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Fear of attacks stalls bus plans

By Chutharat Plerin

TOP Phuket officials have openly admitted that fear of reprisals by taxi and tuk-tuk drivers is preventing people from launching affordable bus services between Phuket's main tourist beaches.

Phuket Vice Governor Weerawat Janpen recently chaired a meeting at the Phuket Land Transport Office (PLTO) to discuss strategies to resolve the decades old problem of tourists being cheated by "transportation operators" in Phuket.

Wanta Phummaraosukon, who holds the position of "Special Scholar" at the PLTO, explained that his office is currently open to receive applications to run concessions on three bus routes: 1) Phuket Airport to the Phuket Bus Terminal on Phang Nga Rd in Phuket Town; 2) Phuket Airport to Kamala-Patong-Karon-Kata; and 3) Phuket Airport to destinations in Patong.

Two other routes are currently under consideration: 4) Phuket Airport to Patong-Karon-Kata and 5) Phuket Airport to Rawai Beach.

"Route 1 is already in service,



Vice Governor Weerawat Janpen unimpressed by the transport impasse.

but routes 2 and 3 cannot be because whenever someone tries, the taxi and tuk-tuk [people] 'do something against us'.

"No concession companies dare face them," Mr Wanta said.

"Another issue is illegal taxis. We are planning to resolve the black-plate taxi problem by having them brought into the system and registered, perhaps enticed by being included in a single-number

call center for all taxis... We will have each authority be strict in their duty and arrest those not abiding by the law," Mr Wanta added.

Patong Deputy Mayor Chairat Sukkaban said he had heard that some companies were interested and ready to run bus services on routes 2 and 3, but they were afraid of "the influence".

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Neighbors inspect the rubble left behind by the landslide in Patong.

Buried alive by landslide

PHUKET community leader Witsanu Yidsua is recovering in hospital after receiving 50 stitches to close head wounds sustained when a landslide caused part of a neighboring home to crash through the bedroom wall of his home on Phisit Gorani Road in Patong on Monday.

Mr Witsanu, president of the Ban Mon Community Council, is leading the fight against a plan to bore a tunnel through Patong Hill that would require the construction of a large overpass over his community.

Boonchuay Yidsua, the victim's older brother, said, "Our mother, a grandchild and I were at the

front of the house when we heard a noise we thought was thunder. Then our neighbor rushed over to tell us that there had been a landslide at the back of the house."

"I ran to find Witsanu in his bedroom. All I could see was his bloodied head. The rest of him was covered with debris, including a cupboard and big chunks of concrete," he said.

Mr Witsanu, conscious when rescuers arrived, was rushed to Patong Hospital. Doctors have since decided against an MRI scan to determine whether he suffered any damage to his brain, as he was recovering well.

— Atchaa Khamlo

Police cleared in prostitution probe

By Atchaa Khamlo

JUNGCEYLON shopping complex in Patong has been declared free of "alien prostitutes" and the police major accused of running a pandering ring there has been cleared of any involvement, the *Phuket Gazette* has been told.

Prapan Kanprasang, head of the Damrongtham Center at Provincial Hall, which conducted the investigation, said complaints were lodged with his office in July.

The complaints centered on claims that Patong Police were running a pandering

operation out of the That's Siam area on the basement floor of the popular shopping complex.

The claims were dismissed due to lack of evidence, Mr Prapan told the *Gazette*.

"Our probe revealed that the police were not involved with what was going on there," he said.

The claims were possibly made to discredit the officer in question, he said.

The name of the officer was provided by the Damrongtham Center but is being withheld by the *Gazette* in respect of his right to privacy given the outcome of the probe.

However, it remains unclear whether a prostitution ring was being run by staff at the shopping center.

Nittaya Wangpanya, a public relations officer with the Phuket Square Company that owns and operates Jungceylon, said, "Not many vendors in the That's Siam zone were involved... The issue was cleared up a few months ago.

"We talked to shop operators there and reminded them that Jungceylon policy prohibits any business of that nature. They agreed to stop and there have been no reports of any impropriety since," she said.



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Runaway truck plows into shops

By Atchaa Khamlo

THREE people were injured when a six-wheeled truck hauling sand ran out of control, crushing vehicles and smashing into shops in Patong last Sunday.

Truck driver Rungaroon Ji-nga, 31, was descending the steep hill into Patong from Phuket Town at about 10am when he failed to negotiate the curve in front of Wat Suwan Khiriwong (Wat Patong).

The truck crashed into the big cement traffic barrier set up at the location – after years of similar runaway vehicles at the curve – before slamming into the Rak Cafe coffee shop.

En-route into the shop the juggernaut slammed into a Toyota Fortuner car and some motorbikes before tipping onto its side.

Rak Cafe owner Maliporn Manisri, 26, and one of her customers, Dulyawat Mungkij, 35,



Rescue workers sift through the debris left by the overturned truck.

were rushed to Patong Hospital.

Mr Dulyawat was discharged from hospital later that day, but Ms Maliporn was transferred to Phuket International Hospital.

Truck driver Rungaroon presented himself immediately to Patong Police for questioning.

However, after seeing he had

suffered minor injuries, officers told him to go to Patong Hospital to receive treatment first and to return later for questioning.

Police said Mr Rungaroon reported that his brakes were functioning at the time of the accident, so they are yet to determine whether he fell asleep at the wheel.

Too scared to launch bus services

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To counter the fear, he called on unity among the relevant authorities to make sure operators were protected.

"The Land Transport Office, Phuket police and local administration organizations must act together. They must be strict in asserting their authority; they must enforce the law as they are empowered and obligated to do and they must make sure there is nothing hidden in the law enforcement," Mr Chairat said.

"To have the routes in service, it is our responsibility to ensure the concession companies do not have to face 'the influence' all alone," he added.

PLTO chief Teerayout Prasertphol agreed in part, but asked the big question: who was going to stand up to those who currently rule Phuket's public transportation system?



Teerayout Prasertphol, chief of the Phuket Land Transport Office.

"The most important thing is who is going to take care of this problem? I suggest local authorities as an option," Mr Teerayout asked.

To this, Phuket Tourist Association Vice President Sarayuth Mallam replied, "The Land Transportation Office does not need to 'transfer' this responsibility to anyone else – this is your responsibility..."

"Taxi and tuk-tuk drivers fear

no one, except for you – because you issue the license plates that allow their cars on the road. Sorting this problem out is your responsibility."

Mr Sarayuth added that one of the major obstacles was that some persons in positions of authority had relations – literally – with the people involved.

"Some of them are their relatives or friends," he said.

"Another problem is that metered taxis can't even drive around the island because of black-plate taxi and tuk-tuk drivers. I would like to ask the authorities to have public transportation able to drive anywhere on the island," he said.

"By the way, it does not matter what great plans we have when the authorities do not fulfill their duties. Illegal taxis must be brought into the system. You can probably give them a period of time – like 30 days – to register. After that, get strict on them," he said.

Stand by for Supermodels

A BEVY of beauties participating in the Look Supermodel Search 2011 beauty pageant will visit Phuket on October 11-12 to take part in various activities.

The 12 models are scheduled to meet Phuket Governor Tri Augkaradacha and hand out cloth bags at Provincial Hall at 11:45am on the Monday, before visiting the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (OrBorJor) offices.

The ladies will be participating in various activities at Jungceylon shopping center in Patong on both days, according to their tentative schedule.

The information also includes a special note that there will be a bikini stage in the competition.

The next round of the contest



The 'supermodels' (pictured here with some of the promoters) are to arrive on Monday.

will take place in Bangkok on October 8, the winner of which will enter the Supermodel Asian 2011 competition in Tokyo, Japan.

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Floods take toll across island

By Atchaa Khamlo

HEAVY rains caused havoc across Phuket on Wednesday morning, with road closures and major traffic delays reported across the island – and another landslide in Patong, in addition to the landslide on Monday that hospitalized a well-known local activist (see page 1).

An officer at Patong Municipality's Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) office told the *Gazette* that they had received a report of a landslide on Soi Kuan Yang, located off Patong Hill road between Wat Patong and the hilltop Chinese shrine.

Although initial reports said the landslide had caused only minor damage, at the time of going to press officers inspecting the site had yet to file a more comprehensive report on the extent of the damage there.

The areas around the Patong Municipality offices and the intersection in front of Patong Hospital junction were flooded with knee-high waters.

Phang Muang Sai Kor Road was reported to be inundated to the same depth from Patong Hospital to the back of the Jungceylon shopping complex.

Rat U-Thit 200 Pi Road was



Roads in Chalong were cut off by rising flood waters. Photo: Christian Mouchet

closed for four kilometers, including the entrances to Soi Sawatdirak and Soi Sai Nam Yen. Floodwaters reached about knee-high in the area.

Patong DDPM officers used seven firetrucks to block the sections of Rat-U-Thit 200 Pi Road and ferried people across flood areas with a small boat.

About two kilometers of Thaweewong Road, which runs along the Patong beachfront, was flooded to a depth of about 30 centimeters.

The affected area covered from near the La Flora Patong Resort north to Loma Park.

Reports of traffic chaos caused

by flooded roads and homes in Chalong, in the south of Phuket, also poured in.

"At the turn-off at the Big Buddha intersection on Chao Fa West Road traffic is at a complete standstill.

"A number of small sois [streets] on either side of Chao Fa West Road are flooded, with many residents taking to the streets in disbelief," reported Fraser Morton.

"In front of HomePro Village, a stretch of about 100 meters of the road is completely inaccessible.

"Police are on the scene, where scores of motorbikes are stalling and breaking down," he added.

Relief effort underway

TRUCKS loaded with donated items for flood victims were due to head north on October 7, bound for areas affected by the severe flooding in northern, central and northeastern Thailand.

The floods have so far claimed the lives of more than 200 people and forced tens of thousands of people to leave their homes.

The Phuket Reporter's Club, located at Provincial Hall, has been accepting donations since last week.

"We have all the essential items, such as rice, canned food, clothes, drinking water and candles," said Club President Peerapong Ponpramun.

The club did not accept cash donations, he said.

Two six-wheeled trucks provided by the Phuket Kusuldham Rescue Foundation were to be loaded with the donated items and then head north to Phitsanuloke, then south to Ang Thong and Sing Buri provinces.

The trucks will be accompanied by members of the Reporter's Club traveling in their own vehicles.

Meanwhile, donations are also



The first of the donations were to head north on Thursday.

being accepted at Tesco Lotus on the bypass road.

"We have been accepting donations at the customer service counter for flood victims in other provinces since September 23. The campaign will end [at the close of business] on October 8," said cashier manager Sunisa Petyotha.

Other private companies in Phuket have been rallying to raise donations as well. Phuket Red Cross President Naline Augkaradacha recently received donations collected through fund-raising efforts by staff at the Thanyapura complex as well as security company Siam Guardian Services.

Task force named to push for ICEC

THE Phuket office of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) has been chosen to argue against their counterparts in Bangkok who ruled against the plan to build an international convention and exhibition and center (ICEC) on the island.

The local MNRE office is one of four "proponents" chosen as part of a task force to counter the reasons given by the MNRE in Bangkok for failing the ICEC's Initial Environmental Evaluation.

The task force was selected at a meeting chaired by Phuket Governor Tri Augkaradacha at Provincial Hall last Monday.

The Phuket MNRE office is responsible for arguing that the site is not home to a natural forest that should be preserved, and that the site is not at risk of being struck by a tsunami.

The Mai Khao Tambon Administration Organization (OrBorTor)



Suchart Hirankanokkul of the Thai Hotels Association will be arguing the private sector's support.

will be responsible for countering the belief that the site is a traditional nesting site for endangered sea turtles, while the Phuket Treasury Office will be responsible for countering concerns that the project will affect the local residents' way of life.

A collection of tourism industry experts is to defend the project on the grounds that it is commercially viable and that private enterprise welcomes the project.

Taxi thugs apologize, pay damages

THE three taxi drivers who assaulted another driver working for a Phuket elephant camp have apologized for the attack and paid a total of 40,000 baht in damages.

Kamala Police Duty Officer Anek Mongkol confirmed to the *Gazette* that the three taxi drivers – Wasan Sanae, 35, Sitthikorn Boonsri, 28, and Thanawut Poksakul, 25 – were also fined 1,000 baht each for the attack.

The men were identified by Preecha Choowong as among the six people who attacked him as he picked up guests from the Cape Sienna resort in Kamala.

His passengers, two Australian tourists, were in the car at the time of the attack.

Lt Col Anek said the matter was resolved through mediation after Wasan presented himself to police

last Monday. Sitthikorn and Thanawut had already presented themselves to police earlier, he added.

Mr Preecha, who works as a driver for the Kok Chang Safari park in Kata Noi, told the *Gazette*, "The three drivers came to meet me at the elephant camp where I work to apologize.

"They came with some local government people who I respect and know well. So I felt courteous and accepted the offer of 40,000 baht," he confirmed.

Lt Col Anek said, "The police will not pursue further action against the three men as both sides have now come to an agreement."

However, Mr Preecha explained that he will not be picking up guests from Cape Sienna anymore. As part of the agreement, the elephant camp will send another driver as a precaution to avoid any further potential conflict.

– Atchaa Khamlo

Panel punts for min. wage hike

THE Phuket Provincial Sub-committee for the Minimum Wage Rate has applied to the Central Wage Committee in Bangkok to increase the minimum daily wage in Phuket to 300 baht.

Sutthipong Saisakaret, chief of Provincial Labor Office, told the press last Monday that to balance incomes with Phuket's high living

costs, the panel unanimously agreed to increase the base wage to 300 baht, effective January 1.

The decision was based on the understanding that the wage rise will affect employers' operating costs by 15 per cent, which would be offset by government initiatives such as the reduction in corporate tax rates, he said.

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Pad thai 'favorite' food dish for Phuket expats, tourists

THAILAND's namesake noodle dish, pad thai, is the most popular among *Phuket Gazette* readers, according to the results of the latest on-line readers' poll.

Readers were asked: "Imagine, if you will, six tiny resort islands off the coast of Phuket. All are identical in every respect except one: the tiny restaurant, the only source of nourishment, has an amazing assortment of beverages but serves only one dish, all-you-can-eat."

Which island would you choose for a two-week stay?"

Pad Thai Island emerged as the winner, with just over a quarter (25.9%) of participants choosing it among six selections.

Coming in second was Tom Yum Kung (with rice) Island,

with 23%, followed by: Chicken Fried Rice Island (21.2%); Noodle Soup Island (12.8%); Som Tum Sticky Rice Island

(28%) and tourists (26%), who made up the majority (92.4%) of those taking part.

However, Thais preferred tom yum kung (26.0%) or som tum with sticky rice (22%) over pad thai (14.0%).

Thais were also far more likely to choose the popular southern curry kaeng som (14%) than than expats (4%) and tourists (5%).

The poll generated a number of comments in the *Gazette* online readers

forum, including many from those who

felt that Massaman Curry Island should have been among the selections.

For a detailed breakdown, and to vote in the latest readers' poll, visit PhuketGazette.net.



Meth users

Crystal meth dealers are attracting new users by claiming the drug has cosmetic benefits. Doctors say that although the stimulant may cause some changes in a user's physical appearance, it is far from the desired effect. The *Phuket Gazette's* Chutharat Plerin and Warisa Temram report.



Police are arresting record numbers of ya ice dealers, some of which claim the drug acts as a 'skin whitener' and weight-loss aid.

CONCERNED about a rise in the use of *ya ice* (crystal methamphetamine) in Phuket and nearby provinces, police and health officials say drug dealers are falsely touting it as a weight loss aid and skin whitening agent to lure in new users.

Pramote Phumprakun, superintendent of the Narcotics Suppression Bureau Division (NSBD) regional office, described the *ya ice* problem as "epidemic" despite the best efforts of authorities to suppress it.

"Even though we monitor all trafficking activities as closely as possible, it seems their networks are becoming more complicated and difficult to trace," said Superintendent Pramote.

Ya ice and *ya bah* (methamphetamine in pill form) continue to be the illegal narcotics in highest demand in the region, he said.

The proliferation of *ya ice* use is particularly pronounced among Phuket youths. Despite the lack of any medical research or scientific proof, many choose to believe skin whitening is a positive side effect, he said.

"These drug traffickers are clever. They propagate these beliefs among youths, who accept it without proof. The only thing we can prove about *ya ice* is that it can effect your physical and mental health. The sad part is that

there are a lot of people falling for the trick, many of them first-time users," he added.

To catch a glimpse into the world of young meth users, the *Phuket Gazette* spoke to one teenage male who uses *ya ice*, but claims not to be addicted.

Under the condition of anonymity, he confirmed that *ya ice* is popular among local youths as a whitening agent, but even more so for weight loss.

"It's true that *ya ice* is used for skin whitening, mostly by girls.

When you use it in an air-conditioned room your skin will lighten faster than usual, but it won't be a natural white. It will be more like the skin you see on a vampire in a *Twilight* movie," he said.

"Not only girls use *ya ice* for dieting. Guys are using

it too. I know one guy who used it five times and he lost so much weight he looked like a different person," he said.

"Go to any well-known high school in Phuket you will be able to get it. Girls use *ya ice* for fun while having sex, but sometimes they get addicted and turn to prostitution, having sex with strangers. Ice, sex and teen prostitution are all sort of chained together."

"Costs starts from 500 baht to 1,000 baht. Besides the money they get from parents, either by

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hooked by cosmetic claims



Narcotics officer Pramote Phumprakun (top left) says the 'epidemic' of *ya ice* (right) is fuelled by claims that it has cosmetic benefits. Dr Natnaiyana Anansiriphand (bottom left) says these claims are misguided.

asking or stealing, teenage drug addicts will do anything to get money to afford *ya ice*, even criminal activities," he said.

