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Bomb planted at ASTV

Leaders react to grenade at 'yellow-shirt' TV station

APAPER bag containing a live hand grenade was found hanging from the front door of the ASTV 'yellow-shirt' television network office in Phuket Town on May 11.

Bomb disposal police safely removed the device, an M67 fragmentation grenade with its pin still in place, shortly after it was discovered at 9am. It had been wrapped in electrical tape and placed in a box inside a brown paper shopping bag that read "Save the World".

When detonated, an M67 has an average 'casualty radius' of 15 meters and a 'fatality radius' of five meters; fragments can reach as far as 250 meters from the point of detonation.

The office, in a shophouse complex on Soi Nimit 1, off Chana Jaroen Road, is also home to the local office of the *Manager Daily* newspaper and the *Manager Online* website. All are owned by media mogul and People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD) leader Sondhi Limthongkul.

Office representative Prasert Fuangfoo said he thought the grenade was planted as a threat or to ratchet up political tension in



CALM AND COLLECTED: A bomb disposal expert shows the M67 grenade.

Phuket, which has so far been spared the political strife suffered in Bangkok in recent months.

The office's various media outlets had not printed or broadcast any provocative reports that would warrant such an act and none of the staff were involved in any personal disputes that would justify an attack on someone's life, he said.

But Phuket PAD coordinator Aparat Chartchutikumjorn said, "I believe this is from the red shirts or someone in Phuket

who doesn't like our news reports..."

"Even though this time it seems like they're just threatening us, it's quite strong and serious because they used a real, dangerous weapon. I'm afraid it might happen again, but I'm not sure where and when. But it might be somewhere with a yellow-shirt connection," she said.

Phuket red shirt leader Wisut 'Ae Inside' Tangwittayaporn, speaking from the red shirt protest site in Rajprasong in Bangkok,

told the *Gazette* that the grenade was not the work of the red shirts.

"There is conflict within the PAD itself. For example, some PAD leaders have turned into 'multi-colors'. That's a point to consider, too," he said.

Phuket Provincial Police Commander Pead Tantipong said the act was probably the work of an individual or small group.

"I don't believe this was ordered by the red shirt leaders in Bangkok...I'm confident in saying this will not affect tourism at all," he said.

Sarayuth Mallam, vice president of the Phuket Tourist Association, was less confident.

"We have tourists who love coming to Phuket, but what about others who have never been here. Do you think they'll dare come?"

"Nobody can tell us when the situation in Bangkok will end. That's really bad, because Phuket is like the living room of the house that is Thailand. When people hear about a bomb in Phuket nobody will feel safe," he said.

Staff at the ASTV office were shocked and greatly upset by the incident, Mr Prasert said.

- *Gazette reporters*

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Drug cops still using suspect 'Alpha 6' device

MONTHS after the prime minister ordered tests on all 'molecular resonance' bomb and drug detectors, eight 'Alpha 6' devices are still in active use by law enforcement agencies in Phuket.

Wirote Suwanwong, who heads the provincial drug suppression unit, said he had not been ordered to stop using the devices and never received reports that they were being tested.

Mr Wirote's comments came despite the announcement

in February that the Science and Technology Ministry would test the Alpha 6 after the similar GT200 device was discredited.

Tests showed the GT200 detected explosives in just four of 20 tries. The GT200 scandal embarrassed the military, which spent hundreds of millions of baht on the devices.

A source at the National Electronics and Computer Technology Center, the branch of the science ministry that tested the GT200, said it had not been or-

dered to investigate the Alpha 6.

The Phuket Provincial Office also told the *Gazette* it had received no instructions to test the devices.

Of the eight devices used in Phuket, the Interior Ministry bought six and Phuket Provincial Office bought two.

Mr Wirote said the detectors, which sell for around 400,000 baht each, were still in use, though not often. "We use them mostly to trick suspects, rather than for detection," he said.



Alpha 6s cost about 400,000 baht.

There are no plans to buy more. "I think dogs are more effective," he said.

- *Sitthipong Nongkaew*

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Affair cost man his life, cops say

POLICE believe a man found riddled with bullets on May 7 may have been killed for sleeping with the shooter's girlfriend.

The bloodied body of Somchai Kuamsap, 37, was discovered by the side of Chao Fa East Road outside Seemum Market around 4am.

He had been shot 14 times, mostly in the head.

Police believe they know who killed Mr Somchai and have a warrant for his arrest. The suspect is the younger brother of a Koh Samui police officer's wife.

Three Koreans witnessed the shooting, which happened outside the Andaman Country restaurant where Mr Somchai worked as a security guard.

The two men's dispute began in the restaurant parking lot before moving to the sidewalk, witnesses said.

The victim was not a reporter for a Korean newspaper, as earlier reported.

Police found a slip in his wallet indicating he was due to appear as a defendant in a robbery case later this month. He was also carrying a knife.



Fourteen casings were found at the scene. INSET: Somchai Kuamsap.

First on the scene were Phuket City Police Duty Officer Somchai Nuubun, Superintendent Wanchai Ekpornpit, Inspector Wijak "The Magnet" Tarom and other officers. They were accompanied by Kusoldharm Foundation rescue workers, Vachira Phuket Hospital doctors and police forensics specialists.

The body was lying face down. There was a 9mm slug and 14 casings scattered nearby.

His identity card showed he lived on Soi Samakkee off Yaowarat Road in Phuket Town.

It did not look like a professional hit as the number of bullets fired suggested it was done in anger, Col Wanchai said.



By the time firefighters with water arrived, the damage was done.

Water blunder leaves lumberyard in cinders

ALUMBERYARD in Thalung sustained hundreds of thousands of baht in damage on May 9 after firefighters from Thepkrasattri Municipality rushed to fight the blaze with an empty water tank.

The fire was still small when the firefighters arrived, but after realizing their fire truck's water tank was empty they were helpless to stop the flames from engulfing the godown.

Ten firetrucks from other parts of Phuket took three hours to eventually put out the flames.

Local residents reported the fire at Ta Wood Trading on Thepkrasattri northbound at about 2pm.

The building was locked and there were no water sources nearby, so they called for help from the Disaster Prevention and

Mitigation office at Thepkrasattri Municipality.

When they arrived, firefighters realized with dismay that the truck had not been filled with water.

They called for help from other local government offices, but could only watch as flames quickly spread over piles of wood and other flammable construction materials.

At least an hour later, 10 fire trucks arrived from Cherg Talay, Koh Kaew and Srisoonthorn.

Shop owner Tueanjai Saratho said it was too early to estimate the damage, but that it would run into hundreds of thousands of baht.

The cause of the fire is thus far unknown.

- Gazette reporter

Sedan sales rising against the odds

CAR dealerships in Phuket are reporting that first quarter sales are up about 40 percent year-on-year, with sales to foreigners accounting for as much as half of sales at some showrooms.

Buyer preference is shifting from pick-ups and SUVs to passenger cars, which are easier to

park on the island's increasingly congested streets, several dealerships report.

Toyota Pearl Sales Manager Eakaphob Boonprasarn said foreigners accounted for about 40 percent of sales.

The car to pick-up selling ratio was about 60:40, he said.

Similar figures were re-

ported from the Isuzu Andaman Sales showroom in Koh Keaw.

Charnchai Mahantakhun, general manager at BMW Barcelona Auto Phuket, said the sales ratio between Thais and foreigners was "almost equal" and that his dealership had also experienced a first-quarter sales increase.

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Olga Ivanova (left) and friends pose with Mr Noppon (seated).

'Starving' teen nabbed

A TEENAGER arrested for allegedly stealing a Russian tourist's bag in Karon on May 13 told police he did it because he "hadn't eaten for two days".

Noppon 'Pond' Lerdkham allegedly swiped the cloth bag belonging to 24-year-old tourist Olga Ivanova while she was swimming at Karon Beach with friends around 6pm.

The bag contained a wallet with 1,240 baht in cash, a mobile telephone, motorbike key and other items.

Miss Olga had left the bag unattended on a beach chair, but fellow beach-goers saw what

happened, gave chase and called for police assistance.

In his bid to evade capture, the young thief jumped into a beach-side drainage ditch and then tried to escape via a drain pipe, but was eventually caught by police led by Investigations Inspector Lt Col Jaran Bangprasert.

Mr Noppon, a native of Phayao province, was taken to Chalong Police Station and charged with theft.

Mr Noppon confessed to the crime, telling officers that it was his first-ever attempt at theft and that he was motivated by hunger.

- Gazette reporter

Cops catch alleged German fraudster

IMMIGRATION Police arrested a German man at a house in Chalong on May 9 and charged him with illegal entry to Thailand following a request by the German Embassy.

The request stemmed from a letter sent to the Royal Thai Police in April by police in Frankfurt, Germany, requesting the arrest of 46-year-old Michael Pollmeier for allegedly cheating customers in his homeland out of the equivalent of 41.3 million baht.

Mr Pollmeier is wanted in Germany for his involvement in 10 fraud cases. The suspect and four other people sold solar cells to customers who later complained that the products did not work, it is alleged.

Police believe Mr Pollmeier arrived in Thailand from Germany by sea more than a year ago and has re-entered Thailand several times since.

He was charged with illegal entry and transferred to the Central Immigration Office in Bangkok, where he is being held



Mr Pollmeier under guard of Immigration officers after his arrest.

pending extradition to Germany.

At last report, a Phuket Immigration Officer told the Gazette that German police representatives in Bangkok were waiting for the German Em-

bassy to issue new travel documents to Mr Pollmeier so he could be escorted back to Germany. The process was expected to take about two days.

- Gazette reporter

New negotiation program lending debtors a helping hand

A NEW government program to bring together creditors and debtors for debt repayment negotiations has been warmly received by participants.

The program, which encourages parties to renegotiate loan terms, is enlisting banks to provide low interest loans to debtors.

Thirty-five-year-old Atthaporn Na Takuatung, an employee of Vachira Phuket Hospital, said he applied for the debt negotiation process in December. He borrowed money over a year ago to start a direct sales business that was unsuccessful.

"The process has been very helpful, as my original debt of 130,000 baht has been reduced

to 80,000 baht. I was also able to apply for a bank loan, which is still being processed," he said.

Mr Atthaporn pays 7,800 baht in interest alone to his creditor every month. He will continue to do so until the bank approves his loan and he repays the 80,000 baht he still owes.

"As I have two children to feed on a monthly income of 12,000 baht, it is impossible for me to pay off a debt with such high interest. Some months I can get about 3,000 baht in overtime pay, but it's still not enough," he said.

Wimonporn Manaboot, 28, said the program helped reduce her debt from 100,000 baht to 70,000 baht, without interest.

"I started by borrowing 30,000 baht from my creditor and eventually asked for more money, bringing my debt up to 100,000 baht. Before, I was charged 10 percent interest on the principle, which I have had to pay every month for four years.

"Many times I didn't have the money to make full payments, but luckily my creditor understood and accepted whatever I could pay."

Piyarat Korsuwan, a 55-year-old maid at Phuket Air Ca-

tering in Thalang, has lent out 30,000 to 50,000 baht each to 12 debtors.

"About 10 of my debtors have registered in the program, and I am happy to take part because I want my money back. I have decided to not charge any interest on their loans, although before I only charged five percent per month.

"They borrowed the money about a year ago but they have so far been unable to make full payments on the principle and in-

terest. This program is saving my life because I need my money back to feed my family," she said.

Ms Piyarat lent the money to co-workers who needed cash for necessities such as school fees for their children.

"At the time, I helped them because I had money saved up and I always economize," she said. "I will never again lend people my money because I'm afraid of getting into this kind of trouble."

- Atchaa Khamlo

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TAKEN DOWN: Chalong Police nab theft suspect Sombat Supprasit, whose name literally translates as 'Treasure, Wealth Achievement'.

Norwegian victim sought

POLICE are seeking a tourist whose credit card and Norwegian driving license were recovered during the arrest of an alleged serial thief last week.

Sombat Supprasit, who had once been arrested for robbing a tourist at Kata Beach, was waved over by officers as he passed the entrance to Soi Kok Tanode in Kata on May 9.

Rather than pulling over, the 40-year-old suspect sped up before ditching the bike at a 7-Eleven store and scaling a wall.

Some of the officers pursued on foot while others checked the vehicle, which had a Nikon camera in the front basket.

Mr Sombat was caught in

woods near Patak Road Soi 1.

A check of the motorbike's serial number revealed that a man named Jatuputti Maiphanich had reported it stolen to Thalang Police on April 7.

Mr Jatuputti came to the station and identified the green Honda Dream as his own.

Mr Sombat denied stealing the motorbike, saying he bought it from a friend for 4,000 baht.

Chalong Police charged Mr Sombat with theft.

Police and the Norwegian consulate are trying to contact Norwegian national Lundsrun Morten so that his credit and ID cards can be returned.

- Gazette reporter

Legal fight looms for French fraud victim

CLAUDE Prigent, the French victim of a bizarre banking blunder in which a man with the same name was allowed to empty his account of at least 164,000 baht, is demanding another 40,000 baht in compensation from his bank.

The bank says: 'See you in court.'

In February, Siam Commercial Bank (SCB) paid 164,000 baht into 67-year-old retiree Mr Prigent's account.

The bank admitted it gave another Frenchman named Claude Prigent an ATM card for the account at its Chalong branch in November last year, allowing him to go on a spree with his namesake's money which records show ended in the Philippines.

The 60-year-old man's whereabouts are unknown.

Prigent *victim* has written to the bank asking for compensation. "So I found myself at 67 years old with no money in my bank for doctors, food, rent for over a month," he told SCB.

The sum of 40,000 baht is



SWINDLED: Mr Prigent, 67, says his bank owes him more money.

to cover being cut off from his resources for over a month, time and energy loss, loans and transfers from overseas, translations, legal advice, visa problems and overseas call charges.

"I am not responsible for this mistake, Siam Commercial Bank is and has accepted that already... why should I have expenses to repair your mistake?"

But Mr Prigent claims that when he went into the bank late

last month to ask for the money, he was told the case was "finished".

Thurdsak Chusak, manager of the SCB branch in Chalong, said the bank had already paid all the money it owed Mr Prigent, plus interest.

"If he demands any compensation, he should make a complaint at a police station or file a case in court," he said.

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Cable TV Internet nears

CABLE TV users in Phuket can now take advantage of fast broadband Internet after a number of local cable companies signed MOUs with communications provider CAT Telecom.

On May 7, Rawai Cable became the latest company to sign the agreement, which allows CAT to provide 4MB Internet through existing cable connections.

The other companies are Phuket Cable, PA Business Phuket, KPP Rawai and KPP Enterprise.

The move follows CAT's announcement of its readiness to exploit the recently-launched Asia-American Gateway (AAG) Cable System.

The AAG is a 20,000km cable network connecting Asia Pacific nations with the United States. CAT is one of 19 telecommunications firms that combined

to provide US\$500mn in total funding for the AAG project.

Phuket Cable signed the MOU with CAT on May 6.

Theerapong Kusolchoo, vice president of CAT Customer Service-Southern Region, said the service meant users without telephone lines could still access the Internet through a modem or WiFi.

