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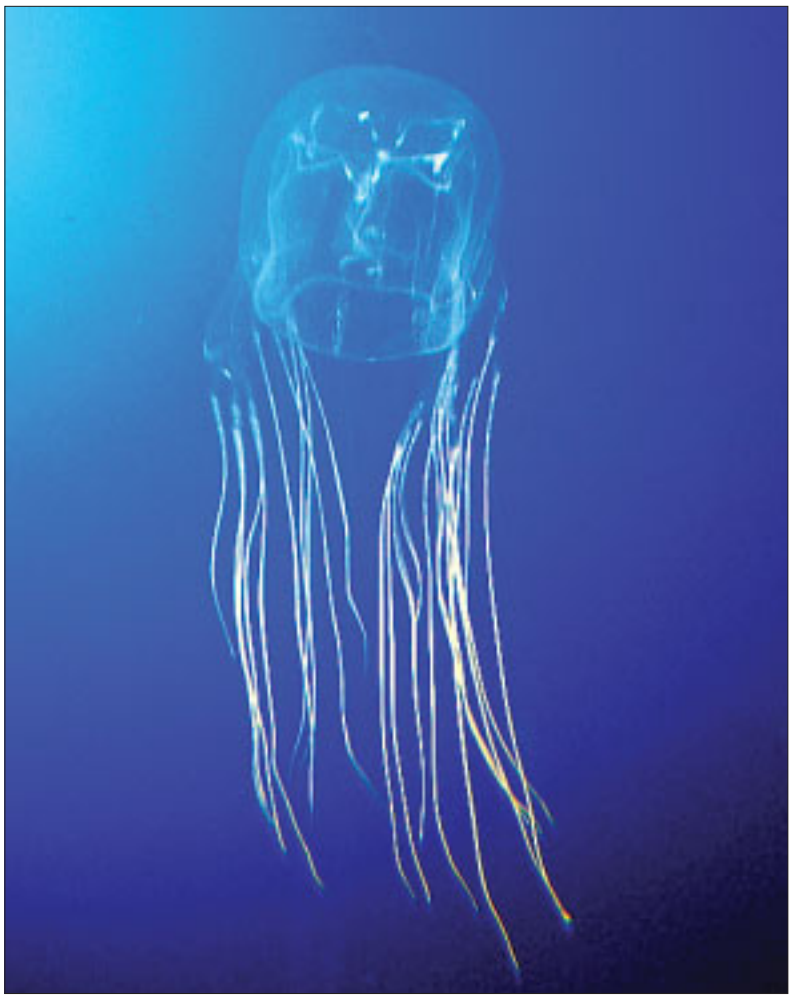
Biologists in jellyfish alert

By Atchaa Khamlo



Some box jellies, such as this multi-tentacled *Chironex fleckeri,* are among the most venomous creatures known to man.

PANWA: The Phuket Marine Biological Center (PMBC) has issued an official warning following the collection of almost 40 box jellyfish in a trap in shallow waters off Ao Nambor, on Phuket's east coast.

Some 38 of the jellyfish, which favor shallow brackish waters, were recovered from a fish trap in a mangrove area on July 30. Eighteen more were found in the same area over a two-day collection period starting on October 20.

The search for the deadly jellyfish followed the reported death of a Swedish tourist off Koh Lanta, where another person was reported stung on April 3 this year.

A two-hour search using a seine off Koh Lanta on August 22 recovered 13 specimens, six of the multi-tentacled Chirodropidae family and seven of the smaller, single-tentacled Carybdeidae family.

The PMBC began its search for the jellyfish in Phuket in early July, working jointly in cooperation with members of the Disease Control Department's Epidemiology Office.

The researchers have also questioned staff at four hospitals along the Andaman Coast to learn the incidence and type of jellyfish stings that have been reported there.

Somchai Bussarawit, Chief of Reference Collection at the PMBC's Phuket Aquarium, is working with the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute in Australia to identify the collected specimens.

Of seven specimens collected at Ao Nambor that have already been sent to the institute, one has been confirmed as a Chirosoides Buitendijkl, one of the seven members of the Chirodropidae family, he said.

The PMBC is preparing to send six more specimens which are thought possibly to be of the Carybdeidae family, he said.

The PMBC researcher, who expressed surprise at the discovery of these box jellies in local waters, said searches will now be conducted monthly.

Noting that he is not an expert in jellyfish, he said it was still unsure what threat the collected species found at Ao Nambor might pose to people.

Although there have been no reports of box jellyfish stings in Phuket waters, the PMBC has issued a warning advising the public on what measures to take if they are stung.

Although not all box jellyfish are dangerous to humans, stings from the most venomous varieties can cause death within four minutes if the venom reaches the heart and causes cardiac arrest.

Any person who has suffered a possible box jellyfish sting should get out of the water as soon as possible, have his or her pulse rate monitored, and undergo cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in the event of heart failure.

The site of a sting should immediately be treated with regualr household vinegar to stop further injection of the toxin, the PMBC advises.

Victims should not rub or scratch the site of the sting, or apply fresh water or alcohol to it, the PMBC advises.

Mr Somchai reiterated that there have been no box jellyfish sitings on Phuket's west coast beaches, where the majority of the island's major resorts are located. The seawater there is too saline for box jellies, he says.

Big bell for big Buddha

KARON: Work on the the enormous Buddha image in the Nakkerd Hills is now about 90% complete and a huge bronze bell was installed at the site to mark King Chulalakorn Memorial Day.

The one-million baht bell, which weighs one metric ton, was a gift from the Rassada Cooperative Credit Union.

Work on the Buddha image, officially known as Phra Puttamingmongkol Akenakkiri, is now about 90% complete, according to the Mingmongkol Faith 45 committee that has funded the project though fundraising efforts.

Vice Governor Worapot Ratthasima attended the Buddhist ceremony at which gold leaf was applied to the bell and it was struck for the first time.

The entire Mingmongkol Buddha project, to include a landscaped park and museum, is expected to be complete by 2010 at a total cost in excess of 150 million baht.

Once completed, the 45-meter-high Buddha image is expected to become Phuket's most popular man-made tourist attraction.

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Airline industry set to lose USD 5.2 Billion

The global airline industry is expected to lose more than USD 5.2 billion this year as international passenger traffic declines, despite a 50 % fall in oil prices.

Airlines in the Asia-Pacific region, including India and China, experienced a fall of 6.8 percent in September compared with the same month last year.

The latest figures were released by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) at the Freedom Summit in Istanbul, which concluded on Sunday, with the global airline body asking governments to take urgent steps to help the industry and do away with archaic rules.

"The deterioration in traffic is alarmingly fast-paced and widespread. We have not seen such a decline in passenger traffic since SARS in 2003," said IATA. chief Giovanni Bisignani at the summit.

"Even the good news that the oil price has fallen to half its July peak is not enough to offset the impact of the drop in demand. At this rate, losses may be even deeper than our forecast of USD 5.2 billion," he said, adding that airlines in all major regions reported shrinking of passenger traffic.

On the cargo front, the Asia-Pacific region's carriers reported a 10.6 % decline, the most alarming drop being experienced by the largest players in the market, the IATA noted in its latest report. The cargo market saw the "worst decline since the technology bubble burst in 2001", the report said.

Pointing out that the crisis facing the industry was deepening, the IATA Director General and CEO said "unlike other companies, (airlines) are denied some basic commercial freedoms – access to markets and to global capital – that could help them manage their business in this difficult times."

He added, "a web of 3,500 bilateral air service agreements governing international air transport denies market access until specifically agreed. And the ownership clauses that are contained in these agreements preclude merger across borders."

In this context, Bisignani pointed towards the banking industry and said it was accessing global capital and carrying out mergers.

On the other hand, "airlines are not asking for handouts (bail-out packages). But today's crisis highlights the need for airlines to be able to run their businesses like normal global businesses," he argued at the Freedom Summit, which is being attended by government representatives of 15 countries.

At the summit, the IATA circulated a paper for these governments to examine solutions within the bilateral system that could be quickly implemented to expand opportunities for airlines to access markets and global capital.

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Central gets its HomeWorks done

WICHIT: After a year under construction, the 1-billion-baht HomeWorks home improvement mall opened its doors to the public for the first time on Saturday, October 25.

Built by the CRC Power Retail Company Limited, one of the many arms of the massive Central Retail Corporation, the bypass road's latest mega-retail outlet is located at the Darasamuth School Intersection, right across the road from Central Festival.

The two centers will soon be connected by a large pedestrian overpass, according to information given the press at the opening ceremony.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony, presided over by new Phuket Governor Preecha Ruangjan, was attended by a host of celebrities, VIPs and other dignitaries.

A press release circulated by CRC Power Retail said the new center is the largest stand-alone venue of its kind in the southern region, with 26,000 square meters covering 27 rai and parking for 1,000 cars.

HomeWorks itself covers 8,000 square meters on the top floor, while outlets operated by well-known retailers like PowerBuy, Supersports, Modern Form and True Value take up much of the rest of the retail space. In total, the project has space for more than 100 retailers.

Phuket Governor Preecha Ruangjan, CRC Power Retail executives and celebrity guests pose for the media during the HomeWorks opening last Saturday.

CRC Power Retail Vice President Pong Skuntanaga told the press that HomeWorks expects some 100,000 customers per month, with about 70% of sales direct to homeowners and the remainder to the building trade. Of the total, about 30% of the buyers are expected to be foreigners.

The top floor of the two-story complex houses HomeWorks, PowerBuy and a 'Work Out' branch of sporting goods retailer Supersports.

The ground floor features a Modern Form furniture outlet covering 2,000 sqm, True Value hardware and numerous other smaller retail and food & beverage outlets, including such international American chains as Starbucks, KFC and Mister Donut. There is also a Geo Kitchenware shop and SE-ED bookstore, as well as bank branches and home decor shops.

CRC Power Retail Marketing Director Nilubon Jirapattanapong said at a press conference that HomeWorks was offering "stunning" discounts under its "Crazy Price" promotion package over the first two days, as a way of luring first-time shoppers.

Target customers will be from Phuket and nearby provinces such as Krabi and Phang Nga, he said.

The Phuket branch of HomeWorks is the seventh opened by CRC Power Retail, the flagship store of which was opened at Central Bangna in Bangkok in 2001.

All the retail outlets will face stiff competition from competing outlets already operating along the bypass road, which has seen a huge proliferation of large-scale furniture and home supply retailers over the past five or six years.

Phuket International Airport.

Chalong flooding to be tackled

CHALONG: As the rainy season draws to an end, steps are being taken to reduce the flooding that occurred this year in Chalong, with 30 million baht being spent on drainage.

Water drainage pipes will be laid out along both main roads of Chao Fa West & Chao Fa East to ease water flow during heavy rain. The Chalong Sub-district Administration Organisation President Nataphong Wimonphan said his office is prepared to spend 15 million baht while another 15 million will come from the Provincial Administration Organisation (*OrBorJor*).

Attending the event were environment ministers, or their representatives, from Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand.

Tackling transboundary haze pollution

In one of his first official acts as Governor, Dr Preecha Ruangjan represented the province at a multinational meeting aimed at reducing forest fires and haze in the region.

The gathering, the Sixth Meeting of the Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee (MSC) on Transboundary Haze Pollution, was hosted at Dusit Thani Phuket Resort on October 22.

The ASEAN Specialized Meteorological Center (ASMC) reported that with rainfall expected to be normal or higher for the rest of the year and in early 2009, excessive haze is unlikely.

Nevertheless, the ministers agreed that relevant national agencies should remain vigilant, taking all necessary proactive measures to prevent and mitigate the widespread land and forest fires that cause haze.

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The opening address was given by Nisakorn Kositratna, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Thai Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. She was standing in for Natural Resources and Environment Minister Anongwan Thepsuthin, who also heads the Matchimathipataya Party, one of three coalition parties facing possible dissolution following fraud convictions by executive members in the last general election.

In the end, the ministers agreed that ASMC will organize a workshop in Singapore in early 2009, when experts will discuss ways of improving regional forecasting of atmospheric haze, such as by using computer modeling.

The ministers commended Indonesia's efforts in implementing its anti-haze action plan, but asked that further action be taken to decrease the rate of deforestation in Sumatra, among other measures.

They also noted that while there has been an increase of 'hotspot activities' in the region, there was no significant corresponding increase in transboundary haze. This was attributed to better fire suppression and wetter than normal weather conditions.

The ministers are scheduled to meet again in April/May 2009 in Brunei.

AOT launches "Lucky Flight" promo at Phuket Airport

MAI KHAO: The Airports Authority of Thailand (AOT) launched a three-day "Lucky Flight by AOT" promotion recently, when some of the 250 passengers arriving aboard Thai Airways flight TG 1205 won presents in a lucky draw held upon their arrival at 11 am.

Manager magazine's online Thai language news service quoted Phuket International Airport (PIA) deputy director Sucheeb Sansiripan as saying the promotion is part of efforts by the AOT to restore the image of Phuket as a safe destination in the run-up to the high season for tourism that begins on November 1.

The promotion was targeted at a different carrier over each of the three days, with Thai Airways, Dragon Air and Malaysia Airlines passengers flying in on the wings of good fortune.

"PIA expects these activities to increase arrivals during the high season with the lucky passengers spreading the news around Phuket by word of mouth,"Mr Sucheep said.

PIA management hopes to see arrival figures for 2008 climb 8% over last year, when arrivals surpassed the 5 million mark for the first time.

Scheduled flights are almost fully booked until March, *Manager* quoted him as saying.

Warm clothes needed.

Want to give your old clothes to someone who really needs them?

Bangkok Phuket Hospital has set up a used-clothing donation box for you to drop off all your unwanted woollies, which will be sent to needy people in the north of the country where Winter really *is* Winter.

In May of this year, the hospital sent 25 boxes of used clothing and student uniforms to the Mirror Foundation in Chiang Rai. The Mirror Foundation distributes the clothes to needy people and to children whose parents cannot afford student uniforms.

In Thailand, student uniforms are required of all children who wish to attend school.

My American friend

The story of a life worth living

Martha's Vinyard is an island off the coast off Cape Cod in the US state of Massachusetts. Apart from being a popular summertime tourist destination, the windswept island in the North Atlantic would seem to have little, if anything, in common with tropical Thailand.

Yet the island, 12 time zones away and about half the size of Phuket, has links with the Thai Royal Family that go back to the the 1920s, when Prince Mahidol was studying at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

It was during this period that HM The King Bhumibol Adulyadej was born. Here, Cholthanee Koerojna of The King of Thailand Birthplace Foundation (KTBF) in Massachusetts talks about a trip to the island to visit an old friend of Thailand and some royal descendants who are well known residents of Phuket.

By Cholthanee Koerojna
Local Correspondent of the
Martha's Vineyard Gazette

The Very Reverend Francis B Sayre Jr died at the age of 93 at home in the town of Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts on October 3, 2008.

Former Dean of the Washington National Cathedral and a grandson of President Woodrow Wilson, Francis B Sayre Jr was the last baby born in the White House.

Our last unforgettable visit to his home in Vineyard Haven was on August 9, 2008.

I had called him on August 6 and talked with him about my planned visit with my husband, Mana Sanguansook, and KTBF officer Charles Intha.

KTBF is a non-profit corporation and public charity.

Francis B Sayre Jr, pictured here as an infant, was the last baby born in the White House.

On our August 9 visit, we as usual when traveling to Martha's Vineyard, bought lunch for all of us in Oak Bluffs and took it with us to eat with Francis and his nurse.

When we walked into his home, we saw him waiting for us at the doorway with a smiling face. The nurse told us that he had awoken early and waited for us patiently.

He kept asking when we would be there. He had asked the nurse every day since Wednesday, "When are the important people coming?"

The nurse kept reassuring him, "Saturday. Today is not yet Saturday". We had a very nice lunch with him and good conversation as usual.

We asked permission to videotape our visit with him. He said "Okay" and joked around with the cameramen, often commenting on his age.

"I am 97 years old," he said a few times, but finally he asked: "Do you know I am 93 years old?"

Francis Jr teased me about my imperfect English, then the former reverend pretended to baptize me by putting his hand on my head. The nurse told us that many people told him that he gave them mock baptisms while he was on his daily walk.

We told him that he had a happy life because he helped so many others to be happy, including all of us. We expected to visit him again before winter, by the end of October, but it was too late. Still, the memory of our good time will remain in our hearts forever.

Our past eight years visiting Martha's Vineyard were not for pleasure or sightseeing. We went to the island to pay our respect to Dean Sayre and his family and to receive his blessings.

We used to walk from his house to his beach houses, then on to a place called the West Chop Country Club.

He showed us his woodworking shop and tools, telling us about his work as Dean of the Washington National Cathedral, which included everything from woodworking to presiding at US presidential inaugurations.

Located in Washington DC, it is the sixth-largest Gothic cathedral in the world, and is listed on the US National Register of Historic Places.

Having served as Dean for 27 years, from 1951 to 1978, Francis Jr was the second longest-serving of the institution's eight reverends.

When his wife Harriet was still alive, we visited them a few times a year, from spring to fall. Martha's Vineyard is very cold and windy in the winter. They always waited for us at dockside. We had nice lunches together at the beach house and at the main house.

Harriet used to take us to see the berry bushes on the beach and gave us delicious homemade wild berry jam to take home.

After his wife passed away, we still visited Francis Jr every year. He enjoyed every visit, sharing with us his fond memories of the relationship of Prince Mahidol and his father.

He showed us a few items that his father had received from the prince and the kings. We always felt so good to see him. Our next trip to Martha's Vineyard will certainly never be the same.

So what brought us to know the Sayre's family?

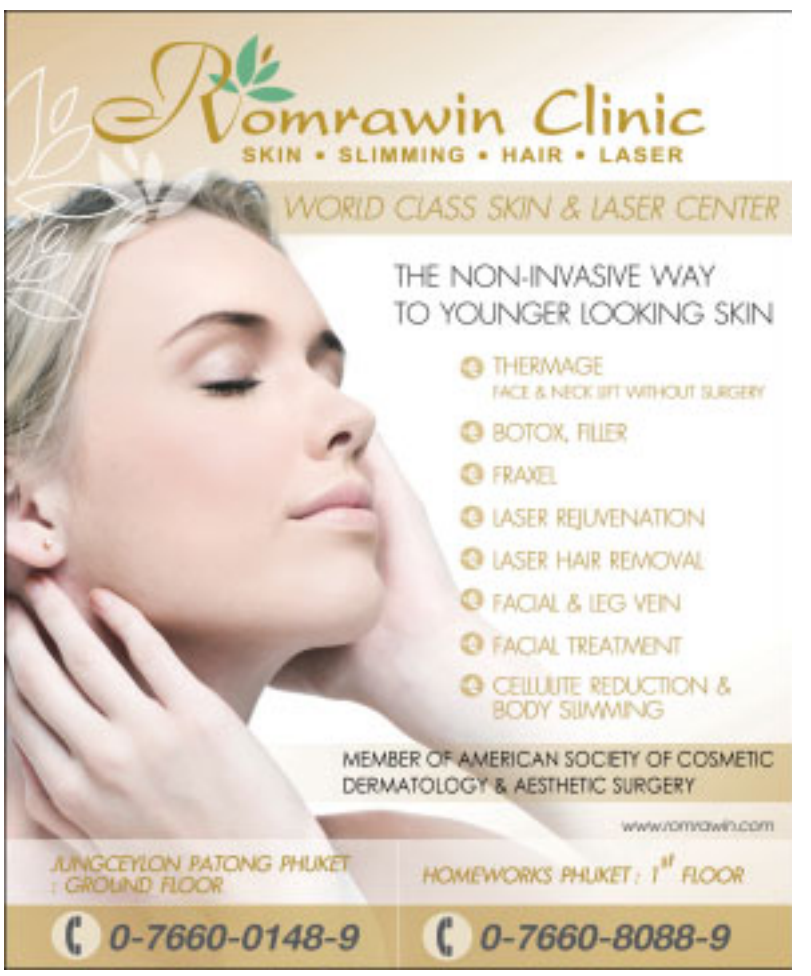
I was researching His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej's family history and found that His Majesty's family spent time on the island in the summers 1926 and 1927.

The Martha's Vineyard Historical Society kindly helped us locate the vacation homes and their owners from the extensive *Martha's Vineyard Gazette* archives, which went back that far.