"For me, I do *ya ice* for fun, not for dieting or skin whitening. I just wanted to try it my first time. It was cool, having fun for no reason. I did not feel hungry at all. I'll stand by the fact that *ya ice* really will make you lose weight," he said.

Psychiatric specialist Dr Natnaiyana Anansiriphand, who runs a clinic on Yaowarat Road, told the *Gazette* she conducted a short study of Phuket teens using *ya ice* for weight loss and skin whitening after hearing reports about it.

"*Ya ice* acts on parts of the brain that control appetite, so you will not be hungry or tired [when using it]. Some users lose weight, but it is only temporary. When you stop using it, you will just eat more," she said.

"As for skin whitening, loss of appetite causes an iron deficiency that causes the user to look pale, but it doesn't have any real whitening effect. Never forget that it is an addictive drug; you cannot stop using it easily. Many patients told me that they started using it

recreationally, then had to turn to dealing in order to support their growing habits," she said.

Dr Sarayuth Boonchai-panitchwattana, director of the Udon Thani Addiction Treatment Center, agreed that weight loss effects were only temporary.

"As for being a skin whitener, that's impossible. Addicts suffer from a lack of vitamins, minerals and other nutrients and end up with rough complexions," he said.

skin whitening...As far as I know there is no medical research on this because *ya ice* is drug that would never be recommended by reputable physicians. In my opinion, using *ya ice* for skin whitening purposes is just a kind of personal belief," he said.

The head of the psychiatric department at Vachira Phuket Hospital said his patients seldom ever mentioned using *ya ice* to lose weight, but said he had read

reports about it in the national media.

"In my opinion, using *ya ice* for dieting is only an excuse to mask the real motives. There are plenty of weight-loss methods. Using *ya ice* is way too dangerous, especially when you have so many better and safer

options available," he said.

"During the initial stages, the user and those around him or her probably will not be able to note any unusual physical changes, but in fact the drug is already starting to have a psychological effect," he said.

"Apart from being very expensive, *ya ice* can harm your physical and mental well-being. Who would be willing to suffer brain damage just to look skinny?" he asked.

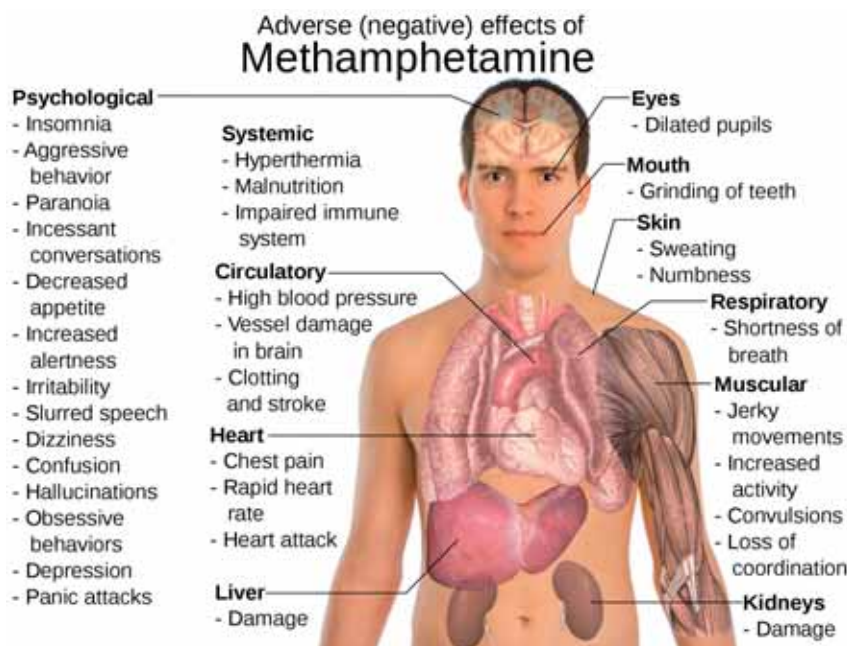


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Dr Sirisak Thitidilokrat, director of the Kalaya Ratchanakarin Institute, said long-term meth use was not only useless for skin whitening, but caused mental health problems as well. As for weight loss, many addicts are also overweight alcoholics, he wrote in a recent article.

Pattapong Santakarn, a dermatologist at Mission Hospital in Phuket, said, "I have barely heard anything about using *ya ice* for

Q&A with a recreational crystal meth user

How common is it?

Ya ice use is all too common all over the world. In Patong, it is common among thirty-somethings. It is common because it is a cheap alternative to cocaine and it is readily available in night clubs.

How often do you use it?

I do it about once every few years as I am dearly afraid of becoming addicted. They say you only have to do it three days in a row to become addicted. I had a friend who used it regularly for about a year. It nearly destroyed his mind, as it does to most *ya ice* drug abusers. It took a month-long detox to overcome his addiction and clear his mind. My friend's daughter was also addicted. Being younger, once she was removed from her druggie friends it only took her six months to recover.

Are you aware of Thai youths using *ya ice* for weight loss and skin whitening?

Not specifically for those reasons. However, they are both symptoms of drug abuse. As *ya ice* is an appetite suppressant, most users experience weight loss, and female users are actually pleased by the results. People who stay up all night getting high and then sleep all day tend to spend less time in the sun. As a result, their skin wouldn't get darker, but I doubt the drug itself makes your skin lighter.

Why do people take *ya ice*?

People use it to heighten their sensations. Naturally, it's conducive to prolonged sex, so people do it to improve their sex lives too. Unfortunately, this leads to unsafe sex, which increases the chances of becoming HIV positive.

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Dialysis center offers low-cost alternative

By Janpen Upatising

THE Laem Son Health Center began providing kidney dialysis to patients last Friday and in doing so became the first in Phuket to offer such treatment outside government hospitals.

The center, located on Pattana Thongthin Road in Wichit, cost 5 million baht to build.

"The center is open daily from 7am to 8pm and about 100 people have already registered to receive treatment here," said Pada Panakanjanakul, managing director of Ratchawat Dialysis Center Co Ltd, which is responsible for providing the medical equipment and staff at the center.

"There are 11 hemodialysis machines and each treatment session takes four hours. The center can therefore treat 33 patients per day," she added.

The center is staffed by two nurses and two assistants.

"People who present their national healthcare cards have to pay only 500 baht per treatment session, while people who present their social security healthcare cards will not have to pay anything at all as they are covered for the full cost," she said.

"We also provide treatment to people with private insurance, but we have yet to set a price. I think the rate will be somewhere between 4,000 and 6,000 baht per treatment session," Ms Pada said.

"Anyone wanting to receive the treatment can register with Wichit Municipality or at the center. However, we need medical records of



For local resident Somkid Boonjitmongkol, cost was the critical factor in using the center. Photo: Janpen Upatising



Pada Panakanjanakul

the patients from the hospitals they are receiving treatment from as well as approval from their doctors," she added.

Sirikul Limnukul, acting director of the Public Health Division

at Wichit Municipality, explained that the center was the result of the regional National Health Security Office (NHSO) recognizing that the kidney-dialysis treatment being offered at government hospitals was insufficient for the number of patients needing it.

"The NHSO contacted the Phuket Provincial Public Health Office and asked them to find local administrative organizations with the ability to set up kidney dialysis centers outside the hospitals," Ms Sirikul said.

"The PPHO contacted Wichit Mayor Kreetar Saetan and he ac-

cepted the idea because he wanted to help," she added.

For local resident Somjit Boonjitmongkol, 56, one of the first patients to receive treatment at the center, cost was the critical factor.

"I have had renal failure since late 2009. I used to receive treatment at a private hospital where the price is 2,800 baht per treatment, but my income is not as much as it used to be. I couldn't afford it.

"So I came here instead. The machines here are the same as the ones used in the private hospital," she said.



Similan Park Chief Mana Phernpool

Park chief preps Similan Islands for high season

THE chief of the Similan Islands Marine National Park is calling for all tour boat operators to register in order to be able to legally enter the park when it reopens on November 1.

Operators found entering the park without permits will be fined, warned Chief Mana Phernpool.

"So far, we have received permit applications from 35 operators. We have not set a limit on the number of permits to be issued, but the boats must meet our qualifications," he said.

"The boats must have adequate on-board wastewater treatment systems to allow safe discharge into park waters and there must be no oil leakage from the boats," he said.

Before the park reopens, officers will survey coral reefs to assess any monsoon-season damage and determine which reefs are fit for diving this year.

Several reefs were closed to divers last year so that coral could recover from bleaching.

"When the weather settles down, we will survey the damage to coral reefs and check which have recovered enough to allow diving and which need more time," Mr Mana said.

— Pimwara Choksakulpan

Musical fountain 'biggest in Thailand'

PHUKET is now home to Thailand's biggest musical fountain after a grand opening ceremony and performance at Saphan Hin last week.

More than 100 people turned up to see the first show.

Phuket Governor Tri Augkardacha lauded the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (OrBorJor) for creating a tourist attraction outside central Phuket Town, a factor he said would help develop tourism in Phuket and help keep Phuket Town "quiet".

"There are very few other attractions like this just outside town. But the musical fountain will motivate people to visit and relax here," he said.

The 60-million-baht fountain was built in honor of HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej's 84th birthday on December 5, said OrBorJor President Paiboon Upatising.

"The fountain can perform more than 100 patterns with LED lighting. It also has a high lumen projector to show videos on the



A visitor records the debut show from across the water at Saphan Hin.

curtains of water," he added.

Covering 1,000 square meters, the fountain is considered the biggest musical fountain in Thailand, Mr Paiboon said.

Popular artist Todd Tongdee Lavelle was commissioned to write the music to be played dur-

ing the light and water shows.

Each month the performance will focus on a particular theme.

"Each song highlights links between Phuket's culture and traditions with those of other peoples," Mr Lavelle said.

— Janpen Upatising



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Yingluck's Twitter hacked

PRIME Minister Yingluck Shinawatra has suspended her Twitter account after it was hacked by someone who used it to post messages mocking her government for cronyism and incompetence.

Officials investigating the debacle say they have identified the hacker and will prosecute the suspect under the 2007 Computer Crime Act. If convicted, the perpetrator faces up to five years in jail and a fine of 100,000 baht.

The hacker gained access to Mrs Yingluck's Twitter account, @PouYingluck, for about 20 minutes on Sunday, posting a series of eight messages for her 29,000 followers.

The last message read: "If she can't even protect her own Twitter account, how can she protect the country? Think about it."

Other messages criticised the record of the ruling Pheu Thai Party and the party's patron, exiled former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

"This country is a business. We work for our allies, not for the Thai people. We work for those who support us, not those who differ with us," said one tweet.

Another said: "Where are the

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opportunities for the poor? We use them, give them hope for votes so our own group can benefit."

Another tweet criticized the government policy to give tablet PCs to Thai schoolchildren, claiming it was no substitute for education reform.

Mrs Yingluck was also slammed for her response to the recent flooding, which has left more than 200 people dead and swathes of the country submerged. Rather than "image building", the premier should look for long-term solutions to the problem, one tweet said.

Information and Communications Technology Minister Anudith Nakornthap said Mrs Yingluck would now use only her Facebook account to communicate with supporters.

Mr Anudith said the hacker had stolen Mrs Yingluck's e-mail password and then passed it through her Twitter account to change the



PM Yingluck cancelled her Twitter account after it was hacked on Sunday. Photo: Tang Chhin Sothy/AFP

passwords of both accounts.

"We acknowledge the hacker did it over the mobile phone network, and we are investigating this and will finalize which mobile

network," he told *The Nation*.

Mr Anudith declined to discuss more details but confirmed the hacker is a Thai national.

The minister said it was not

surprising that the Twitter account had been hacked, noting that even US President Barack Obama's account had been hacked two years ago.

Child wounded, four killed in school attack



A checkpoint in Thailand's volatile Narathiwat province. Photo: The Nation

AROUND 18 suspected Muslim insurgents attacked a school in the Deep South's Narathiwat province late last month, killing four soldiers and wounding a child.

The attack came as human rights group Amnesty International released a report that described attacks on civilians by insurgents as "war crimes".

The latest attack came on September 28, when around 18 men dressed as paramilitaries fired on troops protecting a school in Rue So district, killing four soldiers and wounding two more. The men fled with four M-16 automatic rifles.

A 6-year-old boy was reportedly shot in the stomach.

One day earlier, Amnesty International released a report on the "internal armed conflict" in southern Thailand that has claimed almost 5,000 lives since 2004.

The report said that militants fighting for more autonomy in the

Deep South had deliberately targeted civilians, including Muslim farmers, rubber tappers, teachers, shopkeepers, in attacks that constituted "war crimes".

Two-thirds of the victims have been civilians, both Muslim and Buddhist, the report said.

"There are no circumstances in which targeting civilians is justified," said Donna Guest, Amnesty's deputy director for Asia and the Pacific, at a press conference in Bangkok.

The report also criticized the Thai authorities, saying that "human rights violations by Thai security forces have contributed to the deterioration of safety, security, and protection in the Deep South for those taking no active part in hostilities."

The use of village defence volunteers and paramilitaries had facilitated a "major proliferation" of small arms in the region, it added.

Aid group pulling out of Thailand

MEDECINS Sans Frontieres (MSF), a major international medical aid group, is pulling out of Thailand after 36 years because of government interference, leaving thousands of vulnerable migrants without access to doctors.

"We had enormous difficulties with the authorities to find strategies acceptable to them and us," head of mission in Thailand Denis Penoy told AFP.

"We were forced to close one of our private clinics and pushed to close the other."

We will not conduct any more activities and will have no repre-

sentation in Thailand," he said.

The group had operated two surgeries in Thailand that treated around 55,000 unregistered Burmese migrant workers.

The clinics, at Samut Sakhon on the outskirts of Bangkok and at Three Pagodas Pass on the Thai-Burma border in Kanchanaburi province, provided antenatal and primary healthcare to migrants who had no other way to access healthcare in Thailand.

In June, however, the two clinics were forcibly shut down by the Thai authorities.

Tun Oo, a Burmese worker at Three Pagodas Pass, told *The*

Irrawaddy: "They are like a mountain for us—one that we can rely on."

"After they left, it was as if a mountain had collapsed," he added.

"It is sad to hear that MSF is leaving, because our people still have great needs with regards to medical treatment," a female Mon healthcare worker in Sangkhlaburi told the Burmese agency. "However, we understand that Africa has more difficulties."

MSF has been working in Thailand since 1975 and had around 70 staff here.

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Signs of an end to roadside blight

THE *Phuket Gazette* fully supports the long-overdue effort by the Phuket Highways Office to remove billboards and other unsightly advertising signage from roadsides under its authority and encourages the local Department of Rural Roads and other agencies with similar authority to follow suit as soon as possible.

If there is another “tropical island paradise” with roadsides that have been more badly tarnished, we wouldn’t want to visit it. Unfortunately, the problem has grown to such a scale that an entire industry has built up around it, making it ever more difficult to solve.

The issue has been a constant source of complaints sent to the *Gazette* over the years, as well as the subject of much futile editorializing in this space. The authorities have not only ignored the problem, but have actually made it worse by being among its most active participants.

Tambon administration and municipal officials, the provincial office, police and even religious proselytizers are among the many contributing parties. How else can one explain how “Joe’s Fishballs” is allowed to erect a sign along a major thoroughfare advising motorists that the delicacies lie just 2.8km ahead?

Let’s hope for the sake of what is left of the island’s once-beautiful scenery that the officials involved take off the blinders and start diverting resources to more effective and environmentally friendly ways of disseminating information, such as by posting it on their own websites or simply alerting the media through professional press releases – not by fax, as most do now.

It seems that no roadside on the island has been spared this urban blight. Even the lovely, tree-lined Damrong Road that runs along the base of Toh Sae Hill and through the main area for government offices has recently been targeted. Those exiting the back entrance to the century-old Phuket Provincial Hall are immediately struck with visual pollution in the form of multiple placards touting the offerings of a pre-roasted chicken retailer, and the latest condo project on offer by a large real estate firm.

It is unclear why Phuket City Municipality, which presumably has jurisdiction over this particular stretch of road, allows such eyesores to remain there.

The visual pollution is hardly limited to roadsides. The median strip along Phra Phuketkan Road in Kathu now features electric “scroll” signs that are a safety hazard to motorists, while the number of ear-splitting sound trucks rolling along in slow-motion convoys probably exceeds the number of public transport vehicles on the island.

The authorities might not be able to prevent private landowners from doing what they want on their own property, but let’s hope they can at least put an end to the ugliness that defiles roadsides that theoretically belong to all of us.

– The Editor



‘Raging bull’ tourist speaks out

Re: *Gazette online, Rampaging Phuket elephant whereabouts unclear, September 28*

My girlfriend and I were on the elephant that attacked Pancake (the female elephant carrying the Ukrainian honeymooners) at the time of the attack and can definitely confirm that there was no monitor lizard.

We were waiting for our elephant to take the lead and when it refused to move the handler hit our elephant with a stick, which then prompted our elephant to start attacking pancake.

He hit and pushed her over and then continued to stab pancake a number of times while she was crushing the Ukrainian lady.

I was slightly injured on my arm by a low lying branch.

The staff on-site were quite helpful – not sure who would be to blame. However, if it was the same elephant (as the one that went on a rampage in January 2010), then the camp owners are definitely responsible for the attack.

Glad to see you reporting on this incident.

We called the camp a few days after the incident to try find out further information on the [Ukrainian] couple and they refused to talk to us.

