

Fire under the Mega Bridge

February 2, 2007

Categories: Bridges



(Photo: Jerry)

FIRE UNDER THE MEGA BRIDGE – February 2, 2007

Jerry reports: *Some pictures I took at 5:30pm of the village fire under the Rama 3 Mega Bridge approach.*

Traffic on bridge and Rama 3 halted.

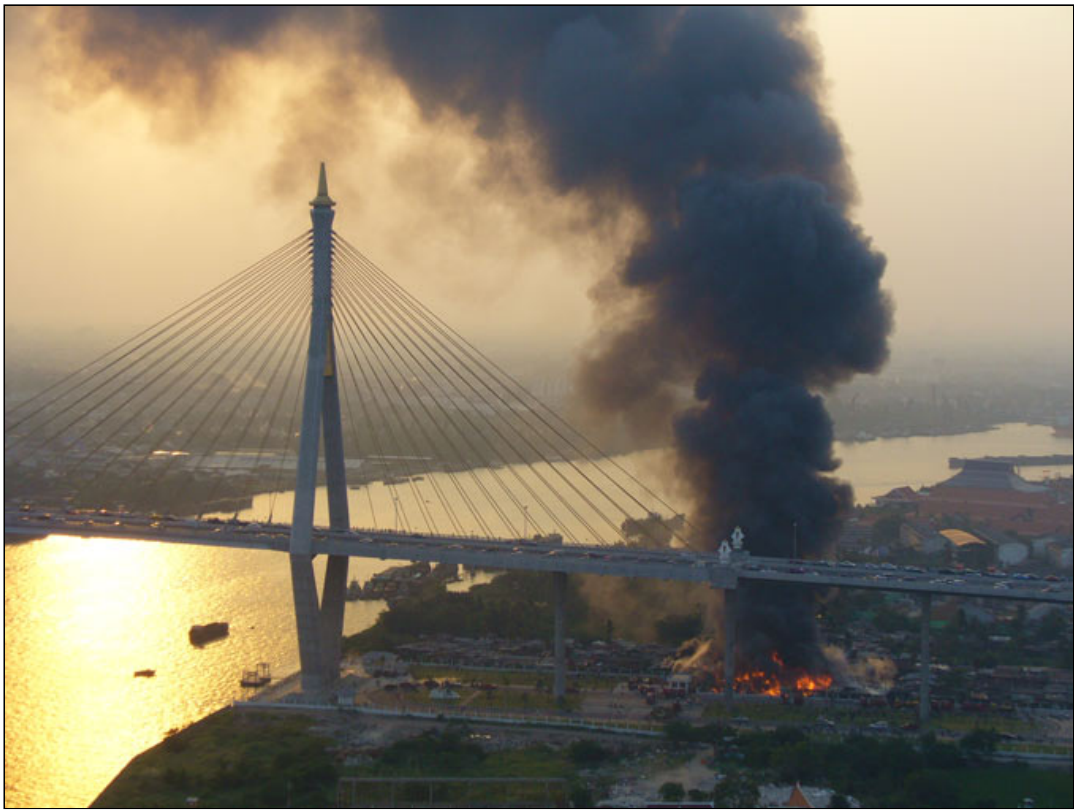
More info on the [Mega Bridge](#)



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(Photo: Steve)

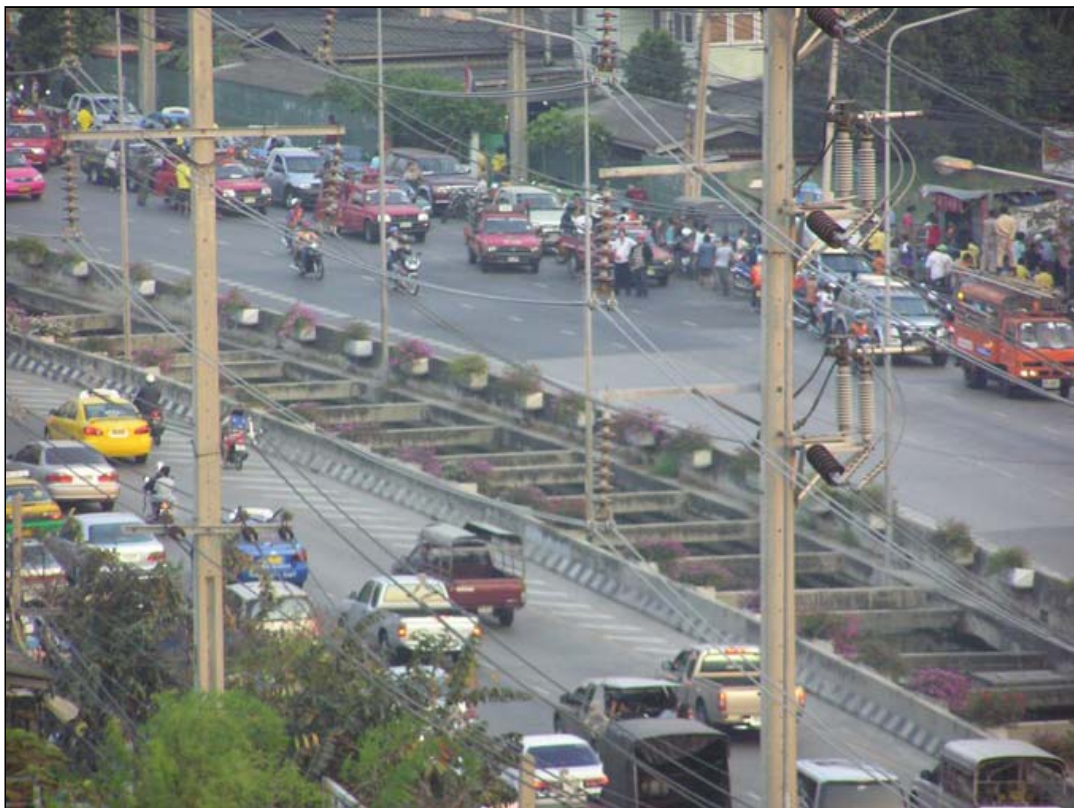
Steve reports: *I took these this evening around 1730 this evening from my condo on Rama III... Over about an hour there was a constant stream of fire trucks screaming through the traffic with motor bike out riders trying to get the traffic to move out of the way. My wife also saw desperate locals rushing from various work places and running across the highway in order to get home.*



(Photo: Steve)



(Photo: Steve)



(Photo: Steve)

Comments on the
the Friday fire under the Mega-Bridge –
February 6, 2007

Mega-Bridge photographer Jerry comment on Friday's fire under the bridge: *During the fire, I was very impressed by the fast reaction of the fire services. The fire was in the middle of a high-density shack area and yet it was aggressively contained to a small area. The*

fire fighters formed a circle of spray to douse down the houses on the perimeter of the fire with water supplied by a large pump they set up in just moments to pump from the river. Today I passed the site and noted the army was there assisting with tents, water tanks, toilets and security. The municipality was also there managing the huge pile of donated clothes and food.

I noted in the Bangkok Post and The Nation, they referred to a filling station (BPost actually specified Esso) being near the fire site. I could not understand that and so asked around and found there used to be an Esso station there before the bridge construction but was then demolished. It is shown on 2005/2006 ThinkNet's Bangkok Map Magic CD. It is clear from even the dated Google Earth image that there is no gas station anywhere near.

Initially I thought it was the two papers trying to disgracefully boost the excitement of their reports. But after checking Map Magic it was clear they had used the erroneous data from there.

You are experienced at analyzing newspaper motivations and practices and I was wondering how many other cases of lazy reporting occur with these publications. It's almost as if they believe no one will ever check, so why bother to be accurate. I have seen two other cases of serious misleading/lazy reporting in the Bangkok Post. 2 years ago, Paradorn Srichapan had won a tennis match 6-2 4-6 6-4 as seen on TV. But the Post wrongly reported the score in a summary as 4-6 6-2 6-4 and made the story match the wrong score. The correct score was shown in the same publication, the same day in the detailed sports results section. In a more recent case, in their report on the Pattaya Marathon, they showed a photo of Boontoong (or was it Boonchu..I forget who won) crossing the finish line. But the photo was of the same guy but crossing the finish line of the Adidas King of the Road race two years earlier at Hua Mak. All these cases seem to be examples of writers working from home! Is this normal?

On each occasion I have pointed out the errors to the Post, but they are never acknowledged or corrected.

Anti-drunk driving mascot

February 2, 2007

Anti-drunk driving mascot –
February 2, 2007

Jokey sends us these photos from last new year's eve of a government anti-drunk driving mascot wandering through the traffic to remind people not to drink and drive. The shirt reads: *Think before you start your car – Moral development Center.*



(Photo: Jokey)



(Photo: Jokey)



(Photo: Jokey)

“Waiing” Bill on pirate CD

February 2, 2007

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"Waiing" Bill on pirate CD – February 2, 2007

Humorous photo of Bill Gates (right) appearing to "wai" on the back of a pirated CD for WIndowsXP (left).



