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## SIR ED WAS A ROLE MODEL - GOVERNOR-GENERAL

The death of Sir Edmund Hillary is a great loss to his family and to all New Zealanders, says the Governor-General, Hon Anand Satyanand.

"Sir Edmund was a great New Zealander and his passing will be deeply mourned by people throughout the world.

"I discovered that even the mediocre can have adventures and even the fearful can achieve." Sir Edmund Hillary in his book, *Nothing Venture, Nothing Win*.

"The loss of Sir Edmund is a loss for all those who sought to improve our world. Through his many achievements in the

Himalayas, Nepal, Antarctica, India and elsewhere, Sir Edmund was an important role model. He was a leader who showed how to set goals and achieve them.

"But showing the true qualities of a great leader, he used his standing as a conqueror of the world's highest peak to work tirelessly to better the lives of many people, and particularly those in Nepal.

But despite his fame, Sir Edmund never lost sight of his roots and remained to his death a humble person dedicated to the service of others."

"I cannot think of better words to describe this iconic man than those he used himself when he said: "I discovered that even the mediocre can have adventures and even the fearful can achieve. I had the world beneath my clumsy boots and saw the red sun slip over the horizon after the dark Antarctic



winter. But for me the most rewarding moments have not always been the great moments, for what can surpass a tear on your departure, joy on your return, and a trusting hand in yours?"

"Sir Edmund's life was an inspiration to all New Zealanders and his memory and works will live on. We will deeply miss his trusting hand."

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## KERALA KEEN TO HELP NRI BUSINESSES

TGI correspondent

Kerala Government has decided to set up a company to assistance to NRIs (non-resident Indians) keen to set up business in Kerala.

This was announced at this year's

Keraleeya Pravasi Sangamam (a conference for NRIs of Kerala origin), organised by Non-Residents Kerala Affairs (NoRKA) Department, Government of Kerala.

The company will provide consultancy services to NRIs setting up new ventures. Interestingly, Kerala government has already set up two companies for NRIs - Kinfra and InKEL - in the infrastructural development business.

Going by the beauraucratic experience offered to NRIs, one wonders how effective the new company will be. And even if the company is effective, is it the most effective use of NRI investment? In a country that is building its infrastructure, could this money not be better utilised in direct infrastructure investment, instead of creating another layer of bureaucracy? These are some of the quetions Kerala NRIs seem to be asking.

## CHRISTCHURCH: FIRST CARBON-NEUTRAL AIRPORT

TGI correspondent

Christchurch International Airport Ltd (CIAL) has become the first airport company in the southern hemisphere to be certified carbon neutral.

The company received carbon neutral certification through Landcare Research's carboNZero programme.

This is a great example of a New Zealand business utilising the opportunity to display cutting-edge leadership in carbon-conscious behaviour, says Tourism Minister Damien O'Connor.

"As New Zealand's second largest airport, Christchurch provides a gateway to the South Island for nearly 2 million international visitors per year. It is great to see they are showing leadership in this area. CIAL should be commended for showcasing New Zealand's carbon neutrality aspirations," said Mr O'Connor.

Mr O'Connor said the airport company's

hard work in reducing and offsetting greenhouse gas emissions generated from airport operations is not only good news for the environment but for the tourism industry also.

"The visitors we seek to attract are conscious of their environmental footprint. It is vital we consider the environmental motivations and expectations of our visitors and deliver superb environmental management throughout the industry. This includes going the extra mile to prove our sustainability credentials and our 100% Pure New Zealand image," said Mr O'Connor.

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## WILL LOWERING TRADE BARRIERS BENEFIT INDIA?

Ram Narayanan

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace has just published an important study on India's Trade Policy Choices: Managing Diverse Challenges.

