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# Patong traffic flow to change

By Pimwara Choksakulpan

TRAFFIC flow in Patong's oneway system will be reversed, with traffic flowing north along Rath-U-Thit 200 Pi Road and south along the beach road, Patong Mayor Pian Keesin announced on Tuesday.

However, Mayor Pian said a date when the change will come into effect had yet to be set.

We still have to decide on how the traffic will flow along the streets connecting the two main roads. We need more time to figure that out," he added.

Mayor Pian made the announcement at a meeting held to review the current one-way system following the conclusion of a three-month trial period.

The decision to reverse the main traffic flow was unanimous among the committee members at the meeting, chaired by Vice Governor Weerawat Janpen.

Other committee members present included Kathu Traffic



Traffic on Patong's beach road will once again travel southbound.

Police Chief Lt Col Nikorn Choothong, representatives from Phuket Provincial Land Transport Office, Patong Municipality Council members and representatives from Patong Taxi Federation.

Mayor Pian identified three main problems with the current system. "First, The junction to Kalim [at the north end of Patong] should have a circle [roundabout].

"Second, as Phra Baramee Road is the main road to go to Kamala and Kathu, traffic along that road should flow smoothly.

People should be prohibited from parking their cars along the side of that road, or they should be restricted to parking on one side on alternate days.

"Third, traffic signs and pedestrian crossings all throughout Patong should be clearly visible to everyone," he added.

Mayor Pian said the committee decided to change the traffic flow out of concern for people's safety.

'Under Thai law, motorists are required to drive on the left side of the road, and people are used to this. Tourists get in tuk-tuks, taxis and motorcycles on the left. We care for their safety. This change will help to reduce the number of accidents," he said.

The traffic flow direction is expected to be introduced within three months, he added.

"I will work with Kathu Police to get it done within three months. It is impossible to make everyone agree, but at least finally some people agree to this – and it is the right thing to do," he said.



#### Will and Kate take the cake

BRITISH PRIDE: This week will be one to remember for Brits around the world with Prince William and Kate Middleton tying the knot. The hysteria surrounding the royal wedding even made its way to Phuket this week. Find out why Peter Webber, general manager of Watermark Patisserie, intends to treat Phuket with a cake made especially for the happy couple. Photo: Fraser Morton

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# Raids to 'protect women, minors'

By Atchaa Khamlo

THE Phuket Provincial Office of Labor Protection and Welfare will lead a campaign, including raids of business places, to ensure the rights of child and women workers are upheld.

The office plans to inspect at least 500 workplaces employing 16,741 laborers, including 260 known unregistered workers, Phuket Labor Protection and Welfare office chief Kittipong Laonipon told a high-powered meeting last Friday.

The meeting was called to present the findings of a report on the working conditions of women and children in Phuket.

"Even though the report says there are no women or child laborers working in dan-

gerous conditions or in hard labor-intensive fields in Phuket, we will examine the real situation in places suspected of having women and children performing unsuitable work, such as in hars and karaoke venues," Chief Kittipong Laonipon



"We will then report our findings to the department [in Bangkok]," he added.

Vice Governor Nivit Aroonrat added, "While the Phuket Office of Labor Protection and Welfare conducts its investigation [into the working conditions of child and

female workers in Phuket], we will continue with other projects, such as getting unregistered workers to register and educating employees and employers about labor laws."

According to the report presented today, there are 118,293 employees registered in Phuket: 61,164 men, 57,036 women and 93 minors under 18 years of age.

Most minors working in Phuket are working in the food or retail industries such as at large retail stores, small shops and at gas stations, the report said.

The report was drafted following the United States placing Thailand on a "watch list" for human trafficking last year.

The US State Department accused Thailand of failing to protect women from being forced into prostitution.

#### Gunned down



Shootouts and retribution killings among teen gangs are a part of life in Thalang. Police say drugs are at the heart of the problem, and it's tearing families apart. See pages 4-5

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### British tourist dies in Rawai late-night smash

Smout, 49, died in a road accident near the Rawai beachfront early Monday morning when his motorbike ran into the path of a pickup driven by another foreign resident.

According to the police report, Mr Smould refused offers by people at a nearby bar to give him a lift home, instead choosing to ride his motorbike home.

Chalong Police received a call reporting the accident at about 3

Mr Smould was apparently riding toward Rawai Beach, but along the right-hand side of the

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BRITISH tourist John Stephen road, against the flow of traffic.

The collision occurred near the Rawai Public Health Clinic on Wiset Road.

Michael Downard, the driver of the pickup, told the Gazette, "It all happened so quick. He just came across the lanes at 45 degrees, straight at me. There was nothing I could do."

"There were three ladies behind me who saw it. They came to the police station to confirm it with the police," he added.

"It's difficult to come to grips with... It's so sad to someone end their life with just one bad night," he said.

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# Crab larvae invasion sparks tsunami fears

MILLIONS of crab larvae washing up on Kata and Karon beaches last Friday sparked fear among local residents of an impending

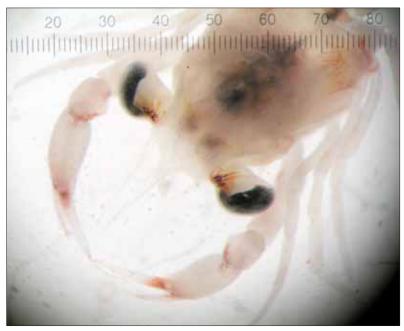
However, Phuket Marine Biological Center Director Wannakiat Thubthimsang, who took live samples from the beach, on Monday confirmed that the tiny sea creatures were just crab larvae.

"They are baby sea crabs, but we're not sure what kind. It's obvious they live in the sea, not on shore, as their last pairs of legs are for swimming – not for walk-

ing," he said.
"The crabs are in their megalopa period; about 29 to 40 days old. Their carapaces ["bodies"] are two to three millimeters wide and about 1mm long, but we cannot tell what kind of crabs they are," he added.

Mr Wannakiat explained that a mature female crab produces up to 300,000 eggs at a time.

"So if many female crabs lay eggs at the same time, millions of larvae will be produced.



One of the tiny crab larvae as seen under a microscope. Photo: PMBC

"During this megalopa period, these larvae serve as a major source of food for fish. We expect that overfishing is why so many of them survived," he said.

Regarding local fears Mr Wannakiat said, "It certainly was not

a sign of any impending disaster."

Crab larvae lack the kind of neural development needed to detect, let alone act upon, the kind of sound waves that could be a precursor to a tsunami, he said.

- Atchaa Khamlo

# Mother helpless as son drowns

A MOTHER watched helplessly last Friday as her son drowned in a tin mine lagoon behind the family home north of Phuket Town.

Kusoldharm Foundation rescue workers and Phuket City police officers arrived at the scene, in Soi Haad Saen Suk 2 in Rassada, at about 10:30am.

It took them about an hour to retrieve the body of Weeranan Sae-Ong, 22, from the water.

Mr Weeranan's mother, Nongyao Sae-Ong, said her son wanted to go to his aunt's house on the other side of the lagoon to get petrol for his motorbike.

She told him not to use their boat because it was leaking.

While Ms Nongyao went to the toilet, her son abided by his mother's wishes and did not use the boat.

Instead, he started swimming to his aunt's house without his mother knowing.

Ms Nongyao learned of this only after she heard his shouts for help, but when she came out from the house, all she could see of her son were his hands thrashing in the water about 50 meters away.

She believed he developed a



Rescue workers recover Mr Weeranan's body from the village lake.

cramp in his leg.

"He often swam to his aunt's house, and he often got a cramp in his leg," she told the *Gazette*.

Mrs Nongyao fainted with despair as the rescue workers pulled

her son's body from the water. His younger brother wept.

Mr Weeranan had been drafted into the Royal Thai Army and was scheduled to report for induction on May 1. – Yodsak Jarana





Mr Weeranan drowned just 50 meters from his family home.



Mr Harris on board his boat Simone.

#### Rewards offered for yacht thieves

TWO yacht owners whose boats anchor in Chalong Bay are offering rewards totaling 30,000 baht in the hope they will have items stolen from their boats returned and thieves arrested.

An estimated 12 yachts in Chalong Bay have been broken into in the past month. One yacht, the 20-million-baht S/Y Smoke, reportedly had US\$6,000 in equipment stolen.

Roger Harris, the 61-year-old Australian owner of S/Y Simone, is offering 20,000 baht for information leading to the arrest of the culprits and the return of his stolen items.

"They just took equipment that could be removed from the boat, such as GPS navigation units and television sets," he explained.

While Mr Harris was in Australia, his wife checked on the boat every two weeks, he said.

"People keep watch on their boats all the time, but the thieves probably come during the night while the owners are not on board," he said.

Unlike the reward offered by Mr Harris, Horst Lakits, owner of local yacht Big A, said: "I offer a 10,000 baht reward to catch the thieve(s) regardless of whether I get my stuff back or not."

The fishing and boating gear lost in the theft totals at least 65,000 baht, he laments.

Lt Atthawat Suwannarat of Chalong Police told the Gazette, "I have inspected the boats with other officers and it's currently under investigation... It's hard to find the thieves as the boats were anchored in the bay, which means it was dark and there were no witnesses.

"Anyone who thinks they see boats being broken into should contact us immediately," he added. – Atchaa Khamlo

# Police nab 'Junior' gang

#### Teenagers robbed, threatened to kill Thai and foreign victims

By Yodsak Jarana

POLICE last Thursday night arrested six members of a teenage gang that are known for allegedly committing many robberies and threatening to kill victims who did not co-operate.

Known as the "Junior Gang", the four teenage men and two teen women were charged with committing gang robbery and possession of unlicensed firearms.

All six confessed to the charges. Among the six were Karin Surapee and Sompong Maiyachana, both 19 and from Phang Nga.

The others, from Nakhon Sri Thammarat and Ranong provinces, cannot be named as they are under 18 years old.

Their victims were Thai and foreign, said Patong Police Superintendent Arayapan Pukbuakao.

Their most recent robbery was committed in Anuphas Golf Ville in Kathu [on April 20]," he said.

Police also arrested the father of one of the boys at a workers' camp on Soi Sombat, off Pisit Koranee Road in Patong.

He now stands charged with harboring known criminals.

"He was part of the gang. He knew what they were doing and



Col Arayapan Pukbuakao introduces the Junior Gang to fellow police officers and the media. Photo: Yodsak Jarana

let them stay in his house," said Col Arayapan.

In the man's house police seized as evidence four handmade guns, many bullets, a bullet-proof vest, an array of other weapons including knives, a wig, many Buddha images and mobile phones.

boiled water with kratom leaves, which are commonly boiled to create steam for ingestion as a stimulant.

The gang committed robberies all over Phuket, Col Arayapan said.

They divided their spoils and went their separate ways until the Officers also found a pot of money ran out, then regrouped to

commit more robberies, he said.

"The six gang members are all either from the Muang Patong Gang and the Kabot Gang, both well known in Patong" said Col Arayapan.

Both those gangs were allegedly run by Anucha Aunruen, 30, who has so far evaded arrest, he added.

# Three girls saved from Nai Harn rip tide

THREE teenage girls were saved from a strong rip tide at Nai Harn Beach last Friday afternoon.

"We were waiting for our somtam on shore while the three girls went swimming," explained the mother of one of the girls.

"A few minutes later, I heard a whistle blowing. Then I saw a foreigner running into the water with a board," she said.

"I could see the girls waving for help. I think the current was pulling them away from the beach.

"My daughter swam back to shore by herself, but she was exhausted when she reached the beach," she added.

Beach vendor Song Saingthong, a former beach guard, told the Gazette, "I saw one of the [other] girls being brought ashore by two to three foreign tourists.



One of the girls receiving treatment at Vachira Phuket Hospital.

The girl was unconscious. One of the foreigners shook her awake and she started vomiting," he said.

The third girl was saved by a beach vendor who took a canoe out to rescue her, said Mr Song.

"My younger brother swam out behind him, but the girl was unconscious by the time they got

"My brother helped to get her into the canoe and they performed CPR while they were still out there," he added.

Once ashore, all three girls regained consciousness, said Mr

All three were rushed to Vachira Phuket Hospital in Phuket Town, where they were admitted to the emergency ward.

One of the two girls rescued was still experiencing chest pains, the mother said.

The surf that afternoon was relatively calm and not inherently dangerous, Mr Song said.

"Children should not be left swimming without adult supervision because some children may not know how to swim safely, Mr Song added.

- Janpen Upatising





# Deranged man saws Kid wars: on own neck, dies

# **QUEER** news

A MENTALLY-ill man killed himself on a building site by pushing a rotating saw into his own neck, police said.

Saemdam Police were called to the scene in Bang Khun Thian district in Bangkok last Sunday after the body of Ek Boonmee, 34, was found next to the saw.

Mr Ek's father, Nawi Boonmee, 56, told police that his son suffered from mental health problems as a result of a ya ba (methamphetamine) addiction when he was a teenager.

Mr Ek used the drug for six years from the age of 14 to 20. He was left with mental health problems, forcing him to take medication and attend regular checkups in the hospital, Mr Nawi said.



Local villagers alerted police after Mr Ek sawed his neck with a mitre saw, similar to the one pictured above. Photo: Ewen Roberts

About two days before his death, his medication ran out, leaving Mr Ek in an agitated state.

He reportedly complained to co-workers that there was something stuck in his neck, making it

uncomfortable for him to swallow.

While alone at his workplace, Mr Ek lay on the ground and pushed the saw into his neck, killing himself, police believe.

- Daily News



AMID the scenic farms and hills of northern Phuket, beneath the ebb and flow of idyllic rural life, boils a rage – the rotten by-product of changing times.

In Thalang, the body count continues to rise as neglected youth while away their days with a lethal cocktail of drugs and petty territorial disputes as their parents work full-time just to scrape by.

As gang fights have already claimed the lives of at least three teenagers this year in Thalang officials and educators are scrambling to find a solution.

The *Phuket Gazette*'s Atchaa Khamlo reports.

'Sometimes when

we meet another

gang in public, like

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fight - we don't

even know each

other,' Song, age

SURACHAI "Neung" Takuasook of Baan Don community in Thalang was gunned down in January in what his parents believe may have been a case of mistaken identity.

He was just 13.

The assailants may have been gunning for Neung's twin brother, Song, they said.

"It's different without having Neung with us – I feel empty," his 41-year-old mother Saita Kongkasai said.

"Now his brother Song is working, instead of Neung, but he still spends a lot of time with friends and quite often doesn't come home at night," she

said. "I don't want him to take

revenge Neung's killers, but I don't know what he's thinking.

"There's a rumor that they will come after Song too, so I'm really worried and I don't know what to do. I have told the po-

lice about this, but they haven't done anything about it. My son's killers are still out there," Ms Saita said.

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"I always warn Song to be careful, but it seems like he's not listening to me. Most nights he goes out to sleep at his friends' houses or at the vegetable farm where he works, even though I always ask him to come home. I'm very worried about him."

Neung's and Song's father, Lertpob Takuasook, 42, was born in Ban Don.

"When I was a teenager I could go around in both Baan Don and Plusompan [the neighboring community believed to be home to Neung's killers] to see friends," Mr Lertpob said.

"But then, a prominent man in Baan Don was shot by someone from Plusompan and some Baan Don people took revenge. Since then, our communities have been 'enemies'," he said.

Mr Lertpob has visited Thalang Police Station nearly every day to get updates on his son's case, "but it seems nothing is going forward," he said.

Charoen Tonnam is the head of the Kemarak Center, an organization under the provincial office that looks after the social welfare of students and juveniles in Phuket.

"Fighting between gangs in Thalang has been going on for a long time - since I studied at Muang Thalang School about 20 years ago," 36-year-old Mr Charoen said.

"It was going on between young people from Baan Don and Prujampa, and Sakoo and Plusompan," he said.

"I can remember once when I

was studying in Thalang, an older student from Plusompan asked me where I was from. Luckily I was living in Patong, and when I told him that, he just said 'Nevermind'. If I were living in Baan Don, I would have had a problem. It's still the same now," he said.

On March 26, the body of 15year-old Thawatchai Maelanon was found with multiple stab wounds on a rubber plantation in Thalang.

His mother, Somluck Maelanon, a 42-year-old accountant, said, "Before my son's body was found, he went out after someone called him. That was on March 19. I tried calling him but his phone was shut off from that day.

"I went to all of his friends' houses, but no one knew anything about where he might be. Then he was found dead."

Mrs Somluck struggles to find a reason for her son's death. Although he wasn't attending school, Mrs Somluck said that Thawatchai "never went out and hadn't been involved in any fights before".

"He wasn't naughty and was always at home. I'm not sure if he was involved with drugs – if that's why he was murdered. I heard before that he was involved with drugs, but he denied it.

"I'm still in pain because my son was killed. All I can do is try to calm my mind. His murderer



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still hasn't been caught and the police tell me they don't have any clues," Mrs Somluck said.

Deputy Superintendent of Thalang Police Piset Chunpet told the Phuket Gazette, "Most of the communities in Thalang are rural and the villagers work on farms.

"Many of their children don't make it to high school – they just stay at home and hang around in groups while their parents are out working," he said.

"The parents don't have time to take care of their children, who often get involved with drugs and gangs. Many communities in Thalang are involved with drugs," Lt Col Piset added.

"To solve these problems, there needs to be cooperation among different organizations such as tambon administration organizations [OrBorTor], district offices and schools – not only the police," he explained.

"What we are doing now is making lists of youths suspected of involvement with drugs. We will then ask them to take drug tests by supplying urine samples. If they come back positive, we will inform their parents and send the kids to drug treatment programs.