The vacation home in the summer of 1926 was his father's home on 703 Main Street, Vineyard Haven. The KTBF has since included this home in its "Trail of Thai Royals in Massachusetts" project and we hope to dedicate this home next year.

In Thailand, every student in school learns about Dr Francis Bowes Sayre and his exemplary work for Thailand. I even remember having difficulty saying his American name as a child.

I feel honored and privileged



to have had an opportunity to know his son, grandchildren and their families.

The Sayre family has a long relationship with Thailand, with both Thai government affairs and the Royal family.

On the government side, Francis Jr wrote in his excellent 1957 book *Glad Adventure* that his father Dr Francis Bowes Sayre served as an adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Prince Traidos and King Vajiravudh (Rama VI) in Bangkok from 1923 to 1924.

In recognition of his exemplary work for Thailand, and for his being a 'true friend' of the country, His Majesty conferred on Dr Sayre Sr the distinctive title of high nobility Phraya Kalyan Maitri.

He was the only American to receive that Thai title. The most important work was *Breaking Siam's Nineteenth Century Shackles*, which addressed the unjust and unequal treaties that ten European countries imposed upon Thailand, then still known as Siam.

Among the injustices was the exemption from nationals of these countries from the jurisdiction of Siamese Courts and the requirement that no tariff above 3% be levied on imports.

Dr Sayre represented Siam in negotiations with European countries to eliminate extra-territoriality, helping Siam subsequently conclude several treaties with European countries along the line of the 1920 Siam-US Treaty and protocols.

He also served as an adviser to King Prajadhipok (Rama VII) in 1926, according to the King's letter to Dr Sayre dated July 23, 1926.

Further evidence of this comes from Prince Damrong's files and the *Glad Adventure* book.

Dr Sayre returned to Bangkok in the summer of 1926 at the request of King Prajadhipok, who sought his advice on the problems facing Siam at the time.

During that time, the young Francis Sayre Jr was eight years old. His family lived in Thailand for a year with three children, Francis and his two younger siblings: a 7-year-old boy and a 4-year-old girl.

Even in his advancing years, Dean Sayre maintained vivid memories of living in Thailand during that time.

When members of the KTBF visited him and his family in West Chop, he regaled us with stories about his home in Thailand and his father's book.

He remembered seeing many snakes in Thailand. His fondest memory, though, was of King Vajiravudh sending the King's white elephant for him, his brother, and sister to ride.

When his parent was dining in the palace with the King, the King had asked if the children had ever ridden an elephant.

His father replied, "No", and so the next morning the King's white elephant, resplendent in all its regalia, majestically appeared in front of his home.

Francis never forgot the ride that morning upon the magnificent royal pachyderm.

On the Royal Family relationship, during his father's mission in Thailand, his father became a good friend of Prince Mahidol of Siam, who later became the father of two kings, King Anandha (Rama VIII) and King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX).

From 1926 to 1928, Prince Mahidol, with his wife and their children, Princess Galyani Vadhana Prince Anandh, who became King Rama VIII, stayed in Massachusetts for his studies.

The king's family spent much time with the Sayre family in their home in Cambridge, near Boston, and their summer home in West Chop.

In the summer of 1926, Prince Mahidol's family stayed with the Sayres at the West Chop home. At the time, Francis Jr was 11 years old, Prince Anandh was 1 year old and Princess Galyani Vadhana was 3 years old.

In the summer of 1927, the family came back to West Chop once again. Although they stayed one or two houses away from the Sayre's home, they looked after each other closely.

The family ties remained close through and beyond the birth of Thailand's present king, HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej in Cambridge, where Harvard University is located.

In Dr Sayre's book, *Glad Adventure*, he noted the birth of King Bhumibol Adulyadej: "His second child, Prince Bhumibol, was born in a hospital in Cambridge close by our home so that they could be near Jessie and me."

Prince Mahidol's family returned to Siam in July, 1928, but the two families maintained written correspondence until Prince Mahidol's sad passing on September 24, 1929.

ABOVE: Francis, just a few months before his passing away at the age of 93, with the author.

Dean Sayre remembered Prince Mahidol and family well. At each of our visits with him, he told us about his fond memories of Prince Mahidol's family, including MR Thepparit Devakul and his son ML Tridhosyuth, now a resident of Phuket and known to everyone there as 'Mom Tri', who had become like a part of his own family.

He always received us with a very kind and smiling face. Dean Sayre was, like his father, a true friend that will be remembered with great affection.

The memorial service was held at Grace Church in Vineyard Haven on Saturday, October 11, 2008. The funeral service was held at the Washington Cathedral on the afternoon of Saturday, October 25.

Queer News

Flushed condoms trigger sewage catastrophe

PATHUM THANI: Most people have been warned at some point not to flush condoms down the toilet for risk of blocking the outflow pipe and having a nasty overflowing toilet to deal with. But who has ever seen it actually happen?

The management of one short-time hotel in Muang District discovered, to its chagrin, that a steady input of second-hand prophylactics can block not only a toilet, but indeed an entire neighborhood sewage system, leading to streets flooded with filthy, condom infested water.

Short-time hotels in Thailand are known in the vernacular as 'drawing curtains' hotels for their signature feature, a curtain that allows couples to pull into a carport and enter their room completely out-of-view of prying eyes. Such hotels typically coexist quite peacefully with the people in the neighborhoods where they are found.

However, this was not the case for a short-time hotel in Pathum Thani's Tambon Ban Klang in mid-October when the local tambon administration organization (*OrBorTor*) was called in to deal with flooding around a certain love hotel that was left unnamed in the report. The *OrBorTor* promptly sent a team over to pump out the water and see if they could discover the source of the unpleasant output from the city sewers. After a while, the pump suddenly stopped sucking. When the workers opened up the machine to get to the bottom of the problem, they found a gooey mass of used rubbers blocking the machine's internal workings.

The workers, noticing the seedy motel's sign flashing nearby, quickly surmised how the street's sewer had become so clogged.

When the *OrBorTor* contacted the hotel management to request that they tell their customers to be a bit more careful with the detritus left over from their illicit trysts, the management abruptly denied that their establishment was in any way connected to the problem. Un- con- vinced, the *OrBorTor* authorities sent engineers back to the spot to check out the management's story. Upon scrutinizing the effluent pipe leading from the hotel to the public sewer system, they found it awash with floating condoms. The *OrBorTor*, understandably keen to protect their constituents from having to put up with streets of condom-filled sewage water, hit the hotel's owner with a temporary closure order, insisting that the 'facility' would have to remain closed until such time as it could guarantee there would be no recurrence of the unpleasant situation.

Predictably, the real losers will be the hotel cleaning staff, who will soon have a deeply disturbing sight awaiting them when emptying the bins.

Have you seen this man?

An appeal has been made by Tracey Shilling for information on the whereabouts of her 45-year-old brother Stephen Ebert.

Stephen, known as "Mr Bear" to his friends, was last contacted by phone at the end of April, but has not since responded to telephone, mail or text messages.

He has been reported as a missing person with the Australian Consulate and it is hoped that this appeal will bring forth further information.

Stephen is about 6' tall with heavy build and is tattooed heavily on his arms and legs. He has brown/greying hair, short on top and long at back, and usually has both a beard and mustache.

Stephen would be well known to owners of the Tattoo motorcycle & leather goods stores in Phuket. He helped organize a motorcycle event on the island last year.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact the *Gazette* so that we can forward the news to his sister.

On yer bike…

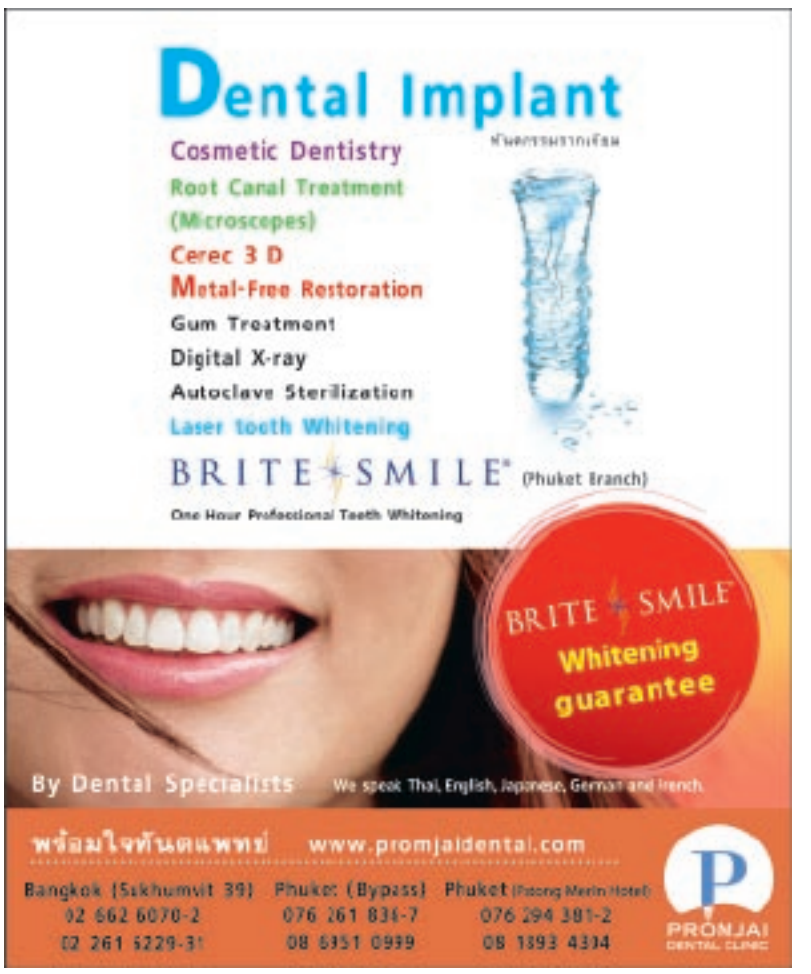
PHUKET: The Phuket Scooter Club and Jungceylon will jointly launch the second 'Jungcelon Phuket Scooter Party' at the mega-mall on November 7 and 8.

The club would like to invite scooter aficionados from all over to join activities including a 3 pm scooter caravan around Patong City and back to Port Marina in Jungceylon.

There will also be games, a lucky draw, 'Best scooter' and 'Miss Scooter' competitions.

At the event, many styles of scooter will be on display, highlighting a variety of decoration and styles.

At 4 pm, there will be a free concert featuring the Kaijo Brothers, a famous 'indy music' band from Bangkok, whose latest recording is called "Reggae Village". For more information, contact Kraiwichien Akeprameonsap at 086-0530505, or email krai_zero@hotmail.com.



See Earth from above in Phuket

An exhibition entitled "Earth from Above: An Aerial Portrait of our Planet" was opened by Vice Governor Samith Palawat on October 25 at Central Festival Phuket.

The collection of 120 photographs, costing in excess of 20 million baht and occupying over 1,000 square meters, is on show for 100 days, from October 25 to February 1 next year.

The exhibition also forms part of Central Festival's fourth-anniversary celebrations.

The aerial photography was shot by revered French nature photographer Yann Arthus-Bertrand.

The photo display serves to highlight the impact of our actions around the world on the natural environment.

In compiling the collection, Arthus-Bertrand clocked up over 4,000 flight hours, shooting from on-board helicopters.

His celebrated career as a top nature photographer has afforded Arthus-Bertrand the opportunity to work with renowned naturalists such as Dian Fossey, who was memorably portrayed by Sigourney Weaver in the 1988 movie, *Gorillas in the Mist*.

His work continues to be published in magazines such as *National Geographic* and *Life*.

In the nineties, under the patronage of UNESCO, Arthus-Bertrand embarked on his most ambitious project to date: to create an image bank of the Earth as seen from above.

But these were to be more than just photographs; they were to be a visual record of the world's environment for current and future generations.

In 1999, these pictures came together in the form of a book entitled *The Earth from Above*, a culmination of Yann Arthus-Bertrand's many years' work.

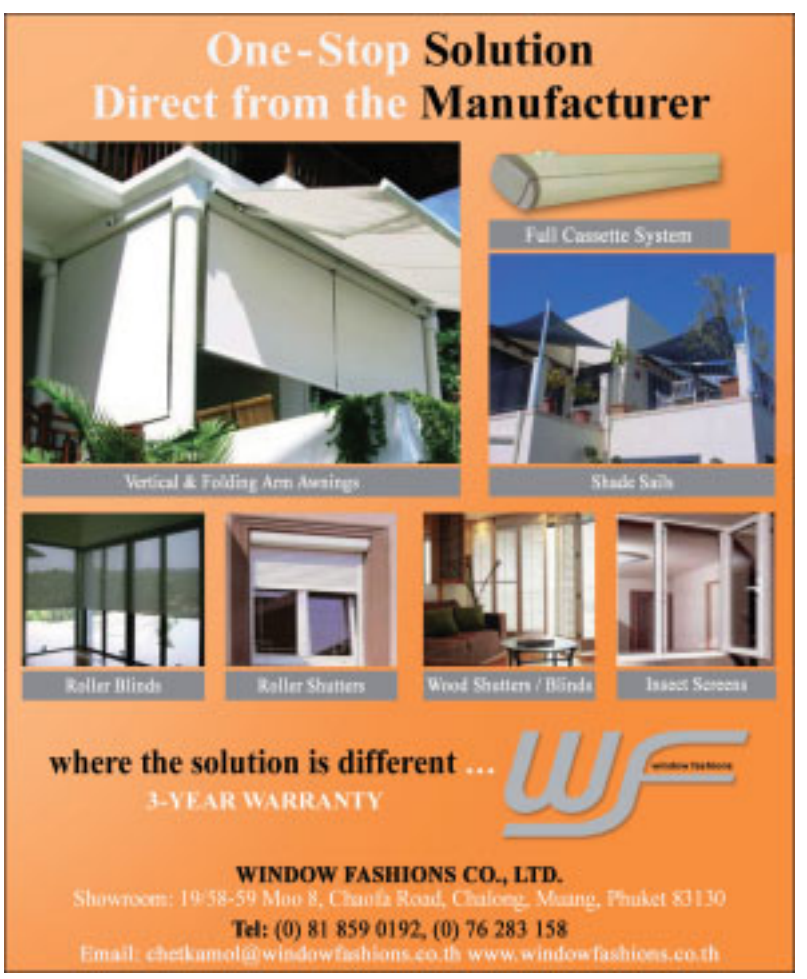
It became one of the best-selling illustrated books in the world, with more than three million copies sold worldwide, and has been translated in to 24 languages.

Although just a single-volume edition, it soon became a traveling exhibition seen by more than 120 million people in 110 cities.

When complimented on the the beauty and the power of his photographs, Yann Arthus-Bertrand remarked, "It's the earth itself that's a work of art".

Shown above are images from the collection of 120 photographs entitled "Earth from Above" by Yann Arthus-Bertrand.

Shoppers at Central Festival get a different perspective on the world after the opening of the exhibition, which runs from October 25 to February 1 next year.



Man suspected of journalist killing turns himself in

A man wanted on suspicion of involvement in the killing of Matichon journalist Athiwat Chainurat handed himself in to authorities in Nakhon Sri Thammarat on October 22.

Lamduan "Kop" Kaowsisot, 25, from Bang Khan District gave himself up to Amnuay Jaritngam, headman of Village 1, Tambon Ban Lamnao, Bang Khan District after learning that a warrant for his arrest had been issued by Nakhon Sri Thammarat Provincial Court.

The warrant was issued on charges of premeditated murder. Mr Athiwat was shot dead in his home on August 1.

Police believe the killing is linked to the victim's reporting on the corrupt practices of some local politicians.

The case drew widespread criticism, including from the international organization Reporters Without Borders, which issued a statement saying it was outraged by the killing.

Lamduan was taken to Bang Khan District Chief Manat Phengsut, who in turn escorted the suspect to Nakhon Sri Thammarat Provincial Governor Phanu Uthairat.

Lamduan was accompanied throughout by his mother, 55-year-old Prasert Kaowsisot.

After speaking with Lamduan, who denied any involvement in Mr Athiwat's killing, Gov Phanu said that he would guarantee the safety of the suspect while in custody of the justice system.

Mr Lamduan was then handed over to police to be charged.

Palm and rubber farmers protest in front of Surat Thani Provincial Hall on October 21, calling for the provincial governor to petition the prime minister to support prices for rubber and palm oil, both of which have been falling over recent months.

Nakhon Sri Thammarat Provincial Police Commander Sarawut Phiranon said the police had clear evidence proving that Lamduan was one of the men in the team that murdered Mr Athiwat.

He declined to release any further details, however.

The court has also issued a warrant for the arrest of 32-year-old Sakchai Abdullahree in the same case. Also known as "Bang Kohp", the native of Tha Sala District has thus far managed to elude authorities, Maj Gen Sarawut said.

Mr Amnuay said that he would like to know what evidence police have against Mr Lamduan.

The village chief added that since the warrant was issued on August 28, Lamduan has been at his house the whole time. He questioned why police had not come by to arrest him.

In the end, Mr Lamduan handed himself in because he was worried for his safety, he added.

Mrs Prasert said she had first learned of the arrest warrant from the media. She also wondered why police had not come to arrest her son at their house, which is only 1.5km from a police station. Lamduan lived at home and worked as a rubber tapper, she said.

A source in the police investigation team said that police believe Mr Lamduan was one of four men who killed Mr Athiwat, but were not yet sure what role each man played in carrying out the murder.

The .32 pistol used in the killing has been traced to an owner in Surat Thani who reported the weapon missing some years ago.

Since then, the gun is known to have fallen into the hands of a well-known local politician from one of Nakhon Sri Thammarat's coastal districts. Police are investigating his involvement in the case, the source revealed.

Rough justice: A lawyer was shot dead outside the firm he owned in Songkhla on October 22. Police believe the killing may be linked to legal cases he was working on.

The body of Phonsak Ketphan, 49, was found slumped in the doorway of the Phonpreecha Thanaikhwam law firm in Tambon Khaorupchang in Muang District. Mr Phonsak had been shot four times with a .357 caliber pistol.

Witnesses reported seeing two men pull up in front of the office on a motorcycle as Mr Phonsak was outside cleaning. The pillion passenger first shot Mr Phonsak in the leg.

As the victim tried to escape into his office, he was pursued by the gunman and shot three more times. The assailant then fled with his accomplice.

Songkhla Provincial Police Deputy Commander Wirasit Phetchkhlai said the killing could have been motivated by a case the victim was working on.

Police are now examining Mr Phonsak's case files for possible leads. Judging by the manner of the attack, police believe the killers were hired gunmen. Investigators are now examining records of suspected gunmen in the area to see if any use a .357 pistol..

Dope duo: Highway Police arrested two men found in possession of 96kg of cannabis after stopping their truck on the Asia Highway in Chumphon.

Acting on a tip, they set up a checkpoint on the highway in Lang Suan District to intercept a truck reported to be ferrying drugs from Laos to a drop-off point in the South.

In the early hours of October 26, officers stopped a Bangkok-registered Mitsubishi pickup truck matching the description they had been given.

While searching the vehicle, they found the stash of compressed marijuana hidden in the metal-framed roof covering the pickup bed.

Officers arrested the two occupants of the truck, Mukdahan residents Phayom Thonkaow, 48, and Thongmuan Saensupha, 53.

Under questioning, they admitted they had bought the drugs in Laos for 4,000 baht per kilogram and smuggled them into Thailand.

At the time of their arrest, the suspects were on the way to a gas station in Nakhon Sri Thammarat's Thung Song District, where they had arranged to sell the drugs on to a large-scale dealer for 30,000 baht a kilogram – a total of 2,880,000 baht.

The pair were taken to Lang Suan Police Station to be charged with possession of cannabis with intent to supply.

Police said they would hunt for the other people involved in the drug ring.

Insurgents strike again: A garbage truck driver was fatally shot by insurgents in Yala on October 22. Samphan Teerasukhon, 40, was shot while driving his truck on the road behind the Raman District Office at 5:30 am. He died on the way to the district hospital, police said.

Wicked waves: High seas damaged a coastal road in Surat Thani on October 25, officials said.

The waves battered the Ban Pod - Don Sak road and damaged it over a stretch of more than one kilometer, making it impassable.

Officials warned people living along the coast in Don Sak district to brace themselves for more big waves as the sea was rising and rough.

Sourced from The Nation, Daily Xpress *and* Kom Chad Luek *newspapers*.