CAT is already supplying the same service in Yala, Songkhla and Pattani provinces, said Mr Theerapong, who signed the MOU on his company's behalf.

A CAT Internet Gateway, the second in Thailand after Bangkok, is currently being installed in Songkhla.

The new Gateway means Southern Thai Internet traffic, including Phuket, will bypass the capital, increasing stability and the speed of internet connections in the region, Mr Theerapong said.

- Pimwara Choksakulpan

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New bridge project races ahead



Left: Computer graphic showing how the Sarasin Bridge will look once it is converted into a walking bridge. Right: Work in progress on the new bridge.

WORK on a third bridge connecting Phuket to the mainland is around one-third complete and expected to finish ahead of schedule.

Arun Sanae, director of Phuket Provincial Highways Office, said the new span was slightly ahead of schedule at 32

percent completion compared to 26 percent called for by the project timetable.

Project contractor Italian-Thai is contracted to complete it by June 2011.

If the project is not finished by then or goes over budget, the company will be fined.

About 100 million baht of

the project's 370-million-baht budget has already been paid out.

Under the project contract the budget could be increased if the design changes are required because of structural or design modifications, but thus far everything is going to plan, he said.

There are two bridges spanning the Pak Pra channel between

Phuket and Phang Nga: Sarasin Bridge, which takes traffic off the island, and Thepkrasattri Bridge, which takes brings traffic on.

The new span, to replace the Sarasin Bridge, will be 650 meters long, 12 meters wide and afford 10-meter clearance to vessels in the channel below.

The middle section of the

older bridge will be raised five meters to allow much higher vessels to pass beneath than is currently possible.

The Sarasin Bridge will be converted into a walking bridge with roofed viewpoints and is expected to become a popular tourist attraction.

— *Atchaa Khamlo*

Backhoe saved after owner appeases spirits

AMACHINE operator is crediting divine intervention for the safe recovery of his backhoe, which was successfully pulled from a saltwater mud flat after a 15-hour operation on May 6.

Backhoe owner-operator Prasert Nakhaphan was contracted by Rassada Municipality to dredge a drainage ditch from a tin mining pond into Phuket Bay in Rassada Village 7.

Around 8:30am, the backhoe got stuck in the mud between two houses.

A crane was called in to hoist the 12-tonne machine back to dry land, but before it arrived rising tides sucked the machine deeper into the mud.

Two backhoes arrived at 10am to try and dig out the mud around the machine, but to no avail.

A 37-tonne crane belonging to Phuket Kritichai Civil Work Company joined the rescue effort at 3pm, but as night fell the Kobelco remained stuck.

At about 9pm a sling was attached to the backhoe, but it snapped under the weight of the excavator and mud holding it in place.

A desperate Mr Prasert then decided to make a peace offering to the local spirits by lighting nine incense sticks.

"I might have unintentionally shown disrespect to the spirits here," he said.

Finally, around midnight, the Kobelco was hoisted from the mire.

The rental cost of the two backhoes and crane would probably set Mr Prasert back at least 60,000 baht, he said.

— *Pimwara Choksakulpan*

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Abbot caught on film with novice

ANG THONG: An abbot has fled his temple after a 26-minute video clip allegedly showing him having sex with a 14-year-old novice monk was circulated among villagers.

The cleric is also suspected of making off with more than a million baht from the temple bank account.

On May 8, a mob of villagers from Tambon Ban Hae in Muang District went to Wat Phothisong to drive out 42-year-old abbot Phrakhu Palatsuphan Phaphassaro. When they arrived the abbot had already fled.

The scandalous clip was circulated among villagers by mobile phone and email. It reportedly clearly shows the face of Phrakhu Palatsuphan and the novice monk.

Long-time temple devotee Anong Khrongyat, 72, said Phrakhu Palatsuphan had been the abbot for around 12 years. Famous throughout the province for

his sermons, he had many devoted followers. Mr Anong said he had no idea of the abbot's behavior until word of the clip got out.

"For a while now people have been whispering rumors that the abbot left his mobile phone in the car and the driver found it and blackmailed him a number of times for hundreds of thousands of baht to get the phone back," Mr Anong said.

"When the driver kept asking for more money, the abbot couldn't stand it and sacked him. The driver must have made a copy of the clip. When he was fired he released the clip on the Internet to get revenge," Mr Anong explained.

The novice monk in the clip, who is now 15 and has since left the monkhood, confirmed that it was him and the abbot in the video.

Last year the abbot called him on his cell phone demanding sex, the youth said.

The abbot filmed the encounter to keep as a memento, he said.

The novice said he did not dare to refuse the abbot as he came from a poor family and the abbot had helped him by paying for his school.

The new caretaker abbot said there was only just over a thousand baht left in the temple's bank accounts.

The temple is also now 1.6 million baht in debt and over two million baht in donations have disappeared, he said.

Clerics at the provincial sangha council said that if the allegations against Phrakhu Palatsuphan are proven, he will be defrocked and liable to criminal charges.

Phrakhu Palatsuphan has reportedly contacted the body to deny charges of embezzlement.

The money was used on repairs to the temple, he claimed.

Source: Khao Sod



A man checks his map near anti-government 'red shirt' demonstrators inside their fortified camp in central Bangkok on May 10. The red-shirt protestors looked close to disbanding last week after the government announced elections would be held on November 14 this year. AFP PHOTO/PEDRO UGARTE

Activists, NGOs oppose Dhammakaya funding

BANGKOK: Activists are calling on the government to halt a proposal by the Dhammakaya Temple to provide one billion baht to fund the training of millions of high school children in Buddhism, meditation and morality.

The temple's proposal is under consideration by the Office of Basic Education Commission (OBEC) and would affect more than 10 million students and 70,000 officials nationwide over a three-year period.

An open letter to the prime minister submitted by noted thinker Sulak Sivirak and signed by 43 activists and NGOs called for an abrupt halt to the proposal, an immediate investigation, and suspen-

sion of all OBEC officials involved.

The temple has offered scholarships to provide lessons to high school students in all 30,000 schools across the country, along with around 700,000 teachers, community leaders and politicians.

Among the issues under question by the activists are the project costs and content of the Buddhist teachings.

The Dhammakaya Temple has millions of devotees around Thailand and 18 missions abroad. Monks from the temple, many of them foreign born, conduct free meditation practice at the Phuket Meditation Center near Suan Luang in Phuket Town.

Source: The Nation

School costs parents dearly

BANGKOK: Although the government launched a financial support program guaranteeing 15 years of free education, many parents are complaining of financial hardship in having to pay for uniforms, textbooks and other school supplies.

Pawn shops around the country do booming business in May, when the new term begins.

Banguern Kongmeesab, mother of two young students in Ang Thong province, said her kids'

uniforms cost about 600 baht more than the money granted by the government.

Oradee Wongsatorn, a mother of a sixth-grade student in Udon Thani, called on the government to provide more financial assistance for other needed supplies.

State pawn shops around the country have made available large amounts of money to aid parents who need to buy school supplies.

The mayor of Haad Yai Municipality in Songkhla Province will provide free school buses for students in the area to help reduce parents' expenses and lessen traffic jams.

Source: The Nation



Lada 'Mick' Thamthanakorn, a 19-year-old university student in Bangkok, was crowned Miss Tiffany Universe 2010 in Pattaya on the night of May 7. The transgender beauty queen will go on to represent Thailand in the Miss International Queen 2010 pageant later this year. Mick got a new Honda Jazz and 100,000 baht in cash as prizes.

River Kwai claims three

KANCHANABURI: Two army doctors and a minibus driver are suspected to have drowned in two separate incidents on the River Kwai Noi on May 5.

In the first incident, 33-year-old army anaesthesiologist Maj Nathawut Sarakapanawat fell off the back of a party raft into the river around 3:30am. His colleague, Cap Kamol Chittanakhee, an obstetrician, tried to pull Maj Nathawut out of the river, but instead fell in himself.

Police and rescue workers were unable to find the men.

Around 5:30am, 33-year-old minibus driver Amphol Saenwong disappeared while swimming in the river, about 200m from the site where the two army doctors fell in.

He is also presumed to have drowned.

Source: Thai Rath

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Frank Visakay dies, age 71

AMERICAN expat Frank Visakay died in his Rawai home on May 11 from apparent heart failure. He was 71. Neighbors found his body in his home on Soi Pattana after worrying because he had not left the house for a few days.

Friends close to Mr Visakay said he had been suffering from a rare respiratory disease called pulmonary fibrosis for five years and that he was resigned to and well-prepared for his passing.

Mr Visakay was a successful restaurateur in New York City before retiring to Phuket in 1998.

He published several books while living in Phuket, including his memoirs in a 2008 book entitled *Jasmine Fever: Confes-*

sions of a Jaded Expat. He was also featured in Expat Gallery in the April 3 edition of the *Phuket Gazette* earlier this year.

In addition to writing and enjoying fine wine, Frank's other passions included watching Spanish bullfighting, riding big motorcycles and raising his great dane. He will be sorely missed by his many friends on the island.

His remains are being held at Vachira Phuket Hospital until they can be claimed by relatives. Police have ruled out the possibility of foul play and accept that Frank died of natural causes.

At his own request, no memorial services are planned.

— Bruce Stanley



Phuket says farewell to American expat Frank Visakay.

CREW members from the USNS *Shiloh* and her husbandry supply ship, The USNS *Earheart* dropped anchor off Ao Makham from May 7 to 10 for a weekend of R & R. The *Shiloh* is an anti-aircraft warship from San Diego that departed from Japan in April to patrol the Pacific Ocean. This visit marks the 20th stop over in Phuket by the US navy this year and sources onboard the *Shiloh* say Phuket is becoming more and more popular with sailors for their recreational weekends. The crew attended a welcoming party at BBQ Hut in Patong with an after party at Malibu Bar on Soi Eric. As usual, navymen and women volunteered around Phuket, with some spending time repainting parking areas of Patong Hospital.

TOP LEFT: Ltjg George (left), Rpsn Benedenté, Ens Mercier and Ens Seibel. TOP, MIDDLE: Quarter Master First Class Gabriel (left) and Quarter Master Third Class Comer. TOP, RIGHT: Ltjg Holland and Seaman Jandrew. BOTTOM, LEFT: A set of missile launchers onboard the warship. BOTTOM, RIGHT: The USNS *Shiloh*. Photos by Nicky Vermeulen.

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Adrift on artist bliss

ONE of the most successful artists of the 20th century, Russian-French painter Marc Chagall believed, "The dignity of the artist lies in his duty of keeping awake the sense of wonder in the world." A founder in the modernist art movement, Chagall's paintings visualize the magic of childhood wonder and dreams.

Fifteen years after the modernist master's death, Phuket painter Somrak Maneemai considers himself a disciple of the modernist movement, combining Chagall's style of cubism, fauvism and surrealism into a mélange of colorful whimsy on canvas.

A Krabi native, Somrak relocated his Red Gallery to the Rawai Art Village in January this year, but has been a part of Phuket's art community for the past five years.

Somrak, 36, received his master's of fine art from Silpakorn University in Bangkok, considered to be one of Thailand's premier art education institutions, solidifying

his renaissance man persona as a painter, sculptor, teacher, writer and musician.

In the *New York Times* travel article '36 Hours in Phuket', published March 21 this year, writer Ingrid Williams notes artist Somrak Maneemai as the leader of the Rawai Art Village's pack.

In contrast to the island's pervasive 'paint by rote' commercial artists, Somrak's work is one of a kind; remarkably simple, evoking the dreamscapes of clouds and soft-colored animals, whirling like a baby mobile in a nursery.

Canvases are awash with muted colors combining images of elephants, birds, lotus flowers, the Buddha, babies and monkeys.

Using a blend of acrylic, watercolor and pencil media, Somrak never prepares his pieces with sketches. His product is organic, honest and unfettered by strategy. Presently under commission for a large-scale canvas by a private collector, Somrak respects a client's request for a particular color or



Somrak Maneemai poses with his 'Heavenly zoo' and (right) another one of his works. Photos by Elizabeth Branca



animal theme. However, his craft is spontaneous and original, so the final product conjures amazement.

"I am influenced by Chagall," explains Somrak. "In the clouds and sky I see images of children and animals and I feel happy. I love to talk about art. I love when people come to my gallery and I can talk about my

art and inspirations." His paintings start at a reasonable 8,000 baht for a medium-sized canvas, ranging upwards to 25,000 baht for large-scale works.

Austrian art curator and Phuket resident Fiona Smith owns several of Somrak's works, "His art has such a beautiful childlike quality," she says.

"Every time you look at his paintings, you feel the warmth. His talent is a gift... and that gift makes people smile."

- Elizabeth Branca

Red Door Gallery is located at the Rawai Art Village, 88 Moo 1, Wiset Road, Rawai. T: 087-890-3722. W: phuketredgallery.com

Life in Nai Harn is sweet with less sugar

TUCKED behind a picket fence draped with bougainvillea on Wiset Road, on the way to Nai Harn Beach, A Spoonful of Sugar Bakery offers islanders something special among Phuket's increasing number of western bake shops.

Opened on April 13, the bakery and coffeehouse are housed in a white clapboard home, replete with wraparound porch, shaded garden area and large windows, together producing a striking design reminiscent of a California beach home.

Bakery owner, 27-year-old Phuket native Siraprapa 'Ploy' Tavaranan made the move from

a successful accounting business to full-time chef several years ago and hasn't looked back. "I worked as an auditor in Bangkok, but I had a passion for cooking," Ploy says. When she quit her accounting job, the self-taught chef moved to Tewksbury, near Boston, for three years, where she worked as a chef and learned the techniques of preparing western food.

Despite her years of culinary training, though, her true passion remained with cakes and desserts, and her experience has given her a different

perspective from most of her Thai-trained counterparts.

For example, Ploys explains that many Thai chefs add too much sugar when making western desserts, which overpowers the cakes or pastries. "I try not to add extra sugar to anything, and when I can substitute butter for olive oil, I will," Ploy adds. "I try not to make my cakes too sweet. Many desserts require whip cream topping and I find the cream is sweet enough without any added ingredients."

Inside the bakery, the pastry case is filled with decadent little sweet cakes and flaky bite-sized goodies: Black Forest gateaux filled with white mouse and topped with chocolate shavings, Key Lime tarts; dense chocolate

brownies and blondies, golden crusted toffee bars and Ploy's signature Spoonful of Sugar crepe cake. Comprised of 20 layers of freshly made crepes, frosted with whipped cream and topped with strawberry compote, the crepe cake is worthy of being the bakery's magnum opus.

As an accompaniment to the assortment of confectionery, almost a dozen coffee drinks and shakes are offered. Customers can enjoy free WiFi, indoor and outdoor seating, bossa nova tunes over a savory ham scone and iced Italian malt.

With its relaxed blend of shabby chic furniture, including Ploy's antique art-deco club chairs, modern lighting, whimsical artwork and fragrance of vanilla, A Spoonful of Sugar Bakery imbues a welcoming warmth.