"This way, at least their parents will know what their kids are up to. Some parents don't know, and if they find out they will understand that they have to become closer to their children," Lt Col Piset said.

"This will help, but it won't solve the whole problem on its own," he said.

However, Song, whose twin brother was murdered, says his brother's death was not about drugs.

"The fighting and revenge between gangs is not about drugs, but about things that happened long ago. I'm not exactly sure why my brother was shot, other than maybe he had an encounter with someone from a Plusompan gang who then killed him," Song, now 14 years old, said.

"They cannot come to our area dren," he said. and we cannot go to theirs. Sometimes when we meet another gang in public, like at a temple fair, we fight – we don't even know each other," he said.

Mr Charoen of the Kemarak Center said, "Actually, it's not just Thalang that has problems with youths attacking each other, but many places in Phuket have this.

"Some gangs of young people are supported by older or powerful people such as policemen and local officials," he said.

"In other cases, violence occurs simply because the kids don't like each other, or because

he added. "The problems can be solved if officials seriously try to do so. Parents often don't understand or accept that their children are causing problems. They think if they just support them with money that everything will be okay," Mr Charoen

Sanya-lak Yoorak of the Phuket Office of Social Development and Hum a n Security told the Gazettethat changing household dynamics are key factors in youth violence.

"Society has changed. Nowadays we have smaller households than before – extended families don't live together like in the past. Both parents go out to work and they don't

have time to take care of their chil-

Lt Col Pisit assured the Gazette that there are plans to tackle these

"Right now Provincial Hall has a policy to solve the problems in each community, especially by teaching parents how to deal with their children," he said.

"Phuket City has already begun implementing this policy. For Thalang, we have already sent project plans to Provincial Hall and are waiting for officials to be des-

ignated to implement it. "Meanwhile, schools and local organizations are sending us lists of communities at-risk for of a 'love triangle'," crime. When everything is compiled and finalized, we will begin the project," Lt Col Pisit said.

> THALANG BADLANDS: Whether by gun or blade, gang murders are a part of life in Thalang. The violence is fuelled by an abundance of illegal drugs in some of Phuket's rural



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# Lifeguards back on the beach

#### By Janpen Upatising

THE lifeguards have returned to patrol Phuket's beaches, and, as promised, with more lifesavers and jet-skis.

The contract between the Phuket Lifeguard Club (PLC) and the Phuket Provincial Administrative Organization (*OrBorJor*) came into force on April 2, just in time for the dangerous monsoon season. It expires April 1, 2012.

The lifeguards patrol between 9am and 7pm at 13 beaches: Ya Nui, Nai Harn, Kata Noi, Kata, Karon, Patong, Kamala, Laem Singh, Surin, Bang Tao, Nai Thon, Nai Yang and Mai Khao.

"Last year there were 28 life-

guard stations with 83 lifeguards. This time we have 33 stations with 106 lifeguards," said PLC president Prathaiyuth Chuayuan.

The increase in lifeguards has meant a boost in patrols at Karon, Patong and Bang Tao beaches, he added.

"Many people visit Karon Beach and Patong Beach. These two beaches are long and wide, and the sea there is also dangerous.

"That is why we have more lifeguards patrolling these two beaches than any other beaches we look after. We now have 18 lifeguards on Karon Beach and 15 at Patong," said Mr Prathaiyuth.

"Not as many people visit Bang Tao Beach, but that beach



The lifeguards are back, in greater numbers and with more equipment. Photo: Atchaa Khamlo

is very long too, so we have dedicated 16 lifeguards to patrol there," he said.

Mr Prathaiyuth added that lifesavers have four more jet-skis at their disposal to use in emergencies and for offshore patrol.

"During monsoon season, from June to September, we will rent four more jet-skis. So, we will have eight in total. We plan to use the jet-skis at Karon, Kata, Surin and Nai Thon beaches," he

Mr Prathaiyuth also warned bathers to beware of sharp rocks hidden beneath the water.

"At Ya Nui, many people have injured their feet this month because they stepped onto rocks and

small shellfish on the bay's sandy bottom.

"Some of them were injured badly and we had to send them to hospital or local health clinics for treatment," he said.

To save more people from injury, lifeguards will install signs warning them about the sharp objects in the water, he added.

#### Rain sends traffic into spin

HEAVY rain in Thalang last Saturday night left a passenger van on its side and a pickup truck badly damaged in separate incidents.

All five occupants walked away with only minor injuries.

At about 11am, a van driven by Suthee Jareornpakdee, 31, was transporting hotel staff to work at Ao Por when Mr Suthee lost control opposite Baan Para Mosque on Route 4027 in Pa Khlok.

The vehicle went into a spin and flattened a road sign alerting motorists to the presence of the place

of worship before turning over onto its side.

No other vehicles were involved.

At about the same time in Tambon Thepkrasattri, a black Toyota Vigo pickup went into a spin and crashed into power pole along Route 4031 – the road to Nai Yang Beach – in Baan Mud Dok Khaw.

Kusoldharm Foundation workers treated the driver and his passenger for minor abrasions at the scene. – *Wichai Witthawat* 

### Plucky python weighs in at 30 kilos

VILLAGERS in Thalang who had been trying to catch a pesky python for weeks finally hit pay dirt on Tuesday, when the serpent slithered into their sleepy village just before sundown.

Residents of Baan Lipon in Srisoonthorn subdistrict Village 8 said the snake was often seen lurking around the lake near their village and the nearby Bang Jo Prison.

It's main prey: villagers' chickens.

But on seeing the full size of the four-meter-long constrictor, the villagers decided to call for backup.

Kusoldham Foundation rescue workers and volunteers from neighboring Baan Nai Kham ar-



A Kusoldharm Foundation rescue worker puts the snake into a sack.

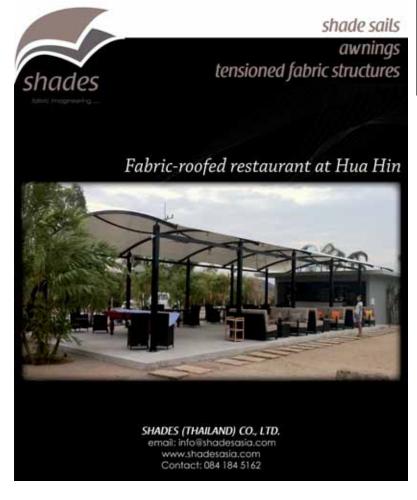
rived at about 6:30pm and finally trapped the legless intruder.

The python weighed in at a hefty 30 kilograms.

Respectful of the natural

creature's size, the rescue workers said they would go deep into the jungle far from the village and release the snake there.

- Wichai Witthawat





### Military raids on 'red' radio stations spark coup fears

POLICE and army officials raided several red-shirt-affiliated community radio stations on Tuesday, stoking fears of an imminent military coup.

The raids, which took place in Bangkok and surrounding areas, involved police and officials from the army-run Internal Security Operations Command and the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC).

stations were shut down as a result of the operation, while the *Prachatai* website said 13 stations were hit by the raids.

Prachatai quoted Palot Chalermsan, a staff member of Lam Lukka FM 105.40 station in Pathum Thani, as saying around 20 to 30 officials raided the office with a warrant around midday, seizing station equipment.

The authorities reportedly charged the the police left the compound empty-handed,

The Nation reported that at least four operators with illegal possession of com- to the joy of the red shirts. munications equipment and setting up radio stations without permission.

> At the FM 89.85 Kon Thai Huajai Diew Kan station in Bangkok's Sai Mai district, police were confronted by some 300 red shirt supporters who managed to prevent them from entering the premises.

After about 90 minutes of confrontation,

The operation came amid widespread rumours of a coup in the Kingdom. Thai coup-makers typically seize control of broadcasting organizations as a first step to overthrowing the government.

Last Thursday, a glitch in the Thaicom 5 satellite caused a nationwide television blackout, prompting similar fears of an army

# As bombs fly, PM insists elections will take place

# AROUND THE nation

AS THAI and Cambodian troops continued to exchange artillery fire during recent deadly fighting, Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva insisted the clashes would not affect upcoming elections.

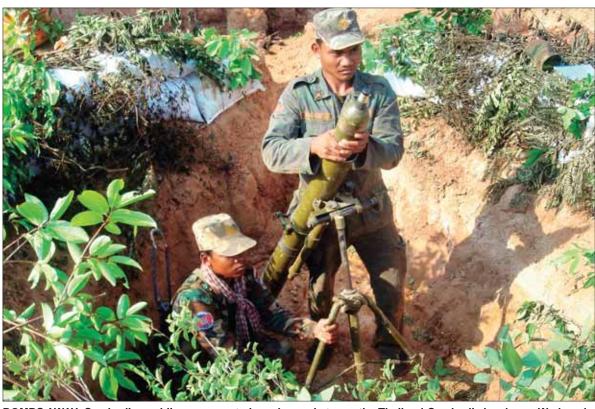
At the time of going to press, the skirmishes had resulted in the deaths of at least 14 people and the evacuations of more than 50,000 people on both sides of the border.

Fighting began last Friday, with both sides accusing the other of firing first. Clashes have taken place around the crumbling ruins of two ancient Hindu temples, Ta Krabey and Ta Moan, which stand in disputed territory near Phanom Dongrak in Surin province.

"The Cambodian acts of aggression left Thailand with no choice but to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity by using proportionate means with necessity, under international law, and strictly directed at only military targets," a Thai Foreign Ministry spokesperson told reporters.

On Tuesday the fighting spread east to the area around the disputed Preah Vihear temple in Kantharalak district in Si Sa Ket, the site of fighting in February that killed 10 soldiers.

Following those clashes, the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean) brokered a ceasefire agreement that included sending Indonesian observers to the border area. The Thai military has refused to allow the observers to deploy, however, citing technical problems.



BOMBS AWAY: Cambodian soldiers prepare to launch a rocket near the Thailand-Cambodia border on Wednesday. Photo: AFP

The Cambodian Ministry of Defence said 23,745 Cambodians had been evacuated as of Tuesday.

On Wednesday the fighting entered a sixth day, following a night of heavy gunfire in which one Thai villager was killed. At least five Thai soldiers and Cambodian troops have also died, with at least 50 injured.

An army spokesman said Thailand's defence minister had cancelled a trip to Cambodia for talks on brokering a ceasefire.

"We decided last night to cancel General Prawit Wongsuwan's trip to Phnom Penh today after some Cambodian media reported Thailand agreed to ceasefire talks after it admitted defeat and losses," Col Sunsern Kaewkumnerd told reporters.

Meanwhile, Mr Abhisit insisted the clashes would not affect his plan to dissolve the House of Representatives in early May to pave the way for general elections.

A caretaker government could handle the situation, he said.

"Dissolving the House doesn't mean the country has no government. We will continue with our work as normal.

"More importantly, handling

border clashes would not benefit any political parties."

Deputy Commerce Minister Alongkorn Ponlaboot said the fighting was costing Thai business about 10 million baht per day.

Both Thais and Cambodians have been forbidden from crossing the border at some checkpoints, forcing traders to halt business activities.

# Pattani governor survives blast

THE governor of Pattani Province narrowly survived an attempt on his life, after a 3kg bomb in a parked motorcycle exploded near his motorcade on Tuesday.

Governor Niphon Narapithakkul was on his way to a function when his sedan was hit by the blast in Panare subdistrict. Witnesses said Niphon's car sped away from the scene with three flat tyres. Gov Niphon and three officials suffered ringing in their ears and chest pains.

Security officials said the attack was possibly the work of local Runda Kumpulan Kecil (RKK) insurgent commandos.

The attack was meant to warn locals against cooperating with the authorities, Gov Niphon said.

The bomb could also have been a symbolic act to mark the seventh anniversary of the Krue Sae mosque massacre, which happened on April 28, 2004, he added.

In that tragedy, 32 suspected insurgents took shelter in the mosque during a security crackdown. After a seven-hour stand-off with the government, they were attacked and killed along with another 70 people.

The incident has since been used as a rallying cause for the insurgency in the Deep South provinces of Yala, Pattani and Narathiwat.



Any problems? Call Mr. No Problem 08-7471-4751

# Is anyone responsible for anything?

Attention all bus drivers! We have just set up a new company and require bus drivers. Please apply in person if you meet the following requirements:

- Qualifications: none
- Driving licence: will not be checked
- Bus licence: ditto
- Name and address not required
- ID card: see above
- Payment: cash in hand (no complicated tax and social security issues)
- Must be able to do four-day trips non-stop with no relief driver

Successful applicants will remain anonymous for the duration of their employment and will be provided with company training shoes and jungle survival kit.

In the event that this company is closed prior to application, please apply to one of our associate companies which should be up and running in no time. Same terms and conditions apply.

Scott Free MD and Fred Le Scene (no fixed address)

#### The Untouchables

The Phuket Untouchables... at long last we know who they are. They bring the US Navy to heel. They bring ambassadors, those who plead on bended knees for a fair island transportation deal for their citizen tourists visiting Phuket, to heel.

They bring cruise lines, whose ships make weekly visits to Phuket laden with tourists ready to spend money on not only island transportation, to heel. They bring the Phuket Provincial Governor to heel.

# Dolphin show needs a rethink

THE recent announcement that a Canadian investor has sought provincial support for his plan to develop a 900-million-baht aquarium, resort and retail facility in Rawai has generated much debate over the ethics of keeping dolphins in captivity.

Soon after the announcement that dolphin performances were slated to be among the attractions at the aquarium, letters arguing passionately against holding dolphins in captivity arrived at the *Phuket Gazette* offices.

Holding dolphins in captivity unfairly sentences these intelligent creatures to highly artificial and unhealthy existences in surroundings enormously different from their natural environment, critics said.

Soon after the release of the news article, the investor, Daniel McDaniel, contacted the *Gazette* to explain that the project would include a science center and marine petting zoo, all part of a commitment to raising public awareness and education about marine life and the environment that sustains it.

While not arguing the accuracy of the description, he commented that the term "performing animals" as used in the *Phuket Gazette* article tended to convey a negative impression, as evidenced by over 50 disapproving comments in our online readers forum.

The *Gazette* accepts Mr McDaniel as a sincere man with a good deal of business acumen and no ill will towards dolphins. With the backing of Rawai Mayor Aroon Solos, it seems likely that the project will eventually be approved. After all, animal welfare issues seldom factor

They bring the Provincial Police to heel. They bring local city mayors to heel. They bring the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) regional office in Phuket – and by extension the whole TAT – to heel. Alas, we

are all brought to their heel.

Who wields this great power over Phuket, Thailand? Well, now we know: It is none other than some influential Thai families that control the Phuket tuk-tuk and taxi associations.

Does the *Phuket Gazette* dare list their names? After seven years living here, building a house with Thai labor and materials and funding a four-year comprehensive art instruction program for my local

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into the decision-making process when elected local officials and bureaucrats consider approval of projects with high potential for tourism industry revenue.

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Several animal rights activists have told the *Gazette* they are prepared to fight this issue, but as history has shown, Internet-based petitions and other forms of international outcry are not an effective way to change events on the ground in this country: forming a mob and blocking a road or taking over an airport is. It is hard to envision that happening in Phuket, where protest is common when vested interests are at stake – but those interests never involve animal welfare.

In any event, the *Gazette* would like to urge Mr McDaniel to view the film *The Cove*, which details the inhumane way baby dolphins are acquired, before making a final decision over exactly what entertainments to provide if the project moves forward.

Many dolphin species appear to our anthropomorphic sensibilities as always happy because their facial structure happens to resemble one with a sort of permanent human smile. Almost all evidence suggests, however, that they suffer terribly in captivity.

Captivity is a state of suffering for any sentient being. Given the established intelligence of dolphins, those among us who believe in karma should reflect on the consequences of

primary school, it is time for me to reconsider the safety of my retirement on Phuket in favor of a relocation to safer and more expat-friendly Malaysia.

Michael Murtaugh Former US Naval Officer and AT&T Executive Baan Laem Sai

Editor's note: The *Phuket Gazette* does not know who, ultimately, controls Phuket's several tuk-tuk and/or taxi associations.

#### More than tuk-tuks

Re: Gazette online, Phuket Conundrum: Can greed and thuggery win the battle for tourists?, April 24

There are many more issues than just tuk-tuks and mobs.

For example, if you have an accident with another vehicle, the slightest damage may cause some people to extort money.

I once had to go to the police and tell them the man was asking 3,000 baht for damages that cost at most 100 baht.

The man dropped his price to 2,000 baht, but I called the Thai woman I had rented the car from and he settled for even less after negotiating with her.

Can Phuket become like Singapore? Or is the country "going downhill", to quote our housekeeping lady, a Thai woman with strong opinions about poor behavior of some of her compatriots.

There are many people living in in Phuket who do not have reliable water supply and electricity and they live in poor housing. This all means luxury houses surrounded by poor people with low quality of life.

This isn't a top destination anymore. There are beaches elsewhere.

Bo Jonsson Chalong

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# Issues & Answers...

### Why is Lao beer more expensive?

Why is Lao Dark Beer still as the same price, and more than other local beers? It's still the same price as before the ASEAN freetrade agreement (AFTA), which as I had understand it permits the cross-border trade of beer without the usual import taxes.

I believe that's why San Miguel, Tiger and I'm sure Lao Lager and Dark Lao are part of that same package.

Please help us "beer lovers" in Phuket gain insight as to why Lao Dark is still 60 baht a bottle?

> Large William Phuket

#### Ubonrat Promchaui, Assistant to the Customer Service Manager of Makro Phuket, replies:

I asked our head office in Bangkok, and they confirmed with our suppliers that Beer Lao must be imported directly from Lao, but San Miguel has a production facility in Thailand.

