

## Hippo eats dwarf

**B**ANGKOK: A hippopotamus swallowed a circus dwarf in a "freak accident" in northern Thailand, according to a columnist in the *Pattaya Mail*.

The Grapevine column reported: "A circus dwarf, nicknamed Od, died recently when he bounced sideways from a trampoline and was swallowed by a yawning hippopotamus waiting to appear in the next act."

"Vets said Hilda the Hippo had a gag reflex which caused her to swallow. More than 1000 spectators continued to applaud wildly until they realised there had been a tragic mistake."