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Dear Dr. Connie Lingus,

I recently retired to Liechtenstein although I try and get a medi-vac flight to Thailand whenever I can. Why would I retire to Liechtenstein you ask? Well when I read that the United Nations had recently voted Switzerland and Austria as the two most boring countries in the world, I naturally thought of both of them as quiet repositories of peace where I could spend my golden years. But not being able to make a choice between the two, I decided on Liechtenstein which sits in the mountains between them. Now what can be more boring than that? Our little principality recently voted to give our hereditary Prince all powers to run our tiny state because we were so bored with our Parliament we thought at least the Prince would give us plenty to gossip about. (Sometimes his outfits are un peu over 20 top).

I am originally from Canada which was voted the third most boring country by the United Nations which brings up the reason I am writing. Sandwiched between two mountain ranges as we are in Liechtenstein, we often miss out on the news. So many things just seem to fly over the Alps seldom descending to our pristine little valley. I try and play catch up when I get to Thailand and read all the back issues of Thai Guys I have missed over the previous eight months.

So word of mouth is our normal way of communicating. The other day, I overheard a couple of elderly goat herders in our one and only gay bar, talking about the campaign which apparently everyone is really hot about, Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. And some crazy is so incensed, he is going to war over these weapons. What a size queen!! Now I must admit to an Arab interlude when I was working the rigs in Qatar. And I can testify to having experience with several of those weapons. But we must have missed something in the Alps. Is this really something to go to war over? Please help me to understand the outside world Dr. Connie. We get so little news here in Liechtenstein and at least Thai Guys seems to arrive on time although I suspect our postmistress has had a peek at my last issue, since the packaging looks re-glued and I have never known Thai Guys to paste stick-on photos of Suzie Size, buck naked, over the back flap of the envelop.

Sincerely,

Papa Mache

Dear Papa,

Dr. Connie was overjoyed to get your letter. This is the first letter we have ever received from a reader in Liechtenstein and we want to take this opportunity to convey our congratulations to your Prince and hope he honours his promises to get Liechtenstein's fiscal house in order. And the enormous colour stamps were a welcome addition to Dr. Connie's stamp album which had absolutely nothing under "Liechtenstein". Dr. Connie has indeed heard these rumours of weapons of mass destruction and is extremely concerned as well. Not ever believing the powers that be, before the United Nations sent its search team to Iraq to investigate, Dr. Connie embarked on her own personal visit to that poor ancient land. The topic was on everybody's lips. And while Dr. Connie was in the field talking to a date farmer who was indicating his knowledge of where such a weapon was located, one of the UN search squads drove up and stopped just opposite where Dr. Connie was hiding behind a thick stand of papyrus with the date farmer, who incidentally had brought out his weapon. Dr. Connie let out a tiny squeal when she saw the farmer's weapon. The survey team had disembarked from their vehicle by this time and hearing Dr. Connie's yelp, they surveyed the papyrus. It was at this time that Dr. Connie realized the survey team to a man, looked like they had all met up with their own chosen weapons. Some of them displayed considerable difficulty walking. Dr. Hans was not on this team so Dr. Connie was unable to rush from the papyrus and personally congratulate him on his successful search. So she resumed her own research with the date farmer.

Research completed. Dr. Connie returned to Baghdad. Normally Thai Guys can't send its star reporters on foreign assignment, but Dr. Connie was able to get the editor to buy her some very stylish Armani khaki wear and she footed her own air ticket on mileage points. Few airlines seem to have Baghdad on their routes these days and the tickets were an absolute giveaway. Dr. Connie decided that her surest route to locating these weapons of mass destruction was to go straight to the Republican Guards headquarters without further ado. Several of the guardsmen were outside their barracks as Dr. Connie approached. She was wearing camouflage dungarees with a matching top and an over the shoulder crocodile bag from Yves StLaurent which went surprisingly well with her Armani considering how the two hate each other. The guards looked resolute. Some were scanning the skies overhead. Dr. Connie followed their gaze. Suddenly an drone (I think that's what they call it, at least in Sunee Plaza) flew overhead dragging an enormous portrait of Saddam Hussein. Against the backdrop of the azure sky, he looked very sexy, but it was probably a picture of one of his doubles.

With a few artful ministrations involving a lot of tongue work, Dr. Connie was allowed into the Republican Guards barracks and delicately broached the subject of weapons of mass destruction. Every one of the new recruits (as they turned out to be) thought Dr. Connie was there to examine them and were amazingly cooperative. Maybe it was the stethoscope around her neck. It did add a certain savoir faire to her immaculate ensemble. Some of them goggled when the cold metal touched their tawny flesh.

On her return to Thailand, Dr. Connie was approached at the airport by two large
white men with love handles, very dark
glasses and enamelled flags on their lapels.
They took her off to the room which is
normally used to store lost luggage
and gave her a very good search. They
found Dr. Connie’s bottle of poppers and
both took a sniff to identify its contents.
Unfortunately as it turned out, they both
had government-issue pacemakers and
the inhalation of room deodoriser put
their life support mechanisms in overdrive.
Dr. Connie made a hasty exit as the two
bounced around the floor of the storage
room, foaming at the mouth, which was
not a pretty sight. Anyway, Papa Mache, Dr.
Connie is still not clear what all the fuss
is over these weapons of mass destruction
either. In spite of her in-field research.
But she has heard a rumour since her
return that the secret password is “pee
yong yang” where she is sure a prominent
contributor to Thai Guys, Durian Gray, is
presently shocked up. Durian apparently
met the man of his dreams, Kim Long
Eel. Anyway, Dr. Connie sends her fondest
regards to all her fans in Liechtenstein.

