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Editor’s Note: Ms. Connie Lingus is currently taking her annual vacation in Transylvania over Songkran to escape buckets of klong water thrown in her direction. She is traveling with her trusty companion, Bunlert, who is trying out his noodle recipes on the peasant sheep herders of the Transylvanian highlands.

Ms. Anna Lingus, Ms. Connie’s younger sister has graciously decided to answer the flood of inquiries and total angst which usually flows in to Thai Guys at this time of year. All who live in Thailand must remember that North American and European gays have been braving the winter with the hope that Spring will bring forth that gorgeous hunk, who has been in hibernation through the winter months. Alas, the hunks usually do not emerge, but the bears do, and the poor dears of the North realize their winter wait was in vain and become extremely morose if not suicidal. Hence the flood of depression. But not all our letters have been down and out. One was extremely uplifting, a tale of love fulfilled, for once. And Ms. Anna has kept her reply brief, to say the least, because the letter says it all.

Dear Ms. Connie,

As the saying goes, “Love is blind” and so many of your letter writers seem to fall victim to this age-old problem, complaining that they have fallen for someone who does not return their affection, is a total gold-digger or even worse, a lousy lay. My story was for years much the same. I have been a prospector in the north of Canada for years. I supported myself in times when pay dirt grew scarce, by working as a cook in the oil drilling camps around the Mackenzie Delta which for you who are not familiar with Canada’s Arctic, is a massive area which is just now starting to produce oil and gas for the markets to the south. Of course the drilling activity slows down as the winter freeze settles in but I only am able to get three months during the winter when I can come to Thailand.

Anyway, things picked up a few years ago for me when my friend and I discovered what I in my limited geological knowledge thought was a kimberlite jutting out of the tundra. My friend said impossible because he had worked in the diamond mines in South Africa and said he knew what kimberlite looked like and that wasn’t it. Incidentally kimberlite is the name of the ancient type of rock in which the world’s major diamond deposits have been found. I stuck to my guns and took a sample to an assay office in Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories. Sure enough I was right. We staked our claim that night and today we are both millionaires. We sold our interest to a large diamond concern while retaining a significant portion ourselves in shares and now with this mine and others in the Arctic, Canada has surpassed South Africa in the value of the diamonds it produces.

So what does one do being a lonely gay prospector who has never had a long term relationship and suddenly becomes a millionaire? Go to Pattaya, buy a condo and sit oplong rent boys in Suwee Plaza night after night, getting so drunk on single malt whiskey that ya can’t get it up? Well, I went that route for a while. For over a year, I spent my money on boozes and boys and felt as lonely as I had, scouring the tundra for the mother lode. One day my friend from Canada showed up, found me with three boys in my room, totally drunk and penniless. He dragged me up to north Thailand to a hot spring spa in the hills near Chiang Mai to dry out. While there, I began going for oil massages and slowly as I attained sobriety, I began to see the world in a new light. I didn’t feel desperate anymore. My massage treatments were done by a crew of giggling hill tribe girls and so I had no urge to make their ministrations more than mere massage. One day I was stretched out waiting for the delicate fingers of Malee, who was the most deft at hitting my G-spot or whatever you call the equivalent for the male. I waited for about fifteen minutes and began to get a bit ticked off considering the amount I was paying for these sessions. Suddenly the door flew open and the manager came in flustered and told me that Malee had been arrested and deported back to Burma the night before and would I mind if a man came in to do my massage. I was of course not bothered in the least by the gender thing. But then the manager informed me that he was new at the spa and was blind. Did I mind? Well by then, I’d missed a half hour of my normal session so offered myself as a sacrificial lamb to this blind novice and agreed.

At first I was a bit taken aback by the roughness of the man’s hands. He had obviously done much physical labour in his time because his hands were very rough and calloused. But as he worked on my body I could not believe how fantastic he was in kneading my ravaged muscles. At first I felt a lot of pain at the depth his thick fingers penetrated. But he had a way of hitting a spot which obviously needed attention and then slowly relieving the tension until the pain evaporated, until I felt close to orgasm. This went on for an hour, hitting the spot, pain, then complete relief. The spot again, pain, then total bliss. By the time he was finished and the time was up, I could hardly move I was so relaxed. He patted my back to signal that ecstasy was over. I turned over in a daze and out of the fog of exhaustion and satisfaction, beheld the most beautiful dark stallion I had ever seen. He had a mane of black hair falling over his sculpted shoulders. His eyes were not really affected by his blindness, except they did not focus or react to movement as eyes do with a sighted person. And his body was amaz-
I have been together for six years. The money I got from my diamond mine I invested in Microsoft and now Thitipong and I spend our winters in the north of Thailand at a hillside retreat I had built near Mae Hong Son. And our summers we spend at our villa in the south of Italy. Thitipong frequently gives his massage treatments to several of our neighbours. One famous neighbour whose name rhymes with "bore", drops in on a weekly basis for a slap and tickle session. I think Thitipong does love me for me. Of course I have changed his life and provided him with comfort. But he certainly has given the expression "love is blind" a completely new meaning for me.