Reporters without borders: Thailand – Annual report 2007

February 3, 2007

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Reports without borders: Thailand – Annual report 2007](#) – February 3, 2007

...The press, which was mostly favourable to the departure of Thaksin, did not get much more freedom from the military government. Journalists questioned by Reporters Without Borders confirmed that they were still under pressure. When in December the administration presented a budget in which military spending was hiked by 34%, the press did not dare publish critical editorials. Likewise, the Thai Journalists' Broadcast Association (TJBA) said in October that the television was no freer after the end of the Thaksin regime. "In the past, we suffered from self-censorship. Today, we cannot even investigate the activities of the junta (...) we are being stifled", said one of the organisers of the TBJA, three weeks after the coup...

The big carelessness (Der grosse Leichtsin)

February 3, 2007

[The big carelessness \(Der grosse Leichtsin\)](#) – *Spiegel Online*, February 3, 2007

Bird species declining

February 3, 2007

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[Bird species declining](#) – *The Mining Journal*, February 3, 2007

Mentally disturbed American detained as he threatens passers-by

February 3, 2007

Categories: Pattaya

[Mentally disturbed American detained as he threatens passers-by](#) – *Pattaya City News*, February 3, 2007

Doubts swirl about Apirak's hold on job

February 3, 2007

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Doubts swirl about Apirak's hold on job](#) – *Bangkok Post*, February 3, 2007

Resort investors plan to storm Vietnam's beaches

February 4, 2007

Categories: Vietnam

[Resort investors plan to storm Vietnam's beaches](#) – TODAYonline, February 4, 2007

Hotel investors have flocked to Vietnam with plans for large-scale beachside resorts, hoping to turn the golden sands of the up-and-coming holiday destination into a tourism goldmine...

Football cheers

February 4, 2007

Categories: Sports

Football cheers – 19:37, February 4, 2007

From our vantage point here in the Suthisarn Road area

it seems that every single household is watching the ongoing Singapore/Thailand football match. After the first goal, the incredible collective cheers gave the impression that we are in the stadium as each household in the area screamed. In between exciting moments, the atmosphere becomes deadly silent. All road traffic seems to have ceased as well...

Thailand to preserve almost extinct varieties of rice

February 4, 2007

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thailand to preserve almost extinct varieties of rice](#) – *Muzi*, February 4, 2007

Pardon for closing

February 4, 2007

Categories: Buildings



Left: *Ban Muang*, February 4, 2007

Pardon for closing – Close to overhaul... The workers of a construction company tow a machine to bear the weight of the The Mall building, Tapra branch after it cracked. In front is a sign saying that the building will be closed temporary from February 5-9.

Thai person involved with special effects on the Lord of the Rings films

February 5, 2007

Categories: Film and TV

[Pranee McKinlay](#) – imdb.com, February 5, 2007

Thai person who was was involved with special effects on the Lord of the Rings films...

The story of the story of King Naresuan

February 5, 2007
Categories: History

[The story of the story of King Naresuan](#) – *The Nation*, February 5, 2007

...Prince Damrong's history book was a huge popular success, and became the main source for school textbooks down to the present day. Even so, Naresuan was still not assured of star billing because fashions change. After the absolute monarchy was overthrown in 1932 and the Army took power six years later, many dramas and films were written to celebrate the heroic role of the Army in Thai history, but they steered clear of Naresuan, and cast ordinary folk in the leading roles.

The next Naresuan revival began in the 1960s. Thailand again faced an external threat, this time from the communist states to the east, and a growing revolutionary movement in the countryside. Palace and Army again looked to Naresuan as a great historical symbol of Thailand's ability to defy its enemies. Statues of King Naresuan were erected all over Thailand in places historically associated with his name. Many were built by the army, and some major ones were inaugurated by the King...

Da Lat train station

February 6, 2007



(Photo: Richard O'Keeffe)

Da Lat train station –
February 6, 2007

Richo notes: *I noticed there was something about Da Lat train station on your site. I went there in December 2004 and these are the photos I took.*

Earlier: On the forum: [The Da Lat Railway Station: A Restored Bit of History](#)



(Photo: Richard O'Keeffe)



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Kowit Bounced to Dungeon

February 6, 2007

Categories: Security, Thai Police



Headlines

Komchadluek, February 6, 2007 – Seripisut acting police chief... Active/vigorous... Police must use the fifth gear ... Threatens those who are not in line will be punished. Kowit was bounced like a thunderbolt .. complaints.. it was like a curse



Dailynews, February 7, 2007 – Bounce Kowit to dungeon ... Seripisut is acting police chief. Begins to punish the police who do nothing... bears down on the Southern problem. Achirawit also submits to resign. There was a rumor before he was dismissed.



Matichon, February 7, 2007- Kowit disposed. Police was cursed. Was bounced to dungeon.



Longeon , February, 2007

Watch "The turmoil gang " – the third person who are behind the Bangkok bombs on New Year's Eve Kowit conquers... All the gang has no scapegoat.

Entangled by the outer ring road bridge

February 7, 2007

Categories: Bridges



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Entangled by the Outer Ring Road Bridge – February 7, 2007

The [Erawan Shrine](#) is encircled by the exit ramps from the Outer Ring Road Bridge crossing the Chao Phraya River.



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)



(Photo: 2Bangkok.com)

Group of rare vultures found in Cambodia

February 7, 2007

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[Group of rare vultures found in Cambodia](#) – *Pioneer Times-Journal*, February 7, 2007

Missing Thai woman on the wrong bus lost for 25 years

February 7, 2007

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Woman on the wrong bus lost for 25 years](#) –

Fox, February 7, 2007

Vancouver might benefit from a little Bangkok-like chaos

February 8, 2007

Categories: Thailand in the International Media

[Vancouver might benefit from a little Bangkok-like](#)

[chaos](#) – *Vancouver Westender*, February

8, 2007

It's messy, archaic and sometimes lawless, but the Thai capital is uncommonly alive...

Advertisements we have received

February 9, 2007

Advertisements we have received

[IS THE BOOM OVER?, PATTAYA REAL ESTATE](#) –

February 9, 2007 13:00-17:00 Jomtien Palm Beach Hotel

By Agency for Real Estate Affairs + Quality FM 106.6

Foreign land occupation, Demand and supply briefing, Market competition and assessment

[Report on 2007 Bangkok Housing Market Outlook](#)

Did China or the U.S. benefit from the coup?

February 9, 2007
Categories: 2006 Coup

Did China or the
U.S. benefit from the coup?

Opposite analyses from *Asia Times* and *The Nation*. In cases like this, the rule of thumb is that *The Nation* is most likely wrong...

[Thaksin's](#)

[loss, US's gain](#) – *Asia Times*, February 9, 2007

...For Washington, last year's military takeover has presented a unique opportunity to steal a march from China, which through soft economic power has seen Beijing consolidate strong alliances in neighboring Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos...

[Post-coup](#)

[Thailand in the eyes of the US and China](#) – *The Nation*,
February 12, 2007

...All of the above has not posed any problems for the friendship between Thailand and China. In fact, the coup was a blessing for China, as it can now quickly fine-tune relations with its most important partner in Asean...

Bangkok banquet raises eyebrows

February 9, 2007

Categories: Food and Drink

[Bangkok](#)

[banquet raises eyebrows](#) – CNN, February

9, 2007

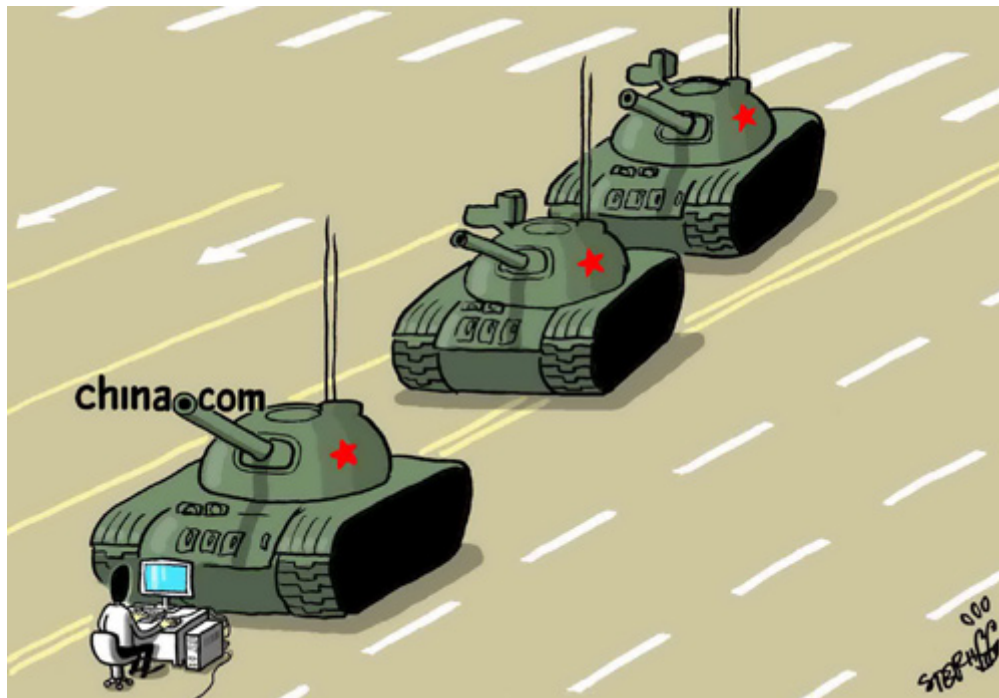
...However, locals think the gourmets are being taken for a ride, saying everybody knows the best food in Thailand costs just 30 baht and is cooked in a wok welded to a street cart and served at a fold-up metal table on the pavement.

