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# Retailers scramble to avoid flood shortages

By Warisa Temram and Chaiyot Yongcharoenchai

THE floods in Bangkok and Central Thailand have crippled the distribution networks of major retailers, sparking shortages of certain consumer goods in Phuket and causing the prices of some goods to skyrocket.

The Phuket Internal Trade Office (PITO) has launched a blitz against market vendors and retailers gouging customers, saying there is no need for panic as Phuket is still far from suffering a crisis.

"A lot of stores are short of many consumer goods: rice, water, milk, and dry food," said PITO chief Supatcha Boonpalit.

"But goods that can't be found at some stores are still available at other stores," she added.

Major retailers Tesco Lotus, Big C and Super Cheap are struggling to cope with the erratic supply lines.

"We normally receive all of our goods from a distribution center in Ayutthaya, but the center is underwater," said a spokesperson at Tesco Lotus on the bypass road.

"Our deliveries still come daily, but with much less stock than



A supermarket staffer restocks what produce he can on the bare shelves.

usual. We are now short on drinking water, rice, sugar, milk and dry food products," he said.

To alleviate the problem, the company set up a temporary distribution center in Chumphon to serve all Tesco Lotus stores in Southern Thailand, he added.

However, fresh produce is in good supply. "We have a local distributor, so we have enough eggs, meat and organic vegetables for everyone," said the spokesman.

Big C has experienced the same: running short on packaged goods,

but in good supply of local fresh produce.

"We usually receive all of our stock via daily deliveries from warehouses in Ayutthaya – but we didn't receive any stock from them for almost two weeks," said one staffer at Big C Extra in Patong.

"We solved the problem by sourcing stock from other stores in the region. We trade products with Big C stores in Krabi and Phang Nga," he said.

Super Cheap is also suffering.

"We are short on bottled water, rice and sugar. Although we still have enough for everyone, we have to limit the number of items per family," said a public relations officer.

"We have raised the prices of some products, mostly because we have to pay more in order to buy them, such as with some brand-names of water. But some local brands have distributors in the South, so for these items the prices are not affected," she said.

Some local relief from the spiralling prices is on its way, said Dr Sirichai Silapa-archa, chairman of the Phuket Chamber of Commerce (PCC).

"The cost of living [in Phuket] is already high, and now people have to suffer shortages and pay even higher prices. For this reason, the PCC will work with government offices and the Charoen Pokphand [CP] Group to start a market that sells products at lower than normal market prices," he said.

The fair will be held from 9am to 4pm in front of the PCC office [on Suthat Road in Phuket Town] on the first Thursday and Friday of every month, starting on November 3," he added.

## Second tour bus crash in four days

By Atchaa Khamlo

BREAKING news as this issue to print was that a tour bus carrying 37 Russian tourists from Phuket International Airport had crashed on Patong Hill on Wednesday afternoon, injuring many passengers in the second such incident in four days in Phuket.

A Russian passenger told the *Gazette* that the bus – emblazoned with the logo "J-Siam Holiday Phuket Co" – was carrying 37 Russians, and four Thais: two tour guides, one driver and one assistant.

The group had just arrived in Phuket and were en route to the Duangjit Resort in Patong.

At the time of going to press, no fatalities had been reported, while the exact number of injured and the extent of their injuries remained unclear.

A Thai woman who was on the bus when it crashed said it seemed as though the brakes failed as the bus descended a dangerous stretch of steep road leading into Patong.

The bus ran off the road and slightly

downhill before coming to a stop in what appeared to be a construction site.

The crash follows that of a bus carrying Chinese tourists overturning on the Chalong-Kata Hill road last Saturday, killing one and sending 29 to the hospital with injuries. Police have yet to conclude their investigation into the cause of the crash (see page 3).

The accident near Patong on Wednesday took place near the spot where a tour bus went off the road earlier this year, killing one and injuring about 40.



A rescue worker inspects the tour bus to ensure all passengers were evacuated.