Signed.

Life's Easy in Brindisi

Dear Mr. Alex,

As the editor noted, Ms. Connie is away for her annual vacaciones searching out Dracula's relatives, although she left me with a completely different spin on her trip. But I am very happy to fill her size 9 stiletto heels by congratulating you on your happiness and inspiring letter. It is indeed not often that Ms. Connie receives letters which warm the blood and tell of success in the murky world of love. But your tale was unique almost like a diamond in the rough, found glittering on the tundra. So on behalf of my older sister, Ms. Connie Lingus, may we at Thai Guys send you our fondest regards from the Songkran sodden streets of Thailand.

Yours truly,

Ms. Anna Lingus, the younger sister
Up We Go

Interest rates have to go up, and pronto. Inflation in the US is running at about double the officially reported rate. Look at energy, house and college tuition costs and you know where the wind is blowing from. Greenspan is playing a reckless game, holding fed rates at generational low ‘emergency’ levels. What emergency? Does the requirement to get Bush reelected qualify as emergency or what?

With borrowing costs at ridiculously low levels and the money spigot bursting, every investment can be a winner. Good for the guys at Goldman Sachs. They just had a great year in the fixed interest department. What was their contribution to society? Borrowing zillions short term and investing a bit longer. One of the oldest games of the monkeys in the money tree. In technical terms it’s called the ‘carry trade’. It ain’t heavy to carry something when you pay next to nothing for money. There is a gigantic speculative bubble in the carry trade, operated by a myriad of hedge funds as well as ordinary dumb banks. It not only exists in the bond market but also in currencies, commodities and stocks. Players use their capital, or better, other people’s capital. Leverage it to the max with borrowed funds at low rates and invest it wherever they think they can make a quick buck. If rates turn, the whole edifice shows itself as a house of cards. Like with most bubbles, the more clever guys understand what’s going on. They just think they’ll be a little bit faster than the next guy out the door when the game turns. In addition, to pacify in-house controllers, they transfer some risk through derivatives. This is all very well in theory but the problem is that derivatives have themselves become an even bigger speculative stunt.

The notional value of derivatives outstanding is already near two hundred trillion of dollars. Twenty times the US gross national product and a multiple of all shares and bonds outstanding. An insurance as well as a wager is but only as good as the counterparty you’re contracting with. I have a strong feeling that there are some heams in that construction which can’t bear the loads they’re supposed to carry. When interest rates go up, as they inevitably will, we face a high risk of some big and reckless players caught out and that might well endanger a whole chain of connected parties. A wildfire which could easily spread far and wide with bankruptcies all over.

My advice here is: reduce your own leverage as much as possible, roll back debt and hold only assets which can stand on their own. Get rid of bonds, especially long-term ones. Don’t touch Fanny Mae and Freddie Mac and anything else with funny names. Of all the commodities I still bet on oil. The supply and demand equation, the rising cost of new discoveries and the political cinderbox of the Middle East should assure a good long-term future. Keep in mind also that gold is the only...
Gatoey in the City

Gatoey were just not Jimmy's thing. Politically correct to the proverbial "1," he didn't have anything against "them," of course. A Kinsey 1, the mere thought of bras, panties, eyeliner, and the other paraphernalia of modern, or for that matter, antique, womanhood was deeply unappealing.

Why any man should want to give up male privilege for camped up feminine wiles he couldn't comprehend emotionally and had no sense of physically. If a man wanted a woman, there were many to be had; if a man wanted a man, well, there were just about enough to go round.

That gay men were, thankfully, he thought, blissfully apolitical: they hadn't organized anything beyond the commercial scene, and the most successful chunks of that were in farang hands. It was thus with some surprise that Rin, who was ardently mai pen rai, lambasted him one night about his attitude toward gatoey during one of their rare talks about "life in general."

Like any, their relationship had had its ups-and-downs, but this session was unusually stormy and Jimmy pondered why an abstract topic that didn't affect them should have raised so many touchy hackles.

Rin, just returned from a period of study in the States, shouted that he was a deeply prejudiced white supremacist pig despite his frequently vaunted radical chic allegiances. Jimmy told Rin that he was just mouthing fashionable discourse. The tears shed, mostly on Rin's part, were made up for by vigorous and inventive sex.

A week later Jimmy came home to find Rin, roaring drunk, in a cocktail dress and heels, and heavily and garishly made-up. The sight went a long way towards explaining the previous brawl. He first felt understandable confusion, but it quickly mingled with respect for Rin.

"Pink. Such a difficult color," said Jimmy seeking a way to defuse the tension.

"Yep. Sure is."

Rin, who had made the dramatic move, was not going to help to move the conversation on. An awkward pause lengthened aggressively.

"Have you known for a long time?" Jimmy babbled.

"Known what? There's nothing to 'know. You're the one that has something to do...."

"I'll say. It's just kinda a surprise."

"Yep. It was meant to be. I can't hide it anymore—or don't want to."