Dr. Stocks

A Guide Through The Fog

There is a lot of fog and noise distracting
the average Joe from his frantic efforts
to build up some savings. Not quite the
apocalyptic riders on the horizon yet, but
definitely a lively scene. Let’s see: The
western world is no longer led with benign
neglect by a guy who could be easily
pleased with a few lashes of an intern’s
tongue. Now we have a zealot who has
filled the space between his loosely-packed
grey matter with unwrting determination.
Who cares about deficits piling up left and
right when you’ve just shown the world a
little muscle? Gulliver bestrides the
globe uninterested by the yelping chorus
of impotent dwarfs. Or so it seems.
A little strange only that the dollar did not
celebrate the battlefield wins much.
My guess is it suits the US fine to see the
greenback slide a little more. After all,
oil shall still be paid for in dollars. The
damage will mostly occur in the accounts
of Japanese and European exporters
about whom Washington couldn’t care
less anyway!. It is, therefore humbly
suggest, probably not a good time to buy
their shares. A word about bonds: they
were the winners in the investment stakes
for the last few years but the game is
now over-or at least very close to its end.
Whoever moves his assets into bonds now
admits that he feels unable to at least
match a risible return of say 3 or 4 percent
per year. Pitiful indeed.
My observation is that the same slick
investment bankers who sold the New
Technology junk to gullible clients are
now making good money from flipping
bonds. And for the people who are not
satisfied with miserly returns on low-risk
government bonds there are all kinds
of poison leaf concoctions on offer; the
likes of inverse-floating credit linked notes
for example and other funny derivatives
generated by smart gobbledygook opera-
tors for a hopeful crowd of believers.
My advice: don’t touch crap. It sticks to
you and smells unpleasantly.
A few weeks ago I recommended taking profits on gold and re-entering at lower levels. Today gold has retraced about 15 percent from its earlier highs and this should offer a good entry point for replenishment or for those who missed out the first time round. I always recommend keeping 5 to 7 percent of one’s total assets in physical gold. It’s a real insurance and better than most paper assets. On the equity markets we won’t see much of a rally because there is little to celebrate. But whenever a good stock is caught in a general market down-draft one should pick up some of these. Not to hold on too long but just to capture a trading profit from the rebound. If you hold on too long you might be left holding the (empty) bag.

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The one bonus of not lifting the ban on gays in the military is that the next time the government mandates a draft we can all declare homosexuality instead of running off to Canada.

~Lorne Bloch~
Call Joe!

by Martin Frank

When the “Fasten Your Seat Belts” sign was switched off and I wanted to get up, I couldn’t. Grabbing the back of the seat in front of me, I pulled myself to my feet. Not having the usual muscles at my command felt funny—it was just a lumbago attack, pure pain. I shuffled towards the exit of the plane with tiny steps.

I managed to get through customs and made another heroic effort to walk to the blue TAMTAWAN Volvo. Getting into the car was difficult, getting out at the hotel meant pulling myself up with the help of the roof and the door of the car. The pain was killing me. I told the sweet TAMTAWAN receptionist, “I need a massage.”

I thought that after a massage and a good sleep, I would be all right. In a haze, I saw a smiling young man in white training clothes... ‘I’m Joe.’

Joe was much shorter and more lightly built than I am. It was a real feat for him to move my body around. He showered me, put me to bed, and found where the pain was. He gave me a light Thai massage... Having him sit on top of me felt very... arousing? His English was... was it English? His voice was sexy, his fingers were magic, and his legs turned me on. He offered me more than a massage, but sex wasn’t what I had called him for: anyway, I couldn’t move anymore without his help.

I asked Joe to come back in the morning to help me get up. That night, I had to piss. It took me about half an hour to turn over in bed by moving my legs with my hands and then letting the weight of my body pull me over. Whenever I made a mistake, the pain would make me slump down again. Finally I managed to shove the legs over the edge of the bed and then pushed myself up inch by inch with my arms. It was a challenge to get onto my feet by pushing up from the bed with one arm, holding on to the TV with the other. To get to the bathroom took another five minutes. I didn’t make it back. The friendly TAMTAWAN receptionist called an emergency doctor for me. When I opened my eyes, he was already readying his syringes. His cocktail of painkillers, Valium, and opiates (another good thing you get only in Thailand) knocked me out.

In the morning, Joe looked after me again, dragging me from the bed to the shower and back, and gave me another massage. He was my good-looking, smiling, patient, funny nurse. Thanks to Joe, being sick was worth the pain!

Youth, health, and true love may not always be in our cards, but as long as guys like Joe are ready to take care of us, life is still full of smiles. He gave me more than I paid for: Genuine human empathy. I recommend Joe. If any part of you is paralyzed, just call Joe! (02-631-9889 or 01-327-6227.)

*Martin Frank (Author of “ter fügi tische sowung” and other books in Swiss German, German and English. The film “fugi is a bastard” is available at amazon.com.)
Symon - the highly illustrated and illustrative book

“The colors are as strong as the muscles”, author Philip Cornwel-Smith has handwritten in my personal copy of “Property of the Artist: Symon”. His book about American born Artist Symon, who has lived and worked many years in Bali, gives insight in his colorful work, unique thinking and great sense of humor. Having met the artist once myself in Bangkok where he exhibits quite frequently, I am fascinated by the man and his work, especially by his nudes of Balinese men. His recent exhibit at Dick’s Café was a great success. For all those who do not yet know about Symon, his Art or his Thinking, just go out and buy the book. And do not miss his next exhibit!

The book ‘Property of the Artist: Symon’ by Philip Cornwel-Smith is available from Bookazine, Asia Books or Books Kinokuniya.

