer to finding domestic harmony again.



LEO (July 24-August 22): Luck is on Leos' sides this week. Although mixed up appointments are highlighted on Monday and Tuesday, the stars say that this could turn out to be a blessing in disguise. Personal relationships are well-highlighted, with strong possibility of an encounter with someone you thought you'd never see again. Tuesday is set to be the most auspicious day to embark on a job search. Wear a piece of opal to encourage meaningful dreams.



VIRGO (August 23-September 23): A water sign acquaintance is forecast to have influence on your life this week. Virgoans who are ready to move away from their usual routine will not look back. Romance could be the cause of soul searching when someone indicates that they need more space. Those looking for love could start to see Sagittarius in a different light this weekend. The number nine can bring good fortune next Wednesday.



LIBRA (September 24-October 23): Librans who try to help out a friend this week will find that what they thought was a simple problem is only the tip of an iceberg. Consider carefully how much you want to be involved before offering support. Your own life is set to tick over quietly until the end of this month, with romance forecast to become more rewarding. Monday and Tuesday are lucky for financial affairs.



SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): Scorpions should be firing on all cylinders this week and tire-some tasks become a piece of cake. Put your extra energy to profitable use by indulging in some spring cleaning - an important lost item is likely to be revealed this weekend. Where romance is concerned, it would be wise to control your enthusiasm when approaching a shy air sign. The stars suggest that subtle flirtation will have more success.



SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): Misunderstandings in relationships earlier in March turn out to have been a fuss about nothing. However, Sagittarians are advised to think twice before committing to someone they have only known since the start of the year. Spending time with old friends this weekend could help you realize that spending time away from romance can give a clearer perspective. Money matters are better starred until the end of this month.

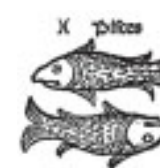


CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Events at work take on a life of their own this week, but sensible Capricorns should be able to stay on top of it all. The stars suggest that you stand good chance of promotion through this situation. Romantically speaking, strange days lie ahead. An ex partner is forecast to make sudden contact with you which could cause friction in your current relationship. Those who are single are impressed by Taurus.



AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Aquarians who have not been able to see the big picture of their lives gain a more simple perspective this week. There are signs that you will decide to cut down on commitments and this pleases a partner who has been dropping heavy

hints. If you are single, a lighter attitude towards relationships is exactly what Cancer wants to see. Your best days for romance are Tuesday and Wednesday.



PISCES (February 20-March 20): Your outlook could be clouded by idle gossip you hear this weekend. Those Pisceans insecure about a work-related situation are advised to wait until midweek when they will learn the truth. Having all the facts at your fingertips will enable you to make the right decision. A date with Leo this weekend should be enough to show you that there is hope for a romantic relationship. Wear the color amber to encourage realistic focus.

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The case for vigilance

Two recent fraud cases highlight the continuing need for personal vigilance in keeping the money in Thai bank accounts safe.

Last week a supermarket cashier admitted buying a laptop computer using a credit card belonging to none other than the chief of Kathu District, Siriphat Phathakul (*see page 1*).

The rouse was simple. Neglecting to return Mr Siriphat's card after a transaction, Sarayut Yunu passed it to a friend, who used it to buy the 16,000-baht notebook at the same store's electronics counter.

A simple yet crucial safeguard – the signature check – was neglected.

This will come as no surprise to anyone who regularly uses a debit or credit card in Thailand, where even a cursory glance at the card signature is a rarity. Mr Sarayut's young accomplice, Sarina Doloh, knew there was no need even to forge the victim's signature, signing the receipt with a made up name.

Until the chip-and-pin system is adopted universally, better training of counter staff is a necessity.

Two editions ago the *Gazette* reported the case of Frenchman Claude Prigent, victim of an audacious fraud by another man also bearing the name Claude Prigent.

The 'offending' Claude Prigent walked into the victim's bank and asked for a new ATM card and bank book. He received both, and went on to spend at least 164,000 baht of his namesake's money in a spree in Phuket, Pattaya and the Philippines.

The bank has since refunded the victim's money. But the inconvenience the affair caused him was considerable.