"Did it happen in the States?"

"You kidding? I've been dressing up for years. The first time I was about twelve, I guess."

"Uh, huh. It's just that this is out of the blue ... for us. For me, rather. Though you're a pretty hot looking girl, by the way." With that the ice broke, and Rin gave Jimmy a very boozey mouth-kiss. "First time I kissed a girl."

Rin forced a smile and went to the bedroom, which reeked of perfume and vodka. He doffed his girl-duds and put on skin-tight jeans and a slinky T-shirt.

Jimmy plonked onto the sofa, an overly strong whiskey-and-soda to the rescue. He took several throat-burning gulps, still somewhat raw from last night's heavy action with Rin.

Rin entered gracefully, avoiding any mince or swagger that would have suggested aggression. Grateful for this, Jimmy kept his mouth on the tumbler after a "welcome back" smile. He patted the spot next to him, but Rin wasn't in the mood to rest quiet.

"Let's go out for dins, OK?" Jimmy, too tired for ructions, was yet once again grateful to Rin for his general and almost unfailing level-headedness.

"You look hot," Jimmy managed. He was afraid to throw oil on the fire, but had risked it. Besides, Rin did look good, and the praise was authentic.

"Thanks, but ... We are on our way out, baby. I'm absolutely starving."

Jimmy swallowed the lie. Without resentment or rancor, he smiled and made his way to the door taking Rin's hand in a gesture of solidarity and friendship. It was the very least they felt for one another.

Bangkok, if it would not drown their private and shared sorrows, would at least distract from them during dinner and the no doubt inevitable drink at the inevitable somewhere.

Jimmy gave it more than the old school try but he couldn't make the adjustment. He proved the Romans royally wrong about love conquering all. A month after Rin's melodramatic revelation he was living alone and not coping terribly well.

He'd covered for himself and for Rin with their friends, and though no one tried further no one fully believed the story that he'd had cooked up. The apartment smelt of loneliness, and Jimmy was sporting a dire look these days. The raccoon-size bags under his eyes suggested want of sleep and worry over both. Love continued, but it was impossible, and the break seemed the best way out.

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Songkran Party at Lek’s Pattaya
Happy New Year, Boys!
Rainbow Coffee

By Pierre Tourneau

Something new in the Kingdom - the first three Saturday evening events at Coffee Society on Silom, organized by Bangkok Rainbow in March and April. You buy a latte and ascend three floors to the Upper Room, where “Cup of Life” events are held at 8 p.m.

The Nation newspaper spoke warmly of the "birth of a community center," noting that the venue is used by Bangkok Rainbow, the Long Yang Club and the Siam Gay Buddhist Network.

Do they know that "Cup of Life" was the song that rocketed Ricky Martin to fame? And then he came out as straight! Well its not going to happen to us.

The first evening involved the TV soap Love 8009. Here was Thai TV showing a gay couple and a straight couple. Oh my God! Thailand was going the way of Ellen, Will and Grace. Queer as Folk!! Will there be nowhere in the world where television and films are simply about procreative sex? We hope not, of course.

There is much more to life than dutiful childbearing. We have no objection to procreation. It is the responsibility of heterosexuals to produce the next generation of gays and lesbians. We rely on them. "Keep busy," we say.

The second Saturday evening featured Alex Sanchez. Gay, with a Cuban father and a German mother, he's not everybody's American. Alex had been a school counselor and came across (surprise, surprise) gay and lesbian teenagers. In the West young people are "coming out" at earlier and earlier ages (the result of all those television shows, no doubt). As a result there have been a serious of fights about the rights of teenagers in the schools.

The latest of these stories involved a teenage lesbian in New York City, Natalie Young. Natalie wore a T-Shirt to school that read "Barbie is a Lesbian." Those of us who wanted Ken to be a fag were happy with the news that Barbie wasn't any competition. But the people running the school seemed to think that the T-Shirt was somehow inappropriate and suspended Natalie.

It being the United States, the student sued the school and won $30,000.00 in damages for infringement of her rights of free speech.

Alex Sanchez's book is called "Rainbow Boys" and has been translated into Thai (with farang teen-agers on the cover). It tells the story of three high school boys, with differering desires (or different guys they desire). Alex worked for a few years on the story, only to run, unexpectedly, into wild success. The book was selected as a "Best Book for Young Adults" by the American Library Association in 2002, and grabbed other awards as well. It clicked with the need for material that dealt honestly with teen-age sexuality.

Alex talked a lot about "coming out" to oneself and to family and friends. None of the Thais in the audience was impolite enough to suggest that "coming out" was not really part of the game in their lives.

Now Rainbow Boys has appeared in Thai. Next it will be translated into Italian (a version in which the boys will wear fabulous clothes). Book two in the series, called Rainbow High, is coming soon in Thai.

Rainbow Boys is the fourth recent American book to be translated and published here and distributed by Se-Ed. The first three were (1) How to tell if your husband is gay, (2) Retail Therapy, and (3) What planet are they from? Questions and answers on homosexuality. So far each one has made money.