“It’s all the same. Chicken is still chicken, pork is still pork. They may have lobster, but we have prawns,” said Pornpilai Chareonsimaporn, who runs an eatery in State Tower’s shadow...

Cartoons from Stephff

February 10, 2007

Categories: Stephff's Cartoons





ACCORDING TO SURVEY, 70 PER CENT OF THAI WOMAN CANNOT ACHIEVE ORGASM ...

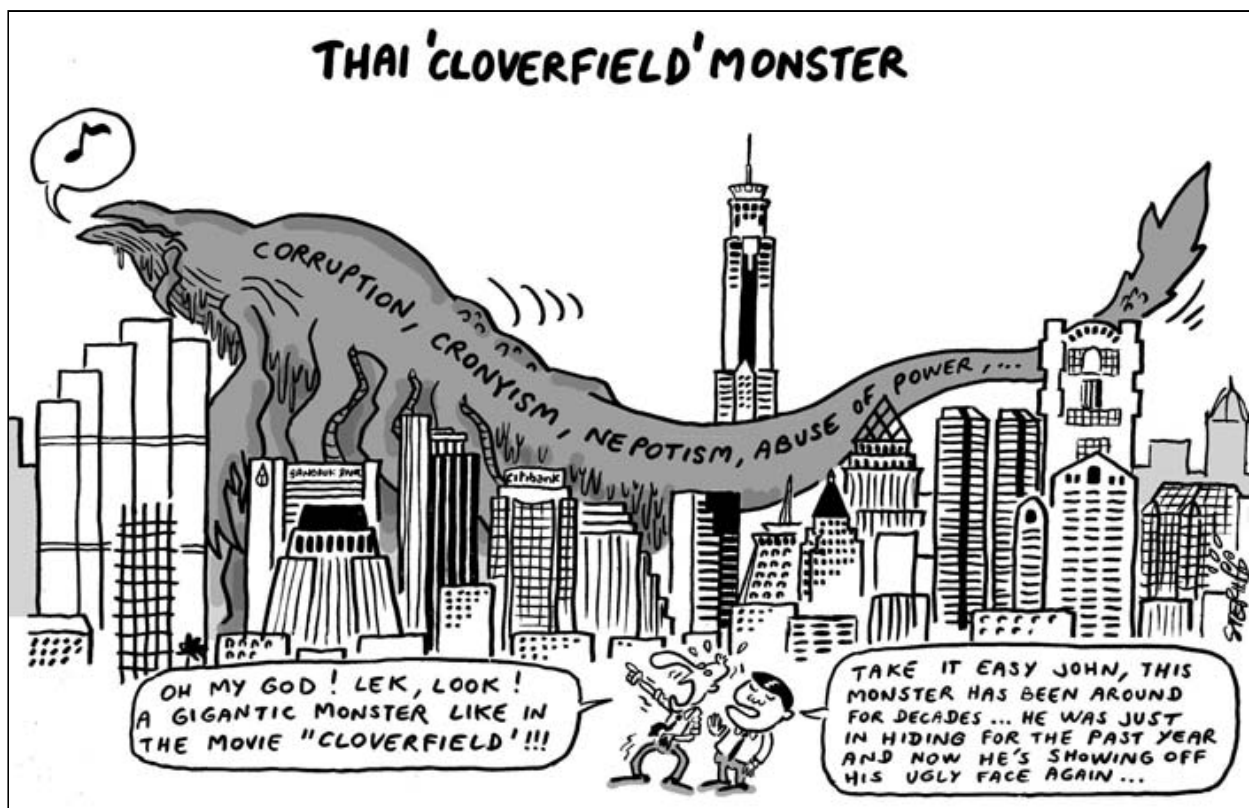
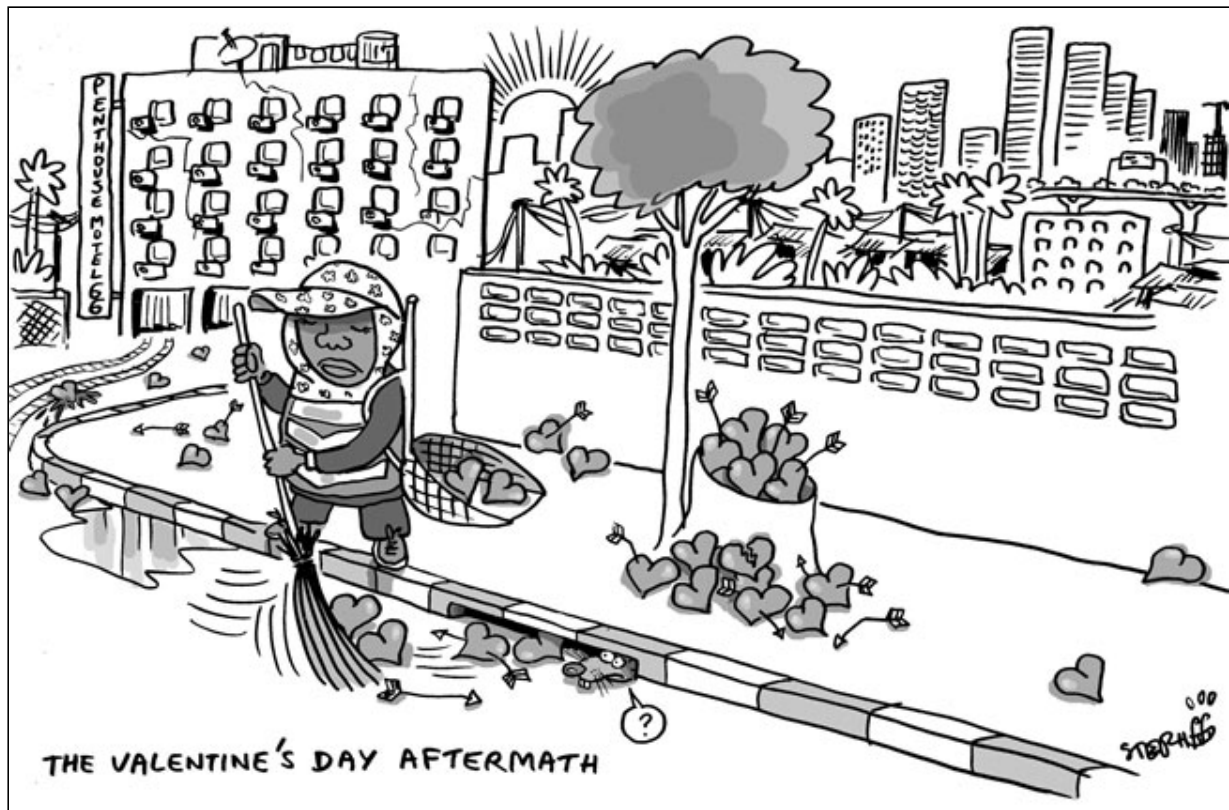


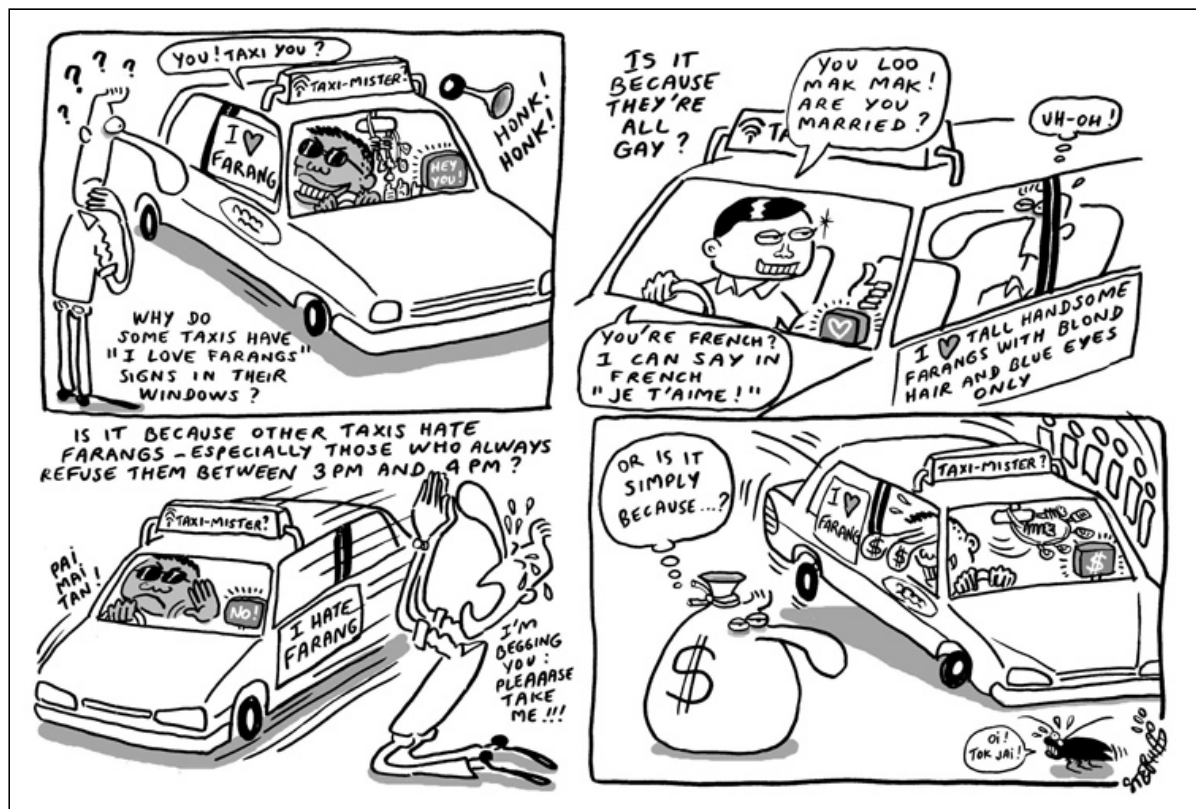
NEWS OF THE FUTURE : SONGKRAN 2047

YOUNG CHANG IS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE THAI SPECIAL ANTI-FUN POLICE SQUAD FOR ILLEGAL WATER-GUN POSSESSION AND INTEND TO CREATE ANARCHY IN A PUBLIC PLACE IN DEFIANCE OF THE ANTI-SONGKRAN ACT OF 2022.