Send us your queries and we'll ask the right people to respond to them.

Submit your issue at

www.PhuketGazette.net/ IssuesAnswers

This aspect increases costs other than import duties, such as transportation. This is why Beer Lao is more expensive than San Miguel.

#### Snakes alive!

I found a snake skin in our front yard today.

I have a small daughter at home and I am very worried that there might be a poisonous snake lurking around.

Is there any government department to which we can report this so they could come to investigate?

JJ Kathu

#### Vissarut Gaiton of the Phuket Kusoldharm Fondation replies:

Snakes rarely hurt humans and only retaliate when attacked.

They are difficult to locate, as they usually just pass through homes and move on to other places.

If you do see any snakes in your home, call us immediately (day or night) on 076-246301.

You will have assistance within 24 hours.

# Must returning Thais pay import duties?

My Thai wife will be returning to Phuket this year after spending six years outside the country.

Who can I contact to find out what items she is allowed to bring into the country?

She has personal items, furniture and a motorcycle that she wants to take back.

What duties – if any – would be imposed on these items?

John By email

# House hunting tip: Read the fine print

#### **FIRST PERSON**

THE most common complaint we receive is about housing development projects.

Most complaints to us come from buyers and residents of housing estates who are unhappy with central management of roads, parks, swimming pools, waterworks, electricity and so on which are not properly maintained by project

Often when buyers move into their new homes, they find the facilities are not the same as those agreed to with the developers.

Sometimes developers abandon the projects before transferring property rights to a "housing committee".

Before this handover of responsibilities, such as the management of common areas, to homeowners, it is the developers who should look after the

When this handover fails to take place, the residents have no rights to maintain public utilities such as waste collection and electricity, leaving them in a difficult position when the project owner neglects responsibility.

From what I have heard from buyers who have filed complaints, most of them trusted what the salesperson told them.

The salesperson made promises about what the project would offer and the buyers did not read the



Prapun Kanaprasang, 47, is the head of the Damrongtham Center, which serves as the provincial ombudsman's office. At the same location, but in a separate role, he also serves as the head of the Phuket Provincial Consumer Protection Office. Here he talks about the most common complaint he receives and his suggestions for avoiding conflict altogether.

details in the marketing literature.

When the buyers are unsatisfied and want to complain about unfairness, they have nothing to back up their claims or force the developers to take action because what the salesperson "promised" them was not included on any

This allows the developers to claim that they did not advertise any more than what was printed

It's important for prospective buyers to know that apart from the actual contract, advertising brochures and other printed details provided by the company are essential documents.

What's printed in the contract should match what's printed in promotional materials.

Anyone who wishes to buy a house from any developer or project owner needs to read all the details in advertisements very carefully before deciding to buy, and they need to keep the brochures as proof when project owners fail to provide as they advertised.

Another consideration is location. There may be an empty lot next to a house someone wants to buy, but it may be slotted for development in later phases of the project.

Apart from the noise and dirt that construction may cause, future buildings may block the beautiful views the buyers originally expected.

So, please check the plans for any empty lots in housing developments to avoid any possible disappointment in the future.

If project owners do not take advantage of buyers and do everything they promise, their businesses would be successful with a lot of potential customers willing to buy in future projects because the companies have a credible, reliable reputation.



Despite poor behavior by some parents, many families had a great day.

## Hey, parents, leave them kids alone

A SPORTS commentator once humorously suggested shooting the last 10 runners of a marathon at every kilometer mark to help negate the monotony of said event.

Draconian as it may be, this measure should be applied to parents who berate their children during sports activities like some attending the Ironkids triathlon last weekend.

I cringed in embarrassment for several children. One young boy watched his parents loudly bicker because he couldnt find his numbered shirt. Another had his trophy snatched away by his mother, who seemed more interested in protecting the award than offering support and congratulations to the exhausted boy.

The incident that confirmed my desire that parents should be punished for excessive involvement in children's competitions came after the awards ceremony.

Four girls approached the organizers to correct a mistake.

#### **Island View**

By Bunny Reynolds

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

Between them, they realized that the finishing order had been mixed up and had already exchanged their awards to their mutual satisfaction. Truly a noble gesture by these young ladies.

Noble was certainly not what described the remonstrations of the parents, who continued to squabble and demand satisfaction in a number of petty and juvenile ways.

It's a sad day when the actions of children are to be held up as an example to their parents. Sport is for enjoyment and a betterment of oneself, not, as in the case of these over competitive drill sergeants, to re-live their own failed sports careers vicariously through their children.

#### ...asking the questions that affect you...

#### of Customs House at Phuket **International Airport, replies:**

Thai nationals moving back to Thailand and bringing personal items with them are exempt from taxes and duties only if they have been living outside Thailand for more than one year.

The personal items must be used or secondhand, such as clothes, kitchenware, electronic appliances and so on.

The number of items of furniture they import must be reasonable for a person moving

It is at the discretion of the customs officer whether or not to impose duty on these items.

Some people want to avoid paying import duties by declaring the items they want to bring back as personal items, when actually they are importing just so they can sell

We, as customs officers, have to keep this in mind.

Household effects must be imported not earlier than one month before the arrival of the importer

Anan Sriprasert, assistant head or not later than six months after the arrival of the importer.

> However, to import a motorcycle to Thailand, the importer needs to obtain an import permit from the Ministry of Commerce before importing the motorbike, which will be subject to import taxes and duties regardless of whether the owner is Thai or

For more information visit www.customs.go.th or call me at 076-327435.

#### **Super Cheap** cleaning

At Super Cheap, you are not allowed to take your own bag inside, so you must use an utterly filthy disgusting trolley owned by the store.

Can someone buy a high pressure cleaner and get them cleaned at least once a year, and also the

I bet the health department never visits them, or the fire department either.

There are only six extinguishers in the entire place and it's huge.

**Thalang** 

#### The Super Cheap Phuket security department replies:

We have installed two types of fire extinguisher.

Two green cylinders of a dry chemical extinguisher are installed in the computer room.

There are 119 red-cylinder fire extinguishers located about the premises, giving a total of 121 fire extinguishers in the center.

The reason why we do not allow the customers to take handbags inside is because of experiences with some customers attempting to steal.

When they go to the check points our staff can see this. There are six or seven cases of this per day.

If you have paid and passed the check point, please leave your belongings at the bag deposit point and take a numbered ticket.

Super Cheap is a huge department store.

We also have CCTV and staff

which stand by at crucial points, but control is not always easy with the amount of people that shop

Bags not allowed to be brought into the store include: bags already checked by our staff after the bill has been paid; big bags and hand bags; belt bags which are not transparent.

Small bags are usually fine.

We cannot spare trolleys inside due to the amount of products and customers.

Trolleys are stationed at two points: at the motorcycle parking area and at the Golden shop.

We also have staff working constantly to collect and reposition trolleys.

Some customers use up to 10 trolleys which also creates problems when waiting to pay.

We really do not have enough space to park trolleys inside.

If there are problems, we try to solve immediately.

Super Cheap has huge and varied range of products. We try to provide for all our customers needs.

We close at 11pm and our



Cheap has expanded in Phuket.

cleaning staff begin work immediately and carry on through the night to finish at 6am everynight.

We do it this so as not to disturb our customers during the day.

The concept of Super Cheaps owners is to offer a large range of value products and to help this we do not decorate or present a luxury design.

A simple premises for anybody to come and buy what they

We have a 24-hour security team and 118 staff including the Manager.

There is also a fire team of 12 on 24-hour stand-by in case of emergencies.

# Pizza Company give thumbs up for 'smart pizza'

By Anand Singh

THE Pizza Company, Minor Food Group's nationwide pizza franchise, will become the first franchise restaurant in Phuket to accept food orders through smart phones.

The company has developed a smart phone application that will allow users to order home deliveries from their iPhone, iPad, Blackberry or any Android smart phone

Assistant Marketing Manager Chada Sangiambut said the application will be available for download nationwide by the end of this month – or even sooner.

"In the past The Pizza Company has made it possible for customers to order food online through our website 1112.com. The smart phone application that we have developed is an extension of this service," she explained.

"Provided that customers live within the delivery zone of a Pizza Company restaurant, they will be able to order their food through the application," she added.

To use the new service, customers will

have to first register their delivery address at 1112.com.

The online system will then issue them with a user name and password, which they can use with the smart phone application, Ms Chada explained.

The Pizza Company operates seven restaurants in Phuket, five of which offer home delivery.

"The Pizza Company is able to deliver home orders to customers as long as their residences are within half an hour travelling time from the nearest restaurant.

"As the company operates restaurants in Patong, Rawai, Phuket City and Cherng Talay, smart phone orders in Phuket are mostly covered for the central and southern parts of the island, but only as far north as Laguna, Bang Tao and Thalang, which is within the delivery zone of our restaurant in Cherng Talay," Ms Chada explained.

Yukonthorn Visetkosin, marketing director for local and international markets, explained that this new strategy is aimed at tapping the 3.5 million users of smart phones nationwide.



SMART PIZZA: Pizza Company will launch a smart phone application. Photo: Fraser Morton

"Today, the lifestyle of Thai people is changing. We conducted a customer survey and found most of them have two mobile phones. And many of them are addicted to smart phones," Ms Yukonthorn

"At the same time, pizza orders through call centers and other online channels are showing a significant rise. "This means customers prefer convenience," she added.

In the past home delivery and take-away represented about 60 per cent of The Pizza Company's business.

The new mobile ordering system, it is hoped, will boost online business for the company by as much as 30 per cent in the coming year.

### Songkran splashes B800mn into local enonomy

THIS year's Songkran festival injected an estimated 800 million baht into the Phuket economy, with hotel occupancy at beach hotels rising up to about 90 per cent during the period.

Occupancy has stayed strong following the festival, supported by the large number of direct flights now serving Phuket.

Bangornrat Chinaprayoon, director of the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) Phuket Office, said average hotel occupancy across the whole province was 70 per cent over the Thai New Year holiday period.

Most tourists were foreigners

who chose to stay at beach hotels, pushing occupancy there to 80-90 per cent. Average occupancy of hotels in the towns was 40-50 per cent.

Adding to the usual Songkran injection, the TAT this year joined with partner agencies to organize several activities to keep Phuket tourism buoyant, including Phuket Bike Week, which attracted a large number of bikers from around the world.

The TAT also organized "Songkran on the Beach" in Patong, which also attracted a large number of foreign tourists.

In Phuket Town, for the sec-



Songkran 2011 saw tourism baht pouring in. Photo: Nicky Vermeulen

ond consecutive year the TAT held Songkran activities on Thalang Road. Mrs Bangornrat estimated that around 8,000 Thais and foreigners enjoyed a mass waterfight on the historic thoroughfare.

The TAT chief said Phuket tour-

ism would stay strong in the weeks following Songkran, owing to the large number of airlines that are launching direct flights to the island in April and May.

Among the airlines opening new routes to Phuket are Air Bagan and Hong Kong Airlines. Thai International Airways (THAI) has opened a new route between Perth and Phuket, while a charter flight has launched between New Delhi and the island.

In addition, the TAT has also arranged cheap package deals to encourage domestic tourism to Phuket, and will take part in the "Two Banks of the Southern Sea" exhibition at Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre at the end of May.

Mrs Bangornrat said participation in the event would help boost the number of Thai tourists visiting the island.

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#### Fam trip to reap tourism bounty via media

A GROUP of journalists and tour agents spent much of last week enjoying luxurious spa treatments in Phuket as part of a nationwide "familiarization" project held by the Tourism Authority of Thailand.

The "Product Testing for Quality Tourists" campaign aims to present and promote products and services to "quality" foreign tourists by making journalists and tour operators in Thailand better aware of them.

Participants were taken on trips to visit tourists attractions and tourism-related organizations that won the TAT's Thailand Tourism Industry 2010 Awards, better known as "Kinnarees".

"We want to attract [Quality tourists] with good quality accommodations, products, services and tourist attractions. We also want to make them stay longer and spend more on the quality products and services Phuket has to offer," explained Panjit Santad-kolakarn, director of Tourism Information Division at the TAT's Product Promotion Department.

Thongyoo Suphavittayakorn, a Kinnaree Awards judge who is also a Association of Thai Travel Agent (ATTA) board, said, "The media and agents on this trip can experience the services of award-wining hotel businesses and organizations with their own eyes.

"Then they can help publicize and promote these winners to the public," he added.





Airberlin staff at the world tourism show ITB Berlin earlier this year.

#### Airberlin to add new direct flights

AIRBERLIN, Germany's secondlargest airline, will launch a new direct flight service between Berlin-Tegel and Phuket on November 1.

In addition to its Friday and Sunday services the airline currently operates during the European winter flight schedule, Airberlin will also fly to Phuket on Tuesdays.

The departure from Berlin-Tegel is on Tuesdays at 3:05pm (Berlin time) with arrival on Wednesdays at 7:30am local time in Phuket.

In the opposite direction, the flight starts at 9:15am Phuket time with arrival at 3:15pm in Berlin-Tegel.

Airberlin is also offering its passengers round-trip Rail & Fly Tickets to the Berlin-Tegel Airport.

In anticipation of the island's next peak tourism season, the new Airberlin connections to and from Phuket can be booked im-

# Commerce Ministry frets over rising price of eggs

THE Phuket Provincial Commercial Affairs Office has instructed the local office of the Internal Trade Department to closely monitor the rising price of eggs to ensure they do not get out of

Sompong Onprasert, director of Phuket Provincial Commercial Affairs Office, said that general commodity price was increasing and that the Commerce Ministry was looking to ensure the public does not face hardship as a result.

Phuket imports almost all its eggs and meat from other provinces, and the price of eggs was rising due to seasonal contraction of supply, he explained.

As a result, the ministry has instructed the Internal Trade Department to survey the price of meat and eggs in Phuket.

Meat prices had also risen slightly, Mr Sompong said, though he added this was driven by strong demand.

Fruit, vegetables and other fresh produce had not shown any recent price hikes, he added.

Yet the most worrying factor at the moment was the rising price of eggs, said Mr Sompong.

He insisted that the Commerce Ministry was not complacent on mediately online W:airberlin.com. | the issue. Daily prices were being



NO YOLK: Some traders are already reporting falling demand for eggs, while seasonal supply shortages drive prices up.

fed to the ministry so it can draw up measures to ensure the public is not unduly affected, he said.

Egg vendor Somchai Laksanasophin said price rises had already affected demand, with people buying fewer eggs than

"Number 0" eggs, which used to sell at three baht each, now sell for 4.20 baht each. Other size eggs are also more expensive, he said.

Food shops are ordering fewer eggs in line with reduced demand, while customers are showing more preference for smaller eggs,

which are cheaper.

A report by Thai online newspaper Manager found that pork was selling at municipal markets at around 120 baht per kilogram, but selling for 130-140 baht per kilo at private fresh markets on

# Beach Games to score 'billion baht boost'

By Anand Singh

ORGANIZERS of the fourth Asian Beach Games, to be held in Phuket in November 2014, are predicting the event will generate a billion baht for the local economy.

Most likely to benefit from the huge influx of competitors and spectators from all over Asia are hotels and other private businesses, especially in Patong and Karon.

In Phuket recently on an inspection tour, Ministry of Tourism and Sports Permanent Secretary Sombot Kuruphan said the games will not only be a great boost to the sporting culture in Phuket, but also for the island's tourism.

"The organizing committee has million baht to host the games availability, Mr Damrong said that in Phuket," added Damrong government authorities in Phuket

Chaisane, assistant to the head of the Sports Authority of Thailand Phuket office.

"The committee has set a target of 300mn baht that will be raised through sponsorship from private companies. It is expected that private sponsorship will pour in from all over the country because it is a prestigious national event," he said.

"We expect more than 10,000 athletes to take part from more than 40 Asian countries, and a much larger crowd of spectators," he added.

Staging the games in November ensures it coincides with the recognized start of Phuket's annual tourist season. Asked whether this could pose a probplanned a budget of over 900 lem in terms of accommodation

have been given the responsibility of welcoming sports participants and managing their food and accommodation needs.

They will have to plan well in

advance to ensure that participants are well looked after.

Mr Damrong also said that the games were initially planned for late November, but the dates were shifted to early November in order to prevent problems of overcrowding that are likely to arise later during the tourism high season.



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# What's stalling 3G Thailand?

**Live Wire** 

By Woody Leonhard

AS EXPLAINED in last week's Live Wire, the 3G situation in Thailand is incredibly convoluted, from what exactly 3G is compared to what is being called 3G, to who has rights to provide "real" 3G and why is it taking so long for Thailand to roll out what the rest of the world seemingly already has.

Last week I explained the basics of what 3G is and what is being touted as 3G. Here,

I will delve into why Thailand has hit a brick wall in allowing private companies to make true 3G available.

For those who thought Live Wire was complicated last week, strap yourselves in - you're about to get a crash course in government concessions and why telecom giants are fighting tooth and nail for access to very lucrative revenue streams.

To understand the root of the 3G problem in Thailand, first let me draw a rather inadequate analogy: AM and FM radio.

Although both AM and FM deliver radio signals, they work in different ways on different bands – that is, different frequencies.

HSPA, which delivers "real" 3G speeds, can work the same way.

Internet Service Providers can run HSPA on many different frequencies. In Thailand, we're concerned with two frequencies. One of them is (confusingly) called 850MHz. The other is called 2.1GHz.

Ultimately, the government has to grant the concession – the right to use HSPA technology on certain channels on the airwaves. The board that grants that right doesn't exist yet – it's been a work in progress for years.