The biggest success was week three. Yuth Thongcharoen, professional model famous for wearing underwear (and nothing else) appeared (fully clothed). This hunky piece of beef had just published a portfolio of pictures of himself, with a strange yellow cover which made many of us wonder if he had hepatitis or malaria or bird flu or something.

Given the collapse of so many publications - Midway, K, MM, Door - it was great to see a new skin magazine. But it isn't a magazine. It is a one-time portfolio of Mr. Yuth, selling for 400 Baht.

Why do hunky Thai models, these days, look like farang? You have to look closely at Yuth's eyes to be sure that he is actually Asian. The transgressive male model on the cover of IMAGE magazine in February (the issue that disturbed the Ministry of Culture so greatly) also seemed more Caucasian than Thai. Both he and Yuth had the currently hot closely cropped mustache and beard.

Yuth was a big success at Cup of Life. Hunky Thai men lined up to get Yuth to sign the yellow posters advertising the portfolio. And that was after he confirmed absolutely being heterosexual (and having a girlfriend as well). Oh well, hunks are hunks. Buy the mug but don't expect any sex.

Bangkok Rainbow hopes to establish the Saturday night talks as a regular part of pre-party night life. We wish them well. Look for notices on the ground floor for "Cup of Life." An appearance by Ricky Martin, however, is not scheduled.

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"Well what can I say about myself? I'm tall, dark and handsome..."

By Peter Perverse

Gay chat sites are great means to meet people for friendship, or something a little deeper or even dirtier. However, there is a price to pay for attracting your perfect mate or sex bunny - the dreaded profile. Every chat service asks you to complete a profile and to load a photo or two.

In a moment of sheer boredom, or sexual frustration, many of us gay men have browsed likely 'tricks' on chat sites. If you are anything like me, you plow your way through photos of cute and handsome guys, disposing themselves in various degrees of dress and arousal, if you get my drift. And then a smiling face hits your eye and you think 'Wow, that's one for me.' Nice face, but what about the profile? Oh boy, if the brain behind the face put as much effort into writing his profile as he did choosing his pics he be a winner, but... You decide to ignore his cute features but boring profile and move to the next cutie.

But what about your profile, you have chosen your best photos but did you take the same care with the way you describe yourself? Don't be caught in the boring-profile-dustbin. Spice up your profile to maximise your response rate.

There is an old English saying 'First impressions count'. Think about this simple question, it won't take a lot of thought or effort on your part: do you browse profiles without photos? No. I thought so. So the first thing to think about are the photos you will use to give that good first impression. Smiling, of course, but topless (and perhaps bottomless) or decorously clothed, well that's up to you. If your body is anything like mine it's a 'treat' that is best left until the denouement and any sexual lust that may result. Photos yes, but unless you are young and fit, or have the body of a Lumpini Park iron-pumper just forget the topless stuff.

Some sites invite you to post 'adult' photos, the same advice applies, unless of course you are going for a niche market, say, 'rotund white men', or 'hairless bears bare all'; then fine you can post photos of your family jewels for all to see, but for the regular vanilla chat rooms it may be best left to the imagination. After all Thai guys are naturally conservative, many of them respect a little modesty, and you don't want to be accused of posting pornography, or worse still guilty of bad taste.

Now to the words. It goes without saying you must be honest and open. If you are a 60-year-old retired garbage collection agent then say so.

Be positive, make the chatter feel lucky he's hit your profile, use upbeat headlines and positive statements, inform the world of your likes, not your dislikes. Tell them why you like eating sherry trifle in bed next to your latest paramour. Simple isn't it. "I like eating sherry trifle in bed because I want the chance to lick if off your body."

Now here is a typical laundry list of likes: reading, photography, swimming, philately.

How much better to add a few words of what you like and why you like it. Reading, everyone says they love reading, but what? My site says "...I like to read something exciting late at night, I know your mind would be great to read."

"...I just love taking photographs of the sunset over the Andaman with you as the sun."

"Philately is a great hobby, we can pour over my albums and plan our next holiday, where we can swim 'au naturelle' in the warm, clear waters of a tropical paradise."

Few of us are natural comedians, but if you can put a bit of wit and humour into your profile, raise the reader's smile or get him to chuckle then you may get a response from that special person. Be open with your values not how much money you have, but the things that you believe in. Tell your potential buddy why you are worried about the state of the world and what you really think of Geo W Bush.

Quality counts too, those are your qualities of course. Are you a good listener, a good kisser, or someone who likes to cuddle by candle-light, have you got a warm and kind heart? these are the very things that we all like. Of course if you just want down and dirty sex then so be it, you'll probably get lots of guys who are on the same wavelength; and there is nothing wrong with that.

Talking of down and dirty, its not a bad idea to reveal a little of your fantasies, not every fantasy of course, you don't want to stoke the furnaces of Hell just yet, but a little heat would be a good idea. Divulging your deepest desires will certainly turn up the on screen heat.