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Queer Clippings

by Durian Gray

Madam Saddam’s Best Friend

It’s been said by songwriters that “diamonds are a girl’s best friend”. Many visitors flock to the Land of Smiles (and glitter) to buy gems and now it is rumoured that the former Iraqi strongman was no exception. According to a report in London’s Sunday Times, the then Iraqi President (lampooned by moustachioed bull dykes as “Madam Saddam” in Sydney’s Gay Pride parade) had sent his personal jeweller to Thailand on a secret mission to buy millions of dollars worth of diamonds before the second Gulf War broke out.

This was confirmed as “possible” by Prida Tasuwan, chairman of Thailand’s Pranda Jewelry. He said a similar move was made over a year ago by Osama Bin Laden, mastermind of the Al Qaeda international terrorist network. Bin Laden was said to have invested in and owned a British diamond firm which he used to launder money. According to Khun Prida, diamonds and jewellery items could easily become hidden assets since their purchases did not require clear processing and they are relatively easy and convenient to transport. Goodness, it’s no wonder gals like them. But as “Diamond Lil” (May West) said about her jewels, “goodness had nothing to do with it!”

Blame it on Bannu

You read it here first. Remember we wrote about the world’s Man-Boy Love capital on these pages? No, not Pattaya’s Sunee Plaza dearie, but Bannu, on the rough-and-tumble Northwest Frontier of Pakistan. Well, after reading Time magazine’s exclusive story on “The Strange Journey of John Walker Lindh” (Oct 7, ’02), it turns out that the young American Taliban also passed through Bannu on his way to Afghanistan and, guess what, got initiated into the Man-Boy love scene there.

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Ray was born in London and made his stage debut at the age of twelve at the Victoria Palace Theatre.

On Leaving School, he appeared as a dancer in West End musicals such as, Twang, Anything Goes, Promises Promises and Showboat. Ray was a founding member of both the Young Generation and The Second Generation dance teams, before taking a singing, dancing and acting role in Cole. His films include Monty Python & The Holy Grail and the Barbra Streisand musical, On A Clear Day You Can See Forever.

Ray has established himself as a top choreographer and director with summer season and pantomimes and as a top light entertainment director in London, Bournemouth and Blackpool theatres featuring such stars as, Russ Abbot, Joe Longhorn, Little & Large, Les Dawson and Cilla Black. Past show credits include The Paris Air Show, The London Palladium with Petula Clark and several Royal Gala performances. His show Night of 100 Stars was performed at the London Palladium where Ray met the late Diana, Princess of Wales.

His dancers were honoured to have been chosen to appear with Shirley Bassey on her concert tours.

Last Christmas saw Ray directing Captain Xmas at the world famous Blackpool Tower and this new concept in entertainment was a huge success.

Ray is now a semi permanent resident in Pattaya and, as a shareholder of Icon Asia Group, has been most evident recently producing many exciting shows at the Icon Showbar.

His much valued assistance offered to the Pattaya Gay Festival will be greatly appreciated by his friend Jim Lumsden and this promises to add a new and exciting dimension to future events in the 2003 calendar.
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Lindh had met a Pakistani businessman named Hayat from Bannu who took him on a tour of the various madrasahs (Islamic religious schools) in the country. According to the Time story, Hayat, who, like all respectable men of Bannu, was married with kids but admitted to having sexual relations with Lindh. “He was liking me very much,” confessed Hayat. “All the time he wants to be with me. I was loving him because love beggars love you know.”

Later Hayat introduced Lindh to one “muffi” or religious teacher who seems also to have fancied the young American. The muffi is quoted as saying about Lindh that, “Everyone who saw him wanted to talk to him and to look at his face. A very lovely face he had. John Walker.” Lovely, indeed, if you could see it under that scruffy beard of his. In Bannu they say that when a beautiful boy’s face is covered by hair, it’s like a cloud covering the moon.

Wang, the Castrator

The Bangkok Post ran this story about a Chinese castrator in America who was convicted of “practicing medicine without a license”. A jury found Taiwanese national Shue-Shan Wang guilty of practicing voluntary castration in a Detroit suburb. Wang told police that he learned the skill from his grandparents, performed his first surgery on a dog—then on the dog’s owner and three of his friends in Australia.

Comment: The story didn’t mention that dog’s testicles are a delicacy in China, so Wang might have cooked and eaten them after the operation. But I wonder what they did with the human testicles after removing the men’s?

Communist Vietnam
“Re-Educates” Homos

Reuters reports that 30 men in Vietnam were recently detained for allegedly engaging in homosexual acts at a Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) massage parlour and subsequently sent to an “education” centre. “Even though there were no prostitution activities in the location, such mass homosexual conduct breaches administration regulations and is harmful to the social order,” a Ho Chi Minh City police officer, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters. “We have sent them to an education school to warn them against further similar infringements.” The policeman said the men could be fined before being released.

Comment: It is ironic, since although “Unde Ho” (we know what that’s short for) was unmarried, it was rumoured that he was also queer.

New Gay Non-Fiction to ask for at Bookazine:

“Brothers and Others in Arms”, sub-titled “The making of Love and War in Israeli Combat Units” by Danny Kaplan. $19.95 soft. ISBN: 1-56023-385-6. For those attracted to hunks in macho uniforms, the blurb teases: “Danny Kaplan’s study of gays in the Israeli armed services is a fascinating exploration of a subject that very few people were even aware of.”

If homosexuality is a disease, let’s all call in queer to work: “Hello. Can’t work today, still queer.”

~Robin Tyler~
The troubles with Jean-Paul

by Suzy Size

How the hell could I forget Jean-Paul’s birthday? Not just any old birthday, but her 70th! You know how sensitive the French are, she would never forgive me if I didn’t show up at her grand party, at her grand house to meet the grand guests, most of them being boring French, boring Belgian, boring Swiss and a few boring Canadians who at least speak some English. She would certainly never, never, never forgive me if I showed up at her grand party empty handed. I could clearly hear her rather shrill voice (when she gets more excited than usual her voice easily reaches high c). “After all I ave thone for you! Dis done! I ave saved your life, after all! Fourget already, petit salaud! Next time, I let you go under, c’est bien sur, c’est certain! I do not discuss plus, fini!”

