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OUTBREAK

230 dengue cases a day

SEVEN people died from dengue fever in Phuket in the first week of this month.

The new fatalities bring to 70 the number of dengue fever deaths recorded across Thailand to date this year, Public Health Minister Jurin Laksanawisit announced on August 24.

Some 60,000 people have caught the disease this year – 83% more than last year, with an average of 230 new cases identified every day.

The outbreak is so severe that Mr Jurin has instructed provincial health chiefs to monitor and control it, as well as urging people with dengue-like symptoms to see doctors immediately.

So far this year there have been 14,361 cases in the South; 15,871 in Central Thailand; 8,843 cases in the North; and 15,517 cases in the Northeast, he said.

Of these, seven patients were less than 28 days old and 409 were over 65 years.

Mr Jurin urged officials in Phuket to spray all areas where mosquito larvae might incubate.

Seven provinces in the South have been hit hard by the disease, with 13 people having died so far this year – nine in Nakhon Sri Thammarat and four in Krabi.

– Nation/Gazette

Rape unit, passports top consuls' agenda

By Atchaa Khamlo

SETTING up a police anti-rape unit and the handling of passports by Phuket police topped the agenda of a high-level meeting on Monday of provincial officers and honorary consuls for 24 countries.

Hanns Schumacher, German Ambassador to Thailand, told the *Gazette*, "We have a general problem in that local police in particular who come in contact with Germans and other European tourists are not always playing by the rules."

"According to the Vienna convention on consular relations, there is a commitment of local authorities whenever a foreign national is detained that the embassy is informed without any delay, or that the person concerned is given the right to call the embassy," he explained.

"In addition, we have noticed recently that the practice of passports being confiscated – for whatever reasons – is still continuing," he added.

On a positive note, though, the ambassador said, "I have heard with great interest from the 'com-



Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop chaired the meeting. Photo: Atchaa Khamlo

missioner of police' that the police have been changing their practice. I do sincerely hope that this will be the case in the future.

"Passports are the property of the issuing state and should not be withheld by the host country," he said.

Phuket Provincial Police Commander Pekad Tantipong noted that Phuket police always reported

arrests of foreigners to the relevant consulates, though he admitted the process was sometimes slow.

Cdr Pekad, however, also confirmed that vehicle rental companies had no right to withhold a passport from a foreigner. Any foreigners who found themselves in such a position should report the company to the police, he said.

Dirk Naumann, German honorary consul to Phuket, asked the commander for statistics of foreigners held at police stations for more than six hours.

This might prove difficult, Cdr Pekad replied, explaining that some small cases not worthy of reporting would only over-complicate cases that would just require fines.

Australian honorary consul Larry Cunningham said there were reports of some police asking foreigners for money to have their passports returned. To this, Cdr Pekad said he had already ordered all police in Phuket to not engage in such behavior.

Following an earlier suggestion from Mr Cunningham, Cdr Pekad confirmed that police were currently setting up a special branch of English-speaking female officers experienced with rape cases to assist rape victims, who Mr

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Shotgun blast ends rooftop brawl

A MORNING drinking session on a Karon guesthouse rooftop on August 24 resulted in a bloody brawl that ended only after someone fired a homemade 12-gauge shotgun into the air.

Chalong police arrived at the Medi Cerrino Guesthouse on Taina Rd after receiving a report called in about 10am.

On the roof level of the three-story guesthouse officers found Joseph James Patrick, 34, from Canada, covered in blood.

Strewn across the roof were shards of shattered glass, the remains of smashed

whiskey bottles. Officers also found the shotgun and two spent cartridges.

Chalong Police Duty Officer Boonlert Onklang explained that by the time the officers arrived, German national Paul Wilson, 35, had been taken to Patong Hospital by Karon Municipality Disaster Mitigation officers. Wilson received 20 stitches to bind the wounds to his head.

In relating to police how the fight started – and ended – Patrick spoke in a slow, drunken slur. Wilson was drinking with Patrick and other men on the roof, but the

two men started arguing furiously with each other until fists began to fly, Lt Col Boonlert said. Then Patrick repeatedly hit Wilson on the head with a bottle, and someone fired the 12-gauge to end the fighting, he added.

Forensic police are conducting gunpowder tests to determine who fired the weapon, he said. Whoever is found to have fired the shotgun will be charged with possession of an illegal firearm and ammunition, he added.

Both Wilson and Patrick were fined 500 baht each for fighting. – *Phuket Gazette*



Joseph James Patrick, 34, bloodied by blows.

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Phuket prepares for Hungry Ghost festival

By Pimwara Choksakulpan

THE island's ethnic Chinese community is preparing for the annual Por Tor Festival, featuring special events organized by Phuket City Municipality from August 26.

The Kusoldharm Foundation began its preparations by holding two days of ancestor worship at their headquarters on Phun Pol Rd Soi 9 last week.

The event, including various merit-making activities, also saw 122 scholarships of 2,000 baht each being handed to needy students at local schools.

Also given away to the poor were 3,000 "food packs" containing dry foodstuff. Most of the recipients were Phuket sea gypsies invited to attend.

The Por Tor Festival begins on the first day of the waxing moon in the seventh Chinese calendar month, a time when adherents pray for the souls of ancestors and make food offerings to appease "hungry ghosts" that might otherwise wreak havoc on the living.

Kusoldharm President Benjamin Tamphanuwat told that the *Gazette* that the foundation set



Sea gypsy children press against the gate at the Kusoldharm Foundation headquarters waiting for food to be handed out. Photo: Pimwara Choksakulpan

aside one million baht for the event.

A highlight of the Por Tor ceremony at the market on Ranong Rd will be the presentation of red turtle-shaped sweets known in Chinese as *Ang Ku*, at 2:30pm, August 26.

Other highlights of the festival include:

- August 27: Offering of alms to monks at Ranong Road Market, starting at 9am;

- August 28: *Ang Ku* presentation and ancestor worship ceremony at Bang Niow Shrine on Phuket Rd, starting at 2pm.

All events are open to the public and tourists are encouraged to attend.

Resorts lax in warning tourists on drowning: Poll

ALMOST 75% of *Gazette* readers polled feel that resorts on the island are not doing enough to warn their guests of the potential dangers at beaches during the monsoon season.

The poll was prompted by a recent spate of tourist drownings and a call by exasperated members of the Phuket Lifeguard Club for more cooperation from resorts.

Overall, 74.1% of readers

thought resorts were not doing enough to warn tourists, while just 25.9% thought they were.

In a breakdown by demographics, local expat residents were the most pessimistic, with 80% saying resorts weren't doing enough.

Of voters identifying themselves as Thai, 68% thought resorts weren't doing enough. Of tourists and visitors, 63% thought resorts weren't doing enough.

A LITTLE light shone at the end of the Phuket light-rail tunnel on August 23, when representatives of a Chinese construction conglomerate confirmed their desire to build a light rail network on the island.

Phuket MP Raywat Areerob brought representatives of the Ershisanye Construction Group for a second meeting with Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop.

It was the second visit this month for the Chinese contingent, who on August 2 accepted a copy of a government-commissioned *Feasibility Study of Light Rail*

Transit for Phuket and Phuket Airport Rail Link.

The Ershisanye representatives are now seeking confirmation from the government at provincial and national levels that they are ready to move forward with the project.

The governor said Phuket has long supported such a project, but that the matter would first need to be discussed by all related organizations. He told a meeting of local honorary consuls the same day that building a light rail network would go long way to solving entrenched problems in the local public transport sector.

MP Raywat said the Chinese company is interested in investing in the project, which it would build on a turnkey basis if an agreement could be reached.

The Phuket light-rail is not the only train project Chinese enterprises are interested in building in Thailand.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva will visit China on September 4 to finalize details of the Thai-Chinese joint venture to invest in a high-speed train project for Thailand, said Finance Minister Korn Chatikavanij earlier this month.

The joint venture's shareholders will be state enterprises of both countries, including the State Railway of Thailand.

The first high-speed route would be from Bangkok to the northeastern province of Nong Khai.

This would be followed by a route from Bangkok to the South.

— *Atchaa Khamlo and Stephen Fein*

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Psych review to delay Fanelli trial

By Atchaa Khamlo

THE Phuket Provincial Court has consented for Ronald "MadYank" Fanelli, charged with the stabbing murder of bar hostess Wanphen Pienjai, to undergo a full psychological evaluation and possible treatment – a process that may delay his initial trial date by up to six months.

A source at Phuket Provincial Prison told the *Gazette* that Fanelli is awaiting official

written confirmation from the Department of Corrections as to which institution he will be sent: Suansaranrom Hospital in Surat Thani or Galya Rajanagarindra Institute in Bangkok.

The move follows medical staff at Phuket Provincial Prison observing Fanelli's behavior inside the jail, which prompted them to have a preliminary psychological evaluation of him conducted at Vachira Hospital Phuket.

The Vachira tests allegedly confirmed that Fanelli suffers from some level of mental instability, the sources said.

"We're not sure when the letter will arrive, but his trial will commence after he returns from treatment.

"It's the same for Thai prisoners. He may get some mental treatment for a short term, probably three or six months.

"After he is fine, he will come back for his case in the court," the source said.

Aldhouse 'has fled Phuket': Police

POLICE believe that Lee Aldhouse, wanted for the stabbing murder of US Marine Dashawn Longfellow, has fled Phuket.

Inspector Anukul Nookate of the Chalong police said, "We have been coordinating with all Immigration offices since August 14 to prevent him from leaving the country.

"We have also asked the British Embassy to check to inform us if his passport is presented anywhere we are not aware of," he added.



Buddha images stand guard above the entrance to the revered temple.

Temple spirits damped by minor plane crash

CHALONG was abuzz last week when Wat Luang Pu Supha, named after its abbot, the revered Luang Pu Supha, suffered an aerial attack in the form of a remote-controlled plane slamming into one of the temple structures.

Piyawat Leehaweerachart, the temple's financial affairs coordinator, said the triangular-shaped aircraft crashed into the roof of the nun's dining hall, dislodging three ceramic tiles.

It was not the first time a remote-controlled aircraft crashed on temple grounds, he added.

Remote-controlled aircraft enthusiasts have long used the area

to fly their aircraft, he said.

Korn Chamreonwong, head of the Chalong Remote Control Airplane Club, admitted it was his own aircraft that caused the damage.

Mr Korn said he has already paid for the completed repair work and donated 1,000 baht to the temple to ask for forgiveness.

There have been three accidents over the past two years, he admitted.

The temple will be officially opened next month when Luang Pu Supha, reputedly the world's oldest person, celebrates his 114th birthday on September 4.

Norwegian falls for 'friendly' ATM scam

CHALONG police have warned tourists to be vigilant while using ATM machines following the alleged theft of 200,000 baht from a Norwegian tourist in Kata.

Kjell Olav Farseth, 52, filed a complaint with Chalong Police on August 18 stating that a man who offered to help him operate the Kasikorn Bank ATM machine near the Karon Municipality offices in Kata had stolen his card and withdrawn 200,000 baht in cash.

Mr Kjell told police the man, wearing sunglasses and a black cap, offered to help him conduct the transaction when he was having problems with the machine on the morning of August 9.

After several unsuccessful attempts the man told him his card had been pulled inside the machine for security reasons, then left.

Mr Farseth returned to his room at the Tropical Garden Resort and called the bank to report the card missing, but it was too late: bank staff told him 200,000 baht had been withdrawn from the account.

"The guy probably stole my ATM card," Mr Farseth said sadly.

Farseth Kjell, who works in the



An image of the con artist caught by CCTV at the time of the alleged theft.

transport industry in Norway, arrived in Phuket with his son on August 5.

He appeared resigned to the loss. "I'm not sure I will get the money back, but I will leave for my hometown as scheduled," he said when reporting the theft.

Chalong Police duty officer

Boonlert Onklang said he wanted to warn tourists about the scam, which has happened "many times" before.

A CCTV camera installed at the ATM captured images of the alleged con artist, who is now sought by police.

– Atchaa Khamlo

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Doubts raised over 'eggspecting mother'

VILLAGERS in Nong Hin District in the northeastern province of Loei have been rushing to see a woman who had reportedly given birth to an egg.

So far, Chawee Chinchaphum and her husband, Prayut, both 40, have not let anyone see the egg, but enterprising locals have been selling photos of the recently-arrived object for 10 baht each.

Demand has been so strong that the pictures have sold out many times.

Mr Prayuth said that around 9am on August 16, his wife, who was nine months pregnant, began to complain of stomach pains – pains identical to contractions as if she were ready to give birth.

Mr Prayuth called an ambulance, but when it arrived Mrs Chawee refused to get in. Eventually the ambulance left – without her.

At 11:30 am, Mrs Chawee shouted that she had just given birth to something, Mr Prayut explained. When he went to see, he



found only an egg-like object approximately three centimeters long covered in blood.

Mr Prayut washed the "egg", dusted it with talcum powder and placed it on a tray.

Word of the mysterious birth soon made its way through the village, prompting curious neighbors into coming round and asking to see the newborn.

Mrs Chawee, however, refused to let anyone come in to see her or her egg.

Another mystery yet to be unraveled, however, is that somehow someone took a photo of the egg.

Police Sen Sgt Maj Prayan Somkhan said that when he heard the news he led a team of three officers to investigate.

Mrs Chawee, however, was steadfast in her resolve and refused to let them see.

Before leaving, the officers warned Mr Prayut that if the story turned out to be pure fabrication, the couple would be charged with deceiving the public.

Sen Sgt Maj Prayan said he was a tad suspicious of why Mrs Chawee refused to get in the ambulance when it came to take her to hospital.

An intrepid reporter for *Khao Sod* daily news began investigating the story of Mrs Chawee and the egg, and went to the clinic where Mr Prayut said he had taken his wife for her prenatal care. Staff at the clinic confirmed they had indeed seen Mrs Chawee, but said that she was tended to for stomach pains – not pregnancy.

Dr Wiwat Korwiriakamon of the Loei Public Health Office, said that he, local police and the District Chief, would visit the couple to discover the real facts behind the story. **Source: Khao Sod**



Rescue volunteers recover the body of Nantanut Meenoy, 25 (inset).

Money woes blamed for woman's suicide

POLICE have identified the woman who fell to her death from a Phuket condominium block onto a Burmese construction camp shack several stories below on August 24.

The woman, identified by Phuket City Police Duty Officer Yongyuth Krongmalai as Nantanut "Tong" Meenoy, 25, from Phetchaburi province.

Miss Nantanut lived on Mae Luan Rd in Phuket Town, and owned the Image Design clothing store on Phun Pol Rd Soi 7 across town.

She was Thai, not Korean sex worker as initially speculated.

Police also now believe her death to be suicide.

Lt Col Yongyuth said Miss Nantanut's remains were identified by her adoptive father, who lives at Pornsawan Condotel on Chao Fa East Rd in Wichit, where Miss Nantanut fell to her death.

The father, whose name was not reported, said he met Miss Nantanut in the condominium car park about 7am as he was rushing to work.

Miss Nantanut said she was

under a great deal of stress, so he told her "not to think too much" and gave her the room key, telling her to relax and get some sleep.

