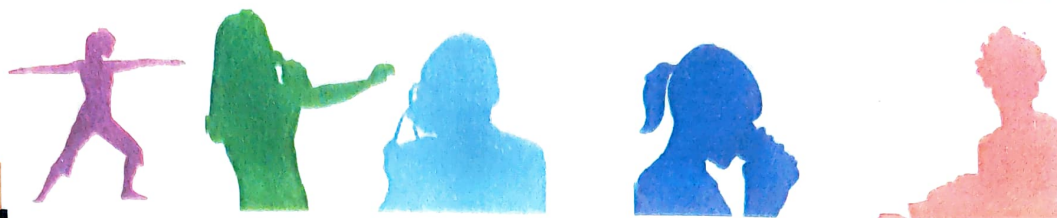


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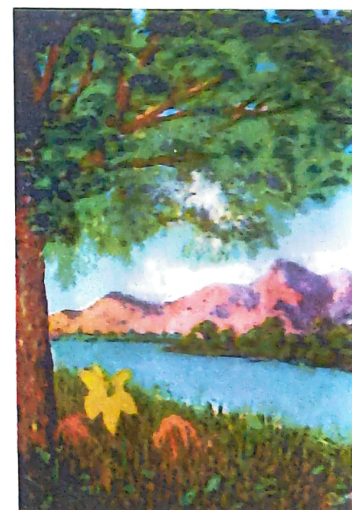
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Open Ground: 'Serenity'

Purnima Ruanglertbutr, 18, a student with a double major in creative writing and visual media at the University of Melbourne, Australia

Get immersed in this place
Where reason does not exist.
Swim in its endless seas, And pick the droplets of your lost ones.
Get mesmerised in their memories;
Look back and dwell on the loss, The chances you never took...
They're all here in this place, if you look - Thoughts you couldn't seize,
Tears you couldn't hold back, Words you couldn't understand, The time you didn't have.

Purnima's oil painting is one of two large-scale works that were submitted to a recent Silpakorn University competition. She recently received first-class honours in the visual arts. Her poetry has won competitions in Melbourne and been published by literary magazines in Bangkok.



This week

Daily

English camp

Andrew Biggs Academy

Andrew Biggs Academy is hosting an English camp in Singapore. People who want to improve their English and have fun at the same time can join Biggs as he tours the Night Safari Zoo, Singapore Discovery Center, Clark Quay Market and more.

The eight-day trip will be held some time between March 12 and 25. Registration closes March 3. Call (02) 262 22 for more information.

Wednesday to Saturday

Play/7.30pm

 Bangkok Theater@Metropolis, Ratchadamri Road

Count Dracula claims his next victim in Bangkok in the play "Dracula Undead" staged by the Bangkok Community Theatre. Broadway and West End director Dale Gutzman injects new life into the eternal tale, using multimedia effects to heighten the production.

Tickets cost Bt700 for adults and Bt450 for students. They can be purchased at Kinokuniya Bookstore in the Emporium. Call (06) 787 5121 or log on www.bct-th.org for more information.

Sunday

Concert/6pm

Aktiv Square, Muang Thong Thanl, Chaeng Wattana Road

You can help 50 Cent get rich(er) or die tryin' by going to the "50 Cent and Fort Minor Live in Bangkok Concert". This is the first time that the two hip-hop legends have performed on the same stage in Thailand. Mike Shinoda shares billing.

Tickets cost Bt2,500, Bt1,500, Bt1,000 and Bt600 and are available at Thaiticketmaster booths. Log on www.thaiticketmaster.com or call (02) 262 3456 for more information.