Most Thais can accept govt corruption

A group of studens, government officials and others pay their respects to His Majesty the King Rama V's equestrian statue at the Royal Plaza on Chulalongkorn Memorial Day (October 23). Photo By Prasert Thepsri.

Thais are okay with a corrupt government if it can give them a good life, an Abac Poll survey revealed late last month.

Abac Poll Director Noppadon Kannika said about 63% of 3,880 respondents countrywide said they believed graft is part of every government and is acceptable if the government brings prosperity to the country and its people. The remainder could not accept such an attitude.

The survey was conducted from October 1-22 on people aged over 18 in 18 provinces.

All genders, ages and occupations said they could overlook corruption with conditions. About 68% of respondents aged 40-49, 65% aged 30-39 and 64% aged 50-59 agreed, Mr Noppadon said. For those aged 18-29, almost 60 per cent could condone such an idea, he added.

More than 60% of working respondents said they could excuse government corruption. Meanwhile, 53% of students agreed while 47% disagreed, Mr Noppadon said.

Agencies need to act swiftly to address the problem of corruption before in becomes so deeply entrenched that there is no hope of eradicating it, he added.

Websites targeted: Public Health Minister Chalerm Yoobamrung will urge the Information Technology and Computer (ICT) Ministry to shut down websites selling abortion drugs because the medicines are harmful to users.

Following reports that some websites run by self-proclaimed medical professionals had sold abortion medicines and had given advice to women with unintended pregnancies, Mr Chalerm said his ministry had no policy of allowing such sales via websites. He thus urged the ICT Ministry to investigate and close such websites inside Thailand, and to restrict access to those outside the country.

Mr Chalerm said that unintended pregnancies reflected the problem of unsafe sex that might also lead to HIV/Aids infection.

He revealed a 2007 report in which there were 17,000 new HIV/Aids infection cases each year, or 47 people a day. Nearly half of them were among youths aged 18-19.

Thailand currently has about 500,000 people living with HIV/Aids, he said.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Secretary-General Pipat Yingseri warned the public against medicine-selling websites because drugs in general should be sold by authorized pharmacies only.

Medicines sold on websites might be fake and potentially even fatal, he said. Selling medicine via media such as leaflets, Internet, and direct-sales methods is against the law and punishable by up to five years in jail and a 10,000 baht fine, he warned, adding that the penalty for selling drugs identified as abortion pills is a fine of up to 100,000 baht.

Tin can terror: One person was killed and seventeen others injured after a speeding minibus rammed into roadside trees and a pickup truck in Bangkok's Rat Burana District.

Police rushed to the scene in front of a Susco gas station on the outbound Rat Burana Road at 8:50 am on October 22. There, they found the wrecked minibus and 18 injured persons. One of them, 65-year-old Mariam Naleur, died soon after.

A Mitsubishi pickup truck in the opposite lane showed the result of a head-on collision with the minibus. Passenger Sanit Saengsab, 34, who was slightly injured, said the driver of the privately-owned bus began racing a rival Bangkok Mass Transit Authority bus.

The minibus driver then swerved to avoid a motorcycle, but lost control of the vehicle, which hit the trees on the median strip, he added.

Police suspect the accident was a result of recklessness by the minibus driver, 27-year-old Ronnachai Pattanathong, who would be charged with reckless driving causing injuries and death.

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Samui's coconut industry under threat from destructive worm

Members of Koh Samui's agricultural community are once again in a state of panic over a new threat to the island's coconut palms.

The latest danger to the tree is not from the Brontispa beetle that once endangered the entire population of palms, but from a worm known as the Black-headed caterpillar, or *norn hua dam* in Thai.

Black-headed caterpillars destroy coconut-producing trees by scraping the green matter from the leaves, resulting in a completely burned-looking tree that has little or no coconut yield.

FROM THE GULF OF THAILAND

By Max Rogers

Experts from the mainland were recently called in to investigate a large-scale invasion by the worm that has been devastating palm trees around the island.

Umporn Vinothai of the agricultural department of Surathani believes that the infestation is cause for major concern and has the potential to cause more damage than the Brontispa beetle.

The only method known to rid the trees of the insects is to use a potent form of insecticide, or in severe cases, to completely cut and burn the trees.

Reports of dying trees were first made to the Department of Agriculture in August last year, and since then more cases from around the island have seen similar damage and infestations.

Officials are concerned that the outbreak is not being reported in some areas, which is cause for serious concern, as this would make it difficult to bring the outbreak under control.

Scientists from the department are looking into ways to control the outbreak through other methods.

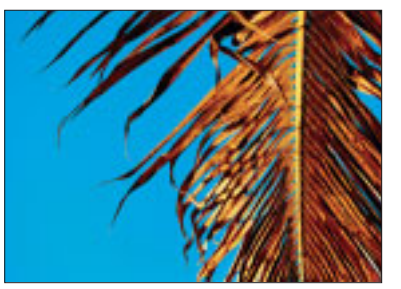
One proposal is to introduce a rival species to fight off the plague. These would be similar to the techniques used during the beetle outbreak, where shipments of the species Asecodes Hispinarun were brought in from Vietnam and artificially introduced.

The effort to fight off the beetle plague paid off after a task force was put in place to rescue nearly 45,000 rai of the sick palms.

Critics of the methods have said that these sorts of methods can alter the natural balance of the island's fragile eco system.

Previous introductions of detrimental insects are believed to have been unknowingly brought to the island on other plants from the mainland.

OUTBREAK: A palm tree drops from the destructive effects of the Black-headed caterpillar.



ABOVE: The first signs that a palm tree is under attack from the Black-headed caterpillar are leaves that appear to have been burned. The introduction of a new species that preys on the caterpillars has been proposed.

A quarantine department is also being considered which would allow a thorough check of all plant life entering the island through the ports.

However, officials concur that implementing this would be a lengthy and difficult procedure.

Koh Samui's main trade industry is based around the coconut. Another blow to coconut production could cost farmers their livelihoods, as well as wreak further havoc on the already threatened tourist industry.

Protestors succeed in retail-chain halt.

Following several protests from Koh Samui residents and small businesses owners, government officials have withdrawn building permission for two more Tesco Lotus stores.

The reversal came after months of angry protests by residents, many of whom are owners of local shops, who feel the additional convenience stores would jeopardise their fragile businesses.

Koh Samui presently has two Tesco Lotus branches. Their largest hyper branch is located in Chaweng, while a smaller sub-branch services the Nathon area. Plans to further develop and add to the existing Tesco Lotus chain included branches in Lamai and Maenam.

Adversaries to the building cited that adding more Tesco Lotus stores would violate city-planning laws, which only allow for a certain number of supermarkets and convenience shops.

Nearly a thousand protestors camped out in front of the municipality offices to put pressure on authorities to halt any further plans.

"The idea of adding more large markets to the island will eliminate small business owners. There is no need for this. We already have two big stores, and this is enough," said Nui Woramit, a local shopkeeper in the Lamai area.

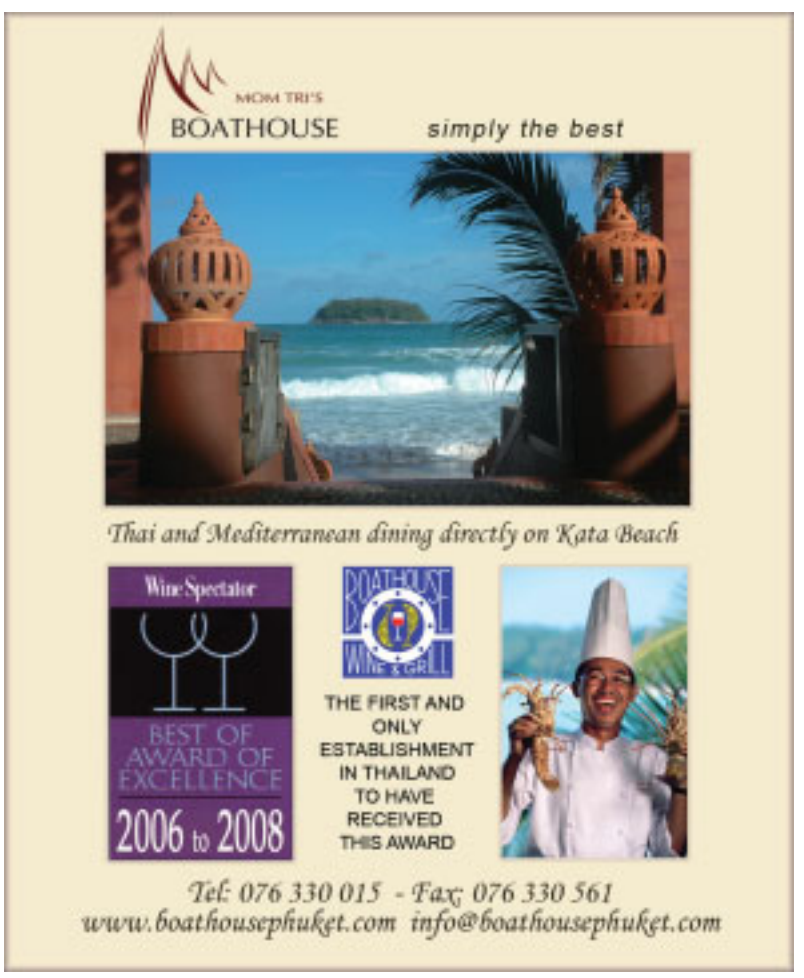
Protestors were eager to speak with the new mayor of the island, Ramnet Jaikwang, in hopes that he would be receptive to their plight against large foreign-owned retail chains.

The leader of the protest group, Pisit Phromjan, met with Khun Ramnet for several hours before deciding to retract the building permits, which had been issued during the former mayor's term.

The announcement went out to the crowd outside the offices. The crowd responded to the news with a roar of approval.

Along with the ban on additional Tesco Lotus stores, the mayor added that no more Seven-11 stores would be allowed to be built on the island.

Khun Ramnet encouraged small shopkeepers to expand their markets to allow for the benefit of all island residents and small business owners, stating that profits from the larger retailers are only seen abroad.



Nikkei Night

Casuarina Beach Restaurant & Pub, Dusit Thani Laguna

Chef Yaquir Sato Matsuoka

Beach dining at Casuarina.

Traditional Peruvian dress

A lot of people claim that Phuket has become madly cosmopolitan, yet it has pretty much always been so. Ever since the first salt-encrusted trader first espied Bhukit's jungled peaks and hilltops eons ago astride his poop deck, the die was cast.

Smutty toilet humor aside, as a result of all this multi-nationalism, a Phuket polyglot nowadays can easily spit out five languages in the course of a normal working afternoon; and many I know do so.

But things have a way of getting out of hand: Thus it was that, halfway through the evening of Dusit Laguna's launch of their Peruvian Food Week, I found myself doing a Hunter Thompson-esque Gonzo double take… but this time without the drugs (no comment).

There we were; some 10 dinner guests, representing something like nine different nationalities, get this, in a Thai food outlet, grazing on Peruvian tapas and meat dishes served up by Sino-Thai waitresses, being serenaded by a Filipino couple singing in English and Spanglish, drinking French house wine and Pisco liquor marketed by a Thai-and-Spanish-speaking German, while I interviewed the guest Japanese chef with a Hebrew first name in the Spanish language. See what I mean? Head-spinning stuff, if you ask me.

Actually, it's a little-known fact that Peru has a sizeable Japanese population. To be more pertinent, Japanese-Peruvians (in Spanish *Japonés Peruano* and in Japanese *Nikkei Perujin*) number some 175,000 and comprise the second-largest ethnic Japanese population in Latin America after Brazil.

So here I was, like I said, speaking with the young chef, Yaquir Sato Matsuoka, outside the Dusit's Casuarina Bar in the pouring rain… But why in the pouring rain? Well, it was a bit loud inside to say the least and my hearing isn't what is used to be, due to the very same sin the band was committing inside – playing music at too loud a volume.

"So why do you have a Jewish first name?" was the first question that sprang to mind from this ever-sensitive reporter, who year after year mysteriously evades a Pulitzer Prize for in-depth reporting. "Well, basically, my dad named me after a close Jewish friend he admired," was the answer.

On the menu
WITH
Sam Wilko
Casuarina Bar

Great. We've cleared the first hurdle and are up and running. Next question, as I wipe the rain out of my eyes: "How does smoggy old Bangkok (a recent stop on his Peruvian food promotion tour) compare with Lima?" After a pause, while we take shelter further indoors from the almost horizontal beach-side downpour and empty our shoes into a handy drain, he muses, "It's much the same but without the greenery."

People living near Lumpini Park could possibly take umbrage to the statement but it's basically sound; and at least Lima has a few sea breezes. "And what about Alberto Fujimori? What's he up to?" The former Japanese-Peruvian President is presently up on charges that would make old '*Sii Lium*' (Thaksin) an amusing fellow cellmate.

"Funny, that. Señor Fujimori is incarcerated in the very same prison he built for political dissidents. Can we go indoors now?" And that wound a rain-soggy interview up.

Peru, according to The Economist, has one of the best cuisines in the world and is noted for its pisco; a wine-based liquor that is capable of knocking the socks off many a liver-hardened Phuket expat.

You can take the piss out of the name but then it'd just be 'co', wouldn't it? Indeed, Thomas Fernendez – the Director of Pisco Payet (Thailand) is on hand to ruefully concur that, "Basically we have problems marketing a product with a name like that to the English-speaking world."

Still, the Peruvian pisco is smooth and Latino-like, heart-warming. This liquor has been exported from the port of Pisco, just south of Lima, for centuries and the Peruvian food promotion at Dusit wouldn't have been the same without it.

Popular in Peru and Chile, pisco sour is a mix of egg-white and lemon with a dollop of the liquor itself, but has many variations.

As an in-house hotel singer in his salad days at the top of the Andes, this correspondent found the Chilean version a great solace, but Peruvian pisco takes subtlety to greater-than-Andean heights – it's smooth, slippery, slight bodied but has a kick like a Bolivian burro.

The Japanese-Peruvian Nikkei food at Casuarina was hearty, meaty and well appreciated by all present.

Sure, hunks of meat with root vegetables and sparse sauces can seem somewhat basic in refined Thailand but in Latin America this is outstanding stuff with its clever mix of herbs and infusions.

Compare and contrast with Costa Rica where the national diet consists of rice and beans, with the only variation being beans and rice, but really one shouldn't quibble – Costa Rica has one of the highest longevity rates in the world.

The Peruvian cuisine promotion at the Dusit Laguna was impressive yet smelled of being slightly ephemeral as one isn't exactly going to order Peruvian asado and shredded pollo every night of the week here, is one?

Good luck to chef Yaquir; he's got a good thing going and is obviously going someplace.

But given Phuket's top-rate Thai cuisine with its subtleties and combinations of flavours, Nikkei cuisine would be more suited to San Fran or Vancouver.

The sole distributors for Pisco Payet are Iceberg-Thai Co. Tel: 02-6516318. Email: iceberg-thai@gmx.net

An introduction to Phuket's Sikh community

ABOVE: Members of Phuket's Sikh community recently celebrated the 300th anniversary of Guru Granth Sahib attaining his guruship. According to Sikh belief, Guru Granth Sahib was the last in a line of 11 gurus since the religion's birth about 500 years ago and is said to live eternally. RIGHT: A devoutee pays his respects to sacred scriptures.

Phuket's Sikh community is made up of about 40 families, whose antedece dents arrived from Northern India. Sikhs born in Phuket these days are now in the second and third generation since their ancestors arrived in the 1900s.

Last month, members of Phuket's Sikh community held processions in Phuket City in celebration of the 300th anniversary of the religion's revered guru Granth Sahib becoming the final and perpetual Guru in a line of 11 previous guru's, the first of whom attained guruship in 1507.

The event was an auspicious one for the Sikh community and was colorfully celebrated.

The procession went from Chatuchak Market and through Phuket Town to arrive at the island's only Sikh temple "*Gurdwara*" on Suthat Road.

The procession was led by the Thai Hua School Band, and included a truck adorned with a multi-domed spiritual throne containing an image of Guru Granth Sahib, wrapped in silk fabrics, while men and women followed.

At the temple, a 48-hour reading of the scriptures was underway. Phuket Vice Governor Mr Tri Akhara-decha, presided as the Chairman on this occasion and made a donation to the temple.

Other notable dignitaries present included President of the Phuket International Scholarship Foundation (PISF) Mr Preedi Preedakul and Director of *Siang-Tai* newspaper Mr Chava-Phong Megha-Raks.

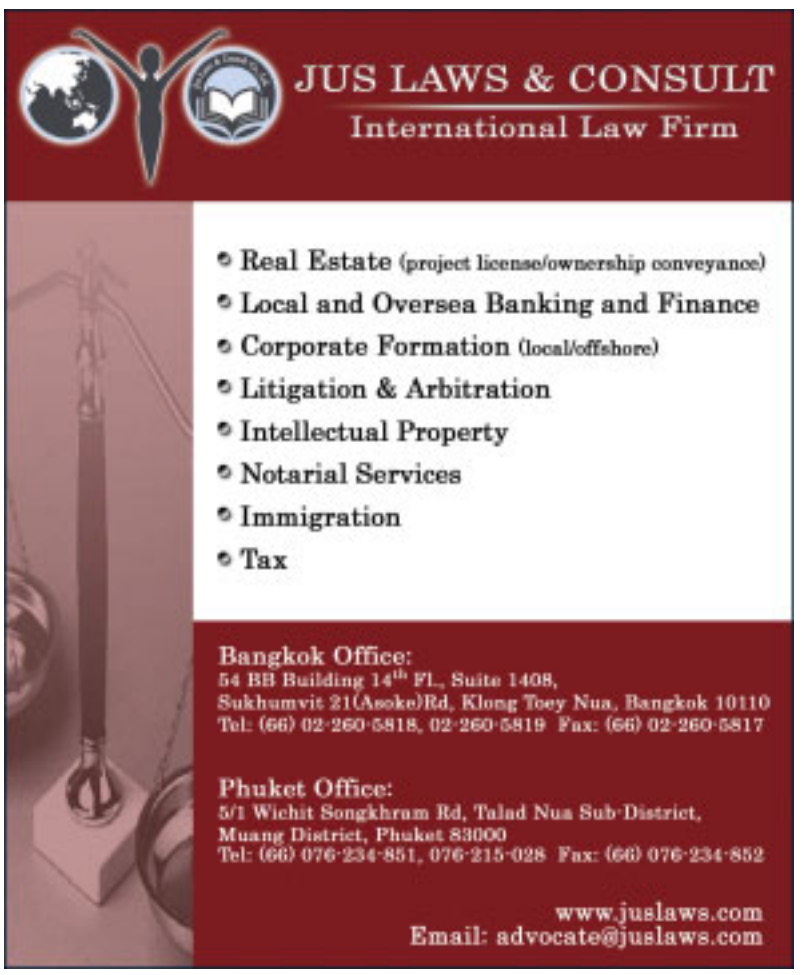
Sikhs are brought up to observe three main principles in their daily lives: to meditate on God's name or to be God-conscious in every moment; to live a responsible and active family life, working with honest labor; and to share one's earnings with the community and society irrespective of all social diversity and differences.

One predominant member of Phuket's Sikh community who plays a significant role in helping others in the community is Mitr Singh-Sachkul, who is chairman and treasurer of the PISF.

The foundation, supported by Lions International, aims to provide scholarships for underprivileged children with donations from sponsors.

The PISF works especially closely with Phuket Special Education Center to connect the children there with sponsors.

The foundation is now in its fifth year and has helped many children through primary, secondary and even tertiary education, giving them career opportunities they otherwise may never have had. More info at www.pisf.no



Navy boys are homeward bound

Two US warships stop off on the way home to California. Here, the *Gazette* catches up with their captains.

Two American warships dropped anchor off the coast of Phuket earlier this week as they were making their way to Hawaii before heading on to their home port in San Diego, California.

The commanding officers of the two ships, Captain John "Buzz" Nolan and Commander Brian K Shipman, told the *Gazette* that they and their crews were looking forward to some much needed rest and recreation on the island.

The 10-year-old *USS Decatur*, with its crew of 280, has just completed an anti-piracy operation in the Arabian gulf.

The *Gazette* learned that the *USS Chancellorsville* and her crew of some 350 sailors has been attached to the *USS Ronald Reagan*, forming part of the Ronald Reagan strike group.

Captain Nolan commented that sailors on board the *USS Ronald Reagan* were so keen to come to Phuket that he even offered to bring 25 of them with him on his ship.

