

Language Center

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A Message from the Editor!

Welcome to the April issue of the language center news. April is a very special time for Thais all over the world as it is the month when they celebrate the Thai New Year; whether traditionally by paying respect to the elder members of their family, or by joining in a crazy water fight in Chiang Mai or Khao San Road. What ever you do; be safe, have fun and don't forget (sorry to be a party pooper) that the mid term examinations start on April 16th

Guy Ridgeon

**Wishing you all a very happy
Songkran Festival!**



Image:

http://johomaps.com/as/china/yunnan/travel/photos04/yneast/zpix/water_festival.gif

April Fools' Day

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day, although not a holiday in its own right, is a notable day celebrated in many countries on April 1. The day is marked by the commission of hoaxes and other practical jokes of varying sophistication on friends, family members, enemies, and neighbors, or sending them on fool's errand, the aim of which is to embarrass the gullible. Traditionally, in some countries, the jokes only last until noon. If you play a trick on someone after this time you are the April Fool. Elsewhere, for example in Ireland or France, the jokes may last all day.

The Left-Handed Whopper

<http://www.museumofhoaxes.com/hoax/aprilfool>

In 1998 Burger King published a full page advertisement in *USA Today* announcing the introduction of a new item to their menu: a "Left-Handed Whopper" specially designed for the 32 million left-handed Americans. According to the advertisement, the new whopper included the same ingredients as the original Whopper (lettuce, tomato, hamburger patty, etc.), but all the condiments were rotated 180 degrees for the benefit of their left-handed customers. The following day Burger King issued a follow-up release revealing that although the Left-Handed Whopper was a hoax, thousands of customers had gone into restaurants to request the new sandwich. Simultaneously, according to the press release, "many others requested their own 'right handed' version."

Competition!

Can you find the "April Fool" story in either The Bangkok Post or the Nation on April 1st? If you can make a photocopy, say why you think that you are right, and send it with your details to Arj. Guy in room 500...you could win a prize!



Melbourne (Victoria – Australia)

Hi everybody

Some DTC executives, staff and I were in Melbourne to visit William Angliss Institute for a week from Feb 28 to March 6, 2009. We really had a good time there. I like the city and the food especially the lamb, but the weather was just a bit unpredictable though it was autumn; it kept changing every single hour--rainy, sunny, and windy all on the same day!

Our schedule was pretty tough so we didn't have time to visit the zoo. We just shopped and bought some souvenirs at Victoria Market. We all had fun, I think!

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Daily Xpress; the free section of The Nation is usually available in the language center after 12 noon each day

What's in a name?



Don't laugh...but these are real people's names!

Justin Case
Barb Dwyer
Stan Still
Terry Bull
Paige Turner
Mary Christmas
Anna Sasin
Doug Hole
Hazel Nutt
Pearl Button
Jo King
Barry Cade
Carrie Oakey
Tim Burr
and
Rose Bush

Story from BBC NEWS:
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