The bank's employees made several mistakes along the way.

When the 'bad' Claude Prigent walked into a branch on Koh Chang, the employee told him there was already an account in his name. Thursak Chusak, a vice president at the bank, suspects Prigent tricked the employee into giving out the location of the account branch and the amount of money in the account.

A simple check of the man's passport number would have told the clerk this man had no right to such information.

The fraudster was then able to walk into the victim's branch in Chalong and walk out with an ATM card for the account.

Again, an inspection of the man's passport would have prevented the trouble that followed.

Nevertheless, it's worth pointing out that it took the swindler around two months to spend Mr Prigent's savings.

Had the victim paid more attention to his dwindling bank balance, the alarm could have been raised on the errant Claude Prigent before he made it to Manila.

The lesson learned in both cases? A little personal vigilance goes a long way.

– The Editor

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

A forum for change

The *Gazette* online forum is a good thing for Thailand. I really like the newspaper for enabling people's opinions to be heard. And it seems that the authorities are listening too [*Gazette online*, Phuket cop to end greasy traffic fines, March 12].

Real issues and real problem solvers are what everybody wants to see. Thai and farang alike have a forum here to voice their concerns and resolve their differences. I hope no crackpots are able to shut the forum down.

Meemy
Gazette forum

Ticked at tuk-tuks

Like many readers, I have taken holidays in Phuket for many years.

One issue that comes up time and time again is the outrageous cost of transportation on the island, mainly tuk-tuks.

If you are traveling around Phuket, paying 150 baht each time you make a short trip is criminal and really spoils the attitude many tourists have of Thailand and the Thai people.

It makes us feel like we are being used and ripped off, and that is not a good feeling for tourists to have if you want them to keep coming back.

'Clean up your act' would be my message.

Michael Lane
Gold Coast, Australia

Sound advice

As I was reading the piece about the Norwegian man who was assaulted [*Gazette online*, Norwegian's nose broken in

Phuket punch-up, March 16 2010], one thing came to mind: noise.

If the man's claim is true and he was attacked simply because he complained about noise, it is a shame that it had to come to that. If there were ordinances in place, as we have in the US, there would be no question over who was in the right. One phone call could sort it out.

That said, what are the regulations involving noise? Are there any, or are we simply left to our respective notions of civic responsibility and sense of what is right or wrong?

Is it possible for a Bangla Road to pop up in my neighborhood, with throbbing beats and walls of musical goulash pressing in on me from every direction?

If there is a legal structure in place that defines areas in which noise is permitted or prohibited, we need to know how to make use of our rights. Of course, the larger question looming is whether or not these laws, should they exist, will actually be enforced.

In the end, the best policy for us as individuals to pursue is one of mutual respect and understanding. We must keep in mind that as much as we desire to have peace and quiet in our neighborhoods, someone else's livelihood may depend on creating noise.

Before issuing demands and threats, we need to attempt to understand our legal rights. Should the law fail to support our position, nothing is wrong with respectful dialogue in an effort to reach a beneficial outcome for all parties involved.

Jonathan Garvey
Rawai

Cosmetic questions

Medical and cosmetic tourism is a growing industry in Thailand. However, with Botox clinics popping up on every corner, many women wonder about the medical board regulations for these 'beauty clinics'.

In the US, administration of Botox injections is done only by medical professionals and strictly monitored by boards of plastic surgeons. What are Thailand's regulations on non-surgical medical procedures like the injection of Botox, Restylane or collagen?

Anne O'Conner
Los Angeles

Emergencies without service

Last weekend while swimming at Nai Harn beach my daughter was stung by a jellyfish. With no lifeguards or first-aid kiosk on the beach, we were forced to return to our hotel in Kata for medical attention.

It is absurd that no services are available for even minor emergencies at local beaches! When will the Phuket authorities realize that without lifeguards or first-aid personnel, many visitors will stay at their resorts instead of going to the beaches?

Betty Gatto
Palm Beach, Florida

Muay Thai missing

I can't help but to notice one glaring omission from the newspaper: Muay Thai. Why is it that what is touted as the national sport of Thailand receives absolutely no coverage?