I woke up in horror. It was Sunday morning, well, noon actually and Jean-Paul’s party was to start at 5 pm that very afternoon! Champagne and some snacks in her grand garden first. The peacocks and Dalmatians carefully groomed for the occasion by the diligent gardener. Than a heavy 5 course meal. Different grand French white wines, and different grand French red wines with each of the grand courses. Her guests could talk for hours and dreary hours about les nuances, le bouquet, les details. Then, when Jean-Paul finally offered Cognac, her grand nose would be beaming burgundy and she would become nostalgic and start to talk about the grand old days. How they lost Vietnam. What a terrible, terrible tragedy that was and that Thailand really was just some sort of uncomfortable exile from Vietnam. Not to compare with the grandeur of Vietnam, of course.

Then the usual show would start: Jean-Paul had hired some butch swimmers from Pradipat Road to perform in that grand pool of hers and cheer up the grand guests after their tearful nostalgia about the grand old days. Then, reminded by the swimmers, she would recall how we had met many years back in Paris, a rather embarrassing encounter. I must admit. All encounters with Jean-Paul have been, frankly speaking, rather embarrassing ones but it is true, I owe her my life. And she
would and could not resist telling this tale of our first encounter over and over again. Fortunately most of her guests would be so grandly drunk at this stage of the party, they would probably not remember the highly embarrassing story the next day.

I had been studying the Arts in Paris, what else could you possibly study in Paris? I was young then, still young and full of illusions and hopes and dreams instead of wrinkles. Life was but one feast-an everlasting bacchanal. I was hunting in the famous Bois de Boulogne, cruising along the then infamous shores of the river Seine. And there my disastrous fall occurred. I was following an interesting young man, probably someone from the former colonies, the sun had gone under and so was I nearly. I slipped on a dew-wet stone and fell into the murky waters of the grand river Seine. Even though I was a good swimmer, I drifted further and further, the current of the Seine can be quite strong, the problem was getting a hold on the slippery shore. Suddenly, like a deus ex machina, reaching out of a bush there was an arm and a hand radiating diamond rings reaching for me; thus I was saved from almost certain death. It turned out to be Jean-Paul’s hand, and he would always make sure I would never forget how we first met and what I owed him, now and evermore. And Jean-Paul is definitely not a person to be accused of understatement.

I could no longer ignore my problem. I had to go to his party. I had to buy a meaningful gift on a Sunday; few hours left, most shops closed and no idea what to buy. Jean-Paul is quite wealthy and has everything already. It is not easy to find a present suitable for such a complex and sensitive personality. Finally I had a stroke of genius. I remembered having seen an interesting ad in That Guys Magazine for “Old Maps and Prints”, an antiques shop down in River City Complex that offers very unique gifts for boyfriends, business associates, mothers and sticky life-savers such as Jean-Paul. I jumped on a bike and arrived there without further delay. Luckily they are also open on Sundays. The choice they have is overwhelming. More than 12,000 different prints. I found what I needed in no time. The title being “L’Accolade”, a hand coloured wood-engraving, dated Paris 1897. That is just about the time when dear Jean-Paul was born, I quickly calculated.

At “Old Maps and Prints” they saved my life again.
“Flipping” by Ricardo Ramos

A review by Chuck Pringle

A turgid tale of a “pinoy” (Filipino) man who lived in San Francisco writing of his life as he philosophically awaits his untimely death from the disease that so disastrously struck that city in the 70’s.

After revealing his early incestuous relationships, he amusingly describes an episode when he was sent to work on a road gang by an uncle, “to butch him up” but instead became the willing and eager “shared wife” to a group of workers, each of whom had one day a week with him; demonstrating their very different methods of taking him, some fully clothed and simply as relief.

some obviously enjoying the fact of his sex and reciprocating in the act, however peculiarly.

Definitely a no-holds-barred story—as Napoleon tells in graphic, if unemotional detail of sucking cocks and taking it in his “back door” often both at the same time, and of his fruitless search for a “real” man, as his later “husbands” (to whom he is not faithful) successively reveal their true colours and turn over to receive what he derogatively calls his little pinoy titting often reversing roles and becoming his “slave” to receive any abuse he wishes to bestow. All the while being married to a Filipina to satisfy his mother and to get her a green card—never, though, consummating the marriage.

Whilst he admits to being obsessed with hairy white boys, he is not averse to tackling the titlings of his fellow countrymen. Not deterred by consanguinity, his similarly oriented teenage half-brother is fair game and later his adolescent nephew, who is, in fact, straight, but welcomes fellatio whether from man or woman though spurning back door entry. Mexicans are acceptable but Napoleon’s aversion to entry by blacks (niggers in his parlance) whom, he claims, smell more rank than white boys, is emphatic (if politically incorrect) despite the attractions of their king-size instruments.
The matter-of-fact way he tells of his frequent encounters deters somewhat from their power to arouse with each new encounter, though some are extremely erotic with a mixture of kinky sex and SM and will definitely cause convulsions amongst the fantasists.

Nevertheless the book gives some insight into the mind-set of Filipino gays, though Napoleon, the protagonist attributes the role of subservience to whites as a national trait not restricted gays (a view shared by his straight but accepting nephew Felipie) then recounts how the roles become reversed "Nancy Kwan's clit up William Holden's arse".