- Elizabeth Branca



COUNTERCULTURE: Siraprapa 'Ploy' Tavaranan says most Thai chefs add too much sugar in their cakes and desserts, a habit she avoids. Photo by Elizabeth Branca

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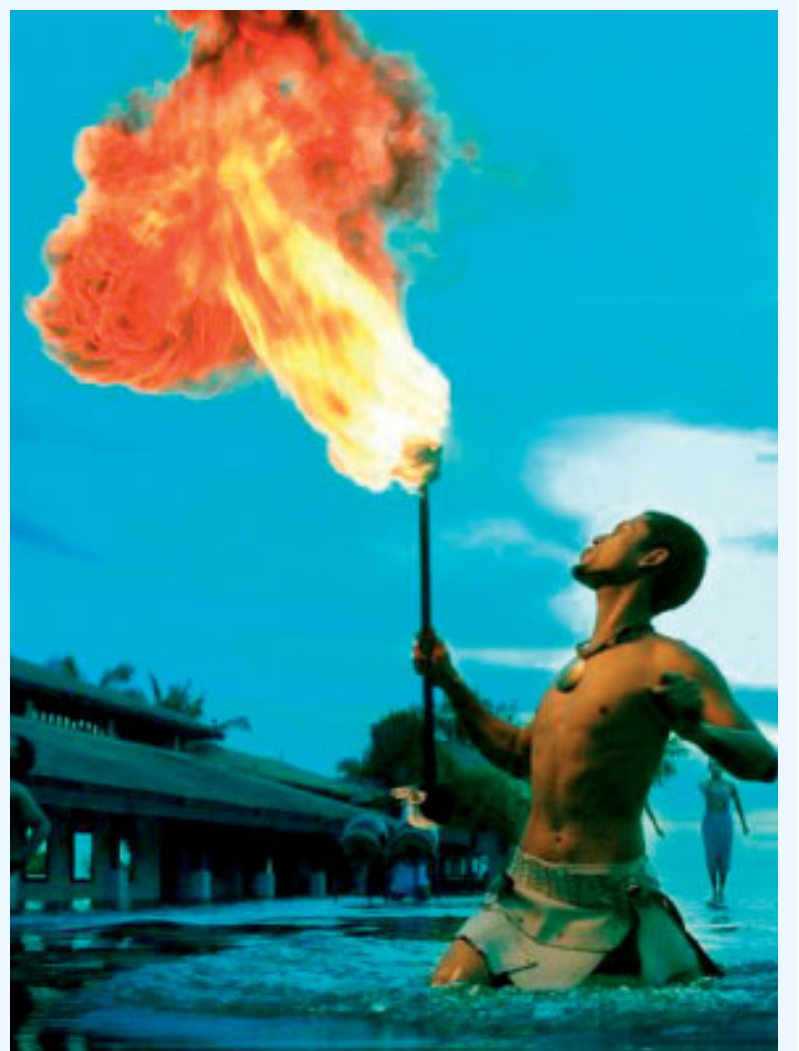
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Dancing among the elements



THERE is no shortage of talent on Phuket and the ceremonial welcoming of sunset at one of the top hotels on the island stands testament to one of the many gems in Phuket's hidden treasure trove.

With the exception of Tuesdays, every day for the past five years, guests at JW Marriott Resort and Spa in Mai Khao have gathered around the hotel's reflection pool just before sunset to watch the SommArteam dancers perform.

The 20-minute show begins with a free-form introduction by the five female dancers, who are experienced in both contemporary western and traditional Thai dance.

Dressed in full-length, white body suits featuring traditional Thai touches, including golden headdresses, bracelets and nail extensions, the dancers gracefully drift across the edge of the reflection pool with slow deliberate poses that flow softly into each other.

After a while, three male dancers enter the pool area, one with a traditional Thai *glawng yao* long drum and the other two with fire spinning rods.

With two loud sprays of fire and a few rhythmic beats on the drum, the show is in full swing with the five dancers representing the five elements of nature – fire, earth, air, water and space – sometimes clashing and sometimes flowing in harmony with each other.

As tourists watch the elegant unraveling of the sunset ceremony from the poolside, the

dance troupe's Creative Director, Sommart Chamarot, 33, explains how her dancers became part of the hotel's daily entertainment.

Sommart was working in Bangkok as Assistant Creative Director at the famous Bed Supper Club, designing the performers' costumes, styling the stage and choreographing the dance routines.

As a sideline project, she hosted dance shows at various independent events, one of which included a party held by renowned resort architect Bill Bensley, famed for his work with Four Seasons, JW Marriott, Anantara, Pan Pacific, Sheraton and the Indigo Pearl on Phuket.

After seeing Sommart's dance routine being performed at the Bensley event, Minor Corporation CEO William Heinecke invited her to move to Phuket, where she was to hold a show exclusively at the JW Marriott in Mai Khao.

Half a decade later, her dancers still grace the forefront waters of the establishment and Sommart takes great pride in providing her audience with original performances.

"My clients don't want something that you can see anywhere else on the island," says Sommart.

"I give them individual uniqueness, be it a faster-paced, sound-and-light dance show at a nightclub or a slow, intricate story being told through dance that fits in with the theme of the hotel," she adds.

– Nicky Vermeulen

The Sommart dance group performs the ceremonial welcoming of sunset at JW Marriot Resort and Spa in Mai Khao. The group is managed and directed by Sommart Chamarot, 33, (far left) who used to be the Assistant Creative Director at the famous Bed Supper Club in Bangkok before being approached to set up an exclusive show for the hotel. The dancers incorporate modern and traditional Thai dance into their show.




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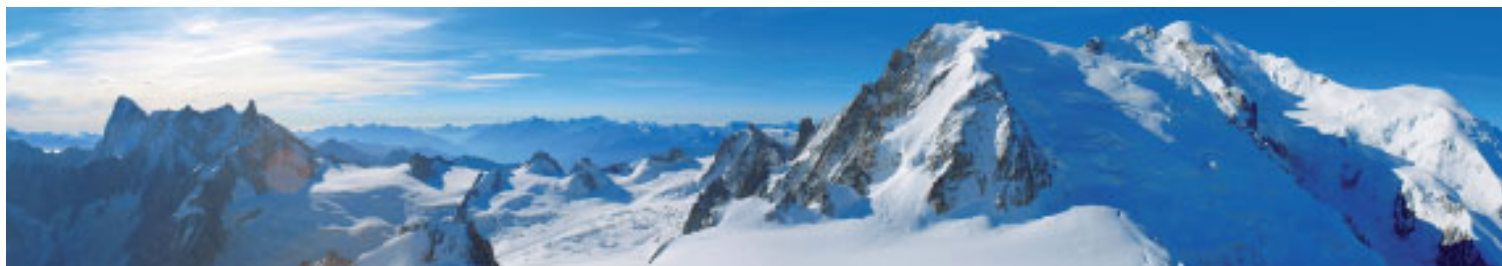


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Bank on Bird to reach the summit

Ironman's training and fundraising efforts are gathering pace as his Mont Blanc climb looms



TRAINING FOR THE TOP: A view of Mont Blanc in the Alps. Les Bird trains on Phuket (right). Photos by Benh Lieu Song and Fraser Morton



LES BIRD is a man who takes pleasure in pain, and a man who has been praying for rain so he can test out his new Size 14 waterproof hiking boots.

The 59-year-old Phuket resident plans to climb Mont Blanc – Europe's highest and most deadly mountain – in July, and hopes to raise one million baht for needy Phuket children in the process.

A veteran Ironman triathlete, Les has been making his Phuket training increasingly tougher for himself in recent weeks, adding more weights to his hiking bag, running three times consecutively up to the Big Buddha in the Nakkerd Hills, cycling 150 kilometers a day and swimming with a weight belt off Bang Tao – all in preparation for his Alpine ascent.

Earlier this month, Les ventured to Lantau Island, Hong Kong, for a relaxing break at his holiday home. Most morning's he would take a leisurely 934-meter hike to Lantau Peak, interspersed with a light 20-kilometer run and a spot of technical climbing on cliff faces. Taking the odd

breather while dangling from overhangs by his fingertips. Les recalls, "The view was quite spectacular."

For a man who has spent most of his life in the line of fire, his vigorous training for his Mt Blanc climb is taken in his stride. After all, he served 21 years, from 1976 to 1997, in a profession synonymous with danger: a senior-ranking police officer in Hong Kong.

When he was Royal Hong Kong Police Divisional Commander, Les was in charge of 1,000 police officers. He has been shot at by drug traffickers, lost close friends in the line of duty and was involved in one of the most successful international narcotics operations in Hong Kong Police history.

Although his days chasing down criminals are over, Les still relishes the odd brush with danger, and this summer's climb will see him take some fearsome risks to reach the summit.

Known as the White Mountain, the 4,810-meter (15,781 foot) Mt Blanc claims at least a dozen lives each year.

French and Italian climbing experts warn that falling seracs, or ice shelves, resulting in avalanches are a threat often ignored by the 20,000 climbers in the summer season, from June to August, every year.

In this period, rescue teams deal with up to 800 emergency calls a day.

Les will be climbing in a two-man team with fellow Brit Harry Taylor. A former Special Air Service (SAS) soldier, Taylor was the first man to traverse the Pinnacles, on the Northeast Ridge of Mt Everest in 1988.

"There is no way of knowing how Les will cope with altitude until he actually goes up Mont Blanc," Taylor said.

"I have seen Les push himself to the

absolute limit, then stay on that limit for hours on end, totally in control. This is a rare quality and one that I'm sure will see him to the top," he added.

Les, however, with only three years' climbing experience gained 40 years ago in his native England, said his goal of raising one million baht for Phuket children will spur him on to the top.

Since 1998, the Child Watch Phuket foundation has helped over 1,500 impoverished, orphaned and abused children with education scholarships, day care services and shelter through its Phuket Town and Kathu centers.

"If Phuket people would be so kind as to donate for my climb, the money would go to a very worthy cause," says Les, adding that when he reaches the summit, he will plant the Thai national flag at the top.

He also plans to swim the five miles across the Solent, the stretch of sea between the Isle of Wight and England, just six days after conquering the mountain.

And next year, Les plans to swim the across the English Channel, or La Manche, from England to France.

The man is made of steel, or iron, or maybe both. But come July, bank on him to be standing on the summit of Mt Blanc.

– Fraser Morton



Les Bird with the children under the care of the Child Watch Phuket foundation.

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EXPAT GALLERY

Michael Ayling

MICHAEL Ayling is the Managing Director of Laguna Phuket, a collection of seven prestigious resorts and a number of housing estates with a combined staff of 3,500, the largest corporate group employer on the island.

Michael came to Phuket ten years ago when he was recruited as the Finance Director for Laguna Phuket and placed in charge of the group's finances.

"I thought the opportunity would be interesting and challenging as I would become part of the management team, providing me with an opportunity to support the operations and be part of the creative development of Laguna Phuket."

Michael was educated in England. He grew up in Kent, after which he attended Manchester Metropolitan University where he studied accountancy. He was awarded a Bachelor Degree with Honours and was recruited by the largest accounting firm in the world, KPMG, where he worked in their Oxford office as an auditor and qualified as a chartered accountant.

When he had graduated from university several years earlier in 1988, he went backpacking with friends around much of Southeast Asia. He considers the months touring Thailand, Bali,

Java, Malaysia and India to have been a pivotal experience in his life, discovering that there was a fascinating world outside of England to explore.

After he had obtained his professional qualifications, he applied to KPMG to work in an office in Asia. A posting in Papua New Guinea was available and he accepted the post.

"Most people in KPMG didn't even know where Papua New Guinea is, but I was excited about the challenge of working in a different culture. I thoroughly enjoyed living and working there and it was an opportunity to obtain excellent experience and responsibility at an early age, and gave me a very diversified range of business experience."

Michael continued to work with KPMG in Papua New Guinea for most of the 1990s.

After marrying his wife Patricia, they then decided to obtain Australian residency and moved to work in the KPMG office in Sydney, in 1998.

A couple years later, he was ready for a new professional challenge, so when he was contacted about the opportunity to be the Finance Director at Laguna Phuket, he readily accepted.

His only son Daniel was born in 2003, and in 2004 he was promoted to Deputy Managing

Director and moved to work more closely with Operations. He was appointed to the top job in June 2006, following the departure of then Managing Director James Batt.

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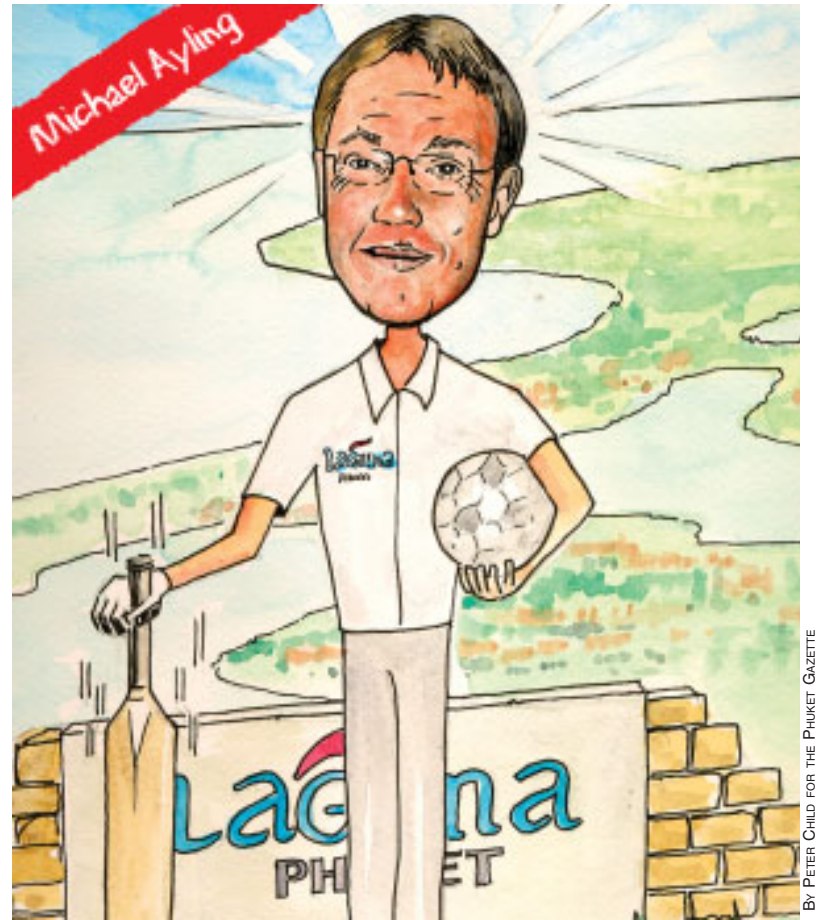
Michael is currently working on plans to renovate the Laguna Phuket Golf Club; to perform an extensive renovation and build a conference center at the Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket; to construct an Angsana Resort in Laguna Phuket when the economic environment improves; and to replicate Laguna Phuket in central Vietnam.

"I also want to attract Phuket residents and their guests to enjoy the many wonderful features of Laguna Phuket.

"We've just launched our Laguna Advantage card which I hope encourages our local friends to enjoy Laguna Phuket's facilities."

Michael thoroughly enjoys his work and living in Phuket. He says, "The quality of life in Phuket has got to be up there with anywhere in the world."

