

I don't know how many copies of my news to make this week. There are so many people who are not here. The third grade have gone to Canada. (Well, they're probably leaving as you read this.) And most of the fifth grade have gone on their school trip to Cambodia or around Japan. The rest of the school are here in the mornings, but the first, second and fourth grades have no afternoon classes to make way for guidance. And the fifth grade English majors and music majors have the afternoons off as well. Very confusing.

Something You Didn't Know (King Bhumibol Adulyadej³)

- 1. The king was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is the only Thai king ever born abroad⁴.
- 2. His name means "strength of the land, incomparable power".
- 3. His full name is Phrabat Somdej Phra Paramindra Maha Bhumibol Adulyadej Mahitaladhibet Ramadhibodi Chakrinarubodindara Sayamindaradhiraj Boromanatbophit
- 4. He lived in Switzerland until he could return to Thailand in 1945, at the end of WW2⁶.
- 5. In 1948 he had a car accident and lost the sight in his right eye.
- 6. He played the saxophone, clarinet, trumpet, guitar and piano, and was an accomplished jazz musician. He composed 49 pieces of music.
- 7. The king was worth⁹ \$35 billion¹⁰, according to Forbes magazine.
- 8. He spoke Thai, English, French, German, Latin and Greek.



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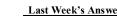
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Announcements

No 3rd grade. No 5th grade. 1st, 2nd, 4th grade have no afternoon classes. 5th grade English majors and music majors have no afternoon classes.

King of Thailand Dies

King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, died last Thursday. He was 88 years old. He was the 17th longest reigning¹¹ monarch¹² of all time¹³. His reign¹⁴ was 70 years and 126 days long. He is now replaced by¹⁵ Queen Elizabeth II of Britain as the world's longest reigning living¹⁶ monarch. He married his wife, Sirikit Kitiyakon, in 1950. He had four children.





The king had been very sick for a while. Last year he made public appearances¹⁷ in a wheelchair¹⁸ and he was in hospital for most of this year. His death does not come as a surprise¹⁹ to most people but he was adored²⁰ in Thailand and the country has entered a time of mourning²¹. He was extremely²² popular. There will be 100 days of mourning.

King Bhumibol will be succeeded by ²³ his son, Maha Vajiralongkorn, 64. Maha is nowhere near as popular as ²⁴ his father and many think he will do harm to ²⁵ the reputation ²⁶ of Thailand. He is seen as a playboy ²⁷ and has had three wives that he has divorced ²⁸. Thailand has a lese-majeste law ²⁹, which means it is illegal ³⁰ to insult ³¹ the king. That means, if Maha is a bad king, no people or newspapers will be able to criticize ³² him.



1.To make way for~を優先にする 2.Confusing 混乱させる 3.King Bhumibol Adulyadej プーミポンアドゥンラヤデート王 4.Abroad 海外 5.Incomparable 無比の 6.WW2 第二次世界大戦 7.Car accident 車の事項 8.Accomplished 熟達した 9.Worth 財産がある 10.Billion10 億 11.Longest reigning 長在位君臨する~12.Monarch 国王 13.Of all time 史上最 14.Reign 君臨する 15.Replaced by~に取り替える 16.Living 生きている 17.Public appearance 公式行事への出席 18.Wheelchair 車椅子 19.Come as a surprise 意外な結果である 20.Adore 憧れ 21.Mourn 悲しむ 22.Extremely 非常に 23.Succeed by の地位を継ぐ 24.Nowhere near as as ~の足元にも及ばない 25.Do harm to~に傷つける 26.Reputation 評判 27.Playboy プレイボーイ 28.Divorce 離婚する 29.Lese-majeste law 大逆罪法 30.Illegal 違法 31.Insult 悪態をつく 32.Criticize 批判する