A certain pathos is achieved by the stoical way he accepts his inevitable death from AIDS, and the fables that follows the main story and that of Felipe's are cris du coeur of Napoleon's unrealised dreams. The appended account of Felipe, his nephew, is also touching as a farewell to Napoleon, and reveals the sexually uninhibited attitudes of (at least some) Filipinos, good news for those who like to lactate hairless brown bodies without expecting anything in return.

A highly titillating read and a must for fantasists of all kinds. It's all here in raw and graphic detail, tops, bottoms, mixed-ups, blacks, whites cum artists with a soupçon of leather and whips thrown in for good measure.

Pattaya

A Right Hand Driver in a Left Hand Country

By American Farang

From my travels, I knew Thailand was a country that drove on the left side of the road (or "wrong side of the road" from some perceptions). I had first encountered this phenomenon on a trip to England many years ago. When you have spent a lifetime conditioning yourself to your usual right hand side traffic patterns, it can be quite a rude awakening to step off the curb and forget to look "the opposite way" you are so used to doing. I have been coming back and forth to Thailand and have had some close encounters by not paying attention and stepping off the curb to cross the road and being inches from a car or bus whizzing by. But now that I have recently decided that I want to live in Pattaya permanently, I thought I would concentrate on re-conditioning myself to drive here. I knew several friends who had motorbikes they use to do errands and get around. Yet there was 3 distinct obstacles I had to overcome to add that proficiency to my repertoire, the last being the most formidable. So I set about to conquer all of them, one by one. The first step was to learn to drive a motorbike. It may sound strange to some of you, but coming from a cold wet climate with only a few months of pleasant summer weather, it was not very practical to own and drive a motorbike (I did not live in the US Sunbelt states like Florida or California, where there is
plenty of good weather throughout the year. I drove only cars since I was 16. So I clumsily test drove some friends’ bikes, and then found out that Yamaha just introduced the first true automatic model that had some power (115cc) called the Nouvo. I bought one for THB 45,000 and it took awhile getting used to it, but that part worked out fine.

The second stage was changing my orientation to drive on the other side of the center line. I told myself that this would not be too difficult for an experienced world traveler like myself. So a few times after making a turn and finding traffic coming at me because I was on the wrong side of the road, I adapted quite quickly.

The third obstacle to overcome was trying to learn the rules of the road, when it seems there are none! It could be somewhat compared to a physiological game of chicken on the road (the who blinks first, loses) against mainly the motorcyclists and drivers who love to drive down the road, a little over on your side, that you encounter so much. If you have been to this country, you know that anything goes, is the rule rather than the exception. Back home in America, we used to call someone doing a "California Stop" by slowing down, looking at traffic and zooming off again, but not actually stopping at a stop sign, as a traffic hazard. In Thailand, I am not sure that they actually understand the Stop sign concept yet. I am still nervous when I drive my bike and sometimes notice my "death grip" on the handlebars as I am in constant anticipation of someone either exiting a car by opening a door into the traffic as I am passing by, or someone backing up or entering traffic without looking, or coming out of a side soi at full speed ahead.

Can you imagine someone on a motorbike, going the wrong way on the wrong side of the street, heading directly for you, not too hard to find in Pattaya. I have been told not to go too fast, stay at a constant speed and stay in your lane and you will keep out of trouble. It still is a bit unnerving to go along at a reasonable clip when someone goes zooming by you at more than twice your speed. By the way, if you thought you actually have any rights as a pedestrian, forget it. The Pattaya City Fathers put up a marked wide white striped pedestrian crosswalk across busy second road near the Royal Garden Mall, but they forgot to put up signs in Thai to tell the speeding drivers to stop when occupied. So it is almost comical to watch the tourists think they are in a safe place, get halfway across the road and realize all the traffic coming at them is not going to stop for them.

Happy birthday Kevin and Mark! A charitable event for PGF
Not being in your home country, you may wonder about what are your rights are and insurance available here. Most insurance is third party liability, but medical and comprehensive is available too. But the usually accepted rule here is that when a Farang is involved in any problem with a Thai, you will usually wind up paying the damages. It was explained to me by an Expatriate who has lived here many years that had an incident with a slightly intoxicated Thai man driving a motorbike. The Thai drove his bike out the In exit at a local shopping mall parking lot and hit his car as he was turning into the parking lot. When calm returned to the scene and it all boiled down the Thai logic why the Farang had to pay for the damage to the motorbike was that if the foreigner were not in this country, then the Thai couldn’t have hit him. I am told it is usually best to pay something and settle it then & there (even before the police are called, it may be best to let your Thai friend do the negotiating), then dealing with the police and maybe going to the police station and fill out forms for hours.

Officially, your current driver’s license from home and an International Driving Permit (AAA offices in America have them, 2 pictures + $20 for 1 year permit) are necessary to drive here, but a lot will accept just your license. You can also rent motorbikes everywhere, although it has been advised not to let the rental agency hold your passport (a copy is OK) as security deposit, in the event of a dispute, you are sunk as you would have to pay anything to get it back. I had been told

that after a few months here and especially if you plan on a long term stay, you should get a Thai Driver’s license. Well not being fluent in Thai (fuent-ha! it is bar talk Thai re: nit noi, sure-sure and up to you!), I decided to use a professional company to help get my licenses (yes, plural is correct, you get one for a car and another separate one for a motorbike, not an endorsement of your car driver’s license that is common elsewhere). I went to one of the companies offering that service and they gave me a sheet that explained what I needed, copies of my passport & visa (you need a 90 day Visa to get a Thai license) and photos, then I went to a Doctor’s office for a medical certificate (the doctor looked if I was breathing and then signed off on it). With that in hand, they provided the transportation to the motor vehicle department (about 25 minutes from Pattaya out on the highway), took me to the window. I signed a bunch of forms, then was motioned into another room, handed a booklet with questions in “Tinglish” (a poor English translation of Thai) and a multiple choice answer sheet and told to mark the boxes. The clerk pointed to the boxes that had red marks already on some of the answers. I thought, how nice to want to help make sure the Farang will pass the test, but I suppose it was in the service fee I paid. Yes, I got both my licenses and feel more like a resident than a tourist now. So after a time I thought maybe I should move up to driving a car, but that is another story for another time.