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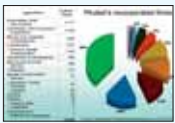
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# Phuket DMAT crews assist flood victims

EMERGENCY medical staff from Phuket have joined the flood-relief efforts in Ayutthaya.

Led by Dr Weerasak Lorthongkham, the first Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) from the Phuket Public Health Office (PPHO) reached the disaster zone on October 5 for a 10-day assignment, said PPHO deputy director Dr Wiwat Seetamanotch.

They arrived as floodwaters were still rising, forcing them to relocate from their original location to higher ground at Phachee Hospital, Phachee District.

The first team comprised workers from Vachira Phuket Hospital, Thalang Hospital, Patong Hospital and private hospitals on the island, as well as specialist staff from a number of other agencies.

"The second DMAT team was led by Patong Hospital Director Dr Bhumin Silaphan. He and 30 officers worked from a mobile clinic set up at the Big C Supercenter in Ayutthaya from October 14 to 21," said Dr Wiwat.

"They have been relieved by a team led by Dr Sompong Wannoon from Vachira Phuket Hospital that includes medical staff from Trang province," he added.

The teams operate much like a regular hospital, offering in-patient and out-patient services as



A Phuket DMAT crew member at work at a mobile clinic in Ayutthaya.

well as an emergency ward.

The teams typically treat 300 to 400 patients daily. Most are local people and many are from Nakhon Luang District, which is almost completely under water, Dr Wiwat explained.

Each DMAT is subdivided into four teams, three of which operate in the field while the fourth is on stand-by at the hospital.

Typical complaints include chronic illnesses as well as hypo-

thermia, athlete's foot, diarrhea and skin diseases, to name just a few, Dr Wiwat said.

The fourth DMAT, which has yet to be deployed, will comprise more mental health specialists to help victims deal with the psychological toll of the damage and loss of lives.

"We will continue sending DMATs there until the flooding situation improves," Dr Wiwat said.

— Warisa Temram

## Water meters missing – again

PHUKET City Municipality is urging residents to beware of water-meter thieves running amok in the town and is calling for all scrap merchants to be on the lookout for any items that resemble steel car ramps used to park vehicles in inner-city garages.

The warnings come after a spate of thefts throughout the town, with 10 municipal water meters stolen this month alone.

Phuket City Mayor Somjai Suwansupapana said the incidents were reported to Phuket City Police, who had yet to make a breakthrough in the case.

"I have also contacted the scrap metal merchants and secondhand stores for information about people selling water meters or metal ramps," she added.



Phuket City Mayor Somjai

The owners of any stores found buying stolen water meters or mobile metal ramps will be charged with receiving stolen property, Mayor Somjai warned.

"Phuket Town suffered similar thefts several years ago. The police arrested many people for stealing water meters. The situation improved, but now the problem has returned," she said.

— Warisa Temram

## News to ride the Blue Wave

THE *Phuket Gazette* and the *Phuket Bulletin*, operators of Blue Wave 90.5 FM, have entered into a partnership to carry *Gazette* content throughout the Andaman region, with Phuket, Krabi and Phang Nga at its epicenter.

The new wave started rolling on Monday morning, October 24.

Blue Wave was established in 2006 and is the Andaman's largest English-language broadcaster. All programming is in stereo and the station has become well known for its particular genre of music – cool, easy and sophisticated.

It is this, said station manager and program director Oscar Chitamitree, that has enabled the station to penetrate well beyond the expat community and into the



Oscar Chitamitree (center) of Blue Wave meets the Gazette Radio Team.

larger and faster-growing world of "international Thais".

"One of the reasons we've partnered with the *Gazette* is that we share the same view of the market. Phuket is in fact a market of many communities and we try

to appeal to a general audience – not to any particular or exclusive group. This gives us a much broader base of listeners.

"Our focus is to entertain and inform people who live in the Andaman region," he said.



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## Tourist in ICU after van hits tree

A KOREAN tourist remained in intensive care and another in the hospital days after the tour van they were traveling in slammed into a tree last Saturday.

The accident happened between the Thepkasattri Bridge and the Tah Chat Chai police checkpoint just before 3pm, said Lt Col Prakob Boonkwan of Tah Chat Chai Police.