- Bruce Stanley



ABOUT EXPAT GALLERY

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



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Andrew Whitaker, General Manager of Andara Resort and Villas Phuket, with his wife Qidi, daughter Jasmyn and son Joseph.



MAD ABOUT BOATS: RIGHT: Andara Resort and Villas Phuket took a throng of Thai and Hong Kong media to Phang Nga for a day's fun 'n' sun on their yacht *Celebrity* (above) on May 9.



SAVORY SWAG: Phuket resident Graham MacMillan won a recent "Do you know Phuket?" contest on *Gazette Online*. Having correctly identified the Phuket Juvenile Court from a photo, he was a joyful recipient of two burgers (no cheese) and a side of fries, courtesy of Daeng's Downtown Noodles. Seen here presenting a gift voucher are *Gazette* Hamburger Manager Natamon Meesin (left) and Contest Manager Kanjana Sriboonsom. A new contest appears on the *Gazette* website every four or five days, usually.



ARTISTIC ALTRUISM: A photographic exhibit entitled *Old Phuket* was on display at the Lions Club of Phuket Pearl's Music and Art Festival on April 30. Lions Club President Phankin Tanskul (third from right), club members and guests came together at the Royal Phuket Marina to enjoy a night of music and art, as well as raise money for the club's local scholarship program.



REQUIEM FOR TONY: The Andaman Players put on a remembrance jam at The Green Man pub in Chalong on May 8 to bid goodbye to fellow actor, musician and long-time Phuket resident Tony Kelsey-Stead. Paul Mulloy (left), Sam Wilkinson (middle) and Tony 'Chainsaw' Wilson pay tribute in song.



SCHOLASTIC FUN: An English Summer Camp was organized by Absolute at Panta Phuket Resort for children from Cherg Talay Municipality and Baan Talad Nua School. The April 24-30 intensive academic program, held at the hotel in Thalang, included arts, Thai culture, drama and rice planting activities for the kids.

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Dining with me, myself and Meow

THE French community in Phuket has its own publication, a strong network of familial friendships, the incomparable Alliance Française and... er, Carrefour. While the English-speaking community can sometimes appear to be socially segregated into Aussie, Brit and Yank factions, no such thing happens with the French. And this has its hidden benefits as, because there's no major French-language school on the island, Phuket-based French school kids are almost always bilingual and sometimes trilingual.

One of Phuket's most popular and down-to-earth French dining establishments is Black Cat, located in Cherng Talay. This roadside eatery, not to be confused with the racy bar on Soi Gonzo in Sin City, has been open for 14 years and is home away from home for more than a few Phuket old-timers – not all, I should hasten to add, Francophones.

The Black Cat is run by Philippe Cablat and his wife, who has the decidedly feline-sounding name Meow. It's here that you can score a hearty Mediterranean supper for a fraction of the cost of the seriously expensive restaurants down the road or elsewhere on the island.

We kick off with a generous *Salade*

On the menu WITH Wilko

Niçoise oozing extra virgin olive oil (190 baht) and a Tuna Tartar (223 baht) and relax with the well-chosen recorded music. For mains we both have a sea bass fillet in a white wine and mushroom sauce with potato wedges (230 baht) and we're both extremely impressed by the rich flavors and textures. There's no doubt about it, Black Cat rocks.

In the happy juice department, we opt for the house red, an imminently quaffable *Vin de Pays d'Oc* (carafe 365 baht). This wine has been known to get some bad press, but things have changed dramatically over the past few years and some of the best and innovative wine producers are now established in the Languedoc-Roussillon region. To paraphrase, "It's not a wine that commands your attention but it sure rewards it".

We quaffed and quaffed but didn't suffer in the least from the wrath of grapes and this is the great thing about *Vin de Pays d'Oc*. "The great evil of wine is that it first seizes the feet, and it is a crafty wrestler," a certain Titus Maccius sagely burped in 190 BC, but then again, hard luck Titus – Black Cat's house red had us happily dancing, not pinned to the mat.

For a happier-looking, friendlier staff, you'd have to look around a long time



Black Cat in Cherng Talay has been open on Phuket for 14 years.

to beat the amiable bunch at Black Cat and of course this rubs off on the clientèle, many of whom have come from neighboring hotels.

The restaurant has a happy buzz to it with regular expats hunkering down at the bar while visitors are evenly distributed throughout the restaurant's well-ventilated and discretely lit bamboo-themed interior.

Residents in the area and guests at nearby hotels should note that Black

Cat delivers takeaway and the range of the Thai-European menu and 32-label wine list ably caters to the widest of choices.

The Black Cat is on the road to the Laguna complex, 200 meters before the police station at the T-junction.

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Location Map

Killing off rogues for better security

AT A RECENT Computer Clinic, a fellow Windows victim raised his hand and asked a question that was on the minds of many others, "My XP computer has 37 viruses on it. How do I get rid of them?" He was worried about viruses. I was much more concerned about the way he discovered them.

Industry insiders call them "rogues" and they're particularly common in Thailand. Rogue software comes in many shapes and sizes, but in general, rogue antivirus or anti-malware programs use scare tactics to get money from people.

In the simplest of cases, a rogue program may claim to scan the computer, fix some problems, but demand money to fix other "identified" viruses or spies.

All of them, like the rogue program Security Essentials 2010, give plenty of opportunities to part with people's hard-earned bucks.

The more clever rogues go far beyond a straightforward shakedown: many install "bot-nets" or spy programs, some install "backdoors" that allow puppet master programs to dig into your computer, while most recent rogues block access to websites that can help clean the filth from a PC.

All of them have become very adept at fending off attempts to uninstall or banish them to the gates of runtime hell, where they belong.

Security Essentials 2010 is one of a group of rogues that Microsoft calls Trojan:Win32/Fakeinit – a group that includes other well-known rogue programs, known variously as Advanced Virus Remover, Antivirus XP Pro and Internet Security 2010. Note how the names have been chosen to sound like legitimate programs.



Security Essentials 2010, a fake antivirus program that's designed to scare you into spending money.

KHUN WOODY'S COMPUTER

Rogues of the Fakeinit group not only scare and beg for money, they also watch to see if you're using Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Opera or other browsers, and block access to specific sites that might contain software used to zap the rogue.

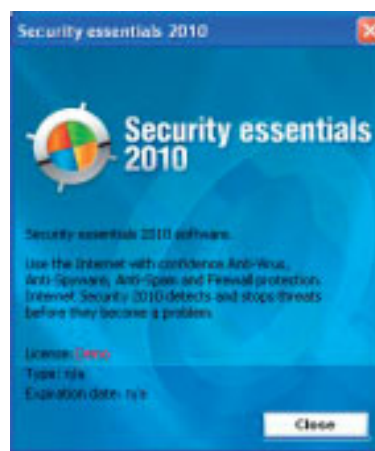
When you try to go to one of the sites, your browser shows you a completely bogus Restricted Site message that says "This web site is restricted based on your security preferences / Your system is infected. Please activate your antivirus software."

Security Essentials 2010 turns off many programs, includ-

ing all Office programs, most games, the QuickTime Player, Photoshop and even Paint and the Calculator. When you try to run those programs, you get a warning that "The file is infected. Please activate your antivirus software."

However clever this may be, most of the big anti-malware companies have toned down their scareware tactics. Users of free versions of antivirus programs used to see scary admonitions to upgrade to the paid versions of the products. Those big in-ye-face upgrade warnings have toned down a notch or two, to deliver a message that's far less dire.

My guess is that the antivirus companies saw the kind of scary hucksterism going on in the rogue marketplace and decided that maybe they shouldn't press all their customers' panic buttons at once. The emergence of Microsoft Security Essentials, which is completely free,



no doubt stifled the boisterous begging, as well.

Nowadays, if you see a message on your screen that says you're infected and you have to download a particular program to get cleaned up, chances are good you're staring at a come-on for a rogue.

If a pop-up offers a free scan of your system, more than a little skepticism is in order.

Identifying specific rogue programs via a Google search can be extraordinarily difficult because the names keep changing. For example, one – just one – rogue program, known as The Chameleon, can change itself on installation and display any of these names:

On XP machines: XP Guardian 2010, XP Antivirus Pro 2010, XP AntiSpyware 2010, XP Internet Security, XP Internet Security 2010, or Antivirus XP 2010.

On Vista machines: Anti-virus Vista 2010, Vista Antispyware 2010, Vista Guardian, Vista Antivirus Pro, Vista Internet Security, or Vista Internet Security 2010.

On Windows 7 machines (yes, you can install rogue programs on Win7): Win7 Guardian, Win 7 Antivirus Pro, Win 7 Antispyware 2010, Win 7 Internet Security, or Win 7 Internet Security 2010.

Fortunately, there's a very thorough list of known rogues, maintained by Bharath Narayan, in Karnataka, India. To see if a program warning about all those infections and begging for money is, in fact, a rogue program, hop over to Bharath's Security Blog at tinyurl.com/yb9ug38 and search for the program's name. If you find the offensive program, follow Bharath's link for instructions on how to remove it. He always points to free programs or discussions and, in my experience, they work.

Surprisingly, Microsoft has an excellent blog called the Microsoft Malware Protection Center at tinyurl.com/ynos42. The blog gives all sorts of detailed information about new threats.

Creating rogue programs and convincing people to install them rates as a huge growth industry. Why? There's money to be made. Fistfuls of it.

The vast majority of rogue programs are installed by a person who's been duped. If you carefully aim at your foot and pull the trigger, you only have yourself to blame. Make sure you know what you're installing before you install it.

Rogue software comes from many different places: email attachments, pop-ups on websites, infected USB drives, clicked-through ads, disguised as codecs for playing racy videos, you name it. Some rogue software arrives compliments of security holes in Windows, Acrobat Reader, Flash and the like, but almost all versions of it simply cons the person using the computer to install it.

Woody's latest book, Windows 7 All-In-One For Dummies, is widely available all over the world, except in Phuket and certain remote outposts of the Gobi Desert. Catch the latest Woodifications in Windows Secrets Newsletter Windows Secrets.com, and on the AskWoody site, AskWoody.com

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EVENTS CALENDAR Upcoming events on the island

June 18 – 20. PIA Mind Centre's "Four Immeasurables" weekend retreat



Phuket International Academy Mind Centre is holding an exclusive meditation retreat titled The Four Immeasurables, hosted by Dr B Alan Wallace. Presently accepting bookings, this weekend retreat will consist of teachings, guided meditations and discussions. Regardless of a participant's religious beliefs, these practices can benefit any person seeking to explore their own capacity to experience unconditional love and compassion. Registration starts at 1,800 baht per person per day for those not requiring onsite accommodation. Onsite accommodation is also available. More information and accommodation options can be found from 9am to 9pm at PIA Mind Centre. For further information contact T: 076-376000. E: mtc@phuketinternationalacademy.com W: phuketinternationalacademy.com

May 16. Phuket Yacht Club Fun Day

Come and support the club and join us for a fun-filled day of sailing, kayaking, swimming, cold beers and a beach barbecue. Many boats available for rent, from single-handed to two-up and multihull. Come for a sail, join in the morning races or just relax and enjoy the barbecue. From 9am to 3pm at Phuket Yacht Club, Ao Yon Bay. For further information contact Donna. T: 086-120 0752. E: phuketyachtclub@gmail.com W: phuket yachtclub.info

May 19. Pre-K Open House and Registration

QSI International School of Phuket was the first international school on the island. On May 19, the school will host an all-day open house to present the Pre-K Program. There will be tours of the campus, information packets and a special presentation by early childhood education specialist Dr Maynard Yutzy at 5:30pm. During the all-day event you will see the friendly and supportive environment that has characterized the school since 1994. Call 076-524064 or the number below for details and directions to the campus, or to make an appointment to visit on another day. From 9:30am to 6pm at QSI International School of Phuket. For further information contact Alan Siporin. T: 084-850 4631 E: alan-siporin@qsi.org W: qsi.org

May 20. Phuket International Women's Club Lunch

Phuket International Women's Club monthly lunch at The Watermark, Boat Lagoon. All are welcome, prior registration is essential. 450 baht for members, 600 for guests and non-members. From 11:30am to 2pm at The Watermark, Boat Lagoon. For further information contact Carole Dux. T: 076-316711 E: mummydux@hotmail.com W: phuketiwc.com

May 21 – 23. Phuket Fun Fly 2010

Phuket Fun Fly, Phuket's first paragliding competition, will take place at Nai Harn Beach. The colorful and exciting event is sponsored by Phuket Province, the Tourism Authority of Thailand, Canon, the *Phuket Gazette* and other local businesses. Watch spot-landing and gate-passing contests, fun flights, fancy dress flying and a photo contest, "Phuket Fun Fly by CANON 2010". More than 30 pilots have registered and at least 150 flights will take place from 8am to 6pm during the three-day event. Join us to support paragliding and Phuket Fun Fly. For further information contact Peter. T: 089-474 5253 E: peter@bmsevent.com W: phuketparagliding.com

May 23. Mai Khao Turtle Mini Marathon 2010

The JW Marriott Phuket Resort and Spa with the Mai Khao Marine Turtle Foundation will hold the 6th Mai Khao Turtle Mini Marathon starting at 6:30am on May 23 at Pru Jeh Sun Lake, Mai Khao Beach. The annual event raises funds for the Phuket Marine Biological Centre's Marine Endangered Species Unit. Marathon registration fees include a T-shirt and lucky draw prizes for all. Trophies and medals will be awarded to event winners. Marathon registration begins at 4:30am with the race starting at 6am. Registration ticket prices are 250 baht for the 10.5km race and 200 baht for the 3.5km race, and go on sale at 4:30am the morning of the marathon at Turtle Foundation office. For further information contact Khemwalai. T: 086-689 2230 E: info@maikhaoturtlefoundation.com W: maikhaoturtlefoundation.com

May 28. Visakha Bucha Day – Public Holiday

This holiday is observed on the day of the full moon during the sixth lunar month of the Buddhist calendar, and usually falls in either May or early June. It commemorates the birth, the enlightenment and the passing away of the Buddha, which all occurred on the same date.

June 4 – 13. Phuket Film Festival 2010

After a successful inaugural event in October 2007, the second Phuket Film Festival will lay the groundwork for a sustainable arts and entertainment event. The festival aims not only to help raise awareness of Phuket as a quality tourist destination, but to bring the arts onto the island and draw tourism during the low season. For further information contact Chaiwat Ahantharik. T: 02-982 4525 E: info@phuketfilmfestival.asia W: phuketfilmfestival.asia

June 13. Laguna Phuket International Marathon

Join the largest and fastest-growing destination marathon in Southeast Asia. Race day will feature a marathon, half-marathon, 10.5km run, 2km kids' run and 5km walk, all passing through Phuket rainforests, rubber plantations and local villages. For further information contact the organizers. T: 02-236 2931 W: phuketmarathon.com

July 5 – 9 and July 12 – 16. PIA Sports & Leisure Club Brazilian Soccer Camp

Brazilian Soccer Schools will hold their fourth soccer camp of the year with more fun and more skills to be learned. Daily training at the camps will include unique FDS moves, turning, balances and traps, passing, ball to air, juggling, core skills, one-on-one and two-on-two training, game play and daily three-a-side World Cup games. Points and medals will be awarded. Every day finishes with a five-a-side friendly match with points awarded for sportsmanship, games, quizzes and a chance to take home the Most Valuable Player trophy. Starts from 4,000 baht per week. From 9am to 5pm at PIA Sports & Leisure Club. For further information contact Khun Mik. T: 076-376000 E: activities@phuketinternationalacademy.com W: phuketinternationalacademy.com

July 26. Asarnha Bucha Day – Public Holiday

This full-moon day of the eighth lunar month commemorates the Buddha's first sermon to his first five disciples after attaining enlightenment more than 2,500 years ago. Evening candlelit processions are staged in all Thai Buddhist temples.