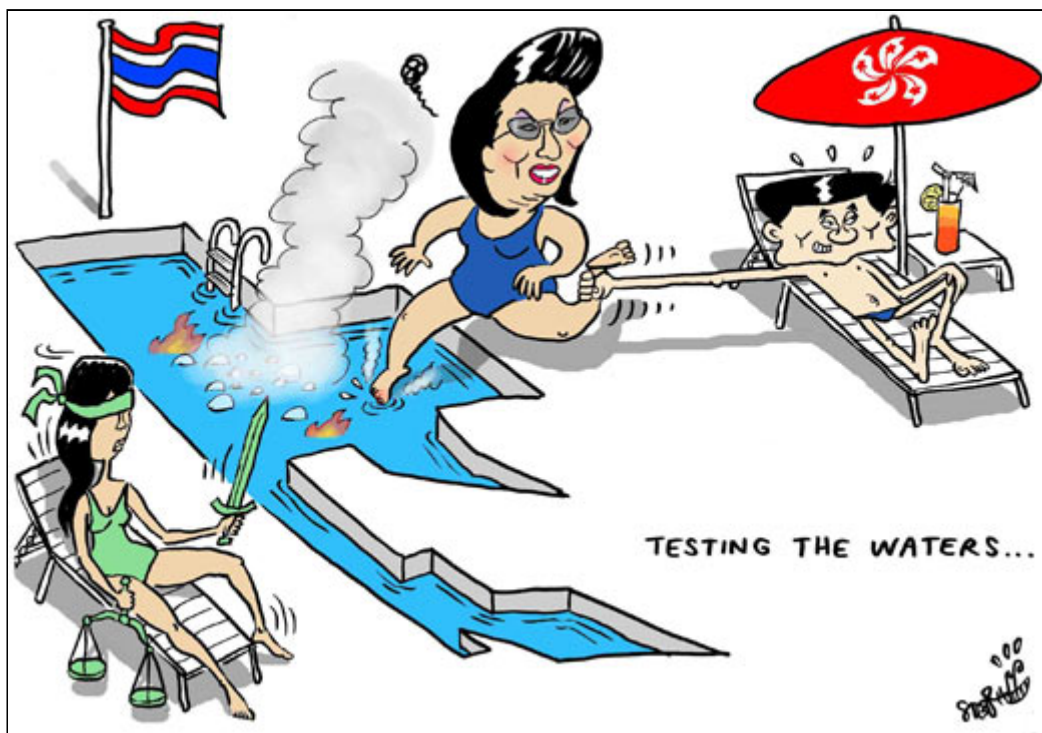




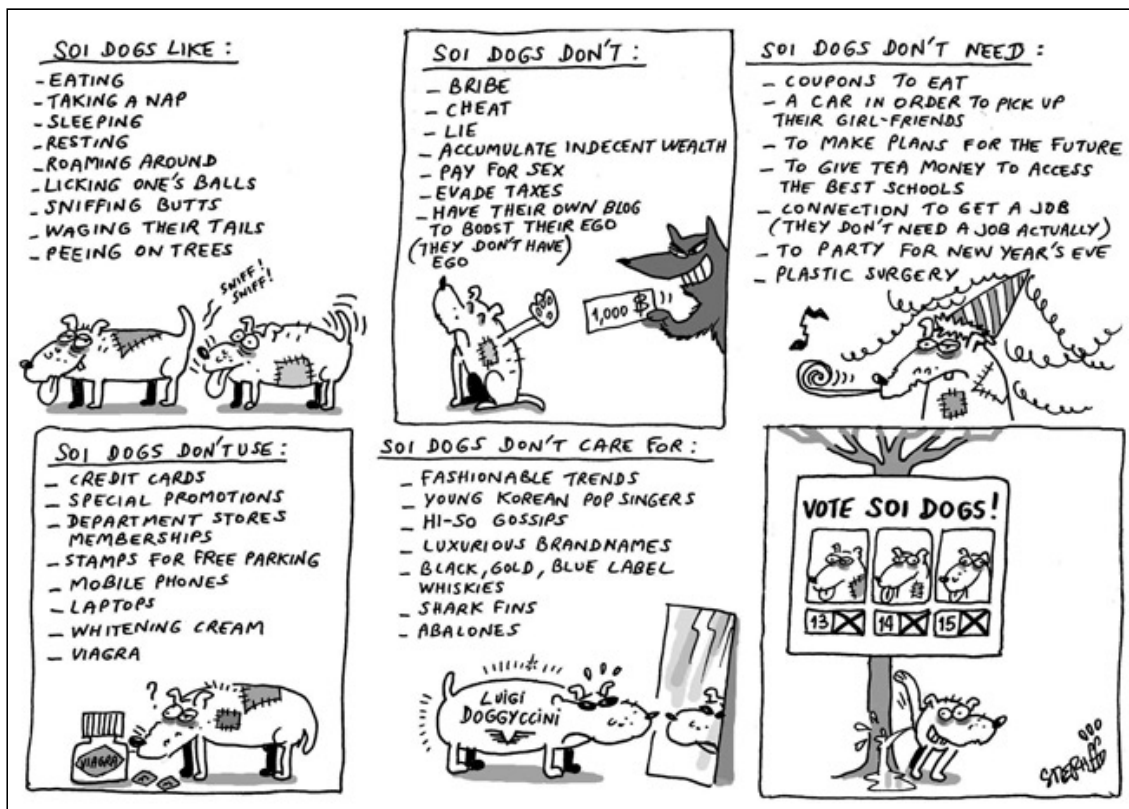
Cartoon from Stephff: Democracy's marriage



Cartoon from Stephff: What is the deal you propose?



Cartoon from Stephff: Testing the waters



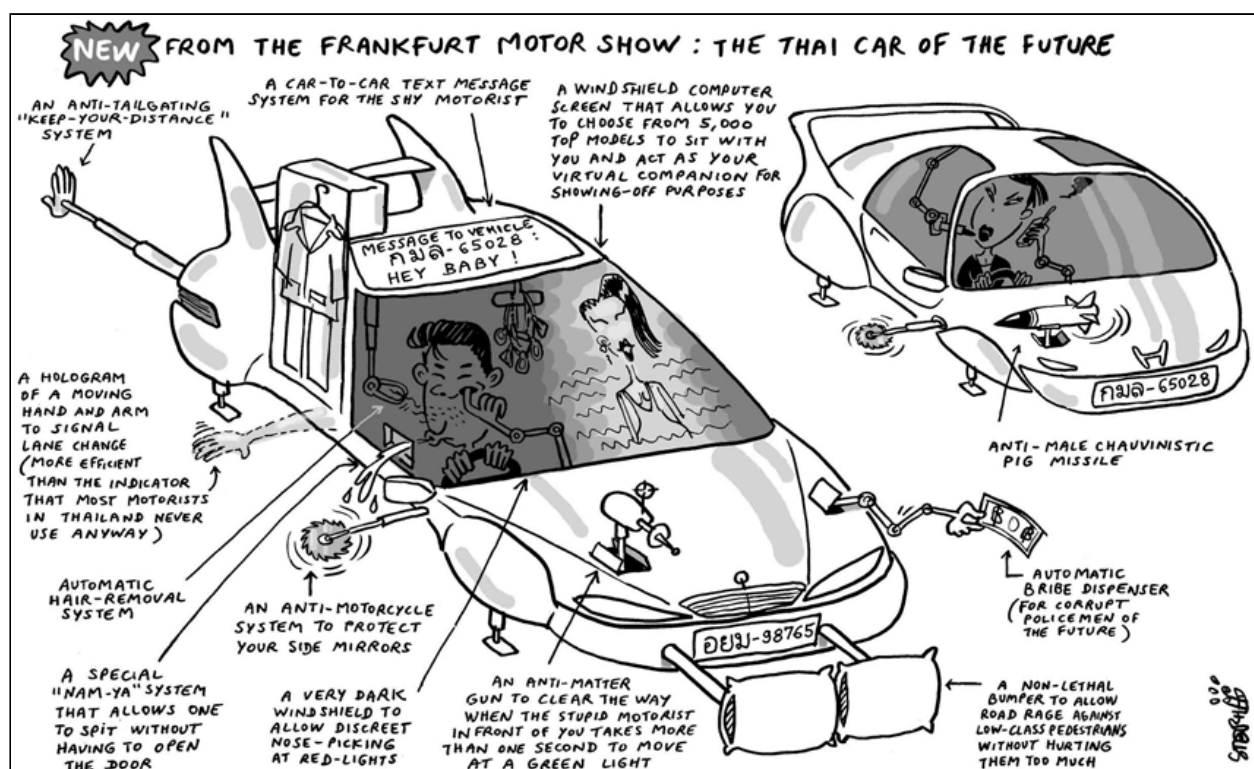
Cartoon from Stephff: Soi Dogs – December 22, 2007