An emergency-response team from the Kusoldharm Rescue Foundation took 30 minutes using a 'jaws of life' metal cutter to free two tourists trapped in the van.

Mr Don Sik Uyoo, 35, is still in the intensive care unit, Mrs Sun Hee Kim, 53, is in the hospital with a broken left wrist and a wound on her head, but is fine now, and Sang Moon Lee, 63, required some stitches for wounds on his face but has been released, a staffer at Bangkok Hospital Phuket told the *Phuket Gazette* on Monday.

The driver, Anuchart Lertsirivongsakul, is still at Vachira Phuket Hospital with a broken thigh bone, a hospital officer said.

The driver's unfamiliarity with the road and the speed of the van may have caused the accident, Lt Col Prakob said.

— *Wichai Wittawat*

# Police probe bus crash

By D Noble and C Plerin

POLICE are investigating the cause of a traffic accident on the Chalong-Kata Hill last Saturday that resulted in a tour bus rolling onto its roof, killing one tourist and injuring 29 others.

The bus, operated by CNR Travel, overturned on a downhill section of Patak Road at about 8am while heading toward Chalong, said investigating officer Nitikorn Rawang.

Chinese tourist Wu Rong, 54, died in the accident, while 29 others were rushed to local hospitals. No other fatalities were reported.

Twenty-six Chinese tourists, one tour guide, his assistant, and driver Sarawut Tonkaew were injured.

Eyewitnesses reported that all forms of emergency-response teams arrived quickly at the scene.

One bystander watched as rescue workers recovered Ms Wu's body from the wreckage and used the 'jaws of life' metal cutters to free other injured tourists trapped in the bus.

Initial investigations and evidence at the scene, including rubber skid marks just before where the bus rolled off the road, led officers to presume that a mechanical failure caused the accident, Capt Nitikorn said.

As the bus left the road, it



The tire of a second tour bus exploded when it passed over electrical wires downed by another bus that overturned when its brakes allegedly failed. Photos: Dean Noble

struck a power pole, snapping it in two.

The power cables draped along the edge of the road complicated rescue efforts and the recovery of the overturned bus, which was stopped from rolling further downhill by two trees.

The bus hung suspended above a Thai kickboxing camp below.

The fallen cables became entangled on the protruding rear-view

mirror of another tour bus heading in the opposite direction.

As the bus inched uphill, the exposed end of a severed power cable sparked, exploding one rear tyre and scorching the side of the double-decker, which had the slogan "Best Way Best Services" emblazoned on its side.

No one on that bus was injured.

Traffic was soon reopened on the busy road, though recovering

the bus from over the edge of the steep slope required spectacular use of a crane by emergency workers.

At the time of going to press, police had yet to finish questioning the driver, Mr Sarawut, and other witnesses.

At the scene last Saturday, Suchart Kraisin, owner of the overturned bus, declined to comment to the *Phuket Gazette*.

## Ex-cop caught smuggling 4.5kg of pot into Phuket

POLICE at Tah Chat Chai checkpoint on Tuesday arrested a retired policeman trying to smuggle 4.5 kilograms of marijuana into Phuket.

Also arrested was a man who says he was just getting a ride from Ranong with the former officer.

Police stopped Natthawut Nuengklang, 61, to conduct a standard inspection of his pickup truck when they found five sealed packs of marijuana inside a "clothing bag" on the floor of the cab, said Sen Sgt Maj Thanom Thongpan.

They also found Mr Natthawut carrying a 9mm handgun, he added.

"He said he got the marijuana in Phetchaburi and that he was to deliver it to a Thai man in Phuket. They were to meet near Patong

Beach," said Sen Sgt Maj Thanom.

Mr Natthawut told police that he was a retired police officer and served with the Cha-am Police in Petchaburi. He also claimed to have a license for the handgun, Sen Sgt Maj Thanom added.

As for the passenger, 51-year-old Bancha Sangsawang, Mr Natthawut said he picked him up in Ranong, where Mr Bancha lives.