He told her they would talk the problems through that night after he returned from work, he told police. When he returned from work and found Miss Nantanut's vehicle still in the car park, but no sign of her.

Residents on the ground floor told him a young woman with tight blue denim jeans and a pink blouse had fallen to her death that morning.

Witnesses confirmed the deceased as Miss Nantanut by a picture shown to them by the father, who then reported to Phuket City Police.

The father said the woman had often complained of lack of sales at her shop, and a source close to the victim said financial difficulties probably caused her to take her own life by jumping from the third-floor window.

The apparent cause of death was a broken neck upon impact with the corrugated zinc roof of a Burmese worker's room below.

Honorary consuls target rape, passport issues

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Cunningham said often did not want to tell the police, or a court, about their harrowing experience.

In the other direction, Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop asked the consuls to tell their respective nationals to heed beach guards' warnings, and be aware of the red flags and warning signs in the monsoon season, especially at Karon Beach.

He pointed out that some foreigners, notably tourists from Russia and the Middle East, thought they were good swimmers and were free to do what they liked. That attitude may well have contributed to many of them drowning, he said.

Overall, the meeting was considered a positive step for Phuket.

"This meeting today gave me the very good impression that the governor, the police, immigration, airport and other authorities are willing to take up problems, to discuss them in a transparent manner with embassies and consulate officials," said Amb Schumacher.

Hélène Fallon-Wood, honorary consul for Ireland, agreed. "This has been a very good step forward for all foreign nationals living on or visiting Phuket and issues that have come up are being dealt with by the highest authorities.

"It's a fantastic forum. This was our third meeting today. We are due to meet again on November 22 under the direction of the new governor of Phuket, so it is very nice to continue this forward so everybody can get the best out of it," she said.



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Tackling Phuket's future – now

GAZETTE: The crux of the honorary consul meetings has been better co-ordination between Thai and foreign authorities. Have there been any concrete, specific agreements towards achieving this better coordination?

Ambassador Schumacher: A first concrete result has been achieved: a handbook with all liaison contacts on both sides has been published.

More importantly, the atmosphere of cooperation has considerably improved after the last meetings. We have created an awareness of the specific problems of the international community on Phuket and sent the message that these problems need to be dealt with expeditiously by the local authorities, otherwise Phuket's reputation as an international tourism hub would be endangered.

It is now up to the honorary consuls and the embassies to take the governor and police commissioner by their word, that they will communicate and name names of individuals who have failed and avoid a general apportioning of blame.

Gazette: Corruption was a named a high priority at the meeting. What role do you believe accountability will play in alleviating corruption in Phuket?

Amb Schumacher: Accountability and transparency are most important to tackle corruption – not only in Thailand, whose rank is average in the international corruption index, but in many other countries, too.

The governor had gathered the responsible heads of Immigration, police and the city's administration at the last two meetings and has left no doubt that he has decided to go after individuals who have failed their duties.

I do sincerely hope that his successor will honor this commitment.

Again: it is now up to us to put these words to test.

Gazette: Would you consider corruption to be the top threat to



HANNS Schumacher, the German Ambassador to Thailand, was one of the specially invited guests at the honorary consuls' meeting with top-level provincial officers on Monday. Here, he explains to the Gazette his understanding of the key issues Phuket needs to address – now.

sustainable tourism in Phuket? If not, then what is?

Amb Schumacher: Phuket's problem is the lack of a forward-looking, environmentally friendly and sustainable development policy, including a concept for a tourist-friendly transportation system. The fact that some foreigners are selling their properties to move somewhere else, as newspapers reported recently, should be looked at as a shot across the bow. Lessons should

be learned from other important tourist areas. For example, some places in Europe did not pay attention to this and lost their reputation. It took years to restore it. And the competition nowadays is much stronger among international tourism destinations.

Gazette: Regarding transportation, the consuls' meeting recently announced a new schedule of fees for all tuk-tuks to display in their vehicles and adhere to.

Phuket has literally been down this road before, only to watch the fares no longer being displayed, and certainly not adhered to. Is there a higher expectation of success this time? If so, why? What is different this time?

Amb Schumacher: There is a saying, "Little strokes fell big oaks", or in German "Steter Tropfen höhlt den Stein".

Two meetings of the honorary consuls with the governor cannot change this entrenched situation overnight.

In addition, tourists, should not only complain, but refuse to use taxis and tuk-tuks who, when introduced, do not display the fares. The tourists call the shots in Phuket; they generate the income and don't have to put up with everything. With this attitude, we together could move something.

Gazette: Does or will the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs – or even the German tourism authority – promote these rates to German nationals looking to travel to Thailand, or include them in their "standard country information"?

Amb Schumacher: We have decided to inform and warn tourists about the difficulties of the transport situation in Phuket and the arbitrariness of the

present fare system will be included in our next Travel Advisory to be revised.

Gazette: Other areas of continuing concern have been the number of foreigners either drowning or very nearly drowning, as well as being involved in accidents when riding motorbikes in Thailand, the handing over of passports to rental agents and Phuket's famed jet-ski operators.

Do or will the German tourism authority provide any warnings regarding any of these?

Amb Schumacher: Our Travel Advisory already contains this respective information.

Regarding the tragic drowning accidents, the warnings of bathing in the sea, in particular along the Andaman Sea coast, at this time of the year, are clear cut.

The governor reiterated this warning at the last meeting. One cannot blame everything on the city [administration] – tourists also have a responsibility to behave in a civilized manner and follow the advice and warnings they receive.

Unfortunately, some seem to leave their brains at home and behave in a most irresponsible manner – riding on a motorbike without a helmet (and sometimes in bathing suit) is one example, something they would never dare to do at home.

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Gen Prem turns 90

GENERAL Prem Tinsulanonda, former Thai prime minister and current head of the Privy Council, celebrated his 90th birthday on August 26.

"Uncle Prem", as he is commonly known, invited more than 3,000 recipients of student scholarships from his Prem Tinsulanonda Foundation to his home on August 22 as part of his birthday celebrations.

Gen Prem appeared in good health, despite his age and rumors he had been seriously ill.

One of the country's most famous living statesmen, Gen Prem served as prime minister from 1980 to 1988.

In the early 80s he earned praise for granting amnesty to communist insurgents, which led to thousands of former students rejoining mainstream society following years in communist strongholds in the jungle.

Gen Prem has come under attack in recent years for his alleged involvement in the 2006 coup which deposed Thaksin Shinawatra.

The coup leaders denied Gen Prem had any involvement.

This has not prevented persistent criticism from Mr Thaksin and members of the red shirt movement that the aging general is meddling in politics.

— *Phuket Gazette*

Bout out roundabout

AFTER Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva was forced to defend a court decision to extradite Russian arms dealer Viktor Bout to the US, claiming the ruling was made without any government intervention, the Russian's extradition on Wednesday was delayed indefinitely due to "legal complications".

The Russian government, for which Bout allegedly worked as an intelligence agent, reacted furiously to the verdict, calling it "unlawful and political".

The US government hailed the decision. One unnamed source in Washington labeled it "a victory for the Obama administration".

Thailand has found itself at the center of an international tug-of-war over the 43-year-old businessman since his arrest in a sting operation in Bangkok in 2008.

Mr Bout allegedly offered to sell a variety of weapons to US agents posing as members of the leftist Farc rebel group of Colombia.

The Russian, whose activities inspired the 2005 Nicholas Cage movie *Lord of War*, faces charges in the US of conspiring to kill Americans, conspiring to provide material support to terrorists and

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conspiring to acquire and use an anti-aircraft missile, according to the *BBC*.

Experts say Mr Bout has been useful for Russia's intelligence agencies, and Moscow does not want him going on trial in the US.

Last year, the Bangkok Criminal Court denied a US extradition request for Mr Bout, claiming that Thailand deemed Farc a political group, not a terrorist one, and that Thai law prohibits extradition for political offenses.

The latest furor erupted on August 20, when the Appeals Court ruled that Bout had engaged in criminal activities, not political ones, and thus should be extradited.

Mr Bout, after hearing the verdict, hugged his wife Alla and their daughter, both of whom were in tears.

Moscow cried foul over the ruling, summoning the Thai ambassador to express its "extreme disappointment and bewilder-



Thai court allows extradition of Viktor Bout to the US. Photo: The Nation

ment", according to *AFP*.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said the decision was made "under very strong external pressure".

Adding to the Russian case were reports that days before the ruling the US government summoned the Thai ambassador in Washington to "emphasize that this is of the highest priority to the United States".

The Thai government has sought to assure the Russians that the Thai judicial system is independent and free from political interference. PM Abhisit insisted his administration had not tried to influence the outcome. "This is not a political issue," he said.

The authorities have 90 days to extradite Mr Bout to the US, according to Thai law.

— *Phuket Gazette*

Experts fret over new 'party' drugs

EUROPEAN travelers are smuggling new party drugs similar to ecstasy and ya bah (methamphetamine) into Thailand, prompting fears of a fresh drugs epidemic, *Kom Chad Luek* reports.

The substances, known as piperazines, are banned in many Western countries but remain legal in Thailand.

In an interview with the paper

on August 17, director general of the Department of Medical Sciences (DMS), Dr Jaktham Thammasak, said police had been sending the drugs to the DMS for analysis since 2009.

He said scientists had identified two chemicals new to Thailand: benzylpiperazine (BZP) and 3-Trifluoromethylphenylpiperazine (TFMPP).

The drugs, siezed in five separate cases, come as capsules, resembling food supplements, and pills, often marked with logos in the same way as ecstasy tablets. Sometimes the two chemicals are mixed together, and sometimes they are mixed with ecstasy, Dr Jaktham said. "The characteristics change constantly," he added.

Dr Nippon Popattanachai,

DMS deputy director general, said the DMS had informed related departments of the seizures so they can investigate and draw up legal measures to control the spread of piperazines.

Piperazines are a new addition to the family of "party drugs", which includes ecstasy, ketamine, crystal meth, cocaine and benzo-diazepines, Dr Nippon said.

"BZP excites the central nervous system in a similar way to ecstasy and ya bah," he said. "It induces a dream-like state and has effects on the circulatory system and heart."

"As for TFMPP, it causes hallucinations similar to ecstasy. Users often use both drugs together to increase the effects," he said.

The drugs have side-effects, stimulating the heart and inducing high blood pressure, confusion and insomnia, he said.

Studies using laboratory mice showed that the use of both drugs together in large quantities could cause convulsions. When used with other drugs and alcohol the drugs could kill, he added.

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Bring back my lovely monster

I would just like to say that I am enjoying *Phuket Gazette's* new image.

The new look is clean and crisp and the content has definitely improved. It would seem that you have finally employed some actual talent. The layout is also more attractive. In general – well done!

I am however, disappointed by the fact that the Monster Quiz is no longer a feature in the paper. It was one of the highlights of mine and my boyfriend's weekends.

Every Sunday morning, we'd go to a coffee shop and do the quiz.

It's definitely more exciting than those "amazing mazes" you're putting in the paper now. Does anyone even do mazes in today's day and age?

I know for a fact that my boyfriend and I are not the only ones who miss it.

Come on *Gazette*, give us back the Monster Quiz.

*Lisa Spires,
Rawai*

Wreaking English

I was pleasantly surprised to read the *Gazette's* new column focusing on teaching English as a foreign language in Phuket. Many foreigners on the island work as English teachers and I think this column sheds light on a job popular with native English speakers.

Having recently moved to Phuket with only a university degree myself, but no teaching license, I was surprised at how easily some schools and language centers hire teachers with only a degree.

It seems the best way to find

Creating a colony of true tourism quality

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CONSIDER the humble ant: ever industrious, capable of astonishing engineering feats, she comfortably air conditions her entire polity, maintains traffic control such that no one ever experiences a fatal collision, and does it all in an environmentally friendly way – without recourse to burning hydrocarbons. She hasn't time, though, to stop and smell the roses.

On Phuket, we too are ever a-building, and we lavish our attention most on Phuket International Airport – our beloved cash cow, from whence pours forth the stream of tourists who supply our bread. They come not to smell roses, to but to play in the waves and dive on the reefs.

On the assumption that more tourists is always better, Phuket Airport is frequently expanded. Barely a year after the last 516-million-baht expansion finished, in 2007, a 5.8-billion-baht upgrade was announced in May 2008. The expansion will almost double passenger-handling capacity, from 6.5 million to 12.5 million per year when completed in 2013.

The new construction is not prompted purely by tourism industry greed. Phuket Airport is Thailand's second-busiest terminal and congestion there is increasing. It must handle up to 15,000 passengers daily, arriving on some 50 flights, 25 from abroad.

Thus, the current project upon completion will include a wholly new international terminal; an improved apron and runway; more taxiways, aircraft parking stands, and a more efficient aircraft fuel hydrant system.

Moreover, the current international

a job teaching English on Phuket is simply to know other foreign English teachers who may be able to give you a heads up about a job, whether or not you have every single qualification

desired. Besides, by simply driving around Phuket a person can see any number of language centers and TEFL schools that charge people to take a course for anywhere from three to six

terminal will have been renovated for domestic flights, a new car park will open and the local branch of Airports of Thailand (AoT) will enjoy nice, new offices.

Despite all this, according to AoT projections the 12.5 million figure will be surpassed by 2020, at which time yet another expansion will be needed.

This will pose a real engineering challenge given the lack of room to add a second runway, or expand the existing runway to accommodate new generations of ever-larger passenger airliners.

Much talked of in foreign language publications is a planned VIP terminal for stabling private jets, so that the wickedly rich needn't tread the same dust as traveling commoners before coptering to their 720-million-baht beach cabins. Phuket was handling about 100 private jets monthly last year and we need more... or so the current thinking is.

But what we really need is less concrete and fewer hydrocarbons disfiguring our precious environment. Our seas should be pristine, our coral reefs thriving, so as not to disappoint the millions thronging to holiday on our shores, after suffering through queues at Customs that can take hours to pass.

When was the last time we spent 5.8 billion baht to restore our natural environment? Never. The time is ripe. Of course, if we could just have acted throughout with the simplicity and good sense of ants, we wouldn't need to.

cation courses? I can't think of any, especially when all the schools see is the name of the course a person took and a certificate. I'm not saying that getting a teaching certification in addition to a degree is a waste of time. I only think that with teaching English as a foreign language becoming a more popular choice for native English speakers, and so many ways to become TEFL certified, requiring only a degree is a good place to start.

*TEFL Bound
Phuket*

A sniper's view when house hunting

I have always followed the construction updates in the *Phuket Gazette* and have found them very informative. I recently decided that I wanted to move and when I began looking for new accommodation I picked up the *Gazette* and phoned a number of places I found in the classifieds as well as a new set of apartment blocks in Kathu that you featured on your construction update page in about May.

I went to view a number of apartments around Phuket, including the Thara Bangwad apartments in Kathu and found them to be one of the best options with regards to value for money. I am now into my second month living in the apartments and am very happy. The area is great, the service is efficient and the apartments are cheap. I recommend that anyone looking for somewhere to call home take a look at these apartments, and thank you *Phuket Gazette* for helping me find a happy home.