Some day there will be new laws, a board will be formed, a method (probably auction) determined for carving up the airwaves, and phone companies will buy the rights to use HSPA (or WiMax or LTE),

test the service, then roll it out. By my reckoning, that day is, at best, two years away.

Right now, it looks like TOT and CAT can legally roll out HSPA on the channels that they operate today.

There's a great deal of debate about that statement, but it appears as if it's correct.

TOT right now operates an HSPA network on the 2.1GHz channel (think "FM radio") in Bangkok.

CAT right now operates several HSPA networks on the 850MHz band (think "AM").

CAT owns the CDMA network in Bangkok on the 850MHz band, but it is operated by Hutch. CAT also owns the CDMA networks outside of Bangkok, which also run on 850MHz.

Confused yet? Hang on. It gets worse. The auctions that were proposed, postponed and battered back and forth in the media were for the 2.1GHz band only.

As of right now the government has been



STILL WAITING: Office workers walk past a 3G sign in Bangkok. There's been a lot of hype, but whether it's coming or not, is another matter. Photo: AFP

prohibited by court order from issuing licenses to other telephone companies to run HSPA at 2.1GHz (think "FM").

But TOT still has a license for HSPA at 2.1GHz, at least in Bangkok.

And CAT has a license for HSPA at 850MHz (think "AM"), all over Thailand.

There are many different opinions about whether TOT has a license for HSPA at 850MHz or if CAT has a license for HSPA at 2.1GHz and, if they do have the licenses, whether they can sub-let their frequencies to other companies.

But there's no question at all that TOT can run HSPA "3G" in Bangkok (on the 2.1GHz "FM" band), and CAT can run HSPA "3G" outside of Bangkok (on the 850MHz "AM" band).

Last month, True attempted to buy Hutch's concession for CDMA in Bangkok and turn it into an HSPA network.

CAT is amenable to the deal, but it's hard to say if it'll pass regulatory and legal review.

Regardless, the handwriting is on the wall: CAT has no intention of expanding its CDMA/EV-DO network. They're jumping to HSPA as fast as they can. So if you buy a CAT EV-DO card today, do so on the understanding that it may not work next year.

In all, Thailand does have 3G – specifically, it has HSPA. It's just very convoluted.

There are billions of baht at stake, so don't expect any clear-cut solutions any time soon. In the interim, CAT and TOT are both moving as fast as they can to expand their HSPA networks. Each wants to get a customer base - a revenue stream - before competition with AIS, DTAC, True, Samart and a dozen other companies kicks in.

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# Pouring money into gold might not be a bad idea

Island Investor

EARLY this month, the European Central Bank (ECB) announced a 25 basis point rise in interest rates. The price of gold fell as the ECB emphasized its stance against inflation.

However, this dip did not last long and gold was soon back up to around US\$1,475 per ounce.

Despite the efforts of the ECB, inflation is still a major worry for investors and this is one of the prime factors for investors running to and expanding on their gold portfolios.

Retail investors have not been holding back. Many are using ex-

By Graham Macdonald

change-traded funds (ETFs) to access investing in gold. Indeed, on one Thursday in April alone, gold holdings via ETFs went up by almost 20 tonnes.

Why is gold seemingly invincible at the moment? There are quite a few factors. These range from worries over inflation to geopolitical crises. The latter was responsible for the spike in gold earlier this year when people in places including Egypt and Tunisia rose up against their governments.

At times like these, people like to have gold as an actual physical holding and the easiest way to do this is buy ETFs.

There are interesting times ahead of us – all of which point to volatility. More and more people will then run for gold, thus continuing to push up the price of the precious metal.

It is interesting to note that people are also taking countermeasures against the US dollar in case it crashes. In March, the Utah State Legislature passed a bill that accepted gold and silver coins as legal tender. Other US states are also considering this as they become increasingly disenchanted with how the US Federal Reserve (Central Bank) continues to manage its monetary policy.

As Daniel Brebner of Deutsche Bank says, "Utah has crossed the Rubicon, others are likely to follow suit.'

Since then, the price of gold passed a record US\$1,500 per ounce in late April and some experts believe it will be US\$2,000 by the end of next year.

The US maintaining its stance on monetary policy has been identified as critical factor in this, and it is doing the US dollar no favors at all. This is because almost all commodities, including gold, are usually valued in US dollars, so a weaker "greenback" helps boost such things as precious metal prices.

The political situation in America is not helping things either. Some analysts are predicting that the Fed will continue with another significant round of "quantitative easing" – now dubbed "QE3" – when the present one runs out in June.

Edel Tully, precious metals strategist at UBS, says, "Expectations that OE2 could be followed by QE3 are higher in the gold markets than [others]." This may be even more likely after Standard & Poor's downgrade of the US outlook from "stable" to "negative." This can only help gold.

This could be an important date for gold in the short term. If there is no more OE then, as Tully explains, "Towards the end of this quarter gold could hit a stumbling

An end to QE would mean the US government could not continue its loose monetary policy and it would have to tighten its belt.

However, the potential impact of inflation would then rear its ugly head.

Other commodities such as food and oil have already pushed real interest rates (nominal rates minus the cost of inflation) into negative territory.

We must also remember than this is not a uniquely American problem. Negative rates are causing problems for China as well and the demand for actual gold bullion is going through the

Jeffrey Currie, the head of commodities research at Goldman Sachs, explains, "Gold is ultimately dependent on real rates, which are a function of both inflation expectations and monetary policy.

"A top in gold prices will only become apparent when the risks of sovereign default are behind us with a clear and successful exit of the stimulus we've seen over the last few years."

So is gold still worth a shot? Yes, but be prepared for a bumpy ride.

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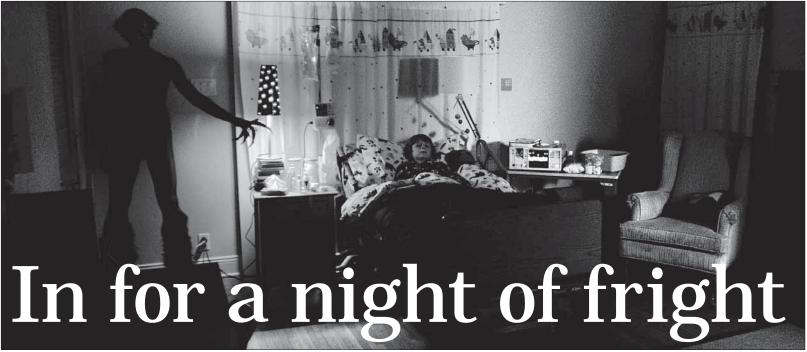
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# Life & style



REAL SCREAMER: Horror flick 'Insidious' has already taken more than US\$44 million at the US box office. Horror fans are already calling it a 'cult classic'.

HAUNTED house flicks have been a staple of cinema since the era of silent films. They're so embedded in film culture that some critics have said they have completely run their course: There are no more surprises to be had in this genre.

Put in the right hands, however, a seemingly unoriginal plot can become a unique movie-going experience. Insidious is one of these stories. It may be an ageold tale, but that doesn't stop it from delivering the chills.

*Insidious* also helps to solidify a trend of "rebooting" films that fuse horror with domestic lifestyles (think innocent families forced to reckon with evil, like The Poltergeist and The Exorcist).

This trend began to resurface with the unprecedented success of the low-budget Paranormal Activity, in which an eerie presence haunted a young coupled trying to get a decent night's sleep in their new house. Though it's arguably a bit twisted, moviegoers can't seem to get enough of watching characters they can relate to go nuts from ill-intended ghosts, demons, and strange phenomena.

But what better way to strike fear into a wide audience than to tell a story with characters they can easily identify with? Audiences in Thailand consistently favor two genres: comedy and horror,

#### Film

By Scott Phillips

#### **Insidious**

**Director:** James Wan Starring: Patrick Wilson, Rose Byrne, Ty Simpkins Genre: Horror **Gazette Rating:** 4/5

unfortunately two of the most abused genres in film. Maybe it's because they relate so well to audiences or because the films have relatively low budgets, but both genres are frequently full of unoriginal characters and stale storylines.

Malaysian-born director and self-proclaimed horror fanatic James Wan avoids this chasm by embracing his genre of choice. He first made a name for himself when he wrote and directed the first Saw film, which was extremely influential in kicking off the modern wave of extremely violent horror films, dubbed "torture porn" by disapproving

Parents, however, are clearly not Wan's prerogative, quality horror is. He is obviously die-hard fan of fright - and he's seen enough to know what makes audiences tremble.

Wan borrows heavily from all the right horror classics, ensuring Insidious delivers plenty of jumps as it does edge-of-your-seat tension. It's not the kind of tension that you get from watching big explosions in high-budget action scenes. It's that nail-biting tension that only a few films achieve by making audiences genuinely, sincerely frightened. Some scenes are borderline uncomfortable, especially when composer Joseph Bishara's score can single-handedly send a shiver down your spine.

The plot is simple enough to avoid any lengthy explanations, allowing the creepiness to begin immediately. Josh and Renai Lambert (Patrick Wilson and Rose Byrne) are the kinds of neighbors most would be happy to have responsible homeowners, good parents, and quite personable. Josh is a dedicated teacher and Renai takes care of their three young children. In short, they're a picture-perfect family.

The oldest son, Dalton, is about eight years old. After a small accident while playing around the families new house, he fails to wake up the following morning in what doctors say is not quite a coma, not quite a state of consciousness. As the story unfolds, it becomes clear that the doctors can't define Dalton's condition because it's not exactly a medical

The family uncovers one eerie revelation after another until they find themselves immersed in the



PROBLEM CHILD: Haunted and young - not a new direction for the genre. unknowns of the supernatural world. By the end of the film, the story ventures so far off on its own path of supernatural realities that its story can hardly be considered unoriginal.

One final note. Insidious is Wan's first film that earned a PG-13 rating from the Motion Picture Association of America, and some have taken an objection to this. Though cleaner language and far less blood distinguish it from Wan's past films, the overall intensity of Insidious might be a bit much for the average 13-year-old.

Put it this way, if I were 13 and watched this movie, I'd be sleeping in my parents' bedroom for weeks.

Keep your eyes on the web for the Thailand release date.

#### In brief...

#### Judgement Day a letdown for mad Terminator fans

TERMINATOR movie fans on Tuesday night were throwing their toasters out the window and smashing their laptops to smithereens with the impending threat that machines were about to take over the planet.

For die-hard, semi-delusional fans of the Terminator franchise, Tuesday was Judgement Day. You know, the day the missilecontrolling computer network Skynet became self aware. Wednesday was supposed to be the day when the "machines took over", and we as humans entered a near-apocalyptic era at the mercy of those dreaded machines.

Alas, even the most fanatical of fans had to admit that by Thursday, when iPads and iPhones weren't spontaneously combusting in-hand, and Terminator henchmen weren't roaming the streets, that this version of reality might just be a little far fetched.

Creator of the Terminator series, James Cameron, even tweeted on Tuesday: "Skynet was supposed to go operational tonight. Instead of machines taking over, we have the very real threat of global warming."

If any Phuket reader did notice strange behavior from their home electronics this week, or, if they happen to glance upon a Terminator hiding out in Patong, feel free to write in.

#### Lohan to serve hard time, and morgue duty

LINDSAY Lohan made the news again this week for violating parole.

The Hollywood actress who starred in - err, well, nothing we can recall – was sentenced to 120 days in jail and ordered to serve 480 hours of community service. This includes working at the Los Angeles County Morgue.

Lohan, 24, was earlier ordered to stand trial on a reduced misdemeanor charge of stealing a US\$2,500 necklace in January.

#### The 'Super Size Me' man on Hollywood

MORGAN Spurlock, the documentary maker of *Super Size Me* is back with another comical insight into corporate America that he seems so irked by.

The Greatest Movie Ever Sold is a documentary about product placement, marketing and advertising in the movie industry. The film premiered at the Cannes Film Festival in January and hit the US box office last weekend. Reviews suggest this one is a smirk-aminute, insightful journey into the corridors of power in the US film industry. Keep your eyes on the web for release dates worldwide.

- Fraser Morton







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# Life & style Day at Delish

There's a cafe in Rawai that's turning heads among expats and tourists alike. Here are 10 reasons why...



Owners Greg and Alexander Johnston



TAKE AWAY EATS: Delish sauces and jams on sale in the deli.



TRIO OF TREATS: Restaurant manager Angela Palma with waitresses Niphaporn Promso and Bieb Sheeluang. Photos: Fraser Morton

#### By Fraser Morton

DELISH lives up to its name. Since opening last December this little cafe in Rawai, next to Fisherman Way, has carved out a firm following with expats and tourists as the place to come for a fix of fresh food. Here are 10 reasons why the *Phuket Gazette* tips its hat to Delish.

Ice Coffee: Start the day strawin-mouth slurping a Delish Ice Coffee (95 baht). A hulking scoop of vanilla ice cream bobs in this man-size glass. Wonderfully bad for you, this will wake you up and threaten to send you to sleep all at the same time. Ice cream optional. Tortilla: If you're potty for

patatas, then the Tortilla (130 baht) with salad is a perfect light order for brunch. While you gorge, why not make use of the free WiFi.

#### Splash of citrus: All those work

emails will have invariably made you thirsty. Try a Delish fruit juice, lovingly squeezed on-site: apple, orange, watermelon, pineapple, carrot, pomelo (small 80 baht, large 120 baht). You can even add spice to your tipple with celery, ginger, mint and beetroot. Juice boxes seem to be banned here. The very sight would no doubt go against the Delish fresh ethos.

Toastie time: Salami, Parmesan, mushroom, rocket and pesto in a toastie (110 baht) is a Delish idea for lunch, and one we fully support. The Gazette likes to dip its toasties in soup, and the Soups of the Day here (served with croutons, 125 baht) are perfect bedfellows for the toasties.

**Interior:** The interior is simple: Walls (four of, one red), Delish logo, one blackboard menu, one giant plant, scatterings of black wooden tables and chairs, ice cream freezer, coffee machine, two sizable deli counters encasing a treasure trove of pastries, quiches, cakes and other delights. There are even cookie jars to dip into and a deli corner with sauces and jams for sale.

Aussie charmers: Australian coowners Greg and Alexander 'Sandy' Johnston, along with Greg's wife Liz, bring a bit of down under charm to Delish. The family not only have a wealth of knowledge from experience in the hospitality industry, but also seem popular with their band of expat faithfuls. Restaurant Manager Angela Palma and super-happy waitresses Niphaporn Promso and Bieb Sheeluang complete the Delish team.

Veggie values: Meat-abstaining figure-watchers will be well served here. Not only do salads come fresh and flavorful, but other diners around you will most likely have some green on their plates. You'll

The *Gazette* did

manage to meet the

Johnston family dog

Lucky, and even he

was as nice as pie.

feel out of place if you don't. But there is plenty of choice for non-meat eaters. Check with the Delish team for recommendations.

Now for the meat: You don't have to be healthy here, in fact

as the afternoon rolls around, why not try a Delish Burger (beef 220 baht, lamb 240 baht), add some French Fries and order a cold brew to wash it down. Or, if you like allday breakfasts, then try the Farm Fresh Eggs (poached, scrambled, fried, 90 baht) and add extras of bacon, roasted tomatoes, hash browns, beans, sausages (25 baht each), mushrooms (35 baht) or salmon (55 baht). Splash on some HP sauce and you'll be glad you did. Sweet tooth: Brunch, lunch and late lunch down, it must be cake time. Try one of the "Delish-ous" sweets on offer: chocolate and carrot cake, cookies, muffins, cupcakes, the list is endless as it is sweet and reasonably priced.

**Location:** It's nice when places are easy to find and Delish is: In the corner of the Fisherman Way Business Garden (the new complex), just off Wiset Road on the way to Rawai coming from Chalong. Parking here is plentiful so bring your friends.

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PHUKET AHOY: Gulf Craft were showing off their Majesty 88 and her little sister, the Majesty 56 (above), in Phuket last week. The company is keen to expand its business in Asia.

# Majestic boats speed over to Phuket

YOU know a boat is big when it bridge after her third showing. starts making islands look small. That was the main photo on screen at the Royal Phuket Marina on April 22 when United Arab Emirates (UAE)-based shipbuilders Gulf Craft were showing off their Majesty 88 and her little sister, the Majesty 56.

Both yachts are on tour in the region, heading to Penang on April 26 then on to Singapore for Boat Asia on May 12-15.

The Majesty 88 craft was actually sold at the Singapore Yacht Show (held from April 8-10) before it even reached Phuket. Her owner, a "Chinese businessman living in Singapore", will receive the US\$4 million fly-

The tour is Gulf Craft's first big push into Southeast Asian markets, after 20 years of only delivering high-end yachts into the region.

We have identified the emerging markets of Southeast Asia as having huge potential for luxury yachting," Gulf Craft Chief Operating Officer Erwin Bamps explained.

"Not only are we seeing a new generation of dynamic and wealthy business people looking for quality lifestyles, but the entire area is now gradually opening up for marine tourism. It is becoming more and more feasible and attractive for an owner to keep and cruise a luxury yacht in Southeast Asia," Mr Bamps said.

'We are convinced that Southeast Asia will be competing directly with the traditional cruising grounds of the West in the very near future. Our product range is ideally suited to these waters, and particularly to the aspirations of the potential clients who are based here," he added.

In making that vision a reality, Gulf Craft is establishing a series of local dealers throughout the region, with Tony Nixey, managing director of Phuket-based Go Boating (Thailand), their representative in the kingdom.

He says the top attractions that sealed the deal for the Majesty 88, sold in Singapore, were the design and style of the yacht, and oldfashioned value for money.