I hope the injured lady gets well soon.

Shane Hamilton
Singapore

Talking trash

As a very frequent tourist to your beautiful island, I would like to say that I do concur with “Logic’s” comments in a letter in the September 24 issue about the state of Patong Beach.

Over the years there seems to be more rubbish building up

Letters to the Editor

each year. Why doesn’t the local government purchase a tractor and fit a rubbish collection trap on the back of it?

The tractor could make four or five round trips each morning before anyone arrives and the beach would be clean.

I also agree that there needs to be more rubbish bins made available for everyone. Please don’t let the lazy, thoughtless holiday makers spoil the beach for everyone.

Dave in Oz
Australia

Paraglide plunger sets record straight

Re: *Gazette online, German safe after Phuket paraglide plunge, September 24*

Regarding your recent article about my paragliding accident at Nai Harn, the story contains information which is misleading to your readers.

After the accident I walked clear of the area and called an ambulance myself to obtain medical assistance. My injuries consisted of a small fracture to a wristbone on my right arm. My left arm is fine.

Whilst receiving medical attention, a female approached but was declined a statement from me. It appears that the information regarding the accident was obtained from other sources with some self publicity in mind.

At no time was I “missing” and found in the jungle behind Royal Phuket Yacht Club.

I was accompanied by two other friends who were well

aware of my accident.

I was experimenting with a new racing wing and well aware of the risk that new equipment can bring, but in order to use it you have to fly with it.

There was an attempt and collection of money two years ago to set up a club by Dr Prasert Theplaong DDS, but I am not aware of the existence of this club as yet.

Ralph Lüdtkke
Phuket

Police credibility out on bail

Re: *Gazette online, Police believe Fake DSI agent is on the run in Phuket, October 4*

How can you find credibility in the police when you read something like that?

“The police would not seek charges of impersonating a police officer because the suspect was not using the disguise to defraud people at the time of arrest...”

No, he only impersonated a police officer *after* his arrest. There is an arrest warrant out already and they let him out on bail? Unbelievable.

Frank Heise
Phuket

Invest in education

Seeing as the minimum wage is to go up, I wonder if it has ever been seriously considered to raise the wages of foreign language teachers – you know, investing in the future of the nation.

Maybe I’m presumptuous, but it seems that developing competence in, let’s say, English and Chinese, might be beneficial.

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Daily wage hike a beginner's mistake

FIRST PERSON

I ALWAYS question where in the world the 300 baht figure came from. Why 300 baht?

There must be some logical answer, but I have never been able to find out how it was arrived at.

It does not make any sense to increase the minimum wage to 300 baht because it was just increased to 221 baht in January this year.

The problem is that the policy is the work of politicians who lack sufficient knowledge about economics.

This should be the realm of economists, not politicians. Hence, what is happening is that by trying to resolve a current problem the government is just creating new problems in the future.

This is not the way to drive the country forward. The minimum wage must reflect actual living costs, which vary from area to area.

For example, the minimum wage in some provinces is 171 baht.

If it is increased to 300 baht, that is more than an 80% increase. I don't think it is possible.

Any basic textbook could explain the many problematic issues involved.

In the USA they announce a federal minimum wage rate, but let states fix their own minimum wages



Phuket native **Bhumikitti "Ko" Ruktaengam** is a vice president of the Phuket Tourist Association. The holder of an MBA from the University of Missouri in Kansas City, Mr Bhumikitti is currently managing director of the Bundarika Villas & Suites on Layan Beach. Here he talks about the government's controversial policy to increase the daily minimum wage to 300 baht.

to reflect their own situations.

If we pay forty or fifty baht for lunch in Phuket, we might still leave the restaurant hungry. Pay forty or fifty baht for lunch in Phattalung and we will probably be full.

This is just one example of the way the cost of living varies from locale to locale. It should not be left to outsiders to decide upon and announce a flat 300-baht minimum wage across the entire country.

When you just announce that the minimum wage will increase to 300 baht, the cost of living will increase in anticipation of the wage hike.

Have you ever seen a minimum wage decrease? I haven't.

So even if you increase the minimum wage to 300 baht, a laborer's net income will remain the same.

Don't think they will have more money left over for living expenses because they will not.

As for raising the rate in selected high-cost-of-living provinces, if the minimum wage in Phuket increases to 300 baht, a lot of people will come here in search of work.

This will lead to an increase in the use of public utilities and strain our already overburdened infrastructure.

More people, means more problems, such as traffic jams and even criminal activity.

I agree with increasing the minimum wage, but only if it is justified by high costs of living in a particular area, not for the entire country.

If the government cannot implement this policy effectively, I am afraid the inevitable result will be inflation and fundamental damage to our economic structure.



A devotee at this year's Phuket Vegetarian Festival. Photo: Dean Noble

Stuck with you

Island View

By Damien Evans

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

I CANNOT believe the people who keep complaining about the so-called "horrific" images that the annual Vegetarian Festival presents. I guess for some people Phuket is just not Western enough for them.

Whether or not the reasons people stick anything through their faces and parade down a street are "valid" or "genuine" according to tradition is simply not for me to decide. It doesn't matter what I think.

These people do what they do for reasons they believe in – not me. This festival is a Phuket tradition, and I as a foreigner ask to live here.

What locals uphold as their local traditions is for me to accept, not challenge.

This is not to confuse the problem with people sticking guns, umbrellas or anything else "non-traditional" through their faces. My understanding is that nearly

every *mah song* ("spirit medium") is attached to one of the participating shrines.

If the shrines aren't happy with what some people are doing, that's for them to sort out, as highlighted by the story in the *Gazette* about the shrine organizers calling for people to report any *mah song* not using "traditional" implements.

People around the world are well aware of what happens at this festival. Just this morning the *Guardian*, *Daily Mail* and even the *Wall Street Journal* showed such images.

So what's the problem with foreigners actually living here? If they want the Costa del Sol, then go there.

Issues & Answers... ...asking the questions that affect you...

License to sell

Does one need to have a local real-estate license or company to deal in real estate?

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Phuket

An officer at the Phuket Provincial Prosecutor's Legal Aid office replies:

According to Thai law, it is illegal for foreigners to work in real estate.

You cannot be a real-estate agent yourself in Thailand unless you do so under the name of a Thai company, which means you would have to set up a company with Thais holding at least 51 per cent of the shares.

If you are a Thai who would like to sell real estate, you can do so without any license.

Immigration frustration

When I collected my work permit at the Employment Office in Phuket Town, I was informed by the officer that it is illegal to take

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my work permit book out of the country.

Since I received my work permit, I have left the country several times mostly for my visa run as I have a non-immigrant B multiple-entry 90-day stay visa for a year.

I arrived back in Phuket from Kuala Lumpur on August 22 only to get a rude immigration officer at the airport who asked me what kind of job I did in Phuket.

I told him what I did and he insisted that I provide him with my work permit.

I told him I did not have it with me as I was flying back from outside Thailand, but he started getting rude and yelling at me telling me that he would not stamp my passport and I would be deported.

I informed him that I was in-

formed by the Employment Office in Phuket that I cannot take my work permit out of the country, but he kept yelling at me and refused to stamp my passport.

I gave him a photocopy of my work permit but he kept insisting on seeing the original.

I asked to speak to his duty officer, but he just walked away from the counter.

I rang my Thai lawyer who set up my company and my work permit and had her talk to this immigration officer in Thai – he hung up the call twice.

On the third call, he informed my lawyer that I have to apologize to him before he would stamp my passport.

I was not ready to apologize for something when I did no wrong.

I stood there looking at him until he finally stamped my passport.

So can anyone clarify what the correct procedure is in this situation?

Jack
Patong

An Immigration Police officer at Phuket International Airport replies:

It is not against the law to bring your work permit out of the country. It is suggested to keep it with yourself at all time.

The question the Immigration officer asked about the work permit was a normal question to ask a non-immigrant type B visa holder.

People who have work permits must have them available to present when requested by officials.

Do I need a work permit to sell my stamp collection?

I have a stamp collection that I'm now thinking of selling on eBay.

Do I need a work permit to do this?

Kjell Oedegaarden
Phuket

Noppadol Ployudee, chief of the Phuket Provincial Employment Office, replies:

It depends on whether you are selling them as a hobby or as a business.

If you intend to sell them as a

business, of course you have to apply for a work permit.

Selling stamps as a business means, for example, that you are selling them all year long, or you are planning to buy them from somewhere else and sell them via the internet.

If you are only selling them for fun or making an exchange in a "group", you do not have to apply for a work permit.

If you only have a stamp collection and you want to sell it on the internet, you don't have to apply for a work permit as this would be considered a hobby.

A work permit application takes a week to two weeks to process, so by the time you obtain your work permit your stamp collection may have sold.

You should come to our office and give us more information about your plans. There is no specific law for this – it is case-by-case.

You have to clarify what you are going to do with your stamps to our officers and we will be able to give you the right answer.

For more information, please feel free to contact the Phuket Provincial Employment Office by calling 076 219 660 or 076 219 661.

Phuket may get a trade office

By Janpen Upatising

DEPARTMENT of Foreign Trade (DFT) officials have proposed building an office in Phuket as part of a government strategy to improve services for businesses ahead of the 2015 ASEAN Economic Community (AEC).

The officials were in Phuket on September 27 to discuss the issue with Phuket Governor Tri Augkaradacha, who expressed interest in the proposal.

Phuket is one of seven provinces being considered for new foreign trade offices.

"We would like to study the suitability

of setting up offices in provinces with high trade volumes. We think that expanding our services will be beneficial for the upcoming AEC," said Khemathat Archawathamorong, a DFT trade officer.

The DFT contingent visited Tak, Kanchanaburi, Mukdahan, Ubon Ratchathani, Si Sa Ket and Ranong provinces where similar proposals were made.

DFT Regional Coordination Center Director Sanan Charnsitpisarn said that the main service provided by such an office would be to issue documentation, such as certificates of origin, required for importing and exporting goods.

"We have six regional offices across the

country – in Chiang Mai, Songkhla, Chon Buri, Sa Kaeo, Nong Khai and Chiang Rai.

"We feel we need to set up more offices in areas that have opportunities to increase trade among neighboring and distant countries," Mr Sanan said.

Highlighting Phuket's relevance, Mr Sanan said that the combined gross value of imports and exports for Phuket was about 1.7 billion baht per month. That figure is expected to gradually increase, he said.

Having an office in Phuket would help reduce the workload at the Songkhla office, he added. However, the DFT does not yet

have a budget to construct such an office, Mr Sanan said.

"We still do not know where we would set up an office in Phuket, but we would like to make it happen before 2015.

We'll compile the results of our studies in each province and present them to the director general for consideration," he said. Gov Tri was supportive of the idea.

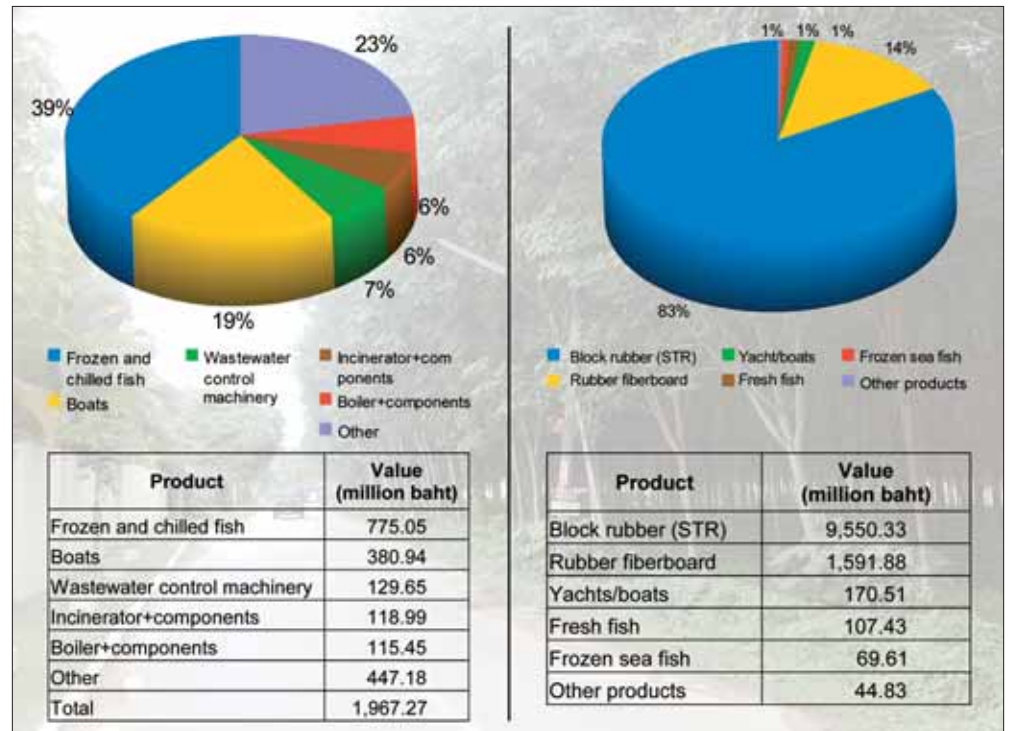
"It would be a very good thing to have a

foreign trade office here, and we are delighted to help," he expressed. "It would be convenient for business operators in Phuket and nearby provinces," he added.

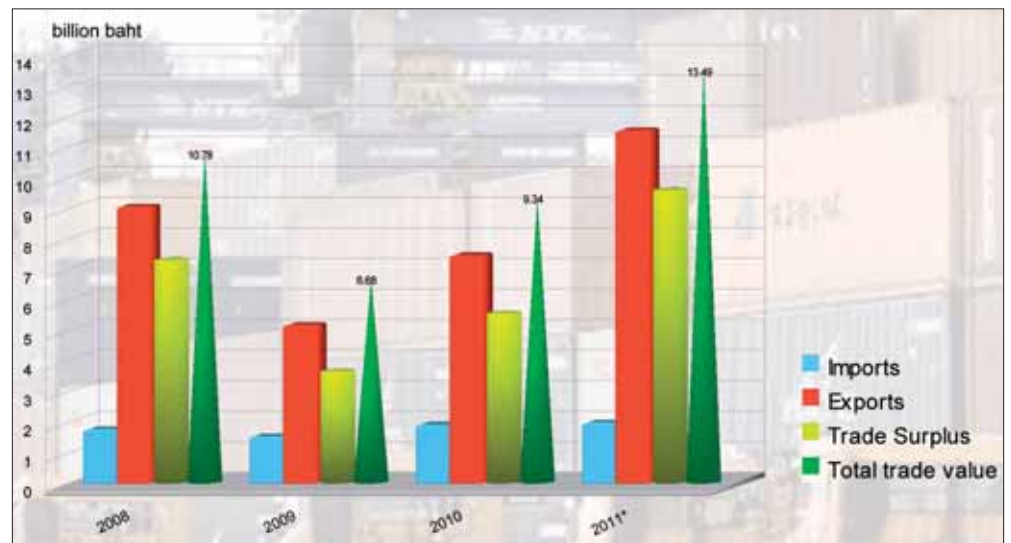
The bulk of Phuket's exports is rubber and seafood products, while imports include boats and related materials, and electronic



CONCERNED: Gov Tri told DFT officials that Phuket Deep Sea Port needs warehouses.



THRIVING: The pie graphs above show Phuket's top imports (left) and exports (right) this year; the bar graph below compares Phuket trade values over 4 years. Source: Customs



appliances, Gov Tri said.

"However, the obstacle is at the Deep Sea Port where rubber products are shipped. There is no warehouse for stocking goods, let alone the cranes needed to lift them.

He is also concerned about the threats the AEC poses on small to medium-sized enterprises in Phuket. "We cannot compete with foreigners in terms of capital and know-how," Gov Tri warned.

Sansiri enters Phuket market

SANSIRI, one of Bangkok's leading property developers, has announced plans to enter the Phuket market with the launch of three developments on the island, starting with a condominium project in Kathu in the final quarter of the year.

The three projects – among a total of nine which the company has in the pipeline – will be marketed under different brands.

A duplex project will be branded 'Habitia'; a two-story townhouse development will take

the name 'Habitown', and the condominium will take the company's 'D-Condo' brand.

The D-Condo project, worth 560 million baht, will be the first project to market, with pre-sales opening on October 15 and 16.

Habitia and Habitown are set to follow next year.

Settha Thaweesin, managing director of Sansiri, said D-Condo is targeting people who are working in Phuket and require a home in a convenient location to access both Phuket Town and Patong.

"We're confident that continuous brand-building and recognition of the quality of our projects among customers will ensure we get a good reaction from customers in Phuket," he said.

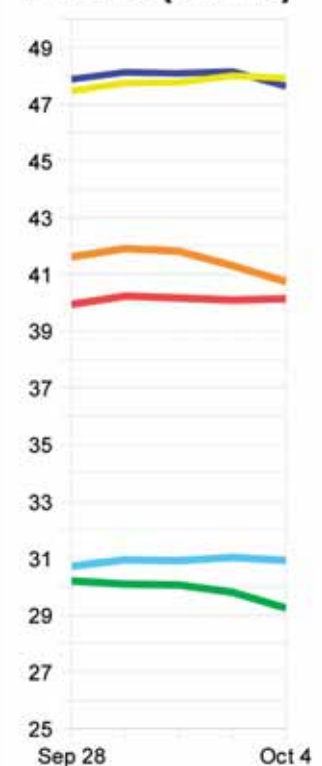
Mr Settha said the company had targeted investments in other tourism centers in the country and was in the process of studying the possibilities.