*John Bigg,
Kathu*

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Issues & Answers...

Teed off with intimidation

I am a local member at Loch Palm Golf Club. I went there today to play as usual, I play once a week.

I paid my golf fees and handed the receipt to the caddy. I then proceeded to the first tee.

I was about to tee off when a group of Thai men arrived in golf carts. They did not work at Loch Palm. They demanded that I allow them to play first.

I tried to explain that it was my turn as I was there first and the starter who stood nearby had given me permission to play.

I was then threatened with violence and called all kinds of names. I was forced to abandon my game.

My caddy witnessed all of this (I have her number). Do I have any recourse? The management I spoke to seemed to pretend to not be able to speak English when I tried to file a complaint.

*Disgruntled golfer
Kathu*

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Pongsak Subdasen, Managing Director of Loch Palm Golf Club, replies:

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. The Loch Palm Golf Club will not allow any of our members to behave like that, regardless whether they have a close friend here at the club or have a "good relationship" with the club.

For any big problems such as this, please call me direct at 089-813 9425 or email pongsak@lochpalm.com and let me know more about what happened, so I can follow it up personally from there.

If for some reason you would prefer not to contact me directly, please or drop in at the Proshop

at the club, where the staff speak English, and let them know what your problem is.

Post collected by third parties

I am a foreigner living in Phuket. I received a little pink postcard from Thailand Post informing me that there was a parcel awaiting me at the central post office in Phuket Town.

However, I don't want to waste time going down there to pick it up myself and would prefer to send a driver instead. If this is possible, what sort of documentation do I need to provide the driver with? Do the same rules apply for picking up transferred funds? Are the rules the same for Thais and foreigners?

*Johnson McDeal
Cherng Talay*

An officer at the Central Post Office in Phuket Town, replies:

Thais need only show their ID Card, driving license or any other government-issued picture ID to

Beware the dangers of fake Botox beauty

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FAKE Botox is usually produced by newer providers in countries such as China, Korea and France. These products are usually cheaper because they are chemically less pure, and often produce reactions in patients.

A good way to tell the difference is the product's country of origin, price and certifications. A customer can ask the doctor to see the packaging and if it is authentic Botox, it will have hologram stickers on it.

There are various brands of the toxin and other "fillers" in Thailand that may be approved in the countries where they were produced, but only two have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Thailand.

The regulations of the Thai FDA and those of other countries differ. Even if a botulinum toxin treatment is approved by a foreign FDA, it must also be approved by FDA Thailand before it can be legally used in the country.

Botox treatment can be safe, if it is done properly. Some minor effects are normal. The injection might cause some little prickly heat or red spots which should disappear in an hour.

Risks only present themselves when unqualified or unspecialized doctors inject Botox into the wrong points on a patient's face, which may cause the toxin to mix



Dr Thanaruch Thayakorn, 32, is a certified Botox physician, certified Restylane physician and certified Fraxel administrator. He is a member of the American Academy of Aesthetic medicine and member of American Academy of Anti-aging Medicine, and is one of five doctors in Romrawin Clinic. Here, he warns of the dangers of using fake or less pure versions of Botulinum toxin, a neurotoxic protein commonly known by its trade name Botox.



with other chemicals and produce an adverse effect.

Another problem, especially in Phuket, is that Botox may also spread to different muscles if the patient is massaged immediately

after the Botox has been injected.

People considering having Botox treatment should heed advice from specialists in trusted clinics, and be wary of cheap alternatives.

Light rail a heavy solution

Island View

By Anand Singh

*Do you have an opinion to voice?
Email Editor@PhuketGazette.net*

THE idea of a light-rail system serving most of Phuket's prime areas is wonderful, not just for tourists but also locals, many of whom have no choice but to commute on the hot, hilly and often dangerous roads around the island, mostly on motorbikes.

An effective, reliable public transport system would be nothing short of a dream come true. There will be fewer cars, fewer bikes, fewer accidents and less pollution. People would be able to finally commute safely in quiet, clean electric trains. Our beloved holiday island can only do better with a public transport that people can rely upon.

So why am I not jumping up and down to the news that a Chinese company may be providing Phuket with a light rail service in the near future? The idea sounds very good. The problem is it sounds way too good.

For us to go from virtually no public transport to implementing a fast, highly-reliable rail link, we will have to overcome many obstacles. Many areas in Phuket are isolated by notoriously steep hills.

To construct even a light railway throughout Phuket, engineers will have to build rail tracks over those hills or tunnel through them. Not only will this bear significant costs to the environment, the engineering challenges of laying such a system over hilly terrain will surely add to construction costs.

In the past, the local government has proposed many good projects for the island, only to be turned down by the national government because they were

deemed too expensive. The light rail project will have to face far more challenges than just budget issues, including tough environmental impact assessments, engineering difficulties and even protests from local groups, such as taxi drivers who may feel that a public transport system will threaten their livelihood.

It may take years, even decades before we see fast, light electric trains operating in Phuket. For now, the local government should focus instead on a more realistic solution to the island's transport woes. We need public transport in Phuket urgently, but not necessarily one that is so fanciful.

There are cheaper and simpler alternatives available that should have been considered years ago.

Phuket has an advantage because we have invested much in widening our roads. This makes small buses very feasible for public transport.

The provincial government needs to get serious with providing the public with punctual, safe and reliable bus services covering the whole island.

We need to focus on making such bus services a success and it will provide us with the prerequisite and preparedness to implement a more complex transport system in future.

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pick up parcel by themselves. Foreigners can must present their passport or Thai driving license.

For a Thai to authorize another Thai to pick up a parcel for them, the person collecting the item must present a government-issued picture ID of the intended recipient as well as the pink notice slip, signed by the intended recipient in the appropriate space on the back.

For a foreigner to authorize another person, the person making the collection must present the intended recipient's passport or Thai driving license. A signed copy of either document with a detailed explanation may be accepted.

However, this should be considered a last-resort option. For security reasons it remains the discretion of Thailand Post whether to release any parcels under such circumstances.

For collecting transferred funds, only the intended recipient can make the collection. Thais must present their ID card or driving license. Foreigners must show their passports; no other form of identification will be accepted.

Divorcing a wife who is behind bars

I would like to know how can I divorce to my Thai wife, who has been in prison in Thailand for the past two years.

*On the Outside
Phuket*

Adisorn Chanta LL.B, Notary Public, family law specialist and a Director of the International Law Office in Patong, replies:

In general, a wife serving a sentence in jail is not accepted as grounds for petitioning for a divorce.

However, one exception is if the husband believes the criminal charges his wife has been convicted of have harmed his reputation.

In this case, the husband may file for divorce.

Another option is if the husband and wife do not live in the same house for more than three years, then that is generally accepted as grounds for divorce.

Special coins for HM Queen Sirikit

Last week I was handed my change at a local 7-Eleven and among the coins handed to me was a 10-baht coin I hadn't seen before. I thought all currency in Thailand featured an image of HM The King, but this one was special: instead, it featured an image of HM Queen Sirikit.

The coin says it commemorates Her Majesty receiving special recognition from the World Health Organization (WHO) for her "outstanding contribution to human health through food safety" and is dated "8 August 2005".

What is strange is that the coin looks like it was recently minted, even though it says it is marking an important occasion five years ago. Is it new?

I would also like to know about any other coins minted to mark special occasions, and how often such coins are issued. Are more coming in the near future?

*Terry Seagram
Chalong*



An officer at the Public Relations section of the Treasury Department replies:

The date "8 August 2005" stamped on the 10-baht coin is to mark both the date HM Queen Sirikit received her special recognition award from the WHO as well as the issue date the coin, of which a limited run of five million were produced.

To mark that particular occasion, three different commemorative

coins were issued on 8 August 2005: a gold commemorative coin valued at 16,000 baht; a silver commemorative coin valued at 800 baht; and a white and gold commemorative coin valued at 10 baht – the one you have.

Commemorative coins are issued often, and there will be more in the future, but how often depends on how important the event is and whether the government would like to issue such coins to honor the occasion.

On The Move *Introducing the island's movers and shakers*



West Sands Phuket recently welcomed **Oliver Hartwig** as Project Director for its Vacation Club. With over 15 years of experience in Europe and Asia, including ten years with Marriott Vacation Clubs, Mr Hartwig has been the recipient of a number of prestigious awards including Regional Coach of the Year Award – Asia Pacific 2008. Mr Hartwig has strong mentoring abilities and business aptitude.



The Radisson Plaza Phuket in Panwa Beach welcomes their newly appointed Phuket Sales Executive **Sangmanee Supasumrankit**. Ms Supasumrankit has achieved extensive certification in hospitality marketing and operations from various Australian Universities. She was also the Sales and Marketing Coordinator at B – Lay Tong Resort in Patong before joining the Radisson Plaza Phuket in Panwa.



Scott Phillips recently left his position as Desk Editor at the *Phuket Gazette* to return to George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia to complete his Master degree in Biology Education. The self professed movie buff was our in-house film critic. Mr Phillips will be missed by all the team and we wish him well in his life as a full-time teacher in the US.

Airlines swarming to Phuket

By Alastair Carthew

All airline routes, it seems, are leading to Phuket.

In the last couple of months airlines from the Middle East, Russia, Australia and China have announced either increased flights, or new routes to Phuket.

So who's coming here? Pacific Blue, the Australian based airline in the Virgin Blue Group, announced that from August 19 this year it would start flying Perth-Phuket three times a week instead of two. It is being fed passengers from Melbourne, which makes the route even more beneficial.

On August 17 this year, Jetstar, a subsidiary of Qantas, the Australian national carrier, announced it will increase frequency on its Sydney to Phuket sector to five times weekly, starting mid-December. This will add an additional 1,200 passengers a week.

From China, Hainan Airlines, the country's fourth largest carrier, are flying every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from Beijing to Phuket. Qatar Airways will start new flights to Phuket on October 11 as part of an expansion of its push into Asia.

Russian Airline Pegas Touristika, a tour operator, will increase charter flights in the high season and Rossiya Russian Airlines, based in St Petersburg, was to start flights to Moscow in mid-August to connect with Thai Airways International flights to Phuket.

Thai Airways will increase high season flights between Moscow



ALL ABOARD: Thai Airways is one of many large carriers expanding its routes this year. Photo: Flickr

and Bangkok from three to four a week, another schedule that should benefit Phuket. The Russians are certainly coming, and have proven this since the shortest flight time from Moscow being 29 hours via Austria.

It seems that Phuket as a destination is back in the game as far as the airlines are concerned.

The most encouraging thing is that the new and extra flights are coming from emerging tourist markets such as the Middle East and China, as well as the now well established sources like Russia and Australia.

According to Tourism Authority of Thailand figures, last year

the top three markets by country inbound to Phuket were Russia, the United Kingdom and Australia, with China lagging in eighth place. In 2008, Sweden and Australia were top with China sixth and Russia eighth. In 2007, Australia and UK were tops with China and Russia seventh and eighth respectively.

It is not only the obvious charms of Phuket that attracts tourists in droves. Russia, the Middle Eastern countries and China all have middle classes that are rapidly growing and looking for somewhere to spend their vacation money.

Generally, air fares are being

kept within manageable reach for these potential tourists through competition between the budget and full service carriers.

And newer, more efficient aircraft and cost savings instituted by a battered airline industry forced to take drastic measures to remain solvent in the last decade, have made travel more affordable.

Phuket also looks pretty good to someone enduring a Russian winter, and with the Middle East being the fastest growing aviation market in the world, there are plenty of people who favor a nice Thai beach over the Arabian desert.

Then there are the low cost carriers. So many of them are now

plying their trade to the prime destinations, whipping the cream off the top of the routes, so that the end result is a customer who has both money and unprecedented choice to either go up or down the airline scale: full service or budget.

The Internet also has something to do with it. At the end of this value chain are the destinations like Phuket, which are not only promoted vigorously by the Tourism Authority of Thailand, but through hundreds of websites based on Phuket and around the world. It's easy.

For example, for domestic flights in Phuket just punch in something like www.domesticflightsthailand.com and you have all the information you need for connecting flights around the Kingdom. It's the same for international flights offshore.

All this in addition to the regular flights from airlines like Air Berlin, now one of the biggest operators at Phuket International Airport. It also operates numerous services to Phuket, via Bangkok, in a code share with Cologne based low cost carrier Germanwings.

Phuket has around 17 international airlines, full service and budget carriers, actively servicing the island. This is excluding the charter flights, with obviously more from places like Qatar and Hainan in China to be added. The way airlines keep making announcements of new flights to Phuket, it seems the Phuket's aviation saga will soon be in full flight.



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Tough new waste rates

Kata and Karon businesses will have to pay more for their wastewater services under a new municipal scheme.

By Anand Singh

KARON Municipality is going to start levying charges on hotels, restaurants and other small businesses in the area for the wastewater they produce.

The scheme will start in October this year and will affect hotels and businesses in Karon, Kata and Kata Noi. Restaurants will be charged a flat rate of 5.25 baht per operating square meter and hotels will be charged 84 baht per room, in an attempt to share the public costs of waste water treatment among the hotels and businesses responsible for producing them.

According to Thawee Thongcham, the mayor of Karon, most big hotels in the district already have their own wastewater treat-

ment facilities, some being up to very good standards.

The law requires that wastewater discharged into public waterways must not exceed 20 mg/L in BOD levels. Wastewater that exceeds 20 mg/L in BOD levels is considered polluted.

The wastewater discharged from hotels in Karon that flow into the sea usually have 7 or 8 mg/L in BOD levels, which is very good.

"Many restaurants and small businesses do not have any wastewater treatment procedure," Mayor Thawee said.

"We have come up with a target for the funds we need for the wastewater treatment in the district to make sure water discharged into the environment will not cause any degradation.

"We cannot charge only house-



TREADING CAREFULLY: A tourist wades through sewage released into the sea on Kata Beach in 2008. Photo: Jim Welch

holds and small businesses for this because they will feel overburdened. None of the businesses want to admit that they discharge polluted water into the waterways", he added.

Tourism is the main industry in the district with more than 90% of businesses relying on foreign visitors for their livelihood.

Hence businesses and hotels have a common interest in looking after the quality of the beaches and environment.

Patong and Phuket City Municipalities also have similar schemes in place that involve the private sector in treating the wastewater it produces, whereas Cherg Talay Municipality is in the process of planning a scheme like this.

Mayor Thawee added that municipalities and public departments in Phuket must coordinate so different policies will complement each other to protect the environment.

Karon municipality has a system that is able to treat 6,000 cubic

meters of wastewater per day. During the low season the system operates below capacity at 3000 to 4000 cubic meters per day, however in high season the total waste water exceeds 8000 cubic meters per day.

The municipality is planning to upgrade the system in future, which should increase the water treatment capacity to 12,000 cubic meters per day. It is projected that the upgrade will cost up to 200 million baht.

World Expo Thai bout

AYUTTHAYA, Chon Buri and Chiang Mai have been short-listed in a six-month-long effort to name a candidate city to host World Expo 2020.