"The interior design and the style is quite liked by the Asian market. For example, on the Majesty 88 the galley is away from the main deck, which appeals to Chinese buyers," he explained.

Designed inhouse by Gulf Craft, the Majesty range sports their iconic "eye windows" and huge foredecks for entertaining guests, and on the inside the first impression is space, a quality finish and style.

On hand at Royal Phuket Marina to answer any queries from trade visitors and even just interested viewers, Mr Bamps was happy to point out the attention to detail paid by shipbuilders.

Much commented by gleaners on the night

were the interior wood finish (six coats), honeycomb sound proofed filling in all panels, rubber seal door jams and stylish compartment click locks (all anti-vibration), high clearance throughout (including doorways) and last but not least, many "oohs" of appreciation for the contoured doors in the master bedroom.

The genuine marble floors and counter tops in each en-suite bathroom in the eight guest berths are also a nice touch.

Behind the aesthetics, and also highly praised, were the layout and practical features on the yacht, making it much easier for the standard crew of three to run and maintain the craft.

"Another big plus is that, as these yachts are made in the UAE, tropical specs are standard," said Mr Nixev.

"For example, air temperatures

there range from 45 C to 50 C and the air-con fitted on Majesty yachts is specced to account for that, so there is no need for buyers to boost the air-con abilities on the boat."

Also, the Majesty 88 fully loaded has a draft of only 1.2 meters, which is very handy for accessing the many shallow bays the Andaman coast is renowned for.

To enure the yacht's capabilities are not misunderstood, Mr

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**Operating Officer** 

**Erwin Bamps** 

- Gulf Craft Chief

Bamps explained it is ocean going with a range of 500 nautical miles and has a beam of 6.3m for stability, and extra load stabilizers can be installed on request.

In addition to Go Boating (Thailand), Pen Marine in Penang and a newly

established dealer in Shanghai will manage the transfer logistics of boats to market in Asia.

A dealer has yet to be established in Singapore, but is currently under consideration, said Mr Nixey.

"We are definitely spreading our ings to Singapore, but [how we do] that is undecided at this moment. Most likely it will be a joint ownership with another dealer," he said.

Inside Thailand, "We are certainly going to Ocean Marina in Jomtien," he added.

In the meantime, "The launch is giving people the chance to finally see what Gulf Craft has to offer. The brand is well known in Asia, but this is the first time people can get on board and have a look at them," he said.

- Phuket Gazette



# Phuket sweet on Will and Kate

How the happy royal couple made their way to the island this week, and how their union has instilled a bit of national pride among British expats here...



TAKING THE CAKE: Prince William and Kate Middleton.



Peter Webber's depiction of the happy couple.

#### By Fraser Morton

PRINCE William and Kate Middleton have been swamped with wedding presents from all corners of the world in the run-up to their big day – and even Phuket got in on the act earlier this week.

Tens of thousands of packages, plus cakes, cards, toasters and even tea towels are mounting up in three rooms at St James's Palace in London. The royals had to take on more staff to cope with the deluge.

A palace source told the British press that Kate, 29, and William, 28, were "immensely flattered" and would try to reply to all senders. The royal couple have urged people to donate to charity instead of sending gifts, but well-wishers have not been put off.

Here on Phuket, Peter Webber, general manager of Watermark Patisserie, and his team have been honoring the British royal couple in their own style, with a giant wedding cake.

Although Peter won't be sending the huge fruit cake, which is laced with rum and topped off with "royal icing", he will be serving slices of the cake freeof-charge to his customers here.

Peter will be serving slices at the Watermark on the bypass road from Friday onwards.

Dubbed "Webber's Watermark William-Kate Cake", it took Peter's team two days to make, and even has the icing-covered coat of arms emblems of the royal couple adorning it.

"I think this wedding will help to give Brits, and us expats abroad, a sense of national pride," Peter said.

"Many of my British friends here on Phuket are excited about the wedding and I think it's great for everyone to get involved."



SWEET TEAM: The Watermark Patisserie team who made the cake.

Again, winner of the only 'Best of Award of Excellence' in Phuket

British Honorary Consul of Phuket Martin Carpenter said on Thursday that he was very pleased with the response on the island to "this wonderful occasion". He said he had received many

"I'm sure Prince William and Kate Middleton will have many happy years together," he added. It was back in December last year when Prince William and Kate Middleton announced they were to be wed. Since then, there has been a media frenzy worldwide, and Friday was even declared a national holiday in the UK.

invitations to attend functions in

honor of the royal wedding, and

although he was unable to attend

them all, thanked all for their ef-

forts to celebrate the special day.

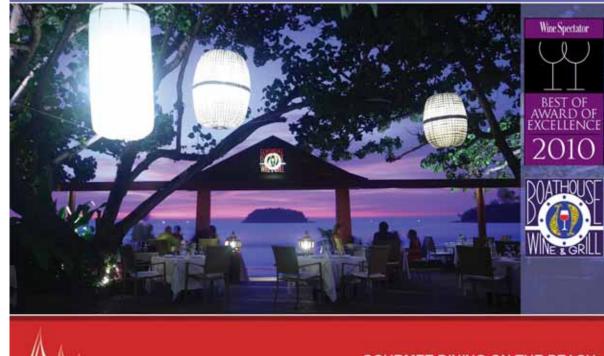
The royal wedding invitation list included many members of royal families from around the globe, and current British Prime Minister David Cameron, former conservative PM's Baroness Margaret Thatcher and Sir John Major.

The *Phuket Gazette* wishes the happy couple the very best, although we're not sure they read our newspaper.



portrait in December, shortly after they announced they were to wed.

Photos: AFP/Mario Testino and Fraser Morton (left).





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# Life & style Fighting racism in schools

Does racial preferencing take place in the Thai education system? The Phuket Gazette find out...

ASK the majority of Phuket's foreign teachers and they'll tell you that when it comes to most schools hiring native-English speakers that whites rank first, Asians second and blacks register a very distant third choice.

A fully qualified black teacher recently recounted - on the condition of anonymity - his experiences in Phuket. While the fact that he's been discriminated against will come as no surprise to most other teachers in Phuket, his experiences are very real and must be incredibly frustrating to live with.

"I once submitted my CV for a position teaching in a educational camp that was being held at one of Phuket's international schools. The school phoned me back to set up an interview, but upon arrival I was told that no positions were available."

#### In the Classroom

By Eric Haeg

He did not want to name the school specifically, but the lion's share of those running Phuket's international schools have been educated in the West and these people share in the responsibility for their school's hiring practices.

While employed in Phuket and Bangkok, our teacher experienced parents walking in to observe entire lessons. Yet when he asked his white co-workers if they had similar experiences, it became clear why the parents had taken up such an interest in their child's new teacher.

"Perhaps they thought I was going to eat their children, who knows?" he said with a wry smile.



GETTING THE MESSAGE: Anti-racism campaigns are seen the world over, but getting the message across and making sure racism is stamped out, is a mammoth task.





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"It's not so much the teachers and employers who are to blame, and the students don't care one bit; administrators are simply acting on most local parents' concerns and responding to what many parents look for in a teacher.'

Perhaps that's what a nursery school in Chalong is responding

to in a job ad posted last month. The ad clearly stated that they were looking for a "Caucasian" teacher. The ad also stipulated that candidates be female and speak English as their native language.

Basically, if you look and sound like J.K. Rowling, you're welcome apply. However, if you not only sound like Condoleezza Rice but look like her, don't waste your time. Degrees and other qualifications were not men-

Phillip Williams of Ajarn.com says he often receives racist ads that senders want him to post on his website. His typical response on seeing such ads is to call the school to ask them that he not include their racist requirements on his job board.

On one such occasion, he got in touch with a school's Head of English Department, who Mr Williams said, "genuinely felt that there was nothing wrong with (asking for white teachers only)."

Asked why the school didn't want black teachers, the HoD replied, "Because of the image of the school."

Mr Williams told the HoD that he was appalled someone in her position would feel that an advertisement stating "white teachers only" was perfectly acceptable.

In response, she simply asked, 'Why, is that offensive?'

"I don't want black teachers wasting their time applying for this

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job," Mr Williams posted in his report of the incident.

"Do you think I should put in a note saying that 'black teachers are not encouraged to apply' and any black teachers who take offense and I hope there

are many – can all phone her up and give her a mouthful? Her mobile number is listed in the ad."

It's not clear why he thought that only black teachers would phone up the school, but perhaps he's onto something. It's not impossible for black and Asian teachers to find jobs. While some schools will employ non-whites, it's obvious why others still refuse.

Foreigners enjoy many benefits from living in Thailand, but many compromises are also made and teachers have to choose their battles carefully.

The "when in Rome" approach works well sometimes and we may have left our nations in order to live in Thailand, but is there any need to leave all our morals behind in the departure lounge?

If you have a TESOL or TEFL issue you want addressed, then contact Eric at kru.phuket@gmail.com

#### People

# **Peter Davison**

PETER Davison has served as Manager for International Service at Phuket International Hospital since 2002. In addition to working with international clients and their insurance providers, he is an integral part of planning for expanded services. Currently, he advises on renovations and additions as well as medical services for the future.

The owners of this hospital are Phuket people committed to improving healthcare. We are expanding our services and acquiring modern technologies and better equipment to provide a higher standard of care."

Peter is a healthcare professional with extensive training and experience in providing medical support. He was born in Tasmania and became an ambulance volunteer at age 17. He trained for four years to become an ambulance officer and another four years to become a paramedic, the latter qualification allowing him to administer drugs and give advanced pre-hospital care.

He also completed a two-year nursing program in Hobart.

He acquired a diploma for teaching and did post-graduate work in social science, in the field of program evaluation.

By 1994 he had a Masters of Education and had completed research into ambulance placement and demand. He made a report to the Parliament of Tasmania on response time for ambulance services.

#### **EXPAT** gallery

By Bruce Stanley

He was instrumental in creating new university programs in New South Wales which allowed for a greater number of paramedics.

While at Charles Stuart University on a course, he met a team of doctors from Thailand's northeastern Udon Thani province who were interested in upgrading their regional ambulance services. They hired Peter as their consultant.

"I had first visited Phuket in 1984 on a holiday and responded to a drowning at Patong Beach.

"I was very impressed with Thailand and when the opportunity arose to work for the Wattana Hospital Group in Udon, I accepted. I wasn't too sad about leaving the ambulance services in Australia as my work had become very political and I was more interested in providing the best emergency care delivery systems.

"I felt I could be more effective working in rural Thailand which did not have ambulance training and placement programs."

Peter worked in the Udon Thani region for over five years, providing a number of essential services. He liked the challenges of his work, which included the establishment of helicopter evacuation services from neighboring Laos to hospitals in Udon.

He also provided essential medical services for trauma victims who needed to be evacuated to places as far away as London, Los Angeles, Sydney and Switzerland.

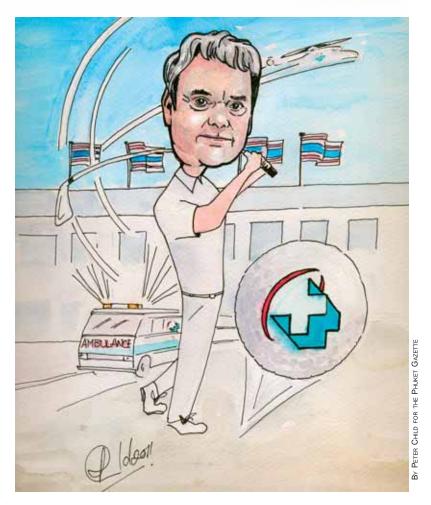
In addition to medical and ambulance training, he became a consultant to the Ministry of Health in Bangkok on the development of ambulance services in Thailand.

In 2002, the Tansiriroj family offered him the opportunity to work at Phuket International Hospital as they wanted to strengthen their international program.

"We are currently developing our medical tourism programs. The demand has far exceeded all expectations. I work at building an international network of support agencies, such as travel agencies, that spread the word of our medical services. To date, our most popular procedure is breast augmentation, mainly for clients from Australia."

Peter is also a Director of Emergency Asia, which provides first aid training for businesses in Thailand, Vietnam, Laos and Burma.

He has very little free time but enjoys playing golf when his busy schedule permits.



#### **About Expat Gallery**

The individuals profiled in "Expat Gallery" are chosen on the basis of their contributions to Phuket, and for having made those contributions in successful partnerships with Thais. For many, the contributions have entailed significant investment, often in the mid-80s and 90s when the rules of business were, ahh, not always clear. Some are not in business at all, but all have one thing in common: if there were a Who's Who in Phuket, they'd be in it.



# Our legends are fading away

#### Remembering true sporting legends who triumphed over adversity to etch their names in history as heroes...

#### By Neil Quail

SCAN through any number of publications that deal with sport and a word frequently used to describe a talented individual or team is one that is overused and misused – that word is "legend".

A definition for legend that sits well with this writer is that of semi-divine hero. There are many sporting greats that fit this godly term, but allow a little self-indulgence and a brief list of my own heroes – true legends which include football's Harry Gregg, cricket's Don Bradman and rugby's Tom Crean.

What sets these individuals apart from stars in the modern game is not just their sporting skills which were truly legendary, but also their deeds and struggles outside their playing arenas.

Harry Gregg (MBE) is one of Manchester United's greatest-ever goalkeepers. He was involved in one of sports most tragic accidents when the plane he was travelling on with his Manchester United teammates, crashed on take-off

near a fuel dump at Munich-Riem airport in Germany.

On regaining consciousness after the initial crash, Gregg kicked a hole through the fuselage and despite being aware the plane could explode at any moment, returned to the burning wreckage several times and carried seven passengers, including Sir Matt Busby, Bobby Charlton, a baby girl and her pregnant mother, to safety.

Four months later, Gregg was voted "best goalkeeper" in the 1958 World Cup held in Sweden, playing for Northern Ireland. His salary as a professional player, you may be interested to learn, was just UK 20 a week. A supreme talent, a genuine hero, a true

Sir Donald Bradman is considered by many to be the greatest cricketer of the last century. Crickets bible, the Wisden Almanac described him as, "the greatest phenomenon in the history of cricket, indeed in the history of all ball games". Not a bad acolade to have associated with oneself.

Bradman's epic career records



HONORING LEGENDS: Manchester United players Wes Brown, Paul Scholes, Gary Neville and Ryan Giggs take part in a photo-shoot in 2008 to remember the 1958 Munich air disaster that claimed the lives of seven of the club's players.

are too many to mention, but consider he retired in 1949, aged 41, with a batting average of 99.94 runs, and to this day any player who has played more than 20 test innings has not surpassed 62 runs.

Understandably, non-cricket

playing readers may not fathom the iconic nature of these statistics, but in terms of other sports and their greatest players a comparative scale shows Bradman's career average at 4.4. This same scale shows Pele at 3.7, baseballs' Ty Cobb at 3.6, golf's Jack Nicklaus at 3.5 and basketball's Michael Jordan at 3.4.

A further testament to his legendary status can be realized by the first question Nelson Mandela

posed to an Australian visitor on being released after 27 years of incarceration, when he asked if Sir Donald Bradman was still alive?

Bradman's achievements become even more astounding due to the fact he was invalided out of the Australian army in 1941 as a result chronic muscle prob-

lems and poor eyesight. Hard to joined the British Army and served believe that he managed to attain with the 1st Cavalry Brigade any records considering his sport during World War I, where he was relied heavily on hand-eye wounded several times and co-ordination.

The name Tom Crean, even in the rugby world, is not particularly well known. Apart from representing Ireland in rugby when the team won their first Triple Crown (victories over England, Scotland and Wales) in 1894, he was a Major in the British Army and a doctor.

Crean also captained the British Isles (now the British and Irish Lions) on their 3-1 winning test tour of South Africa in 1896. The second match of this series saw South Africa score their first-ever international try.

After the tour Crean stayed on in South Africa, eventually enlisting with the Imperial Light Horse Brigade during the second Boer War and was involved at both the Relief of Mafeking and the Relief of Ladysmith. It was during the Battle of Tygerkloof that Crean distinguished himself by attending wounded soldiers under heavy enemy fire from only 150 yards away.

Crean was 7 MANCHESTER UTD **PLAYERS PERISH** HEROMIN AIR CRASH

Harry Gregg (inset, left) was dubbed the 'hero of Munich'.

shot once in the stomach and once in the arm, but continued his duties and saved the lives of two soldiers and an officer. His injuries caused him to be invalided from the army, but was awarded the Victoria Cross by King Edward VII for his heroic efforts.

Heroism did not end there for Crean. He re-

received the Distinguished Service Medal in 1915.

Three incredible men who not only reached the pinnacle of their sports, but are the embodiment of heroism and had the right stuff to become legends.

The Liverpool legends are due to play in Phuket this June and therein lies an argument. These former professionals are superstars and great ambassadors for the game of football, but now knowing the stories of Harry. Don and Tom can the term legend be applied to John Barnes or Robbie Fowler? I think not.