The most significant conclusions emerging from the study are the following:

1. As India pursues a new multilateral trade agreement and numerous bilateral and regional trade pacts, it is moving into uncharted territory, where the decisions it makes will constrain its existing policy space and have a significant impact on the evolution of its economy.
2. The most striking overall result of the simulations in this study is that the gains for the Indian economy from both multilateral and bilateral trade agreements are surprisingly modest. Other studies have also shown limited gains from Indian trade opening.
3. A Doha agreement would represent only a small gain for the Indian economy. In the simulation presented, the gain in real income for India from Doha is \$1.2 billion.
4. Even the highest gains projected using dynamic frameworks in global models represent only about a one-quarter of one percent (0.27 percent) gain for the Indian economy.
5. The simulations of the effects of world agricultural price changes on the Indian economy and households suggest that the government's concern over potential negative effects of a Doha agreement on poverty and rural development is well founded. Agricultural price decreases would worsen income distribution and could significantly increase rural poverty.
6. For example, a 50 percent decrease in the world price of rice could have a negative impact on India's real income as large as the positive impact of the entire Doha agreement as simulated in the study. Seventy-eight percent of households would experience

real income losses from such a price change, and the distributional impact would be regressive, with the poorest households losing the most.

7. As a result, it would be most advantageous for developing countries such as India to have the flexibility to respond to price shocks based on their own conditions at the time of the shock, rather than having rigid or arbitrary disciplines imposed in advance. India should continue to seek an agreement on "special products" and a "special safeguard mechanism" that gives it sufficient latitude to shield its households from negative price shocks that could increase poverty and worsen income distribution.

8. The three potential bilateral free trade agreements (FTAs) simulated in this study -- with the EU, US and China -- result in smaller gains for the Indian economy than a Doha agreement and losses for Indian households. India's imports and exports increase slightly more as a result of the India-EU FTA than under the Doha simulation. This result is perhaps surprising at first glance, but less so after considering that tariffs are completely eliminated in the bilateral agreement, whereas they are only reduced under the multilateral simulation.

Given the low incomes of most Indian households and the country's high poverty rate, inflicting even short-term welfare losses on these households is not to be taken lightly.

9. Creating employment is an important goal of the Indian government. All the trade pacts simulated in this study would induce small increases in demand for unskilled labor, with a Doha agreement increasing demand by 0.9 percent. Although these additional positions would be welcome, they represent a very modest contribution to India's employment needs.

The moral: Both Doha and bilateral pacts require careful negotiation if India is to realise the modest gains on offer and avoid risking large negative effects on households of the poor.

**(Ram Narayanan runs US-India Friendship network.**

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## LANGUAGE SERVICE REACHES 100,000 MARK

TGI correspondent

An essential link between official agencies and New Zealanders who speak little or no English has just passed a significant milestone, with more than 100,000 interpretations being made through Language Line.

Language Line is a telephone service managed by the Office of Ethnic Affairs. It provides free interpretations in 39 languages to more than 40 organisations, ranging from government departments to councils and health boards.

Language Line manager, Diana Clark says the service is designed to be as instant and user friendly as possible.

"Typically, it takes two minutes to set up a conference call with an interpreter, allowing the official and the client to communicate efficiently and in confidence."

The service was launched as a trial in April 2003 and became permanent in July 2004.

"Last year was an excellent year for Language Line in both

growth and consolidation," said Diana Clark. "The number of participating agencies grew with the addition of the remainder of Inland Revenue and a number of health providers. And we added Portuguese, to help the Brazilian people over here on working holidays, and French, to assist refugees from Central Africa.

"2008 promises to be an even busier year for Language Line, and that means an even better year for clarity in communication for those who speak little or no English."

Among other languages, the Language Line offers interpreting services in the following Indian languages: Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi, Sinhalese, Tamil and Urdu.



## CASH IN ON YOUR CREATIVE TALENT

TGI correspondent

Auckland City Council is inviting applications for the first round of funding for this year's Creative Communities scheme.

Creative Communities is a partnership between Creative New Zealand and Auckland City Council. In the last funding round in October 2007, \$111,000 was

allocated to 67 community art groups. Some of the projects that received funding included:

script development workshops for Asian writers run by the Oryza Foundation

an exhibition showcasing the work of 10 migrant artists at Artstation

Groups and individuals with arts-related projects taking place between 1 June 2008 and 1 May 2009 are encouraged to apply. The projects must benefit Auckland city residents and demonstrate artistic merit, innovation and good project management.