When asked what they were looking forward to most during their period of R&R in Phuket, both officers agreed that sleep came top of the list, with the pleasure of reclining in a full-size bed and waking up when they felt like it – and not when the whistle blew – coming not far behind.

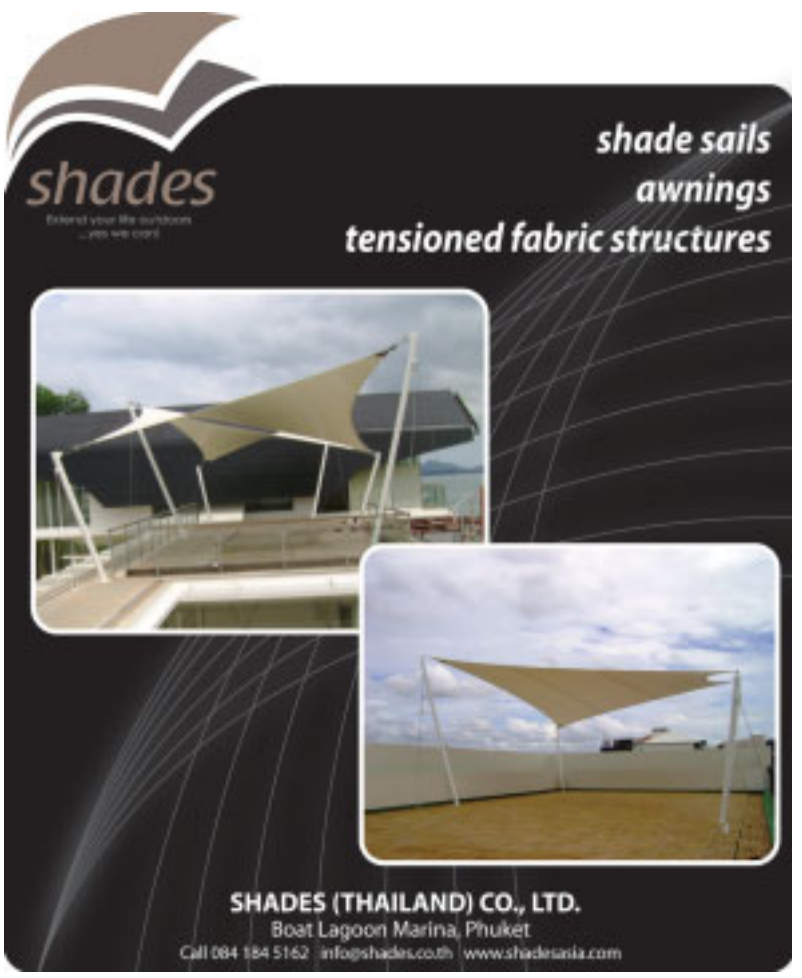
Apart from the obvious activities and entertainments on the island, the crews of both ships have also signed up to take part in a community relations project during their brief stay in Phuket.

Quizzed on future travel plans, the answer was clear. "We are on our way home.

"We have been at sea for five and a half months and we are looking forward to getting back to our home base in San Diego," Captain Nolan said.

ABOVE: The 10-year-old *USS Decatur*, currently anchored off Phuket, near Makham Bay.

BOTTOM: Commander Brian K Shipman (left) and Captain John "Buzz" Nolan (center) joke with Deputy Commander Rear Admiral Sirisak Boonyasak of the 3rd Naval Area Command.



This week

OPEN FOR BUSINESS: Promotions abounded at HomeWorks on the mega-store's opening day on October 25. Accompanied by celebrities and VIPs are Phuket Governor Preecha Ruengchan (back row, 3rd from left), Chairman of Central Group of Companies Wanchai Chirathiwat (back row, 3rd from right) and Vice President of CRC Power Retail Pong Skuntanaga (back row, 2nd from right).

MEMORIES: Aaron Le Boutillier (seated), author of *And Then One Morning*, signs copies of his book published by Big Wave Publications at Satree Phuket School on October 24. The book tells of his first hand experiences during and after the 2004 tsunami. Proceeds from sales of the books will be donated to help victims of the tsunami. The book is on sale at Seng Ho Phuket Book Store, Asia Books and CU Books.

THREE YEARS: Mr Philippe Lemaire (standing) and guests celebrated the third anniversary of La Cabane restaurant in Rawai on October 18. The dining venue serves French and European fare.

FIRST POURING: On the occasion of Starbucks "First Pouring" ceremony at its newest shop, Apichart Winyuchai, Property Management Division Manager for HomeWorks/Central, welcomes Punnusorn Khorsanti, Starbucks District Manager for Southern Thailand. Starbucks at HomeWorks Mall is the company's eighth

TWO OR THREE?: (From left) Owners of the Two Chefs chain of restaurants Henrik Ojelind and Crister Wespberg with Chef Billy Hakan-Agren, who oversees the cuisine at all Two Chefs outlets. They welcomed guests to celebrate the opening of Two Chefs Kata Center on October 18.

LOOK NO FURTER: Frankfurt Members of the TAT Mega Familiarization Trip recently visited the JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa. The participants included travel operators and media representatives invited to JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa in order to experience products and services in various categories. The trip was organized by the Tourism Authority of Thailand with the aim of boosting tourism in Phuket.

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Straight-Shootin' Sarah Sounds Off

TSOWNDINGS

By S. TSOW

I wanted to interview U.S. vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin after her debate with Joe Biden, but she's been too busy. So I did an imaginary interview.

Imaginary interviews are a lot more fun than real ones, because you can make the interviewee say anything you want. My imaginary interview with Governor Palin went like this:

Tsow: Governor Palin, you dodged several questions during the debate and launched into canned speeches on your favorite topics.

Palin: Well, skin me a caribou, Ess, I'm the candidate. A strong candidate doesn't let the media push 'em around.

The good moms and pops of Main Street, U.S.A., don't care about the tricky questions the smartypants media ask, which are designed to set me up and make me look stupid.

They want me to talk straight about the things they care about. And by golly, that's just what I'm gonna do. You can call me Straight-Shootin' Sarah.

That's why I talked about my energy policy when they asked me about taxes. Nobody wants to hear about taxes.

But energy is important, and as governor of the oil-rich state of Alaska, I can tell you we're going to drill, baby, drill. We're gonna drill holes in Alaska till the earth howls.

There won't be a drop of oil left when we're finished drilling that sucker, and if aliens look down from their flying saucers they're gonna think Alaska is one great big piece of Swiss cheese.

Tsow: Such straight talk is refreshing.

Palin: You betcha. We're gonna rape Alaska silly to get that oil. Of course, we'll also develop other sources of energy, like wind and water and solar – that solar thing – panels 'n' all - and the thermo-nucular stuff. I mean, my gosh, Ess, we don't want the American people to become slaves of those foreign oil sheeks.

Tsow: Admirably put. Now, the Bush administration got us into a quagmire in Iraq and has run the economy into the ground. What are you...

Palin: Now you're playing the blame game! Get out of the past, Ess! Stop looking backward! Don't be so negative!

The past is finished. Let's move on, get on with our lives, look to the future.

Tsow: Okay. What are you and Senator McCain going to do about Iraq and the economy?

Palin: We're not tied to past policies. Admittedly, a few mistakes were made in Eye-raq. You can't kill a moose with a BB gun.

But we're not gonna look back; we're gonna look forward. Like, we're looking forward to nuking Eye-ran, take out that scruffy Ahmad guy – Jinny-dad or whatever – or at least make 'em him get a shave.

John McCain and I are both mavericks - and mavericks will find a way.

Tsow: Only a very malleable maverick would submit to being reprogrammed and re-calibrated by the Karl Rove shark machine.

During your set-piece speeches during the debate, you looked glassy-eyed and sounded robotic.

Palin: Well, gosh darn it, Ess, I studied hard for that debate. For you to implicate that I was malletable, programmed, recabrilated, all that stuff – that is really cruel. I'm not one of your slick Washington insiders.

I'm an average hockey mom, and I'm speaking for all the other hockey moms in our great country.

And the baseball moms and the basketball moms and the tennis moms and the ping-pong moms.

Tsow: How about the golf dads and the Superbowl dads and the poker dads and the beer dads?

Palin: Them too. I want them to see that I'm just like them. I want to show the world that an average hockey mom can be just as good a vice president as anybody else.

Tsow: Governor Palin, I don't want an average person as president OR vice president. I don't want somebody like me in the White House. I want somebody who is better than me. Somebody who is smart.

Somebody who can get us out of the mess we're in. One big lesson we've learned from George W. Bush is that we should never elect somebody with a C average.

Palin: Well, doggone it, Ess, the C-average people are the backbone of the nation. You snobby big-shot media elitists look down on them, but don't forget - they're the ones who vote. Why, without them, President Bush would never have been elected.…

You could read the response to that last comment, plus the rest of this exciting interview, on S. Tsow's blog, if he had a blog or even knew what a blog is. You can zap him for these shortcomings at s.tsow@ymail.com

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The King's Cup is coming

One of Phuket's most anticipated annual events, the prestigious Phuket King's Cup Regatta, is just under two months away. The regatta attracts sailors from all over the world to race hard and play hard.

The sailors rise early each day – some aboard the boats they sailed here on and others from their five-star beds – for a hearty breakfast before an emotionally charged day of anticipation, challenges, victories and disappointments as they slice through the wind and pound the waves off Phuket.

After a day of testing their sailing skills to the limit, the sailors have earned the right to party. And party they do, with endless supplies of food and drink, award-giving ceremonies, dancing and generally enjoying the camaraderie of Phuket's most popular party people – all at one of Phuket's luxury resorts.

The annual regatta began in 1987 as a 60th-birthday tribute to His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, and its about to celebrate its 22nd sailing, with 100 craft and about 2,000 sailors expected to participate this year. Team members and their supporters will be from more than 30 countries, and the trophy has gone to people from 12 different nations so far.

Thai and Thai-based sailors have been consistent winners and perennial competitors, especially the Royal Thai Navy teams. As former President of the Organizing Committee (2004-2007) Santi Kanchanabandhu said recently: "Every year there are new entries from around the world who soon join the 'regulars' on the annual 'Phuket Pilgrimage' to race, socialize and be a part of this magnetic event."

All kinds of boats arrive in Phuket for the event, from sleek catamarans and trimarans to 'live-aboard' cruisers. The racing crews will be competing with the world's best skippers – Olympians, America's Cup, Admiral's Cup and Cowes Week champions.

Among the nine race classes of boats, there will be the Sports Boats, designed, built and raced by Thailand's indigenous and expatriate sailors, and the new breed of fast-moving catamarans, the Vietnamese-built Corsairs. The Platu, a keel boat specially designed for Thai waters and Thai conditions by leading naval architect Bruce Farr, will also be out in force.

This year's King's Cup Regatta will take place from November 29 through December 6 and is underwritten by Raimon Land PLC. Media partners include *The Nation*, the *Phuket Gazette*, FM 95, *Yacht Style* and Ensign Media.

More info and registration information can be found at www.kingscup.com.

Prestigious Phuket Yesteryear celebrates local culture

About 1,000 participants made up of Thai and expat families were treated to a prestigious cocktail dinner that was accompanied by cultural shows and exhibitions celebrating Phuket's broad mixture of nationalities, traditions, cultures, arts and architecture from past to present earlier this month.

The annual Phuket Yesteryear event was organised by The Old Phuket Foundation and held at the Grand Ballroom of the Royal Phuket City Hotel on October 22.

President of the Old Phuket Foundation Dr Prasit Koysiripong said, "The aim of the annual event is to encourage people to play active roles in preserving local cultures and traditions while building valuable ties with other distinguished members of the community."

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The Paris Motor Show, which began on October 2, invariably throws up new models from the French manufacturers, PSA Citroen and Renault, while the Germans and Italians rarely break out new offerings at this very traditional expo.

This year, though, Ferrari used Paris to unveil its exciting new metal-top convertible, the California.

Michael Schumacher, the seven-time Formula 1 world champion, has been involved in the development of the latest Prancing Horse road car since its inception and has worked with Ferrari's team of engineers, technicians and test-drivers on honing the car in general, but more specifically on optimizing its performance parameters.

"I have to say that, as with the 430 Scuderia, participating in the [California] project since the very beginning has been really fascinating, and great fun," commented Schumacher at the end of a test session at the Fiorano test track.

"Although the cars are very different, they both offer absolutely unique driving pleasure because of the inherently sporty character of all of the cars that come out of Maranello.

The 430 Scuderia is, of course, a more extreme model with a focus on absolute cutting-edge performance. However, although the Ferrari California is very much a grand tourer in terms of its usability and high level of interior comfort, it is still surprisingly sporty and fun to drive under any kind of conditions," he said.

The Ferrari California joins Ferrari's legendary eight-cylinder family. While it offers the kind of performance expected of a Ferrari, the California is a little more versatile in terms of its interior finish, as well as featuring a new transmission system. This is the first V8 in the history of Ferrari road-cars to be mid-front mounted.

Schumacher earlier this year addressed a Ferrari dealer convention in Maranello and explained the differences between the 430 and the California models.

"They were designed to meet different requirements: the 430 Scuderia is aimed at drivers who want the very essence of a Ferrari and will get it out on the track as often as they can.

The Ferrari California, on the other hand, is designed for everyday use and for weekends away whilst still guaranteeing all of the emotional impact that only an authentic Ferrari can deliver," said Schumacher.

The new transmission system offers seven speeds and a dual-clutch system, guaranteeing no power losses and instant gear shifts.

The sophisticated transmission is mated to the California's 4.3-liter V8 engine with direct fuel injection and a flat-plane racing crankshaft. The V8 unit produces a healthy 460 bhp (338 kW) at 7,500 rpm with a smooth torque curve that peaks at 485 Nm.

The California's signature feature is of course its retractable hard top. It is made from aluminum panels and has a cast aluminum weight-bearing structure which has reduced its overall weight and the moving masses involved.

The entire opening and closing cycle of the hard top takes just 14 seconds, and thanks to the original stowage system, the California's trunk space remains extremely generous regardless of whether it is up or down.

From the shape of the hood and headlights, to the sweep of the rear wings and vents behind the front wheels, this car obviously draws on the heritage of the original 250 GT California of the1960s.

At the same time, it is blended with modern Ferrari design elements drawn from the current F430 and 599.

Ferrari believes that the new California will be a complete success, particularly in its namesake state on the west coast of America. Earlier this year, a stunning 1961 Ferrari California Spyder that once belonged to actor James Coburn was sold at auction in Maranello for an astonishing US$11 million; an all-time record for this model.

This 12-cylinder model was also styled by Pininfarina and was an evolution of the 250 GT Tour de France.

Michael Schumacher's contribution to the development of the latest Ferrari California has resulted in a car that delivers absolute beauty and extraordinary performance.

It can cover the benchmark 0-100 km/h sprint in under four seconds and reaches a maximum speed of 310 km/h.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Upcoming events on the island

November 1. An Evening of Magic & Enchantment organized by The Rotary Club of Patong Beach.

From 7 pm to 11 pm at the Holiday Inn Resort Patong Beach.

A Cosmic Dinner Show with magicians, illusionists and psychics, delicious food, plentiful wine and great prizes. Tickets are 2,500 baht if purchased in advance at the locations below, or 3,000 baht on the day. Proceeds go towards Patong Rotary's many children-oriented programs, such as scholarships and day care centers. Tickets are available at all three Sandwich Shoppes, at Friendship Beach and at ChemDry.

For more information, contact O.B. Wetzell. Tel: 081-8899207. Or email: ob@dmg-thailand.com Website: www.rotarypatong.org

November 2. PC Group Therapy, Patong.

From 10 am to 12 pm at Sandwich Shoppe Patong.

Is your Internet connection driving you NUTS? Ready to throw your PC out the, uh, window? Need advice on where to buy a computer, or get one repaired?

Join "For Dummies" author Woody Leonhard for his weekly PC Group Therapy sessions. They're absolutely FREE. Novices most welcome – no experience necessary. Bring your questions, bring your computer, bring your mother-in-law and your worry beads, and let's see if we can sort things out.

For directions to the Sandwich Shoppe Patong (Aroonsom Plaza near Patong Language School): www.KhunWoody.com Sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette* and Khun Woody's Sandwich Shoppes. For details, contact Woody Leonhard, Tel: 089-119 0940. Or email: woody@KhunWoody.com

November 4-10. "Ambiguity" Art Exhibition.

Leading Venezuelan artist Pedro Glücksmann opens an exhibition of his works, titled "Ambiguity", at the Kata Beach Resort, Phuket, on Tuesday, November 4 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome. The exhibition will remain open until November 24.

Mr Glücksmann, winner of the coveted Cerro Negro Competition (with a purse of US$400,000, or about 13 million baht), has been exhibiting and selling his art since 1956. His body of work includes bronze sculptures, but for the Kata Beach Resort exhibition he will be showing pencil drawings and acrylics, mostly abstract, some of them featuring sweeps of 24-karat gold.

For more background on Mr Glücksmann and his work, please see www.artglucksmann.googlepages.com For more info contact Alasdair Forbes. Tel: 087-8849964. Email: forbescomm@gmail.com

Swatch FIVB Beach Volley Phuket Thailand Open

November 4-9

9 am to 5 pm @ Karon Beach

The Phuket Thailand Open is part of the Swatch FIVB Beach Volley World Tour and features over 60 of the top women's beach volleyball teams from around the world. These include Brazil, China, Germany, Switzerland and the USA. Admission is free and there is an activity zone with games and goods for sale.

Contact Geoffrey Rowe. Tel: 02-3823491.
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November 8.
Super BBQ Buffet Dinner including Cheese & Cold Cuts.

From 6:30 pm to 11 pm at Wine Connection Chalong. Bt 650+. Live Band. Reservations recommended. For more information, contact Pascal. Tel: 087-8896074. Email: fb.phuket@wineconnection.co.th

November 9. PC Group Therapy, Laguna.

From 10 am to 12 pm at Sandwich Shoppe Laguna.

November 9. Château Palmer Wine Dinner.

From 7 pm to 11 pm at Mom Tri's Boathouse.

Mom Tri's Boathouse, the first establishment in Thailand awarded the Wine Spectator 'Award of Excellence', in 1995, and the only 'Best of Awards of Excellence', since 2006, will host this special event on Sunday, November 9.

The fine dining menu is devised by Boathouse Executive Chef Tummanoon and the first and only Maître Cuisinier de France in Thailand, Chef Jean-Noël Lumineau. Chef Jean-Noël has recently been appointed as consultant for Mom Tri's restaurants: The Boathouse Wine & Grill, Mom Tri's Kitchen, Mom Tri's Oasis in Kata and Mom Tri's Boathouse Regatta at the Royal Phuket Marina.

Limited seating. Price: 4,800 baht++. For more info contact Pinyo Thippimas. Tel: 076-330015. Email: fb@boathousephuket.com Website: www.boathousephuket.com

November 11. The Punchline Comedy Club.

From 8 pm to 11 pm at Holiday Inn Resort Phuket, Patong.

Another night of merriment and mirth at the Holiday Inn Resort Phuket in Patong. Three top-class, headline UK comedians booked by the London Comedy Store are flying all the way to Phuket to tickle your ribs, yes, YOUR ribs. Tickets available in advance from Woody's Sandwich Shoppes in Patong, Chalong, and Laguna. For maps and more details, please see the website shown at left.

For more info contact Khun Boom. Tel: 083-646467-1. Email: info@phuketcomedy.com Website: www.phuketcomedy.com

November 12. Loy Krathong Festival.

One of the most beautiful festivals in Thailand. It is traditionally performed on the full moon night of the twelfth lunar month, which usually falls in November.

A Krathong is a banana-leaf cup containing flowers, a candle and incense sticks which will be floated away in a canal or river.

The idea is to worship the river's Goddess and at the same time to float away any bad luck.

November 15. Super BBQ Buffet Dinner including Cheese & Cold Cuts.

From 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm at Wine Connection Bangtao

Bt 650+. Music entertainment from a live band. Reservations recommended.

Contact Pascal. Tel: 087-8896074. Email: fb.phuket@wineconnection.co.th

November 16. PC Group Therapy.

From 10 am to 12 pm at Sandwich Shoppe Laguna.

On The Move

Laddawan Somniyam was recently appointed as Director of Sales at West Sands Phuket. She holds a bachelor's degree in marketing. She has also held positions at Le Meridien Phuket, Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket and the Hilton Phuket. Before taking up her latest appointment, she was Director of Sales & Marketing at Indigo Pearl, Phuket.