Greg Vanbibber
Chalong

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

Improving service at Immigration



FIRST PERSON

New Superintendent of Phuket Immigration, Col Panuwat Ruamrak, has been on the job for three weeks. A native of Suphanburi province, Col Panuwat graduated from the Royal Police Cadet Academy in Nakhon Pathom. He went on to spend two years in Washington DC, USA, where he earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration. At 40 years old, he is working for the first time in southern Thailand. He harbors no illusions about the gravity of his new position. Here he talks to the *Gazette's* Kitima Pornmongkhonwat about the work to be done.

I never expected to find myself here in Phuket, but I wasn't surprised. My first thought was that this is going to be a challenging job with high expectations from my superiors that I succeed, so I have to do the best I can.

I don't want to get into any details about policies I wish to pursue yet. I will probably start with small things in the office. I intend to treat this office as my home and make sure it is clean and functioning properly from the main gate to inside the buildings.

It is especially important that the staff provide good customer service to those coming in to the office, most of whom are tourists.

I have to admit that we are understaffed, as we only have eight employees to handle all work related to visa extensions. However, all government offices are the same; it is not only us. So, there is no need to complain. We just need to organize and put our best into the job.

Sometimes tourists have to wait quite long, but the worst case is no longer than 45 minutes. Normally everything can be finished in about 15 minutes. However, if it is a Monday, or the first day after a long holiday, the office will be busier than usual, which is understandable.

If you are aware that there is an issue that requires you to contact Immigration, it is best to take care of the problem by

coming to the office early instead of waiting until the last minute.

I am pleased with our staff here because I can see that they are working hard. The job is busy and can be stressful, so sometimes they don't smile too much; it doesn't mean they are being rude.

I am looking into customer service training for our staff to help them handle the stresses of the job.

I don't have the attitude that foreigners are criminals and miscreants. Most tourists are here to enjoy their holidays, not to engage in illegal activity.

As for issues regarding illegal aliens, it is government policy for many organizations to work together; not only Immigration. We have been arresting illegal aliens and deporting them at checkpoints suitable to them and their situations. That will continue to happen here in Phuket.

I have confidence that within the range of our responsibilities we take care to treat all illegal aliens fairly. We provide them with accommodation and enough food before sending them back to their home countries.

I have no comment about issues of mistreating illegal immigrants as they have entered or tried to enter our country illegally and have been arrested.

I want to see Phuket and the whole of Thailand clean and safe.



Officers at Phuket Immigration Office in Phuket Town at work during the swine flu crisis last year.

Locals and tourists can work together to help create a good living environment by keeping our

eyes and ears open.

If you witness any violation of immigration law or see

anything suspicious, please inform us at Phuket Immigration: 076-212108 or 076-221905.

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Blinded by the floodlights

A bank of floodlights has recently been installed on Surin beach. The problem is these lights shine directly into the hillside villas nearby. The lights are blinding in the bedrooms and living rooms and make the outside entertaining areas unusable at night. Can you advise how we get these lights redirected or preferably completely turned off.

Graham Briggs
Surin

An officer at Cherno Talay Tambon Administration Organization (TAO) replies:

Please come see us at Cherno Talay TAO to fill out a complaint form. You can also write a letter of complaint, in Thai, to the attention of the president of Cherno Talay TAO and fax it to us. Please include your address and contact details so we can get back to you. It will take about one week to process.

For more information contact Cherno Talay TAO: 247 Moo 5, Srisoonthorn Road, A. Thalang, Phuket 83110. T: 076-271096. F: 076-326066. E: info@chernotalay.go.th

More on driving licenses

In last week's *Issues & Answers*, a questioner asked if his Singapore driving license was valid in Thailand. The official's answer seemed to be, "No." I wonder if you could clarify this as I have informed a number of associates who regularly visit from Singapore that their license was usable in Thailand. This was not on a whim as a number of websites confirm this, not least of which is the official Asean website.