Gail Richards, the council's arts services manager, says the scheme encourages people to make the most of their own creative talents in a way that involves members of the local community.

For more information on Creative Communities and other Auckland City Council funding schemes, visit [www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/grantsandfunding](http://www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/grantsandfunding) or phone 379 2020.

Most of the other councils in New Zealand offer similar funding. Please visit your council's website for details.

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## KIWI HISTORY NOW ONLINE

TGI correspondent

A bigger slice of New Zealand's history is now available online following the launch of Archives New Zealand new audio visual website.

The site [www.audiovisual.archives.govt.nz](http://www.audiovisual.archives.govt.nz) features over 100 film clips sourced from the National Film Unit and is a big step forward in making Archives New Zealand's audio visual collection more accessible and visible to New Zealand and

international viewers.

"Through the events of our past we gain a greater understanding of who we are as a people and a nation," said Minister Responsible for National Archives Judith Tizard.

"The remastered film 'This is New Zealand' toured the country to packed houses in the Telecom 2007 New Zealand International Film Festivals. New Zealanders have demonstrated a strong interest in seeing their history and developing a greater sense of national identity which this new website will satisfy."

The site embraces Web 2.0 through the inclusion of a wiki, giving users the opportunity to add descriptive information and discuss the films with others.

The films will be streamed onto viewers' desktops using flash video with new titles being added every day.

Films featuring on the site include Weekly Review and Pictorial Parade newsreels as well as one-off documentaries. Historic events covered include Queen Elizabeth's visit to New Zealand in 1953, New Zealanders leaving for Europe at the beginning of World War Two and the opening of the Rimutaka Tunnel.

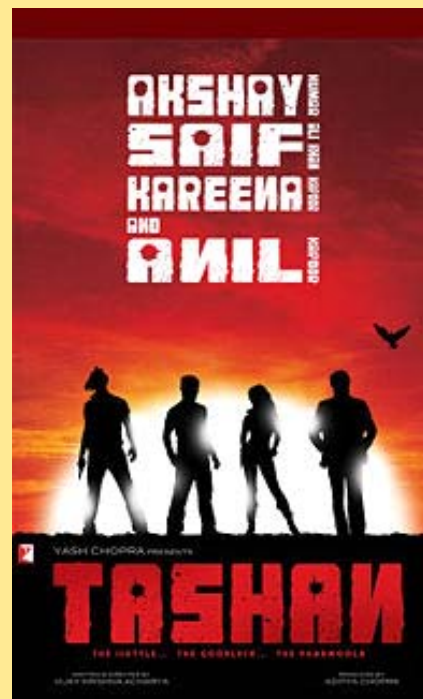
## TASHAN

PREVIEW

Tashan brings together Kareena Kapoor and her new beau Sai Ali Khan once again (the last we saw them together was in Omkara, but they were not paired against each other). Rumour has it that Kareena dons bikini in a very glamorous role in the Aditya-Chopra directed movie.

Also, Akshay Kumar and Kareena have returned to work under the Yash Raj Films banner with this film, after Dillagi and Dil To Paagal Hai (for Akshay) and Mujhse Dosti Karoge (Kareena).

Anil Kapoor, who plays a negative role, is also returning to the Yash Raj banner after 16 years (Lamhe). The film has been shot in



Rajasthan, Kerala, Haridwar and Laddakh in India, and later in Greece.

The film is expected to be released in April this year.

Produced by: Aditya Chopra for Yash Raj Films

Directed by: Vijay Krishna Acharya (who wrote screenplay and dialogues for Dhoom and Dhoom 2).

Starring: Saif Ali Khan, Kareena Kapoor, Akshay Kumar and Anil Kapoor

Written by Seema Patel. Seema is a Malaysia-based freelance writer and a movie buff.