Sansiri believes that the property market will continue to grow in the final quarter of this year. The company has already recorded pre-sales of 17 billion baht so far in 2011.

The government's first-home scheme to give tax exemptions for units priced up to 5 million baht will help drive demand, Mr Settha said.

Phuket is the second location, after Hua Hin, in Sansiri's expansion outside Bangkok.

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Local spa sector recovering

PHUKET is already well known for its sun, sea and sand, but perhaps it's time to add another "s" to the list: spas.

The island has a growing roster of world-class spa facilities that are helping to build Phuket's reputation as a health tourism destination.

The spa industry in Chiang Mai is estimated to be worth 500 million baht per year. By comparison, Phuket's spa trade is estimated to be worth 3 billion baht per year, at least six times as much.

Wichien Juthamongkol, former head of Phuket Spa Association, said the industry had grown in fits and starts over the past five years. New facilities are being opened every year, with investments of between 5 and 300 million baht.

But while tourism is the industry's lifeblood, this also presents a problem, since it relies almost totally on foreign customers, Mr Wichien said.

The spa industry's major challenge now is to raise quality and safety standards so that Phuket's massage services are trusted around the world. It also needs the application of a single set of quality standards so that a clear grading system can be introduced.

The Phuket Spa Association has 60 members and is trying to help operators lift standards to comply with those set by the Department

of Health Service Support under the Ministry of Public Health.

Rangsiman Kingkaew, the current head of Phuket Spa Association, said one of his organization's problems was the difficulty in determining exactly how many spas and massage shops there are in Phuket.

Some health massage shops offer spa services and it's unclear how to classify them under the law, he said.

Mr Rangsiman said there needed to be an easier way to determine how to classify such establishments. At present, officials are having to use their own judgment in deciding if a facility should be classed as a spa or health massage center.

"[According to] figures that the association has collected, today there are 80 health spas that have been accredited by the Phuket Public Health Office," he said.

Mr Rangsiman added that there were about 300 day spas and that of Phuket's 700 hotels, more than half had spas, though the association did not know how many fully complied with the law.

"The number of spas in 3- to 5-star resorts and hotels is not less than 300," he said. "In Patong in particular there are almost 100 places. At a guess, it looks like there are more than 3,000 Thai



RUBBING THE RIGHT WAY: Spa trainees learn correct massage techniques.

traditional massage therapists in Phuket," he said.

Mr Rangsiman said the industry had changed quite a lot over the past decade.

When Asian tourists started visiting Phuket in greater numbers, many day spas opened specifically to cater for tourists on group tours from places like China, Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong. But after the 2004 tsunami that struck South Asia, the numbers of Asian visitors to Phuket dried up.

Since then, day spas have increasingly been replaced by spas

inside hotels and resorts.

The day spa industry has been patchy, with a lot of owners selling up and leaving the industry, he said.

The recent political strife in Thailand also scared off many Asian tourists, though they are starting to return and have been supplemented by the new Russian market.

Day spas have thus grown in popularity again and are forcing hotels to offer heavy discounts on their generally more pricey services, he said.

— Prachachat Thurakit

Two Phuket resorts win WTA awards

TWO PHUKET resorts were recognized at this year's World Travel Awards (WTA) Asian regional award ceremony held on September 28 at Dusit Thani Bangkok. Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket bagged two awards as Thailand's Leading Golf Resort and Leading Beach Resort, while Ramada Resort Karon was awarded Asia's Leading Family Resort.

Other regional resort winners included Le Meridien Khao Lak Beach & Spa Resort, named Thailand's Leading Spa Resort, and Layana Resort & Spa in Krabi which was named Asia's Leading Spa Resort.

Two resorts were also recognized in Koh Samui: The Six Senses Hideaway was named Asia's Leading Honeymoon Resort while Four Seasons Resort was named Asia's Leading Beach Resort. The award ceremony's host Dusit Thani Bangkok triumphed as Asia's Leading City Hotel and Thailand's Leading Business Hotel. Banyan Tree was named Asia's Leading Hotel brand while the Peninsula Hotels were named Asia's leading resort brand. Malaysia Airlines made Asia's Leading Airline while Bangkok Airways made Asia's Leading Regional Airline.

Thailand to lead 'education export' market?

THAILAND aims to position itself as a hub for international education and take full advantage of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) set to take effect in 2015, the state-run National News Bureau of Thailand (NNT) reported on its website last week.

Such a bold declaration, echoing similar grand policy initiatives under the government of former premier Thaksin Shinawatra, has triggered mixed reactions from proponents and critics alike.

As Thailand already boasts one of the largest expatriate populations among the 10 ASEAN member states, it comes as no surprise that it also has one of the highest number of international schools and programs.

The International School Asso-

ciation of Thailand (ISAT) currently lists 93 member schools, a figure which continues to rise with new programs being established every year.

The presence of so many international education options gives Thailand a good base to establish itself as a regional hub, yet rigid immigration regulations could put the country at a comparative disadvantage with its neighbors in the new regional education market.

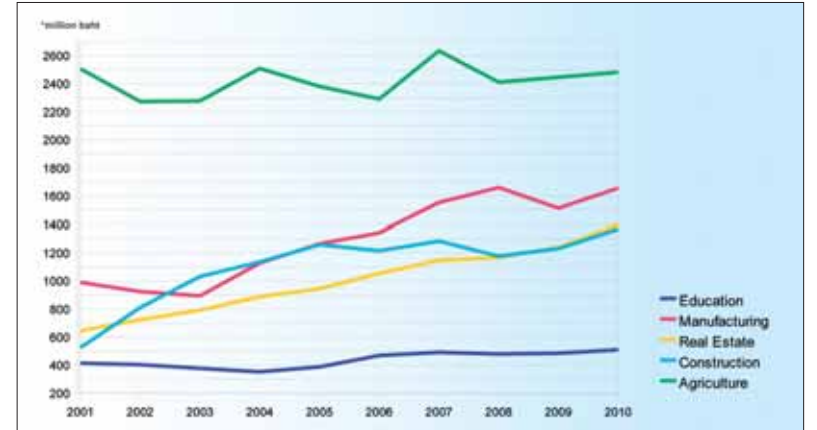
One example is the statute that requires parents of foreign children to take time off from work and take their kids out of school to queue up at the local immigration office every 90 days to report their address, even if they are in possession of valid visas and permits-to-stay.

While the establishment of the AEC is expected to lead to the easing of some of these restrictions, it seems that most if not all the benefits will be reaped by nationals of ASEAN-member countries, not expat residents from other countries.

The director of one international school in Phuket told the *Gazette* one benefit he foresees from the new AEC trade agreement is an increased supply of more affordable, English-speaking teachers.

"If I had to choose between hiring a swim teacher from a western country and one from Singapore, both equally qualified, I would choose the Singaporean," he said.

While an influx of qualified teachers from ASEAN states may



GPP: The education sector in Phuket is growing slowly but surely.

indeed lower payroll overhead costs at schools with international programs, any such reduction is unlikely to decrease tuition fees, which will continue to rise along with the cost of living.

The vast majority of Thai households will thus continue to find difficulty in attaining premium "imported" educational services.

— Steven Layne

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TrueMove-H: New kid on the wireless block



Live Wire

By Woody Leonhard

LAST week in Live Wire I talked about finding a good wireless Internet service provider. At the time I didn't have enough first-hand experience with the new True wireless system, called TrueMove-H, to give you a definitive opinion about the service. Now I have a week of "3G+" under my belt, and the results are good, but not great.

A little background. I've been using True's "3G" HSPA service for several months. Here in Phuket, the old HSPA service was available only on the west coast, and from one tower on top of Bangkok Hospital Phuket. It provided decent service – never went down, as far as I know – but the speeds weren't fantastic, and the geographical restriction to a thin slice of the island put a big dent in the kind of service you'd expect from a wireless internet connection.

All that has changed. As of last week, you can't even sign up for an old (as in four-months-old) True "3G" HSPA account. When you walk up to a True counter these days, the only wireless on offer is the new TrueMove-H "3G+" service.

The timeline is a bit confusing, but suffice it to say that True bought out Hutch in Bangkok, and decided to put HSPA+ service all over Thailand. (The whole story is considerably more complicated: the TrueMove-H service isn't actually from True, but from a subsidiary). Both True and Hutch run on the CAT towers and network. That means TrueMove-H only works at 850 MHz, an important point that I talked about in last week's Live Wire.

If you already have the old True HSPA "3G" package, True will send you an SMS with a dire warning: you have to go to True and switch SIM cards. The process isn't difficult, but you should take your phone with you. There are specific settings that have to be typed into your phone or tablet to get them to work with the new system. After you sign up, it can take three days for your new SIM card to work. Once the registration time has passed – you'll get another SMS – you simply swap out the old SIM card for the new. Once you've registered your new SIM card, the old SIM card won't work.

Before you start guffawing about the "+" in "3G+" take note: TrueMove-H uses HSPA+ technology. Arguably, it's the first "real 3G" available in Phuket. Take a look at my April 27 Live Wire column for an explanation of HSPA+ and to see where it fits in the speed pantheon. The same technology sold in the U.S. by Verizon is called "4G." But that's another story for another time.

Right now, we're seeing international download speeds, which are posted at PhuketInternetSpeed.com, at between 1,300 and 2,200 Kbps – which is fast enough to run standard video (not high definition). Compare that with AIS's HSPA "3G" service, which is currently running 400 to 800 Kbps. At this point, my 759 baht/month TrueMove-H wireless account is running faster than my 1,400 baht/month True 10 Mbps wired ADSL account.

Of course, as the service catches on, the speeds may well plummet. That's what happened with AIS. If True doesn't spend enough to keep up on international bandwidth for the TrueMove-H service, its speeds will suffer too. Time will tell.

TrueMove-H "3G+" isn't expensive. Here



Will wireless 3G+ TrueMove-H hit 42 Mbps? It's kind of hard to believe when the fastest wired connections in Phuket rarely top 11 Mbps.

are the options you're most likely to consider:

The standard phone package, with 250 minutes of voice time and 1.5 GB of internet traffic (enough for web surfing and a reasonable volume of email) runs at 649 baht/month. The better-endowed phone package, with 500 minutes of talk and 3 GB of data, comes in at 899 baht.

True insists upon calling their 3 GB capped packages "unlimited" but they aren't unlimited at all: once you exceed 3 GB of data during a monthly billing cycle, your speed is automatically throttled to a nominal 384 Kbps. The service is "unlimited" in the sense that you can download an unlimited amount of data, albeit at reduced speeds.

The standard tablet package – where you don't care about phone minutes – gets a bit of a break, with 3 GB of monthly capped data at 759 baht/month.

There are less-expensive packages, but all of those have an absolute limit on the amount of data you can use per month: if you go over the limit, your account's shut off for the rest of the month.

Right now there are three companies providing wireless internet access in Phuket: TrueMove, AIS and CAT. If you have a phone or tablet that you want to hook into the internet, your choice may be dictated by the network frequency (see last week's Live Wire for details). If your phone or tablet can support both

850 MHz and 900 MHz HSPDA, or if you're going to buy a new phone, or use a USB dongle or MyFi router for access, you can choose between AIS and TrueMove. At this point, given the choice, I would go with TrueMove. In fact, that's exactly what I've done: both my iPad 2 and my Samsung Galaxy (one of the old cheap ones!) run on TrueMove-H. So far, no complaints.

Next week in Live Wire, I'll talk about general strategies for signing up for an Internet service in Phuket.

If you aren't yet reporting your speeds on PhuketInternetSpeed.com, please drop by and sign up! It's free, only takes a few seconds, and the results help everybody figure out what's working and what's not worth the effort. Remember that all of the data – more than 23,000 reported sightings at this point – is immediately available to anybody who wants to download, look at or fiddle with the results. Also remember that the Internet Service Providers are watching the reports.

Live Wire is Phuket Gazette columnist Woody Leonhard's weekly snapshot of all things internet in Phuket. Follow him on Twitter: @PhuketPC, "like" his page at facebook.com/SandwichShoppes, or visit his free Sunday morning computer clinics at Woody's Sandwich Shoppes.

A spectacular blow up

DIGHTON Aggressive Segregated Portfolio (ASP) has just provided the material for a really great lesson in controlling risk. This fund trades a strategy that tends to flaunt risk, plunging its entire lot into one idea.

It returned over 30 per cent per annum for many years and often was the one fund in a portfolio holding things up when all else was heading south. Yet, the party was always very likely to end one day.

In one of the sharpest outlier moves in the history of foreign-

Retirement Years

By David Mayes

exchange markets, Dighton ASP and its investors were handed an 81% loss over a few months when their bet that the Swiss francs' move against the US dollar had gone too far, was proven wrong.

A big question is how to take advantage of the good times in a fund like this, while being protected

from a blow up if it should ever come to pass. The answer comes in a few parts.

First, an initial allocation should be made such that if it immediately heads straight down, one's overall wealth will remain intact.

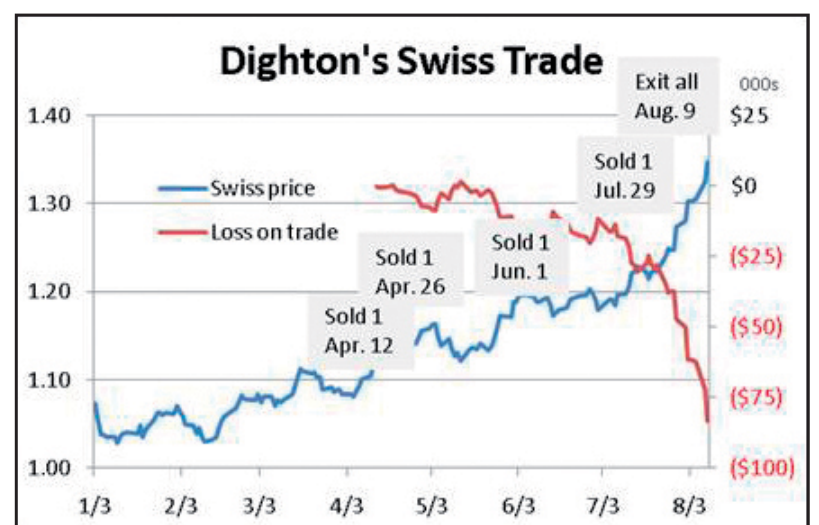
Somewhere in the range of 3-5% is the sweet spot, as a hit this size is relatively easy to recover from. In fact, most mutual funds require investors take up to a 5% hit up front just to invest. Should the worst case scenario come to pass, the investor's portfolio will be fine.

As the fund goes on to perform well, cash in on profits from time to time and 'rebalance' the weighting.

If the fund grows 100% over two years, assuming the rest of the portfolio has performed averagely, the initial 5% could grow to around 10% of the investor's portfolio. Sell enough to bring it back down to the original allocation percentage.

Many people make the mistake of adding to the funds in the portfolio that have performed the best for them. This can have terrible consequences.

By rebalancing, even investors in the famous Madoff Ponzi scheme had recouped their original investments and some profits,



losing only what they had left in to "let it ride".

Another way to get access to high-performing funds while mitigating the risk somewhat is to look into the fund's individual risk control methods.

Dighton returned cumulatively around 30% or so per annum, but they threw caution to the wind.

There are other funds that have achieved similar returns, but take more diversified positions and limit "per trade" risk.

Dighton used a mean reversion strategy, and these tend to blow up sooner or later. They bet that trends would end once they have run longer than normal, based on historical probabilities.

Trend-following funds take the

opposite approach and bet that newly formed trends will continue, and they risk a small amount per trade. Of course these also use leverage, and a string of bad trades can cause a "slow bleed" effect, which can end up losing just as much money.

In the end, investors need to be able to handle the risk in any investment, and always consider the worst case scenario. If you can't handle the worst case, the investment is not right for you.

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TRI TIM KEEPS ON TRYING: In preparation for the LPT, Tim has already met several milestones, including biking 55km, swimming 2km, and jogging 20km of the Layan/Naithon hills.



'Tri Tim' conquers Naithon hills

Tim Haddon, Director of Golf at Laguna Phuket Golf Club, is an underdog who has undertaken the challenge of participating in the Laguna Phuket Triathlon 2011 which will take place in Phuket on 27 November. In this third part of an eight-part article, he assesses his current athletic abilities, and his chances for success at the event.

Milestones and achievements

AT THE start of this adventure, I had never trained for anything other than golf, and I had no real background in any of the three disciplines which comprise the triathlon.

Learning that I can swim two kilometers was a huge milestone, and completing my first 55km bike ride was another revelation. But the biggest challenge was the Layan/Naithon hills that make up the first 20km of the Laguna Phuket Triathlon (LPT) bike course. I knew that my training in the gym – namely spin classes and weight training – prepared me

for the task of making it over the 15km hill section, but it was not yet tested.

Nineteen weeks after my first session, the time had come. Sparring me a sleepless night, Darren hit me with the news when we met for our training ride last Sunday afternoon.

We had a 20km ride to get to our starting point – the foot of the first hill – which gave me plenty of time to prepare mentally. We stopped at the base of the first hill to talk about how I would do this, which basically consisted of “what ever you do, don’t stop pushing”.

With my head down and tail up, what seemed like a very short period was actually six minutes out of the saddle. I was stoked, but with four hills to go, I was still apprehensive. Surprisingly, the hills all went by very quickly, including the last long climb that took me out of Naithon Beach.

Once that was conquered, a weight dropped off my shoulders: I knew I was able to do this. I think Darren also realized the significance of me conquering the hill section on my first time out.

Overcoming setbacks

My body has never been through this type of training regime, and other than the normal aches and pains associated with such rigorous exercise, a continuing nagging knee pain was the only thing holding me back.