And back to that photo. You may be tall, dark and handsome, but no one will believe you if you don't post at least one photo. Profiles with photos have a greater response rate than those that have none, and that's the name of the game.
**News**

**Getting His Goat**
by Billy Goat Gruff

While Americans are debating whether to legalize same-sex marriages, Nepal has gone one step further and legalized a marriage between a horny man and a she-goat!

On March 17, the Kathmandu-based Himalayan Times reported that a Maoist “People’s Court” conducted a shotgun wedding for a youth who claimed to be a Maoist after he was caught sodomizing a she-goat. The Maoist court ordered the youth to marry the object of his desire in a traditional Nepali wedding ceremony, with aghast locals milling around as spectators.

Locals said that the youth had sneaked into farmer B.P. Limbu’s goat shed. Limbu’s wife was pounding rice paddies inside the shed when she became curious as to why the goat was bleating. When she rushed inside the shed, the embarrassed farmer’s wife found the youth and the goat in flagrant delicto. When she accosted the youth, the youth warned her not to tell anyone as he claimed to be a Maoist rebel and capable of harming her entire family. Limbu and his wife however, refused let the youth cow them or rather get their goat, and filed a case against the sodomizing youth in the Maoist Public Court.

After a full hearing, the Maoist court duly considered the case and ordered the youth to “marry” the goat. Locals present during the hearing said the youth was told to pay the owner a fine of 5,000 rupees (about $75, or more than most Nepalese earn in a month) and also the draconian punishment of 125 lashes with a bamboo slat. The court also ordered him to dig a 200 metre long road. A cautionary tale that might induce other horny youths to resort to masturbation, also known as “hand-practice” or “36” in Nepal, or to relieve their lusts while sleeping with cousins or younger brothers, a common practice. It also reveals what might be in store for Nepalese if the Maoist rebels succeed in overthrowing the constitutional monarchy. The Maoists claim that they control most of rural Nepal with their own courts and administration.

Western gay magazines often advertise an aphrodisiac herb known as homygoat weed to enhance sexual performance. No wonder it is unavailable in Nepalese pharmacies.

And An Elephant God Too. Another strange note from Nepal. At a recent conference on HIV/AIDS intervention, a Hindu activist claimed that reciting Ganesh stotras (prayers) can help in combating HIV/AIDS. The story was accompanied by a Hindu calendar art picture of elephant-headed god Ganesh who is also worshipped in Thailand. No mention was made of the use of condoms. Or perhaps they don’t have elephant sizes.

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Strange “Meat” For The Hungry Ghosts

In Chinese culture it is customary to appease dead spirits known as “Hungry Ghosts” during an annual festival with various offerings of edibles. One Cambodian man, it was reported recently, who had no chicken or duck to offer the Hungry Ghosts, offered his own dick! According to Phnom Penh police. 33 year-old Soun Ney told the spirits who visited him in a dream to go away when they first appeared to ask for food, and waved his penis at them in defiance. “Devils, I don’t have any chicken or duck to offer you,” he was quoted as saying by the police chief Phoeng Vat. “If you want to eat anything, you can eat my dick!” Soun Ney said that the Hungry Ghosts agreed to eat his manhood “meat.

He was rushed to the hospital near the Cambodian capital after he castrated himself with a butcher’s knife.

Comment: In some Buddhist orders, the monks wisely leave a small morsel on their plates for the Hungry Ghosts, thus saving themselves from having to resort to other drastic measures like the unfortunate Soun Ney.

Gay Blow-jobs Still Banned In Sing

While it was reported in the media that squeaky-clean Singapore may soon decriminalize oral sex between men and women, homosexual oral sex looks set to stay illegal.

Comment: With the puritanical prime minister threatening to close Thai nightspots even an hour earlier from 2AM to 1AM, there has been some talk that Singapore, eyeing the pink dollar, might try to woo gays away from Thailand. But who would flock down to the Lion City if they thought they could be arrested for a blow-job?!
Alone In Patong
(But Not For Long)
Martin Frank*

Alone In Patong
Patong Beach should be called Farang beach because that's what it is: A public pool for tourists spread over four kilometers of clean beach. There is a gay beach, I've been told, but gays being so into-your-face all over the place, I didn't notice it. Maybe they should mark it with pink umbrellas.

(But Not For Long)
Because I traveled alone, I chose to stay at Club One Seven Bed & Breakfast on Patong beach. My large sea view balcony room had a state bed with pillows for three, DVD and TV, A/C (all remote controlled), diner, enough wardrobes for endless holidays (long stays invited), minibar, and safe. My bathroom was the size of a standard hotel room, with jacuzzi, separate shower, double basins, and another TV. Daniel See, Club One Seven's manager and his gorgeous lover Sean, plus the Club's charming and helpful staff made me feel at home right from the moment I got out of the taxi.

Alone In Patong
Because I was on my own, I invited Daniel and Sean for dinner to Kenya's Sea Hag restaurant where we ate tasty Thai food...