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## FOCUSING ON YOUTH

John Key

The energy and enthusiasm of the vast majority of our young people make me hugely optimistic for our country.

But the sad fact is a growing number of our young people are failing to deliver on their potential.

This wasted potential is there for us all to see: teenage parents with no plans for their or their children's future; illiterate and innumerate school leavers; youth gangs prowling our neighbourhoods and sporadically dishing out beatings.

National expects that all young people under the age of 18 should be in work, education, or training.

National will provide a universal education entitlement for all 16- and 17-year-olds. This will allow them to access, free of charge, a programme of educational study towards school-level qualifications.

Most will continue their education at school. However, the entitlement will allow 16- and 17-year-old school leavers to access education at a non-school provider if it can better meet their needs. For example, a polytechnic, wananga, private training establishment, or industry training organisation.

Courses offered under the Youth Guarantee will have to meet strict quality criteria.

This new entitlement will be on top of, not instead of, the education entitlements young people have now.

Sixteen and 17-year-olds who are not working, and who fail to take up this new entitlement, will not be eligible to receive a benefit (except in special circumstances such as illness). Teenage parents will be specifically catered for.

It's time to provide the Youth Court with a modern set of tools for getting teenagers out of the crime cycle. We must act now to defuse these unexploded human time-bombs.



## Key notes

John Key MP  
NATIONAL PARTY LEADER

First, we are going to extend the jurisdiction of the Youth Court so it has the power to deal with 12- and 13-year-olds accused of serious offences.

At the moment, 12- and 13-year-olds accused of high-order crimes, such as aggravated robbery and home invasion, can be dealt with only by the Family Court. National thinks the Youth Court, with its wider range of powers, could play a much stronger role in getting these young offenders back on track.

National will give the Youth Court the power to issue a new range of compulsory orders. These will ensure we're going to get young people back on track before it's too late. We will back these orders up with funding for the relevant services.

- Parenting orders: Parenting courses to address problems at home that may be contributing to a young person's offending.
- Mentoring programmes: Providing role models to young offenders for a period of up to 12 months.
- Drug and alcohol rehabilitation programmes: Designated funding to help get young offenders sober.

National recognises that some young people have committed crimes so serious and so chilling that we must take drastic action:

- Longer residential sentences: Up to six months in a Youth Justice facility.
- Fresh Start Programmes: Revolutionary, year-long, intensive programmes designed to instil discipline and address underlying causes of offending; including up to 12 weeks of residential training at, for example, an army base.
- Spotlight Sentences: Non-compliance with court-ordered supervision contracts will result in electronic monitoring using an ankle bracelet.

**John Key is the Leader of Opposition.**

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## KIWIS TRAVELLING MORE

TGI correspondent

Kiwis are spending \$8 billion a year through domestic travel, up nearly \$1 billion from the year before, according to survey data released by Tourism Minister Damien O'Connor.

The *Domestic Travel Survey*, run by the Ministry of Tourism, shows that in the year to September 2007 the amount Kiwis are spending on domestic travel has increased by 10.4 percent on the previous year.

Mr O'Connor said the increased spending is good news for local businesses and the New Zealand economy.

"It is great to see domestic travel spend up by such a significant amount. Kiwis are pumping more and more money each year into our economy by getting out and exploring their own country.

"With tourism contributing nine percent of GDP, it is a priority sector for government attention and the increase in domestic

spend is good news for the New Zealand economy.

"We tend to focus a lot on international travellers to New Zealand and how much they are contributing to our economy, but without domestic tourism the industry wouldn't survive.

"The robustness of the domestic travel industry is vitally important to the health of our tourism industry overall. As the backbone of the industry it supports tourism through times of variation in our international markets," said Mr O'Connor.

The survey also shows that day trip expenditure through domestic travel increased by 10.3 percent to \$2.8 billion and the number of day trips increasing by 2.5 percent to \$29.4 million.

Spending on overnight trips increased by 10.5 percent to \$5.2 billion, with the



Image: The Global Indian photography

number of overnight trips increasing by 7.4 percent to 15.5 million.