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# WHAT'S ON in Phuket

#### April 30-May 3. You Too Can Cartoon!

Renowned cartoon artist Iskander Walen comes to Thanyapura for two wondrous workshops introducing the basic and most entertaining elements of cartooning to aspiring artists of all ages. Iskander's provocative and always amusing artwork has been shown internationally in Paris, the Netherlands and Singapore at the Institute of Contemporary Arts and the Singapore International Art Fair. Price: 5,000 baht per person for the two-day workshop, materials included. Ages: 10 years old and above. Contact: Jo Moon at T:076-336000 E:jo@pia.ac.th or visit W:thanypura.com

Saturday brunch @ Two Chefs Every Saturday Two Chefs proudly presents our Saturday brunch with a Scandinavian touch from noon to 3pm. Eat all you can for only 395 baht. Add another 300 baht and you can drink as much as you want from our choice of

April 30 and May 7, 14 and 21.

as you want from our choice of free-flow beverages. During brunch, MJ & Megan entertain us with their lovely voices. Contact Two Chefs at T:076-330065 E:katacenter@twochefs.com or visit W:twochefs.com

#### April 30. Family Brunch on the Boardwalk

Les Anges at Royal Phuket Marina hosts a "Family Brunch on the Boardwalk" every Sunday, from 11am to 3pm. Mums and

### May 7. Into the Big Blue



Into the Big Blue gala dinner will be held in the Ball Room of the Sheraton Grande Laguna. For a donation of just 3,500 baht, guests will enjoy a free-flow bar, canapes, a four-course gala dinner, fabulous entertainment and music they just have to dance to. Thanks to all the generous sponsors of the event, all money raised on the night will go to the Phuket Has Been Good To Us Foundation, who are changing the lives of children in Phuket. Contact Chantal Fernandes at T:089-8742942 E:chantal.fernandes@gmail.com or visit W:phukethasbeengoodtous.org

**April 30. Golden Week Charity** 

Dads dine on the buffet, including one complimentary cocktail. Kids can enjoy all their favorites. Price: 795++ baht per adult, including one glass of house wine. Half price for children under 12. Free for children under 5. From noon there will be face painting and balloon twisting, and each child will have the chance to win fabulous prizes from Coco the Clown. For reservations, contact Les Anges staff at T:076-360803 or Chef Pascal at T:081-9680738 E: muratc@royalphuket marina.com or visit W:royal phuketmarina.com

Piano Recital Dinner in Phuket
An amazing classical piano recital
featuring six rising Thai stars aged
12 to 19 years old will take place
at Trisara on Saturday, April 30.
The repertoire of the evening consists of masterpieces by Bach,
Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert,
Chopin, Liszt, Brahms, Rachmaninov, Debussy and Prokofiev.
All proceeds will be matched by the
Niyom Pattamasaevi Foundation
and donated to the Japanese Consulate for the benefit of Japan Tsu-

#### May 1. Labor Day

Public holiday for all commercial workers. Government offices will be open.

nami orphans. Price: 5,900++ baht

per person. Contact Wannita

(Girl) at T:076-310308E:events@

trisara.com or visit W:trisara.com

#### May 1. Thanyapura Sports & Leisure Club Open House

Come take part in TSLC's Open House day and enjoy our world-class facilities: 50m Olympic competition standard swimming pool; 25m swimming pool; 900sqm fitness center with cardio studio, strength studio, aerobics studio, spinning studio and a stretching room; 500m springloaded athletics track, with field

sports; six Plexicushion competition-standard tennis courts (four covered); FIFA-standard football & futsal field; and full-size IRB-standard artificial rugby/cricket pitch. Also enjoy DiVine Restaurant, Bakery & Bar featuring organic, locally grown food and the largest organic wine-by-theglass selection on the island. Contact Giles Leonard at T: 076-336000 E:giles@thanyapura.co.th

### May 5. Coronation Day – Public Holiday Coronation Day commemorates

the accession to the throne of HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

#### May 5. Stock Market Investing for Beginners (FREE)

Course Outline: The essentials of

investing in the US and global financial markets. Four ways to protect your money from the most common scams directed at expatriates. How to invest in growth technology stocks and emerging market economies such as Thailand, Vietnam and China. Stocks on the move... is now the time to buy Google, Apple or Microsoft? Join Don Freeman, President of Freeman Capital Management, and learn how to find the best stocks at the right time and when to sell to protect your profits. Contact Don at T:089-9705795 E:freeman capital@gmail.com or visit W: freeman capital.net

#### May 6. Indian Feast @ Royal Phuket Marina

Introducing an "Indian Feast" at Les Anges in RPM. Enjoy Indian cuisine every Friday evening from 7pm to 10pm. Homemade Indian food prepared and served by experienced Indian chef Padam Kahtri. Come on down for a truly authentic Indian food experience. Price: 495 baht net per person. Contact Les Anges restaurant at T:076-360803 E:pascal@lesanges.com or visit W:lesanges.com

#### May 10. Antinori Wine Dinner at Mare Restaurant Phuket

The Antinori family has been making wine for over 600 years. You are invited for an exclusive wine dinner headlined by the leading Italian producers of quality wines of the Antinori winery, presented by Jacopo Pandolfini on May 10, from 7 pm to 11 pm, at Mare restaurant at the Centara Grand Beach Resort, Phuket. The exclusive menu is created by Fabrizio Crocetta, our Italian Chef. 1.900++ baht per person. Contact Suchitra Sirirak (Cherry) at T:076-201234 ext 1400. E:asstprcpbr@chr.co.th or visit W:centarahotelsresorts.com

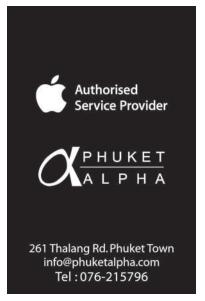
#### **Free Computer Clinics**

Is Windows driving you nuts? Want to know about the best Internet connections in Phuket? Need help finding a repair shop or a dealer that knows what they're doing? Join *For Dummies...* author and local Windows guru Woody Leonhard in his free weekly seminars. Sponsored by Woody's Sandwich Shoppes and the *Phuket Gazette*.

May 1 – Patong, May 8 – Laguna, May 15 – Chalong Starts at 10am.

For more info contact Woody at T:076-290468

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# At sea exploring conservation with Pierre Cousteau





NEW OUTLOOK: The cruise back to Phuket.

Andrew Hewett prepares passengers for their dive.

#### By Steven Layne

THE youngest son of legendary filmmaker Jacques Cousteau ventured to the Pearl of the Andaman earlier this week to get a first-hand look at the local marine environment and make contacts for a new charitable foundation he chairs.

Pierre-Yves Cousteau's weeklong tour comes amid concerns about Thailand's marine ecosystems following the closure of major dive sites in seven marine national parks earlier this year.

The closures, which followed reports of widescale coral bleaching, fuelled speculation about the future of this country's multibillion-baht recreational diving industry.

Pierre is following his father's legacy of sea exploration with his own up-and-coming non-profit organization, the Cousteau Divers.

Pierre chartered the vessel *Calisto* from Singapore and moored off the west coast of Phuket on Monday.

The 29-year-old has come in search of potential partnerships in the local diving and marine tourism industries.



Cousteau dives in for conservation.

His father once explored waters off Thailand as part of a world tour in 1985, and again during the filming of the 1989 documentary, *Thailande, Les Forcats de la Mer (Thailand: Convicts of the Sea).* 

Not long after arriving on Monday, a brief afternoon dive in the murky water off the west coast of Phuket left Pierre with a disappointing first impression. Knowing that the true treasures of the sea would require venture offshore from the west coast, where sedimentary runoff from many construction projects has taken its toll on the marine environment. He planned a dive in the famed waters near Krabi's Phi Phi Islands for the following day.

Last Tuesday morning, the *Phuket Gazette* joined Pierre and a small crew of media and divers at Rassada Pier, where they boarded the 19.5-meter-long dive vessel *Reef Ranger*, owned and operated by Andrew Hewett, founder and general manager of Phi Phi Island-based tour outfit The Adventure Club.

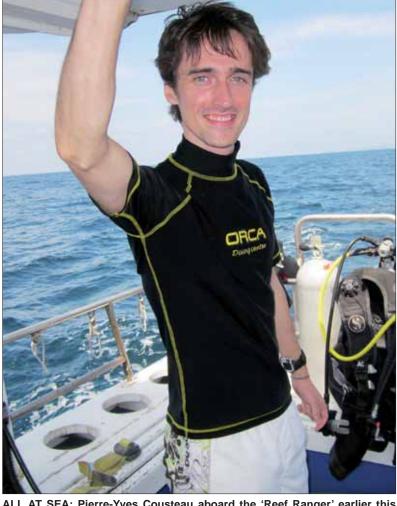
The day's diving included three select sites: Shark's Point (Ko Muzang), Pida Nai Island and an artificial reef sunk close to the steep karst formations off Phi Phi Don Island. The crew of *Reef Range*r provided rich background context and other information for its guests. Mr Cousteau had his first sampling of authentic Thai cuisine for lunch served on board.

While impressed with the color and notable recovery of the corals, Cousteau admits he was expecting more from such a world renowned destination.

"Its unfortunate there wasn't a higher quantity of marine life, particularly larger fish species," he said.

The highlight of the stop at Pida Nai was the a sighting of at least one leopard shark.

Citing experiences from



ALL AT SEA; Pierre-Yves Cousteau aboard the 'Reef Ranger' earlier this week. Photos: Steven Layne



Cousteau and dive master, Andrew Hewett prepare to dive at Sharks Point.

previous dive trips in the Mediterranean, Bahamas, and Red Sea, Pierre noted just how effective public awareness campaigns and enforced conservation laws put in place decades ago are proving today

While hesitant to begin analyz-

ing the intricacies of local bureaucracy and politics that affect Thailand's attempts at marine resource conservation, he insisted it was in everyone's best interest to actively participate in a global effort to preserve marine resources.





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# Dressing white for the occasion

All Love Wedding Studio in Patong had their soft opening this month, which featured wedding fashion, make-up and hairstyle shows.

#### YOUR

**Phuket** 

# South in it together for Japan



DOING THEIR BIT: The Rawai-Nai Harn Business Association held their first event last week, which was a fundraiser for Japan Relief Aid at DaVinci's. Pictured from left are founders of the Association: Peerawut Kunchorn, GM of the Vijitt Resort; Michael Massey, Director of Atmanjai Wellness Center; Urs Aebi, GM of Serenity Terrace; Hajo von Keller, Managing Director of Mangosteen Resort and Mark Norris, owner of DaVinci restaurant. Photo: Bruce Stanley

# Pascal wows The Pavilions

FRENCH FLAVOR: Acclaimed winemaker Pascal Jolivet hosted a special dinner at The Pavilions last Saturday. The Frenchman is known for his cross-cultural winemaking, taking grapes from France to cultivate in New Zealand. Guests enjoyed a sumptuous menu by Executive Chef Alec Lomas. Pictured from left are Francois Poletti, F&B Director, Linda Augier, Guest Relations Manager, Pascal Jolivet, Fauziah Nager and GM Jean-Christophe Nager.





LEGEND'S LEGACY VISITS: Pictured second from left is Andrew Hewitt of The Adventure Club with Pierre Cousteau (center) and guests at Surin Beach Club. Photo: Neil Quail



CHIPPING IN: A donation of 67,900 baht was given by the Sofitel Phokeethra Group to victims of the Japan disaster. Pictured from left are Lalita Damrongpong and Meeporn Oeawpanich of the Sofitel Phokeethra Group handing Kazunari Kotake, First Secretary and Consul of The Japanese Embassy the cheque earlier this month.









#### Where East Meets West

Taste the innovative delicacies of the orient amongst a stunning scennery. Enjoy stylish fusion cuisine which takes you on an anigmatic culinary journey at the edge of the Andaman Sea. Open Daily from 06.00 am - 12 Midnight.

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#### The British Royal Wedding

Britain has been at a standstill in recent weeks in the build up to Prince William's marriage to Kate Middleton. The pair shared their vows on Friday to the delight of millions around the world. But amid all the hype surrounding the wedding, you have to ask yourself: How much do you know about the happy couple?

- **How old is Prince William?**
- Where did he go to university?
- 3. Where did he meet Kate Middleton?
- Prince William has been applauded for his choice of profession. As of 2010, what job has he been doing, and for which organization?
- When he was 18 years old, Prince William took time out from his studies to travel the world. Where did he go?
- Does Prince William have his own Coat of Arms?
- What is Prince William's last name? 7.
- 8. Where did the Prince William and Kate Middleton get married?
- How old is Kate Middleton?
- Who is Prince William's grandad?
- Who was the Best Man at the wedding?
- Who was the Maid of Honor?
- What year did Prince Charles and the late **Princess Diana get married?**

Quiz answers on page 35

#### Across

- 1. Salinger girl
- Elegance
- Governed
- 14. Back
- 15. Peeling potatoes, perhaps
- 16. \_ \_ Gay
- 17. Actor Auberjonois
- 18. "Hard \_ \_ !" (sailor's yell)
- 19. Hybrid beast
- 20. Ice cream type
- 22. Building
- 24. Yeah, right! 25. Expels
- 26. Trouble
- 29. Indian of Mexico
- 31. Choreographer Alvin
- 32. Busy as \_ \_
- 33. Half of D
- 36. Hit sign
- 37. Large island of Indonesia
- 40. Hollywood Squares win
- 41. Autumn month (three letters)
- 42. \_ \_ bene
- 43. Criminal
- 45. Nail-like fastener
- 47. Caress
- 48. Declare
- 51. Markers 52. Prosper
- 54. Cradle song
- 58. Fortune-telling cards
- 59. Large jug or pitcher
- 61. Baseball family name
- 62. Happening
- 63. Tidy, without fault
- 64. Indian instrument
- 65. Like marshes
- 66. Draw with acid
- 67. Biblical garden

#### Down

- Goes astray
- Ooze
- Hindu lawgiver
- Recluse
- One that lends
- 5.
- Dark
- Classic Jaguar
- Blunted blade
- Experience again

# break

- 10. Uniting
- 11. Reasoning
- 12. Choose
- 13. Challenges
- 21. Follows orders
- 23. Discourage
- 26. Get an A, say
- 27. Green land
- 28. Swill
- 29. Become less intense, die off
- 30. Epsilon follower
- 32. In a frenzy
- 33. Chilled
- 34. Moderately cold

35. Single

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- 38. Bring together
- 39. Entangled with

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- 44. Shackle
- 45. Unit of time
- 46. Attractive
- 47. Next after the third
- 48. Fall bloomer
- 49. Blandly urbane
- 50. Rocky debris
- 51. Pertaining to the small intestine
- 53. Sand hill by the sea
- 55. Put \_ \_ on it!
- 56. Endoskeletal component
- 57. Monetary unit of China
- 60. Rainy

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Crossword answers on page 35

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): Taureans shouldn't rock the boat where rock the boat where work is concerned this

week. Even if events are not moving as smoothly as you would like, the stars suggest that a satisfactory conclusion will be reached by the middle of May. Those celebrating a birthday this week can look forward to a year of plain sailing. The number five can bring good fortune this weekend. Sparkling days for romance are Monday and Tuesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): The pecking order at work could be affected by the arrival of a new employee. Geminis should have

little trouble relating to this person, but other colleagues' irritation could require your diplomatic touch. Your romantic outlook improves as May commences, with focus on a steady relationship becoming more committed. Those single and seeking could enjoy meeting a fire sign this weekend. The number eight is lucky early next week.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): Cancerians should make a big deal out of an issue that others see as a minor matter. Your agreement

may be taken for granted unless you demonstrate otherwise. Thursday is most auspicious for stating your feelings calmly – an earth sign's support comes at the right moment. In romance, an air sign is ready to lead you a flirtatious chase this weekend. Your lucky number this week is two.

LEO (July 24-August 22): The coast is clear for Leos who have an innovative business scheme to reveal. May is lucky for new endeavors, particularly if they involve fire or water signs. A personal relationship could be put to the test when someone asks you for an honest opinion this weekend. Being economical with the truth is the tactful way out of this potential can of worms.

VIRGO (August 23-September 23): Double check travel details this week as there could be

chance of last-minute changes or mistakes. Your luck in most matters improves as May commences. Finances are forecast to become less stressful and there are signs that your skills could be in high demand. A romance with another earth sign is well-starred, but you may have an ex-flame's jealousy to contend with.

#### YOUR horoscope By Isla Star

LIBRA (September 24-October 23): An unresolved domestic issue could cause some stress for Librans this week. If this is something you have been trying not to think about, the stars suggest that facing up to facts will be easier during the first week of May. In the realm of romance, a mystery involving a love interest should be solved soon. Those in a committed relationship are forecast to find that their partner still has hidden depths.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): Scorpios may have to finally admit that it's time to move on from a work-related situation. The stars are ready to support your motivation to seek fresh challenges during May. Another water sign could have some handy tips early next week. Romance is smooth as silk for those already involved. If you are still waiting to meet a soul mate, Leo could

catch your eye this weekend.



SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): A lack of practical planning could hold some

Sagittarians back in May. Take some quiet time alone this weekend to put your priorities in order. Your outlook is positive this month as long as you don't get sidetracked. Romance could be a factor – as soon as you stop daydreaming about an impossible relationship, you will see that true love is closer than you think.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Your energy is likely to be scattered this week. Take a

realistic look at where to persevere and where to give up. One business scheme or idea involving a water sign can safely be left on the back burner until this person shows serious interest. Continuing to play romance low-key is the best option until you are more certain of your feelings. The number eight can bring good fortune this weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Existing ventures are forecast to be expanded during May, but Aquarians are advised to be care-

ful if considering taking on new

business or work responsibilities.

Your tendency to take family support for granted could cause domestic tension. The stars predict that those with a partner may need to give extra attention this week. Lucky days for finances are Monday and Tuesday. Wear onyx to encourage a sensible frame of

PISCES (February 20-March 20):



The stars suggest that a lot of hot air will be blown around at work

this week. Pisceans should not believe all they see or hear. As the month of May progresses, you are likely to be offered an opportunity to see real progress and this should result in a higher income, but will also require you to learn more up-to-date skills. The number six brings good luck this weekend.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): As May begins, most Arians should be filled with renewed confidence. The stars are shining on your success in business and

problems related to finance should be solved to your satisfaction. On the downside, keeping secrets from family or people close to you is highlighted to become a source of stress. Your lucky number this week is three.