*Martin Frank (Author of "ter figi ische souhungh" and other books in Swiss German, German and English. The film "fogi is a bastard" is available at amazon.com.)

Alone In Patong
Low season is high season for you! Smart boys like Earth (from Tangmo)...

(But Not For Long)
... will be waiting for you in the lobby of your hotel when you come down for breakfast!

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With his perfect body, perfect manners, and calm strength, Earth made sure that I fell asleep in seventh heaven. I gave him a large tip.

Alone In Patong
Next day, Daniel and I had dinner at Tavern on the Hill. The food was great, the waiter charming, and the view of Patong, beach and bay, breathtaking. In the Tavern's bar, we met the webmaster of www.gayphuket.com, whose home is perched even more precariously on the same hill. He is an old man, and his house is on top of a steep hill, but he told us...

(But Not For Long)
Boys walk up to knock at his door at three in the morning! Their sweat must smell sweeter than flowers to him!

Alone In Patong
Later that evening...

(But Not For Long)
... we joined Earth at the bar he works in, Tangmo. We were too early for the famous show, but not too late to off Earth, and short-list "72", an Isan boy, in case I should ever again feel...

Alone In Patong
(But Not...)
Next, we all went to Uncle Charlie's bar. Glamorous queen-of-the-night Tiwa made us watch her new show: Beautiful male and sometimes or formerly male dancers in elaborate costumes and tragically off-tune lip-sync singers shared the limelight with almost real stars and boys just downsizing around on stage.

While solid and strong Earth held my hand, I thought about strange, romantic Chit who wasn't there, and how to off Tangmo's "72" without breaking Earth's heart, when Yai who that day was dancing first time in Tiwa's show, decided to break my heart with his cheeky smile.

... For Long
By nine next morning, I had Rubik's cubed three-and-a-half wonderful boyfriends into one very large bed (and one Jacuzzi), and at nine in the evening Chit, Earth and Yai showed up smiling for my good-bye dinner at Kenya's Sea Hag.

To keep me out of harm's way, Yai stayed with me until customs at Phuket International Airport next afternoon. I gave him a large tip and missed his smile before the engines started.

Thanks
Thank you Chit, Earth and Yai! I miss you all and hope to see you soon! Special thanks to Daniel and Sean for the most fun holiday of my life! May you all be happy!

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Blue Star (25)
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Cutey & Beauty Haifallon (46)
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Xtreme Bar (23)
Would you believe it? This unique bar with its famous shows (and go-go) has been here for two years already! Located in Soi Duannglowe (yes, where Boys of Bangkok, Blue Star and Dick’s Café are). Shows daily at 10.00, 11.00 and 12.00. Just reopened.

Starry (51)
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Saudi Sweetmeats: Dates And Desert Bananas
by Al Walid Hagi

A friend of Dorothy posted in Saudi Arabia likes to tell this story of how, when he used to go jogging in Jeddah, a black Mercedes would cruise alongside him, the tinted glass window would roll down and some bananas dangled in his face. The car would stop, the door open and he would enter, both driver and jogger knowing what the other wanted.

For outsiders of the queer persuasion, most people think of Saudi Arabia, with its draconian punishments, as the last place on earth they’d want to go to have same-sex relationships and fun, but surprise, surprise, expats who live there tell a different tale. True, the sword literally hangs over those CONVICTED (the key word here) of sodomy—and witnesses need to be produced—but in practice things are quite different. Paradoxically, homosexuality is a part of the fabric of life in Saudi Arabia in that it is more than simply “tolerated”.

Indeed, John Bradley, reporting from Jeddah for Independent Digital (UK) claims that Saudi Arabian gays are now flaunting their new freedoms. As one interviewed 23-year-old out-of-the-dish-dash put it, ‘We have more freedom here than straight couples. After all, they can’t kiss in public like we can, or stroll down the street holding hands.’

In the glass and marble shopping malls of this cosmopolitan and comparatively laid-back (no pun intended) city on the Red Sea, young Saudi men are taking advantage of an increasingly tolerated Western-oriented gay scene. Certain malls are known as cruising areas and there are particular coffee shops where like-minded men congregate. A big gay disco takes place at a private villa in the north of the city once a week, and young Saudis who frequent these venues, many returnees from the USA after 9/11, say they’d got to know each other on the internet.

Saudi Arabia’s domestic reform initiative, combined with the kingdom’s eagerness to shed an international reputation for fostering extremism and intolerance, may even have some benefits for this strict Islamic society’s gay community, writes Bradley.

Shortly after the 9/11 attacks on America—most of the suicide-hijackers were Saudi nationals—a Saudi diplomat in Washington denied that the kingdom beheads homosexuals, while openly admitting that “sodomy” is practised by consenting males in Saudi Arabia ‘on a daily basis.” Even the head of the notorious religious police has since acknowledged the existence of a local gay population.