Stuart Hooper
Phuket

A driving license official at Phuket Provincial Land Transport Office replies:

If you have an international driving license from your country and Thailand is listed as one of the countries in which the permit is valid, you can use it. However, a Singapore driving license will not suffice.

For more information contact Phuket Provincial Land Transport Office: 42/4 Rattanakosin 200 Pi Road, T. Talad Nua, Muang, Phuket 83000. T: 076-211019, 076-220792, 076-214930. E: info@phuketlandtransport.th.org

FC Phuket top of the league

FC Phuket 2, Satun Utd 0

FC Phuket sent out a serious statement of intent with an emphatic 2-0 victory over league leaders Satun Utd last Saturday. The performance left the unbeaten Sea Kirin top of Division Two (southern section), leading the table with 11 points.

Even more encouraging for FC Phuket fans – who turned out in record numbers to support their team at Surakul Stadium – was the manner of the performance, with Sea Kirin dominating the game from start to finish.

The 0-0 draw against Phattalung earlier in the season has also been changed to a Phuket win after Sea Kirin complained regulations on the use of foreign players in the match.

According to reports in the Thai media, FC Phuket are also appealing against Phang Nga and Chumphon, the only other two teams to have taken points off them this season, on similar grounds.

The win against Satun Utd saw Anurak restored to the start-



FC Phuket's dominating performance against Satun Utd on March 13 sealed both a victory and the top spot in the Division Two (southern section) league. In a somewhat unexpected display of new talent, the Sea Kirin remain unbeaten this season. Photo: Fraser Morton

ing line up at the expense of the injured Chakrit, who scored the goal in the previous week's 1-1 draw with Chumphon.

New signing Camara made his debut in midfield, taking FC Phuket's contingent of players

from the Ivory Coast up to three.

Satun Utd had won three out of their opening four games and looked set to provide the sternest test yet to the new look of FC Phuket's promotion credentials. It was an examination

which FC Phuket would pass with flying colors, controlling possession and never allowing their opponents time to settle on the ball.

The only disappointment for the raucous home support was

when FC Phuket failed to convert their early superiority into clear cut chances.

Teenager Adisak volleyed the best opportunity of the half high and wide. Anurak, who has undoubted ability but a tendency to drift in and out of games, came closest when a speculative 35-yard free kick cannoned off the crossbar.

FC Phuket finally got the goal their performance merited soon after halftime when 'man of the match' Diarra Ali converted a tough shot from close range.

Anurak missed a golden opportunity to seal the points moments later when he headed wide of goal and it was left to teenage prodigy Adisak to finish the task with his third goal in as many games.

FC Phuket Coach Arjhan Songgamsub could not conceal his delight.

"It was a very good result and I am also very happy with the performance today. Satun Utd were top of the league but we were much better than them today and I think we showed we are capable of making the promotion play offs," he said.

— James Goyder

Division two (southern section) league standings

Team	Games Played	Win	Lose	Tie	Score
FC Phuket	5	3	0	2	11
Satun United	5	3	1	1	10
Trang FC	4	3	1	0	9
Surat FC	5	3	2	0	9
Yala FC	4	2	0	2	8
Had Yai FC	5	2	2	1	7
Pattani FC	4	2	1	1	7
Phang Nga FC	5	1	1	3	6
Phatthalung FC	5	1	2	2	5
Ranong FC	4	0	1	3	3
Chumphon FC	5	0	2	3	3
Nakorn Sri T. FC	5	1	4	0	3
Krabi FC	4	0	4	0	0

Upcoming Fixtures

March 21	Phuket vs Pattani	5pm	Phuket is listed as the first team in matches played at home. All home games are played at Surakul Stadium in Wichit.
March 27	Yala vs Phuket	4pm	
April 3	Phuket vs Ranong	5pm	
April 10	Trang vs Phuket	6pm	
April 24	Phuket vs Krabi	5pm	

Ladies' first match



A total of 16 female tennis players competed in the island's first ladies' singles and doubles matches at the British International School (BIS) last Sunday.

Dianna Browning defeated Tracey de Perthuis in the finals to become the singles' champion while doubles pair Maria Osoerd and Jennifer Seet Pescheux beat Dianna Browning and Lesley Davidson.