"Mr Bancha denied any knowledge of the drugs. He said he was in the car only to accompany Mr Natthawut to Phuket," Sen Sgt Maj Thanom said. Both men were transferred to Phuket Provincial Prison.

At the time of writing, a court date had yet to be set.

— *Atchaa Khamlo*

## Number of kids in drug rehab 'worrying'

THERE is growing concern about drug use among children in Phuket, who reportedly make up more than 8 per cent of all participants in drug rehabilitation programs across the island.

Phuket Provincial Health Office statistics show that out of 1,414 people in drug rehabilitation programs in Phuket, 114 of them are

children under the age of 18.

Prajiad Aksornthammakul, head of Phuket Provincial Office, presided over a meeting on October 18 to evaluate information gathered on drug problems in Phuket.

In addition to the alarming rates of drug use among children, there were also high numbers of young adults taking part in a voluntary drug

addiction recovery program running from October 1, 2010 to September 30 this year, the meeting heard. There were 202 males and 8 females between the ages of 21 and 25 participating in the program.

Almost 53 per cent of those in the program were addicted to *Ya bah*, a tablet containing a mixture of methamphetamine and caffeine.

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# Officials fear children are 'eating themselves dumb'

By Warisa Temram

POOR diet among Phuket children has been named as one of the key factors hampering their mental development.

According to research by the Department of Mental Health, poor diet is causing problems, with many children suffering stunted growth or being under or overweight, Phuket Provincial Chief Administrative Officer Chaiwat Taephee told local school directors and health officials last week.

"And it is also inhibiting their capacity to learn and solve problems," he added.

At a seminar to hear Mr Chaiwat's concerns were health officers, representatives from each of the 18 local administration organizations (*OrBorTor*) on the island and principals from 21 Phuket schools.

Mr Chaiwat said that Phuket students attaining higher than average IQ (intelligence quotient) scores in a recent government survey were to be praised, but



**Chaiwat Taephee urged school and health administrators to ensure Phuket children are fed nothing but nutrition.** Photo: Monchaya Suebpong

school directors were not to rest on their laurels.

"Phuket children scored above-average IQs. Phuket ranked number 14 in Thailand and number 1 in the South... But that is no reason to relax, because many of the children in our nurseries and schools are still suffering from malnutrition. They are too short, too thin or too fat – and all this affects their mental development

and learning skills," he said.

Mr Chaiwat called for a sustained public awareness campaign and for the relevant officials to take steps in their respective areas to help counter the problem.

"The research indicates that we need to encourage people to live healthily, to eat a proper, nutritious diet at the right age. We must start from pregnancy. Pregnant women must have access to the appropriate food as well as Triferdine, which includes the iodine, iron and folic acid necessary for the complete development of the unborn baby's brain.

"Babies must be breast fed for the first six months, together with iodine, iron and folic acid supplements, and then they must have the right nutrition fed to them by their families, at nursery centers and at schools," he said.

"If we take good care of our children by giving them nutritious food, raise them well and offer them a good education, they will certainly be above average," he added.

# Big Buddha

**THE five-year contract allowing construction to continue on the Big Buddha atop Chalong's Nakkerd Hills will expire on October 31, opening the project to an administrative shuffle. But first, the Royal Forest Department has to decide whether or not it will extend the contract for the use of the land. The *Phuket Gazette's* Atchaa Khamlo reports.**

"AN OFFICIAL request has been sent to the Director General of the Royal Forest Department to extend the contract for another five years," said Phra Kru Wisut Kittiyaporn, the head monk at Kata Temple, which commissioned the giant figure.

In addition to a time extension, the request asked to expand the project area from the current 42 rai to 71 rai.

If the contract is extended, it will be the fourth extension the Forest Department has granted to the temple.

With a confirmed contract extension in hand, Kata Temple will seek to remove Phra Phuttha Mingmongkol Foundation 45 from its managerial role in the project, a move agreed to following allegations of illegal construction and questions over the management of donations.

The desire to switch management stems from a complaint filed anonymously claiming that the foundation was not revealing financial details of the Big Buddha's construction.