The three possible venues emerged after a six-month study by the Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau (TCEB). The Cabinet will approve the three destinations next week.

Earlier, the TCEB proposed six provinces including Phuket, Phetchaburi, and Chanthaburi.

They were evaluated in terms of location, infrastructure, accommodation, facilities, the perception of the locals and local administrative bodies, and readiness to cash in on the event by undertaking development.

— The Nation

Pump prices fall

IN THAILAND, prices of premium petrol have steadily declined since March, in line with global prices. Crude oil prices fell a further 72 cents per barrel in the NYMEX crude futures market on August 24, closing at US\$73.10 per barrel, according to *Kom-ChadLuek* news.

Crude prices have been declining since the beginning of August. At the start of the month crude oil traded at around US\$82.50 per barrel on NYMEX. By the third week of August prices had fallen by more than US\$9 per barrel.

Earlier in the year the price of premium petrol sold at PTT gas stations pushed past 37.80 baht per liter, but have since declined, according to data from PTT Plc.

The beginning of August saw premium petrol retailing at 36.24 baht per liter. On August 24 premium petrol sold at 35.04 baht per

liter at PTT gas stations.

The price of B5 bio-diesel has been more stable, falling by around one baht per liter since the start of August. B5 bio-diesel retailed at 26.99 baht per liter on August 24.

Prices of gasohol fuels have also fallen since the start of August.

At the beginning of the month gasohol 95 retailed at 32.44 baht per liter at PTT gas stations.

The retail price of the fuel had



ON THE UP: Shell's latest Phuket petrol station opened in Kathu last week.

since declined to 31.24 baht per liter on August 24.

According to PTT oil market news, crude prices continue to fall on concerns that the US economic

recovery may be stalling. August 20 saw US equity markets falling for a second straight week on concerns over the US economy.

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The real face of modern war

Books

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War

By Sebastien Junger

SEBASTIAN Junger is the main reason to read the magazine *Vanity Fair*. Amid the high society scandals and celebrity puff pieces, Junger's war reportage from around the world stands out like hard, burnished gems.

The author of *The Perfect Storm* spent seven tours spanning 15 months with a single airborne platoon at a fortified hooch atop a mountain in Afghanistan.

There was no running water, no electricity and no hot food. They were surrounded by Taliban, but such was their firepower that the insurgents were never able to get closer than 500 yards. Junger's new book is called *War* (Twelve, New York, 2010, 287pp). Together with his cameraman, Tim Hetherington, Junger also produced the documentary *Restrepo*,

which won an award at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival. *Restrepo* was the name of the outpost, named for a dead, much-beloved medic.

Through Junger's words, the reader experiences the war as he experienced it: squalor and boredom, punctuated by firefights and fierce adrenaline rushes.

The squalor: "Summer grinds on: A hundred degrees every day and tarantulas invading the living quarters to get out of the heat. Some of the men are terrified of them and can only sleep in mesh pup tents, and others pick them up with pliers and light them on fire. First Squad goes thirty-eight days without taking a shower or changing their clothes, and by the end their uniforms are so impregnated with salt that they can stand up by themselves. The men's sweat reeks of ammonia because they've long since burned off all their fat and are now breaking down muscle. These are professional soldiers, a far cry from the draftees of the Vietnam war.

"They brush off reporters who



think that Afghanistan is a repeat of Vietnam. They don't know or care what they're fighting about, love the thrill of firing heavy machine guns and are fiercely loyal to each other.

"They react badly to the civilian world. If you imagined that your job, as a reporter, was to buddy up to the troops and tell the 'real' story of how they were

dying in a senseless war, you were in for a surprise," Junger observes.

"The commanders would realize you were operating off a particular kind of cultural programming and would try to change your mind, but the men wouldn't bother. They'd just refuse to talk to you until you left their base."

It's a measure of the achievement of Junger and Hetherington that they were accepted by the men of First Platoon.

They went on patrols in the spirit-killing mountain terrain and experienced the full fury of machine gun fire and mortars.

But the firefights are never in doubt. At their beck and call, the Americans can summon up helicopter assault ships and precision artillery. The Taliban just have to hang on.

What the men of First Platoon have is each other. Each man in the outfit would gladly die for the other. It's the key to their morale and their survival. They are the elite, the point of the spear, and

they take a perverse pride in their hardships.

"Combat infantry carry the most, eat the worst, die the fastest, sleep the least and have the most to fear. But they're real soldiers, the only ones conducting what can be considered 'war' in the most classic sense, and everyone knows it."

Finally, what will happen to these soldiers when they return home? Sergeant O'Byrne is the soldier to whom Junger grew closest.

After Afghanistan, O'Byrne becomes prone to getting very drunk and getting into fights. O'Byrne tells Junger "People back home think we drink because of the bad stuff, but that's not true... we drink because we miss the good stuff".

Later on, Junger asks "How do you bring a guy like that back into the world?"

Michael Herr's *Dispatches* is the best book about the Vietnam War. Junger does the same for Afghanistan.



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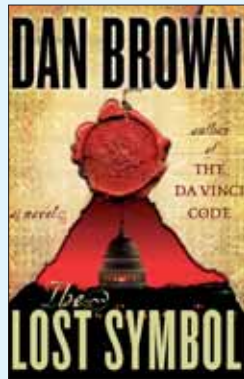
Stieg Larsson (350 baht)

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Stephen Leather (350 baht)

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John Irving (350 baht)



Behind the pages

Paulo Coelho

PAULO Coelho's latest book titled *The Aleph*, draws inspiration from a recent journey of inner-discovery, an important portion of which, took place on a train across Asia.

In his blog, the author reveals that his new book took three years to write as it took as long to understand his latest pilgrimage – where space and time converge.

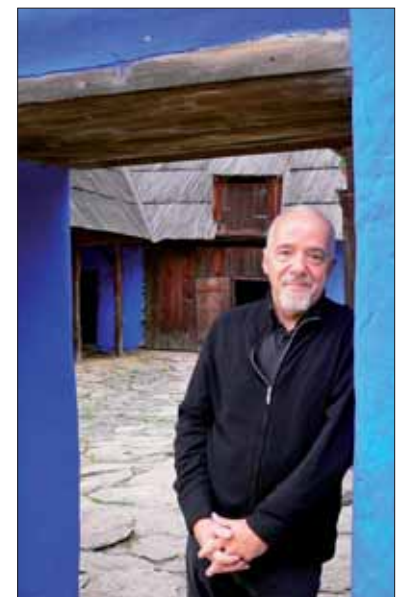
Despite descriptions of his long train trip, he adds that the book is not a travel guide, but rather a long journey to his soul. Past, present and

future. The book is Coelho's first book written in "public".

Although he wrote the book within the privacy of his own confinements, he gave daily updates to fans on twitter and facebook about the mental and emotional state he was in while writing the book.

The international release might only be set for 2011, but *The Aleph* has been released in his native country, Brazil and has already reached number one on the country's bestseller list.

With over 100-million books translated into 67 languages in over 150 countries, his literary talent has not only made the 63-year-old from Rio de Janeiro one of the best



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On the Menu

By Fraser Morton

LIKE many Italians, Enzo Miracapillio talks a lot. He's also happy all the time and probably laughs himself to sleep.

If there was a title for Phuket's Happiest and Most Humble Restaurant Owner, then it would go to him.

The 46-year-old, who moved to Phuket to look after his dear old mum six months ago, treats his diners as if they're extended family. Pats on the back, laughs, unobtrusive banter and fun is what Enzo dishes out in spades.

Enzo's Al Porto pizzeria, on the pier road in Chalong (right-hand side, opposite 7-Eleven) is where the good man slings his charm, and his delicious pizzas.

THE BAD AND THE GRUMPY

Where now there is the good, before there was the bad, and the grumpy. Al Porto's name, until Enzo took over in April, was badged "Grumpy's Place" by Chalong locals, due to previous owner Walter Fallini's temperament.

Known for his hot temper and the need to berate his customers when they asked for more balsamic vinegar, or to see a menu, Walter was a character who didn't believe in the adage, "The customer is always right". That he didn't believe in anything the customer said, would be more accurate.

When each low-season would roll in, Walter would drag himself back to Italy and Al Porto would close for four months, much to the disappointment of local pizza lovers. But as the sunny days of high season shone bright, dour Walter would open back up for business.

There was one thing that kept locals coming back to be ear-bashed by Walter: the pizza. People come back when food is good. And the pizza at Al Porto has always been good, and cheap. No pizza is over 300 baht. This still applies today. But while many locals knew Walter, many might not know that he suffered constantly from cirrhosis of the liver.

The man of few nice words is now back in Italy receiving treatment. We wish him well. A character and an entertainer albeit in a darker sense, a good man.



Enzo, with partner Aou, is a contender for Phuket's happiest restaurateur.

THE GOOD

Now in the hands of the immensely happy Enzo, Al Porto's prices are still cheap: Homemade ice cream (50 baht); Pizza Diavolo (270 baht); Pizza Margarita (220 baht); Bruschetta (70 baht) and beers (70 baht). But Enzo doesn't compromise quality with price. His ingredients are gourmet, his taste for quality is uncompromising.

All served with a smile and a few kind words (0 baht).

Along with his partner of 12 years, Sutima 'Aou' Sukhachit, and the couple's one waitress-bartender-pizza-cooker, Tussama 'Nueng' Chusitsid, Enzo has been making a big impression with locals.

"I like-a-to-a-talk," Enzo says of his ability to make friends with everyone on the pier road, including even the soi dogs.

"I love dogs," Enzo lets us know. "These dogs eat very well," he says of his need to feed the stray dogs freshly baked pizzas, with toppings (0 baht for dogs). It's no wonder they come back.

The decor: There's no front door at Al Porto. No barriers separating patrons from walking in. We like that.

There's nothing lavish about the interior: three walls (lime-green), seven tables, 14 chairs, small kitchen, smaller bathroom, floor, ceiling, plant (one of) and a Jack Daniels sign.

There is something exceptional about the pizza oven though, and what comes out of it.

Enzo's pizza oven is a well-set, steel beast. Dressed in knobs, dials and buttons, it carries itself off as an intelligent

The good, the bad and the grumpy



and thoughtful, yet powerful machine.

It's the type of oven that looks like it enjoys its job, and if it could speak, might say something Clint would: "After a meal there's nothing like a good cigar".

The drinks list is small, and only red-and-white house wine is available (80 baht per glass). Beers are

cheap, as are the usual soft drinks (30 baht).

While price, pizza and personality are the heavy hitters in the appeal of Enzo's place, there is one more lure: ice cream.

As well as running Al Porto, Enzo is a partner in Tartufo Italiano ice cream wholesalers, also based in Chalong.

Enzo and his business partner supply 20 hotels on the island with their sorbets and ice cream.

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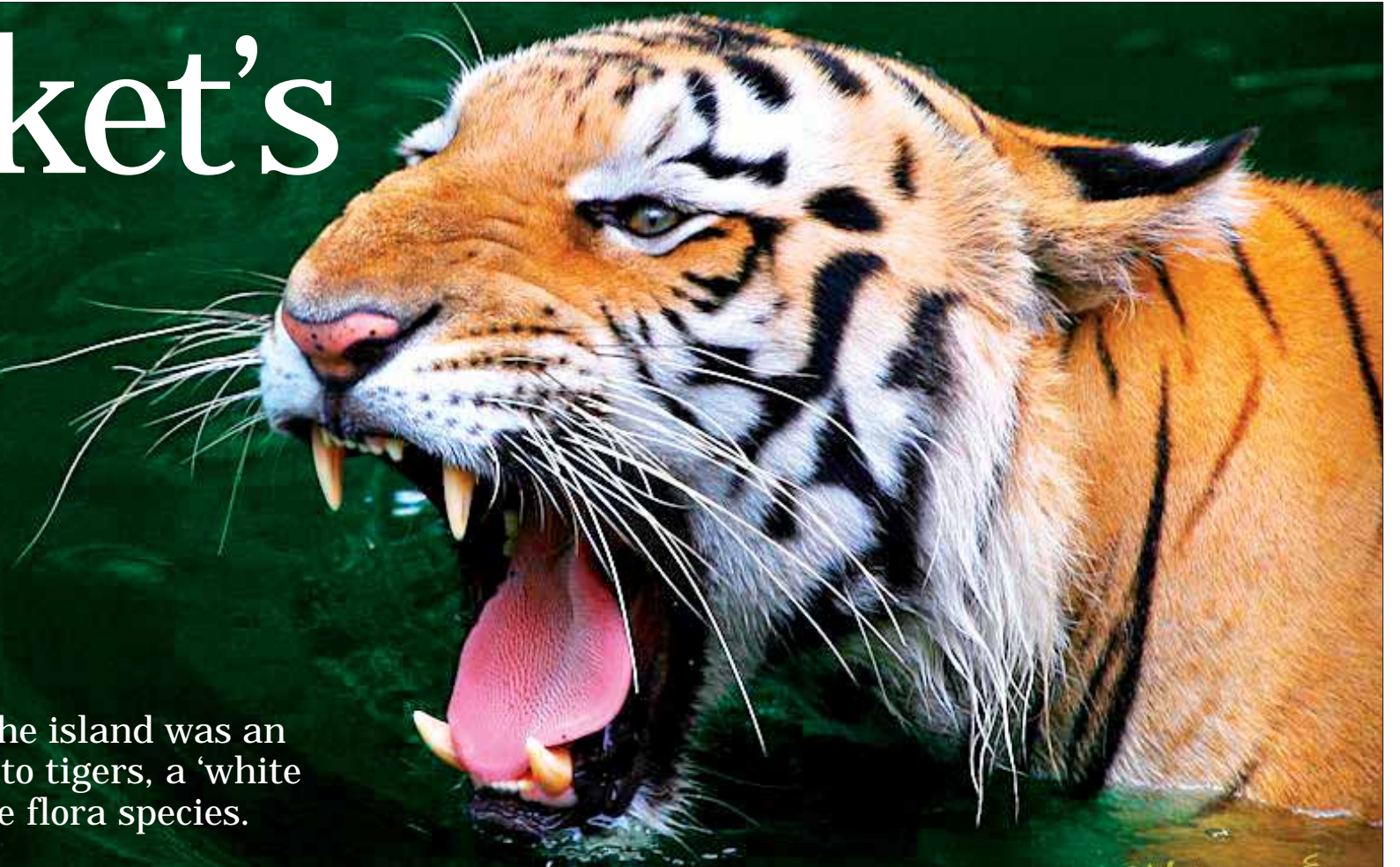


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Phuket's wild past

In the 18th century, the island was an untamed land home to tigers, a 'white elephant' and diverse flora species.



WILD THINGS: Danish botanist Dr Johann Gerhard Koenig arrived on Phuket in 1778 to find the island home to wild cats, a 'white elephant', among other natural wonders. Photos: Flickr

PHUKET was a wild land in the late 18th century. Teeming with untamed, ferocious tigers, wild elephants – even a white elephant – rhinoceroses and swaths of unkempt diverse species of flora roamed the island.