Prizes were awarded later that day at the Gitano Restaurant. Tennis coach Lorenzo Marcuzzi hopes the tournament was the first of many more in Phuket.

"The best way to improve your tennis tactics and tennis skills is to play matches. It's also fun. I've organized many events like this before but this is the first one in Phuket. Everyone involved really enjoyed themselves and are keen to play in other tournaments in the future," he said.

The next tournament is scheduled for May 23 and is likely to include and additional mixed doubles competition. Coach Marcuzzi aims to attract sufficient interest to organize a tennis league and would also like to form a ladies tennis team to represent Phuket.

Coach Marcuzzi also plans to hold tennis tournaments every two months and to organize men's tennis tournaments in the future. Lorenzo Marcuzzi can be contacted at T: 081-0802453. E: lorenzotennis@libero.it.

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Teams pose after the final of the 2010 Youth Football Home Fair Play League on March 14.

Champs named in youth football final

Despite having a default winner in England, the final round of the 2010 Youth Football Home's Fair Play League took place on March 14, highlighting some of the top-hand action the league has seen over the past several weeks. Although England guaranteed themselves the top spot in the previous week, there were still issues to be settled among the other teams.

Holland started the day in third place, three points ahead of Argentina. Holland's superior goal difference meant that Argentina would need to win by three goals or more to overtake them in the overall standings. Argentina appeared set to achieve this as they raced to a five goal lead, but Holland managed to pull back three goals to secure third place.

League champion England was in action next in what proved to be another high scoring game. Both teams exchanged goals for the full forty minutes, England getting the better of a nine-goal thriller to win 5-4.

Runners up Spain, who looked the favorite early in the league, took on bottom-placed Germany in the final round. Germany's form has improved in recent weeks, but it was Spain that ran out the comfortable winner by a margin of 6-1.

Parents, children and coaches gathered after the final match at the Youth Football Home for a prizegiving ceremony. Sooksan Arsasook of England was declared the tournament's top scorer with an impressive 21 goals and Permpoon Suwan-nakarnm, also of England, was named the player of the tournament.



Hannu Tuukkanen of the Youth Football Home was the organizer and inspiration behind the tournament, in which boys from schools across Phuket were divided into random teams.

"Every Saturday before the games, I was worried not enough players would turn up, but they always did. Boys really want to play this game. Some matches were very tight, some were over after five minutes, but the fighting spirit was always there," he said.

After three years of organizing this rapidly expanding league, Hannu is looking to step aside and allow someone else to take over next year. He is also hoping the league will attract sponsorship to help contribute towards the running costs.

Anyone interested in being involved in next year's Fair Play League can contact James Goyder. E: jamesgoyder@yahoo.co.uk.

Rugby underdog rises

Fresh from their impressive showing at the Bangkok 10s, the Sai Nam Yen School rugby team took on British International School (BIS) in a 13-a-side game at BIS on March 13.

The two teams had previously met at Surakul Stadium before the finals of the rugby 10s last May. BIS won 5-0 that day, scoring the only try of the game.

Since then, players from the Phuket Vagabonds have been holding regular coaching sessions at Sai Nam Yen school and PSU in Kathu.

The improvement in the Sai Nam Yen players is undeniable. They have always been adept at running the ball well, but were previously out-beaten by the physically dominant BIS boys running through the Sai Nam Yen defense. This, however, was not the case at the recent match, as a rock-solid defense for Sai Nam Yen made for a much tighter match.

Under the tutelage of various Phuket veterans, the Sai Nam Yen players are mastering the basics of rugby.

With the regular training, the Sai Nam Yen team is a well-drilled unit; defensively efficient and extremely difficult to break



Action from the latest rugby match between the rapidly improving Sai Nam Yen School and BIS teams.

down. The players make up for their lack of size with determination and they are becoming increasingly comfortable with the physical aspects of the game.

Michael Whippy from Fiji has been donating five afternoons a week for the past three months to help introduce rugby to local children in Patong.