July 27. Buddhist Lent Day (Khao Pansa) – Public Holiday

Occurs one day after the full-moon day of the eighth lunar month (Asarnha Bucha). Khao Pansa marks the beginning of the annual three-month Rains Retreat during which Buddhist monks customarily stay at a particular temple to study and meditate. A candle festival is held annually on this day. Sculpted beeswax candles, generally depicting mythological creatures, are carried in a ceremonial parade in each province before being presented to local temples.

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

Ms Saowarin Chanprakaisi was appointed Senior Assistant Vice President at C9 Hotelworks in early April and will primarily focus on market research and feasibility studies. She is originally from Bangkok but graduated from Singapore's prestigious Cornell-Nanyang Institute of Hospitality Management. Previous roles include Acquisitions and Development at Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide and as Senior Auditor at global consulting firm Pricewaterhouse Coopers.



Phuket International Academy (PIA) appointed Harvard graduate **Nick Seaver** as Deputy Chief Executive Officer on February 15. Mr Seaver joins PIA after a distinguished career in New York's private equity sector. He has also been a climate change strategist since 2003, well before the issue became a mainstream social concern. He reports directly to PIA owner Klaus Hebben and will oversee all operations within the facility's three core centers.



Nathan Chilcott, 29, has been appointed Executive Chef at the Renaissance Phuket Resort & Spa in Mai Khao. Nathan, from the Gold Coast in Australia, was trained as a Michelin Chef by Gordon Ramsay in 2006 and served as Chef de Partie at Ramsay's Petrus Restaurant in London. He has also represented Australia at The Spirit of Hospitality Festival Toronto 2007 and has worked as Guest Chef/Consultant for the seven-star Pangu Hotel in Beijing.



MONEY TALKS



By **Richard G. Watson**

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OVER the past two years, many foreigners living in Phuket have seen their investments decline at an alarming rate due to the global financial crisis and accompanying credit crunch. The decline in many currencies against the Thai baht has also reduced the spending power of many in Thailand, and I am frequently asked, "How can I make money?"

One sector that has proven immune to the downturn is University Student Accommodation.

With returns of more than 10.27 percent for one year; more than 34.97 percent for three years and more than 60.39 percent for five years, Brandeaux Student Accommodation, a fund launched 10 years ago by a major group in this field, is the market model for consistency and returns.

This Brandeaux fund was for years available only with the UK pound sterling as the base currency. The demand for a US

dollar fund was substantial and this has been since added to the choice list. The US dollar funds is, basically, a pound sterling fund with currency hedges to protect the fund in case of currency risk.

Of the UK student accommodation funds now available, Coral Portfolio came into being about two years ago. Deutsche Bank is both custodian banker and administrator to the fund.

Global property group Knight Frank has conducted in-depth research on the student accommodation market in the UK. One publication, "2009 London Student Living - London Student Accommodation Review" focused just on the London market and looking at the national situation was the "2010 Student Property" report.

London is the primary global center for higher education and this sector alone accounts for four percent of the city's GDP. In recent years, student numbers have been rising at over four percent a year and the number of international students, including Thai students, has risen by 40 per cent since 2001.

It is estimated that international students are spending around UK750 million pounds (over US\$1 billion, or more than 35.8 billion baht) every year. Higher education in London through universities alone spend the equivalent of US\$12 billion (387.2 billion baht) every year on goods and services, accounting for about one percent of total UK GDP and this is just London.

However, there is an acute



shortage of purpose-built accommodation for university students and Knight Frank's report states, "London requires at least another 100,000 student bedrooms."

London is, apparently, behind the rest of the UK in this sector. The shortage of student accommodation in London is critical: the 100,000 rooms required towers over the 10,000 rooms actually in development.

Less than one in five students in London can access purpose-built accommodation compared with almost half in other British cities, such as Manchester, Sheffield or Leeds.

A substantial percentage of

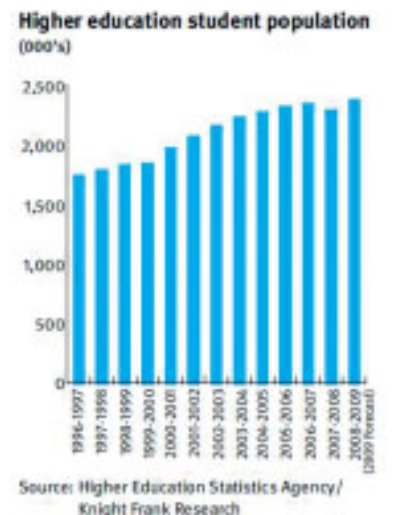
student accommodation properties are actually joint ventures between universities and the private sector, the latter supplying finance and management.

Universities have two main activities: teaching and research. Property management of student accommodation is not a core activity and is simply impossible due to an acute shortage of funds.

Private partnerships with universities enable capital to be available to develop a modern accommodation system. There is a shortage of supply and this is not going to change in the foreseeable future.

One new entrant to the stu-

Keeping the nest egg safe



dent accommodation sector is the Mansion Student Accommodation Fund, which has already climbed a net 15.52 percent after its launch in 2008. The fund is expanding and is often able to buy accommodation in large blocks at very cheap prices.

Previous research figures show that the UK has over two million full-time university students. Mansion House, using research by global property consultants Savills, Drivers Jonas, King Sturge and Knight Frank, expect that, on current trends, there will be more than three million students in the UK by 2014.

It is interesting to note that due to the devaluation of the pound sterling against most other currencies, UK student accommodation has become cheaper.

This helps the UK student accommodation market, but the underlying reason for investment in this sector is simple: the returns are excellent.

Business groups to stage merged networking meet

THE International Business Association of Phuket, British Business Association of Phuket (BBAP), Phuket chapter of the Australian Chamber of Commerce (AusCham) and Lighthouse Club members will hold a networking event at The Watermark restaurant at Boat Lagoon on May 21.

The event will start at 5.30pm. All are welcome. Entry is free.

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PUZZLES

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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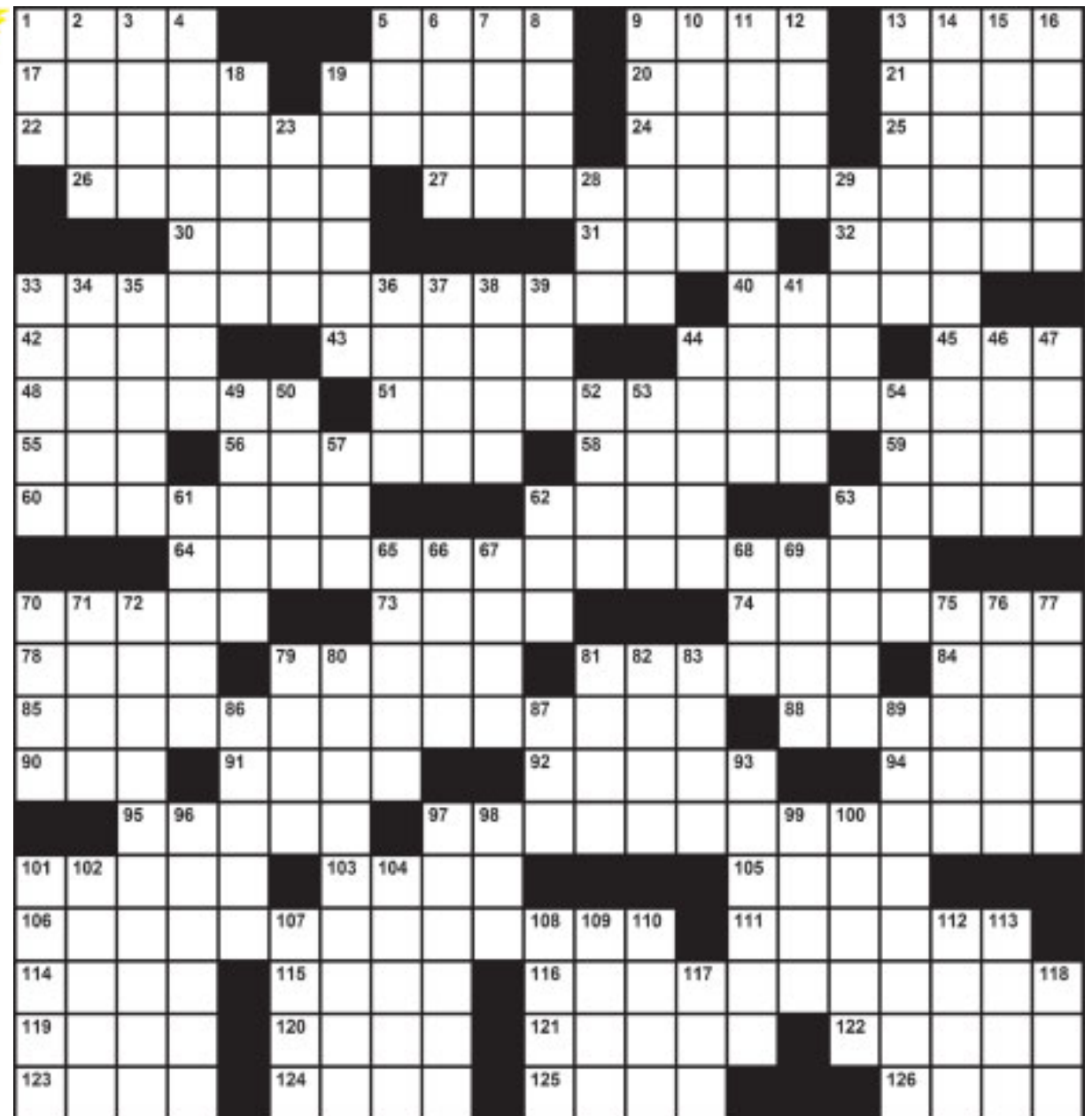
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ACROSS

- 1 Berth place
- 5 "Bodily" follower
- 9 Black tie affair
- 13 "When I was ___" ("H.M.S. Pinafore" song)
- 17 Black hues, poetically
- 19 Eagle's abode
- 20 City southwest of Moscow (Var.)
- 21 ___ Valley, Calif.
- 22 "Doonesbury" and "Garfield"
- 24 Pond-dwelling duck
- 25 Three-handed card game
- 26 Avoid cooking, in a way
- 27 Moisture removers
- 30 Clad oneself in ___ serif (plain type style)
- 32 The ___ Brothers ("It's Your Thing" singers)
- 33 Edited (Var.)
- 40 Shinto shrine gateway
- 42 Verdi lady
- 43 Andrea ___ (ship)
- 44 Bubble wrap sounds
- 45 "Pease porridge ___"
- 48 Change, as a cartoon expression
- 51 Condolences
- 55 "... of the ___ of Aquarius ..."
- 56 "I Loves You Porgy" singer Nina
- 58 Emerald, e.g.
- 59 "Your Show of Shows" regular
- 60 Addresses for churches
- 62 "The ___ Piper of Hamelin"
- 63 Bird that gets down
- 64 It's in the paper
- 70 Chain of mountains

- 73 Ear part
- 74 Be superior to
- 78 Stick ___ in the water
- 79 Belafonte daughter
- 81 1980 Richard Gere portrayal
- 84 Mauna ___, Hawaii
- 85 Road test maneuver
- 88 Release, as the end of a chain
- 90 Shady tree
- 91 "Aw, gee!"
- 92 Capital ENE of Jerusalem
- 94 "___ and the King of Siam"
- 95 Acquire more items for, as a collection
- 97 Flexibility
- 101 Nighttime breathing disorder
- 103 "Burp" Tupperware
- 105 ___-pong
- 106 Forgo one's own interests for the good of another
- 111 Asian shrine
- 114 ___ of expertise
- 115 Equine shade
- 116 It's in the paper
- 119 Whitecap formation
- 120 Basilica feature
- 121 "Full steam ___!"
- 122 "Bad, Bad ___ Brown"
- 123 To be, in France
- 124 Tapped beverage
- 125 Neil Diamond tune "September ___"
- 126 Russo of Hollywood

DOWN

- 1 Cal. closer
- 2 Wind ensemble instrument
- 3 It might be medically induced
- 4 Gentle cycle items
- 5 ___ royal majesty

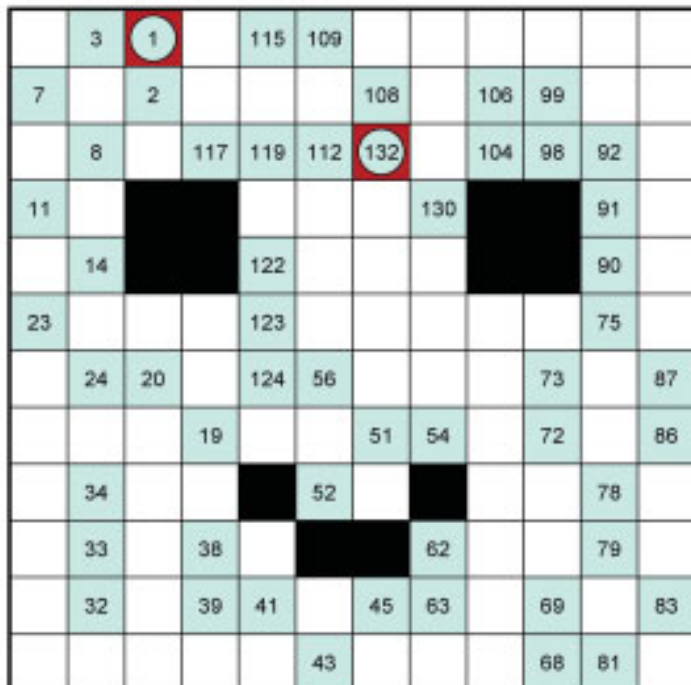
- 6 Dry, as a desert
- 7 Fit for picking
- 8 Be in harmony
- 9 Became angry
- 10 "Congratulations ___ order"
- 11 It's in the paper
- 12 "___ want for Christmas ..."
- 13 Francis' birthplace
- 14 Probability
- 15 NBA star Stoudemire
- 16 Scatterbrained
- 18 Ice cream serving
- 19 Show up
- 23 "Absolutely!"
- 28 "For Official ___ Only"
- 29 "Before anything else ..."
- 33 Silent screen star Theda and namesakes
- 34 Feudal lord
- 35 Cow part
- 36 Chanel of fashion
- 37 Anniversary gift between wood and wool
- 38 7-Up flavor
- 39 On the ___ (fleeing)
- 41 Australian mine find, perhaps
- 44 Concealed
- 46 "If I've told you ___"
- 47 Autocrat of yore
- 49 Stick out like ___ thumb
- 50 Certain souse
- 52 In the same place, in a bibliog.
- 53 Permeate
- 54 Less friendly
- 57 Ed.'s reading material
- 61 "Fibber ___ and Molly"
- 62 "Before," when before
- 63 "Candle in the Wind" composer John
- 65 "Hast thou ___ the Jabberwock?"