In the year 1778, learned Danish botanist Dr Johann Gerhard Koenig set out on a scientific expedition that led him to the Kingdom of Siam, where he visited Phuket. Back then it was widely known amongst Europeans as Junk Ceylon.

On his way back to India he stayed on the island of Junk Ceylon for several months, during which he wrote an extensive account of the island's flora and fauna, based on his observations.

Dr Koenig was an enthusiast in natural history. He was one of the first to make a scientific study of the natural history of Siam and certainly the only person to have ever written a detailed account of the natural state of Phuket Island.

Looking Back

By Anand Singh

His accounts of Junk Ceylon amount to no less than 30 pages. Today the original pieces, written in Danish, are kept in the British Museum archives in London.

Koenig arrived in Phuket on March 19, 1779, onboard an English ship called *The Bristol* commanded by Capt Francis Light, one of the most famous Europeans in the history of Phuket. According to his accounts, Koenig mentioned a very pleasant looking island he saw as the ship sailed into the harbor on the eastern coast. He called the island Pullu Pausang, which is probably a corruption of the name Pulau Panjung, the Malay name for Yao Yai Island.

The ship dropped anchor at three o'clock in the afternoon between the Salang Islands. According to Gerini, an expert on Phuket's European history, the



ORIGINAL GLORY: Undeveloped Koh Man island, off Ya Nui Beach.

Salang Islands that Koenig mentioned in the 18th century were in fact Rang Yai and Rang Noi Islands. The crew then disembarked in Tha Rua village.

Dr Koenig's first visit to Junk Ceylon was short. The *Bristol*'s stop there was meant to be a brief one, giving enough time for the crew to resupply the ship and repair the damages caused during the previous journey. According to Koenig's diaries, on March 28 some men were sent to Rang Noi Island, close to where the ship had dropped anchor, in order to cut and fetch wood for the ship. Koenig went with them to study the island. He mentioned that he found many remarkable things on the island, perhaps tropical plants and fruits that he may never have seen before. At five o'clock that day however, the *Bristol* unfolded her sails and set out of the harbor to continue her long voyage to India.

But fate would have them stay in Junk Ceylon for much longer than any of the crew were expecting. According to Koenig's accounts, the ship was caught in a heavy storm near the Nicobar Islands. As the crew tried to push her further, the old ship threatened to break apart. The captain was forced to order a turn-around back to Junk Ceylon. They arrived back at the harbor on April 30, 1779.

Dr Koenig's second visit was long enough to give him the chance to study the flora and

fauna of Phuket Island in considerable detail. His accounts mentioned encounters with various large species that roamed freely on the tropical island.

On one occasion Koenig mentioned a tiger that visited their house in Tha Rua village and found a goose for an easy prey. He also collected samples of tropical insects and mentioned a time when he had to escape from an angry wild elephant.

According to Koenig's diaries, the island was abundant in a type of light green grass that grew to almost a man's height and consisted of a type of sugarcane. The elephants thrived on the abundance of sugarcane and bamboo shoots and their population on the island was so large that one could find several paths cut through the thick jungles as their herds bulldozed through the tall vegetation.



Koenig was also told by the locals that a white elephant was living on the island although he did not get a chance to prove the claim. White elephants are extremely rare and believed by the Siamese to be very auspicious animals.

Of the many unusual habits the Siamese had, Koenig reported that they fried and ate a type of beetle with great appetite. The beetles would build their nests one foot deep in the ground, especially preferring the dung of elephants as nesting places.

Although he never mentioned trying this local delicacy, Koenig wrote that the captain of his ship had done so and reported that they tasted quite good. The insects were a good source of fat and energy, he added.

During late June, Koenig visited Jambu Island, which according to Gerini is today part of Cape Yamu in the northern part of Phuket. He mentioned several strange fruits growing there, including a large blood-red colored fruit that was popular with the locals. He also mentioned a large population of hornbills that lived there.

According to Koenig, these tropical birds made a very distinct sound when they fluttered their wings during flight. On July 13 Koenig recorded that he fell gravely ill with a violent fever that gave him cold shivers amidst the tropical heat. Weakened and afraid that he might die Dr Koenig resolved to leave Phuket aboard Capt Scott's ship that was due to sail to Malacca, a Dutch colony on the Malay Peninsula.

It is said that Koenig's health was so deteriorated that Capt Scott even made preparations for his funeral at sea before departing from Phuket. On July 17, 1779 Dr Koenig departed from Phuket on Capt Scott's ship called *Prince*.

Thus ended Dr Koenig's fruitful voyage and stay on the island which he called Junk Ceylon.

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STEPHEN Baxter is a Director of HotelTravel.com, billed as the world's leader in discount hotel reservations. The company is an online travel agency that arranges hotel bookings in many countries around the world.

Stephen has lived in Asia most of his professional life and came to Phuket while living in Hong Kong as he heard that Blue Canyon Country Club had great golf.

That was in the early 1990s, and when he retired from his business providing consumer loans in Hong Kong in 1996 he moved to the island full time.

"I had no plans to get involved in another business after I retired, but one of my golf buddies, Blair Speers, invited me to join him in what was then a very young online industry. We started out with a couple computers and today we have around 200 staff and our own building."

Stephen was born on Long Island in New York State. He was never fond of the cold winters when he was given the job of shoveling snow from the driveway. After a year at Fairfield University in nearby Connecticut, he headed to tropical Hawaii where he studied history at Chaminade University.

"In my early life I followed my interests. Hawaii has a large Japa-

EXPAT gallery

By Bruce Stanley

nese community and I became interested in their culture so I headed to Tokyo where I enrolled in Sophia University and eventually graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in History. I really enjoyed life in Japan in the 1960s. I took intensive language classes so I could fully integrate into the local culture."

After graduation, he decided to stay in Japan and got his first job translating movie scripts from English into Japanese. In the next few years he became interested in the Japanese stock market. He set up the international department for a Japanese brokerage firm and wrote research reports on Japanese companies.

Stephen has a strong entrepreneurial instinct. In the early 1970s he set up his own company to import pictures from Europe and the US that were popular with consumers. He spent much of his free time watching sumo wrestling in the Sapporo beer halls.

In 1973, due to his fluency in Japanese and interest in business, he was offered the opportunity to

open the Japan office for American Family Life Assurance Company, AFLAC, the largest provider of supplemental insurance in the US. It marked the beginning of an 18 year career with the company.

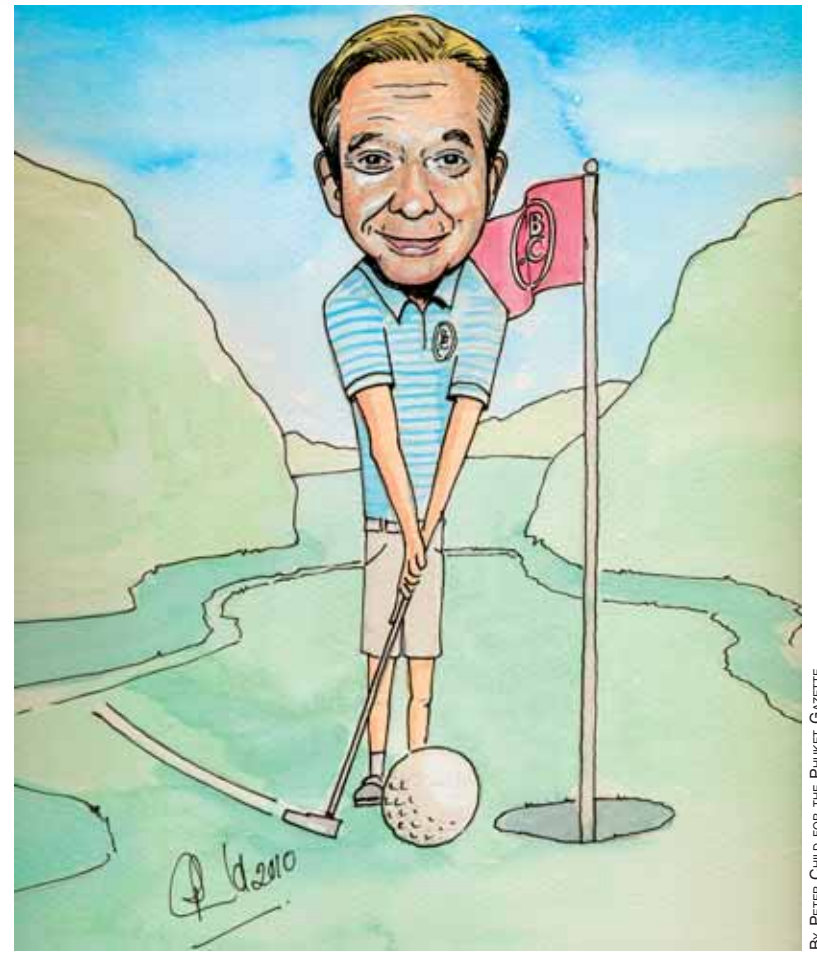
AFLAC offered insurance specifically to deal with the medical costs associated with cancer. He worked in Japan for several years before being sent to Hong Kong as General Manager for AFLAC. During the 1980s, he was based in Taiwan and worked in Korea, Indonesia and Thailand. He became fluent in Mandarin Chinese.

Stephen became an independent operator for AFLAC as a re-insurer when he devised innovative marketing plans to expand his business.

In 1991, he decided to set up his own company, based in Hong Kong, to provide consumer loans to start-up businesses. He became a member of the American Club and the Jockey Club and traveled to Phuket to play golf.

"Golf has always been a big part of my life. I started playing as a kid and worked as a caddy to earn spending money."

He's returned to Phuket to live at Blue Canyon where he can be near his favorite sport. Each day he commutes to Chalong to spend time at the HotelTravel.com offices. He has no plans to change what he sees as a happy life.



BY PETER CHILD FOR THE PHUKET GAZETTE

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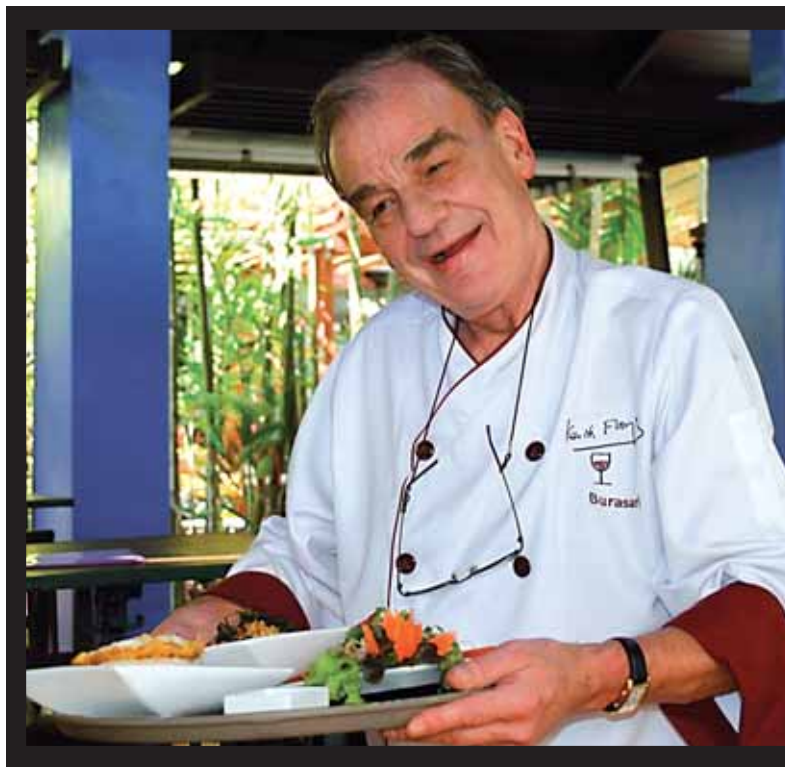
WHAT'S ON in Phuket

August 29. Scrambles Golf Tournament

The Rotary Club of Patong presents the 2010 Patong Beach Fun & Charity Golf Tournament at Laguna Phuket Golf Club (LPGC). All profits are donated to the Home & Life Phang Nga Family Care Foundation to provide a safe and caring home for children. The golfing fee is 3,500 baht with the LPGC member discounted rate and includes dinner. 600 baht per person for dinner only; children under seven years free. For more information contact OB Wetzell 081-892 9207 E: ob@sustainablereturn.com W: rotarypatong.org

September 3. Curry Fridays

Every second Friday is "Curry Friday" night, where you get the chance to enjoy an authentic and lavish Indian curry buffet. Selections include all-time favorite chicken tikka masala, very spicy mutton vindaloo, juicy kebabs, chickpea curry and much more. Served with nan bread and basmati rice. All you can eat for only 399 baht. Draught Beer by the glass for just 50 baht. Special discount on beverages. Venue: Navrang Mahal India Restaurant at Karon Sea Sands Resort & Spa. Time: 7pm-11:30pm. For reservations, please call: 076-286464, ext 4. For other information contact Mr



Farewell feast at Floyd's

Floyd's Brasserie will close on September 5, but not without a bang at the last Floyd's Sunday Brunch from 12 noon to 4pm. Feast on imported oysters, seafood, special carvery, fresh pasta, European cheese, cold cuts, fabulous desserts and much more.

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Seemant Raju. T: 081-629 5063 E: sm@karonseasand.com or visit W: karonseasand.com. The next Curry Friday will be held on September 17.

September 5. Phuket Yacht Club Back to School Catch-Up

All welcome to attend the "Back to School" social and open day. Enjoy the beach buffet, catch-up with friends and make some new ones at the Phuket Yacht Club in Ao Yon at the south end of the island. Kids can play on the beach, paddle a kayak, or go for a dinghy ride. From 10:30am-4pm. For further information contact

Donna Stephens. T: 086-1200752 E: phuketyachtclub@gmail.com W: phuketyachtclub.info

September 5. Amateur Golf Open Tournament

The third round of the tournament to find Phuket's best amateur golfer is being held at the Blue Canyon Country Club's Lakes Course. Trophies will be awarded to the top three players in each flight. The top two places in each flight will join the 12 qualifiers from the previous rounds in the season-ending Master's event, to be held in May 2011. From 12pm-3pm. Contact Neil or Mark T: 087-856 4426 E: phuketamateurgolfopen@gmail.com W: phuketamateurgolfopen.com

September 16. Phuket International Women's Club Monthly Lunch

This month's lunch will be held at The Holiday Inn, Patong. All are welcome. Members: 450 baht; Guests: 600 baht. Prior registration is essential as this is always a popular event. From 10:30am-2pm at The Holiday Inn hotel in Patong. For further information contact Carole. T: 085-7821332 or 076-271727 E: info@phuketiwc.com W: phuketiwc.com

September 19. Phuket Yacht Club Wet and Wild Race Day

Wet and Wild Race Day and Family Day. Come along to the Phuket Yacht Club for a fun day of swimming, food and good company. RSVP for catering if you intend to come. If you are interested in racing tasars or dinghies and would like to be placed on the mailing list, contact Andrew at 081-894 1530 or email andrew@leemarine.net. From 9am-4pm in Ao Yon Bay. For further information contact Donna Stephens.