Darren asked me to see an osteopath who told me that I have Patella Femoral Syndrome, a common complaint for runners where the underside of the kneecap becomes rough and does not track properly over the femur, causing pain for days following a training session.

Darren has now adjusted my training to include more time on a cross-training machine, which simulates running without severe impact. The plan is to look after my knee as much as possible, and to run as far as I can on the day of the triathlon.

From the very beginning Darren has adjusted my training routines to incorporate plenty of rest when it’s needed to avoid serious injury. With the tight time line leading up to this event, a serious injury would most likely mean I wouldn’t get to race.

Another setback is that I keep falling off the bike when I stop. This is frustrating, as I should know when to unclip the pedals. My latest grapple with gravity was at the Heroines’ Monument last Sunday in front of a large crowd.

Darren consoled me by telling me that there are only two types of serious bike riders, those who have already fallen off, and those who will.

Benefits in day-to-day life

The most obvious benefit is that I feel a lot more fit and stronger from week to week, which is having a positive impact on both my energy levels and my outward confidence.

Clearly, with this much training I don’t have a lot of free time. On top of my 10 hour plus working day, I’m training up to nine times a week, but it’s all worth it. My family doesn’t see a lot of me, but they are also seeing the benefits of this journey.

Training intensity

Gradually Darren increases the rate of training so that I get the same feeling of fatigue after a session, but I’m riding further, swimming further and lifting more weights. He always says “train hard to race easy”. For example, our weekly bike rides now exceed 55km (the distance of the LPT bike leg). In the weeks to come we will be doing the full bike course twice in a single session.

Training schedule

I don’t want to give myself any reason to fail, so I have followed Darren’s training program quite rigorously, except when I have to travel. Even then I make sure I do some kind of exercise.

Confidence in facing the LPT

Darren’s training has increased my confidence to an all time high, but there’s a certain nervousness that I will have all the way up to the starting gun that only race experience can alleviate. What’s it like swimming with hundreds of other people? Will the transitions be chaotic? Will I come last?

With this in mind, I entered a slightly shorter Olympic distance triathlon in Hua Hin during August with Darren and some other Phuket-based triathletes.

This gave me a chance to test myself in race conditions in an easier event away from the spotlight of Phuket.

Darren, rightly so, thought it would be a good idea to test a bit of the swim course the day before so that on the race day I would not be entering the ocean for the first time ever.

Only 300 yards into this practice swim I got stung quite badly by a jellyfish and spent the afternoon in the hospital. I couldn’t race the next day, which was disappointing, but gladly the rest of our group successfully completed the race.

I’ll have to learn what it will be like on race day through Darren.

Although he’s now an experienced triathlete, there was a time when he made all the same mistakes that I am making now, which makes him the perfect coach.

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Dark doings in the Amazon

Books

By James Eckardt

ANN Patchett's seventh novel *State of Wonder* (Harper Collins, New York, 2011, 353pp) made a big splash upon publication, with many critics comparing it to Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*.

This is nonsense. Comparing Kurtz, the cruel conqueror of an African tribe in the heart of the Congo, to Dr Annick Swenson, an elderly, eccentric and cleverly mendacious medical researcher in the Brazilian Amazon, is a stretch. And she's not that far from civilization – she's only a short boat ride from the capital of Manaus.

Still, this is a gripping read. Ann Patchett is a master of the novelist's craft and she lays out an intricate and convincing plot. She holds off introducing Dr Annick Swenson, surrounded by mystery and controversy, until the novel is one third underway.

Rather, the focus of the book – the Charles Marlow character – is Dr Marina Singh, a research biologist at a Minnesota pharmaceutical firm. Dr Swenson has been in the jungle for decades, searching for an Indian natural remedy that prolongs fertility into the fifties and sixties.

Dr Swenson's colleague, Anders Eckman, had been sent to bring Dr Swenson and her research notes back home, but Dr Swenson has written a cold and concise letter reporting that Eckman has died of a jungle fever. Dr Singh is se-

lected and sent to replace him.

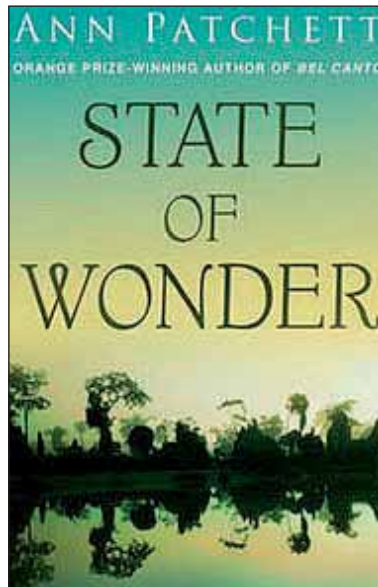
In Manaus, Singh is artfully put in her place by an array of characters dedicated to protecting Swenson's isolation.

Then, accompanied by a deaf-mute Indian boy named Easter, Swenson makes a dramatic appearance at the opening of Glock's Orfeo ed Euridice at the Teatro Amazonas, the legendary opera house that rose upon the Amazon's rubber boom at the turn of the 20th century.

"The building itself was the performance, the two long marble staircases curving in front, the high blue walls piped with crisp white embellishments, the great tiled dome that must have been torn from a Russian palace by a monstrous storm and blown all the way to South America...Marina thought of it as the line of civilization that held the jungle back. Surely without the opera house the vines would have crept up over the city and swallowed it whole."

Swenson's arrival is worth the wait. She is curt, imperious, majestic, eloquent – and a prodigious liar. As a surgical professor at Johns Hopkins, she had terrified Marina Singh. She does so again, over the course of weeks at her camp in the riverside village of the Lakashi tribe, as she deftly manipulates Singh and drops veil upon veil of deceptions.

Naturally, I won't reveal these. But Swenson's aim is to convince Singh to stay and take over her mission which she, in turn, had inherited from her own mentor and lover, the



PEN/FAULKNER AWARD AND ORANGE PRIZE WINNER: Ann Patchett's gripping mystery novel about deception and controversy in the deep jungles of the Amazon River in South America. Photo: Shaan Hurley

swashbuckling Martin Rapp.

There are plots within plots within plots, the momentum quickened by a looming presence of the cannibalistic Hummokka tribe: "Tribes are like countries. They each have their own national characteristics. Tribes like the Jinta are essentially Canadian. Other tribes, like the Hummokka, are more North Korean."

Singh yearns to be released from this dark world and return to the old placid life in Minnesota.

"Trust me, you won't fit in there anymore," Swenson tells her. "You've changed. You've betrayed your employer, and you'll keep on betraying him, and that won't sit well with someone like you. I changed myself once, it was a long time ago but I changed. I followed my teacher down here



too. I thought I was coming for the summer. I know about this...I wasn't like Dr. Rapp, and still I took his place. You're not like me but you wait, you'll go back there and nothing will make sense to you anymore."

The final lurch of the plot is startling as we are transported in

the space of two pages from the depths of the jungle to normal, sunny, suburban Minnesota. But the many moral questions raised in this deeply serious novel remain unanswered.

I suppose the sincerest form of flattery is to read more of Ann Patchett's novels, and I plan to.

Thai film director wins international film award



Pimaka Towira's film is about a father forced to quit his job because of his protest letter to the authorities.

PIMAKA Towira, a Thai director, has received a special jury prize for her short film *My Father* at the International Film Festival of Asian Pacific Countries, "Pacific Meridian," held recently in Vladivostok.

My Father won the prize for its realistic dramatization of Thai social issues, told in a short form. The story features a father of a small family in a village who is forced to quit his job as a train

station janitor because of his protest letter to the authorities. But he refuses to keep his mouth shut, even though his family is facing hard times. He leaves for Bangkok in search of justice and joins a mass rally. Finally, he loses and returns to his quiet neighborhood, morally crushed.

Pimaka is the first female Thai director to be acknowledged by international viewers and critics.

She studied film at Thammasat University. Her debut feature, *One Night Husband*, an attempt to combine an experimental style with an accessible narrative, premiered in the International Forum of New Cinema at the Berlin International Film Festival 2003. She was the program director for the Bangkok Film Festivals in 2001, 2008, and 2009 and a jury member at number of international film festivals.



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Music Rewind

Looking back at the Sri Panwa party everyone's talking about, and what fans had to say...

By Fraser Morton

THE MUSIC line-up at last Wednesday's Sri Panwa gig was more than a rarity for a Phuket venue – it was a first.

Hundreds of locals, expats and tourists shared the dance floor, the balconies and the bars at the five-star resort's Baba pool club for an unprecedented collection of big name DJs at the long-named Sweet, Sexy & Spicy Singapore F1 Party.

Despite British trip-hop duo Massive Attack flying out from Phuket the morning before the

party due to scheduling problems, the line-up was still peppered with house music heavyweights.

Kele Okereke, the lead singer of Brit-band Bloc Party, was the opening act on the decks, followed by DJ Alex from Tokyo, Peter Kruder (one half of Kruder and Dorfmeister), DJ Vincenzo, DJ Gregory and Lovebirds.

In the weeks leading up to the Sri Panwa party, Facebook, Thai Visa and other blogs



Sri Panwa's Jared O'Brien.

and social media were bombarded with posts from Phuket music fans eager to learn more about this event, and most importantly, how to get a ticket.

There was some skepticism. A handful of bloggers thought it would be impossible to get the line-up advertised to play. And indeed, Massive Attack's last-minute exodus from the party raised eyebrows from some fans, but most remained undeterred in their plans for a jaunt down south. And they were rewarded for their efforts.

"First and foremost, I want to apologize to everyone in Phuket who was looking forward to seeing Massive Attack play. I was too," said Sri Panwa's Food & Beverage Director, Jared O'Brien.

"They were on the island staying at our resort, but over breakfast on Tuesday told us they had to urgently fly back to the United Kingdom," he said.

"It was still a massive bonus that they



FACE OF FAME: Kele Okereke, lead singer of Bloc Party (right) at Sri Panwa last week.

Photos: Christian Mouchet

flew to Phuket. Now they have seen a bit of what the island has to offer and hopefully they will be back to play soon."

"But even without Massive Attack, to get DJs of this quality to Phuket is huge," he added.

British writer and teacher Andrew Scott, 31, was among the masses on the night.

He told the *Phuket Gazette* that the event was a positive step forward for live music.

"For a resort like this to open its doors to the public and host DJs like this, it can only be seen as a positive thing."

"More venues, especially resorts, should be hosting music nights like this. It's obviously what people want... look around," he said.

Korean Tourist Terry Park, 25, had only been on the island for a few days when she heard about the event.

Although the genre wasn't her usual first

choice, she said the hype surrounding the event made her want to come.

"This is my first time in Phuket and I am just lucky this is on while I am here. We are going to have some serious fun," she said.

Canadian Managing Director of Wave Entertainment Phuket Jamie O'Rourke, 31, said that while he was upset Massive Attack didn't play, he still wouldn't have missed the party with the line-up on offer.

"It's a novelty. Although there was a cancellation, I think those kind of things have to be expected.

"When you reach for the stars, you're not always going to get there, but I think it's admirable that a resort in Phuket has pulled this off. It's going to be good night," he said.

A funny thing happened on the way to Patong

AN ENGLISHMAN, an Irishman and a Kiwi walk into a hotel... well, they will do on October 19 for the Punchline Comedy night.

After a four month break the kings of Phuket comedy return with a truly international show with the three gifted funny men coming from Ireland, New Zealand, and England. Englishman

Gorden Southern, Irishman Ian Coppinger, and Kiwi Andre King all currently ply their comedy trade on the UK Comedy Circuit – said to be the best in the world – but are taking some time out to come and give the good people of Phuket a good chuckle.

Andre King is a third generation entertainer and for the last



Andre King



Gordon Southern



Ian Coppinger

decade he has been stamping his mark on the NZ comedy circuit. He presents a mix of razor sharp improvisation with well-crafted humor which never fails to generate laughs, but this is simply a ruse. A vocal method of audience endearment, his true gift lies in his charming affable persona.

Having achieved everything a comic could in his home country, Andre is embarking on a tour of the world, a journey that he expects to finish sometime in 2013 after tackling the Canadian Fringe and American comedy circuits.

Breaking convention is one of Andre's hallmarks. He's one of the few colonial comics who have made the journey and been engaged immediately in headline spots at a number of satellite shows and clubs around England.

A remarkable feat considering the number of acts to choose from, many of whom are already "named" acts in their own right.

One of Ireland's busiest comedians, Ian Coppinger has performed to packed houses on four continents, including yearly appearances at the Kilkenny "Cat Laughs" comedy festival, the Edinburgh Festival, the Adelaide Festival and the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

Ian has improvised with the popular Second City from Chicago, Whose Line Is It Anyway, The Comedy Store Players and Theatresports. He also shares two hit radio shows on RTE with The Comedy Improv Radio Show.

With 16 years of comedy experience Gordon Southern regularly plays to sell out audiences in the UK and International cir-

cuits. He spends at least two months every year performing in Australia. His upbeat and energetic delivery combined with his fantastically funny observational comedy and quick witted improvisation has secured his place as an audience favorite. An award-winning writer with critical acclaim, Southern has written for some of the most memorable comedy shows of the last decade. He's worked in many exotic and challenging places, including Afghanistan, The Arabian Desert, Falkland Islands, Kosovo and Liverpool.

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Thanawat and Peerapit Ongcharoen

HAVING grown up spending most of their waking hours surrounded by books, Thanawat, 33, and Peerapit, 31, Ongcharoen (deputy managing director and manager respectively of Seng Ho, Phuket) regard working in a bookstore as a natural part of life.

According to the brothers, Seng Ho is the oldest bookshop in Thailand, and they are very proud to be part of it. The store began its life in 1925 as a small newsagent in the home of their grandfather on Thalang Road. At the time, printed materials came from Bangkok. Phuket was not connected to the mainland, and the papers were delivered to Trang by train and put on ships bound for Phuket. There were times that, due to flooding, storms, or rough seas - the dailies were late. Thanawat recounts a tale that Seng Ho customers, at that time, were quite accustomed to reading two or three papers in one go.

Still, business was brisk as there was no other media around and no competitors. Seng Ho seized on this opportunity to expand their stocks and increase their customer base by encouraging subscriptions. The whole family chipped in and Peerapit has nostalgic memories of sitting on the back of his father's motorcycle as they delivered the papers around Phuket Town.

In 1986, when the brothers were



in their early teens, Seng Ho moved to a new premises opposite the General Post Office. Five years later, they moved to the present location on Montri Road. The new Seng Ho established itself firmly as Phuket's only "real" bookstore. Commanding two floors, it was well lit, spacious, and comfortable. It was the first store in town to be fully airconditioned and stocked a wide variety of Thai books, foreign newspapers and magazines.

"At that time, expats visited mostly the Patong area. We had to drive our delivery boys there and drop them on the beach so that they could sell directly to the sunbathing *farangs*," explains Peerapit.

Both brothers did have their departure from the book business when they studied in Bangkok and then abroad. Thanawat received an MA in engineering from the University of Michigan, while Peerapit studied marketing in England. After a brief career in banking, both returned to help their parents manage a "unique and promising" enterprise. With the brothers' expertise and skills

acquired, a solid foundation was laid to include a new staff structure and a complete IT system. Working with their parents, they opened 11 new stores in various shopping centers around Phuket and established a store each in Krabi, Haad Yai, Toong Song and Phattalung.

The brothers' works complement each other. While Thanawat manages, Peerapit is in charge of stocks, marketing and operations. They find that working together poses no problem to their relationship. Still single, both live with their parents on the top floor of the bookshop.

"We dine together and talk business all the time. Mostly it's about new books. Of course we quarrelled when young, but we get along just fine now and have a lot of respect for each other. We do have different sets of friends though," adds Thanawat.

When asked about their choice of books, Thanawat reveals a passion for Chinese literature while Peerapit is enjoying the Thai classic *Petch Pra Uma* (a jungle adventure set in the mysterious forests of Doi Intanon).

To *Gazette* readers, the brothers have this to say: "We have been an indispensable part of the local Thai community and would like to be just that for the expat community. Any comments and feedback are most welcome."



About Thai Gallery

The individuals profiled in "Thai Gallery" are chosen on the basis of their contributions to Phuket as an *international* community, and, often, for having made those contributions through successful social and/or working relationships with foreigners. This implies some foreign language skills and an interest in interacting with different cultures. They are people who in our experience help make the lives of expats far more enjoyable here than might be the case without them.

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Dr Green's health camp



PEOPLE suffering from serious, terminal or hard-to-cure illnesses such as cancer, back pain, diabetes, high blood pressure and herpes may find new hope by attending Doctor Green's Health Camps. I attended a 10-day health camp in Trang Town recently that was led by this popular traditional medicinal specialist from the northeastern region of Thailand. Doctor Jaipet Klajon, commonly known by his followers as *Mor Keaw* (Doctor Green), has been organizing these free camps since 2002, sharing his vast knowledge and methods for treating patients that have often been given dim prognoses by contemporary practitioners. Some of Mor Keaw's secrets are straight forward: eat properly, exercise and meditate regularly; while others might be considered exceptionally alternative.



By Atchaa Khamlo

ABOUT 200 participants awoke at 4am and started the day with meditation. At 5:30am we did some light exercises such as yoga and speed walking. At 7:30am, breakfast was served which included tasteless foods such as banana, rice soup, fresh morning glory and vegetable soup. The camp only served vegan food.

The first objective of the camp was to relax the participants by making them comfortable and reducing their stress levels. We were surrounded by nature – we were in the middle of a forest with plenty of fresh air. After breakfast, we rested until 9am. Then we joined in a group and attended some workshops where we learned about different kinds of traditional treatments.