The coaching sessions are open to all and are by no means exclusively for Thai children. If junior rugby in Phuket is to continue to progress and remain competitive, then the BIS players – many of whom were absent for

this match – will need to take advantage of the coaching opportunities on offer. This would also create the possibility of fielding a team to represent Phuket consisting of the best players from both Thai and international schools.

The team has had support from Patong Education Minister Samrun Podchanatan, but are still looking for sponsors, and plan to compete in international tournaments in the near future.

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There is an old proverb that goes, 'taxes grow without rain'. Given both the current water supply shortage and impending tax increases, this adage looks to be a bit stranger than fiction.

Last year, Thailand's economic stimulus package for the property sector created a feeding frenzy of hurried transactions, though like the closure of famed nightclub Studio 54, 'the party now looks to end' on March 28.

While developers have been salivating at the chances of a renewal of the package, the Cabinet recently announced that there will be no 'saved by the bell' scenario for the initiative.

Specific business tax (SBT) will increase from 0.1 to 3.3 percent, transfer fees revert from 0.01 to 2 percent and mortgage fees will escalate from 0.01 to 1 percent.

Land department offices all over the country have been hurriedly trying to get in last minute transactions, while buyers looking to save have been purged from the sidelines and into the field of play.

The stimulus package has been effective, but many are

now asking: What's next?

Here in Phuket, we are starting to see key mergers among the island's prominent legal firms and consultants to help property owners tackle the difficulties and complexities of tax planning.

We have seen one prominent legal firm emerge into the field of tax planning for both real estate developers and purchasers: The consolidation of McEvily & Collins into DFDL Mekong. This merger looks to be a firm strategy in developing a far-reaching business platform.

Both Matthew McEvily and Marcus Collins have been key players in Phuket's property market over a large portion of the past decade, representing far too many projects and transactions to list here.

With offices in Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar, the move will expand the reach of DFDL. The firm will be likely to seek further consolidation with other legal firms who are also highly leveraged in property.

The McEvily & Collins office in Kamala has now been rebranded as their Samui office, and the two tribes have merged in Bangkok into DFDL's headquarters. Both Marcus and Matthew remain key figures in the venture.

Heading up the tax practice market in Southeast Asia is

"While developers have been salivating at the chances of a renewal of the [stimulus] package, the Cabinet recently announced that there will be no 'saved by the bell' scenario for the initiative."



Clockwise: Desmond Hughes, Sam Fauma, and Marcus Collins; three key players in the rise of prominent legal firms/consultants helping property owners make a smooth transition as Thailand returns to pre-stimulus tax rates.

Edwin Vanderbruggen, who has experience both inside and outside of the region. As tax season is now being thrust upon us, the firm has been holding semi-

nars targeting the property sector with a key emphasis on the impacts of the Foreign Business Act (FBA) and the intricacies of development taxes, including SBT and VAT.

Another Thai-based legal firm with strong roots in real estate is Limcharoen Hughes and Glanville, which has adopted a different strategy to focus on growth in Asia. Recently a new Bali office was opened, which is headed by Ingo Muller.

Given the rise in Phuket's property sector, this should help open the door to more cross-trading opportunities within resort-grade residential and tourism investments.

Also in Phuket, leading man Desmond Hughes has continued to put his stamp on this

island with his effective practice and has been proactively promoting Phuket for the last few years.

At the same time, a strong vision is present following the partnership of Christian Glanville and Mark D'Alelio in Vietnam, which has edged new openings in Koh Samui.

Despite all these consolidations, a number of strong and smaller service providers continue to play an important role in developing the island, such as John Howard and Timothy Taylor with Tilleke and Gibbins, Siam Legal's Kert Stavorn and pioneer Sam Fauma, coupled with newcomer Michael Greth of the International Law Office (ILO).

Other notable players here include recent upstart JWS, whose core tax practice has now been expanded into legal services and the Network Advisory Team (NAT) founded by highly respected Khun Sirirat Choti-vechkarn, which has a strong presence throughout the Kingdom.

As we move into the Phuket of the future, the island's property horizon looks to see



changes as we inch our way into a more developed market and see more sophistication in the industry.