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October 1-3. Asian Hospitality & Travel Show

The Asian Hospitality & Travel Show will bring together suppliers and exhibitors in industries from all over Asia and will offer professionally

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October 23. End of Buddhist Lent Day (Khao Pansa)

On this day, the three-month rain retreat for Buddhist Lent (Khao Pansa) is over for the monks.

October 23. Chulalongkorn Day – Public Holiday

This holiday commemorates the reign of Rama V, who is best remembered for abolishing slavery in Thailand.

November 2-7. 2010 Swatch FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour for women

Over 70 of the world's top volleyball teams will take part in this year's tournament. Volleyball clinics and an amateur tournament will be ongoing. Admission is free. From 9am-6:30pm at Karon Beach. Contact Geoffrey Rowe. T: 02-311 3414 E: geoffrey@pentanglepromotions.com W: pentanglepromotions.com

November 13. 'One Night in Rio' PIWC's Annual Party

The Phuket International Women's Club annual fund raising event will be held at The Hilton from 6:30pm-1am under the theme "One Night in Rio". Tickets are 3,000 baht, inclusive of Latin American cocktails, buffet dinner, drinks and entertainment. Early discount for tickets purchased by September 30. Contact Sue. T: 087-277 6948 E: info@phuketiwc.com W: phuketiwc.com

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West Sands launch Vacation Club



LAUNCH DO: The West Sands Resort and Spa recently launched their West Sands Vacation Club, which will work on a points based system offering buyers more flexibility. From left are Sales Administration and Collection Manager Jackie Holden, Project director Oliver Hartwig, Senior Marketing Manager Michael Marchbanks and Sales Manager Mark Eaton.



THE WHOLE TEAM: West Sands Vacation Club staff.

Groms rip it up at



Panu Wisetsombat, 13, (right, yellow vest) from Kata won 1st place in the first stage of the Rip Curl Grom Search series at Nai Harn Beach on August 21. Dyou Worawong, 13, (right, blue vest) came in 2nd place, and John Robinson, 11, (right, white vest) came in 3rd. Jimmy Partenent, 11, (right, red vest) was 4th. Panu Wisetsombat (below, yellow vest) in action during the competition and Dyou Worawong (below, blue vest) carves up a wave. The next leg in the series will take place on September 4 at Kata Beach. Photos by Joob Aiyarak.



LEFT: One of the surfers at the competition. Photos: Apinun Saithong.



HOLLYWOOD: A guest is welcomed by hosts at Laguna Phuket's Hollywood themed Latitude party recently.



WINNING WINES: Wine and Taste and G FOUR recently celebrated the beginning of the harvest season in style at Le Meridien Beach Resort by offering a wine tasting featuring over 40 exclusive wines available in Phuket. GM of Le Meridien Resort, Rudolf Borgesius (center, left) and Robert Wigman of Wine & Taste (center, right) pictured here surrounded by appreciative wine lovers.

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Nai Harn



Lebanese flavors



The Evason Phuket & Six Senses Spa in Rawai hosted guest chef Sulieman Abu Tarieh (left), for a series of special Lebanese set menu dinners from August 24-28. Evason Phuket's General Manager Frank Grassman is pictured right.



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Pruerk-Pailin	80	5,680,000	100,000	2,740,000	2,840,000
Pruerk-Ampai	111	6,570,000	100,000	3,185,000	3,285,000
Ladachon	100.72	6,980,000	100,000	3,390,000	3,490,000

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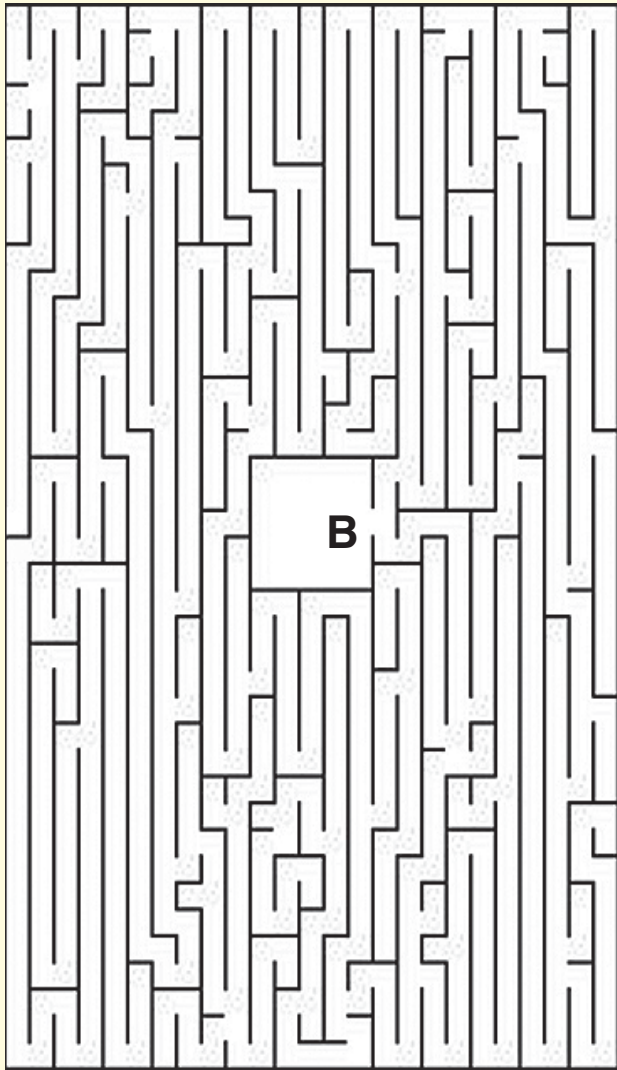
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Location Map



A *Gazette* staff member completed this maze in 10 seconds. Can you beat their time? Make your way from A to B.

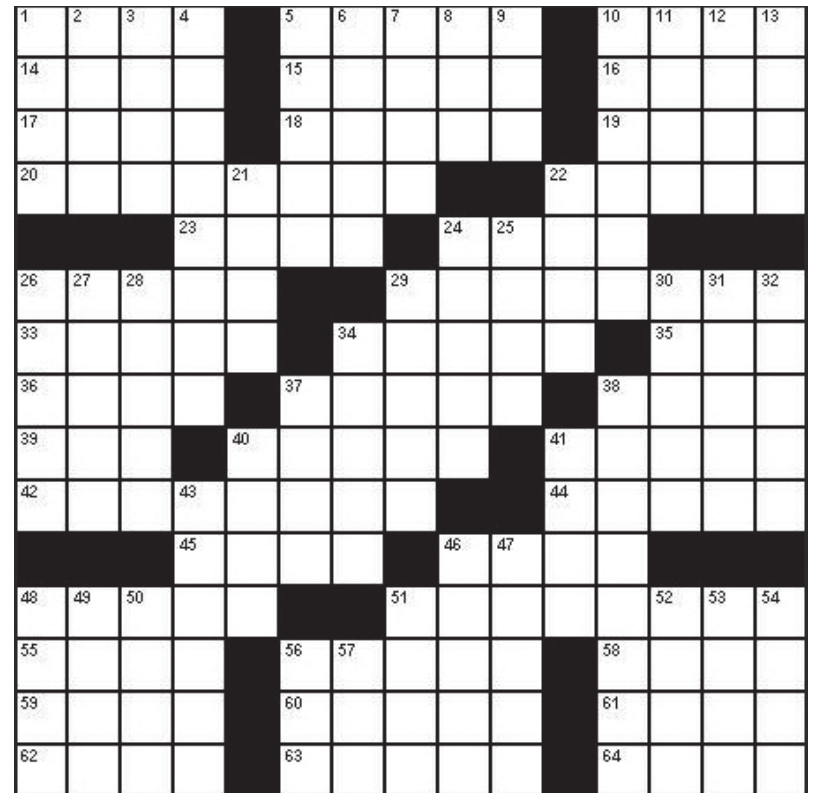


Across

1. Droops
5. Aquarium fish
10. Loretta of "M*A*S*H"
14. Dies ____
15. Alternate
16. Approached
17. Enclose
18. Search
19. Narrow inlets
20. Customary condition
22. Trap
23. Corner
24. Sketch
26. "West Side Story" song
29. White wine
33. Self-evident truth
34. "Siddhartha" author
35. Paving material
36. Hero
37. Bungle
38. Graph prefix
39. ____ Mahal
40. Hand woven wall hanging
41. Apartment sign
42. Frightening
44. "____ by any other name..."
45. Old Testament book
46. Push with the head
48. From the beginning: Lat.
51. An infected *Anopheles* mosquito
55. Fizzy drink
56. Former French currency
58. Church recess
59. Type of rock, briefly
60. Moistened while cooking
61. Bit
62. Shriveled, without moisture
63. Become liable for
64. Boris Godunov, for one

Down

1. [Oh, well]
2. Horne solo
3. Clothes
4. Incitement of rebellion
5. Chef's hat
6. Chopin composition
7. How you used to be?



8. Hi-____ monitor
9. Illustrative craft
10. Illegible handwriting
11. Hold off
12. Apple product
13. New Age musician John
21. Streetcar
22. Beer buy
24. Flat circular plates
25. 20th letter of Hebrew alphabet
26. Island near Sicily
27. Like some symmetry
28. Dry red wine
29. Put a new price on

30. Author Calvino
31. Nostrils
32. Rasp
34. Hard outgrowths
37. Vigor
38. Likeness of a person
40. Rifle adjunct
41. Cheerio!
43. Do ruinous damage
46. African language group
47. Stomach woe
48. Cairo cobras
49. Drill a hole
50. Scent
51. Not fem.
52. Wall St. debuts
53. Hammett hound
54. Goneril's father
56. Law enforcement agency
57. Campaigned

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Puzzle solutions on page 29

VIRGO (August 23-September 23):



Something does the trick to restore Virgoans' balance during the first week of September. Answers to pressing problems should become crystal clear this week and you will find it simple to take action. Romance is forecast to bring more satisfaction this month – those who have been trying to maintain a long-distance relationship see a viable solution. If your birthday falls during the week ahead, look forward to a more fun-filled year.

LIBRA (September 24-October 23):



There is hope on the horizon for those born under the sign of Libra who have recently been let down concerning a work situation. This week you learn of an opportunity that lies outside familiar territory, but could lead to more job satisfaction. Finances should be carefully monitored during the first half of September as unexpected expenses are forecast. Love with Scorpio is well-starred, but a relationship with Aries should be approached with caution.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 22):



A mixed bag lies in store for most Scorpions this week. The strongest focus in September is on creativity and related projects and ideas are fore-

cast to go smoothly. However, money issues are affected by unsettled astrological conditions and it will be wise economize. The stars suggest that an ongoing debt can be quickly cleared by better planning.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21):



Some Sagittarians could be upset by an earth sign friend giving them the cold shoulder this weekend. It appears that false information is the cause of this and you will need to set matters straight. Tuesday is the most auspicious day for an honest conversation. Where romance is concerned, a date with Pisces gets the green light this weekend. The number seven can bring good fortune late next week.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20):



After treading a somewhat rocky road in August, this month promises to bring better times for Capricorns. Money matters are well-starred this week, with a payment due to surprise you. Your romantic outlook is strong – a fire sign is more interested than you suspect. Those who have been trying to find a way to end a relationship that was going nowhere will see closure soon. Wear a piece of garnet to encourage more positive expectations.



AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19):



Your energy levels are high during the first half of September and many Aquarians will be tempted to take on commitments. The stars suggest another air sign has intriguing ideas this weekend. There is also firm emphasis on your social life this week – there are signs that Taurus is about to reveal that they are nuts about you. Financial dealings are best conducted on Wednesday and Thursday.

PISCES (February 20-March 20):



Pisceans are advised to take the high ground and resist responding to a work colleague's digs this week. A stormy astral atmosphere could encourage words to be spoken in the heat of the moment, particularly on Monday and Tuesday. Those who are trying to find a more desirable living situation should listen to an earth sign's tips. Where love is concerned, your chances of impressing a fire sign are strong this weekend.

ARIES (March 21-April 20):



Many Arians will be over the moon this week when they receive news of a financial windfall. September promises to be a lucrative time, with the spotlight falling on promotion later in the month. Your luck in love also looks promising – those who have been toying with the idea of commitment will be able to come to a decision during the coming days. Wear chestnut brown to encourage a down to earth attitude.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21):



Taureans looking for a new challenge can see beyond their usual boundaries this week. By the middle of September you will know which direction offers the best rewards. Those who have suffered a disappointment in love recently will be cheered by an attractive air sign this weekend. This person is also ready to take romance slowly. Wear peppermint green to encourage fresh energy.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21):



Not too many dull moments for Geminis this week. Your luck in the world of work is set to increase – this is the ideal time to ask for a pay rise. New responsibilities are indicated,

but these should help to make your life more interesting. Where love is concerned, there are indications that an earth sign is about to set your heart on fire. The number four can bring good luck this weekend.

CANCER (June 22-July 23):



The first half of September offers chances to expand your social life – another Cancerian can help you to have a good time. Making mistakes at work is highlighted to cause problems early next week. You are advised to pay more careful attention to routine tasks and not expect others to do jobs beyond their capabilities. Sagittarius is looking at you in a romantic light. Wear a piece of amethyst to promote good health.

LEO (July 24-August 22):



Communication should be smoother than usual for Leos during the first half of September. Important discussions are best scheduled for Tuesday as the stars will back your efforts to get to the heart of the matter. Those involved in disputes regarding property could be helped when a water sign pulls some strings. Hottest days for romance are Tuesday and Wednesday. Wear the color lemon yellow to promote a cool demeanor.

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Replenishing the water resources

By Sitthipong Nongkaew

TWO former tin mines have been expanded and converted into reservoirs to help alleviate Phuket's chronic water shortages.

One is located behind Phuket Rajabhat University (PKRU) and the other, belonging to Phuket City Municipality, is on Pracha Utit Rd in Rassada, near the Butterfly Farm. Both projects were developed by the Phuket Provincial Irrigation Office (PPIO).

A budget of approximately 44.7 million baht for both projects was allocated out of the central government's 100-billion-baht *Thai Khem Khaeng* (Strong Thailand) stimulus package for 2012 through the Royal Irrigation Department Region 15 office in Nakhon Sri Thammarat.

Of this, about 16.7 million baht was used to deepen an abandoned tin mine pond behind PKRU in Rassada by three meters to a depth of 10 meters.

This expansion has increased the storage capacity from 60,000

to 90,000 cubic meters.

The PKRU project is now 95% complete with the remaining 5% mostly involving landscaping the surrounding area. A dirt track around the pond is already popular with runners and cyclists seeking a safe place to exercise.

Construction, by the Thalang-based Nutthapong Tractor Company, began on December 29 last year and the completion date is set for June 26 next year.

The second project, Phuket Municipality's reservoir in Rassada, has been deepened by 2.5 meters to a total depth of 15 meters. The project, started in January 31 this year, is already complete.

The 28-million-baht project, covering 53 rai, has an approximate storage capacity of 500,000 cubic meters.