Following the workshops, Mor Keaw lectured us on his extensive knowledge of traditional medical treatments. His advice covered Guasa therapy – a form of traditional and ancient Chinese therapy which aims to increase blood circulation and improve metabolism.

He explained that consuming herb juice, which is made from fresh chlorophyll, assists with colon detoxification; and, bathing your hands and feet as well as performing other activities in herbal water

is a natural mechanism to soothe your body. In addition to doing exercises like yoga, we need to sustain our bodies' balance by consuming more vegetables, fruit and neutral tasting food (not too hot or cold), and refrain from the consumption of alcohol, tea, coffee, soft drinks and processed foods. He emphasized the importance of reducing stress from our lives and acknowledging our personal limits. He explained that most people in present times are living with stress, plus they consume a lot of toxins through touching, eating and breathing. He said eating "hot foods" such as meat, milk, bread and processed fruits – that have a certain type of heat – causes damage to our cells and thus makes us get sick.



Arom Pongsuwan

Ms Arom Pongsuwan, 61, a retired woman from Phatthalung, also benefited from Mor Keaw's treatments. She told me that she didn't have any serious medical conditions before she went to the camp, but she decided to work there as an



Only vegan food is served at the health camp; attendees are responsible for preparing all the food.

assistant, explaining that she was curious about the healing methods she had heard so much about through friends.

During a camp held in Mor Keaw's hometown of Dontan, Mukdahan, Ms Arom hurt her back while trying to lift a heavy box. Later that day, she attempted to push a trolley which exacerbated the problem.

When she informed Mor Keaw of her problem, he knew how to cure her right away. "Mor Keaw performed bone therapy on me and during the treatment I was given something to drink. I found out later that this was, in fact, his urine and, miraculously, my pain was gone when I awoke," she exclaimed.

Mor Keaw, who regularly drinks his own urine as well as cleans his face and eyes with it, claims that the chemical components in urine help to reduce toxins in the body and can help cure diseases and enhance blood clot coagulation.

Ms Panomsri, a revenue department official, believed that her unhealthy lifestyle and bad habits had led to her declining health before she attended the camp. Before her diagnosis, Ms Panomsri had been working hard at two jobs. In addition to her duties with the Revenue Department, she was also running her own silk business. However, due to stress, she had to stop running her business three years ago, though she continued to lead an unhealthy life: she often slept late and didn't keep a consistent eating schedule. She learned in December last year that she had colon cancer.

Prior to receiving the bad news from her doctor, she had been taking medication to treat constipation for three months. She had an op-

eration in January of this year, during which they removed 12 inches of her large intestine.

"At that time, I already had diabetes, high blood pressure and allergies for 8 years," Ms Panomsri explained. After the operation, the doctor recommended chemotherapy. "I would have had to pay about 2.5 million baht for 25 injections, and I would have suffered hair loss." She added, "Worse than that, the treatment would have caused complications with my blood vessels and thus require the doctor to implant a vascular access device in my body. To do so, they would have had to cut my breasts and I would look like a robot... I'm a beauty-loving person so I would rather die than look like that."

Luckily for Ms Panomsri, a friend who had taken a local medical health course recommended the health camp to her. So in January, she attended a health camp at the Suan Pa Na Boon vegetable farm in Dontan, Mukdahan, and she continues to go to the camps that are held in different places throughout the country. Ms Panomsri said, "I've attended about 10 camps now and it's so amazing that my sicknesses, including cancer, have gone now. I need to continue treatment. Since going to the camps, I stopped eating meat and I now drink herbal juices and do exercises like yoga."

Ms Sopha Somkhaoyai, retired teacher, 61, also shared her miraculous experience of being cured of uterus tumors and shingles.

She said that when she was 55 years old, she went for an ultrasound which revealed a two by three-centimeter-sized tumor in her uterus. She said that before she attended the camp, she liked to eat "hot foods" includ-

ing fried foods, chilies, durian and rambutan.

Following Mor Keaw's advice, she began to eat cool foods. However, a year later she got "over cooling" symptoms including cold hands, cold feet, and continually belched and experienced muscle aches.

She told Mor Keaw about her symptoms, and he helped her to take care of herself by eating some hot food, sunbathing, exercising and getting massages. Her cooling symptoms abated. Six months later, she had the tumor checked by ultrasound, and was happy to learn it had dissipated.



Ms Sopha Somkhaoyai

Because Ms Sopha had continually ate "hot foods" for a long period of time, she developed herpes zoster (shingles) on her left hand after a year.

Mor Keaw finely pounded Thai herbs – Barleria Lupulina Lindl (Philippine Violet) and Azadirachta Indica (Neem) – and mixed them with water before applying the concoction to her arm.

Immediately, her burning pain was relieved. She then drank an herb juice, *Thunbergia laurifolia* Linn, which serves as a colon detoxifier. By simply drinking herb juice and eating "cold foods" for a week, her herpes zoster was cured.

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Vegetarian Festival: shock and then awe

By Pimwara Choksakulpan

THE INITIAL disbelief of watching bloodied spirit mediums walking the streets of Phuket during the Vegetarian Festival turned to respect after learning more about the annual ritual for one tourist.

The *Gazette* often receives complaints from readers asking why images of the mediums, called *mah song* in Thai, are shown, yet for Californian tourist Jacques Laxtom the disturbing focus took on new meaning after learning the origins of the festival and how it is observed today.

"I have been here for two days, and I never heard about this event before," said Mr Laxtom, on

a three-month trip around Asia during his semester break.

"I am staying in a hotel around here, not too far from the venue. I originally planned to walk around my hotel to look for a motorcycle rental place, but I heard a loud 'bang' from this direction. So I decided to follow the noise.

"Once I arrived, I couldn't believe my eyes. I had no idea there was still a 'human sacrifice' ritual like this in the world. I was fascinated by it at first, but when I saw how much blood they lost, I kind of felt sick in my stomach. I had to sit down and rest for a while," he said.

Mr Laxtom had been witnessing the procession of devotees

from the Lim Hu Tai Su Shrine in Samkong that takes a route through the center of Phuket Town to Saphan Hin.

However, after hearing an explanation of how the festival came to be, his point of view gradually changed.

"I can't believe how deep of a belief Phuket people have in this special ritual. This kind of thing would never happen where I am from. It is dangerous and really risky.

"I don't regret it though. I am glad to get to be a part of it. I will go to Phi Phi for two days and will come back to take part in more of this event," he said.

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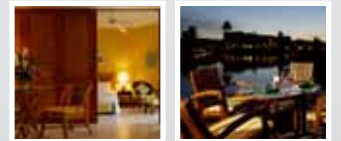
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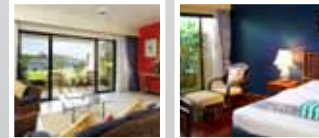
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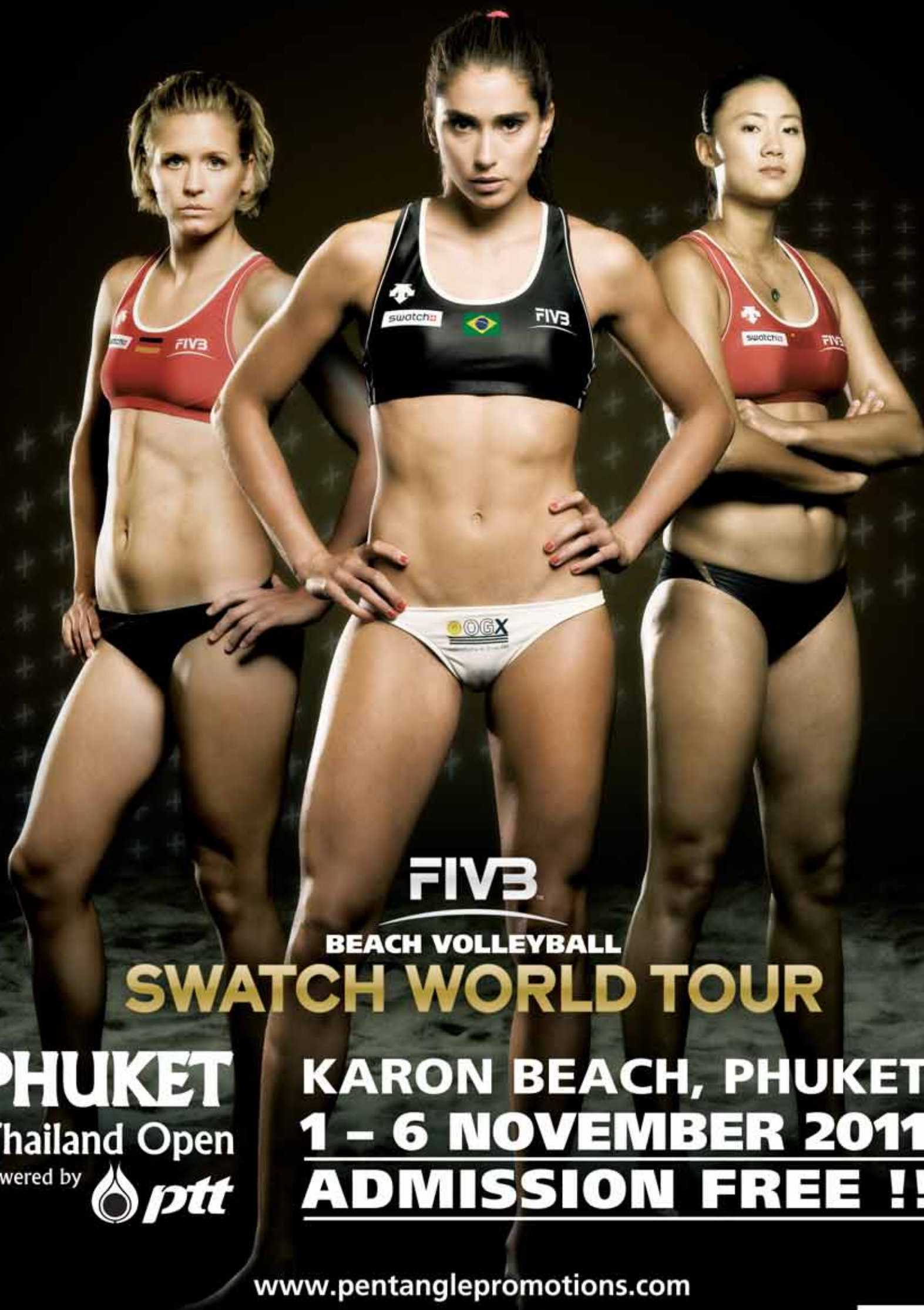
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apart. From 9am to 12pm at the English Program Building, Kajonkietsuksa School. During the event, both parents and interested members of the community will see an assembly, meet with teachers, experience a lesson, look at displayed work, meet other parents and attend a presentation. Contact at T:082-4250104 (English) or 089-6527599 (Thai) E:ip@kajonkietsuksa.ac.th or visit W:international.kajonkietsuksa.ac.th.

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HOLD ON: Martial arts coach Gerald Tuckwood jokes with HeadStart International School director Jazon Edouard. Photo Carol Araña Arao



LOOK WHO BLEW IN: Jamaican DJ 'Mr Mike' who had the hit song "Put your hands up in the air" was spotted at Blow with manager Thomas Alexandre.



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Treetop dining at Peang Prai

By Nanthapa Pengkasem

WE ARRIVE at Peang Prai after a downpour. As the mist rises from the hills beyond and the drizzle is still apparent on the surface of the nearby lake, we peruse the menu and wonder if the food is as good as the view.

The restaurant's location is indeed unique. The name *Peang Prai* means 'like a forest' and the restaurant was designed with country dining in mind, the top floor is open on all sides to take in the 360 degree view of the surrounding jungle of Khao Phra Teo Wildlife Conservation Park.

Dining here would take many of us back to our childhood days of eating a picnic in tree houses and being on top of the world.

Peang Prai has been in operation for five years now and is managed by Khun Bon, his parents, and his wife, Nid. Khun Bon's mother, who is the head chef here, graduated in food science which to any Thai, can only mean good, authentic cooking. Bon himself is knowledgeable about food and is always on hand to help with your selection.

The rural restaurant's clientele is made up of food-savvy locals who love to bring their tourist friends here.

We start with a few appetizers. *Buer Tod* (deep fried prawns and herbs - 100 baht) features large prawns atop fragrant *Leb Krut* leaves. It's a kind of Thai tempura, if you like, but the difference is in the batter, which is spiced with chilli paste to give that extra kick yet the dish is never too hot. Crunchy and light, with a hint of spices, it is eaten with sweet chilli sauce and is great with a beer while you wait for your main dishes.

Room (120 baht) is another traditional and rare snack. These bite-size peanut and minced pork balls, seasoned with that holy trinity of Thai spices - garlic, pepper and coriander root - are wrapped in a fine mesh of omelette. The addition of the egg takes the edge of the sweet and peppery pork fillings.

For the main course try *Gaeng Pu* or crabmeat curry (either 180, 250 or 300 baht depending on the size of your party) which is traditionally served with fine rice noodles sprinkled with crispy garlic pieces. *Gaeng Pu* is a native Phuket dish and tends to veer

to the spicy side. Ask for a milder version (*mai ped*) and you'll love its velvety texture and the generous amount of fresh, chunky crabmeat.

Peang Prai's menu features a variety of fish dishes. *Pla Pad Cha* (spicy fish with herbs - 120 baht) is a hearty dish of thinly sliced sea bass, sautéed with green pepper, chillies, and *kra-chai* (a pungent and spicy cousin of ginger). If you cannot bear the heat, then opt for the milder but equally tasty *Pla Preo Wan* (sweet and sour - 120 baht) instead. Peang Prai's fish is delivered daily from nearby Ao Por, so freshness is guaranteed. When fish is ordered whole, it is charged at 400 baht per kilo.

Still on the subject of seafood, why not be adventurous and try steamed *Hoi Chak Teen*, literally 'leg-pulling shells'. This uniquely, but clunkily named crustacean is considered a delicacy by the locals. Eating them requires some manipulation: carefully insert a toothpick to release the shell's opening until a 'leg' pops out, use this to in turn pull the whole body out and dip it in the requisite chilli-lime sauce. The texture is most unusual, a bit like overcooked octopus meat. Still, this is your chance to try 'Thai escargots', native only to the Pang Nga Bay area.

At the end of every meal, there is a plate of complimentary banana fritters. These batter-fried banana pieces, topped with roasted black sesame seeds and icing sugar, make a perfect partner with freshly brewed Chiang Rai coffee.

Peang Prai's menu is varied and you can order the usual fare of curries, sautéed vegetables, fried-rice and noodles. It serves many kinds of beers and also wine by the glass. There is no corkage fee if you bring your own wine.

The restaurant is situated 8kms from the Heroines Monument towards Pa Klok. A few kilometers from the Phuket Air Park, turn left into a road leading to the Gibbon Rehabilitation Centre. Follow the road for 1km.

Peang Prai is open daily from 11am to 8pm. Tel. 085-832-7439, 083-5968685

Peang Prai's fish is delivered daily from nearby Ao Por, so freshness is guaranteed.



ROOM WITH A VIEW: Room is another traditional and rare snack. Photos: Nanthapa Pengkasem



Buer Tod is a type of Thai tempura spiced with chilli paste to give that extra kick.



LEG PULLER: This clunkily named crustacean is considered a delicacy by the locals.



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1. Whom did Michael Jackson marry in 1994?
2. In April 1998 a federal judge dismissed a sexual harassment case against President Clinton: who was the woman involved?
3. Which record became the biggest-selling single of all time in 1997 (since singles records began in the 50's)?
4. In which city were the 1992 Olympic Games held?
5. What phrase is used by Jewish people to express congratulations at a celebration?
6. Which flower, herb and perfume ingredient can be found in abundance in Provence, France?
7. Which record became the biggest-selling single of all time in 1997 (since singles records began in the 50's)?
8. Who is Fred Flintstone's wife?
9. In which ocean is Australia's Christmas Island located?
10. What is the highest-grossing Australian movie to date?
11. Who was the "man of steel" responsible for the purges in the former USSR?
12. What are "orcas" colloquially referred to as?
13. What is the name of the cartoon starring Charlie Brown, and who created it?
14. How Do I Love Thee is a poem by which Victorian-era poet?