Cartoon from Stephff: Prachai left behind – December 12, 2007

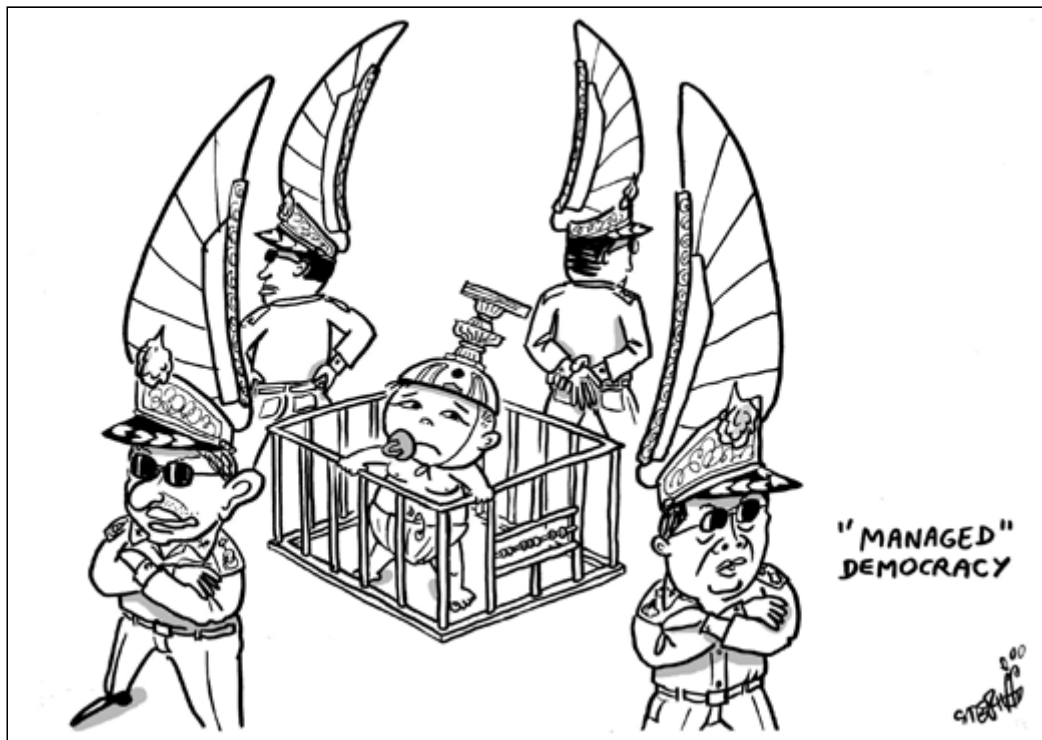


Cartoon from Stephff – November 28, 2007



Cartoon from Stephff – September 18, 2007

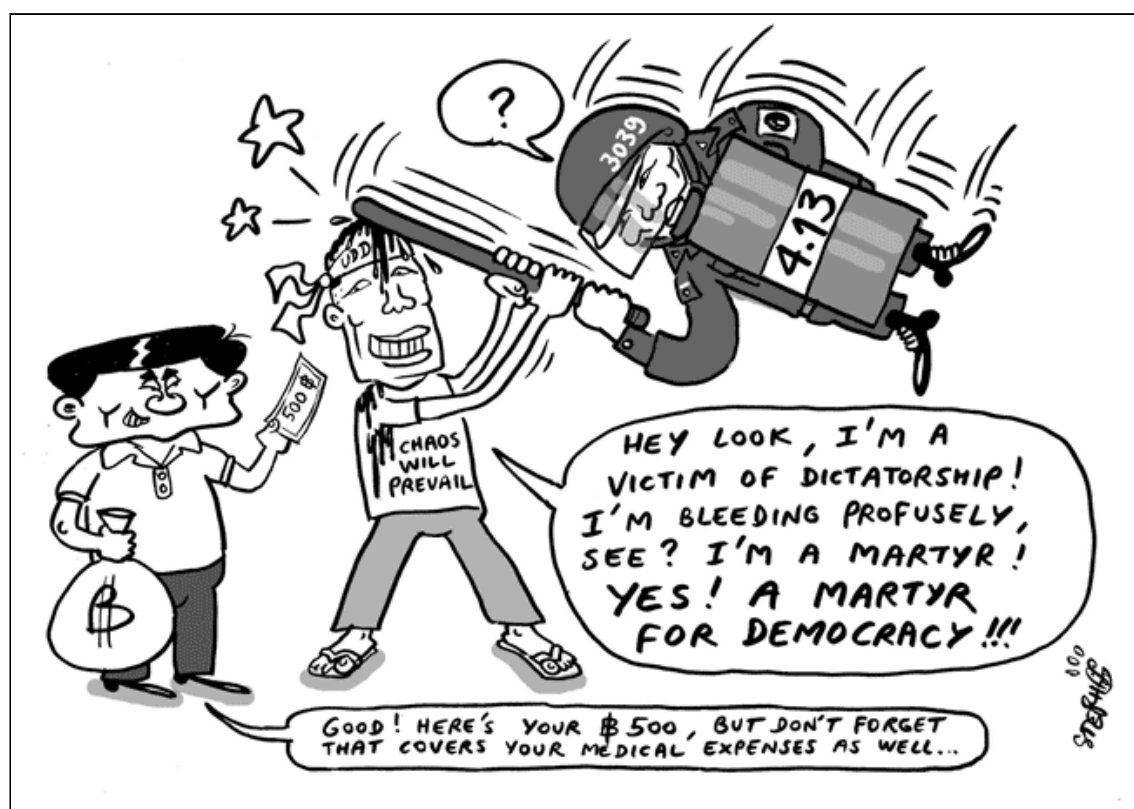
Earlier: [More Thai cars from Stephff](#)