- 66 Bald, as tires
- 67 "Bye" words?
- 68 "If I Ran the ___" (Dr. Seuss book)
- 69 African language
- 70 Ad sales rep's quote
- 71 Pt. of NCAA
- 72 "All in the Family" producer
- 75 Without a date
- 76 Hands-up times?
- 77 Some New Zealand parrots
- 79 Altercation
- 80 It's in the paper
- 81 Beat one's ___ (jabber)
- 82 "My Friend ___" (Martin/Lewis film of '49)
- 83 Pest you might slap
- 86 Classic Icelandic collections
- 87 One unhealthy part of cigarettes
- 89 Bachelor party aftermath
- 93 Took little bites
- 96 Bad-mouth
- 97 Less humble
- 98 Shoemaker's helper, in a fairy tale
- 99 Bull artist
- 100 "Mary Tyler Moore" actress Georgia
- 101 From ___ distance
- 102 1992 and '96 third-party presidential candidate
- 104 Clear a videotape
- 107 ___ League (confederation of countries)
- 108 Certain cleric
- 109 Blue jack
- 110 "... ___ after"
- 112 Kind of straits
- 113 "___ Flux"
- 117 "At Seventeen" singer Janis
- 118 River in Wales

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- How many provinces are there in Thailand?
- What term is given to winning all 13 tricks in a game of Bridge?
- Name the current Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany.
- Name the spice made from ground peppers which is used to flavor Chorizo sausage.
- Which US sitcom from the 1990s featured the characters Newman, Uncle Leo and George Steinbrenner?
- Which island in the North East of England is known as Holy Island?
- Which 2007 movie starred Daniel Day Lewis as a demented oil baron?
- In which country is the city of Urumqi?
- Which animal's milk is used to make the French cheese Camembert?
- What is the most common street name for methamphetamine in Thailand?
- Which heavy metal band formed in Sheffield in the north of England in 1977 and had a drummer with just one arm?
- In which country are the cities of Jodhpur and Amritsar located?
- What name is shared by mountain ranges in Andalusia, Spain and Eastern California?
- Which music group had a number one single with *The Living Years*?
- The line "don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes" is from which 1964 Michael Caine film?
- Haiti's former ruler Francois Duvalier was better known by what nickname?
- Which is the largest province in Canada?
- In the American TV series what was the name of the fictional character who created the Six Million Dollar Man?
- What is the more common name for the Rontgen Ray?
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	WORE		SANS		ISLEY					
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AIDA		DORIA		POPS		HOT				
RED	DRAW		COMMISERATIONS							
AGE		SIMONE		BERYL		COCA				
SERMONS			PIED		EIDER					
		CROSSWORD	PUZZLE							
RANGE			LOBE		OUTRANK					
ATOE		SHARI		GIGOLO		LOA				
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SELFS		SACRIFICE				PAGODA				
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ETRE		BEER		MORN		RENE				

Monster Quiz Answers

- 76
- Grand Slam
- Angela Merkel
- Paprika
- Seinfeld
- Lindisfarne
- There Will Be Blood
- China
- Cow
- Ya bah
- Def Leppard
- India
- Sierra Nevada
- Mike and the Mechanics
- Zulu
- Papa Doc
- Quebec
- Oscar Goldman
- X-rays
- Lithium

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



How to Play:
 Hidato puzzles are played on a grid. The numbers in the grid indicate the starting and ending points of the paths. The paths are continuous and do not cross.

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 - Paths are continuous and do not cross.
 - The grid will contain a path of numbers.
 - It is recommended to start from the first number. Sometimes it is better to go around the numbers.
 - Paths are continuous and do not cross.

WHATZIT? solutions

- Run out of luck.
- A calculated risk.
- Eyes bigger than one's stomach.

Hidato Puzzle Solution 12/13

4	3	1	114	115	109	110	107	102	101	100	96
7	5	2	116	113	111	108	103	106	99	97	95
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11	10			118	120	131	130			91	93
12	14			122	121	126	129			90	89
23	13	15	16	123	125	57	127	128	74	75	88
22	24	20	17	124	56	55	58	59	73	76	87
25	21	18	19	49	50	51	54	60	72	77	86
26	34	35	48		52	53		61	71	78	85
27	33	36	38	47			62	64	70	79	84
28	32	37	39	41	46	45	63	65	69	80	83
29	30	31	40	42	43	44	66	67	68	81	82



Musings on a tourist paradise

A scholarly note: This is one of Confucius' aphorisms that never made it into the Analects. You can see why. Fardley's program for reinvigorating tourism in Thailand has much in common with my own ideas of yesteryear. This is because great minds think alike, especially after 15 beers. Here are the salient points: Puff Rahu. Rahu is the god of darkness in Hinduism. From time to time, he eats the moon. This explains eclipses. Rahu is not widely worshiped in India nowadays, and it's no wonder.

Who wants to encourage this guy? He might extend his gastronomical depredations to the Earth, and then we'd be wobbling on our axis as large chunks of Asia and Africa vanished into Rahu's voracious maw.

Here in Thailand we have discovered that Rahu can be appeased by offerings colored black: black chicken, black jelly, black rice. To promote tourism, every month we shall declare a Rahu Day. During the day everyone must wear black and eat mooncakes. At night, we'll hold a Rahu Rave.

This will be a nationwide party in which we barbecue black chickens, sacrifice virgins to Rahu (if we can find any), get wildly intoxicated on illegal substances, and conduct mass orgies on the beaches.

Coyote girls will dance naked in the firelight and sing hymns to Rahu, culminating in the chanting of the Rahu Mantra: "Ra, Ra, Rahu!"

These celebrations will attract scads of tourists and serve as a wholesome counterpoint to the Full Moon parties on Koh Phangan. Perhaps they be promoted on the basis that their religious contrast promotes piety.

Puff dugongs. Dugongs are Thailand's answer to China's pandas. They are lovable, roly-poly creatures who look like a cross between a giant slug and a drunken seal.

We can popularize these adorable creatures by building a theme park called Dugong World. Here, trained dugongs will beg for fish, jump through hoops, whistle "Dixie", and dance the macarena.

Disney style dugongs

named Dudley and Daisy will soon be more popular than Mickey and Minnie Mouse. Angelina Jolie and Madonna will be chairwomen of our Adopt-a-Dugong program.

Dugongs will become popular as pets, especially since they're more manageable than, say, tigers. Nobody will ever mug you when you're out walking your dugong.

Puff the Chao Phya River. As a tourist attraction, the River of Kings is sadly under-exploited. It does not have water-skiing, paragliding or jet-skiing.

All these innovations must be adopted forthwith.

Tourists will water-ski and jet-ski on the Chao Phya, jumping over the rice barges, ferries and long-tailed boats which sometimes get in their way. Paragliders will release their parachutes from astonishing heights and try to drop onto rice barges strategically placed in the river below.

To facilitate survival, the barges will contain only cooked rice. We'll have swimming races across the Chao Phya. For ex-

tra excitement, we'll release crocodiles into the river to spur the swimmers on their way.

The finish line will be at Siriraj Hospital. Winners will receive a free heart massage. Losers will be entitled to purchase prosthetic limbs at special discount rates. Any crocodiles who are still hungry will be treated to a free lunch of cast-off limbs and organs from the hospital's surgical ward.

Speaking of crocodiles, we'll also have running with the crocodiles.

Just as Spain sponsors the "Running of the Bulls" through the streets of Pamplona, so Thailand will achieve fame with the "Running of the Crocs" through the streets of Phuket City.

Daring tourists will try to outrun fleet-footed crocodiles snapping hungrily at their heels. Prizes for the winners will include LaCoste polo shirts for the tourists and after-dinner mints for the crocodiles.

S.Tsow can be flamed at s.tsow@gmail.com, except when he's out walking his dugong.

Horoscopes Isla Star



TAURUS (April 21-May 21): Your social life has been subject to ups and downs recently and this week you learn that there can be smoke without fire. Taureans who were ready to fly off the handle should distance themselves from time-wasting gossip and concentrate on what is really happening in their lives. Those with a birthday in the coming week will see priorities changing in the year ahead. The number 9 can bring good fortune this weekend.



GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Geminis can be skilled at putting their heads in the sand, rather than addressing important issues. This week you learn that your reluctance to take care of a business related matter could land you in hot water. The stars suggest that immediate action could save the day. Where romance is concerned, a water sign indicates that they're keen to know exactly where they stand. Wear steel gray to encourage focus.



CANCER (June 22-July 23): Cancerians could be tiring of a colleague's ambiguous attitude. This week is the

perfect time to point out that blowing hot and cold is causing an uneasy atmosphere in the office. Finding the right words to solve a romantic dilemma also comes easily this weekend. Those who have been unsure whether to continue a casual relationship will come to a clear conclusion. Tuesday and Wednesday are the luckiest days for finances.



LEO (July 24-August 22): Life settles down into a more comfortable pattern this week. For Leos who have been stressed since the start of this month will enjoy more relaxation. If you are single and hoping to meet a soul mate, Libra is forecast to make a favorable impression this weekend. Your financial situation is set to improve during the second half of May. Expect a modest windfall on Monday or Tuesday.



VIRGO (August 23 - September 23): Finances become slightly more stable this week, but spending sprees are not recommended. An air sign may try to exploit your generous nature this weekend. You could suggest that they pick up the tab for a change. Work commitments become less tedious when a Capricorn colleague gives useful advice mid-week. A romantic date this Saturday is more relaxing than you anticipated. The number 6 can bring good fortune on Monday.



LIBRA (September 24-October 23): Those born under the sign of Libra who have recently started a new job will have a challenging week. The stars suggest that a colleague will be less helpful than expected and you may need to discuss this situation with someone higher up. Tuesday is the most auspicious day for this kind of sensitive meeting. Where romance is concerned, Pisces has the wow factor this weekend. The number 4 is lucky on Monday.



SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): Many Scorpions will see the sense in stepping back from a project that is clearly going nowhere. This week you should discover that it is possible to cut your losses to a minimum and take a useful lesson on board at the same time. Someone born under the sign of Aries is ready to offer an opportunity that is worth considering, although your first impression may not be favorable.



SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): Sagittarians can expect their luck to increase during the second half of May. The stars encourage more self-confidence and this should lead to others taking you more seriously. Monday is best for making requests concerning finances and Wednesday is an auspicious day to sort out

employment problems. Romance becomes less stressful when a partner finally learns of work promotion. Those who are single enjoy flirting with Cancer this weekend.



CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): The second half of May will be quieter than expected for many Capricorns. The sudden decision by an air sign to back out of a business arrangement could come as an unwelcome surprise. However, the stars suggest that your chances of finding a more reliable partner are high. Working with Aries is recommended, but Cancer has a hidden agenda. Your romantic outlook depends on how you handle a prickly situation this weekend.



AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Too much time on your hands could result in some Aquarians interfering in others' lives this week. It would be wisest to leave a particular fire sign friend to sort their problems out as becoming involved will only have negative results. Your luck in love becomes better and Scorpio's reaction to flirtation encourages you to pursue the chase. Finances are well-starred until the end of the month. The number two is lucky this weekend.



PISCES (February 20-March 20): Pisceans may be heading for a meltdown

situation at work. A Cancerian colleague's bad attitude this week could be the last straw, but an earth sign has the right solution to this problem. Your love life provides some welcome relief and those hoping for more of a commitment should be satisfied. Wear the color light lemon to encourage a peaceful state of mind.



ARIES (March 21-April 20): Arians could be green with envy due to a friend's success in landing a dream job. However, an opportunity more suited to your skills is forecast to present itself next month. This should lead to a healthier financial situation, but long-distance travel plans should be put on hold for the time being. In the realm of romance, your restless mood is not appreciated by a partner who needs more security.



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More taxis are not what Phuket Airport needs

The compromise agreement ending the latest dispute between rival taxi concessionaires at Phuket Airport may appease both sides in the short term, but allowing 60 more vans and 'limousine' taxis onto airport grounds as the low season sets in will only worsen conditions at the airport in upcoming months.

Airports of Thailand (AOT), which runs the airport, has come under increased scrutiny in recent months for the high rates it charges Phuket Airport Limousine and Business Cooperative Ltd (PBC) and Phuket Mai Khao Sakoo (PMK) for the right to run booking counters inside the arrivals terminal and pick up fares outside the doors.

A public company majority owned by the Ministry of Finance, AOT collects over 2.2 million baht monthly from PBC and PMK and rakes in a smaller amount from the the Airport Meter Taxi Association, which is allowed to operate its fleet from the parking lot.

Ultimately paying for this are tourists, to whom the taxi operators pass on the concession fees in the form of higher fares, by far the most expensive in Thailand.

AOT does have big plans for the airport, but as a public company with virtually no competition it enjoys a wide variety of revenue streams unimaginable in the private sector.

According to the AOT website, for the first quarter of fiscal year 2010 alone the company and its subsidiaries reported total operating revenues of over 6.2 billion baht, an increase of more than 20 percent over the same period last year.

Given these figures and the fact that AOT is a public company – majority owned by the people of Thailand – it should consider the sizable negative impact its concession fees are having on the Phuket tourism economy as a whole.

The issues involved go well beyond economics. First impressions are important in tourism, and there is nothing more off-putting to the first-time tourist than being set upon by hordes of touts in desperate competition for business. Sadly, AOT's decision to add even more vehicles – 30 vans and 30 limousine taxis – will only add to their numbers, further worsening congestion in the parking lot while doing nothing to bring down fares to reasonable, free-market rates.

AOT's current expansion plan for PIA, with 5.8 billion baht in Cabinet-approved funding in 2009, aims to expand capacity from 6.5 million to 12.5 million passengers annually.

This is an ambitious figure that will only be attained if AOT plays an important role in helping to ensure that a holiday in Phuket is a positive, value-for-money experience that visitors will want to repeat – and not an institutionalized ripoff.

– The Editor

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What a moron

I am writing in response to Steve Forbes's letter last week, in which he told us that he drinks and drives in Phuket because the taxis are too expensive and that when he kills someone it will not be his fault but that of the government for not lowering taxi prices.

What an unbelievably idiotic attitude to take. Quite often drunk drivers manage to walk away unscathed when they crash their car. Unfortunately the people they kill and their families are not so lucky.

Maybe if Steve lost one of his friends or family to an irresponsible drunk driver he might re-evaluate his attitude. If he ever goes on to murder someone while drunk driving I hope he has the good misfortune to be incarcerated in a Thai prison with the victim's relatives – who hopefully would take great pleasure in adjusting his attitude.

What a moron.

**Drew
Phuket**

What a cracking crackdown

Re: Gazette online, Crackdown on cracked heads in Phuket, May 9

I hope the police crackdown on riders without helmets works. It will probably take a long time to enforce. It won't be easy, but if it saves some lives it will be worth it.