Mr O'Connor said the AA's high-profile 101 Must-Dos for Kiwis campaign reminds Kiwis of New Zealand's qualities and encourages them to explore areas they may not have visited before.

The Domestic Travel Survey from which the data originates is a telephone survey of 15,000 New Zealand residents undertaken throughout the year.

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## GETTING UP TO SPEED WITH INDIA

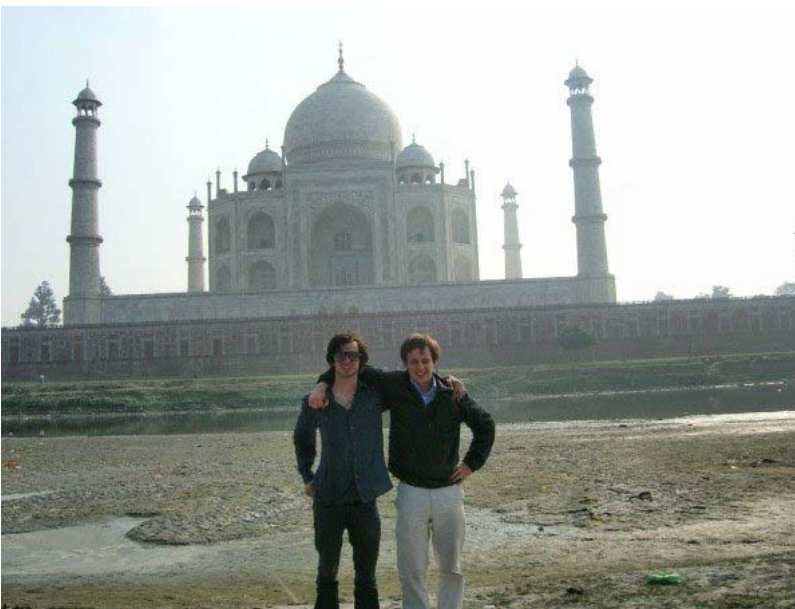
Charles Kemp, Australia

In the final year of studying BEng/BComm, I accepted a placement at Infosys, Bangalore measuring the quantitative benefits of Knowledge Management.

After a Google session I was only slightly more aware of what such a trip would mean. Bangalore is a booming city in India, founded by Kempe Gowda I.

Prior to the placement I spent the first 10 days exploring New Delhi with some Kiwi friends and visiting some of their relatives in Amritsar. Perhaps the most exhilarating day was when we boarded the wrong train to Agra, fortunately only to end up on the outskirts of Tundla. The train carriage of soldiers provided us with directions and the cricket scores, and we laughed about the anecdote as the connecting bus stopped at Agra. The laughter soon stopped as it was Friday and the Taj was shut.

As I often found in India there is always an alternative. So we



saw the reverse side of the Taj from the dry riverbed, a vantage point that afforded the building some additional height to go with its beauty.

The next morning the room was empty as the others had packed and headed to Rajasthan. With the Kingfisher flight to Bangalore in only a couple of hours, I felt around the room for my favourite tie and dignity, which were somehow lost in the celebrations.

Kiwi student, Charles Kemp, accepted a placement at Infosys, while in the final year of BEng/Bcom. Here, he shares his life-changing experiences during his 10 weeks in Bangalore. He is now based in Australia.

The next few weeks were spent throwing the more complex ideas that I had learnt from the undergraduate course at the problem. I was trying to find a mathematical relationship between knowledge management

productivity and quality with less than ideal results.

This led to a comment from the German intern, who helped make light of the situation. He explained a phrase '*mit Kanonen auf Spatzen schiessen*', meaning 'to kill a small bird with a bazooka', which implied that perhaps I was using the wrong tool for the job. Having spent the first few weeks trying to find linear relationships between the variables, I abandoned that path. The remaining month was spent using more introductory techniques with more success than regression.