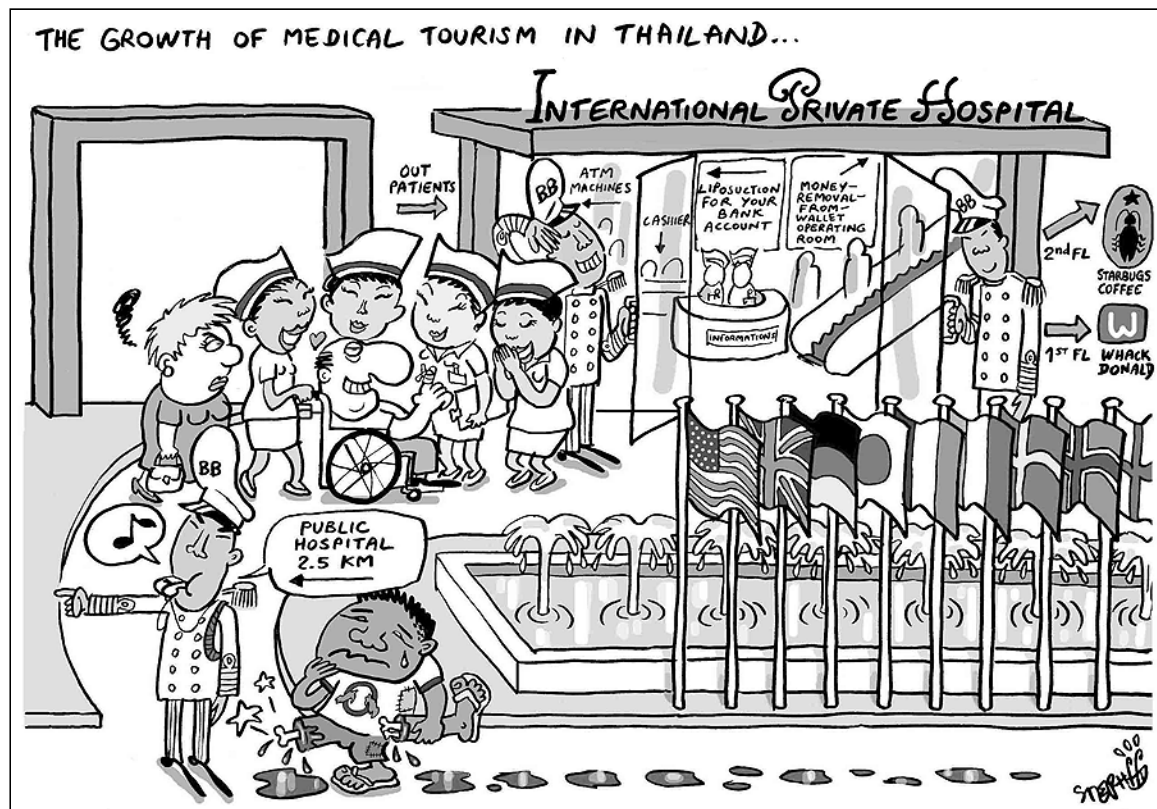
Cartoon
from Stephff – August 27, 2007



Cartoon from Stephff – August 2, 2007



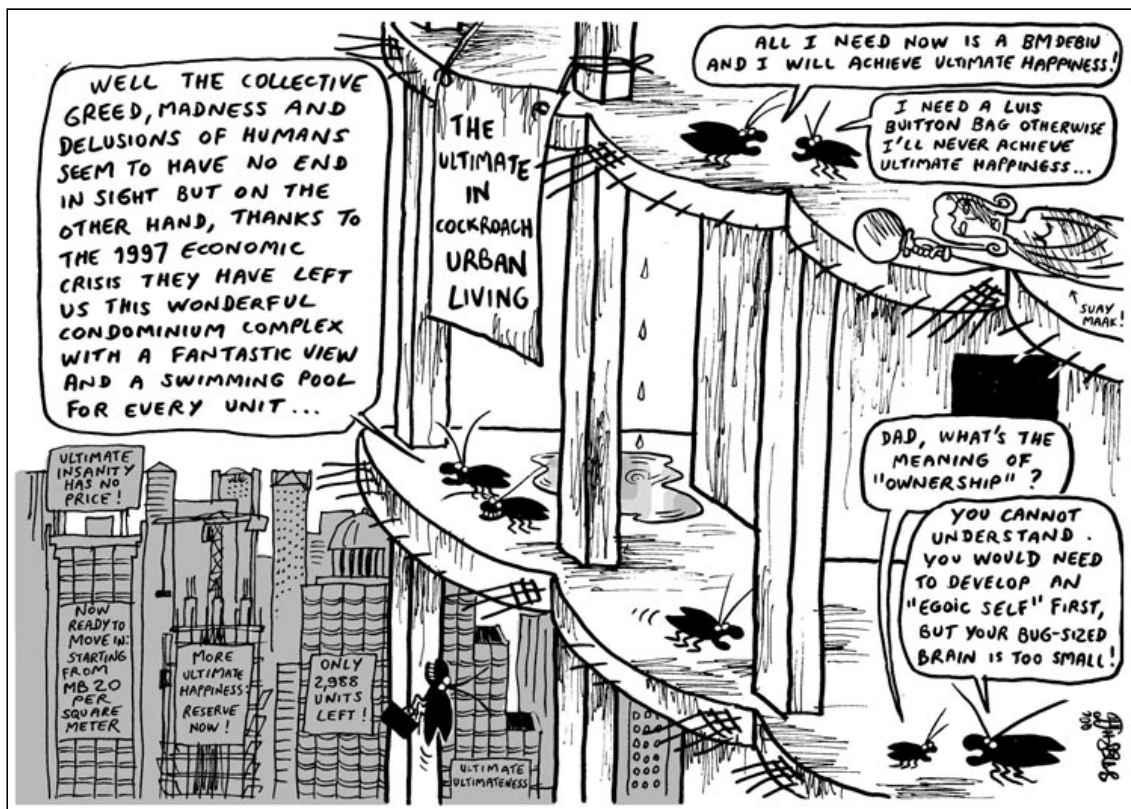
Cartoon from Stephff – July 27, 2007



Cartoon from Stephff – July 19, 2007



Cartoon from Stephff – July 12, 2007



Cartoon from Stephff – July 5, 2007



Cartoon from Stephff – July 2, 2007

Note: This is an especially good cartoon for 2B readers as it shows the still derelict Sathorn Unique Tower menacing [State Tower](#) which remains in jeopardy itself (second article on [this page](#)).