Although located in Rassada, the reservoir is owned by Phuket City Municipality. Water from the reservoir will be pumped about two kilometers from the reservoir to some 500 households inside Phuket City limits.



PRECIOUS COMMODITY: Millions of baht are being spent on building reservoirs in Phuket. Photo: Sitthipong Nongkaew

PPIO Engineer Pornthep Bunyapaluke said the project is part of Phuket City Waterwork's plan to develop water supply resources to meet anticipated demand increases in the future.

Isara Anukul, chief of the water allocation division at Phuket Provincial Irrigation Office (PPIO), expects demand for water to increase by 27 million cubic

meters over the next 17 years, an average increase of roughly 1.6 million cubic meters a year.

At least three other reservoirs are in the works as part of the efforts to alleviate the island-wide problem.

Kamala Deputy Mayor Santi Attasup recently said the Kamala Tambon Administration has applied for 400 million baht in funding under *Thai Khem Khaeng* to build a

reservoir near Getnee Hill, as well as another small reservoir which is planned near Ao Yon Bay in Wichit.

The 5.7-million-cubic-meter Klong Krata Reservoir project, to be built off Luang Pu Supha Road in Chalong will be getting underway soon after the Forestry Department signed off on a request to use 60 rai of degraded forest land.

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In brief...

Drayton Bird deal a bold move



LUXURY brokerage house Phuket Ocean Villas group, which has Phuket and Singapore offices has inked a deal with marketing maven Drayton Bird.

Best known as Vice-Chairman and Creative Director for global powerhouse Ogilvy & Mather Direct, he has worked with leading brands such as British Airways, Nestle, Microsoft and Visa.

The deal is seen by many as a strong move by Phuket Ocean Villas group to promote the island's real estate market.

Cambodia's big Phuket ambition

CAMBODIA'S Koh Rong island wants to follow in the footsteps of Bali, Samui and Phuket as a leading resort destination.

An ambitious tourism master plan has been put in place, and the promoters of The Royal Group have said the island will be the first environmentally friendly resort island in Asia.

Leading Hong Kong design house MAPS are heading up the architectural and design work, while sustainability consultant Scott Wilson will also assist with the mega construction project, which will include hotels, a marina, golf courses and residential properties. Phase one of the project is expected to be completed within five years.

Nai Harn getting new U Resort

THE southern part of the island is enjoying a surge in new hotels, with the latest project underway

on the 140-room U Resort, overlooking Nai Harn Beach, set to open in late 2011.

The venture has been made possible following a management agreement between the rising Thai chain U Hotels and Resorts and the At Nai Harn Resort Company Ltd.

The growing brand has also spread into neighboring countries with new projects in Bali, India, Vietnam and Bangkok.

Anantara brand goes Sri Lankan

LEADING Thai hospitality group Minor International are taking its Anantara brand into the rapidly developing market of Sri Lanka.

Bill Heineke's trust have invested approximately 370 million Thai baht into the existing 140 room mid-market hotel.

Set on 25 rai of land, there's plenty of room for the mass expansion.

Do you have any breaking news about Phuket property? Email property@phuketgazette.net

Five signs the party is over, for a while



NOBODY likes a party crasher. There are rules and etiquette that must be followed at parties. But there are always those who know how to wreck a party, and sometimes it can't be helped.

While on a grander stage, the island's real estate trade is dancing along nicely, let's face it, in a market dominated by overseas buyers, the world today has changed since the global economic downturn. And with it, Phuket has changed too.

Perhaps it's time to join in a chorus of *We are the World* to keep us in check and to realize our position in the world today.

As you know, each week in the *Gazette*, Property Watch reports on trends, issues and opinions in the island's property sector.

In recent weeks, we've noted there's growing evidence to suggest Phuket's market moving at speed into a state of somber slumber.

Here are our top five telltale signs that the party is on hiatus for the foreseeable future in the island's property market. In no particular order, of course.

CHEAP THRILLS

The BB King version of *The Thrill is Gone* has been getting significant airtime of late. Perhaps even more telling is that R & B has disappeared entirely from the radios, and now only "B" (blues) is left to keep us somber. "R" is probably in hiding somewhere in the jungle, although details remain unclear.

DAY DRINKING

Day drinking is on the rise again. Signs spotted at a number of bars are promoting Happy Hour deals



DARKER TIMES: Entering the weird world of the island's property market.

starting before noon. For some of the Aussie contingent, the traditional Sundowner drink has been renamed Sunriser and coffee replaced with tequila.

DOWNSIZE ME

Cashing in the first commission check to buy a Vios or Fortuna seems to be a thing of the past, while Toyota and the real estate industry crash and burn in unison.

As with property, car resales remain vibrant for those looking for a lifestyle change and more and more are buying second-hand. There are more than a few former Fortuna drivers, who felt the pinch last year, and have been seen roaming the island on Honda Dream scooters. Oh dear.

MAD DOGS AND ENGLISHMEN

Legions of red hot salespeople have suddenly embraced wearing motorcycle helmets while trying to maintain a shred of self respect and still trying to look busy at their desks.

While enforcement of motorcycle helmet laws has thankfully been stepped up on the island, this move seems not only a tad

bizarre, but is also a mean feat to implement.

Perhaps the best indicator of the weird ways the island's markets are heading can be found in Phuket's (GPIL), or Greater Phuket Index of Lies. Similar to the NYSE (New York Stock Exchange), or Bhutan's GNH (Gross National Happiness meter), the GPIL index has not only crashed lately, but we can't even find its headquarters. Our scouts are out in the jungle looking for this as well.

WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

So that's it, the days get longer, the drinks come in at increasing speed. Wearing a helmet at all times does allow you to needlessly start banging your head against the wall for no apparent reason. In these trying times, desperate measures (both the alcoholic and business variety) seem to be pushed to the forefront of Phuket's thinking of late.

The party has been crashed for now, but for how long, we will just have to wait and see.

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The low-down on rates affecting your purchase

Property Legal

By Michael Greth

MANY foreigners who have decided to buy a residential property in Thailand are required to use funds which are held in a foreign currency account in their home country.

Property transactions in Thailand use many different ways in which a buyer pays the purchase price to the seller.

For instance, a buyer may be required to make payments to the seller upon signing of the sale and purchase agreement. This will be followed by instalment payments in accordance with constructions progress, and then remit a final payment on completion.

In some cases, full payment against registration of title transfer will take place. No matter what the terms of payment have been agreed upon between the parties, one important issue is prevalent in most property purchases in Thailand.

When a buyer is keeping the funds for his property purchase in a foreign currency in an offshore bank, and the parties agree

to a sale and purchase price in Thai baht (usually the case), the buyer is required to remit his foreign currency into Thailand in an amount equivalent to the stated Thai baht purchase price.

A crucial issue to consider is that currency exchange rates experience volatile fluctuations; therefore, the foreign currency equivalent to the stated Thai baht purchase price may vary considerably from the date the contract was signed until the time for payments.

This may result in a buyer paying far higher (in foreign currency) than they originally contemplated. For a buyer who may not have sufficient monetary reserves, this increase may result in an inability to pay leading to his default of the sale and purchase contract.

Such a scenario should be considered by a risk aware buyer – particularly in these days of economic uncertainty – as it could cause a total loss of all monies paid to a seller.

In particular, in the case where the purchase contract may provide for forfeiture of the deposit paid by the purchaser if final payment is not timely made.

Another relevant factor to consider when buying a property with foreign currency is the place and time of the currency exchange into Thai baht. Exchange rates may significantly differ depending on where you initiate the money exchange.

Usually, there is a material difference between an offshore exchange rate set by a bank outside of Thailand and the onshore exchange rates quoted by Thai banks.

Therefore, a buyer may find it problematic to try to determine in advance the exact amount of their foreign currency required to be transferred to the Thai bank account of his seller.

Furthermore, buyers should investigate if their property purchase is subject to certain regulations applicable to the remittance of foreign currency into Thailand and its conversion to Thai baht. In some cases, foreign property buyers are required to transfer foreign currency into Thailand rather than purchasing Thai baht offshore.

Upon remittance of the foreign currency into Thailand, the funds will then be automatically



ON THE MOVE: Currency fluctuations affect property investments. Photo: AFP

converted into Thai baht at the time of credit into the Thai baht account of the recipient.

In case that a buyer neglects to transfer foreign currency into Thailand but converts offshore and subsequently transfers Thai baht into Thailand, it may cause severe problems for a buyer.

For instance, a buyer may not be able to take on legal title to the property, or will have difficulties on a resale when applying for repatriation of funds received upon his subsequent resale of the property.

To summarize, before entering into a legal agreement for the pur-

chase of property in Thailand, all potential buyers should conduct a careful investigation into all legalities and risks involved in purchasing a property with funds held offshore and which requires payment in foreign currency.

To avoid pitfalls and traps for the unwary, a buyer would be well advised to consult with his attorneys or legal representatives prior to the time he signs any contracts for the purchase of property in Thailand.

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Entering the maze of formality

Gardening

By Green Sleeves

ANYONE living in Thailand must have noticed the presence and place of formal gardens in society.

There are different categories of formal gardens: Buddhist monastery and temple gardens, royal palace gardens, and hotel, company and resort gardens.

Private, domestic gardens constitute a relatively new category, since until 20 or so years ago Thai villagers regarded gardens as places for growing vegetables and fruit trees.

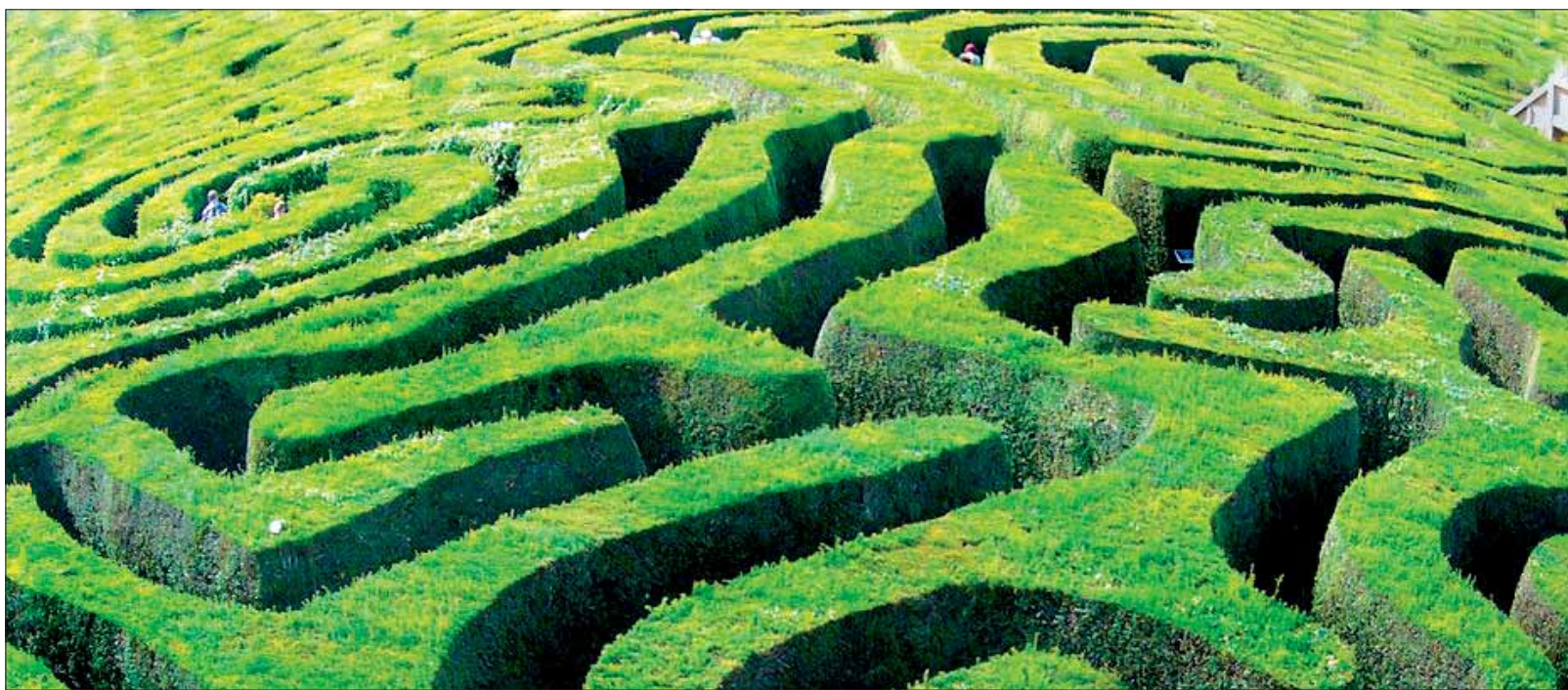
This was because land was a precious commodity, and usage had to be strictly utilitarian. This mindset persists among many rural Thais, but nowadays most houses in Phuket will boast a flower garden, or at least a display of container plants.

Over the decades, Thais have been influenced by increased exposure to western attitudes both through travel and resident expats.

This fuelled Thais' love of decorative objects and especially anything floral. This affection has led to the literal flowering of concrete front yards and apartment balconies.

Thais also prize symmetry and pattern. If this has, in the past, been a feature of grand estates such as those of the Royal Palace in Bangkok, it is nonetheless the case that given the opportunity, Thais prefer a formal garden or at least one that has orderly elements.

While this may reflect the influence of western and Japanese public gardens, it is also a response to the fact that in the tropics, shrubs grow with unparalleled speed and vigor. They need to be controlled.



NEATLY TRIMMED BUSH: The importance of garden etiquette in Thailand is on the rise. A nicely kept garden can say a lot about the owner. Photo: Flickr

The European formal garden reached its apogee in the 18th century when palaces such as Versailles, Hampton Court and Blenheim showed how man could and should control the wilder excesses of nature.

Complicated knot gardens, parterres, clipped hedges of box tracing out intricate geometrical patterns, vistas, mazes, rondels and topiary, water features and strategically positioned statuary – all these were characteristics of the celebrated gardens of the day.

That they have declined in number in recent times is a reflection both of the prohibitive cost of labor, and of changing tastes.

But the formal garden – or at least elements of it – is alive and well in Phuket.

Primarily the hedge, as no formal garden would be worthy of the name without one.

Small hedges, often referred to

as borders, are useful in a number of ways: as a boundary for paths, to define and divide different areas of the garden, and to add color, shape and texture to the natural environment.

If in temperate regions, such hedges are usually found to be of yew, bay, box or more mundanely privet, in the tropics they are more likely to be ixora, golden dewdrop, or plants with tiny round glossy foliage (*cha*) that probably belong to the privet or olive families.

Ixoras are probably the number one choice in Phuket, especially the narrow-leaved dwarf variety with glossy green foliage and masses of

luminous orange flowers, known as *coccinea*.

Ixoras, named after an Indian god, are true denizens of the tropics since they can tolerate oodles of sun and will thrive in relatively poor soil.

If you do decide to create an ixora hedge, remember to put the plants close together, since they are slow growing, and will only gradually develop a bushy habit.