Professional service providers play a key role, and indeed one of the greatest appeals of Phuket continues to be the quality of local resources and the considerably large knowledge bank available to both established and upstarting businesses.

While we all look skyward for the hint of a cloud and dream of the incoming rainy season, taxes remain a constant in all of our lives, but the up and coming firms show promise in dealing with 'growth without rain'.



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Keeping control of management

Purchasing a property in managed developments has gained popularity in recent years. Many buyers appreciate the accommodations provided by living in a managed estate, where the use of project roads, common areas, facilities and amenities are all included.

The expense of these services is shared among the other buyers and guests in the development. When searching out a property with this pre-existing management, it's important to remember that these services and accommodations need to be managed and maintained.

Obviously, proper management of a project is of importance in order to maintain both appearance and smooth running of a development.

Ultimately, all buyers should benefit from a well-kept property. At the very least, it will hold the value of the units, and at best, it can even boost appreciation values.

Therefore, when considering the purchase of a property in a managed estate, it is advisable to diligently review the relevant legal documentation regarding the management of the project.

In the event that a buyer intends to buy into a condominium project some safeguards will be provided by law. For example, the recently amended Condominium Act.

The laws pertaining to owning

condominiums provide protection for owners who possess smaller portions of the property. This is so owners of more than one unit in a condominium do not obtain majority voting rights and thereby also gain majority control over management.

If, for example, a single owner has purchased 10 units in a 15-unit condominium, he would not also possess majority voting rights. The 'Condo Act' ensures control of management stays in the hands of all the owners of the property, not a single owner of the majority of the units.

Further protection is provided by the new Condominium Act by requiring developers to submit their marketing materials, which often includes a plan for management. This information is usually approved by the competent authorities prior to registration of a development as a condominium.

Buyers should also beware that when buying in an apartment or villa in a project, the Condominium Act's protections do not apply. If a property is not classified as a 'condominium', developers have the option of retaining certain areas of management.

Therefore, a buyer should carefully review all relevant documentation prior to signing, such as master plans, rules and regulations, in order to verify that the developer is clearly identifying the common use facilities of the project.



Many up and coming properties have facilities and accommodations that require a managing body to maintain. Buyers should be aware of the conditions of this management and can often expect to have voting rights and shared control over it. Photo: Royal Phuket Marina

If a developer wishes to retain certain areas – such as club house – as private property, this should be disclosed under the agreements.

A developer may prevent buyers as well as third party management companies from accessing all project areas if they retain ownership of those projects.

However, sophisticated developers have implemented structures that provide their buyers with the required peace of mind when signing agreements.

Under such structures, buyers will not only acquire interest in their chosen unit, but also in the company which owns the project land. This often includes the common areas and facilities, which then gives owners partial responsibility for the management of the project.

The advantage is obvious. It allows the buyers in an estate to participate in and ultimately control the management of

the project, including its common properties, either provided by the landowning entity itself or through a third-party management company contracted by the landowning company.

To summarize, proper and professional management of a development is of paramount importance to achieve successful and harmonious operation of a project in which all buyers ultimately benefit.

It is required not only to ensure smooth running of the project but also helps to hold value of the units when it comes to a resale.

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Phuket's property perks and pitfalls

Almost every Phuket home owner will ask their real estate agent during the early stages of their investigations into rental opportunities, "What can I expect my rental returns to be?"

The answer: "What would you like them to be?"

Although this may seem flip-pant to some, it actually opens a dialogue between the owner and realtor about expectations and requirements for setting up their home for rental operations.

Development on the west coast has always been the preferred area for owners, renters and visitors alike. North, South or Patong all have their influences and tendencies which; favor a particular kind of tenant and rental opportunity for consideration when buying.

Most European homes are designed for colder climates. This means that the home is accessed through one entrance and under one roof.

Modern Asian designs embrace the open "sala" style. Although providing an open plan for outdoor living, with individual rooms opening onto a central courtyard with pool, they can have drawbacks. Design of exterior walkways can make the home impractical during rainy season and reduce the chances of satisfied long-term tenants.