Of the many highlights at Infosys, the most memorable ones included the immaculately kept grounds and facilities of the Electronics City campus, seeing two of the interns appear on NDTV for a 30-minute discussion with Narayana Murthi, meeting Mr Murthi for a Fortune Magazine shoot, presentation of the Quarterly financial results by Nandan Nilekani, and weekend trips to exotic locations such as Mumbai, Cochin, Gokarn and Hampi.

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While I enjoyed the work and was supervised well, the seclusion of a private office was not interactive enough. Some interns worked in development teams and received more of a feel of the Indian work place. Apart from the guilt for generating 10 weeks of plastic water bottles, there were few concerns. Clubs were required to close at 11.30pm and we generally planned outings together as the campus was 45 minutes out of the CBD.

The interns remained in regular contact for the first 12 months after the Jan 2006 programme. Last month I had a beer in Darmstadt with the German intern who is now completing his PhD in Operations Research. The month before that I stayed in Austria with some of the girls I had met while they were volunteering with the ICYE programme in rural Karnataka.

The month before that I stayed in Austria with some of the girls I had met while they were volunteering with the ICYE programme in rural Karnataka.

The internship was a great opportunity to combine meeting people, work and travel. What I will cherish is listening to the stories about how Infosys overcame adversity in the 1980s. It's an inspirational

story and seems to have been a contributing factor to the company's culture and success. Hopefully witnessing Infy's commitment to innovation can be taken home by the hundreds who benefit from the programme.

RELIGION ONLINE

What do you get when you have a society dominated by religion and technology at the same time? Of course a website dedicated to provide religious services.

Started in 1999, Saranam ([www.saranam.com](http://www.saranam.com)) is apparently the world's first Hindu puja service. Today thousands of devout Hindus trust and come back to Saranam for their needs.

Brainchild of Mahesh Mohanan and Mervyn Jose, the website

offers a range of services like Yagna and Homams where you can order pujas, homams or rituals to be performed in your name. The website staff will perform it on your behalf and ship the offerings (and video CD) to you.

It also provides Vedic Astrology Services where you can make use of their expert panel of astrologers to chart your future. They also have an online store to sell - of course, religious products.



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## A BAG OF FREEDOM

Sangeeta Anand

An Auckland couple have followed their heart to a path that has taken them miles away from their homeland, but very close to humanity.

When Kerry and Annie Hilton used to see poor people in Auckland, they would ponder over the choices these people had or didn't.

With a desire to help the poor, the North-Shore couple visited Sonagacchi, the most infamous sex district in Calcutta, India, in 1991.

Here every day, some 20,000 men seek out the services of the 6,000 women who work there. Many of these women have been stolen from their homes, some tricked, others sold into prostitution by friends and family.

For these women, the Hiltons came as a blessing. Kerry and Annie realised that to make a real difference charity just wouldn't cut it.

That's when Freeset was born - a viable business, teaching the women to read and write as well as training them to become skilled workers and business women.

Freeset produces jute bags and exports them internationally, including on eBay - the world's largest online store.

The prostitutes are trained to produce jute bags which are then sold in countries like Australia, New Zealand, the US and the UK. As the Freeset website states, each Freeset Bag tells a story of one woman's journey to freedom. She didn't choose her profession; it chose her. She still lives in the same area, but instead of selling her body she makes Freeset Bags. Now her daughter won't have to stand in the street selling her body. Freedom has been passed on to the next generation.

Most of the women in this district can neither read nor write. This means they can't read the signs that would allow them to catch a



Kerry in a factory. Photo: [calcuttahilton.com](http://calcuttahilton.com)



Wine bag

bus beyond the few routes they might already know or to sign their name on official documents.

Some only earn the money their madams give them and as they often can't count, are frequently swindled at the markets as if they were visiting tourists. A woman in Sonagacchi can live her entire life within a one-kilometer radius of where she sells her body. She could literally work, sleep and die all in the same bed.

When John Sinclair, a TV news editor met Kerry Hilton, he became enthralled with the family's work in Calcutta and developed a passion to tell their story. John threw in his job to go back and live in Calcutta for the first half of 2005. He offered his services to help the Hiltons achieve their dream of freedom for the women of Freeset and the wider community of Sonagacchi. He tied up with Evie Ashton, the presenter of TV2's flagship show Flipside, to produce Calcutta Hilton, a documentary that tells the Hiltons story.