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Balcony Pub & Restaurant (4)
The Balcony Pub and Restaurant has the longest terrace and the least expensive drinks in world famous Silom Soi 4. A large bar and huge terraces downstairs and an open-fronted upstairs karaoke, games and internet area. Open from 6.00 pm to 2.00 am. The Balcony offers nightly happy hours and a wide selection of Thai, British, Indian and Vegetarian food. Famous for its friendliness and informality, one of Bangkok's most popular venues for locals and tourists alike.

Boys of Bangkok (24)
One of the boldest shows in town.

Dick's Café (20)
A very popular and stylish bar and café with a wide range of food and snacks. Comfortable seating and always exhibiting artworks of local and international artists. They open at 11 am and close at 5 am. Very pleasant for a long or short coffee break during the day, an evening or late night snack or a night cap. The music is kept at an agreeable level so that you can talk to your neighbor and if he is not deaf, he will certainly understand each and every precious gem that drops from your lips. Guests are not constantly disturbed by pushy money boys. Pick up your free copy of Thai Guys here.

Silot City Fitness (33)
Popular with the gay community. This well equipped gym, right in the city center, is the chosen workout place for many locals and visitors. Celebrating their 3rd anniversary already and still getting even stronger and more popular. Bring this issue of Thai Guys and get a free workout.

Tarttawan Place Hotel (31)
Tarttawan means sunflower in Thai. The stylish, comfortable hotel is right in the heart of the action, but still not a bit noisy. The friendly and able staff have been there for years and so has the excellent management who really takes care of their guests-which is why they return year after year. The rooms are constantly upgraded, some wonderful suites are also available. Book early, since this sunflower of Bangkok is becoming ever more popular.

Telephone Pub and Restaurant (1)
Where friends have been meeting since 1987, enjoying the friendly atmosphere. Use the table telephones to contact someone you fancy, just dial up the table number. They offer casual dinner from Western and Thai menu. New drink menu with lower prices. Now open earlier from 6 pm to 2 am.

Utopia Tours (42)
Asia gay and lesbian travel pioneers. Personalized private holidays, local gay guides, famous for their short side-trips all over Thailand, or to Laos, Vietnam and Bali. They encourage visitors to drop by their office (in the lobby of the Tarttawan Place Hotel, 02-238-3227) and chat about their travel plans.

Blue Star (25)
Funny sexy shows. Totally renovated.

Agua Spa (41)
Young at heart and age. But a real icon of Bangkok's gay life already. Who never gave it a try has nobody to blame but himself.

Cutie & Beautie Hairalon (46)
Thaiya Plaza 3rd Floor (between Silom Soi 2 and 4). Extremely friendly and able. They now offer a new body toning unit. The unit is perfect for firming stomach, chest and buttocks muscles. The cost is only 1000 baht per hour or 600 baht per hour when done at the same time as a facial. What do you wait for?

Samsara (50)
The newest venue in Soi 4. Samsara is located where famous old Rome Club used to be and can be said to have two faces. From 6 till 10:30 it tends to be a dining, chill-out restaurant and bar with the accent on good food, cool music with pleasant vibes. From 11 to closing time it becomes a night club bar with club and house music.

X-treme Bar (23)
This is the newest dance show bar and go-go. Located in Soi Duangtaweew (yes, were Boys of Bangkok, Blue Star and Dick's Café are), formerly New Man Bar. Completely renovated, superb shows daily at 10.00 and 11.00 and 12.30 pm.
In summary, there are many obvious advantages to driving as it is a nice way to get around at your own convenience and explore many places off the beaten track. Most drivers here may need a steady nerve and a lot of concentration when you drive, but beware; it will be difficult not to be distracted looking at all the beautiful boys as you drive around. The Thais’ love a Farang with a bike as it can mean a higher status. So now that you are mobile, they can easily hop on the back of your bike, put their arms around you, and then it will be “up to you!”

News

Policemen being sexually harassed

Police in Bangkok are complaining of sexual harassment from women and gay men in what appears to be a growing craze for the boys in brown. According to the Nation they get over 400 lewd calls a month at emergency number 191 alone. Lt-Colonel Somdet Titawatanasakul says the worst time for the lewd calls is from midnight to 2 am, adding that about 60 per cent are made by men. “If we talk to them for too long they ask us out, and the gay men always talk lewdly. We cut the line and call them back later to warn them not to disturb police on duty,” he says.

One police sergeant said that some men even had the courage to go to the 191 centre to take a look at the policemen they had talked with on the phone. “One guy said he wanted to apply for a job in the police station and came to see me. I’m not sure what he was up to but I think I’m lucky I didn’t get harassed any more than that,” he said.

Aids fears bring more openness to China

After suppressing gays for many decades, China in recent years has begun to show a certain tolerance. It stopped arresting homosexuals in parks and public toilets, allowed the launch of a gay magazine and a dozen gay websites, and even turns a blind eye to gay bars and saunas, at least in large cities.

“This tolerance was not won by homosexuals. It came about due to the government’s fear of Aids,” gay writer Tong Ge, 53, is quoted by a news agency.
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Chiang Mai Comments

Adam’s Apple Club (16)
Biggest bar in town with karaoke, pub, restaurant and somewhat raunchy shows.

Cruise Bar (21)
This popular open air bar is located behind Night Bazaar like all the others in this area. First you have to pass some girly bars. Hidden in the background are some obviously gay bars as your restless eyes will soon discover. The most popular seems to be Cruise.