Kata Temple is now looking to cooperate directly with the Phuket Forest Office in managing the project – restricting the foundation's responsibilities to only the actual construction of the Big Buddha image and possibly other important construction projects.

"Under the new contract, the foundation would send us monthly account updates. We don't want to be involved with this money, so we'll set up a committee to look after it," explained Phra Kru Wisut said.

An officer from the Phuket Forest Office, who asked not to be named, explained to the *Gazette* that construction of the Big Buddha was not part of the origi-

nal contract signed with the Kata Temple in 1998.

"The project described in the [original] contract is for a small Buddha image, forest preservation, horticulture, paying respect to Buddha and observing dharma," said the Forest Officer.

Suporn Vanitchakul, the chairman of the Mingmongkol Foundation 45, explained the change in plans.

"The original 19-meter-wide Buddha image was to be made from brass, but people thought that the brass was too expensive, so we considered using cement to build the Buddha instead.

"The committee finally decided to build the Buddha with concrete reinforced by iron. We received a lot of money from donations and decided to build the Big Buddha. Meanwhile, a generous person donated all of the Burmese marble needed for the project.

"We thought that the image being covered with marble would withstand the elements longer than if it were made from concrete only," Mr Suporn said.

"The Big Buddha image itself is finished. The project has used more than

100 million baht from donations worldwide and the total cost of the project is expected to cost 800 million baht," said Mr Suporn.

"However, an actual budget has not been set, it depends on how much we get from donations," he added.

Years ago, in anticipation of completing the image, the foundation applied for permission to feature at the project site the Royal Insignia marking HM King Bhumol Adulyadej's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The insignia will be unveiled on November 13, four days before planned ceremonies to be held to jointly commemorate the birthdays

**'It's hard to make any decisions that affect the project because of the religious nature of it. If any regulations in the contract can be flexible to the project's needs, we will look for them.'**

*– Pachearn Molee, an officer at the Forest Resource Management Office*

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Suporn Vanitchakul (pictured), chairman of the Mingmongkol Foundation 45, said Burmese marble for the image's exterior was donated by a 'generous person'. Photo: Atchaa Khamlo

of HM The King, which is on December 5, and of HM Queen Sirikit, which is on August 12.

With the giant statue complete, Mr Suporn is now focusing on other elements of the project that he hopes to continue working on.

"Now that the Buddha image is complete, we will continue to develop the area around the base for *Wien Tien* ceremonies [circular procession with candles performed to mark special Buddhist occasions], as well as a

ceremony area surrounding the Big Buddha and a staircase connecting the *Wien Tien* area and the Big Buddha image. We will also construct a Tsunami refuge under the base of the Big Buddha. It's quite a big project," he said.

Pachearn Molee, an officer at the Forest Resource Management Office in Krabi, which is also responsible for Phuket, seemed unaware of Mr Suporn's additional plans for the area, though he recognized that the project needed to

be approached sensitively.

"It's hard to make any decisions that affect the project because of the religious nature of it. If any regulations in the contract can be flexible to the project's needs, we will look for them," he said.

"However, we have to make sure the project manager understands that it is important not to encroach on forest land and that there be accountability for the donations made to the foundation"

Mr Pachearn added.

At the time of writing, the foundation has been unable to set a date for the completion of the entire project because "we work from the faith and power of the people," said Mr Suporn.

After construction is complete and the foundation has fulfilled its function, Kata Temple and the Phuket Forest Office plan to hand over responsibility for the site to the government through the Phuket Provincial Office.

"We will ask that 'Buddha Park' – currently governed by the temple – become a Buddhist preserve, which will be administered by the provincial office with the temple's support.

"Before we take this step, we must have the administrative responsibilities of the project handed over to the temple, as designated in the new contract, and not run by the foundation anymore," said an official at the Phuket Forest Office.



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# Brit survives stabbing at beach party

By Atchaa Khamlo

A BRITISH backpacker was rushed to Bangkok Hospital Phuket in Phuket Town after being stabbed at a beach party on Phi Phi Island early last Friday morning.