Kerry and Annie now live in Calcutta with their four children.

To buy Freeset products and support the Indian venture, visit: [www.freesetbags.com](http://www.freesetbags.com).

To buy the documentary, visit [www.calcuttahilton.com](http://www.calcuttahilton.com)

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## FOLLOW ME, FOLLOW YOU

Trust is obviously an issue in many relationships. Is she really with her friends shopping and did he really have a business meeting go late? Sometimes even with the best of situations, you can still find yourself wondering: are they really where they say they are?

This may sound like a Bollywood, but apparently in Hong Kong, there's a service that allows individuals to sign up and be tracked on their mobile phone.

With over 10,000 subscribed members, 'Follow Me, Follow You' costs about HK\$28 a month and offers subscriber unlimited searches to track the other subscribers through their mobile phone signal.

Although the service is a way of tracking for worried couples, many people use the service to do much more. Parents can watch their children and others use it to monitor their elderly parents. Some couples use it just to be able to find each other in a densely populated city that holds 6.9 million people.

The service of course requires both persons' consent. Apparently, Sweden introduced a similar service in 2000 for free. It only requires registration.

(Source: weirdasianews.com)

## RUN, BABY RUN

In 2006, Bangalore, India, hosted its fifth annual marathon, with an elite group of runners that officials thought would bring the city recognition in the world racing community.

But many problems occurred, the least of which were the city's ubiquitous potholes and pollution. At about the 20 km mark, the leaders were chased down the street by barking dogs snapping at their heels. Twice during the race, runners were forced to stop and take breaks because impatient motorists were disregarding traffic controls to reclaim their roads. (The Times of India, 12-17-07. Source: News of the Weird.)

## IT'S PARTY TIME

An Australian teenager who hosted a wild party that caused a huge damage has decided to turn professional, a Reuters report said. The teen became notorious after throwing a party while his parents were on holidays in January this year. Sixteen-year old Corey Delaney posted a MySpace notice and revelers caused A \$20,000 in damages before the party was broken up by police and the dog squad.

Delaney said he will host DJ parties in Sydney and Brisbane over the next two months, with another in Melbourne on his 17th birthday on March 21, the report added.

He was arrested after the party.

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## IDIOTS IN SERVICE

This week, our phones went dead and I had to contact the Telstra repair people. They promised to be out between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00p.m. When I asked if they could give me a smaller time window, the pleasant gentleman asked, 'Would you like us to call you before we come?' I replied that I didn't see how he would be able to do that since our phones weren't working. He also requested that we report future outages by email. (Does your email work without a telephone line?).

## IDIOTS AT WORK

I was signing the receipt for my credit card purchase when the clerk noticed I had never signed my name on the back of the credit card.

She informed me that she could not complete the transaction unless the card was signed. When I asked why, she explained that it was necessary to compare the signature I had just signed on

the receipt. So I signed the credit card in front of her. She carefully compared the signature to the one I had just signed on the receipt. As luck would have it, they matched.

## IDIOTS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbour call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the Koala Crossing sign on our road. The reason: too many Koala's were being hit by cars and she didn't want them to cross there anymore.

## IDIOT SIGHTING #1

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, 'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?' To which I replied, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?' She smiled knowingly and nodded, 'That's why we ask.'

## IDIOT SIGHTING #2

The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with a co-worker of mine when she asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, 'What on earth are blind people doing driving?'

## IDIOT SIGHTING #3

At a good-bye luncheon for an old and dear co-worker who is leaving the company due to 'downsizing,' our manager commented cheerfully, 'This is fun. We should do this more often'. Not a word was spoken. We all just looked at each other with that cow-in-the-headlights stare.

## IDIOT SIGHTING #4

I work with an individual who plugged her power board back into itself and for the life of her couldn't understand why her system would not turn on.

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