The treatment of gay men here received international attention when the media reported in January, 2002 that three men had been beheaded for homosexuality. The Western label “gay”, he admitted that he now has a “special friend” in college too. “It’s those who don’t have a boy who are ashamed to admit it. We introduce our boy to our friends as ‘al walid hagi’ which means “the boy who belongs to me.” At the beginning of the term, we always check out the new boys to see which of them is the most sweet and think of ways to get to know them.”

Of course in Saudi Arabia, as in Biblical parlance, getting to “know” someone means intimately.

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In the meantime, Rin had decided that he wanted a full-time change. He was now a gateoey, called himself Nayla, and was adopting a way of life that involved more than eye-shadow and frocks, whatever the color.

When Jimmy, still hurting, last bumped into him in Soi 4, Rin was taking drugs to grow his tits and talked vaguely about an operation. They chatted for a few awkward minutes, and then went their separate ways relieved. Not every Bangkok love story ends happily.

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### Chiang Mai Comments

**Classic House (6)**
A good place to relax. Have a drink at the nice Cafe. Or go for a coffee and a massage by one of those young professional men, you will not be disappointed.

**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 dirty 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.

**Seven Suns (3)**
The former Lemongrass Boutique Guesthouse has again been upgraded. It was reopened under new management and new name. It is now called Seven Suns. Give it a try.

**M2M (8)**
The place to meet friends, friendly and relaxing atmosphere.

#### 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.
Phuket Comments

Sphinx Restaurant and Theatre (34)
The new Sphinx Restaurant and Theatre in Patong is just minutes from the beach and Paradise Complex. The restaurant is elegant and comfortable and features a lovely and lush garden. A well rounded menu offers Thai and western food, full bar service and a wide selection of wines. The theatre features the Pharaohs, performing their unique mix of Broadway style musical numbers and medleys of popular favorites and oldies.

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.

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.
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MSM Truckers in Karachi

By Noor D. Gray

The gaudy Pakistan trucks and buses adorned with sequins, flashing lights and glitter paint are well-known in Asia, and would put any American Xmas tree to cringing shame. Not so well-known are the private habits of the macho mustachioed men who drive these lumbering vehicles.

Although the drivers are away from their homes and families for long periods of time, and are frequently accompanied by teenaged mechanics and "assistants", few will admit to engaging in MSM (male-to-female sex) activities with the boys. However, recently one Pakistani journal, "Dawn Review" interviewed some drivers who spoke frankly.

Karachi, a major metropolis of some 13 million souls, is the base of one of Asia's biggest truck terminals, known as Mauripur Terminal through which some 20,000 truck drivers, their assistants and cleaners pass everyday, transporting goods from all over Pakistan. An equal number of men (and boys) work there every day as laborers and mechanics. A visitor is struck with the fact that, except for some beggar women, almost everyone here is male in this makeshift city of "men on the move".

Although Karachi is predominantly Muslim, one anonymous observer commented that here one finds "all things haram (i.e. prohibited in the Koran) that the truck drivers indulge in."

When questioned for particulars, the answer came that it is common knowl-
Art Café (72)
The Art Café is located in Naklua (slightly North of Pattaya, see map), about 30 meters away from Wong Amat beach. It is open every day from 11 till late. Good for a cozy dinner or a quiet lunch. Enjoy excellent food in a fine atmosphere inside the restaurant or on their terrace overlooking a well kept garden. A real escape from noisy Jomtien. They regularly exhibit Thai artists. Not gay, but definitely gay-friendly.

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 beachboys.

Bruno’s (8)

Le Café Royale (3)
Piano Bar and Restaurant opens 7.30 pm daily at Le Café Royale with full range of drinks and food. Live entertainment with pianist from 8 pm and famous singer Tol appearing from 11 pm to 2 am (or later). On Sundays, entertainment starts at 11 pm. Certainly the best in Pattaya.

Amor Restaurant (10)
Richards well known restaurant is located right in the heart of Boyz 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, clothes-wise, strictly!

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

Siam Thani (28)
The only exclusively gay resort in Thailand. The cozy, colonial style boutique Hotel in Pattaya. Visit their newly opened Spa where clothing is optional.

Exsit (6)
This is the ideal place for your sundowner after another hard day at Jomtien beach. Sit outside on the terrace or inside and enjoy the company of the friendly guys there. Or just watch them play snooker.

Dicks Cafe Jomtien (25)
Bangkok’s successful Cafe has now got a cute little brother in Pattaya, Jomtien area. Just besides Derby’s Men Club and opposite Exsit this new venue opened just now. Be the first ones to pay a visit.

Two Faces (41)
Do not worry, there are many more than only two faces at Two Faces. Nice atmosphere, friendly hosts, fun to go there. Try it on your way to or from Jomtien.

The Silk Room (49)
This new venue is specialized in exotic bedroom design and exquisite Thai silk bed covers. The owner, Greg Taylor, is very creative. Located in Jomtien complex, in the soi right behind Dick’s Cafe Jomtien on the right hand side.

Poseidon (77)
Poseidon is the very stylish gay guest house in Jomtien Complex. If they should be fully booked, at least try their good and inexpensive restaurant or go with them on a luxury one day cruise to the islands.