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# Cultural theater on track to raise curtain next year

#### By Janpen Upatising

IN A major development for the Phuket tourism industry, the Siam Niramit group plans to open its second cultural showcase center in time for the island's next high season.

Work on the two billion baht Siam Niramit Phuket project got underway without much fanfare in October last year, when approval was granted by the provincial government.

The project follows the success of the group's Siam Niramit Bangkok, a Thai arts and culture show in operation since 2005 in Huay Kwang District in central Bangkok.

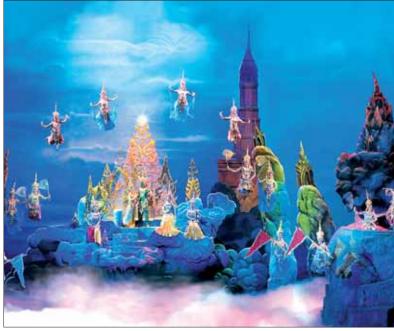
Since 2004, the same group has

operated the Dream World amusement park in Pathum Thani, a northern suburb of the capital.

Siam Niramit Phuket will be constructed on a 57 rai plot located off the bypass road in Rassada, not far from the Koh Kaew district border. Situated behind the Hino showroom, towering cranes working on the project are clearly visible from the bypass road.

The project will include a 1,740 seat theater, a large dining hall, a Thai "four seasons" village, a 15 rai lake with floating market for daytime shopping, staff apartment complex, and a parking lot for 220 cars.

Siam Niramit CEO Pannin Kitiparaporn, reportedly one of the richest women in Asia, said Siam



SETTING THE STAGE: What the Siam Niramit Phuket show could look like once the theater is completed. Below, construction is ongoing.

Niramit Phuket performances will have similar production standards as those staged in Bangkok, but with more scenes and new special effects techniques.

Construction is well underway with an investment of approximately 2 billion baht, said Ms Pannin.

One of Thailand's most well-known female business tycoons, Ms Pannin was once featured in a segment on the popular BBC World series *Peschardt's People*.

Building contractor for the project is Power Line Engineering Public Company Limited.

Based in Bangkok, the company was also responsible for the construction of the



Jungceylon center in Patong.

Siam Niramit Phuket is expected to compete with venues such as Phuket FantaSea, a theme park in Kamala that features a variety of attractions including two



white tigers in an indoor glass enclosure.

Staff in the public relations department of Phuket FantaSea said they had no comment regarding the Siam Niramit Phuket project.



# Ties that bind



CONNECTIONS: Long-term unions have benefits for both parties involved. Indonesia seems to see the plus side of foreign investment in the country, with new long-stay visas now available.

Property Watch

By Bill Barnett

FOR some men the vision of the perfect partner is an orphaned Victoria's Secret model who can magically converse like Oprah Winfrey.

Though reality bites hard and in most instances such men end up with someone who looks like Oprah Winfrey but has the mind of a beauty queen (pardon the stereotyping – if this has offended you, please discontinue reading immediately).

Veering back to our topic of real estate, a key development in Indonesia caught my eye just the other day. Certainly of late the news in Cambodia about horny old geezers marrying teenage girls just so they could buy property and conduct business has created a quite a buzz.

Indonesia's model, which updates the country's 1992 immigration law, appears to be both well thought out and considers a number of important concerns for mixed-nationality marriages.

Under the new rules foreigners who are married to Indonesians are allowed permanent stay visas after two years. Once that status has been attained there is no need to renew the visa annually; just simply report every five years with no additional costs.

A key bonus is the connection between immigration and labor, which allows the foreign spouse to legally work in the country. This is a key point aimed at ensuring the economic sustainability of both the couple and any children. Long-term thinking is also featured whereby if a couple divorces after 10 years, then the foreign partner is allowed to retain a visa in order to be close to any children from the marriage.

Children born into the family who hold overseas passports are also accorded residency rights.

Foreign investors have been included in the new law, under which those who stay three consecutive years can apply for long-stay visas. Under the old regulations the period was five years.

What makes the Indonesian initiative newsworthy is both the liberalization of its overseas investment sector and also a humane face to the often-contentious issue of mixed marriages.

Certainly Thailand, which has one of the largest contingents of these unions in Southeast Asia, continues to remain in a position of "seat warming".

Despite overtones by the present government about an open-door policy, there has been littlen improvement over the past few years.

For Phuket, where the property market could use an injection of initiatives to restart the economic engine, there remains little to write home about.

While elections are being touted as the winds of change, the silent majority looks to be the wild card in the process. Unfortunately, the issue of immigration reforms appears to have been lost at the bottom of the "all-too-hard" basket.

Without either a strong ally in government or substantial advocacy or lobby group to steer the mandate, for now it's a slippery slope of same-sameness.

National sovereignty remains a touchy-feely issue here, and there is only one thing for certain; For now, despite media attention, the status quo approach looks to be the path of least resistance.

Bill Barnett is Managing Director of C9 Hotelworks and can be contacted through www.c9hotelworks.com.

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#### In brief...

# Thai group invests in London

AS a sure sign of the golden age of Asian prosperity, Thai developer Sansiri is set to plunge further into the London real estate market.

Hot on the heels of the firm's launch of a 600-million-baht residential project, 9 Elvaston Place, in South Kensington, the firm is now considering further overseas expansion.

The Thai group is tapping into Thai demand for overseas real estate given stable recurring rental yields and strong capital appreciations track record in the UK.

# The low-down on Pattaya property

WHILE Phuket remains entrenched with its current identity crises about being primarily a foreign-led real estate market, Thailand's other resort metropolis, Pattaya, is singing a different tune.

According to reports, the destination now has 4,700 available condominium units. Colliers International reported approximately 3,400 new units were launched last year and that take-up rates remain strong.

While the most popular market is the lower-price segment, the small condo market absorption is continuing to fuel positive buyer sentiment.

# Mystery bid for prized Phuket land

THE recent bidding process conducted by an international consulting firm in Bangkok over a prime oceanfront parcel in Kata Noi continues to baffle industry insiders.

Located past the southern end of Kata Noi, on a headland overlooking Kata Thani beach resort, the property was part of financial firm Lehman's Phuket legacy.

While an open bidding process was reportedly conducted, few property players know the land is on the market.

The site is considered by many to be one of the best luxury estate or hospitality led residential plots on the sought after west coast.

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# Seminar shines the green light

PHUKET Vice Governor Weerawat Janpen praised organizers and participants of the Colour of Light International Seminar & Exhibition held on April 23 for embracing environmental issues and collaborating to promote awareness of green technologies for sustainable development.

Supported by Phuket Architectural Society (PA+S), the all-day seminar at The Westin Siray Bay Resort and Spa showcased the latest developments in applications for LED technology, color in design and water-saving innovations.

Dubbed an "illuminating exhibition of innovation", the seminar aimed to educate, inspire and build relations among the 140 participants with discussions, demonstrations and workshops on advances in cost-saving, green technologies.

Among the green-technology professionals imparting their knowledge at the seminar were Energy Research Institute Deputy Director Thanit Chindavanig (M.Arch.), who is also Associate Professor at Chulalongkorn University's Faculty of Architecture, and Piyanan Prasarnrachakit, Color Design Consultant for TOA Paint (Thailand).

Other keynote speakers included Osram (Thailand) CEO Robert Buchan McKinnon, Traxon Technologies Managing Director Mike Mastroyiannis and Kohler (Thailand) Head of Product Engineering Vinai Rojanavanich.

During his opening remarks, V/Gov Weerawat stressed the importance of preserving Phuket's natural environment to ensure the island maintained its position as an attractive destination for tourists and investors.

"It is essential that energy-efficient and cost-saving technologies are integrated into the future development of Phuket's infrastructure. This kind of collaboration between government agencies and environmentally-aware businesses is a very positive step for Phuket towards future sustainable development initiatives," said V/Gov Weerawat.

Dr Thanit reinforced the need to quickly adapt to alternative and renewable energy sources with a fact-packed presentation showing



GREEN SPEECH: Osram CEO Robert Buchan McKinnon at the Colour of Light seminar in Phuket last week.

a rising demand and cost for a finite supply of fossil fuels.

"At the current rate of consumption, fossil fuels are set to be depleted within 20 years. We have to implement energy-efficient technologies and focus on alternative energy sources right now, so that those technologies are already in place for the next generation," said Dr Thanit.

Osram's Mr McKinnon, in his field of expertise, demonstrated a wide range of energy-efficient applications for small to large-scale projects, including illuminating stadium-sized buildings and providing low-cost street lighting for glare-free nighttime driving.

"LED lighting technology has dramatically improved in brightness, energy efficiency and flexibility in recent years. The latest 'white light' LED technology from Osram is making streets safer and reducing maintenance costs up to 90 per cent," said Mr McKinnon.

With a spectacular demonstration of interactive and organic LED technology for home and commercial applications, Mr Mastroyiannis of Traxon showed how building facades can serve as giant video screens with low operating costs.

He also stressed the need for specialist companies to work together with long-term goals to make these projects work.

"Large lighting projects can take two to three years from planning to completion and involve several specialist companies in a wide range of fields," he said.

Tackling water conservation issues was Mr Vinai of Kohler (Thailand). His presentation, entitled "Water Conservation Innovation", illustrated the results of Kohler's commitment to water conservation for more than 100 years.

"We have reached a point where our water-saving products and fixtures save tens of thousands of liters of water each year for households and hotels alike, compared to standard toilets, faucets and showers," said Mr Vinai.

"As well as continually improving designs for space efficiency, we have applied 'touchless technology' and introduced virtually waterless urinals," he said.

Flying to Phuket to attend the seminar, Prof Piyanan of TOA explained to participants the nuanced use of color, tone and shade to enhance space and mood.

Looking beyond the presentations, Tiffany Decor account executive Supaporn Yasang said the seminar provided an excellent networking opportunity to learn about possible new applications for the company's technology.

Conceived by Able Architects Managing Director Pakhin Aunggulsant and organized by Prodigy One of the AEP Group of design architecture-related companies, the seminar and exhibition was the second in a series of quarterly PA+ S Forum 2011 events aimed at establishing global green-design standards at a local level.

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GREEN GOODNESS: Around the world, beans of all varieties are used extensively in cooking. Here in Thailand, most eateries will serve beans as appetizers. Photo: Wikimedia

Beans, and

indeed all

legumes, possess

added value in

that they help fix

nitrogen

in the soil.



THE first time a foreigner ventures into a Thai establishment for lunch, he or she will probably find a plate of green veggies on the table. We are not talking about posh restaurants here, but the kind of thatched roadside eateries frequented by Thai workers, where the food is presented for your inspection in large metal pots.

The platters of greens are usually a mix of morning glory and cashew tree leaves, maybe some Chinese kale or chives, but nearly always some beans. A gamut of exotic flavors.

The free beans on offer will be string or green beans cut into manageable lengths, and if you are

are on our menu today because they are delicious, easy to grow and, as we shall see later, a source of nitrogen.

String beans hail from Mexico,

but are now widely grown throughout the tropics and are commonly seen climbing wooden supports in local farms. The pods are extremely long – up to 18 inches (45 centimeters) - and are a staple of Thai cuisine.

They have a crunchy texture and a slightly sweet taste, which adds to their popularity with Thais. Particularly rich in vitamin K as well as A and C, they are an ingredient in stir-fries, curries and much, much more.

Winged beans are the aristocrats

of the family. The pods are an attractive bright green, and shaped with four raised "winged" edges that give them their name. They are easy to find as packeted seeds,

grow quickly, especially in the shorter days when there is less sunlight, and will climb over any fence or upright tree.

This author grew a couple of plants from seed which rapidly covered an entire avocado tree.

The beans are, needless to say, de-

licious, but have to be picked young. Left too long on the vine, they become fibrous and inedible. With their delicate flavor, they are best eaten raw, but can be used in spicy nam prik (chili paste) or as a stir-fry vegetable.

Mixed with prawn pat?, they become a favorite dish called sambal. As is the case with many Thai edible plants, it is a pity that they are not more widely cultivated, since all parts of the plant can be eaten. The cooked leaves taste like spinach, the flowers like mushrooms. Even the nodulous roots can be eaten. Apparently they

And that, by a roundabout route brings us to nitrogen, the last of

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our three key soil requirements, along with potash and phosphate.

Beans, and indeed all legumes, possess added value in that they help fix nitrogen in the soil. Without getting too technical, certain micro-organisms inhabit their roots, and help produce nitrogen which is stored in root nodules.

Left in the ground, these nodules add substantially to the available nitrogen in the surrounding soil. In the West, it is common horticultural practice to alternate legumes such as clover, alfalfa, soy bean or peanuts with other crops so that the follow-on crop benefits from the richer levels of nitrogen in the earth.

Nitrogen is a paradox. It is the largest constituent of the very air we breathe, and every Thai rai of land contains thousands of pounds of the stuff. It is essential for plant cell growth, it helps produce chlorophyll (the green agent needed for photosynthesis), and is present in the DNA that enables cells to reproduce.

It is a constituent (3 per cent to 4 per cent) of plant tissue and exists in such organic matter as compost, urea and manure. Yet it is the most common deficiency in plants since it is not always available in a useable form.

Succulent green foliage indicates a healthy supply; pale green or yellow leaves indicate it is in short supply. Weak roots may also be a sign of its absence.

So don't forget your They not only taste good: they do



#### Tip of the week



Thai sweet basil (bai horapa)

#### Make friends: Meet herb and basil

A NEW resident to Phuket recently asked which herbs and spices could be easily cultivated in Phuket.

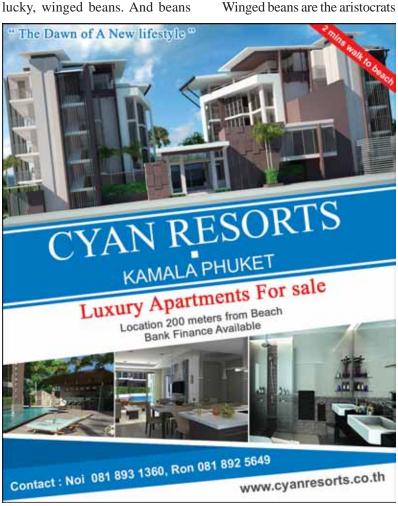
First to mind was basil (Osmilum basilicum). The Thai version of sweet basil, known in Thai as bai horapa, has small, green-purplish leaves and stems. Available everywhere, it has an aniseed taste. A key ingredient in Italian pesto sauce and many pizzas, it features prominently in Thai stir-fries, soups and curries.

Lemon basil (bai manglak) with its marked lemony scent has smaller, pale green foliage.

Both varieties seed readily, and grow here like weeds.

Usually treated as an annual, it is also possible to cultivate basil as an perennial in your herb garden, where it will grow into a substantial bush.

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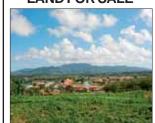
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3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 70sq wah. Community pool, 2 aircons, fully furnished, Western kitchen. Price: 2.5 million baht. Tel: 080-265 0211. Email: jywan@hotmail.com

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Panoramic mountain views, overlooking Laguna project. Size: 4.921 rai. Price: 7.9 million baht per rai. Tel: 089-729 2989.

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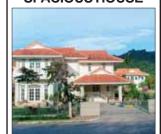
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Near the main road to Baan Don-Cherng Talay. 68sq wah. 1.1 million baht. Tel: 089-472 9118. Email: honda.1437@ yahoo.co.th

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3-bedroom house (53 sq wah) near the The Heroines Monument. 2 bathrooms, 3 aircons, telephone & internet, curtains, kitchen and full landscaping. Price: 2.95 million baht (negotiable). Contact owner. Tel: 080-520 2989. Email: pakaporns@yahoo.com

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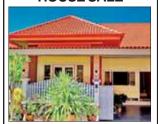
#### LAND AT PA KHLOK

1 rai 13.6sq wah with Chanote. Located on Tha Ruea-Pa Khlok-Muang Mai Rd.11km from Heroines' Monument, near Mission Hill. Price: 3.9 million baht. Tel: 089-4729118.

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Former restaurant, villa, house. View lake, town, bridge. Tel: 054-223039, 084-608 3240 (English), 089-997 6606 (English & Thai). Fax: 054-323217. Email: gemballa\_baldur@yahoo.com

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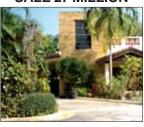
Flat land near Dowroong School in Phuket Town. Tel: 081-691 2526.