Many families, either on long or holiday tenancies have reservations about having children sleeping in rooms with direct, unfenced access to pools. Not to mention personal security relating to intruders; something that cannot be ignored in Phuket's fast and furious development.

The choices between residential orientated developments versus lifestyle resort homes are now even more sophisticated.

Residential properties have



Before investing in Phuket's property rental market, it's important that buyers first consider why they want to buy. Many modern Asian sala-style properties may seem very appealing at first but buyers need to take into account how their property will be used and by whom. Photo: PIPS

always meant more freedom for the owner and lower management costs due to the lower levels of service offered.

Since the introduction of resort property ownership by Laguna, there have been a stream of international and regional resort home ownership options which have come online.

These are having a major impact on the market. Outrigger, an international operator from Hawaii, caused ripples last year when it was appointed to the Laguna Village rental operations; thereby putting pressure on long standing homes to revisit their

rate structure. What the return on investment to owners will be remains to be seen. Considering the low rates on offer and a significant marketing machine to back it up, rental owners will need to sit up and pay closer attention to ownership trends if they wish to remain competitive.

Then there is the question of why did you buy?

If it was for investment and rental return, then your primary decision is made easier inasmuch as you need to find the operator providing the biggest guaranteed rental return and the lowest management fees. Leave it up to the rental agent and watch the money flow.

Just bear in mind that a guaranteed rental return is not necessarily an indication of the robust nature of Phuket's rental

market, as much as a handy sales and marketing tool.

Any developer worth his trowel and plumb line will have hedged his bets knowing the ups and downs that have affected Phuket's rental industry.

If you are based in the region and intend to use your home as a getaway every couple of weeks, then the occupation limits in place at resorts are not for you.

You need an agent that can service holiday rentals, normally between four and 14 days. This allows flexibility to block the house off for your own use at relatively short notice. Of course, this eliminates long-term rentals covering many months of steady income.

Similarly, if you intend to occupy your home over the high

season then you are willing to forfeit the 'golden fleece' that is high season rentals and be satisfied with a long-term tenancy or two during the low season.

Once you have identified the major criteria above, you will need to look at how best to furnish, set up and service your home. All rather time consuming, however, with the advice and assistance of a good rental agent, you could be spending a lot more time on the beach.

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A computer generated image of Latitude, a new MICE venue under construction at Laguna Phuket, which can hold up to a thousand guests.

Laguna launches a new incentive

Laguna Phuket has unveiled plans for a new venue capable of hosting a wide variety of meetings and incentive programs, conferences, gala dinners and other events in a spectacular tropical waterside setting.

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Latitude will be situated at the heart of Laguna Phuket, opposite Canal Shopping Village and within minutes of all the Laguna Phuket hotels and villas. Scheduled for completion in mid-2010, Latitude will overlook a west-facing lagoon.

"Latitude will provide a significant enhancement to Laguna Phuket's established MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) capabilities, as well as providing a high-quality facility for hosting new and exciting events such as exhibitions and concerts," said Michael Ayling, Managing Director of Laguna Resorts & Hotels Plc.

"The possibilities to stage unique MICE events at Latitude will be endless – from memorable delegate arrivals using the network of waterways from our hotels, to incorporating spectacular Phuket sunsets as backdrops to a presentation," he said.

A resort-style 18-hole golf course, five luxury spas and boutique shopping are other attractions for MICE delegates at Laguna Phuket. The resort's own

on-site corporate training center, Quest Adventure, is also available to stage team building and incentive events either at Latitude, off-site, or at its own recently-upgraded facility. Catering at Latitude can be provided by any of Laguna Phuket's hotels.

Latitude's versatility will include lined side walls that can be opened or removed for an open air ambiance, or closed and sealed with blackout capability for day-

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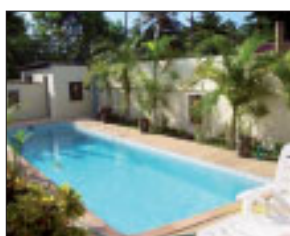
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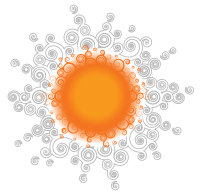
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