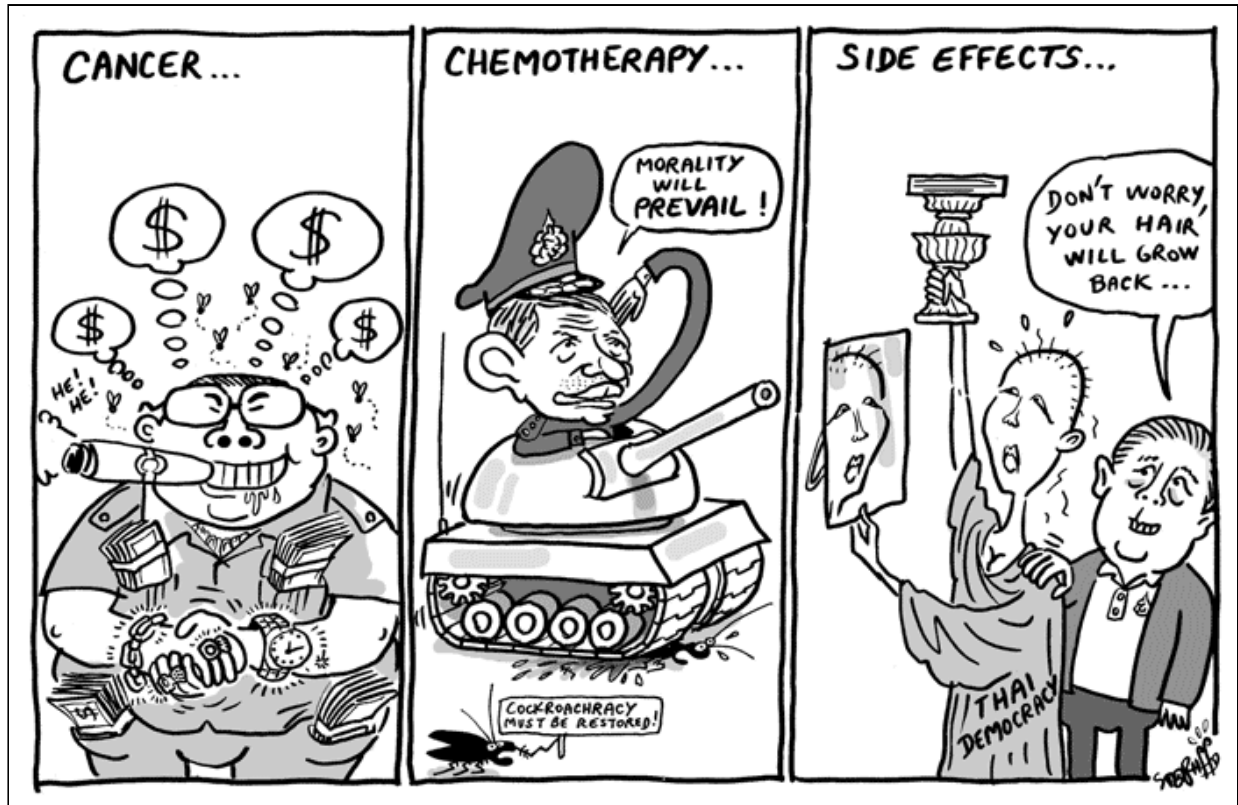
Cartoon from Stephff – June 30, 2007



Cartoon from Stephff – June 27, 2007



Cartoon from Stephff – June 26, 2007



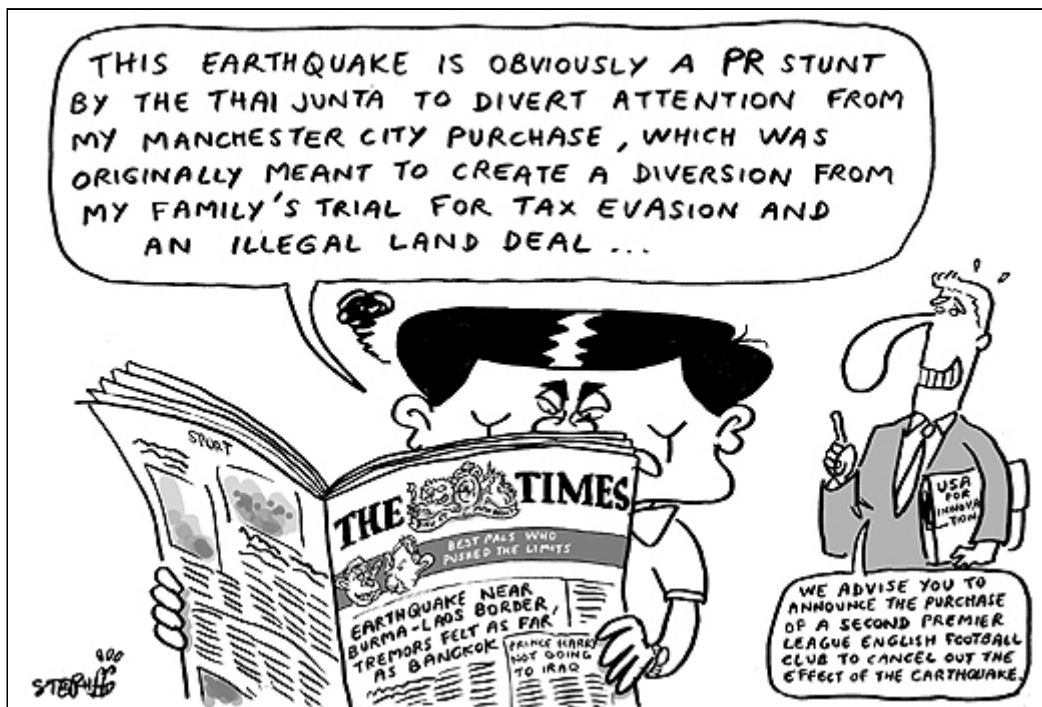
Cartoons from Stephff –
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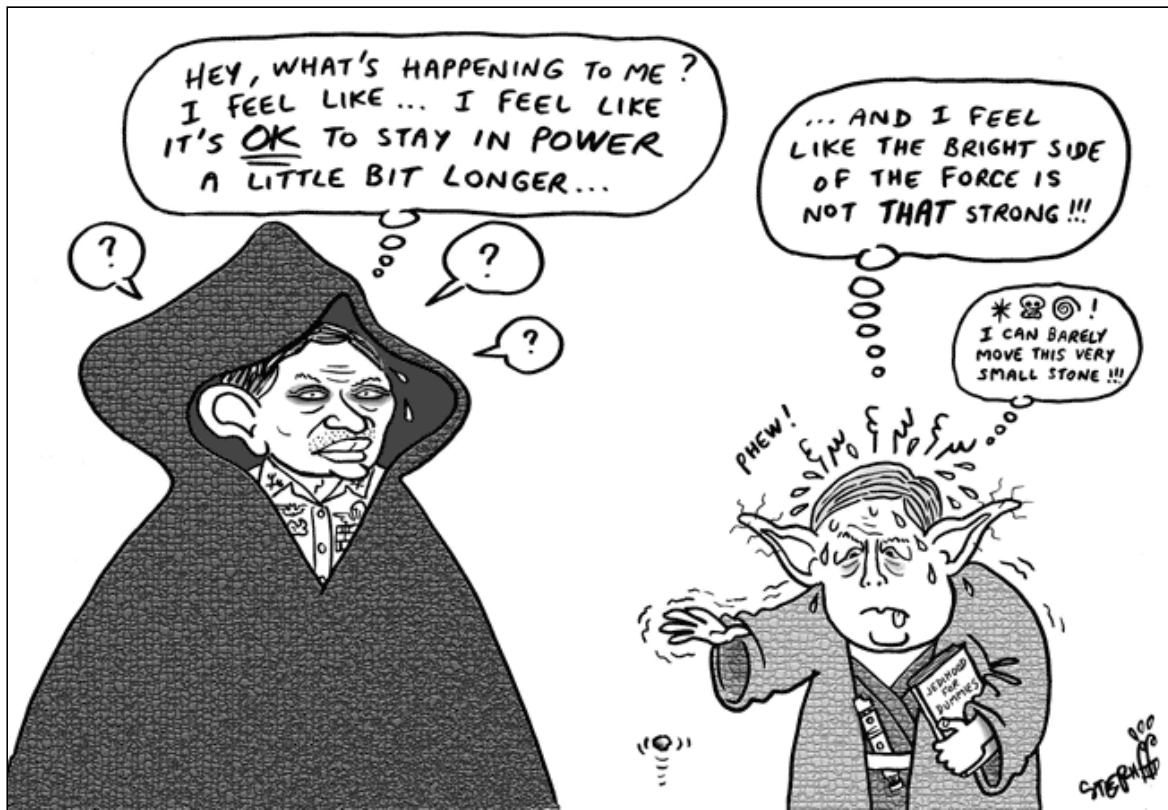
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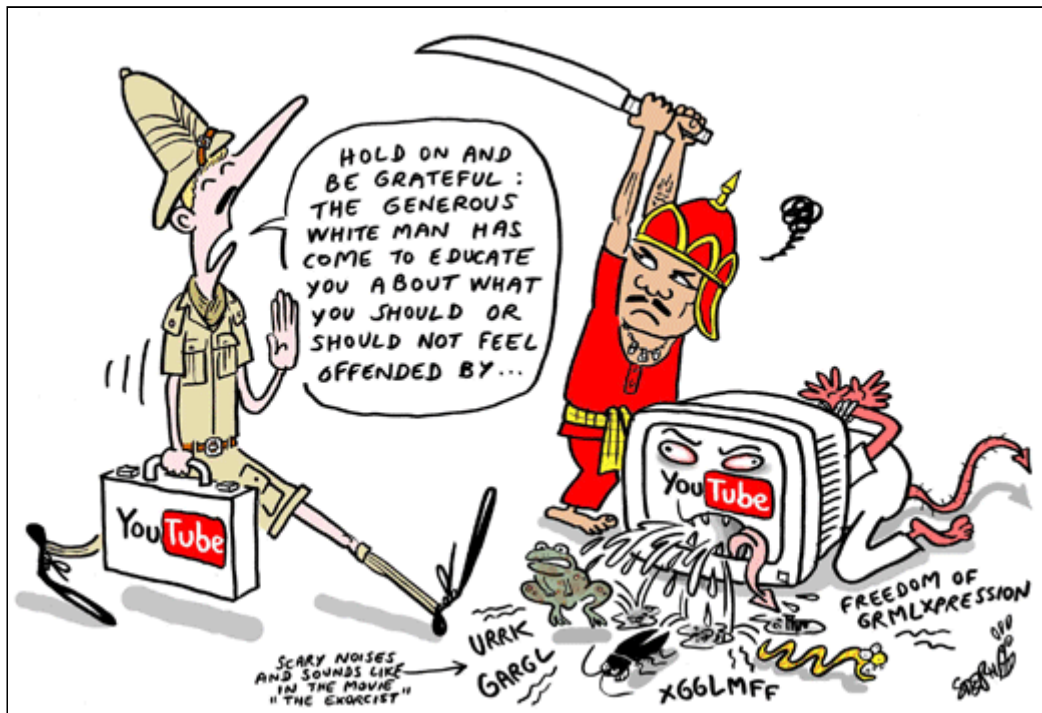
Cartoon from Stepff –
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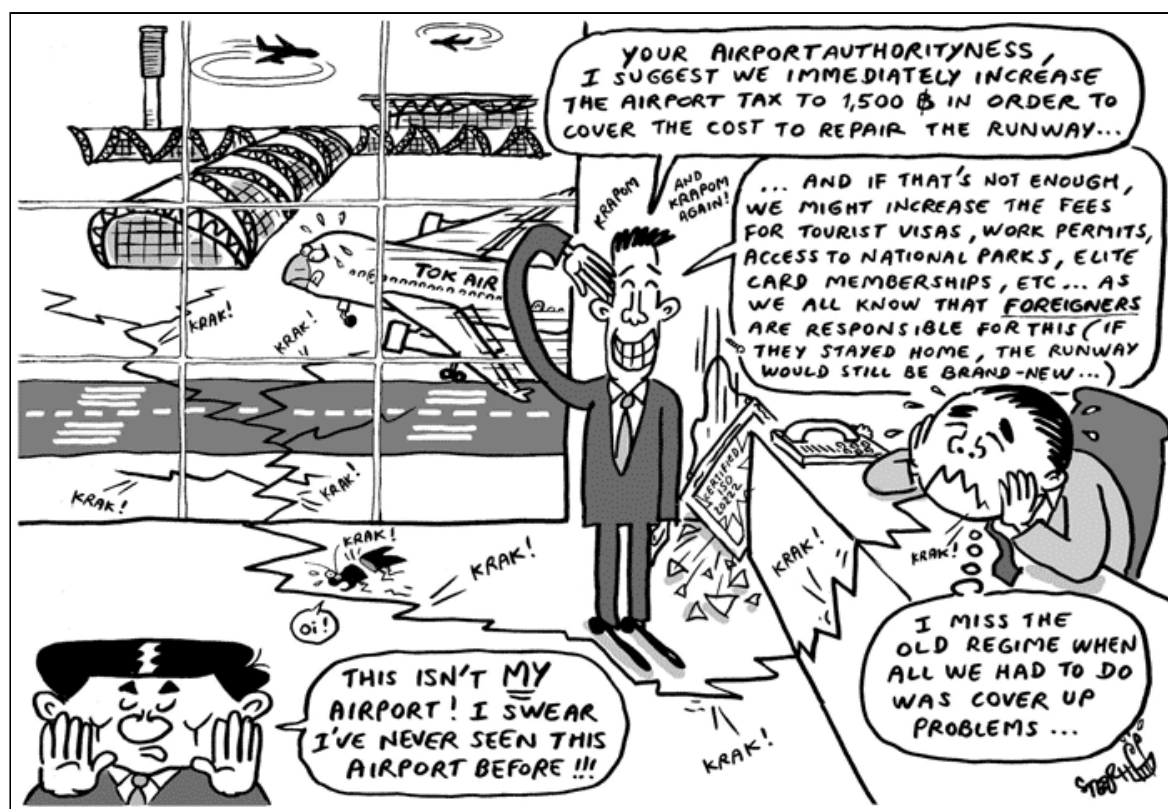
Cartoon from Stepff –
May 19, 2007