Let's all be optimists and help it along. The farang can start by setting an example.

I know the Grumpy Old Men are already doing this. Maybe other organizations like the Lions Club, Rotary Club and

even charities like Childwatch and Sunshine Village could help too.

**John Devenport
Chalong**

A treasured teacher passes away

Having only heard about the death of Tony Kelsey-Stead on the day of his funeral, I entered his name into Google to see if I could find out anything about what had happened and found an amazing number of hits, including that of the *Gazette*.

As a former pupil of Mr Kelsey-Stead, I feel moved to let his friends know how well-loved he was during his teaching years. I can see that he obviously had a very happy and fulfilling life in Phuket and am glad he found such happiness.

I was lucky enough to have been a pupil of his every year that I was at Watford Girls Grammar and also had him as a form teacher. His sense of humor added so much to what he taught and he was unique among the teaching staff. His lessons were always a pleasure, never a chore, and it's not often that you can say that.

I may have been a pupil of his 20 years ago, but I can safely say that there are many of us who are deeply saddened by his loss. He will be sorely missed.

**Jo Woodbridge
Cirencester, UK**

Sending the message

Re: Gazette online, Phuket tsunami alert canceled, May 9

I wonder how many people in the provinces concerned were aware of this tsunami alert. Surely it would be more effec-

tive and no doubt easily possible for the authorities, in co-operation with the telephone operators, to send SMS alerts to all mobile phone numbers in the areas which might be affected.

**Michael
Phuket**

Helmets for kids

So, the local police are going to 'crack down' on motorcycle riders and passengers without helmets. Who cares?

Any adult who chooses to ride a motorcycle without a helmet is doing so at their own risk. They are endangering no-one other than themselves.

It is a total waste of time and money to set up checkpoints and actively seek people breaking the law – and then give them free helmets which they will promptly take off and hang on their motorcycle handlebars.

Like the *Gazette* said in last week's editorial, let's turn our attention away from adults, who are capable of making decisions in elections, marriage, and bars, and focus on the portion of the population who may not be as capable of making such important decisions: children.

Would it not be more worthwhile to pursue a program of fining drivers carrying passengers who are minors and not wearing helmets? Couldn't there be a campaign to develop and distribute helmets for children that actually protect their heads from injury?

So what if adults disregard their safety and ultimately their lives. Let's at least force them to consider their children's safety and provide them with the resources to do so.

**Jefferson Andrews
Chalong**

The uphill battle against deforestation



FIRST PERSON

Mr Winai Chitchiew is the 36-year-old sub-district chief (*kamnan*) of Karon. The father of two was born in Karon to a family of rubber plantation owners. After receiving a master's degree in political science from Ramkhamhaeng University, he began his political career at the age of 24 by serving two terms as the mayor of Karon Tambon Administration Organization. Since 2005, he has served as kamnan of Karon, a post which is held until the age of 60. Here Kamnan Winai talks to the *Gazette* about corruption, the difficulty of protecting his domain from illegal development and the dangers of fighting vested interests for the sake of future generations. Many of his criticisms are directed at the Land Reform Program of 1993 (see panel, below). For background information, see *Gazette online, More Phuket forest destroyed, April 2, 2010. Compiled by Pimwara Choksakulpan.*

On April 8, the Phuket governor chaired a big meeting to discuss deforestation, specifically in my sub-district near the Kata-Karon Viewpoint. Present were representatives of Phuket's three districts, the Phuket Royal Forest Department and the Agricultural Land Reform Office (ALRO). Unbelievably, Forest Department and ALRO officers could not even agree on which plots of land belonged to which office.

It doesn't matter who the land belongs to. What is important is that it is being deforested now and nothing is being done.

I mentioned at the meeting that there was illegal construction of a restaurant off an illegal access road to the deforested area. At that time, the construction had just begun. When I checked again on May 4, the construction had gone further; the restaurant was fully framed and had a roof. It was only 500 meters from a Royal Phuket Forest Department office.

I brought this up again at another meeting at Provincial Hall later that day and I felt ashamed. It showed a failure of cooperation between government departments. They don't pay enough attention to natural resources; they let the construction continue.

I did all I could in this case. I arrested the two men I found deforesting the land and reported it to my superiors: Muang District Chief Supachai Pochanukul and Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop. There was nothing more I could do because I didn't have enough manpower and couldn't ensure my own security.

The area has not been further developed, however. A powerful person in the Karon area called me and wanted to negotiate for the illegal development of the land. I was offered two rai worth 25-million-baht each to stop arresting people. I refused.

Some people say I'm crazy to arrest people for every little case, but I feel it's necessary for the protection of future generations. If my superiors don't stop this illegal activity, who will? If I am shot and killed, it will likely have something to do with this issue.

I think the main problem behind the deforestation lies with the Land Reform Program itself. Its intention was to use deforested land for agriculture.

However, politicians took advantage of this by including forested land in the Land Reform Program, thereby taking the land out of the protection of the Forest Department and making it available for development (see panel).

They illegally deforest it and develop it before anyone notices. Then it's too late.

The Karon people want to live in peace and avoid confrontation. That's why they don't pay too much attention to this problem and if they are aware, they don't report it.

They are also unaware of the larger environmental repercussions of deforestation. Deforested land can't hold much groundwater, which is a real problem during the dry season. During droughts, people search for alternative sources of water. But this is treating the symptom of the problem, not the cause.

Almost every corner of Phuket is under private ownership of some sort, whether it be with a title deed or through the LRP. This makes it very difficult to stop deforestation, as we do not have the resources to police the land and enforce the law.

In my opinion, a good solution would be to require people possessing Land Reform Project land to plant 40 percent of their land and leave 60 percent of it to forest. If they did not achieve this ratio in five years, they would have to forfeit the land to the Forest Department. That way, people would have no choice but to protect the land from deforestation.



ON THE SCENE: Kamnan Winai points out deforestation in Karon.

The Land Reform Program

The Agricultural Land Reform Office (ALRO)'s Land Reform Program (LRP), also known as *SorPorKor*, was initiated in 1993 in an effort to increase agricultural production and equality in rights to land usage.

The LRP grants leases on degraded Royal Forest Department land to squatters for agricultural development. In addition, any squatter or tenant who can prove that they or their predecessors cultivated land before its declaration as Forest Department land is eligible for a title deed.

Investors have abused the program by gaining footholds on attractive land and using its provisions to obtain deeds. An additional concern, especially in Phuket, is that beneficiaries of the LRP are not only farmers, but rich families who laid claims to Forest Department land before its declaration as such. Some families have been granted title deeds to the land through the program, but are not using it for agricultural purposes, contrary to the stated purpose of the LRP.

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What should one do when the police won't help?

My friend's son was in Phuket on holiday and was robbed in Patong. He was being pestered by three men, but he ignored them and walked off. Then he was told by passersby that he had been robbed.

He panicked and went to a police officer standing on the street. The officer shooed him away and said he couldn't help. The officer wouldn't even go with him to the police station to report the theft. The young man didn't know what to do.

Is there any helpline or institution to help travelers in distress?

Candy Hicks
Address supplied

A Phuket Tourist Police officer replies:

In such a case, the first thing to do is go to the nearest police station and report the theft. This is a criminal case, so you should tell the police immediately. In case of an emergency, call the Tourist Police by dialing 1155, or the local police at 191.

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Do I need a work permit?

I am considering leasing a bar on Soi Tiger in Patong and it has come to my attention that there are many farang bar owners there who do not have work permits. The leases are in their names and they profit from the businesses, therefore they should have a work permit, correct?

I have heard that laws regarding work permits are very strict. Is it possible that because they are not actually 'working' and only making profits that they don't need a work permit?

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An officer at the Phuket Provincial Employment Office replies:

If your only role is that of owner, earning profits, you may not need a work permit as long as you are not signing any work-related documents or involving yourself in any way with the operation of the business.

However, if you are making purchases, signing documents, interacting with customers and so on then you need to apply for a work permit. Due to the technicalities involved, we strongly suggest you visit the Phuket Provincial Employment Office to discuss your particular case.

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Tiger trio to fight in Singapore

WIKTOR Svensson, Ngoo Ditty and Ray Elbe from Tiger Muay Thai in Chalong are lined up to compete in a series of Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) fights at Resorts World Sentosa in Singapore over the coming months that will be televised to some 25 countries.

The trio will be fighting on ESPN's "Martial Combat" show, based in Singapore.

As well as fighting, Elbe, from the US, will also be a commentator for the show, which will be broadcast in Thailand.

Elbe, who is in charge of the MMA program at Tiger Muay Thai, said he was looking forward to the opportunity to provide commentary on the fights of some of his top students.

"I have done commentating before and at university I regularly participated in public speaking courses. Also, as anyone who knows me can attest, I've never been shy performing in front of an audience," he joked.

"I am more nervous about actually fighting. At least with commentating I don't have to worry about getting my face bruised or any of my bones broken," he added.

Elbe said he was confident he would be able to remain sufficiently detached to provide impartial commentary on the performances of fighters he trains with each and every day at Tiger Muay Thai.

"Viktor and Ngoo are both talented fighters and I don't need



Left: Ray Elbe (left) sparring before his big match in Singapore. Above: Wiktor Svensson (left) holds a sparring partner in a grapple during 'cage training'. Below: Ngoo Ditty (right) ready to rock. Photos by William McNamara

to sell their skills to the crowd. I'll let the fight speak for itself.

"My goal for the commentating isn't to give my opinion, but to factually report what is happening in the cage," Elbe explained.

Thai national Ngoo Ditty is an experienced Muay Thai fighter who, despite having only a handful of professional fights under his belt, is highly regarded in the world of mixed martial arts.

Viktor Svensson, from Sweden, is a long-term Phuket resident with a strong history in ground fighting and grappling.

The televised event will be an opportunity for both fighters,

and the experienced Elbe, to showcase their skills in front of a wide audience.

Win, lose or draw, all three fighters said they were confident they would put in a crowd-pleasing performance and that further fighting high-profile opportunities would follow.

Svensson's fight will be broadcast on Star Sports at 10pm, May 26, and on ESPN on June 5 at 9:30pm. Ngoo Ditty's fight will be broadcast on Star Sports on May 27 at 11pm and on ESPN on June 6 at 9:30pm.

For details of the ESPN MMA series, visit www.rw-martial-combat.com



Wanderers stroll to victory in futsal clash

PHUKET Wanderers have won top honors in the Adult Futsal League, which drew to a close at Phuket International Academy (PIA) on May 2.

Seven teams competed in the league, which was played on PIA's state-of-the-art artificial futsal pitch.

The Wanderers had already secured the league title before the

Sunday final round by winning all but one of their six Thursday-night league matches.

Yet there was still all to play for to claim the other top spots in the league.

Portrait FC's 4-3 victory over fellow Thai team SGS in the day's opening game meant that Island Boys would have to defeat All Stars to claim second spot, but

failed to, losing by 6-0.

At the bottom of the table, Thalang Tigers and Marriott (MV FC) played off for pride, with the Tigers claiming a 16-2 victory over Marriott.

League organizer Martin Hill was impressed by the standard of football on display.

"There has been some impressive stuff, in particular from the Phuket Wanderers, who have played some really good football," he said.

"The attitude of everyone involved has been great. I am really looking forward to getting



Phuket Wanderers celebrate winning the Adult Futsal League.

the next league started and hope we can get a few more teams involved."


Wanderers manager Marcus Benzinger feels that the futsal league has been a leap forward for football in Phuket.

"We are unbeaten in 17 matches as a team now but the competition is definitely getting better and it will be more difficult next season.

"There never used to be anything like this in Phuket and it is great knowing that you are going to be able to reliably play football every week on a perfect playing surface," he said.

- James Goyder

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FC Phuket 2 Surat Thani 0

FC PHUKET went into the mid-season break on a high note, defeating the Surat Thani Roosters 2-0 at Surakul Stadium on May 8.

Despite the absence of influential Ivory Coast midfielder Diarra Ali, the Southern Sea Kirin put on another solid performance.

Both sides struggled to find rhythm early in the game, but FC Phuket eventually took the lead in the 23rd minute when Surat Thani failed to clear a corner and central defender Ronnachai Jinaket cut the ball back from the touchline to Poramat Krongborisut, who volleyed it into the far corner of the goal.

A bad-tempered game got worse in the second half, with play repeatedly stopped by whistles. To the delight of some 3,000 FC Phuket fans in attendance, Surat Thani midfielder Prakij Kobwattanakul was shown a second yellow card in the 67th minute for kicking out at Poramat Krongborisut.

Any doubts about the outcome of the match after that were swiftly dispelled when local lad Kittithach Kraithong added the decisive second goal, bending the ball past the Surat Thani keeper into the top left hand corner of the net after a feed from Poramat.

Moments later, the Surat Thani players left the field to pro-



FAN-TASTIC: An FC Phuket fan.

test what they claimed was inadequate lighting. After a lengthy delay – and much heckling from the partisan crowd – the referee ordered play to continue.

Despite the dismissal of the 17-year-old FC Phuket winger Sarach Yooyen late in the game, FC Phuket held on to maintain their perfect home record, boosting their confidence going into the remainder of the season, which resumes next month.

The win puts Phuket in second place with 22 points, a single point behind leaders Trang FC, who beat Ranong FC 3-1 on the road.

Other Division 2 South matches played over the weekend: Yala FC 0 – Krabi FC 1; Satun United 2 – Phang Nga FC 0; Pattani FC 1 – Hatyai FC 1; Nakhon Sri Thammarat FC 0 – Phattalung FC 1.

– James Goyder

Phuket brings down Surat Thani



GREEN POWER: (Top) The Surat Thani goalkeeper drops to his knees after yet another goal by FC Phuket. (Above, left) Players battle in the air midfield. (Above, right) FC Phuket players celebrate their second goal.

Photos by Michael Weinstein

Phuket kids brave storms, Force 6 winds at TOTG

EIGHT Phuket children, six of them from the Sunshine Village orphanage, traveled to Pattaya to compete in the Top of the Gulf Regatta earlier this month. The children have been learning to sail at Phuket Yacht Club for the past year.

While they are all accustomed to regularly racing in the Optimists division, the conditions in Phuket tend to be mild and there are seldom more than a handful of boats on the water. The Top of the Gulf Regatta, by contrast, was much windier and there were 129 boats on the water in the Optimists class alone,

Katy Gooch from Topper Sail Phuket accompanied the children, along with Paul Firmin. She said the experience taught the

young sailors much about sailing and racing. ‘They found the racing in Pattaya more challenging and exciting with stronger winds than Phuket. There were sailors from all over the world: Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Belgium and the USA as well as Thailand.

‘Not only were there 129 sailors on the start line, but storms bringing winds up to 20-25 knots (Force 6) and they all took this in their stride. Some did very well in a few of the races with our best placing 38th from Philip Johansson,’ she said.

Johansson had raced before in Sweden and tends to do well in the regattas at Phuket Yacht Club, but there was one surprise success story. Teerapong

Trokartaok started sailing in January and has been sailing only once a week every month since then.

Despite his limited experience, he managed to consistently come in the top half of his field, finishing 44th, 47th and 53rd.