Darren Wiper has been appointed as Executive Chef for Mom Tri's Restaurants. Chef Darren is from the UK where he attended culinary college. He was Head Chef at Fresco's Restaurant & Wine Bar restaurants in Bermuda, then Sous Chef at Le Relais des Coches Restaurant in France.

Wasana Juntree has been appointed Front Office Manager at JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa, Mai Khao. She has previously worked at the Rembrandt Hotel Bangkok, Zeavola Resort & Spa, Phi Phi Island, Le Royal Meridien Baan Taling Ngam, Koh Samui, and Evason Hua Hin Resort & Spa.

Money Talks

By Richard G. Watson

The baht weighs in

This week's article is written by popular demand, and I hope and trust that at least a partial understanding of what is happening is the result.

The subject is the strength of the Thai baht against a wide range of currencies, including pound sterling, Australian dollar, New Zealand dollar, Euro and Swiss franc. Why is the baht so strong, especially when the border and political problems are receiving so much media attention?

Currencies are very difficult to analyze. If this were not so, investing in "managed currency funds" would be a sure recipe for financial success. In reality, managed currency funds seldom perform well for any extended period of time.

What must be pointed out is that the baht is not strong against a variety of other currencies, especially some Asian currencies. For example, it is almost static against the Malaysian ringgit and overshadowed by the Chinese yuan and Japanese yen. Probably the most noticeable strength against the baht is – to some people perhaps surprisingly – the US dollar, which has firmed up against most currencies this year.

Asian currencies tend to track the US dollar to some degree as most imports and exports are denominated in US dollars. There is also a stated wish from Thailand's central bank (Bank of Thailand) to keep the baht, where possible, in line with regional currencies.

The economies of the UK, Euro Zone, Australia and so on are all suffering from the current financial crisis. Their economies are slowing, some are already in recession and they are all aggressively cutting interest rates, which usually undermines their value.

Thailand's economy is also feeling some of the chill blowing through the world, but Thailand's trade and current account have been in surplus for the past year, albeit at lower levels than before.

Thailand is therefore solvent and has built up substantial foreign-exchange reserves of more than US$100 billion. There is no banking crisis and property values are relatively stable.

When we look at the performance of the pound sterling in international currency markets and examine the UK economy, it is rather obvious that the UK is not in an enviable situation.

From every angle, the UK is unattractive. Earlier this year, the pound was trading at over US$2.11. Anyone who has watched the performance of both currencies over the past 50 years would have noted that anytime the pound is valued at US$2 it has been a time to sell.

The UK's commercial and residential property markets are in turmoil with falling prices. The country is running a substantial trade and current account deficit. Unemployment is rising and if the economy is not actually in recession, it is certainly behaving in that manner.

The British consumer is mired in debt; credit cards became too popular and banks could not wait to lend people money. In terms of actual debt as a percentage of income, the British consumer is in a worse position than his or her American counterpart.

British government finances are under pressure and the situation will worsen until the economy has improved markedly. Considering that the economy is still falling, this will take some time.

By the time the previous UK recession ended in early 1993, too many of the Brits who are affected now were still at school, and thus too young to really understand the current crisis.

A great myth prevailed in the UK regarding the value of residential property. When stock markets cracked in 2000-2003, property remained resilient, making most people think that housing was the ultimate safe haven.

Television programs repeatedly told the British public to "get on the property ladder". Banks and building societies offered "equity release" of funds from mortgages. The term "equity release", a marketing specialist's wizardry, gave the impression somehow that the public were doing themselves and their "imprisoned capital" a favor by releasing some.

Why not treat yourself and the family to a new car, boat, holiday or designer kitchen? Advertisers showed what happy people the British would become with the extra "toys".

This is what fashionable and modern trendy people do with their personal finances.

It was idiocy of course, and the British were not alone, and will not suffer alone. Live now, pay later is not a good maxim for survival.

There are no guarantees that the baht will remain strong. Thailand's export markets, including the now substantial part that flows to regional economies, is also feeling the effect of the global slowdown, but with some delay.

The year 2009 will not be an easy one for the world economy and there are no guarantees that Thailand will escape the full effects. Predictions for industries such as tourism appear dismal and previously lucrative areas, such as car and truck exports, will be significantly affected.

However, there is every likelihood that many currencies have farther to fall against the baht.

I have been preaching to individuals for about a year that the baht is likely to appreciate against the pound sterling and other major currencies. However, I have constantly heard the argument that higher interest rates prevail in the UK, and so on.

Well, simply put, current market actions is the "adjustment" that sparked worry. For foreign residents living in Thailand, it is important to have extra cash in baht, but this obviously depends on the financial position of individuals. But, it is only common sense that if you live in a country such as Thailand, especially if all capital is foreign sourced, to keep some extra in a local account.

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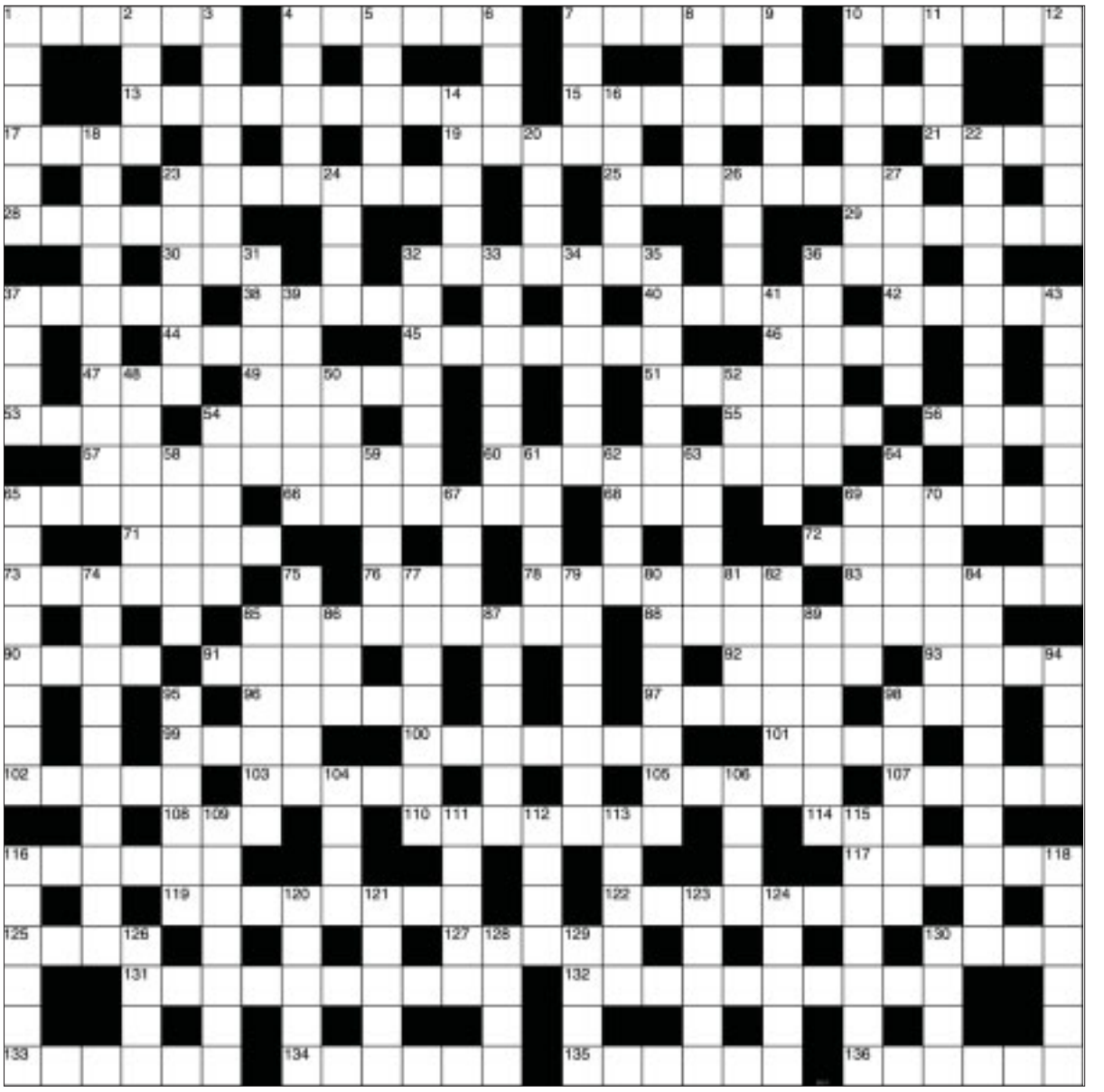

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4. Shot, …down
7. Threw (dice)
10. Bravely
13. Faxes
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17. Female spouse
19. Outlaw, …James
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32. Simmering slowly
36. One, numero…
37. Less tainted
38. Of the nose
40. Peace prize
42. Rock face recess
44. Written test
45. Constantly busy (2,3,2)
46. Feel pain
47. Little bit
49. Bereaved woman
51. Nearby
53. Be unsuccessful
54. Relinquish (land)
55. I was, you…
56. Wartime spy, …Hari
57. People's arbiter
60. Marine creatures' homes
65. Underage people
66. Taste organs
68. Blend
69. Mentions
71. London club district
72. Peru's capital
73. Actor, Warren…
76. Sink in middle
78. Captivate
83. Edges
85. War hatchet
88. Speech
90. Large planter pots
91. Mocking remark
92. Australian gem
93. Guitarist, …Clapton
96. Mexican sauce
97. Thin candle
98. Typist's complaint (1,1,1)
99. Chef's cooker
100. Artlessness
101. Costa…, Central America
102. Conservative
103. Document, Magna…
105. Bake (meat)
107. Recognized
108. Acquire
110. Photo machines
114. Tibetan ox
116. Used drinking straw
117. Eye part
119. Main meal accompaniment (4,4)
122. Improper
125. Compact …player
127. Northern sea duck
130. Please reply (1,1,1,1)
131. Unequaled quality
132. Carelessness
133. Maroon
134. Part of sentence
135. In the distance
136. Tolerate

Down

1. Tepee
2. Mouth-to-mouth, kiss of ...
3. Dismissing
4. Whinge
5. Pins for hammering
6. Prescribed amount
7. Decomposes
8. Undeveloped insect
9. Folksinger, Bob…
10. Catches up with (5,2)
11. Cups
12. Country bumpkins
14. Remove disk
16. Confine (3,2)
18. Association
20. Murdered
22. Imprecise
23. Ogled, …at
24. Intelligence
26. Lacking sensation
27. Devonshire tea items
31. Chewed like rat
32. Decelerating
33. Gush
34. Philippines celebrity, …Marcos
35. Italian dumpling dish
36. Stomach sores
37. Blow
39. In between
41. Blackboard stands
43. Stretches of land
48. Not quite
50. Protest meeting
52. Night bird
54. Undemanding (job)
58. Soup
59. Acute anxiety
61. English county
62. Indecent material
63. Strain
64. Hunks (2-3)
65. Gangsters
67. Powerful need
69. Opponent
70. Ludicrous plays
74. Hospital vehicles
75. Seaside dressing tent
77. Yearbook of forecasts
79. January celebration (3,4)
80. Duck season shooters
81. On the summit of
82. Outcasts
84. Medical care for elderly
85. Cut in two
86. Israeli port, …Aviv
87. Uphold
89. Uncommon event
94. Printed greeting
95. Ski huts
98. Positioned
104. Violently tear
106. Bullets
109. Morally uplifted
111. Fire remains
112. Made last, …out
113. Sky blue
115. Organize
116. Family cars
118. From high Swiss area
120. Kit out
121. …or outer
123. Put down ceramic slabs
124. Bet
126. Largest West Indies island
128. The… of Capri
129. Covetousness
130. Use book

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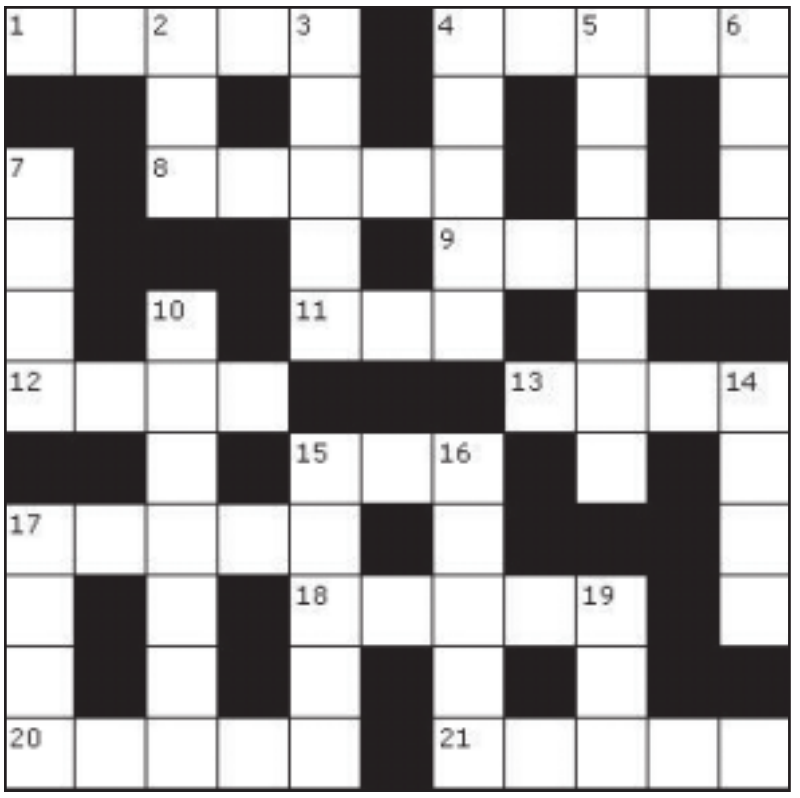

Quick Crossword

Across
1. What you do with a mouse
4. Son of God
8. Take out
9. Object
11. Set down
12. Part of lower leg
13. Percussion instrument
15. Place to sleep
17. Brick…
18. Chemical compound
20. Glitter
21. Give way

Down
2. Solid water
3. Sit for prayer
4. Breakwater
5. Old people
6. Male deer
7. King of the gods
10. Two-wheeled transport
14. Lots
15. For sweeping
16. Flower
17. Not short
19. For seeing

Solution below

Get your brain in gear with the MONSTER QUIZ

1. A dik-dik is a small what?
2. What novel made Harriet Beecher Stowe famous?
3. What is the longest athletic race in the Olympic Games?
4. In which book and film would you find the character Kunte Kinte?
5. In what book did Thomas More describe the political system of an ideal, imaginary island nation?
6. In which European country is the city of Bratislava?
7. Easter Island is a dependency of which country?
8. In 2005, who became the first cricketer to take 600 test wickets?
9. As at the year 2000, how many times have the summer Olympics been held in London?
10. Who starred in the 1985 movie *Teen Wolf*?
11. What was the name of the ship's cat in the film *Alien*?
12. What pirate sailed the ship *The Queen Anne's Revenge*?
13. What is the Japanese word for "hoorah"?
14. The name for which kind of priest means "very wise"?
15. Which sea does the Volga River flow into?
16. What mountain range is often referred to as the "backbone of Italy"?
17. Which US state capital is named after a mythical bird?
18. Which Knight of the Round Table succeeded in his quest for the Holy Grail?
19. Which religious ceremony comes from the Greek word meaning "to dip"?
20. Who owns a cat called Crookshanks?

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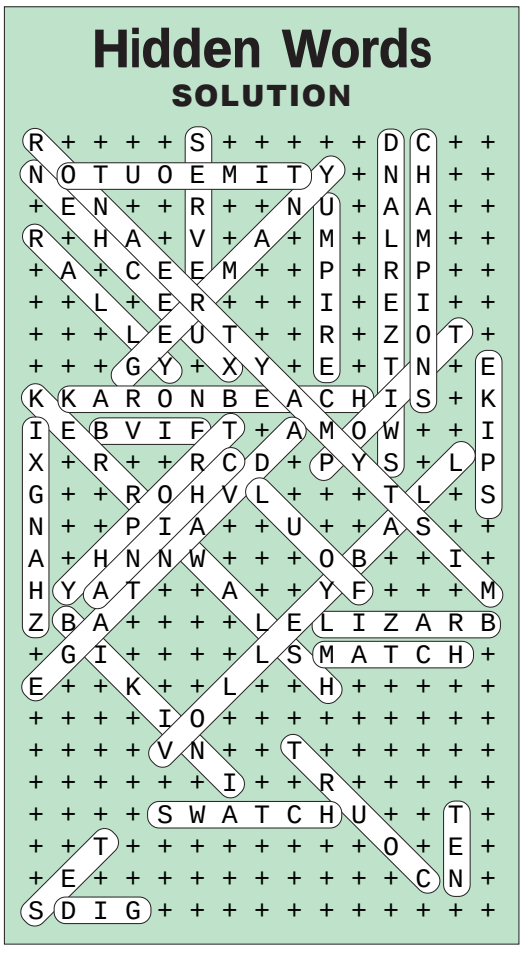
Puzzle Solutions

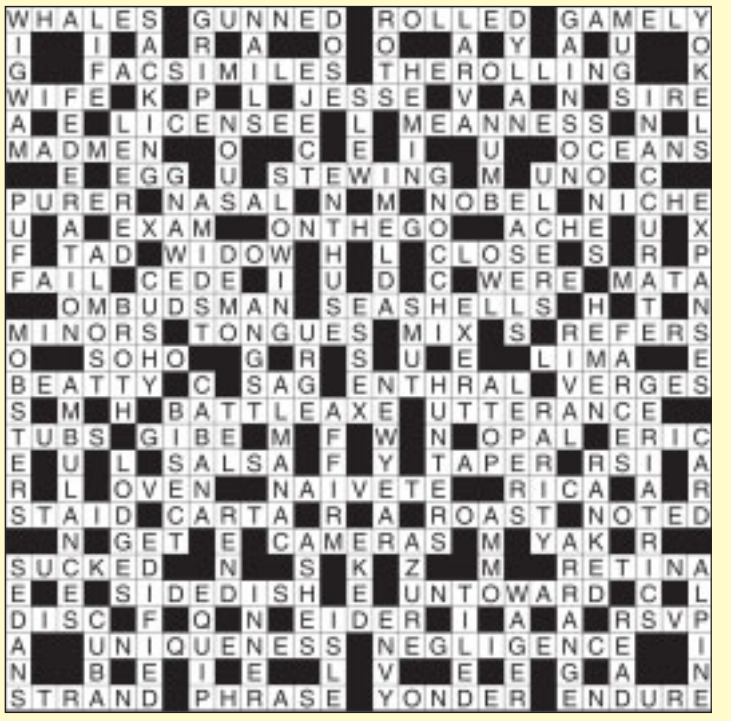
Solution to this week's Quick Crossword

Monster Quiz Answers

1. Antelope; 2. *Uncle Tom's Cabin*; 3. Men's 50km walk (31.5 miles); 4. *Roots*; 5. Utopia; 6. Slovakia; 7. Chile; 8. Shane Warne; 9. Twice; 10. Michael J Fox; 11. Jones; 12. Edward Teach (aka Blackbeard); 13. *Banzai*; 14. Druid; 15. Caspian Sea; 16. The Apennines; 17. Phoenix (Arizona); 18. Sir Galahad; 19. Baptism; 20. Hermione Granger in the *Harry Potter* series.

Hidden Words
SOLUTION





Solution to this week's BIG Crossword

Solution to this week's Sudoku puzzle

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8	5	4	3	2	9	7	1	6
6	1	9	5	4	7	3	2	8
1	9	5	8	3	2	4	6	7
2	4	8	7	5	6	9	3	1
3	6	7	4	9	1	2	8	5
4	2	1	6	7	3	8	5	9
9	7	6	2	8	5	1	4	3
5	8	3	9	1	4	6	7	2

Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

The Classic Account of the Iraq War

The best book about the Vietnam War is *Dispatches* by Michael Herr.

Published in 1977 and based on articles Herr wrote for *Esquire* magazine during a year in country, this is prose chiseled to its sharpest edge.

He immortalized both grunts and his fellow hacks, and coined such memorable lines as: "We came to cover the war, and the war covered us."

In Dexter Filkins' *The Forever War* (Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 2008, 368pp), the Iraq War has found its classic. There was plenty of superb reporting by "imbedded" journalists during the 2003 invasion, but *New York Times* correspondent Filkins stayed on for three and a half years.