Cartoon from Stephff – May 16, 2007

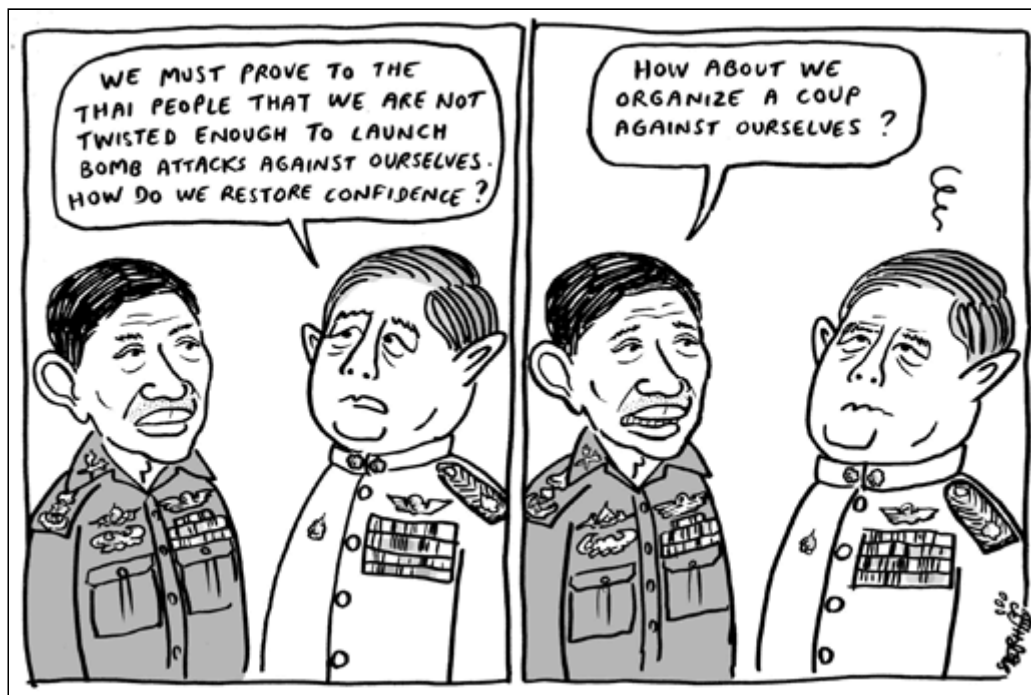


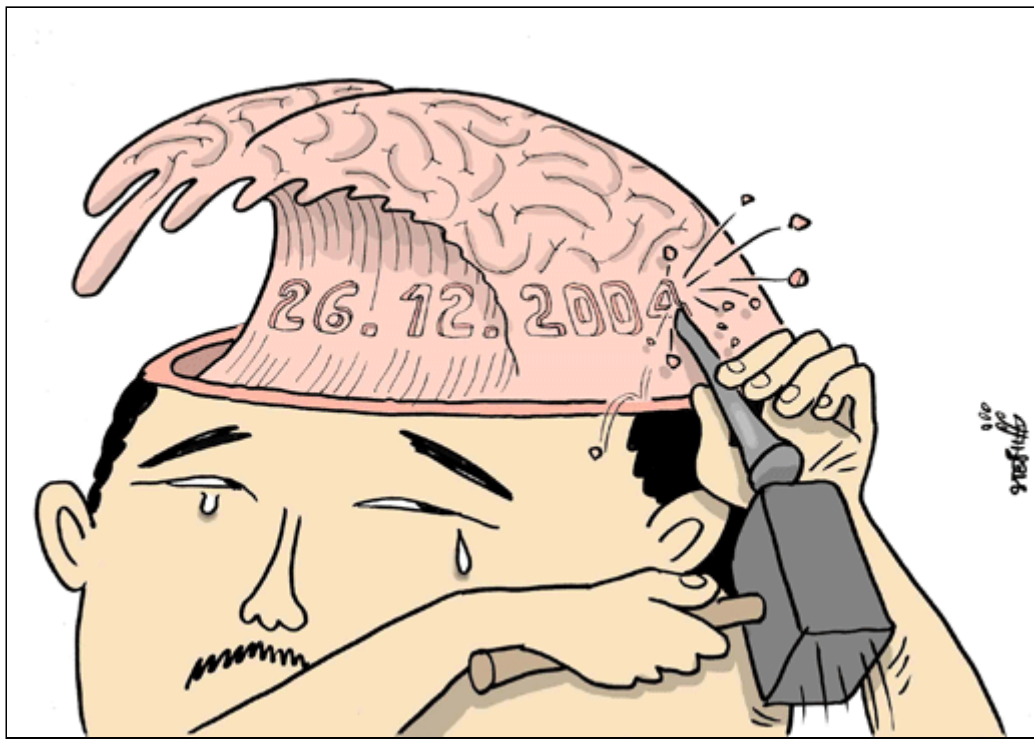
Cartoon from Stephff – April 10, 2007











Thai officials monitor Thaksin's Australian holiday

February 10, 2007

Categories: Thai Politics

[Thai officials monitor Thaksin's Australian holiday](#) – ABC News, February 10, 2007

High level talks have been held between Thailand and Australia to prevent any embarrassing diplomatic gaffes during the former Thai prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra's current visit to Australia...

Bangkok wants input from us

February 10, 2007

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Bangkok wants input from us](#) –

NST, February 10, 2007

Thailand is interested to know about Malaysia's success in promoting moderation, tolerance and understanding through Islam.

It also wants assistance in preparing modules for religious teachers in southern Thailand...

Nerves and bravado at Thailand's one-million-baht meal

February 10, 2007

Categories: Food and Drink

[Nerves and bravado at Thailand's one-million-baht meal](#) – AFP, February 10, 2007

The tables were set, the silverware polished, and the harpist seated on the 65th floor of one of Bangkok's plushest hotels, as the smells of a very special meal began to waft from the kitchen...

The Nation Group has recently discovered blogs

February 10, 2007

Categories: Thai Newspapers and Magazines



Thai blogs – February 10, 2007

The Nation Group has recently discovered blogs and gone blog-crazy. Here Suttichai Yoon is promoting [his blog](#), "OK Nation," above the headline on the front page of Saturday's *Kom Chad Luek*. The blog is collecting questions that the public wants to ask Thaksin. The headline also mentions that many people have visited the blog and that meanwhile Thaksin speaks on Al-Jazerra.

Expect loud fireworks: Chinese New Year's Eve

February 11, 2007

Categories: Thai Holidays and Festivals

Expect loud fireworks: Chinese New Year's Eve

February 11 is Chinese New

Year's Eve and February 12 is Chinese New Year's Day. The following is from a TAT press release:

Between February 12-13, 2002, Yaowarat road, known as the Chinatown of Bangkok, will come alive with the biggest Chinese New Year festival ever held as part of efforts to promote Chinese-Thai culture and boost tourism. The Chinatown Yaowarat 2002 Festival will be held along the one-kilometre stretch of road from Odeon Roundabout (adjacent to the Wat Trimit or "Golden Buddha Temple") to Ratchawongse Intersection between 18:00-24:00 hours on both days. AP article on this year's Chinese New Year: [Biggest ever!](#)

Ousted Thai PM Thaksin shopping for Sydney home

February 11, 2007

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Ousted](#)

[Thai PM Thaksin shopping for Sydney home](#) – Reuters,

February 11, 2007

Inspired by a weekend of golf and sun-drenched harbour views, ousted Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra is shopping for a seaside mansion in Sydney...

[Legal](#)

[reasons behind a Thaksin home in Sydney?](#)– The

Nation, February 13, 2007

35 Danes died in Thailand last year

February 11, 2007

Categories: Tourism

[35 Danes died in Thailand last year](#) – *Business Day*, February 11, 2007

Unofficial annual balance from the Danish Embassy in Bangkok has revealed that 35 Danes have lost their lives in Thailand in 2006...

The Pirated Software Problem in the 3rd World

February 11, 2007

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[The Pirated Software Problem in the 3rd World](#) – Slashdot, February 11, 2007

Dark Reading carries an article by one Nathan Spande who works in Cambodia. Locally he finds that OpenOffice.Org and MS Office are the same price (\$2), or \$7-20 by downloading. He discusses why the economics of OpenSource don't work in this environment...

Banks team up to block payments for pornographic materials

February 12, 2007

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Banks team up to block payments for pornographic materials](#) – *Bangkok Post*, February 12, 2007

Thai cops on alert for underage kissing

February 12, 2007

Categories: Local Beliefs

[Thai cops on alert for underage kissing](#) –

AP, February 12, 2007

...The crackdown on public displays of affection is the latest effort to balance the country's look-the-other-way tolerance with Buddhist values of modesty and manners...

[Thai teens keen for Valentine's Day sex](#) – Reuters, February 14, 2007

Thai teens having sex earlier than Californians

February 14, 2007

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Thai teens having sex earlier than Californians](#) – *Telugu Portal*, February 14, 2007

Thai teens are having sex a year earlier than their counterparts in swinging California and a lot fewer are using condoms...

Bollywood trains cameras on Thailand

February 14, 2007

Categories: Film and TV

[Bollywood](#)

[trains cameras on Thailand](#) – *Business of Cinema*, February, 2007

Rogue development aid

February 15, 2007

Categories: 2Bangkok News

[Rogue development aid](#) – *IHT*, February 15, 2007

... "But just as the deal was about to be signed, the Chinese government offered Nigeria \$9 billion to rebuild the entire rail network — no bids, no conditions and no need to reform. That was when my friend packed his suitcase and went to the airport..."

Chinese workers paint mountain green

February 15, 2007

Categories: China

[Chinese workers paint mountain green](#) –

AP, February 15, 2007

Thailand struggles to save rare dugong

February 15, 2007

Categories: Wildlife and Nature

[Thailand struggles to save rare dugong](#) – AFP, February 15, 2007

Gathered by their boats chatting about dugong, a rare marine mammal found in the waters off Thailand, fishermen in southern Trang province get a faraway look in their eyes, then lick their lips. "Delicious!" declares one fisherman, slapping his thigh and grinning...