He also capsized during a couple of races, but righted the

boat, bailed out and continued racing. ‘I really enjoyed the racing, it was very windy, very exciting and challenging. Now I know I can solve almost any problem when sailing and I am very proud to have taken part,’ he said.

The trip was made possible

by the support of several sponsors, including Tsu Thai Association, Six Senses Phuket Race Week (Image Asia), Phuket Yacht Club and Topper Sail Phuket, with other contributions from Steve Wood and Leigh West Trefoil Guild.

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Size matters as investors gaze inland

DURING the spectacular rise of the island's property industry for much of the past decade, land values have mimicked gold and oil as a precious commodity; rising like a thermometer on a sunny day in the hot season.

Developers, some by necessity and others simply for expanding their margins, have focused on master planning for developments that relied on key words like "density" and "critical mass".

In broad terms, the price of the land included in "pre-packaged" land-and-house residential products for sale grew from 10 percent of total cost in the early days up to 20-30 percent. As selling prices skyrocketed, land sizes shrunk faster than a drunk's ATM account during a spell of binge drinking.

Although the quest for oceanfront and ocean-view land continues on the island, in reality there exists an ever-shrinking supply, and despite economic and political challenges, land values in Phuket will arguably continue to rise in the long term.

At the heart of the matter is that Phuket is an island and, despite some ill-advised propositions of reclamation over the years, land is a finite. The laws

of supply, demand and surging population would indicate less land, for more people equals higher prices.

As the tides of development change, much like the coming and going of the rainy season, so flows the taste of buyers. While the shoreline has dominated the resort-grade property market, prospective eyes are increasingly turning inland for opportunity.

This segment now comprises a significant number of current buyers seeking primary residences or second vacation homes. Usage and quality of life are being given more weight than what in many cases has been more of an "ocean glimpse" than an "ocean view".

Size now matters. Case in point is Layan Hills Estate near Cherng Talay, which is starting to see its first units completed. A master plan with 32 large villas, with 18 already sold, on plots ranging from 1 to 1.2 rai.

The land size is more than double that which had been thought of in the past as ample living area and the price range of 37 to 51 million baht is squarely aimed at providing space as the project's core focus.



PROPERTY WATCH

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Layan Hills Estate near Cherng Talay is starting to see its first units completed. So far, a total of 18 of the estate's 32 villas have been sold on plots ranging from 1 to 1.2 rai of land. Photos courtesy of Layan Hills Estate.

Design house Naga Concepts, which has leading projects such as Surin Heights, Kamala's Plantation and Layan Hills Estate on its list of accomplishments, uses modern minimalism with emphasis on the fusion of outdoors into the interiors, which have led to a tasteful final product.

At Layan, spacious surroundings are dedicated to green areas, and low-rise structures recede back into nature, minimizing the impact on the environment.

Elsewhere, a new focus on size is leading new phases

of existing projects, including Banyan Tree's Grand Residences, a final phase at Sai Taan at the entrance of Laguna, and over at Sri Panwa, where more villas are on offer. As the market continues to stagger through the doors of change, with resales highlighting transaction activity, there remains the unknown of what the Phuket residential market will look like at the end of the coming decade.

Industry guru John Birt, a major player on Koh Samui and whose Phuket Villas and Homes operation is growing in leaps and bounds, forecasts, "Prop-

erty in the resort areas of Thailand will not be the same as they were until the world is the same (rewind pre-global financial crisis). It's doubtful that conditions for the next three to four years will be like the boom years of past."

Buyers are looking increasingly for value and for many this equates to either price or added value, which in this case is extra land. As Phuket continues to grow into an urban environment, the inland areas represent an opportunity for developers to provide space and nature back into the tropical cocktail of island living.

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Regent rises in style at Bang Tao



TOWERING VISION: The Regent Bangtao condominium project is due to be completed by December 2011. Image courtesy of G-1 Land Co

CONSTRUCTION of The Regent Bangtao, to become home to 151 condominiums in Cherg Talay, is slated to start in October and scheduled for completion by December 2011.

The project developer is G-1 Land Co Ltd, which has established its reputation with the 98-unit G1-Condo in Ladprao, Bangkok, and the 159-unit Baan Mak Mai housing project in Rayong Province.

G-1 Land is already familiar with projects in Phuket, and in

particular Kamala, where it has the 42-unit G1-Apartment complex; the Kamala Regent, comprising 79 condo units plus six private pool villas; and The Regent Kamala, with 44 units and eight upcoming private pool villas.

The Regent Bangtao will comprise two multistory buildings and include lobby, lounge, seven retail stores, restaurant, fitness center and spa.

The unit sizes at The Regent Bangtao start from the 44-square-meter, one-bedroom studio

option and range up to 160sqm penthouse units, which come with a choice of one or two bedrooms, as well as a western kitchen and private pool.

With construction by Spa (1991) Co and the architectural design by Stone Henge Co Ltd, the project is to have a modern feel, with the common areas using a blend of forest colors and boasting a full range of modern facilities, including fitness center, sport swimming pool, high-speed internet, cable TV, keycard access, 24-hour

security and a professional management team.

All of the apartments will have individually controlled air conditioning throughout, satellite/cable television, broadband internet connection and come fully equipped with an alarm and firefighting system. Satellite TV and alarm wiring will come pre-installed.

Units are now available freehold or leasehold and a common fee of approximately 30 baht per square meter per month applies, with

one year paid in advance.

New owners are required to contribute to a one-time sinking fund charge of about 300 baht per square meter, payable on transfer of ownership.

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Keeping your home safe

FOR some Phuket rental property owners, no local management or cleaning company staff are good enough.

One property owner I know of managed to coax a staff member from a local high-profile resort. The new recruit seemed to be the perfect person to look after the house and service rental guests.

After all, paying a 20,000-baht-plus salary, and with the new staffer having a local hospitality industry pedigree, what could go wrong?

That is, until things started to go missing.

Welcome to the challenges of employing staff in Phuket. Thai people are generally among the most pleasant and helpful people I have ever known, but that doesn't mean I am going to leave just any Thai in charge of my life investment only a couple of days after I have met them. I certainly wouldn't employ the housekeeper I met at the Holiday Inn in Torquay look after my house in the UK while I am in Phuket.

The trick is to not let a few bad apples spoil the whole barrel. Most important is to not let the bad apples into the barrel in the first place.

Thailand has comprehensive labor laws, most of them very similar to those in place in western countries. If you are intending to rent your home, check with your agent and real estate company to find out what services they provide.

The local bloke asking 10 percent in an email inquiry probably will not provide a service

contract, but there are a handful of reputable companies on Phuket that do.

Such real estate companies can provide staff that have gone through a vetting process, have proper employment contracts and outline legislated benefits. Employers need to know how to handle disciplinary procedures if anything goes wrong.

Among the classic recurring tales in Phuket, there are many stories told by island property owners about dropping in unannounced to check on their investment house only to find that the housekeeper's family has moved in whilst the owners were away.

If you own a "super home vacation property", one of those with the big sea view, have a brigade of service and maintenance employees, but have them headed by an individual or company with some local standing.

Butlers, maids, chefs and drivers are all part of the team, but do not be surprised if for your own peace of mind that might you need to install an internet camera system so you can check on things from your Hong Kong office.

Those with more modest abodes available for rent often do not need full-time staff. They also often find that the staffer hired to clean doesn't speak very good English, or if he or she can speak very good English, he or she isn't going to do any cleaning.

Using a rental agent with service capabilities can alleviate many of these problems.

These agents offer sche-



Services that safeguard your investment by screening for qualified staff is a wise move. Photo: PIPS Phuket

duled services to make sure all is okay when the property is unoccupied. They prepare the home before check-in and provide a number of important backup services, such as guest services, 24-hour emergency assistance for guests, experienced English-speaking staff, advise and assist guests, and a host of add-on services to enhance the guests' experience.

Finding staff in the more popular holiday rental areas of the globe is a lot easier due to the prevalence of English. Thailand is clearly more challenging in that regard.

With Phuket's emergence from rental obscurity to brand-name prominence, first-time renters may find reality falling far short of expectations if the staff cannot communicate clearly

with guests or even the owner and there is no backup.

Having rentals serviced by a competent and established rentals company can spare owners from some of the harder knocks of renting out their investment properties.

Even if an owner finally produces that "perfect staff member", all that time spent training may be lost as soon as he or she gets a job at a big service charge hotel.

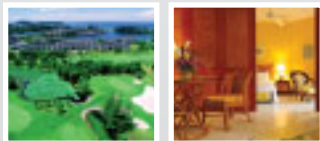
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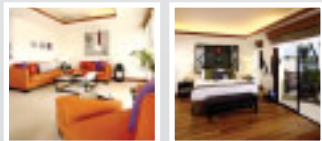
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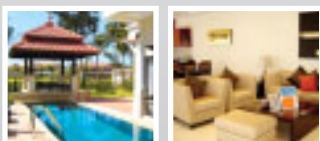
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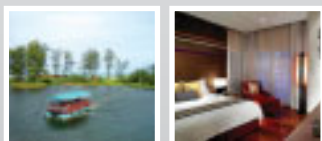
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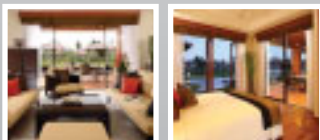
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Property & Tourism Briefs

Gunning for Phuket

PHUKET is set to receive some stiff competition for property investment from other Asian holiday destinations, CNN reports.

The rivals include Marinduque, Phu Quoc, Hainan and the Ho Tram Strip.

The tear-shaped island of Phu Quoc in Southern Vietnam is said to be a particular threat as it is being fashioned as "the next Phuket". The island has everything, CNN reporter Tiffany Lam says: beaches, diving spots and a distinct regional character. The government is working furiously to flesh out the island's tourist potential. In 2008, Kien Giang province licensed 21 infrastructural projects worth US\$1.7 billion for the island, mostly for resorts along the coast.

The island's Duong To International Airport is due to be completed in 2012, costing over US\$910 million, with a capacity of three million passengers each year.

Air Berlin's new flights

AIR BERLIN is set to add an extra weekly flight to Phuket toward the end of this year, Opodo Travel News reports. The airline currently has a flight leaving Berlin every Monday afternoon, arriving into Phuket Tuesday mornings.

Joachim Hunold, Air Berlin's chief executive officer, says the additional long-haul service to Phuket "reflects [our] desire to make the most of this market opportunity and will strengthen the airline's position in Berlin for years to come."

Closed for the season

THE NATIONAL Park and Wildlife Department has announced the annual closure of the Surin and Similan islands in the Andaman Sea from this month until October 30, the National News Bureau of Thailand reports.

The islands, located off Phang Nga province, are a major attraction for Phuket tourists, particularly divers. Similan National Park Chief Panumas Samsrineam said the closure covers all visits and accommodation. The closure enables natural revitalization for the resources there, he said.

The Similan Islands are soon to be proposed for addition to a "tentative list" of World Heritage sites.

The islands will re-open on November 1.

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Worth a place in your low-maintenance garden

WHEN I wrote about dry gardening, I opined that established shrubs with good root systems are better equipped to survive periods of prolonged drought than annual or bedding plants.

While small flowers such as begonias, zinnias, marigolds and the like, look great in orderly public plantings, it is worth remembering that they are probably watered on a daily basis during the dry season.

My hybrid zinnias, which are mostly raised from seed, have done less well this year because I have been unable to tend to them on a daily basis.

What about trees? As Thais would say, 'Mai pen rai' (nevermind). Absolutely no problem. You have only to look at the roadside plots to see that most forest trees are coping: mango, poinciana, tamarind, crape myrtle, ironwood, kapok, cashew, jackfruit and alstonia to mention just a few from the panoply of indigenous trees. They may shed some leaves, but come the rains, they will be as right as, well, rain.

Of course, most of these are too substantial for your low-maintenance garden, unless you have inherited specimens, or have room to plant trees that will provide shade, or a focal point for your garden vistas.

But the smaller varieties, and indeed the larger shrubs, especially ornamentals, are another story. They will need some initial extra care, and should be planted during the monsoon rain season, but provided there is a good depth of top soil, plenty of room for the roots to expand, a square planting hole is best, and liberal initial doses of water, then they should survive the 'teething' period.

One of the most popular and decorative of these small trees is the cassia. Cassia Fistula, otherwise known as the golden rain tree or *Ratcha Pruek*, produces as its name suggests, clustered showers of laburnum-like, yellow flowers on slender branches. As the national tree of Thailand, it establishes easily, blooms pro-



fusely, and because of its beguiling looks and adaptability, is often used as a roadside tree.

Other members of this family are worth considering. Cassia Surattensis, colloquially known as scrambled eggs or *Song Baa Daan* in Thailand, is somewhat smaller and produces racemes of bright yellow blooms all year round. So too, Cassia Spectabilis or *Khii Lek* in Thai, which hails from Central America. All these trees are amenable to pruning, and have the additional merit of attractive, pinnate foliage. There is even a pink variety: Bakeriana.

Moreover, Cassias have huge seed pods, and will readily grow from this source, if you have the time and patience to collect them and wait... The Geiger tree [Cordia Sebestena or *Khau Dia* in Thai] is one that has somehow escaped my notice in these columns. As an evergreen, it has distinctive clusters of orange and scarlet tubular flowers, and distinctive broad leaves up to 20 centimeters long. It is widely used in the tropics as an ornamental. Much like the cassia, it is good in dry conditions, is unlikely to outgrow its space and has the advantage of tolerating salt-laden winds.

I recently noticed that one of my jacarandas is in bloom. A delightful tree with masses of showy pink blossom verging on lilac, and fern-like foliage, it is ideally suited to a cooler climate such as South Africa's, but it will still turn up trumps here.

Mine are in a particularly dry part of the garden, but have tolerated the current rainless spell. The Thai name for the Jacaranda is *Sii*



BLOOMING MARVELOUS: The Cordia Sebestena and (inset) the Crape Myrtles.

Trang and it is a roadside feature in the provinces of Trang and Krabi. Very pleasant too, if you are on the long drive south. Crape Myrtles [Lagerstroemia Indica] is used to perform a similarly decorative function along the bypass road in Phuket. That they survived that ordeal by pollution

is testament to their durability.

Like the jacaranda, crape myrtles produce masses of crinkly, pink to purple flowers but unlike the jacaranda, some varieties, Floribunda [*Tabaek Naa* in Thai], for instance – bloom almost year round. Floribunda has the virtue of being compact and grows up to seven

meters, however, Speciosa, an impressive relative known as the pride of India, or *Inthanin*, is likely to outgrow the average garden.

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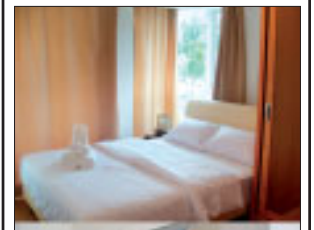
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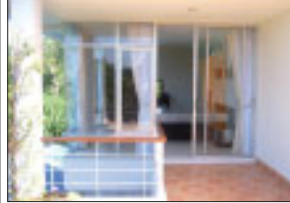
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PATONG STUDIO CONDO
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email: info@leemarine.com

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Contact: Andrew de Bruin / Marcus Overman
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