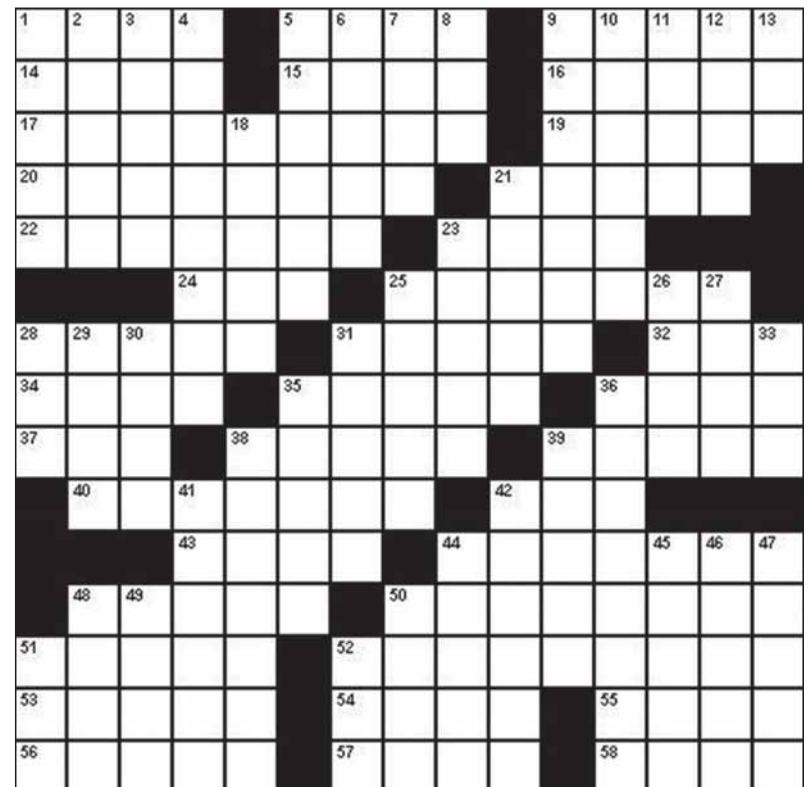
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Across

1. Diner orders
5. Fashion mag
9. Talons
14. Dynamic beginning
15. Abound
16. Eagle's home
17. Boats with sails
19. Singer Cleo
20. Visionary
21. Musical endings
22. Normal contraction of the heart
23. Female horse
24. Tina's ex
25. Adjacent
28. Point in question
31. Speed
32. Acapulco article
34. Buddy
35. Conductor Georg
36. Fruit
37. Female fowl
38. — -ski
39. Sacred song
40. Torn by inner conflict
42. Debussy subject
43. Nada
44. Priest's square cap
48. Writers of verse
50. Kidney-shaped
51. Shelflike sleeping space
52. Lunchroom
53. — there yet?
54. Chieftain, usually in Africa
55. Sea eagles
56. Gossip
57. Chooses
58. Bottom of the barrel

Down

1. Foundation
2. Dull
3. Attempts
4. Recompense for loss
5. Prima ballerina
6. Buy alternative
7. Riga resident
8. Dash lengths
9. An amount of heat
10. Heavy



11. Horne solo
12. Triumphs
13. Call on
18. British guy
21. Desert bloomers
23. Thin fogs
25. Hired parker
26. Came down to earth
27. Expensive seating area
28. German pronoun
29. Queens stadium
30. Had the mic, say
31. Stallion, e.g.
33. Concorde, e.g.

35. Rotates
36. Perceive beforehand
38. One more
39. Reason for a raise
41. Ring combo
42. Pit workers
44. Suit
45. Baseball manager Joe
46. Triple
47. Accumulate
48. Andean country
49. City near Provo
50. Freeway access
51. Ingot
52. Corp. bigwig

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LIBRA (September 24-October 23)

A thorny question is raised by someone at work this week. Librans are advised to weigh up likely repercussions carefully before responding. A water sign can give you a helpful perspective on the situation. Affairs of the heart are forecast to become complicated, but another air sign friend can help you to piece together this puzzle. Those celebrating a birthday in the week ahead will have more money to spend in the coming year.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 22)

Work matters are highlighted this week. A situation that you believed to be water under the bridge could turn out to need more attention before finally being laid to rest. Serious discussions are best held on Wednesday or Thursday as the astral atmosphere will support your efforts to remain calm. In the realm of romance, a partner's lack of motivation starts to irritate you more than ever before.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21)

Your self confidence is boosted by much needed compliments this week. Certain Sagittarians are forecast to be offered a promotion, which could cause an earth sign

colleague to display their jealousy. Finances fall under unsettled astral conditions until the middle of October – the stars advise delaying new monetary commitments until then. Where romance is concerned, your breezy attitude towards a new relationship may prompt a disagreement with a water sign this week.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20)

Getting more in touch with your inner self is predicted to bring more peace and understanding into Capricorns' lives this week. The stars show that a spiritual quest will occupy your mind during the remainder of October, with material issues becoming less important. Those in a committed relationship with a fire sign should not allow their partner's lack of support to put them off. Single Capricorns discover more contentment in being unattached.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19)

A quarians could difficulties in figuring out where others are coming from this week. The stars suggest that crossed wires will affect your relationships until middle of month and you should concentrate on sending messages confirm understanding. A budding romance with a fire sign is put to the test when three is a crowd this



week. Wear the color ocean blue to encourage more patience.

PISCES (February 20-March 20)

The spotlight falls on work this week and the stars advise that you will have to decide how badly you want something before the middle of October. Those who realize that it's all too much trouble will be glad that they are off the hook. Lucky days for finances are Wednesday and Thursday. In the realm of romance, Pisceans could learn the secret behind an air sign's smile this weekend.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Fun features strongly for those born under the sign of Aries until middle of month. An unannounced visit from friends living overseas sets the scene for an enjoyable sociable time. There is also emphasis on meeting a potential partner away from your usual environment. Those already spoken for may be taken aback by their partner's reaction to an incident. Tuesday is your luckiest day.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

The stars indicate that Taureans will be putting their imaginations to productive use this week. Ideas that you believed to be impractical earlier this year now take on real possibilities. Air signs will be on the same wavelength, but communication with fire signs is forecast to be troublesome. The most auspicious days for meetings and discussions are Monday and Tuesday. Where romance is concerned, expect an air sign to be showering you with attention.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Geminis who experienced a stormy start to October will be pleased to have a relatively peaceful time this week. The stars indicate that canceled appointments could cramp your style on Tuesday or Wednesday, although a meeting concerning a bureaucratic matter should not be postponed beyond the middle of the month. Those hoping to get romantically involved with an earth sign are forecast to find that they are too late.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Cancerians are forecast to be tapping into a new source of energy this week. After a sluggish start to the month, it should be all systems go

until the end of October. A fire sign friend appreciates your encouragement for them to face up to their fears midweek. Those who are single should be encouraged out of their shell by an alluring air sign this weekend. Lucky days for money matters are Sunday and Monday.

LEO (July 24-August 22)

Leos who have been thinking of learning a new skill should get inspiration this week. Another fire sign have the right suggestion and following this up is forecast to put you on a rewarding path. A fledgling romantic relationship with an earth sign goes off the boil when there is difference of opinion over money. Those already committed could trouble supporting a partner's sudden decision.

VIRGO (August 23-September 23)

Virgoans are advised to put their best foot forward this week. The stars indicate that you could be missing out on opportunities by keeping a low profile. Monday and Tuesday are auspicious days for meeting people who could help you to make a new start, with emphasis on a fire sign being particularly helpful. Work becomes luckier after middle of the month. Wear cherry red to encourage charisma.

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Corporate confidence is high in Asia-Pacific

Region will continue to develop through current economic volatility

CORPORATE occupiers gave Asia-Pacific a vote of confidence with 79 per cent predicting either increased (43%) or stabilized (36%) headcount in the region over the coming quarter, according to a recent poll from Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL).

Participants from 16 countries in three regions took part in the poll during a recent "webinar" and the responses are evidence that the Asia Pacific region will continue

to fare better through the current economic volatility, said the report.

"Despite the IMF revising global growth forecasts downward last week, occupiers are maintaining their activity in the region, which reflects the IMF forecasts of 6.2% growth for Asia in 2011 and 6.6% in 2012," said Jeremy Sheldon, JLL Managing Director of Markets.

According to the poll, 36% of companies operating in the Asia-

Pacific are focusing their real estate strategies in the coming year on Tier 1 emerging markets, such as Shanghai or Mumbai.

The trend is driven by US-based companies, with 67% saying that any new activity would be focused on the Tier 1 markets.

Those with their headquarters in the Asia-Pacific are more likely to focus on established regional centers such as Singapore and Hong Kong and companies based in *Europe, the Middle East and Africa* are focused evenly on Tier 1 markets, regional centers, and Tier 2 cities.

"These results are very much in

line with the pattern of economic growth that we are expecting in the region and support our expectation that 2012 will see continued take up across the region and that vacancies may fall as a consequence," said Mr Sheldon.

At the same time, economic volatility means that flexibility is high on the agenda, especially for US-based companies with 60% saying they would be more willing to pay for added flexibility in lease terms today than 12 months ago.

In contrast, 75% of companies domiciled in the Asia-Pacific expect to pay the same, while 13% of all respondents said that they are less

willing to pay for added flexibility.

"Flexibility is the key to survival in uncertain times and companies need to find cost effective ways to add flexibility to their leases," said Mr Sheldon.

"What we have seen in the past two market cycles is landlords offering concessions that limit rental growth as a way to attract occupiers. We have also witnessed a continued move by occupiers moving certain support operations from tightly-held CBD locations, as in Hong Kong and Singapore, to suburban locations in order to benefit from rental stability and higher levels of available stock," he said.



Starwood is set to open Naka Island Resort

THE NAKA Island, Starwood's newest Luxury Collection property in Asia, will open to the public in November.

"We are thrilled to introduce The Naka Island, A Luxury Collection Resort & Spa, Phuket to people with a sense of adventure who want to escape from everything and experience something truly unique, private and memo-

orable," said Wayne Buckingham, Starwood Hotels & Resorts' regional vice president of Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia.

Located on Naka Yai Island off Phuket's east coast, the 67-villa resort is accessible only by private speedboat.

The resort boasts access to all corners of the island, only 100 square kilometers in size, by foot,

bicycle or boat to the various beaches.

The 450-square-meter villas are designed with architecture and décor reflecting the indigenous culture and island surrounds, including open-air bathrooms, private plunge pools, large outdoor areas and sala pavilions.

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LOOK FAMILIAR? Kuta Beach in Bali caters to the same types of tourists as those attracted by Patong. Photo: eGuide Travel

Big trouble in paradise



Property Watch

By Bill Barnett

HOLIDAY tripping to an island paradise was once considered to be all about the beach. Well, okay, you can throw in a few palm trees, and perhaps a bamboo bar down near the ocean where you can wile away the days soaking up the sun.

Smashing your watch on the nearest coral reef, drowning the mobile phone in a Mai Tai and going native certainly captivated the imagination of countless travelers. But tourists have started looking for a little more to do during their beach holiday.

Today we have the likes of Patong, and Kuta in Bali. Descriptions of either often portray them as tourist ghettos, urban resort jungles and commercial centers where everything is on offer. Touts line the beachfronts and men (and women, cats, dogs or any combination of) hang out on street corners or lurk in groups

outside hotels, restaurants, bars and shophouses.

Stereotypes can be found in either, be it the common bond of singlets promoting local beers, brash tattoos and board shorts worn by men, women and children. Let's not forget about the hair braiding, goofy caps and all manner of surf branding.

Bali has long been the darling for the cheap Aussie getaway, but in recent years a strong Australian dollar has prompted hordes of Aussies to gather into groups and travel to Asia, honing into these two destinations like bees to honey.

Of course we have the Nouveau tourists mainland Chinese, Russians, Eastern Europeans from every nook and cranny of the former USSR and yes, domestic travelers who now board budget airlines as if riding the bus home from work.

It's too easy here to take pot shots, as clearly things in the world have changed and islands now hold some far greater attrac-

tion than just the beach. Obviously there is a rising tide of MTV Jersey Shore watchers, tireless shoppers and missing groups of Walmart denizens gone on summer holidays.

Bali, like Phuket, is teeming with tourists taking to the roads on rented motorcycles to experience bruising, maiming and dying. Often with little traffic sense, no clear idea where things are and perhaps a few beers, they roar up and down increasingly crowded streets.

I must admit the sight of a stationary motorbike mounted by a dazed and confused visitor stopping in the middle of the road tends to run shivers down my back as the term 'roadkill' comes to mind.

The two leading resort destinations in Asia are somehow also unwitting vehicles in this strange journey of the new age traveler.

Eat, drink, shop, sleep (alone, or not), jet-ski, parasail, drive and consume – the beast of modern travel has an insatiable appetite.

I find it hard to understand what

the attraction is, but I am without doubt among the silent minority, and it is possible to slip over the edge and lose touch with the mainstream.

It's complicated. Even thinking about it gives me a migraine that could be compared with a spin out at a recent feeding frenzy I witnessed at Kuta's Hard Rock Hotel breakfast buffet.

Having lived through that chaos and survived, my only conclusion is that diversity and change are not entirely bad things. So what if the heaving bodies crowding Patong and Kuta make me want to hide in my closet and never come out?

A growing number of tourists are attracted to the areas, and if that bothers me so much I can simply go elsewhere.

This is somehow comforting when I realize that as long as stretches of sparsely populated beachfront remain, all I need to do is divert to another location to enjoy my own special place in the sun.

I have no intention of telling anyone where that is, and one thing is certain – there aren't any beer logo singlets for sale there.

Bill Barnett is managing director of C9 Hotelworks and can be contacted through www.c9hotelworks.com

In brief...

West Sands relaunches under Centara Brand

MAI KHAO'S West Sands mixed use destination resort has returned to the market under Thailand's Centara chain.

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Spacious two bedroom pool villa are also available at 12,500 baht until the end of October.

Centara is looking to position the property along the lines of its Pattaya family resort given that both have waterparks.

Expect Splash Jungle to be a key demand generator for the resort.

Andrew Whitaker is off to China

FORMER Andara Resort and Villas General Manager, Andrew Whitaker is off to China to head up the New World Dalian Hotel.

Hong Kong's New World Hospitality are rapidly increasing their management profile and pipeline.

As many readers know, they currently have a project in Phuket, in south Patong as Emerald Bay.

Many industry observers guess this may end up being branded to News World's latest acquisition the luxury Rosewood brand.

Doeke Bonga heads to Samui

FAMILIAR hotel face Doeke Bonga who has worked in a number of island hotels including Phuket Pavilions, Bel-Air Panwa, Ramada Khao Lak and others is headed to Samui.

He will take up the post of General Manager at the Imperial Boat House Samui in mid-October.

Bali moratorium fails to stop development

A REPORT in the Jakarta Post has highlighted concerns by Bali's tourism industry over the uncontrolled sprawl of new hotel development.

While the provincial governor issued a moratorium on new hotels being planned on the southern part of the island, there has been no abatement to new projects going into the ground.

What was envisaged was to more evenly distribute development to other parts of the island in the north, south and west.

Traffic, water, garbage disposal and crime are all key issues the overflowing tourist areas are now facing.

Both the Bali Hotels Association and Indonesian Hotel and Restaurant Association have expressed concern over the long term negative impact on room rates and reduction in average length of stay as more low end visitors are targeted.

If it all sounds familiar to us here in Phuket, perhaps it's because we are in exactly the same situation.

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Kata and Karon targeted for sustainable tourism

By Pimwara Choksakulpan

PHUKET's popular beach areas of Kata and Karon have been chosen as the focus of a pilot international project to develop sustainable tourism.

A delegation of academics from Silpakorn University in Bangkok and from the University of Kaiserslautern, in Germany, unveiled the plans to Phuket Governor Tri Augkaradacha at a meeting recently.

Prof Wolfgang Bohm, from TU Kaiserslautern, pointed out 12 critical factors that needed urgent redressing in the area (see panel).

"For example, advertising and road signs are a major problem. You cannot see the buildings anymore because of the big billboards. We also need to make the footpaths

wider so people can walk safely.

"Two teams of 15 students from each university will draw up designs for Patak Road, the main street through Kata-Karon, and present their design ideas one year from now" Prof Bohm said.

The students drawing up the plans will be working under the guiding hand of famous Thai architect Lek Metha Bunnag, who designed the Siam Paragon shopping complex in Bangkok and styled the decor for Bill Heinecke's renowned Anantara resort.

"We will start in October by explaining to our students what urban design is and what will make Phuket a good city. The students will survey Kata-Karon in April or May, go back to draw up their designs and then come back to present their plans to the Phuket Governor, Karon Municipality and Phuket residents in September [next year]. If the Kata-Karon model is a success, we will move onto other areas in Phuket," he said.

Asst Prof Apiradee Kasemsook of Silpakorn University's Faculty of Architecture explained that Kata-Karon was chosen because the town maintains a local lifestyle while welcoming tourism economy.

Another factor was the personal relationship between the academic team involved and Somchai Silapanont, president of the Kata-Karon Hotel Association, she said.

"Kata-Karon is different from Patong in social and economic terms. This project will improve the quality of life of people living in Kata-Karon. When local people live well, tourists will keep coming back," Prof Apiradee said.



Renowned Thai architect Lek Metha Bunnag



SPAGHETTI JUNCTION: The electrical infrastructure is on the critical list.

12 Critical Factors

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2. Identity of Kata and Karon.
3. Urban and architectural Scale.
4. Architectural Styles.
5. Signage and advertisements.
6. Vehicular traffic flow.
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Vulgar, but varied

THE humble coleus was one of the first houseplants to become generally available in Europe after WWII. In those days, it came in relatively few variations, but has since been hybridized so extensively, it has perhaps the largest range of foliage colors of any plant. Some people may regard it as a bit vulgar, but, make no mistake, it will brighten up your living room or your flower bed no end.

The leaves of the newer cultivars are brilliantly colored, invariably in two or more hues of pink, green, yellow, maroon, or a purple so deep it's almost black. Typically, the serrated leaves which resemble those of the stinging nettle, hence its common name "lame nettle", have borders of one color with a contrasting center. As with so many variegated plants, the flowers, usually pink, are relatively insignificant.

Coleus, now classified as *Solenostemon*, or in another genus, *Plectranthus*, is easy to grow outdoors here in Phuket. However, it does not like full exposure to the tropical sun, and bone-dry soil will make it "leggy". In fact, you will get stronger colors if your coleus is



Gardening
By Patrick Campbell

planted in filtered shade. In most plant nurseries, you will find it in a partially sheltered area. If it does get straggly or lose its vibrant colors, pinch the shoots back, temporarily increase the water and food supply, and if it's in a pot, move the container to a shady spot. One advantage of a pot is that several plants can be planted together where the contrasting variegations can show to best advantage.