Once established, prune gently at the sides, and then clip the main growth at the top of the plant when it is thriving. Once subjected to this treatment, *ixora coccinea* will stand regular pruning, even

when shaped into a severely rectangular form.

Amazingly, it will continue to bloom. There are also white and pink dwarf varieties; for example, a central reservation border at the Central Festival intersection consists of tiny pink ixoras.

Duranta erecta, commonly known as pigeon berry or golden dewdrop is the other plant much used for formal purposes here.

Like *ixora coccinea*, it is a woody evergreen shrub that tolerates full sun and poor soil. It produces flowers in pale violet racemes, and has attractive, but poisonous orange berries. It is primarily cultivated for its decorative, yellow foliage which turns bright green with age.

Unlike *ixora coccinea*, the golden dewdrop is extremely fast growing, and will need to be clipped early in its life if its shape is to be controlled.

This means that *duranta* hedges are generally larger than *ixora* borders. They are probably your best bet for a quick-fire, medium-sized feature.

There are however, lots of other candidates – bamboo, euonymus, bay, *hamelia* and even holly – which will be discussed another time.

If you have a garden that you would like to be featured, please email pcampbell45@gmail.com

Tip of the week

What wood is good wood?

Wood has a number of uses in the garden. Its main function is as a support for newly-planted, or top-heavy shrubs.

While Western gardeners tend to favor bamboo stakes, termites and bamboo worms will soon reduce these to dust in Phuket.

Young eucalyptus poles of the kind used in scaffolding, are therefore better candidates.

They are freely available, and because of their resinous wood,

better resist the depredations of termites. To give them extra protection, treat the sharp end with creosote or a proprietary wood stain.

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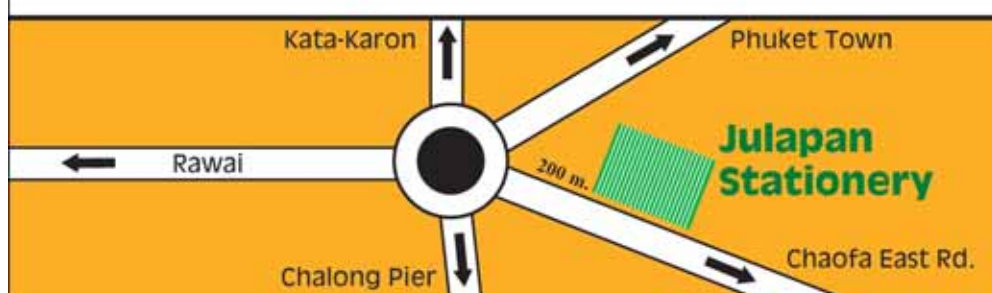
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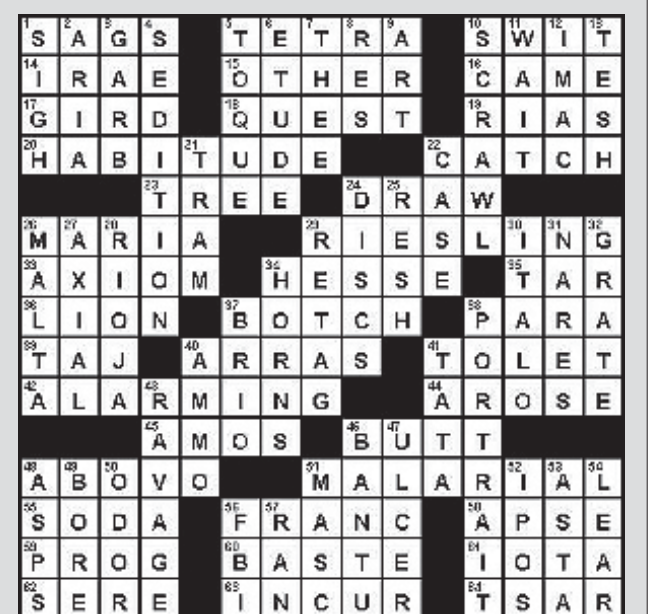
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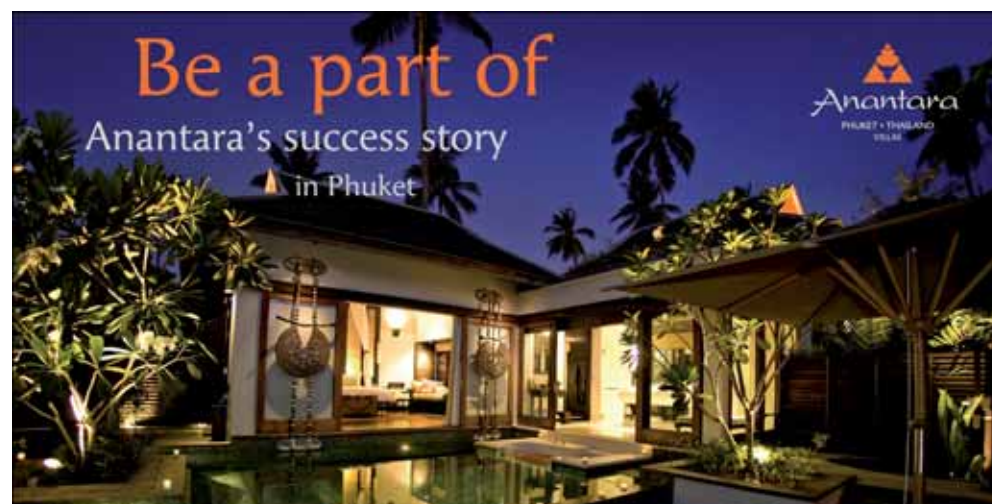
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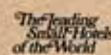
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FC Phuket turn on the style

By Stephen Fein

FC PHUKET scored three second half goals to cruise to a 4-1 win at Nakhon Sri Thammarat on August 22.

The Southern Sea Kirin had already clinched the league, with 46 points going into the match, but were looking to build confidence for their big home match against Thai Premier League side Osotspa Saraburi FC in the opening round of the 2010 Toyota League Cup on August 29.

The match will be played at Surakul Stadium starting at 6pm, according to the club's website. In the August 22 match, in Nakhon Sri Thammarat's Ron Phibul District, 11th-place Nakhon Sri Thammarat came out like a team with little to lose.

Despite some good chances early on, it was FC Phuket who drew first blood at 25 minutes when Nakhon Sri Thammarat keeper Thanadech Sriwichai managed to block a shot by Sarach Yooyen, but Phuket FC's Nene Bi was well-positioned to slot the loose ball into the back of the net; FC Phuket 1-0.

Nakhon Sri Thammarat tied up the match just before halftime when a shot by Kittipong Sakuna deflected off Phuket defender Ronnachai Jinaket and went into the net.



SKILLFUL: FC Phuket (green) came out on top in midfield bouts against Nakhon Sri Thammarat. Photo by Apinun Saithong.

FC Phuket regained the lead just one minute into the second half, when Thawin Butrsombat outmaneuvered the Nakhon Sri Thammarat keeper in a one-on-one showdown and kicked the ball home. FC Phuket, 2-1.

Nakhon Sri Thammat kept up the pressure but couldn't convert. FC Phuket added an insurance

goal at 75 minutes when a clearance by Thanadech fell into the path of Sarach Yooyen 40 yards out. The teen twisted himself and fired a gorgeous volley into the net to put FC Phuket up 3-1.

The final goal came at 80 minutes after a shot by Thawin Butrsombat shot from 20 yards out. Thanadech blocked it, but the

ball fell to Camara Hamed, who made no mistake finding the back of the net.

In another Regional League Division 2 South match with playoff implications played over the weekend, second-place Trang FC got a point from a scoreless draw on the road at Surat Thani.

The result puts them three points

clear of Ranong and Satun United, who are tied for third with 34 points each.

Only the first and second-place teams will qualify for the "mini-league" playoff to decide which four Division 2 sides will be promoted to Division 1.

The playoff will involve the top two teams from each of the five regional leagues, plus the top two third-place teams from the larger divisions.

The twelve teams will divided into two groups of six teams each.

After playing home and away matches in a round-robin format, the sides that come out first and second in each group will be promoted to Division 1.

August 21: Phang Nga 1 - 0 Pattani; HatYai 1 - 1 Krabi; Surat Thani 0 - 0 Trang

August 22: Satun 4 - 2 Chumphon; Phattalung 0 - 0 Yala.

In a scheduling note, FC Phuket's last home match of the season, against Phang Nga, has been rescheduled to Wednesday, September 8 to accommodate the Toyota League Cup match.

Daily News reported that AIS Regional League Commissioner Wimon Kanchana will travel to Phuket to present the league trophy to FC Phuket players after the match.

Brazilian Soccer School ready for international cup

TEAMS from schools in Hong Kong, Singapore, India, Australia and Bangkok will travel to Phuket for an international Futbol De Salao Cup tournament being hosted by the Brazilian Soccer School.

The event, set to take place on February 5 and 6, will be open to four different age groups with a maximum of eight teams in each section. There will be separate competitions for Under-8 teams, Under-10 teams, Under-12 teams and Under-14 teams.

Futbol De Salao is played with a size two football which has limited bounce and its popularity in Brazil is supposedly the secret behind the success of the national team.

The game is designed to encourage players to use their football skills and to increase passing.

The tournament will be played in a round robin format with the winners awarded a trophy and medals.

The tournament will take place on the brand new artificial pitch at the Phuket International Academy which is scheduled for completion in early 2011.

Spectators are welcome and can expect to see an array of impressive tricks and skills from these aspiring young footballers.

For more information contact: martinhillphuket@hotmail.com.

- James Goyder

Local boy sails in second at Hua Hin race

A YOUNG sailor from the Phuket finished second in the Optimist Division B Open Championships at the Hua Hin Regatta. Akopoj Kankeaw is from the Phuket Sunshine Village home, and has been learning to sail with Katy Gooch and Paul Firmin from Topper Sail Phuket.

He is one of six children from the home who have been honing their racing skills every month at Phuket Yacht Club. The practise that they have put in is staring to pay off and Kankaew finished an impressive second out of 64 boats.

Despite the challenging conditions all six children managed to

finish in the top 30. For Gooch, who has been teaching these children free of charge on a long term basis, This was the culmination of months of work.

Young Akopoj is hoping that this impressive sailing performance will be the first of many.

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Volleyball event to raise the bar

By Stephen Fein

FOLLOWING the great success of the first Phuket Inter-Hotel Beach Volleyball tournament last year, the organizers are expanding the competition and encouraging other businesses and schools to enter sides in this year's event.

Geoffrey Rowe of Pentangle Promotions, which is once again organizing the FIVB World Tour event, has decided to expand beyond just hotels to allow all mainstream businesses to enter teams in the exciting competition that starts on October 31.

To reflect this, the event is now being re-branded as the 2nd Annual Phuket Hotel & Hospitality Beach Volleyball Tournament.

The format will also change. In last year's event, won by a side from the JW Marriott Phuket Resort, all-female teams of four took part.

This year's event will see mixed foursomes, two male and two female, battling it out on the sands of Karon Beach.



SMASHING: Action from last year's Inter-Hotel Beach Volleyball tournament.

Despite the changes, the tournament will be held again in conjunction with the FIVB World Women's Professional Volleyball Tour and the *Phuket Gazette* will once again be a proud sponsor.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the top three teams.

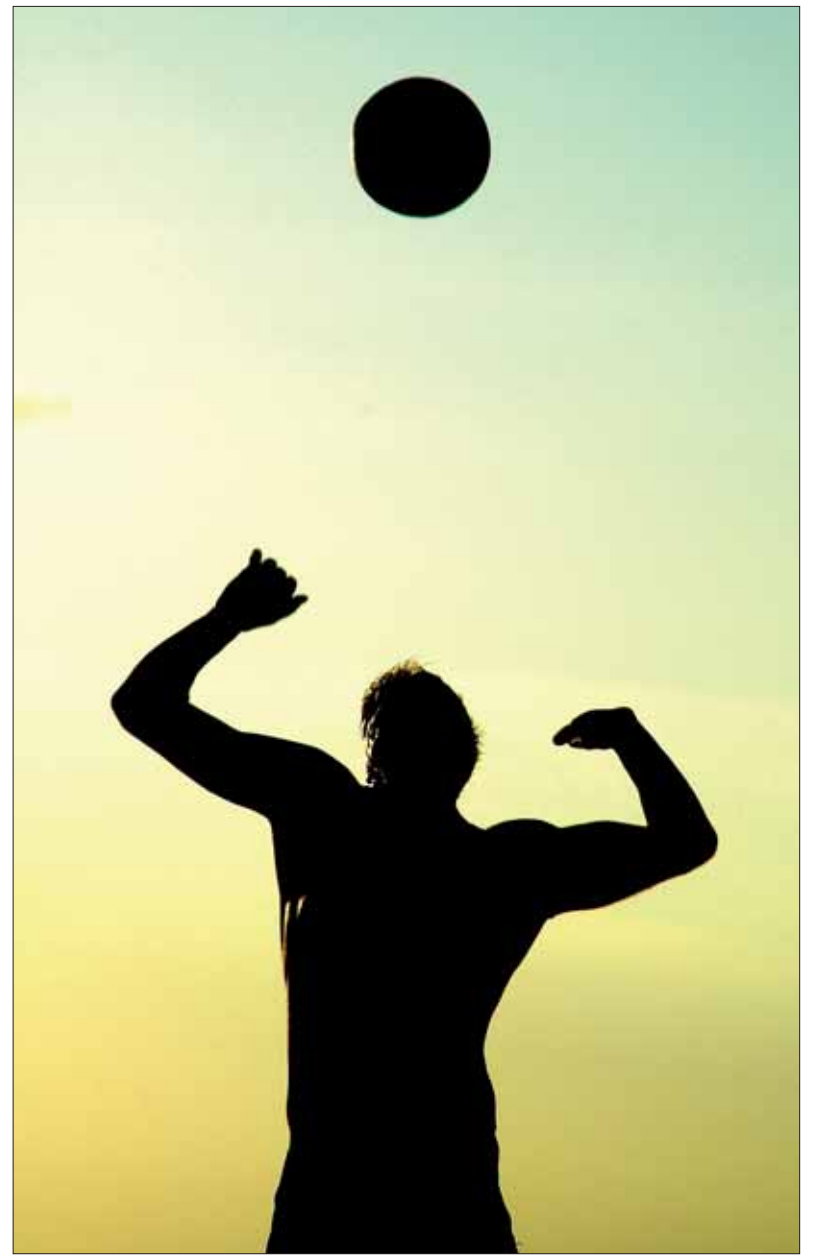
Extra courts are being set up to accommodate all the extra action. Play will begin on Sunday, October 31, with final matches played in front of big crowds in the main stadium before the championship

match on Sunday, November 7.

For teams with volleyball skills but less familiar with beach volleyball, training sessions will begin at Karon Beach six weeks prior to the tournament.

The organizers also hope enough local schools will enter teams to hold a special category for scholastic beach volleyball.

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NEW FORMAT: This year men can enter the tournament. Photo: Jim Welch

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