He also covered Afghanistan when it was ruled by the Taliban and pushed his way into Ground Zero on September 11, 2001. More than any other journalist, Dexter Filkins has paid his dues.

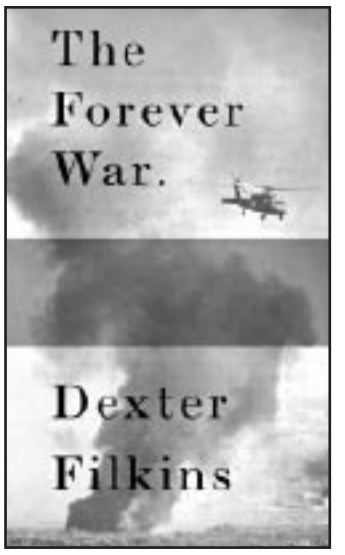
Just as on September 11, Filkins snuck his way into the opening of the Iraq war, crossing the border in a rented SUV and covering the invasion on his own.

His focus was not so much on the American troops as on the traumatized Iraqi soldiers and civilians.

The prologue has him with a platoon of Marines invading for the second time the terrorist hotbed of Falluja in November 2004.

In a mere seven pages he seizes the reader by the throat. This is a mesmerizing description of what it feels like to be under fire in a crumbling urban hell. He'll return to the battle scene much later in the book, one with a shocking, heartbreaking ending.

His prose is completely different from the careful, lavishly crafted sentences of Michael Herr, who spent years polishing *Dispatches*. Instead, his eyewitness accounts are cast in a staccato, conversational tone. In his first chapter, here is how he describes the Taliban, lords of Kabul:



"Man, they were scary. You'd see them rolling up in one of the Hi-Luxes, all jacked up, white turbans gleaming; they were the baddest asses in town and they knew it, too. One of them would be sitting across from you in a restaurant, maybe picking at a kebab, looking at you from across the centuries, kohl under his eyes, and you knew he'd just as soon kill you as look at you. Dumb as a brick, but that hardly mattered.

Great cultures are like that. Always have been. The Greeks, the Romans, the British: they didn't care what other people thought, didn't care about reasons. Just up and did it."

In Iraq he would be up against worse – much worse. Mass bombers, torturers, kidnappers and killers of children. As the atrocities mount, Filkins watches in horrified fascination.

"Some days I thought we had broken into a mental institution. One of the old ones, from the nineteenth century, where people were dumped and forgotten. It was like we had pried off the door and found all these people clutching themselves and burying their heads in the corners and sitting in their own filth.

It was useful to think of Iraq this way. It helped in your analysis. Murder and torture and sadism: it was part of Iraq. It was in people's brains."

On the other hand, he is received into people's homes with unfailing courtesy and hospitality. His driver and his interpreter save his life time and again. And he found the makings of a civil society in Iraq, shown in the astounding courage of the civilian populace in coming out to vote.

"Whenever the prospect of normalcy presented itself, a long line of Iraqis always stood up and reached for it," he writes.

"And they went to the slaughter. Thousands and thousands of them: editors, pamphleteers, judges, police officers . . . The insurgents were brilliant at that.

They could spot a fine mind or a tender soul wherever it might be, chase it down and kill it dead. The heart of a nation. The precision was astonishing."

Filkins left before the surge but he wrote prophetically about the rise of Sunni tribes against al-Qaeda terrorists.

In a recent *New York Times* story, he's revisited old battlegrounds and wrote glowingly

More on titles

What's in a title? That which we call a Ms. by any other title would smell as sweet.

Apologies to Shakespeare. I read an interesting Thai law the other day on the topic of titles for women.

As you may know, the basic titles for women in Thailand are นางสาว (naang saao) for a single woman (like Miss) and นาง (naang) for a married woman (like Mrs.).

Only, that's not quite the case. A law issued on January 31 of this year states the following:

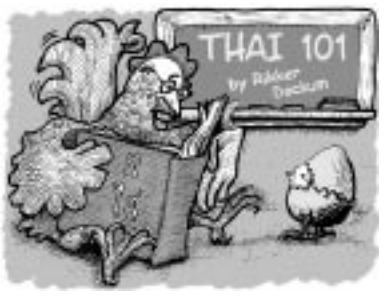
* A woman aged fully 15 years or older, who has never been married, must use the title นางสาว (naang saao).

* A married woman may use the title นาง (naang) or นางสาว (naang saao) according to her preference, by informing the local registrar.

* A married woman whose marriage later comes to an end may use the title นาง (naang) or นางสาว (naang saao) according to her preference, by informing the local registrar.

An explanatory note as to the reason for the change states: the former law "affected the daily lives of married and formerly married women, including their careers, the education of their children, and the carrying of various legal actions, which constitutes unjust sexual discrimination.

Now that's interesting. As far as I know, titles like Mr, Ms and Mrs have no legal status in the United States, where I was born. I don't know when I've used the title Mr for myself, except when doing things like applying for a visa to the Thai embassy.



Funny how that is.

In Thailand, everyone has some kind of title.

Nowadays, all men (all commoners, anyway) are นาย (naai). Girls and boys under 15 are เด็กหญิง (dek ying) and เด็กชาย (dek chaai), respectively.

Royal titles are very complex, so I'm not going to get into them here. Hereditary titles for descendants of royalty are still in use, too. These pass only through male lines. You'll see the titles หม่อมราชวงศ์(mom ratchawong), who is the child of a หม่อมเจ้า (mom chao, the lowest tier of royalty), and หม่อมหลวง (mom luang), who is the child of a male หม่อมราชวงศ์ (mom ratcha-wong).

Children of a หม่อมหลวง (mom luang) receive no title, but can append ณ อยุธยา (Na Ayuthaya, meaning "of Ayutthaya") to their name, indicating their royal lineage.

Honorific titles for woman of non-royal lineage are granted by His Majesty the King. They are ทานผู้หญิง (than phuu ying, said to be equivalent to the British title Dame) and คุณหญิง (khun ying, said to be equivalent to the British title Lady). Honorific titles for non-royal men are no longer in use.

There is still a lot of prestige attached to any of the honorific or hereditary titles. But in modern Thai society, there are other titles which will also gain you much respect, and which are available to anyone: titles of education. In particular, ดร. (Doctor, for non-medical doctorate holders) and นพ./พญ. (naai phaet and naang phaet, for men and women medical doctors) hold a lot of cachet; but also professorial titles: in descending order, ศ. (Professor), รศ. (Associate Professor), and ผศ. (Assistant Professor).

And let's not forget military and police titles. There are a large number of these, and they vary depending on the branch of the military. Wikipedia has a good rundown on these.

It is not uncommon to stack up multiple titles, either. In an extreme case, you might see ผศ.ดร.พ.ต.ต. which unravels to Assistant Professor Doctor Police Major so-and-so. Quite the mouthful.

On the news, anchors always use a person's full title at least the first time they mention a person. When you have a person with multiple titles, like Thaksin Shinawatra, they might say this: อดีตนายกรัฐมนตรี พันตำรวจโท ดอกเตอร ทักษิณ ชินวัตร (adeet nayok rattamondtree pan tamruat toh dokter): Former prime minister Police Lieutenant General Doctor Thaksin Shinawatra.

Never mind that he left the police force more than 20 years ago.

All in all, titles are far more important in Thailand than they are in my homeland. In the US, some pompous ass might correct you with "that's *Dr.* so-and-so", because he wants you to know he has a fancy degree. It's generally much less of a big deal, and (as in the case of the pompous ass) being overly showy with titles is tacky.

Back in Mother England they seem to be more important, though I have very little clue about the hierarchy involved in those. My mom says her side of the family has traced our genealogy back to Charlemagne. Probably me and 10 million other people. I don't think I'm going to inherit any titles any time soon!

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Where things stand in the U.S. Elections

No Democrat presidential candidate since Jimmy Carter in 1976 has carried North Carolina. But this southern state may turn blue this time round. North Carolina has become one of the critical battlegrounds in the election. Both John McCain and Barack Obama are scheduled to woo the crowds there over the next few days.

Political pundits in Washington, DC say the race is virtually over, with Obama commanding a lead in every poll. McCain's candidacy goes ever downward, dampened by President George W Bush's unpopularity, the questions over Sarah Palin's qualifications, and the economic crisis.

Obama's war chest gives him an edge over McCain, whose spending is limited due to the public funding requirement. Obama was reportedly planning to air half-hour prime-time campaign commercials on a few major TV networks this week, which would cost him at least $1 million per network. In comparison, the Republicans seem to have reached the end of the line financially.

Elizabeth Dole, a Republican senator who has to defend her seat against the Democrat challenger, is taking part in a bus tour to energize supporters to ask their friends to vote.

During her stop at the North Carolina Republican office last Monday, Dole worked the crowd, largely die-hard Republicans. She emphasized her experience and leadership to get the edge over Democrat challenger Kay Hagan. Dole told the crowd she was clear on what she stood for, including support for tax cuts and oil drilling.

Dole tried to boost morale, emphasizing that the race is not over, in spite of what the pollsters say. The Republican's message was that their supporters shouldn't believe in the "elitist" national press, which tended to run negative stories against McCain's ticket, such as the controversy over the US$150,000 wardrobe spending spree for Sarah Palin.

North Carolina will remain a political hotspot until election day. Republican vice presidential candidate Palin has excited the crowds, so maybe the Grand Old Party still has a chance.

Who would have thought that a state as far removed from the power centers of America could have harbored so much interest in the candidates? But Thailand and the rest of the world are far away too, and the interest levels there appear to be rising at a rate commensurate with the importance of the election outcome for the world.

– Jeerawat Na Thalang
in North Carolina

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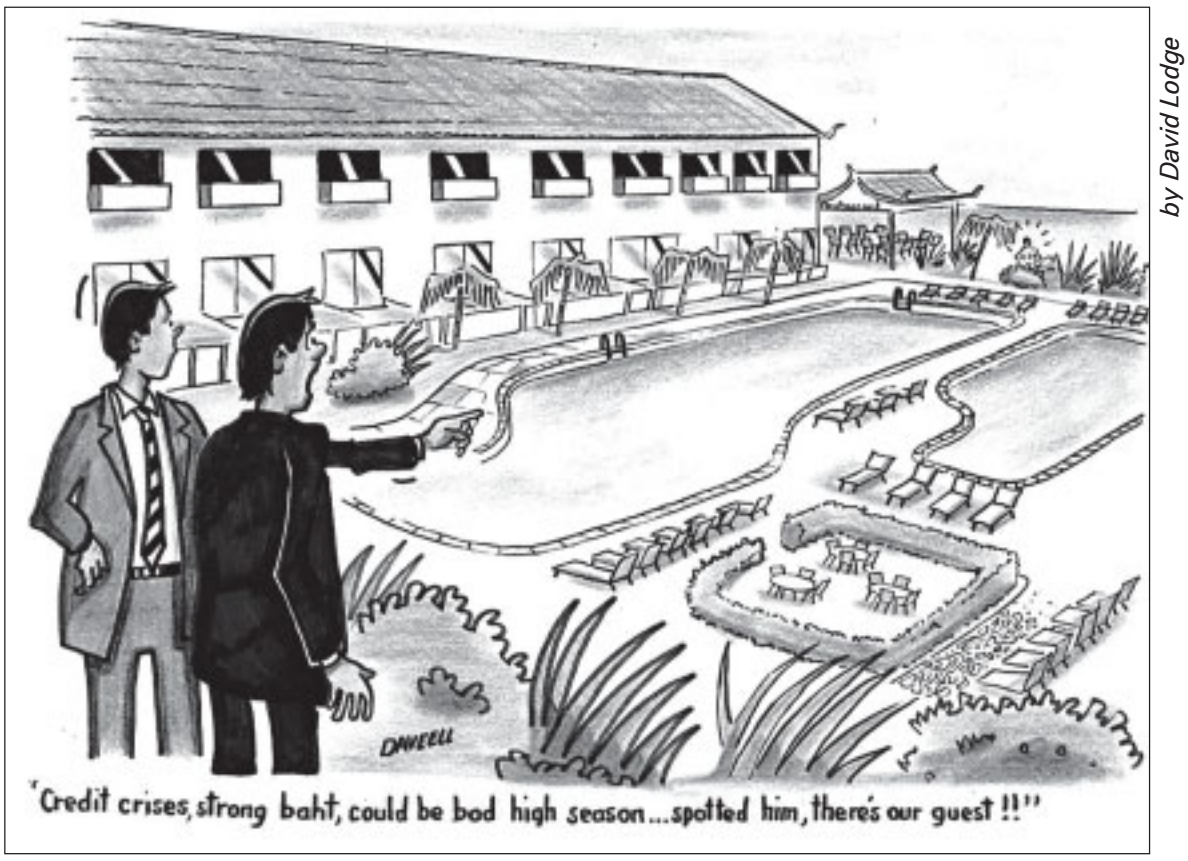

by David Lodge

Letters

The *Gazette* is pleased to receive mail from readers. Please write to us at 367/2 Yaowarat Rd, Amphur Muang, Phuket 83000, fax to 076-213971 or send an email to editor@phuketgazette.net with your views for publication in our next issue. We reserve the right to edit all letters. Pseudonyms are acceptable only if your full name and address are supplied.

Heads in the sand?

I refer to the removal of illegal buildings on Kamala Beach, as detailed on the front page of your October 18 issue.

Shortly after that, I walked along the beach. Carpenters were erecting *new* wooden buildings directly in the sand in front of the Muslim cemetery. Each week, more and more chairs and umbrellas appear. I suspect that Kamala Beach will soon rival Laem Sing and Surin beaches, which are lined end-to-end with chairs and umbrellas. At high tide on a sunny day, there's just no space left for those wanting to lay a sarong on the sand.

I read in your article that the authorities removed these structures because they were illegal. So how can such structures be allowed to return within weeks? The police station is only 200m away!

In a land where 'face' is everything, I suggest the local authorities have totally lost theirs. Tonight, I shall write a letter in Thai to our local *OrBorTor*, informing them of the return of the buildings they so recently demolished just in case they've not yet noticed.

Beach Bum
Kamala

Tips for tourists

Preecha Sawadi [Letters, *Gazette* of October 18-24] seems to misunderstand the tourists of Phuket when he writes to complain about the tipping habits of farang here. As far as I can tell, the majority of visitors to Phuket are Australians, and we do not usually tip at home either. My Lonely Planet guide also tells me that "Tipping is not routine in Thailand," so I assumed that to be the case. Mr Sawadi is doubtless influenced by his years in America, but he should rest assured that we are not being more stingy to Thais than we are to Australians. We're just behaving the same way we do at home.

Heather Shortridge
Aussie in Patong

Oft-repeated lament

Further to your interview last week with Paiboon Upatising, President of the Phuket Provincial Administration Organisation, I couldnt help but note the oft-repeated lament that the Bangkok Central Government severely under-funds Phuket. If that's really the case, then why is rampant construction allowed to continue in the absence of any incremental upgrading of Phuket's infrastructure?

Over the past four years in the Sai Yuan area alone, there are still houses being constructed at an alarming rate, notwithstanding the fact that only one of the sois in my area is paved with concrete. Yet there's a clear trend to throw up these great hideous multi-story 'condos' with no regard for the deprivation of natural light to the adjoining homes, and no consideration given as to where all the cars and motorbikes will be parked. Will it be on these very narrow dirt roads?

Why is there no zoning in place for the construction of houses and commercial condos?

Tamsin Stead
Phuket

No 'real' policemen?

Last Saturday (Oct. 25), I went to Patong with a couple of friends. On approaching Soi Bangla from the beach road we saw again (and I repeat AGAIN) a man holding a very young gibbon who showed some clear signs of distress. I immediately went to the police box at the Bangla intersection, only to find some Tourist Police Volunteers.

Their reaction was like they didn't care at all. "Its illegal, but its not enforced," one said. Another opined that, "We can't do anything; this is Thailand."

I understand that these volunteers have no authority to do much about it, but they could have sent a real policeman to confiscate the gibbon. This seemed to be impossible too, because, "These guys have powerful friends."

An attitude like this is really disgusting. So is taking a gibbon out of the wild, killing the mother and showing it to gullible tourists who then smile for photo opportunities. When will action be taken?

Manu Alders
Phuket

Nof Nop needed now!

One day I was walking on Nai Harn Beach and I saw a lot of garbage on the white sand. So I would like people to start cleaning up any plastic or garbage on the beach. Do you know the Rawai Progressive International School (R.P.I.S.)?

The school just started to use a NOF NOP sign. NOF NOP stands for No Foam No Plastic. This trash does not disintegrate. So whenever you are walking on the beach or swimming, always carry a plastic bag with you so you can pick up the trash. Try to recycle what you pick up. Even though the bag you use is plastic, just make sure you throw it out too. So please help keep the beaches clean. Thank you.

Kaya Freeman (Age 8)
Grade 4, R.P.I.S.

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Speaking on ties with Thais

FIRST PERSON

United States Embassy Bangkok spokesman Michael Turner visited Phuket last week on a tour of the region after recently taking up his new post as Press Attaché. While in Phuket, Mr Turner took the opportunity to remind US citizens residing or vacationing on the island of the range of services that the US Embassy provides, and to encourage people to register with the embassy.

The first port of call for US citizens seeking help with embassy services, including passport applications, travel advisories or even voting in the presidential election, should be the US Embassy website: www.bangkok.usembassy.gov

Furthermore, I recommended that all US citizens residing or holidaying on the island register with the US Embassy. The benefits of this are very clear. Once registered, people can learn more about the Embassy's Consular Outreach activities, receive the latest important travel advisories, and, in the event of any emergency, be contactable through Embassy staff by their families back home.

The Embassy in Bangkok regularly receives frantic calls from concerned friends and relatives back in the States, so I'd like to stress the benefits to US citizens of making themselves reachable in times of need.

America and Thailand are this year celebrating 175 years of bi-lateral ties and we consider the on-going relationship very important. In fact, our relationship with Thailand was the first to be established in the region; before ties were ever solidified with countries such as Japan, India and China. Thailand is our most important ally in the region. The USA and Thailand enjoy strong bilateral ties across many sectors, including law-enforcement, science, the military and education.

Many Americans back home do not fully appreciate what a wonderful country Thailand is, not only as a place to visit, but also as a place to do business.

The US Embassy in Bangkok is one of the largest in the world. This is due to Thailand's position as a regional hub and the highly integrated relationship between Thailand and the US. Thailand was the first Asian country to sign the Treaty of Amity and Commerce with the US 175 years ago.

The Thai-US relationship is not only about signing treaties. It is about being here for Americans, and as such, our consular activities are a large part of what we do.

The Embassy can even provide a free postal service for US citizens in Thailand wishing to cast their ballot in the forthcoming US Presidential election. Even though the election is only a few days away (November 4), US citizens abroad, depending on which state they are registered in, may still be able to post their ballots in time.

Many states will still accept absentee ballots via post, as long as the postal stamp is dated before the day of the election. Moreover, if a US citizen does not have a ballot, they can can download a 'federal' ballot form from the Embassy's website. However, whilst a great deal can now be done online, there are still a few things, such as the processing of new passports, that will necessitate a trip to the Embassy in Bangkok.

Regarding the ongoing race for the White House, whichever candidate emerges victorious, from whichever party, I do not expect there to be any change in the relationship between the US and Thailand. Thailand is our oldest ally in South-East Asia.

Apart from the US Embassy in Bangkok, there is a consulate in Chiang Mai.

However, our Consular Outreach service is another way that people can obtain consular services locally.

The most recent Consular Outreach service in Phuket took place last month. Although I can not say for sure when the next Consular Outreach service is coming to Phuket, those who register themselves with the embassy will be the first to know.

There are two distinct sides to the Public Affairs section of the Embassy in which I am based.

There is the cultural side, which covers areas such as education, exchange programs and the co-ordination of artistic and entertainment activities. And then there is the press side, which is staffed by one of the largest media units in South-East Asia. The press section also houses the Information Resource Center (IRC), which provides services for people of any nationality who might have a question about the US Government. This used to be a physical library full of books, but it has become a virtual library. The IRC can be contacted by phone, via the web or by email.

Let's say someone has a question about the eighteenth amendment and they want to know how that works with the US Constitution. That information can be found at the IRC in the form of 'electronic librarians'.

I must stress that there are only benefits for US citizens abroad who register with the embassy.