The Thai name for coleus, *ruu si phasom lao*, is difficult to pronounce, but it's a cinch to cultivate. It grows easily from seed (available in Phuket), but the seeds are tiny so only press them lightly into the potting mix, and cover the container with plastic. Cuttings take readily and are best propagated by putting them in water for a few days where they will soon produce roots. Provided you remember that it is a succulent and therefore rather brittle, you will find it a very undemanding plant.

This is not the case for the difficult *Mussaenda*, or 'Bangkok rose'. Unlike *coleus*, *Mussaenda* is an out and out shrub with woody stems, and although it does have its ardent fans, this writer is not one of them. Certainly *aurorae*, which has pink or white edged flowers with pink sepals, is an unusual shrub which can grow into a large bush festooned with flowers. But the plain versions are well plain with flowers of a rather dull salmon pink. And in this writer's experience at least, *Mussaenda* is disease-prone.

Between Central Festival and Tesco Lotus is a median strip which was left as a deep trench between the traffic lanes on either side when the road was widened. Someone had the bright idea of planting *Mussaendas* on the banks of this grassy area, but they have never flourished. Those that remain barely catch the eye as you drive past. Granted the soil is poor, but plenty of shrubs or small trees would have been a better bet.

If you have a question or a garden that you would like featured, E: drpaccampbell@gmail.com



RUU SI PHASOM LAO: The Thai name for coleus. Photo: Rufino Osorio



BANGKOK ROSE: *Mussaenda* is for the shrubbery. Photo: Forrest and Kim Starr



LAME NETTLE: Yellow *Solenostemon* with serrated leaves. Photo: Rror

Tip of the week



Dragonfly nymph. Photo: Mussklprozz

Something really fishy is going on

THERE is something pleasurable about watching brilliantly hued dragonflies quartering your swimming pool. Amazing aerialists, they can hover, dart, and even fly backwards. They are such superior fliers that they catch and devour lots of mosquitoes which they trap with their legs.

But there is an unseen downside. If you have a fish pond or pot with small fish such as guppies or swordtails, you may find them disappearing at a fantastic speed.

The culprit? Probably one or more dragonfly nymphs – fierce creatures which live in the debris at the bottom of the water. They are voracious feeders, and capture their prey with a long spiny pincer called a mask, which shoots out and impales small aquatic creatures.

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By Neil Quail

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Director for Topper Sail Phuket, Katy Gooch is delighted with the prospects these new craft bring. "Adding to our fleet of boats, we can now offer schools and groups a great opportunity to join the sailing scene here and introduce an inter-schools sailing challenge," she said.

Katy also coaches the Phuket Youth Sailing Club (PYSC) and will make these boats available to those who will be too old to race Optimists next year as the Topper will allow them to continue developing their sailing skills.

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International Topper racing will come to Asia for the first time when South Korea hosts the Topper World championships in 2013, and having this fleet will give Thailand an opportunity to participate in this prestigious event.

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In the first game, top of the table Portrait FC defeated Subsidy in a rousing game of counter attacking football. Final Score: Portrait FC 4 - Subsidy 2.

Thanachart Bank, looking to keep pace with Portrait FC at the top, played Chevrolet and sent the leaders a wicked signal thrashing the hapless Chevrolet team by seven goals. Final Score: Chevrolet 0 - Thanachart Bank 7. The last game of the evening saw a stalemate played out between Honda and Jitjongrut. Final Score: Honda 2 Jitjongrut 2.

Irish Times race four

ONLY two boats participated in the Irish Times Series race four on Sunday – a testament to the inclement weather conditions.

A course was set to take the fearless fleet around Coral Island, to the safe water mark at Ao Makham near Cape Panwa, and then over the finish line.

The wealth of wind enabled Jack Christensen's *Linda* to clock speeds of up to 31 knots on the way to take Racing class honors while *Niña*, going solo in Multihull class, posted 28 knots.

Sailing in the most consistent and



TWO'S COMPANY: *Niña* and *Linda* were the only boats to compete strong winds of the season so far, with no rain and no competition in either class; both *Niña* and *Linda* sailed with headsail and main only.

Youth Games targeted

CRICKET may not be a sport familiar to many Thais, or expats for that matter, but local school children in Phuket have taken to this skilful pursuit thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers from the Phuket Cricket Group (PCG).

Youth development officer for the PCG, Bill Stahmer, and his coaching unit visit local schools around Phuket such as Baan Sapam (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday), Cherg Talay (Thursday and Friday), Khatuwittaya (Monday) and Thai Hua International (Tuesday) to develop batting, bowling and fielding skills.

"The initiative, which was started a few years ago, is starting to pay dividends. We are very proud of what we have been able to achieve with the kids, and this is evidenced by a Thai youth team which plays in the senior Island Furniture Cricket League," said Bill. Four International Cricket Council (ICC) accredited coaches are currently

preparing the local Phuket youth team for the Thai National Youth Games to be held in Phuket during March, 2012. The U-19 national competition will see 10 boys teams and 10 girls teams participating in the cricket competition with representation from Chiang Mai, Pattaya, Petchaburi and Chonburi.

"We will start more intensive training in the lead up to the games and we hope the home ground advantage and local supporters will fire the boys up to become National Youth Champions," said Bill.

The future of cricket in Phuket is very positive with the Alan Cooke Ground (ACG) nearing completion. It will be ready later next month for the upcoming senior league season. The ACG will also be the host venue for the National Youth Games cricket competition, which is sanctioned by the Sports Authority of Thailand. Once the ground is ready, ACG will provide a bus to trans-



Alan Cooke presents an award to a local Phuket cricketer at the 20/20 final.

port the kids to training each week where they can practice developing their skills on Phuket's first dedicated cricket ground.

It will make a huge difference having such a great facility for training and playing cricket. The kids and the senior players are really looking forward to it," said Bill.

– Neil Quail

Turfed club

RAIN and thunderstorms have not hampered progress on the Phuket Cricket Group's (PCG) new home, the Alan Cooke Ground (ACG) in Thalang.

The grass and the concrete base have already been laid while the synthetic turf pitch, being provided by the Cricket Association of Thailand, will soon be in place.

"It won't be long now before the Island Furniture cricket season gets underway and the players are eager to try out the new ground. PCG is extremely proud of our new home, provided by long-time resident Alan Cooke, one of Phuket's most avid cricket supporters" said Pat Cotter, chairman of the PCG.

"Now that the turf has been laid,

we need a growing in period for it to take root. We expect it to be ready for the soft opening on November 6, when a Phuket All Star team will take on the Singapore Cricket Club in a Twenty/T20 exhibition match," continued Pat.

Construction of the two-story clubhouse is also well underway

"With this new facility, we really believe that local residents and visitors alike, will be able to have a great day out," said Pat.

The first friendly cricket match of the season pits last season's league champions Patong CC against new boys TNT CC on October 9 at Cherg Talay school. Weather permitting, the first ball will be bowled at 9am.



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BLACK AND BLUE AGGRESSION: Kone Adama gets tangled up.



CRUNCH TIME: Forward Watcharapong Jun-ngam gets mangled by Chiangmai defense. Photos: Football Siam

HAVING thrashed Chiangmai FC 4-0 at home in April, FC Phuket traveled north to face the "Lanna Tigers" at their Somphot 700 Pi Stadium in a Division One, Thai Premier League clash on Sunday.

Languishing in the relegation zone at 16th place, Chiangmai had recorded only four wins and six draws from 25 matches and were going into this encounter after a 1-1 draw last week against 11th placed Suphanburi FC.

In 6th place, Phuket had peeled away from a mid-table quagmire notching up 10 wins and six draws out of 24 games with an additional two points awarded by Rajpracha FC when they fielded an excess of foreign players in their February meeting. Phuket's last game saw them pummel a lack luster PTT Rayong FC side by a scoreline of 3-0.

Chiangmai were down three key players including defender and local hero, Suphanon Prangchan as well as two key foreign players, Cameroon forward, Megoale Mvom Francis and Ivorian de-

fender, Yao Christian all of whom were sick.

Phuket's midfield general, Sarach Yooyen and Tameezee Hayeyusoh missed the game due to serving out suspensions for an accumulation of bookings in previous matches.

In the very first minute and attack of the game, Phuket were awarded a throw in on the left side mid way inside Chiangmai's half. Nitipong Limsuwan found Niran

Phanthong who turned exquisitely and left his marker standing bewildered. Cutting in along the end line, Niran then struck at goal, but Chiangmai's goalkeeper, Kosin Hemboot was

alert and managed to get down and parry the ball. Niran, like all good strikers had followed up on his shot and found himself perfectly in time to slot the loose ball past the committed keeper.

In the 7th minute, Chiangmai were awarded a free kick, but Saran Sridat's 35 yard effort was easily dealt with by Phuket's Jonathan Matijas.

As the teams grappled for

possession, Phuket's Nitipong Limsuwan was given a yellow card for a dangerous tackle in the 19th minute against Chiangmai's Evans "Ronaldo" Mensah from Ghana.

Ten minutes later, Nene bi Tre Sylvestre's through pass allowed Watcharapong Jan-ngam to collect the ball and wind his way into the penalty area, drilling a shot on target. Kosin Hemboot had learned from his earlier mistake, and this time took no chances by deflecting the shot over the crossbar away from the prowling Phuket attack.

Chiangmai almost equalized on the cusp of half time with a close range effort from Nawaphol Tantrasene, but Matijas had positioned himself well and Phuket kept their advantage going into the break.

It was Chiangmai's turn to exploit a slow start when just two minutes after the restart Warut Supphaso was hacked down in the Phuket penalty area. Saran Sridat stepped up and converted the penalty to bring the scores level at 1-1.

Buoyed by their efforts, Chiangmai turned the screws of attack looking for a second goal, but shots by Evans Mensah and Saran Sridat found only a defiant Matijas.

A 62nd minute substitution by Phuket brought Boubacar Issoufou from Niger into the fray to replace Poramut Krongborisut. Boubacar immediately got in on the action, drilling a free kick from 20 yards out on the right. His shot looked to be on target, but hit the near post and bounced harmlessly out of play.

In the 73rd minute, Chiangmai's Jarupong Sangprong was cautioned and from the free kick Boubacar's 36 yard attempt was swallowed up by Kosin Hemboot to keep the score level.

Phuket had the opportunity to secure three points when Kone Adama was brought down en route to goal in the 79th minute. Nene bi decided to place his penalty only to see Hemboot dive the correct



6,754 fans came to Sunday's match.

MATCH RESULTS

TPL DIVISION ONE

CT Chantaburi	1-2	Rajpracha FC
Thai Honda	1-2	Chainat FC
Bangkok FC	3-4	Suphanburi FC
Samut Prakan	0-2	Airforce Utd
Chiangmai FC	1-1	FC Phuket
Saraburi FC	0-0	Buriram FC
PTT Rayong	2-1	BB Chula Utd
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TTM Pichit	2-0	Thai Port FC
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Chula Utd	26	52
Chainat FC	26	51
Songkhla FC	24	42
Rajpracha	25	42
PTT Rayong	25	41
FC Phuket	25	39
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Insee Police Utd	24	37
Pattaya Utd	25	34
CRUTD	26	34
Thai Port	25	30
Army Utd	25	29

way which allowed the Chiangmai keeper to palm the ball to safety.

Both sides tried to adjust their strategy late in the game with substitutions, but the score remained 1-1 to the final whistle.

Coach Somphong Wattana said: "All our players played well in this game, but it's regretful that we missed the penalty. We'll just have to make up for it next game. I'm confident we'll still stick at around the upper part of the table."

However, as a result of wins last weekend by PTT Rayong,

Rajpracha and Songkhla, Phuket's draw sees them slip a slot from 6th place down to 7th place, now with 39 points.

TPL Division One league play breaks for the coming weekend. Phuket are next set to play Samut Prakan Customs United on Sunday, October 16 at Surakul Stadium in Phuket. For match details, pick up next week's copy of the *Phuket Gazette* and check the website.

– Neil Quail and Steven Layne

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WE certainly do love our FC Phuket yet little is known about the players off the pitch. Following is this week's player profile for fans to cut out and collect.

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BIO

Seksit "Harf" Srisai
Born: August 29, 1992
Position: Midfielder
Height: 169 cm
Weight: 64 kg
Nationality: Thai
Hometown: Yasothon

Q. Apart from FC Phuket who is your favorite football team(s)?
A. Muang Thong United and Liverpool

Q. Who is your favorite football player(s)?

A. Datsakorn Thonglao (Muang Thong Utd) and Chase Fabregas (FC Barcelona).

Q. What interest do you have outside of work?

A. Playing Winning (football video game) and surfing the internet.

Q. If you were not a football player, what would you like to be?

A. I would like to be a doctor and work at my family's hospital in Yasothon.

Q. What do you like about Phuket?

A. I like the environment which has both beaches and hills. Also, the cheering atmosphere is fun and the fan club is real nice to me.



PHOTO 1: The correct starting stance.



PHOTO 2: Weight on the front foot.



Tennis Tips

By Travis Bertram

THE serve is one of the most important shots in tennis if not the most important.

There are two major checkpoints to look for or be aware of on the serve, the wrist and balance on the front foot.

The first you can see in the starting motion of the photo of Marat Safin. Notice before he serves that his left hand is holding the ball with the racket resting between the heel of his hand and the ball.

This technique allows the weight of the racket to rest in the left hand allowing the right hand to rest. This is paramount

to having a good and reliable serve.

The playing hand should be relaxed allowing the wrist to snap. Many players use the finger tips as well to hold the racket.

In the second photo you can see as the ball is tossed that Safin's weight is entirely on ball of the front foot providing an anchor for the body to keep still while the arm and wrist snap forwards. Usually one of these two culprits (the wrist or balance on the front foot) are to blame for a poor serve.

Now, a myth we must dispel is that the toss is most important. To prove this wrong ask a good player to serve in 80km wind or to serve in the sun. The way to salvage a bad toss is with a good wrist.



Triathlon Tips

By Jürgen Zack

FOR most triathletes swimming seems to be the most demanding technical aspect of the three disciplines.

I remember my first triathlon. I was very nervous about the swim start, about being in the open water and I was not sure how to manage swimming in a straight line.

It took a while to become an experienced open water swimmer.

If you follow the right instructions it may well become your favourite part of the event.

Learn to feel comfortable in the open water

Stay as relaxed as possible! Control your breathing, focus on your exhale and ease into your comfort pace.

Get familiar with the water you intend to swim in

Look out for landmarks so as to keep orientation. Watch out for obstacles such as boats, jetskis and rocks.

Learn how to orientate

Try "water polo swim style". Every 10 strokes — look up, so you don't deviate off course. Breathing to both sides every third stroke helps ensure you swim a straighter line.

Stay safe

Use a brightly colored swim cap to be more visible to others.

Try to have company during your swim, either another swim-



Swim mayhem. Photo: Matthew Cole

mer or a companion in a boat.

At Laguna Phuket Triathlon the swim starts in the ocean and ends in the fresh water lagoon.

Be aware of the difference between the two mediums.

Saltwater makes you more buoyant. Freshwater demands a stronger kick to maintain a good body position.

The Combination of both in one race makes the swim very demanding and unique in the world.

And last, but not least. Saltwater tastes, well...salty. Have a sip before swimming to get accustomed to the brackish beverage.

Director of Triathlon Training at Thanyapura Sports and Leisure Club, Jürgen Zack will offer training tips and advice for Phuket Gazette readers who intend to participate in these most demanding of events.

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Young is gunning for India

By Neil Quail

ATLANTIC Racing Team driver Dylan Young from Phuket proved his worth to sponsors and support with a superb drive at the JK Racing Asia Series in Singapore recently.

Young finished race one in 8th place and race two in 6th position which gave the 22-year-old a double points scoring finish for the weekend.

Under lights at the Singtel Singapore F1 circuit, Young posted the 5th fastest time for qualifying. However, a qualifying penalty was issued to the Atlantic Racing Team when the tyre batches for Young and his team mates' car were accidentally switched and both drivers had to start from the back of the grid.

Despite the setback, Young battled his way through the field of fifteen with great overtaking skills on a demanding street course, all under the critical gaze of F1 team bosses.

The next event of the JK Racing Asia Series takes place at the inaugural Airtel Indian F1 Grand Prix at the Buddh International circuit from October 28-30, in front of the Formula 1 World Championship once more.

Dylan's search for financial support continues as he currently doesn't have the funds to compete. A reduced deal has been arranged through his team sponsor, but further support is needed quickly from Phuket backers for Young to finish his 2011 campaign.



A PASSAGE TO INDIA: Dylan Young at the Singapore Formula 1 GP circuit. Photo: © Sutton Motorsport Images

Sponsorship and support at any level will greatly assist Dylan to make the grid at the Indian GP.

"We scored solid points at Singapore, but from here I need to make sure I'm in the cockpit again soon which will really help me take the next step," Young explained.

"The Indian F1 GP event is in a month and we have found a way to extend the deadline slightly so

I'm hoping I can find the support from someone who will see the performance I put in and recognize my talent and back me. Getting to India would really enable me to finish off 2011 in style and give me the necessary races to take my career to the next step in 2012. The last thing I want to happen after last weekend is to have to sit on the sidelines for so

long again. I think I deserve the opportunity to get to India and hopefully take that next step and show what I can do."

Dylan is an ambassador for The Phuket Has Been Good to Us Foundation and is currently supported by Auto Express from Phuket, Energy Watch, Wilson Security, and Atlantic Racing Team sponsor, Branson Lifestyle.

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