Lek’s (67)
Lek’s Boys is the newest Go-Go in town. The place, located just in front of Day/Night hotel, is huge and has a wide range of hosts. Have a look.
Small Is Beautiful!
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**A Nose Is A Nose Is A Nose**
Noses, they say, are a trustworthy guide to dick size. Take the Middle East: Who has the biggest nose, and who is the size-queen keeping it for himself on a harem carrier as if Saddam’s cock were the Golden Fleece? If presidents are not immune to penis envy, then who wants to blame the guy with cock and balls the size of three newborn mice dreaming of a Ford Explorer sized tool that will draw crowds?

**Penis Enlargement**
Though your mailbox overflows with Penis Enlargement scams, no pill will increase your nose or penis length. A cosmetic surgeon, however, could lengthen and thicken your nose until you look like Elephant Man and lengthen and thicken your penis until you can star in your own monster cock website.

What about vacuum pumping? Done with moderation, pumping could give you that extra inch which would make your sex partners gag and vomit with delight. Could: Because moderation is not the pump’s virtue. First, he wants a bigger cock; second, a bigger pump. In the end, you get a thing the size of and with the sex appeal of a giant Texan load. Kiss it, and it spits spunk. (Beware: Pumping does not increase spunk load.)

“So what?” You say, and imagine how you’ll drop your boxers, and your twenty-incher will jump up and salute. What the pumpers, and even less the naturally gifted, do not tell you, is that in spite of those admiring sideways glances in the company toilet, massive cocks are not the great asset they look.

**Drawback One: My Cock And I**
If you’re gay or gay-friendly, a big cock may prove more popular than yourself. What could be worse for your ego, than to find out that the brilliant writer, the beautiful young actor, the fashionable intellectual you called your friends, are not your buddies but your cocks? That you were invited to beach houses and mountain cabins as your cock’s congenitally united trick? That they were not making love with you, nor having sex with you. They were sucking your cock, or getting fucked by it, accepting willy-nilly that genetic engineering has not yet realized their dream. Your dick without you!

**Drawback Two: The Joy Of Gay Sex**
While size queens believe that fire engines can drive into their petite asses, and experience proves them right, your lovers will tire of jaw cramps and busted back doors. You may well floor the suckers in gay steam baths: at home, your love life will lack most of the joys of gay sex. If you manage to find an orifice ready to accommodate your thing - we talk deep throating and fisting here - your cock’s most sensitive part will get pushed into upper or lower ducts of the digestive tract devoid of erotic stimulation.

**Drawback Three: The Bigger Package**
You may make hay in the company toilet, the steam bath, the dark room and in the clothes-free gay hotel. At the gay beach, hunks will unshingle their jaws to please you, but what if you venture outside the

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"Martin Frank (Author of “ter fogy tische souhung” and other books in Swiss German, German and English. The film “fogy is a bastard” is available at amazon.com.)

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recommended: Every job involving wearing a uniform, suit, or casual clothing, or offering no cover for the occasional involuntary hard-on baguette in your lap.

**Drawback Five: Spandex & Speedos**

Sports. Don’t attempt cycling, jogging, gymnastics, competition swimming, figure skating, free climbing, wrestling, aerobics, weightlifting, and other sports that require spandex. Speedos or where your shlong will either get in the way or attract obscene comments.

**Drawback Six: To Stand Or To Sit?**
The worst part of living attached to a monster cock is that American Standard doesn’t give a damn for you. Standing up, you’ll have enough problems hitting the awkwardly close placed mark. Sitting down, you either let your cock hang from the rim of the seat in front of you - and nine times out of ten end up pissing on your own shoes, - or let it hang into the cold and soon feces-contaminated water, - and with a bit of ill luck have your cock sucked into the drain. Now, if that’s not bad enough, try the same in a plane!

**Consolation Prize: Value 15 Cents!**
You’ll never have to shop for a replacement plug for your bidet!

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**Pattaya**

**Songkran Jomtien Jollies Keep Heartt2000 and PGF on the Right Lines**

Sunday 18th April brought the Jomtien PGF supporting businesses together in Jomtien Complex to present their Songkran offering to raise money for HEARTT2000’s ongoing work to help provide life-saving medicinal care for HIV/AIDS patients.

So far in the first quarter of this year Pattaya Gay Festival has raised the equivalent of 200,000 a month to help Dr. Philippe in this essential work. The Jomtien Sponsors event helped raise another 50,000 Baht.

Some 300 people were present to enjoy the delights of the Star Treff Cabaret and Exit performers. The brave contestants in the Swimwear competition had no doubt expected some water activity but with all the electricity and sound systems’ wiring around it was a very “dry” event.

As a first-time happening the organizers must surely have taken encouragement from the attendance and popularity of the event and venue. With this and the Beach Party in the final events calendar on November 29th, the PGF committee are grateful to the Jomtien community for playing such an important part in the year-long charitable activities to raise money for HEARTT2000. (See pictures on page 38.)
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