House of Male (2)
Popular, very friendly sauna. Centrally located in a renovated Thai mansion. Pool, garden, gym and other amenities.

Spa Roma (18)
Luxurious sauna popular with young professionals. The ambiance and tasteful decor of Bangkok’s famed Babylon sauna.

The Circle (8)
Congenial “off” bar with imaginative nightly non-ladyboy shows and a friendly ambiance.

Lotus Hotel (15)
The comfortable and inexpensive Boutique hotel of the Rose of the North. Near to Adam’s Apple. In the middle of gay Chiang Mai.

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### Phuket Comments

#### Boat Bar (14)

Nightly shows that are very popular and regularly draw large crowds. Owner Khun Daeng is probably the best known gay man of Phuket, a pioneer of our kind of entertainment.

#### Aquarius (20)

Aquarius is basically a sauna - on the other hand it is more, much more like a one-stop center for all your needs during your stay in the South. On the ground floor they have a pool, a bar, the gym and the showers, on first floor locker room, steam, sauna, Jacuzzi and the dark room. Third and fourth floor contain total 9 rooms. Luxury rooms/apartments incl 1 Master Suite with 2 bedrooms and a Jacuzzi. On the roof you find a sundeck with showers.

#### Lionthai Guesthouse (32)

Lionthai Guesthouse has not many rooms, but they are spacious and well equipped. All come with private computer and ADS Internet access free of charge. Reservation recommended. Good Internet cafe downstairs.

#### Siam Palm Hotel/Rim Suan Restaurant/Jungle Boyz (36)

The 15-room Siam Palm is a gay-owned, “gay-friendly” Patong establishment in the middle of the action, but still quiet. Its Rim Suan Restaurant offers fine Thai cuisine and European dishes. Next door the Jungle Boyz is also worth a try. All three places are under the same ownership and management.
New light on the Soi

By Thai Dai

In the street of a hundred boys and a thousand lights there is something new and different from the go go bars of Bangkok’s “Soi Twilight”.

But be careful, for if you blink you will miss Bonny’s Massage and Sauna. This new massage parlour nestles between Dick’s Cafe and New Man go go bar. But keep your eyes open and the blue neon arch will guide you up the stairs to a massage nirvana. The owners Bon and Sonny have made a great effort to give you a choice, not just of the masseurs, but of treatments, oils and creams.

A Bonny masseur is refreshingly different from the usual Muscle Mary’s to be found at other parlours. These guys are more like the boy-next-door type, with the natural development that comes with work and healthy living: and they are all the more charming for that. Using the famous and sensuous Thai smile these handsome masseurs entice you into experiencing the delights of a sensual experience. Every time I walk along Soi Twilight a Bonny masseur seems to be waiting to greet me, broad smile, and beaming eyes, saying ‘See you later’. I know and he knows he will.

Newly opened this year, Bonny’s is continually improving, with single and double massage rooms, Japanese-style showers, a Scandinavian-style sauna, a moody candle-lit body scrub room. And a coffee lounge
where you can chat to the masseur of your choice and share a coffee or a beer.

The decor is tasteful and designed to soothe—from the cream and turquoise walls, to the original works of art that hang from the walls, the ambience says quality. To enhance the mood candles flicker the way to the massage rooms and adorn the whole parlour. Bon and Sonny aim to give value for money. They have devised a range of treatments and services to suit all pockets. Starting with a Thai massage at 250 baht for one hour, to a gently relaxing body scrub—great value at 500 baht. Oil and cream massages are both 500 baht for one hour and, of course, if you find the masseurs hands so relaxing and pleasure inducing, it is possible to request a more leisurely session.

Bonny has a bevy of handsome masseurs, and you can be sure that you will be the centre of attention for the time that you are in their hands, and oh what hands! These guys are so eager to please that the massage often starts before you lie on the plinth. Every one of my visits to Bonny’s has presented a plethora of delightful sensations; all the masseurs have proven to be expert, they combine the gentle touch of a Swedish massage and a style just firm enough to remind you that you are in Thailand. I know that you will find a favourite masseur . . . just as I have.

A Bonny massage is a great way to relax before or after hitting Dick’s Café or the go go bars in Soi Twilight.
Ambiance (53)
The first gay hotel in Pattaya. Well decorated rooms with all necessary amenities. Conveniently located in the heart of Boyz Town.

Boyz Boyz Boyz (1)
One of the first go-go bars in “Boyztown”. Still in same location and thriving. Very popular as a night cruising venue for beach boys.

Bruno’s (8)

Funny Boys 2 (14)
The newest Go-Go in Boyztown has opened. Have a look yourself.

Royal House (31)
Stylish massage parlour with a wide variety of masseuses. Try the VIP rooms with video and music.

Le Café Royale (3)
A popular gay hotel located in the heart of Boyz Town. Rooms recently renovated and all fully equipped. Open 24 hours. Coffee shop, restaurant and terrasse bar-restaurant open 24 hours for breakfast, lunch and dinner. A wide range of European and Thai dishes available.

Piano Bar & Restaurant (3)
Piano Bar open 7.30 pm daily at Le Café Royale, with full range of drinks and food. Live entertainment with pianist to midnight. Famous singer Toy performs here. Certainly the best in Pattaya.

Amigo Tailor (12)
Your reliable custom tailor and friend. Where tradition meets innovation.

Amor Restaurant (10)
Richards well known restaurant is located right in the heart of Boys Town. The only 100% gay restaurant in Town. But you can also bring your mother since they are hetero-friendly or at least hetero-tolerant (they pretend). Even if you are overweight already, try the desserts!

Jim’s Tailor (68)
Certainly the best looking tailor in town with an absolutely intriguing smile—but probably married... and an excellent tailor for suits and dresses. Whatever you want, girls, they can do it, clotheswise, strictly!