They needn't worry about their private information being shared with other government departments, as we operate independently from them.

A Conversation with Death

At exactly three-thirty in the morning, I was awoken by the sound of a loud banging on my bedroom window. I was certain it was three-thirty because my clock is broken and always says three-thirty.

Me: Who is it? What do you want?

Death: Let me in! It's freezing out here!

Me: Who are you? Go away. You know what time it is?

Death: Open the window! I think this drainpipe is going to give way. You should really get this fixed. This place will never sell.

Me: How did you get out there? This is the eighteenth floor.

Death: I climbed up the drainpipe, which is really disgusting by the way. I have got moss all over my trousers. You should take better care of your place. Now let me in. These blisters are killing me.

I open the window and a large cloaked figured falls into the room, crashing head-first into the bedside table.

Death: Jesus that hurt! I think I have broken my arm.

Me: What are you doing in my apartment?

Death: Does that look straight to you? I think it's broken.

Me: Get out!

Death: Are you kidding? I just got here. What a night!

Me: What do you want?

Death: What do think I want? I'm Death. Take a wild guess.

Me: Me? You want me? Forget it. I'm not ready to go. I've just bought season tickets to the opera. Anyway, I'm not sick. I've never felt better.

Death: Can we talk about this on the way because I am running a little late. So, if you wouldn't mind getting a move on, we had better get going.

Me: How do I know you're Death? And why did you come in through the window? Why not just take the elevator?

Death: I wanted to make an entrance. You know, like Dracula.

Me: I don't believe you. You're not death. How do I know you're not just a burglar?

Death: A burglar! How dare you. Wow, you really know how to hurt a guy's feelings. Feel this cloak. Pure velveteen.

Me: Look, I didn't mean to hurt your feelings. But today's not good for me. Could you come back next week? How's Wednesday?

Death: No, I can't come back. I am running a tight ship here. And do have any idea how far it is? I had to change trains three times and then take a cab just to get here.

Me: Look, I'll pay you if you'll come back next week.

Death: Do I look like I need the money? Did you feel these trousers? This is Saville Row. Top quality rayon. You have a lot to learn. You ready?

Me: You play chess?

Death: What? Sure, I love a good game of chess. But we really don't have time. Maybe some other time.

Me: Some other time?

Death: Good point. Let's get going.

Me: I'll make you a deal.

Death: A deal? What kind of deal?

Me: If I win, you come back next week.

Death: And if I win?

Me: If you win, I'll come with you now, no argument.

Death: No argument?

Me: Promise.

Death: Okay, you're on. I'm black.

Death and I start playing chess. Death is not a very good player and I win the game in less than five minutes.

Death: Best of three?

Me: What?

Death: I got confused. I thought we were playing checkers. But I am okay now. I'm black. Take it away.

We play again. This time, Death loses in under three minutes and is visibly upset.

Death: That was much closer. I think there's something wrong with these pieces. Best of five?

Me: See you next week.

Death: Are you sure? I'll take white.

Me: Mind the drain-pipe.

Death: Got any spare opera tickets?

Me: And close the window on your way out.

Death: I'll be seeing you next week. Don't wait up.

Me: I'll leave the window open.

Death: You sure you'll be here?

Me: Of course.

Death: Don't you be thinking about running away now. You can't hide from me. I've got air miles.

Me: I swear on my mother's life I'll be here.

Death: You swear on your mother's life? She died ten years ago.

Me: How do you know that?

Death: What's wrong with you? Do I look like the hotel receptionist?

Me: Sorry, I forgot. Okay, I swear on the life of the guy in 12B.

Death: He alive?

Me: Sure he is. He does 'pilates'.

Death: You swear on his life. You want to do that, me being death and all?

Me: No problem.

Death: Poor guy.

Me: He'll be okay

Death: How can you be so sure?

Me: He's really good at chess.

In The Stars — by Isla Star

SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): Your hot temper could result in bridges being burned this week. Those born under the sign of Scorpio who have begun to feel the pressure at work are advised to chill out at a spa this weekend. An Arian friend would appreciate being asked to accompany you, but Taurus is tiring of your impatient attitude. Those due to celebrate a birthday during the coming days will see one special dream fulfilled in the year ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): Your positive attitude is a magnet this week. Sagittarians who have been leading a solitary existence recently will flourish in the company of old friends and new acquaintances. Those who are single will particularly enjoy meeting a lively Libran this weekend. If you're already spoken for, your partner has a big surprise in store. Money matters gradually improve during November, but one financial obligation drains your resources more than expected.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): November is forecast to be a pivotal month for those born under the sign of Capricorn. Where work is concerned, you will be presented with an attractive choice of new employment possibilities, one of which appears this week. Stall before accepting, as an old colleague offers a more interesting alternative by the middle of the month. On the romantic front, Aries would like to become an anchor in your life.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): There is a fine line between breaking rules and bending them as November begins. Aquarians' tendency to overlook possible consequences could land them in a stressful situation, particularly on Monday. Towards the middle of the month, the atmosphere becomes more straightforward and progress in business is then better highlighted. This weekend you leave your usual social landscape to explore farther afield. The number four can bring good luck on Wednesday.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Your willingness to assist others should be curbed. Pisceans are advised to take care of their own problems before offering a helping hand. Money matters are affected by an uncertain astral atmosphere during the beginning of November, so investments should be put on hold. Someone born under the sign of Aquarius is impressed by your life skills and would like to learn more. Wear the color purple to attract more excitement.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): Walking on eggshells is the recommended way for Arians this week. Making too many demands could upset others, particularly when discussing new employment prospects midweek. Romance continues to be ambiguous, but nonetheless enjoyable, if you can just live in the moment. Where money is concerned, an attractive savings plan recommended by a sensible Sagittarian friend is well worth thinking about. The number nine can bring good fortune on Tuesday.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): Pouring out your heart could work to your advantage this week. Taureans who are tired of being taken for granted in a relationship will finally find the power to change the situation. New beginnings are strongly highlighted during the first half of November, which is the ideal time to embark on a new fitness regime or make other lifestyle changes. Aquarius offers food for thought this weekend.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Hesitation could cause you to lose out on a desirable opportunity early next week. Geminis are predicted to be slower than usual during the first part of November, but this change of pace will probably be welcomed by those close to you. If you're single and looking for love, Cupid is ready to encourage a liaison with Scorpio. Trying to make an impression on Pisces is a waste of energy.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): Cancerians struggling with debts receive surprisingly good news this week. Help is forecast to arrive from an unexpected source and you can look forward to other opportunities to solve your financial troubles later in November.

On a personal level, a secret shared by Leo is the tip of an iceberg, and you will benefit by not discovering more. Romance finally begins to flow more smoothly in a direction that suits you.

LEO (July 24-August 22): There is magic in the air for Leos this week – a taste of things to come. As the month of November passes, problems relating to relations and home should dissolve. Relationships that were broken earlier this year are forecast to be re-ignited and a family reunion could make this Christmas one to remember. The only dampener during the coming days could occur on Monday when a colleague stirs up trouble.

VIRGO (August 23-September 23): Your energy levels benefit from indulging in outdoor pursuits this weekend. Blowing away the cobwebs is exactly what jaded Virgoans need. By Monday, you should be ready to deal with whatever is in store. This is forecast to take the form of some pressure at work when deadlines are brought forward. November has the potential to be the most productive month of the year. It all depends on how far you're prepared to push yourself.

LIBRA (September 24-October 23): In general, this should be a good week for Librans, but those who are vulnerable at the moment may experience an emotional roller-coaster. The arrival of Capricorn on the social scene can cause a shadow to fall on your romantic aspirations. Success in business takes your mind off this affair after Tuesday, but much more can be achieved if you keep your mind focused. Wear the color peach to encourage a more positive outlook.

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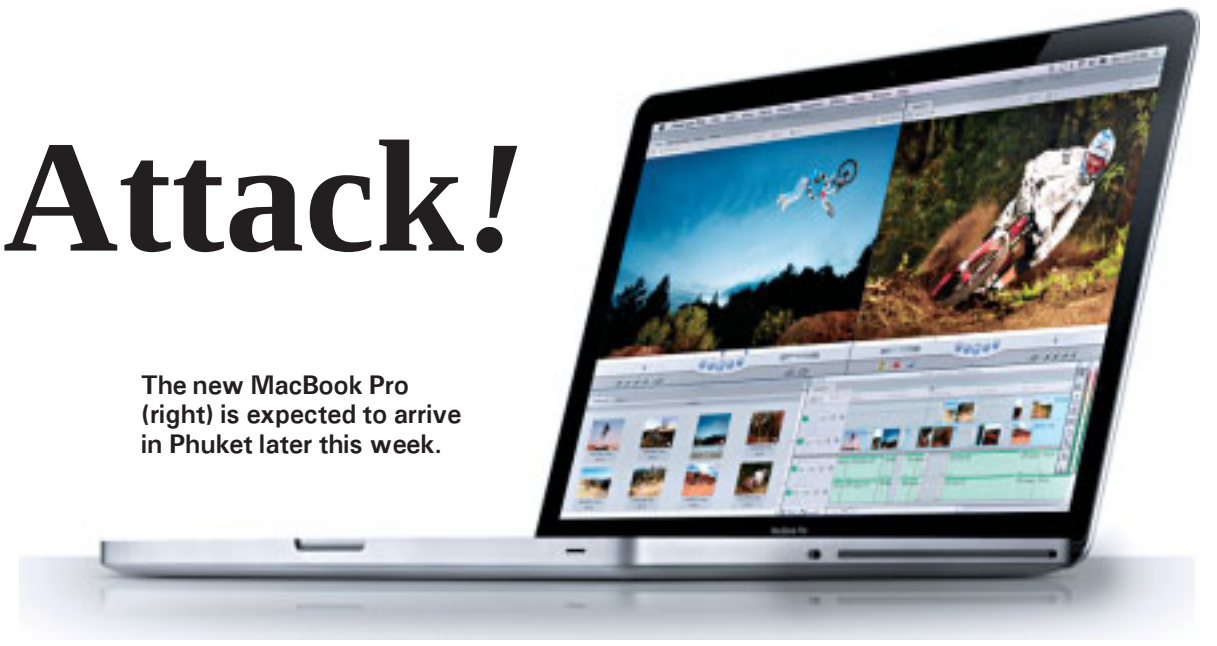

The new MacBook Pro (right) is expected to arrive in Phuket later this week.

The iPod Nano (below) is now available in nine colors.

Phuket Alpha, the owner of iStudio Premium Reseller for Apple, located in Central Festival, is expected to take delivery later this week of the new MacBook Pro.

This latest incarnation of the MacBook Pro will sport a new one-piece aluminium casing, making it stronger and improving heat dissipation.

Added to this will be an improved display, a second graphics card and an upgraded GDDR3 memory.

Phuket Alpha spokeswoman Ms Apasara told the *Gazette* that iStudio intends to take delivery of approximately five units next week.

Prices for the new MacBook Pro are set to start at 73,900 baht.

The new line of MacBooks will also incorporate the new one-piece 'unibody' aluminium casing and will include additional refinements, such as an added graphics card and, for the entry level Macbook, an upgrade from a 'combo' drive to 'super' drive, enabling DVD writing.

Prices for the cheapest new MacBook will also be lower than before, weighing in at a sprightly 37,900 baht, down from 38,900 baht.

The top level MacBook, however, is markedly pricier than it used to be, coming in at 59,900 baht, up from 53,500 baht.

This increase is driven largely by the upgrade of the graphics card.

Which color would you like?

The new, redesigned iPod Nano-chromatic, now available in nine different colors and featuring a new curved aluminium and glass design, is already on sale in Phuket.

However, iStudio's best selling iPod continues to be the iPod Touch, the new version of which includes a built-in speaker and a new operating system, which will allow you to download games from Apple's iTunes App Store (www.apple.com/iphone/appstore) which can be played on the iPod Touch itself.

Ms Apasara added that iStudio will also take delivery this month of Apple's new headphones, compatible with all iPods, which will offer voice recording in addition to playback.

What about the iPhone?

Is it on the way to Phuket?

When asked about the prospect of Apple making its vastly popular iPhone available in Thailand, Khun Aspara commented that Phuket Alpha had received no such indication from Apple.

For the foreseeable future, the only iPhones available in Thailand would be those sold in what she termed, "the grey market".

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PATONG DARTS LEAGUE

PATONG: In one of the tightest finishes on record, league leaders Piccadilly shared the spoils 5-5 with second-place Queen Mary in the final week of action.

The draw was enough to seal the league title for Piccadilly by just three points, and to bring the curtain down on an undefeated season.

Two-time defending champions Queen Mary delivered strong performances by Steen, Joy and Mitch. Ulf threw the championship winning dart for Piccadilly.

Teammate Steve salvaged the draw, checking out the beer leg for Piccadilly with a d10.

Hilltop won the beer leg, ending the season on 67 points, leaving Simply Red stranded on 66 points and saddled with the dubious honor of becoming the proud new owners of three toilet seats

The Cock-Well Inn (89 Nanai Road - close to Market Bar) and Boozers bar (on Phisit Gorani Rd - opposite Monte's) have joined the league.

The Sick Buffalo crew will remain in the league, but with a change of name and venue.

The Sick Buffalo has now morphed into the Skinny Dog, and will be playing out of a doghouse located at 47 Nanai Rd. All of which means the new league, which starts November 4, will consist of 13 teams.

The new points system will stay, but the game format will change to: 2 triples, 3 doubles, 6 singles, plus beer leg. Matches will be for 12 points. The league party was held at Piccadilly on October 28 and the new league will kick off on November 4.

October 21 results: Piccadilly* 4 Queen Mary 5; Market Bar 6 Offshore* 3; Amigos 7 Sick Buffalo* 2; Beach House 3 Shakers* 6; Simply Red 5 Hilltop* 4; Celtic bye. (* = winner of beer leg)

Final Standings: 1. Piccadilly (140 points); 2. Queen Mary (137); 3. Offshore (131); 4. Market Bar (118); 5. Shakers (100); 6. Sick Buffalo (94); 7. Beach House (85); 8. Celtic (81); 9. Amigos (81); 10. Hilltop (67); 11. Simply Red (66).

Beer Legs: 1. Piccadilly (17); 2. Offshore (16); 3. Queen Mary (13); 4.= Market Bar, Sick Buffalo (12); 6.= Shakers, Celtic (9); 8. Beach House (8); 9. Amigos (7); 10. Simply Red (4); 11. Hilltop (3).

November 4 match-ups: Queen Mary v Beach House; Offshore v Cock-Well Inn; Market Bar v Simply Red; Shakers v Amigos; Skinny Dog v Hilltop; Celtic v Boozers Bar; Piccadilly bye; (Home teams first). Send match notes to: darts@phuketgazette.net

Phuket volleyball team wins gold in Malaysia

PATONG: In The Straits Games 2008 volleyball competition held in Kuala Lumpur, the Phuket team captured the gold medal, with Phuket's Apinum Ketmat winning the 'Most Valuable Player' award.

The Straits Games (TSG) started out as a friendly sports gathering in 2002 between the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities from Singapore and Malaysia.

The aim of the annual event was to foster friendship, promote a healthy lifestyle, and raise awareness of HIV/AIDS.

Over the ensuing years it expanded to include participants from other Asian countries such as Thailand, Hong Kong and Japan.

Phuket hosted the games in 2006 and 2007, and the 2009 games are slated to be held in Taiwan.

In the 2008 event, the participating nations competed, in addition to volleyball, in tennis, squash, badminton and bowling.

The 12-member Thai team, captained by Surasak Pinkaew, was sponsored by Nestor Promotions, Club One Seven, Blue Dolphin, Baan Nang Fa & Fong Kaew Mansion, Khun Arnaud, Tangmo Club, Hiranyika Spa with Men in Mind, Boat Bar, Khun Sak's Phuket Gym, Connect Guesthouse, Sundowner Bar, Nanai Sports Bar, JB Bar, Khun Stanley & Sumit, Deampsey Bar, Time Bar, Papa John, and Flying Handbag.

The competiton attracted a record number of contestants from Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Taiwan and first-time participants the Philippines.

Following the sporting festivities, club parties were held in Kuala Lumpur for the participants, supporters and volunteers.

The Opening Night, held at Oblique on October 11, kicked off with a high-energy performance from the Cheerleader Group and included a special appearance by "Phuket Sisters", Helena & Ong.

Prince World KL sponsored the party nights, with the designated theme of Sporty Boyz. A Recovery Party, held following the Gala dinner, was held at Maison Club on October 12.

The ever popular Gala Dinner was another event not to be missed.

Guests at the 'White' themed event, held in the Mega View Banquet Hall of the KL Tower, were treated to entertaining performances against a backdrop of spectacular views of the Kuala Lumpur cityscape. In keeping with tradition, most of the participating countries provided special performances on the night.

Lala Kroft, a Malaysian diva, squeezed her watermelon to the delight of the rapt audience. The Philippines' show comprised a homemade video and dance performance.

The Hong Kong Team also put on an innovative show, and, last but not least, there was an eye-catching performance from Thailand Divas from the Boat Bar.

TSG has become a popular event to host, with two countries, Taiwan and Singapore, having already tendered their bids to host the tournament in 2009.

After much discussion, though, it was decided that next year would be Taiwan's.

Phuket International Soccer 7s draws record entry

PHUKET: The Phuket International Soccer 7s will be celebrating its 6th anniversary when it returns to the island this November. Such is the popularity of the tournament that this year the organizers have had to divide it into two separate competitions, which will be held over consecutive weekends.

The Andaman International Soccer 7s will run over the weekend of November 22-23, with the Phuket International Soccer 7s taking place over the following weekend.

With each competition consisting of both "open" and "veteran" categories, tournament organizer Alain Brulfert is expecting up to 70 teams from 17 countries to be vying for honors over the course of the two events.

Among the many teams taking part in the Phuket International 7s will be the Marseille Allstars, a team consisting entirely of former players of famous French Ligue 1 side Olympique Marseille. Also taking to the park that weekend will be Team Bondi, an outfit made up exclusively of veteran players of the Australian national team.

The tournaments are sponsored by True Visions, Bangkok Hospital Phuket, the Phuket Gazette, Coca Cola and McDonalds.

For more information on the Phuket International 7s, contact tournament organizer Alain Brulfert at Tel: 086-999 8839, or by mail to alain@thai7s.com.

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The architectural philosophy of the development, which was completed in June, is minimalist simplicity in the all white, all glass, multi-level three- and four-bedroom residences.

The home's luxury facilities include en-suite bathrooms for each bedroom, a modern fully-fitted European kitchen adjacent to a spacious living area equipped with home theater, and dining areas.

The kitchen is equipped with Franke fittings, a SMEG hob, a built-in fridge, dishwasher, washing machine and tumble dryer.

All floors have wide balconies and floor-to-ceiling glass walls which ensure that each room has a view of the bay. Electronic sunscreens and curtains add a hi-tech element to the living area, master bedroom and guest room.

The property also features a wide range of built-in security features, including an intruder alarm system, an electronic garage door, CCTV (cameras at the entrance, back door, swimming pool and living area) and a Australian-made Clipsal remote lighting system, allowing the home's lighting to be controlled from hi-tech wall panels.

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Construction **Software Park**

Phuket's first purpose-built software park to house environmentally friendly businesses

PHUKET: Blue Lagoon Phuket has hired Muang Eak Co Ltd to construct the "Phuket Software Park", an environmentally friendly project which is to occupy 50 rai of land near the northbound lane Chao Fa West Road about one kilometer north of Kajonkiet-suksa School.

The park will consist of three buildings, all with distinctive, modern designs.

Structural work on the first building, covering 250 square meters, has already been completed.

It will serve as a showroom for cutting-edge, environmentally-friendly technology for the medical industry.

The second three-story structure, to occupy some 930 sqm, will have a ground floor housing a variety of technology shops and a canteen.

The middle level will serve as a displaying area for medical software technology, while the top floor will be dedicated to staging special events.

Foundation work on the third building, a seven-story apartment block, is scheduled to begin next year.

Sompong Harinanon, Managing Director of Muang Eak Co Ltd, told the *Gazette* that project work on the first building started on June 1 and should be completed by end of November.

Additionally, Blue Lagoon Phuket has plans to open car showrooms promoting green technology employed by European automakers, including Mercedes-Benz and Citroen.

RIGHT: The first of the three Phuket Software Park buildings features a pair of high, overlapping roof structures.

When interior work is complete, it will serve as a medical technology showroom.