#### SINGLE HOUSE FOR SALE



In Thanapa Park View village in Koh Keaw. 57sq wah, with 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a kitchen, a carpark and a garden. Price: 2.4 million baht. Contact owner. Tel: 083-180 2143. Email: nana1225@ gmail.com

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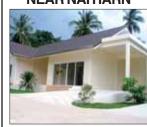
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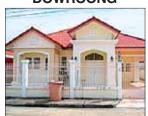


and conveniently located. Minutes from Rawai and Nai Harn Beaches. 2 spacious bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms. 1 guest toilet. Aircons. Large living-dining room. Telephone line with ADSL. Free water supply and garbage removal service. Rent: 20,000 baht per month. Contact K. Nui. Tel: 087-383 0936. Email:

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Fully furnished with swimming pool, daily maid service and 4 types of rooms. Tel: 081-894 4730. Fax: 076-292149. Email: nanaivillaphuket@gmail.comFor further details, please see our website at www.nanaivilla.com

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3 bedrooms, fully furnished and serviced. 10 minutes to beach. For 1-year lease. Rent: 50,000 baht per month. Tel: 084-843 6837. Email: suchada\_villas@ hotmail.com

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2 bedrooms, large pool, with WiFi and, TV. Seaview and mountain view. Rent: 20,000 baht per month. Email: brico thailand@hotmail.com

#### **POOL VILLA RAWAI**

2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fully funished, with ADSL and Internet. Tel: 083-641 9327. Email: rawai poolvillas@hotmail.com

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Looking for a house/villa in this area on plot of 400+ sqm, ideally 600. Paying up to 7.5 million baht. If it needs renovation, that is okay, depending on size and location. Needs to be close to a concrete road. Email: patrick@mancity.net

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We are looking for investors from Sweden for pool villas with 2-3 bedrooms in Rawai. Price: from 5 to 10 million baht. For futher details, please send email to offers. Email: sales@chokechaiproperty.com

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#### CONDO FOR SALE/ RENT RAWAI

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#### NANAI PATONG APARTMENTS

Nanai 2 and Nanai 9. Twobed townhouse, 20,000 baht per month. One-bed apartment, 12,000 baht per month. Fully furnished, WiFi, TV. Tel: 081-270 5374. Email: orcella@orcella.com

#### VILLA FOR RENT

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Seeking long term 1-bedroom rental in Kata-Karon area. For mature resident. Photos and description would be most appreciated. Email: ethanbenjamini@yahoo.com

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#### 2 BED HOUSE NEAR PATONG

with an enclosed garden. Within a half-hour walk of Patong, preferably in a quiet area for under 8,000 baht. Must allow pets. Email: laurataylor83@hotmail.com

#### ACCOMMODATION IN PATONG

I am looking for either a 1 bedroom apartment, villa or condo in Patong for the months of August and September 2011. This is low season so we are looking for the best price. Email: dianz\_p@hotmail.com

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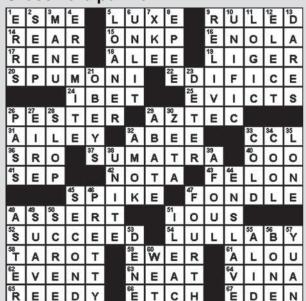
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#### **SOLUTIONS TO** THIS WEEK'S **PUZZLES**

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#### **Crossword puzzle:**



#### **Quiz answers:**

- 1). 28 2). University of St Andrews, Scotland
- 3). They were flat mates while both studying at St Andrews 4). Helicopter pilot with the RAF Search and Rescue Force
- 5). Belize and Chile 6). Yes 7). Mountbatten-Windsor
- 8). Westminster Abbey 9). 29 10). Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh 11). Prince Harry
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#### **ADMIN CHERNG TALAY**

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- A genuine passion for the web and social media

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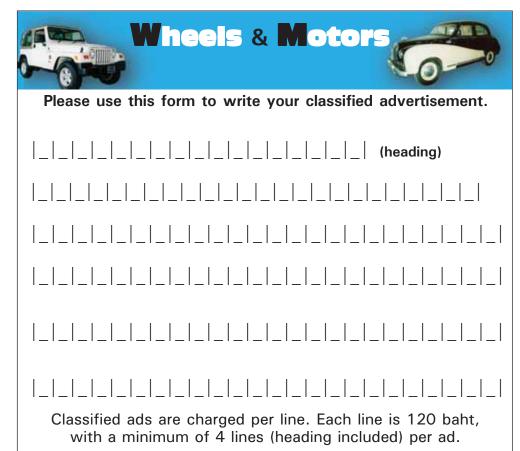
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# Storm ends FC Phuket match

#### Early whistle due to wild weather may be a blessing in disguise

PHUKET FC endured a 5-2 drubbing by Bangkok FC in the capital on Sunday in a match that was abandoned seven minutes before time due to a freak storm that made continuation play impossible.

Phuket's South Korean player Choi Jai Won got the 4pm fixture off to a great start, but Bangkok FC equalized after a penalty and then went on to score four more

unanswered goals – none of which could be blamed on keeper Theerawat Pinpradup.

There remains some confusion over what the ruling meant for the fixture. Bangkok

FC, currently languishing third-from-bottom in Thai Division 1, has asked that the final minutes of the game be played in Phuket in October, when the two sides are scheduled to meet at Surakul Stadium in Phuket Town.

Although replaying the remaining time of a fixture at a different ground would be almost unprecedented in world football, Bangkok FC, nicknamed the "Iron Bulls", said the move was

preferable as it would "save money for all sides".

The Thai Premier League (TPL) is considering the proposal and is set to report its decision very soon.

Not including Sunday's game, both the Southern Sea Kirin and Bangkok FC have played eight games so far this season.

According to the TPL official table, Phuket is in sixth place in

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the fixture.

Division 1 with 14 points, two points below Bangkok United, which has played 10 matches.

On Sunday the Southern Sea Kirin face Thai Honda, currently 15<sup>th</sup> in Division 1, at home. Kickoff is at 6pm.

In other news, the home fixture against Songkhla FC that was postponed due to flooding has been rescheduled to June 25.

- Phuket Gazette

To watch all the goals in Sunday's match and footage of the downpour that ended it, click here www. thailandsusu.com/webboard/index.php?topic=168372.0

Other Thai Division 1 matches played last weekend:

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Top seven teams in the league



FOOTY FANS: FC Phuket fans will be hoping last weekend's match will be replayed. Photo: Gazette file

# Racing the dragon down at Nai Harn

THE Rawai Naiharn Dragons will hold a free dragon boat race open day on Nai Harn Lake on May 8 to encourage people to join the sport.

"Entry is free and training will be available to all. We are looking for teams of 16 people, men's teams, ladies' teams, mixed teams and kids teams [from age12 and up]," said team coach Lisa Aston.

"The Rawai Naiharn Dragons were formed after competing in the Phuket Charity Race Day and we have continued to grow ever since. We offer free membership to all and we train every Sunday on Nai Harn Lake with races starting at 1pm," said Lisa.

The long-term plan is to hold

"invitational" fun regattas on the lake once a month.

"We have two experienced team coaches, myself and my husband Pete, who have been competing in the sport for over 10 years, as well as an enthusiastic committee.

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To register or for more information, visit phuketdragonboats.com.



ENTER THE DRAGON: You can too, at Nai Harn Lake on May 8.



# Yupa in the frame for London

By Neil Quail

THAI volleyball star Yupa Phokongploy is en route to Phuket after a short break following a resounding victory at the second Southeast Asian Olympic qualifying tournament held in Batam, Indonesia last weekend.

Once again the Thailand number-three team made short work of other international pairings while not relinquishing a single set. Having beaten the Philippines, New Zealand and Singapore, they ripped through Kazakhstan, 21-15, 21-16 in just 34 minutes to take the title.

Five of these qualifying tournaments must be played as part of the Continental Beach Volleyball World Cup to earn a place at the London Olympics to be held in 2012. Yupa was also on the winning team at the previous tournament which took place in Hua Hin last December.

Success at both these tournaments has put Yupa and playing partner, Tanarattha Udomchavee, in a dominant position with regard to representing Southeast Asia at

the 2012 Olympics.

"This is the best volleyball I've played for a long time. I feel strong and confidence is high. I'm really looking forward to resuming my training on Phuket after I recover from this last tournament," Yupa said.

Yupa's personal coach and advisor on Phuket is Bob Selznick who is busy preparing for her arrival and training.

"I also help coach the Singapore Ladies volleyball team and was delighted when they made it through the group. Unfortunately they were drawn against the powerhouses of Yupa and Tanarattha. It was a pity they were defeated so emphatically, but it was great to see Thailand and Yupa especially, perform so well," Bob

"If Yupa keeps playing like this, she will have an excellent chance of getting to the Olympics," he

Yupa will use the sands of Phuket to improve her form to compete on May 25 in her next tournament, the China Da



SENSATIONAL: Volleyball star Yupa Phokongploy is heading back to Phuket after a stunning performance at the second Southeast Asian Olympic qualifying tournament held in Batam, Indonesia.

**Pro Am Invitational:** 

# Futsal's seventh

THE seventh season of the Adult Futsal League (AFL) started on April 28 at the Thanyapura Sports and Leisure Club (TSLC) in

Played under floodlights, the league enjoys a good standard of competitive football between Thai and expat teams.

Games are five-a-side, but teams can register a squad of 12 and play on the 50 x 30 meter FIFA approved synthetic surface. Having organized the league, Martin Hill is aware of Phuket's football needs.

"A floodlit pitch is a great advantage for those who work. Natural light allows only for an hour or so after work to play a game of football, but with the facility at TSLC, the AFL can start and finish to suit those leaving work at five or six in the evening," he said.

"We also have two more leagues starting next month. The VFL (Veterans Futsal League) for over 35 year olds and the SFL (Senior Futsal League) for over 40 year olds," Martin said.

- Neil Quail

# season underway

#### Robson lends a hand BRYAN Robson, former star midfielder of the England national squad and Manchester United, will autograph shirts with personal messages to help raise money for charity at the 2011 Phuket Property Dot Com Pro Am Invi-

Phuket Golf Club on June 17. All proceeds from the event will go towards the Phuket Has Been Good To Us Foundation.

tational to be played at Laguna

"It can be any shirt and we can have any message put on there. We can also get a photo of Bryan actually signing each shirt," said Graham Haslam of the foundation.

"We're looking to raise 5,000 baht per shirt. It costs about 5,000 baht to have the shirt signed and framed. So the total price per shirt will be 10,000 baht," he

Fans might even be able to meet Robson in-person, said

"We can even try to arrange for a photo of Bryan handing the shirt to whomever it may be, if and when both are in Bangkok at the same time," he said.

Although ready to lend his name - and his hand - to fundraising, Robson has yet to confirm whether he will play in the invitational, Phuket's only international Pro Am Charity golf event.



LENDING SUPPORT: Ex-Manchester United player Bryan Robson will sign shirts to be auctioned off at the Phuket Property Dot Com Pro Am Invitational. Photo: Wikimedia

Up to 30 touring golf professionals from the Asian Tour, One Asia tour, and 90 amateurs are expected to take part in the event, with prizes to be presented at a gala dinner held at the B-Lay Tong Resort in Patong.

The inaugural event last year was won by Thai star golfer

Udorn Duangdecha and his team of three Thai amateur golfers with a combined handicap of only 13.

Their team score of 92 was enough to see off Simon Yates' team (90 points) and big-hitting American Corey Harris and his team (89 points).

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# **Sport**

# Laguna takes down Patong

By Neil Quail

TWO of the island's best teams crossed blades in a mighty end-of-season clash last Sunday in the final of the Island Furniture Phuket Cricket T20 league.

Having lost the 35-over competition in dramatic fashion two weeks ago, Laguna CC needed to lay that ghost to rest and fire on all cylinders to derail a confident Patong side looking to clinch a clean sweep of titles.

Laguna CC chose to open proceedings by putting Patong CC in the field, and hopefully post a total score difficult to chase.

In savage heat, the tensions brimmed and players on both sides gave each other witty and often brutal criticisms. However, umpire Mike Khan managed proceedings with maturity and incidents went no further than just heated words.

Although few wickets fell in the first 10 overs, tight bowling from Dave Watson, Joshi Naresh and Anil Rawat restricted Laguna CC to just 57 runs at the break.

Andrew Cole (47 runs) showed why he was in contention for player-of-the-year, notching another solid innings before being snapped up at square leg by Dean Noble. Sameer returned an unbeaten half century, helped by some wayward bowling shortly after the break, which eventually pushed Laguna CC to a respectable 155 for 3 after 20 overs.

Requiring just under eight runs per over, Patong CC's opening pair of David Thomas and David Watson obliterated Laguna CC's bowling attack. After five overs the dynamic duo had hoisted the score to 57 runs - exactly that of Laguna CC's 10 over total.

The omens were not looking favorable for Laguna CC, and once Thomas and Watson ended their contributions on 29 and 28 respectively, Patong looked to Richard Folds and Anthony Van Blerk to take the game within sight of victory. At 87 for 2, Patong CC came in for drinks calm, collected and feeling in control of the match.

Needing 68 runs from 10 overs, Patong CC needed only to play sensibly and pick the bad balls to dispatch. Folds and Van Blerk emulated their openers by scoring in the 20s before being dismissed in the 15th and 16th overs.

Despite the possibility of another defeat looming less than 30 minutes away, it was Laguna CC that introduced sense to their play and applied consistent line and length to their bowling.

Patong CC could not get the ball away and watched as the run-rate climbed ever higher. Needing more runs from fewer overs encouraged flamboyant shots and unnecessary runs which inevitably led to warranted dismissals. Rawat, Naresh and



LAGUNA CC: Winners of this year's Island Furniture Cricket League. Photo: Neil Quail

Richard Desmond all returned to the pavilion without troubling the scorers.

Eventually the bowling of Laguna CC proved unbeatable and their total unachievable. Fourteen was needed from the last over, but neither Seemant or his partner could find the boundary. Lijo's figures reflected the efforts of Laguna, finishing with an impressive three wicket haul for just 12 runs.

A deserved win for Laguna CC meant that both clubs each earned a title, and the season ended with honors even.

Post-match celebrations were followed by an awards ceremony hosted by Mr Alan Cook who presented team medals and individual awards.

"The standard of cricket has been the best I've seen in years. Congratulations to both teams. I look forward to November when Phuket will have a purpose built cricket facility in time for the Thailand Youth Games," Alan said.

Man-of-the-match was awarded to Sameer Khan whose performance also earned him a share of player-of-the-year with team mate Andrew Cole.

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# The Superkids

#### Young athletes show the true meaning of sport at triathalon

By Neil Quail

MORE than 90 young athletes took part in the inaugural Ironkids Triathlon last Saturday at Thanyapura Sports and Leisure Club (TSLC) facility in the grounds of Phuket International Academy.

On hand to support and coach the youngsters through this gruelling test of body and mind was Ironman star Jurgen Zack. Jurgen holds the record for the second fastest time ever over the full Ironman course with a time that begs belief of seven hours, 51 minutes and 42 seconds. He is still the holder of the fastest bike split of four hours, 14 minutes and 14 seconds.

Although the Ironkids were not subject to the full Ironman schedule of a 3.86km swim, a 180.25km cycle and a full marathon of 42.195km, they did have to compete in the merciless Phuket heat, an unenviable endurance test nonetheless.

Race Director Claire Ratcliffe designed and superbly organized courses with varying length to suit three different age categories which included Junior (6 - 8



POOLSIDE: The 'Iron' swim starlets years), Intermediate (9 -11 years) and Senior (12-15 years).

The Senior's began their trial with a swim of 300 meters in the fantastic Olympic-size swimming pool. Once through transition they set off on a 12km off-campus cycle and finished the lung-hammering ordeal with a 3km run, crossing the line after a circuit of the magnificent athletics track. The track has a synthetic rugby pitch endorsed by the International Rugby Board.

The Intermediate's were challenged by a 150m swim, a 6km cycle and 1km run, while the Junior's powered their way through a 50m swim, a 3km cycle and 500m run.

The conditioning of these young athletes was exceptional. Observing at the finish line, several sprint finishes were witnessed, but every single Ironkid who finished the course. irrespective of position, had a look of satisfaction on their faces.

Jurgen Zack showed his dedication to the Ironkids by waiting in withering conditions for his proteges to complete their circuit, offering encouragement and congratulations.

"Facilities at TSLC are second to none and it is an honor to be involved with the development. It's been fantastic to coach the children for the Ironkids event and I look forward to returning in November in time to help the children prepare for their next Ironkids triathlon," Jurgen said.

An exhausted, but jubilant Claire Ratcliffe said she was delighted with the success of the

"We had over 90 participants to monitor, and the team from TSLC and PIA were outstanding. We're very much looking forward to the next event," Claire said.



**GUNNING FOR GLORY: Young competitors race in the Ironkids triathalon.** 

#### How the Ironkids finished:

Junior girls results: 1<sup>st</sup> Mia O'Leary 2<sup>nd</sup> R<u>ebecca Mak 3<sup>rd</sup> Natnicha</u> Inthawong.

Junior boys results: 1st Ben McMillan 2nd Jeremy Kemp 3rd Nicholas

Intermediate girls results: 1st Syami Yapp 2nd Eloise De Perthuis 3rd Gaia

Intermediate boys results: 1st Chris Thomson 2nd Dorion Gombos 3rd Raphiphat Phuntong

Senior girls results (14-15 years): 1st Sian Wilson Senior girls results (12-13 years): 1st Zoe Bowden 2nd Sabrina Bilston-John 3<sup>rd</sup> Olivia De Perthuis

Senior boys results (14-15 years): 1st Nicholas Murphy 2nd Supawit Vetchasit 3rd Jansin Sreesawat

Senior boys results (12-13 years): 1st Dylan Nyerges 2nd William Feller 3rd **Matthew May** 

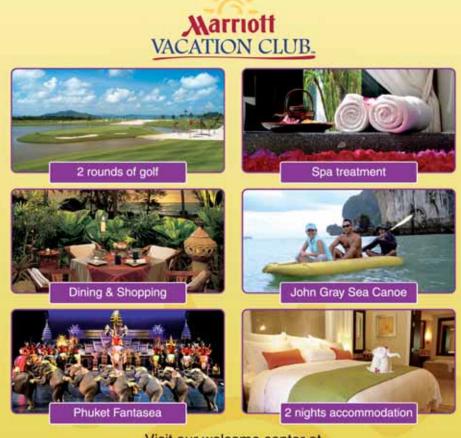
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