Top Man (36)
Fabulous Shows with lots of phantasy. Wide range of handsome hosts.

Panorama Pub (9)
Open air pub with a panoramic view of all that goes on in Boyz Town. Before or after dinner sit with friends and watch the world go by. Games room upstairs.

Funny Boys I (39)
Now newly decorated in Thai style, very beautiful. Have a look for yourself.

Siam Thani (28)
The only exclusively gay resort in Thailand. The cozy, colonial style boutique hotel in Pattaya. The traditionally worked timber structures and the private swimming pool in the common area help to make this place the stylish hideaway where your tranquility and privacy is guaranteed.

Sophons (43)
This new Boys Club and Massage Place with sauna is conveniently located in Jomtien Complex, close to the Gay Beach. Wide variety of guys. Worth a try.
Rome is finally dead: Let’s go to “Samsara”

By Suzzy Size

Finally, out of the ashes of old and famous Rome Club (and an ill-fated short interlude as Icon), there is a new club in Silom Soi 4’s arguably best known location: “Samsara”. The Club was soft-opened on April 19. While the owners are still working on the finishing touches, a surprising number of curious Bangkokians have taken a first glance already. Thai Guys did as well and came to an upbeat conclusion.

After two months of remodelling, very little reminds the nostalgic visitor of good old Rome Club. Even though as one small exception—the black and white tiled floor has in parts remained. Gone is the stage and the Soi can now be seen through large windows at the front of the Club. You can now sit inside in the cool and are still able to see what is going on out on the terrace and that has been furnished with the more comfortable chairs and cooling fans hang from the canopy.

“See and being seen” is part of the concept, explains Greg, one of the two co-owners. He can look back on a career of 32 years in entertainment and has spent the last seven years in Thailand. In Bangkok, for instance, he ran SoHo in Soi Convent before and his experience and professionalism is evident. While talking to Thai Guys, the alert American keeps an eye on his staff, intervenes here, intervenes there and welcomes new guests in person. The real professionals amongst Club managers do that and the unprofessional ones don’t, thus sending out the signal: ‘I do not give a damn about returning clients.’ Greg certainly cares.

In the centre of the downstairs area there is a large oval shaped bar. A huge aquarium filled with ice and ice cold bottles of all kinds on top reflects the light and catches the eye of the visitor. A very simple and striking design idea that makes you long for one of those cold beers immediately. And all the waiters and the one and only

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waitress are surprisingly attentive. With your drink they serve potato chips, just another little detail that makes a difference. On a gallery all around the bar, there are sections with comfortable jumbo-sized sofa chairs set around tables. After all "Samsara", which opens at 6 pm and closes at 2 am, serves a full range of European and Thai foods. In other sections of this gallery level you can seat yourselves on bar stools with mini bar tables in front of you. You can meet eyes all over the room from almost everywhere.

At the rear of the ground floor, a wide stair leads you to the upper level that remains from the old Roman days. The dimly lit upper level, with its own corner bar near the windows overlooking the Soi, is perfect for cruising, relaxing and chilling out. Greg knows that Silom Soi 4 is 80% gay and he says, 'Of course we are a gay club,' but adds, 'We like to have a mixed crowd.' And that is also the trend in the gay clubs of Europe, where fun takes centre stage and sexual orientation has become secondary.

"Samsara" can be said to have two faces. From 6 till 10.30 it tends to be a dining, chill-out restaurant and bar with the accent on good food, cool music with pleasant vibes. From 11 to closing time it becomes a night club bar with club and house music. Subtle quality music is one of the main aims, and "Samsara" intends to become a noteworthy music venue. Live musicians will perform together with DJ-music. Suddenly a saxophone or a trumpet player will comment by joining in one of the recorded pieces of music. Live singers, performers and dancers will add a little more spice to the mixture soon.

Let's think about the name "Samsara". The title of this unforgettable Thai Guys piece is most certainly good advice in any possible sense. The name "Samsara" stands for the end stage of the cycle of birth and death-the end of earthly suffering-when we all (except Douglas S. and Wayne B.) presumably reach Nirvana. Why wait any longer? Let's now all go to "Samsara".

**Exxit Jomtien**

Having opened on 4th April, what is calling itself a Dance Pub and Tropical Terrace Bar, Excit has brought another concept to the ever-growing number of bars and clubs, at or near, the Jomtien Complex. Situated, as it is, on the corner site of the Complex's main tower block opposite Derby Boys and Image Car Rental and opening late afternoon for afternoon tea/coffee and cake, this is an ideal place to drop into on the way back from the beach.
This time there seems no doubt that the pleasant decor and soft furnishings of the lounge-style air-con bar are set to seduce and entice the customer into an afternoon or evening of quiet imbibing with friends. Certainly there has been no expense spared to ensure that good quality sound and video equipment has been provided with reasonable, not oversized and intrusive, TV screens showing excellent concerts and music videos to ensure the correct and pleasant ambiance is created.

IT Disco in Amsterdam was reputedly one of the world's most successful and so EXXIT is set to follow suit as one of Pattaya's better places of entertainment. With a definite no hassle, no off policy this could be true.

At present during this rather low, low, post Iraq war, SARS scar season they have attracted their fair share of the small potential customer base and seem set to build on this by the number of returns.

The Tropical terrace Bar has proved a little hot of late but no doubt as the temperature drops and the rains fade more will call by as they go home from the beach for an al fresco afternoon tea or coffee and cake. Further developments to the catering side of the operation are planned and in due course will include snacks and salad bar. It is expected that there will also be developments in the entertainment on offer in the bar as the staff are trained in their new routines.

With so much potential at the site developments are eagerly awaited!
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