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Dated decor items add a touch of regional color

Phuket's ever-increasing influx of new residents continues to fuel the construction of new residential projects all over the island.

This in turn has provided significant opportunities for a number of ancillary services, not least of which is interior decoration.

One of the more interesting home décor stores to have entered the fray is Prichachan Antique of Art, which stocks a wide range of interesting items and is located on the first floor of the recently-opened Homeworks.

The shop possesses an eclectic assortment of antiquities from China, Burma and from all over Thailand. The shop's owner, Aumnad Prichachan is continuing the business that his family started in Sukhotai many years ago.

In addition to scouring the region for interesting artifacts, Mr Aumnad uses his own designs, working from printed copies of ancient Buddha images and then carving the pieces out of wood. He also makes pieces to order, according to the specific requirements of the customer.

Prichachan Antique of Art counts some of Phuket's most prestigious hotels among its clients, as well as many buyers from overseas.

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PROPERTY WATCH

By Bill Barnett

The Ugly American

Some see America as the big bad puppet master in a sinister plot to control free-market enterprise, and as being solely responsible for the sub-prime crisis and ensuing credit crunch. But it's not all doom and gloom for Phuket's property market, which looks set to weather the storm. Photograph by Toby Ord.

The goblins of 'Black October' are upon us, and while Halloween looms like a bad joke, the world has been struck by a wave of panic and fear reaching nearly every nook and cranny of the planet.

I was standing in line at the airport a few days ago clutching my travel documents when a fellow traveler eyed the words 'United States of America' on my passport; and launched into a ferocious tirade about how I, along with my compatriots, had pushed the world into a global recession that was now teetering on the very fringe of ending civilization as we know it.

As it was an early morning flight I ignored him, moved up in the queue, and retreated to a welcome café latte in order to more adequately reflect upon my own key role in the market meltdown.

Without a doubt, the sub-prime crisis and ensuing credit crunch were the unseen hands of an anonymous hit man who pulled the trigger of a shot heard round the world.

But let's face it: While for the past 30-40 years America has been the Chairman of the Board in the theater of free market enterprise, though this is a big-budget picture with a cast of hundreds spanning a multitude of countries from A to Z. While the US role is undeniable, its role as puppet master looks to be slightly overblown.

While we Americans are undeniably savvy, we simply aren't smart enough to have total control in some sinister plot akin to those unnamed evil powers in a James Bond film.

Take one look at our President; he speaks volumes about our nation's 'best and brightest' tagline.

All jokes aside, the fallout within the Phuket property market, together with the impact on the development and associated industries from external events, is very real. Jobs will be lost, livelihoods affected, and companies closed.

These are grim realities that no one can deny. For many foreigners who have moved to the island to develop property or invest, early retirement has been moved back off the horizon and the future is as unclear as a Sunday morning hangover.

Local Thais have found themselves in the same fuzzy netherworld as well, and in many ways will be harder hit than the foreigners. One thing for certain is that we're all in the same boat on this one, adrift in a sea of uncertainty.

I was at a hotel investment conference in Hong Kong recently with one of the region's most well respected risk analysts doing a country-by-country knock-down on prospects going into, and coming out of, the looming recession.

The comments on Thailand, while personally disappointing, echoed the stark truth of the moment. As most of Asia's countries are fervently working on economic, banking and inflationary reforms, the government here has its head so deeply buried in political infighting that there is little-to-no recognition of what's happening outside its boundaries (with the exception of flying bullets in Cambodia). It's like a deer in the headlights of a speeding car on a dark country road. Unfortunately, all we can do now is root for the deer.

Economic policy has to be high on the agenda and we can only retain hope that some sanity will prevail.

Issues such as letting the baht devalue in order to spur exports may look good at face value, but ultimately hyper inflation will counteract any positives from such a policy.

The existing plan on government bank deposit insurance, which currently stands at 100 million baht per account, with the amount to be reduced over a five-year period to only one million baht in 2013, remains a key concern.

Warren Buffett has garnered headlines in taking personal risk and investing a large portion of his personal net worth into quality stocks in the US.

While it's common to hear that hording cash is the best and safest bet for now, new economic reforms will, without a doubt, erode the value of cash. Those holding it may be liquid, but the value of cash could potentially decrease at a rate far greater then other alternative investment.

As to where this entire story is leading in the context of prospects for the property market, I believe that solid property investments remain as secure as anything out there.

For existing purchasers, now is the moment to keep your nerve. It's not a time to drop your pants and run for the hills. It's easy to panic and try to sell your real estate for a fraction of what you paid, but for the moment, prices, on the whole, are not dropping.

Fire sales only create poor sentiment and a chain of reactions that get the industry nowhere. We've seen what the herd mentality has brought to Wall Street, yet in most cases taking a longer term, more pragmatic approach would help investors retain capital values.

For those holding cash, it might well be an opportunity to capture substantial upside and diversify investment risk across the board. Certainly the long-term fundamentals of Phuket and Thailand in general remain the same as what drew us here in the first place. It remains a good place to weather out the storm and prosper.

As for the guy at the check-in counter at the airport, perhaps his rhetoric would have been more suitable for a bar, which is where he might be headed to nurse his miseries while stock portfolios continue to tank. Maybe for him property would have been a wiser investment.

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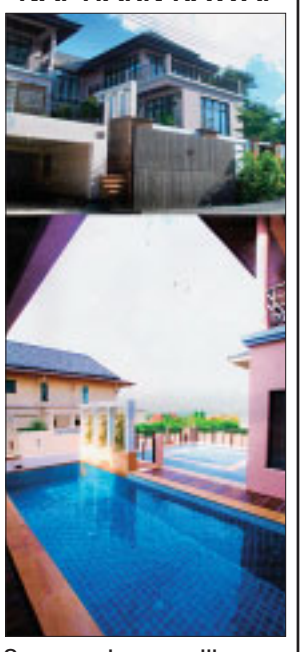

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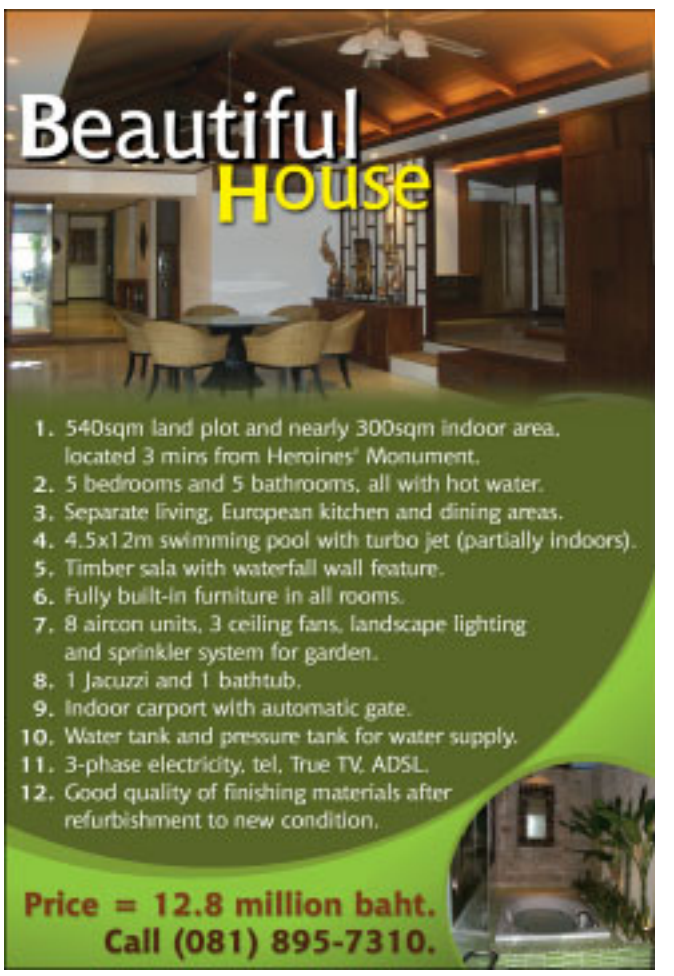

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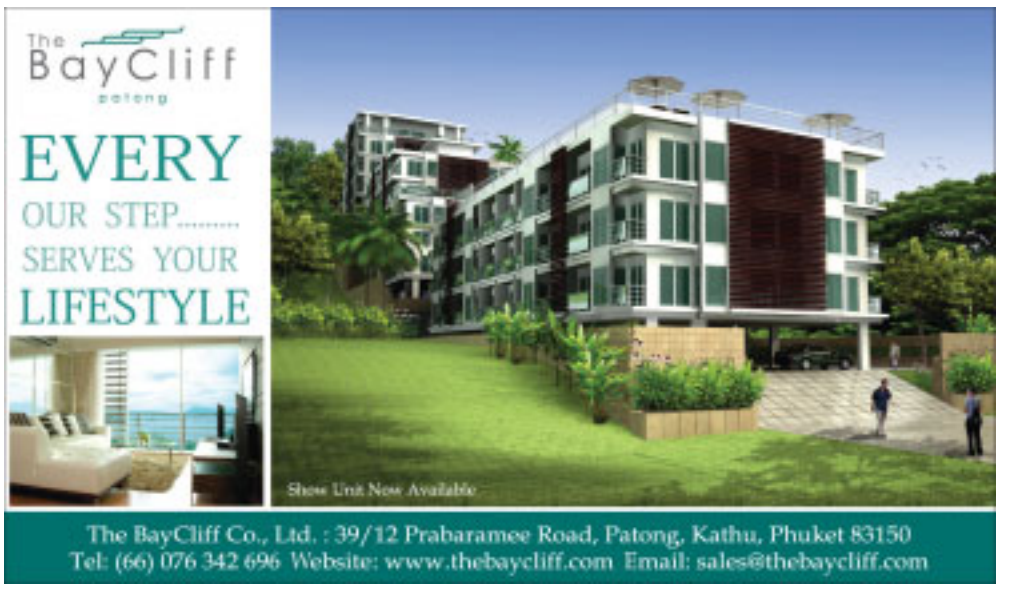

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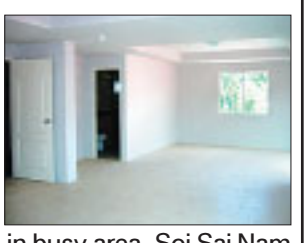

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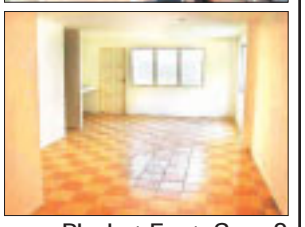

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Property Gazette

Properties For Rent

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HOUSE, TALANG

for rent. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, covered parking, garden, quiet soi/gated, part/full furnished: 10,000 baht per month, Pa Khlok, Talang. Tel: 085-0691327, 084-626-7730.

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for rent/sale. Fully furnished. Villa 3, Soi 8/1, 70/76. Good price, private area, 65sq wah. Tel: 081-537 6045.

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LUXURY TOWNHOUSE

for rent in Kata Beach. Panoramic sea view, three- and one-bedroom apartments, fully furnished, swimming pool, available for short- and long-term rentals. Please contact: (Eng): 081-415 7774, (Thai): 086-952 2070.

HOUSE IN CHALONG

for rent near Palai Beach. 3 bedrooms, aircon, fully furnished, kitchen, ADSL, car park. Tel: 089-728 8311.

LUXURY POOL VILLA

3 bedrooms, 5 min to Boat Lagoon & BIS. 75,000 baht per month. Email: simon@worrall.info

PATONG STUDIO: 28SQM

Aircon, hot water, kitchen, fridge, TV, DVD, 15,000 baht a month. Tel: 089-9715664.

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in Nai Harn, 1km to beach, very quiet location, stunning veiw, 2 bedrooms, en-suite Jacuzzi, open-plan lounge, diner, European kitchen, private garden with parking. Rent long term for 45,000 baht per month. Tel: 081-2705126.

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HOUSE IN KATHU

2 bedrooms, fully furnished, aircon, cable TV and TV set. Just bring your bag. Price 15,000 baht/month. Contact Khun Wannee. Tel: 089-288-9936. Email: wan_nee123@hotmail.com

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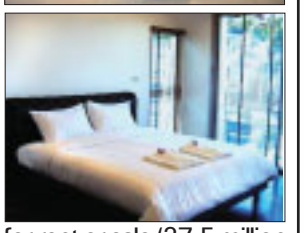

for rent or sale (27.5 million baht). The White House Villa is one of the finest tropical pool villas in Patong. Best location for nightlife and touring Phuket. Located high on the hill above the Amari Coral Beach Resort at the south end of Patong. No agents. Email: png.phuket@gmail.com

GOLF-VIEW VILLA STUDIO

120sqm, top view, furnished, pool, quiet, 4km to BIS, Wifi. True TV and TV set, long-term rent: 18,500 baht per month. Tel: 087-2698492.

TOWNHOUSE, TAINA ROAD, KATA

for rent. Taina Road, Kata Center. 2 units, long-term rent for five years up. Ideal for bar or restaurant. Contact Khun Charoon. Tel: 086-9538692.

LUXURY PRIVATE VILLA

for rent in prime location of Patong. Panoramic sea view, 3 bedrooms, fully furnished, private swimming pool. Available only from Oct 25 to Dec 25, 2008. Please contact: (Eng): 086-940 5187, (Thai): 086-952 2070.

CONDOS, RAWAI

for rent. Aircon, TV, DVD player, fridge, kitchenette, furnished. Tel: 086-9456650. Email: phuketcomfortcondos@hotmail.com

3-BEDROOM HOUSE WITH POOL

in Rawai, Nai Harn. Tel: 086-244 9625. Email: yotepra@hotmail.com

SPACIOUS NEW 2-BED VILLA

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BUNGALOW, RAWAI

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Property Gazette

Property Wanted

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House for rent in Kamala. Should be fully furnished and have 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and TV. Needed from beginning of November for 3 months, with option to renew until March 2009. Quiet and secured area preferred. Email: sundayshot@hotmail.com

SMALL SEASIDE PLOT NEEDED
I'm looking for a small plot on the beach with road access. I'm hoping to develop a small project and will require the ability to construct on the land. I'm open for all kind of offers. Email: ab@laisuwan.com

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SINGLE STOREY WITH GARDEN
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Black Forest Distribution Co., Ltd.
PHUKET
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Sales Manager:
- Thai nationality, male or female, age 26 to 45 years
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- Knowledge of common computer programs is an advantage
- Accounting knowledge is a plus

Please contact in person at **Vimami Co., Ltd.**
74/8-9 Moo 2, Chao Fa West Rd., Vichit, Muang, Phuket,
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2. Charter Customer Service Executive Based in Yacht Haven Marina Office: 1 position

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- Good computer literacy.
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The new high-end Andara Luxury Boutique Hotel & Villa Resort located at Kamala Beach Phuket is looking for a qualified & energetic person to fill the following position:

HOTEL GENERAL MANAGER

Candidates should have proven hotel management experience in similar positions as well as possessing the following:

Qualifications:
- Thai or foreigner, with at least a bachelor's degree in the hotel management field
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- Outstanding leadership skills and proficiency in setting up administrative systems
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(Experience working in Thailand or Asia is preferable)

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Job Description:
- Budget planning
- Business strategy and planning (overall)
- Create and develop sales & marketing team and all other teams to run the resort
- Co-operate with suppliers to ensure smooth operation
- Communicate with staff to ensure smooth operation between staff and customers
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- Control and implement staff, operational and administrative procedures

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f: 66-76-271242
e: hr@paradisephuket.com and apple@paradisephuket.com

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Skandinavian restaurant in Patong is seeking:
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- 2 part-time Waitresses, 19-23
- 2 European-cooking Chefs

Good salary and tips guaranteed. Please contact Khun Lee. Phone: 081-787 8231, 081-866 9738. Or email: peterlomm@hotmail.com

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Thai National fluent in English to teach conversation to other Thai nationals working in the tourist industry. 9 hours/week: 12, 000 baht/month. Tel: 080-6247060.

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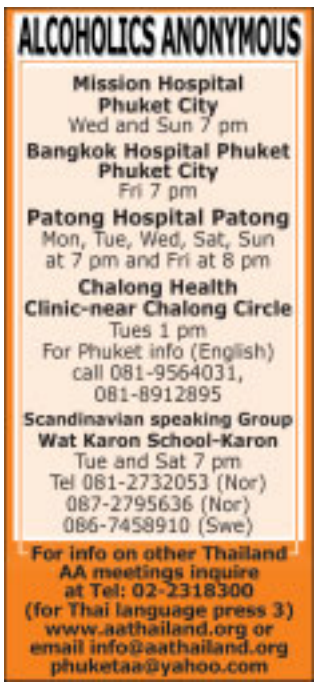

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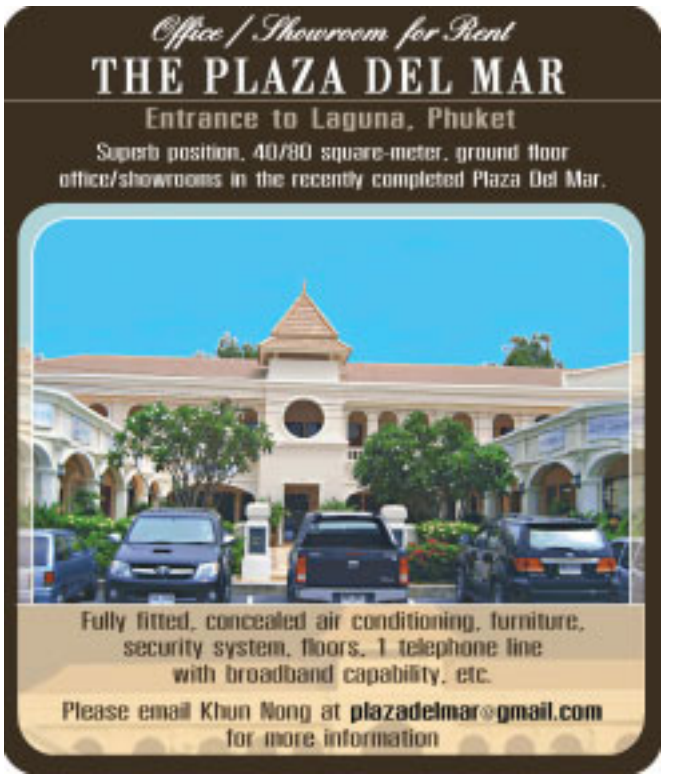

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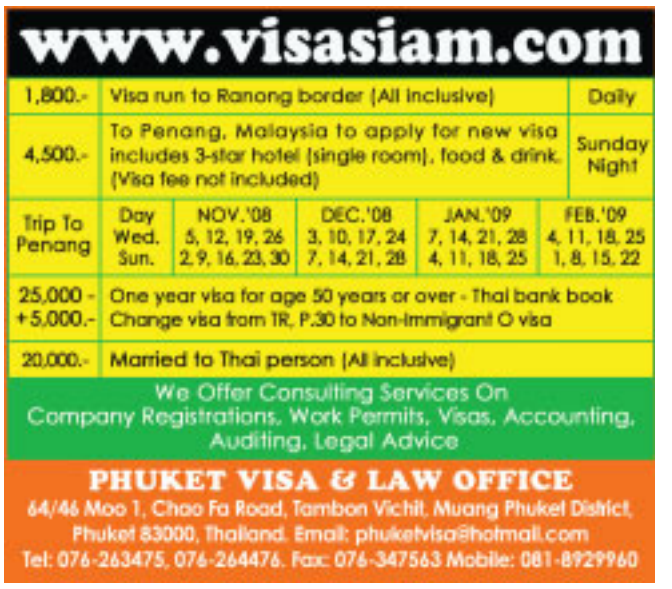

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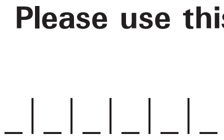

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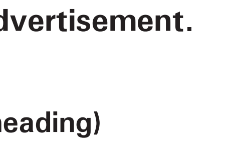

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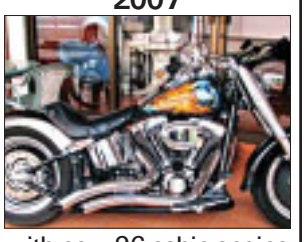
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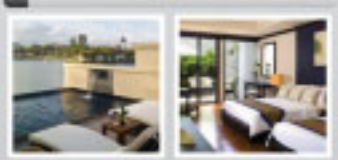

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