Nicholas Palmer, 22, was rushed to Phuket by speedboat at about 1am after he was stabbed twice in the middle of a crowded party at Ton Sai Bay.

Mr Palmer, from Worcestershire in England, underwent an operation that afternoon to repair a three-centimeter gash to his liver.

"I am not really sure what happened. I was walking back to my friends in the middle of the crowd when it happened," he said.

"I don't understand it. I haven't had an argument with anyone and I have no idea why he would do

that in the middle of so many people," he said.

"I think he went to steal my wallet, but when I realized what he was doing I think that's when it happened," he added.

Mr Palmer's friend, Richard Gregory, 23, told the *Gazette* that he had been informed the police had arrested the suspect.

At the time of speaking to the *Gazette*, however, Mr Palmer had yet to give his statement to police. "The doctor told me that I need to stay in the hospital for about seven days," Mr Palmer explained.

Phi Phi Police chief Kunakorn Pingsakul told the *Gazette* the suspect was Hamed Poonyung, 23, from Satun province.

He was working as a hotel staffer.

"He was arrested two hours



**STILL SMILING:** British tourist Nicholas Palmer recovering at Bangkok Hospital Phuket. Photo: Atchaa Khamlo

after Nicholas was stabbed," said Lt Col Kunakorn.

"It was not about robbery as we have already checked the CCTV footage. Both Hamed and Nicholas were drunk and had a bit of a fight before [Nicholas] was stabbed.

"Hamed has been charged with attempted murder. What he has done is not good as it affects our tourism image," he added.

Hamed is being held in custody on Phi Phi Island.

The suspect was to be presented to Krabi Provincial Court, with investigating officers yet to visit Phuket to question Mr Palmer, Lt Col Kunakorn said.

Despite the incident, Mr Palmer and Mr Gregory remain undaunted about continuing their travel plans.

"Four of us came to Thailand on October 11 and we arrived on Phi Phi two days ago. It was our first time on Phi Phi," explained Mr Gregory.

He and Mr Palmer graduated in the UK just last year, he added.

"We planned to go to Laos, then on the 24th we were to go to Australia. We have work visas and want to work and travel there.

"We will wait for Nick to get better, then he will come with us. I think he will be all right.

"We think that going back home is boring," he added.

Mr Palmer confirmed that his family had been informed of the incident.

"My mother was cheering me up to get better," he smiled.

## Residents reclaim loot stolen from their homes

RESIDENTS in Thung Thong have been trickling into the local police station this past week in the hope of reclaiming household goods stolen from their home.

Thung Thong Police last Thursday revealed more than 30 items seized as evidence in the arrests of three men charged with conducting a recent spate of break-ins in the area.

Thung Thong Police Superintendent Kraithong Chanthongbai named the three suspects as Teerachart Chankon, 32, and Kriangsak Jintapakun 25, both from Phuket; and Sarawut Suporn, 23, from Mukdahan.

All three were charged with theft by breaking and entering as well as receiving stolen property, said Col Kraithong.

In addition to these charges,



**Residents try to identify any items stolen from their homes.**

Teerachart was charged with possession of a Class 1 drug (crystal methamphetamine, also called *ya Ice*) with intent to sell as well as possession of an unregistered firearm and ammunition.

Kriangsak was also charged with possession of an unregistered firearm and ammunition, he added.

— Warisa Temram

## Election canvasser dies in crash

A MAN helping to post campaign posters for the upcoming local election in Mai Khao died in a high-speed motorcycle accident last Saturday afternoon.

Tah Chat Chai Police Lt Col Prakob Boonkwan received a report at 2pm saying that a motorcycle had slammed into a 10-wheeled truck on the road that runs alongside the runway at Phuket International Airport.

"Witnesses reported the motorcycle coming from the airport and heading towards Thepkrasattri

Road at high speed. Meanwhile, the 10-wheeled truck loaded with soil was pulling out onto the road.

"The man riding the motorcycle lost control and slammed into the truck," said Lt Col Prakob.

The rider was later identified as 30-year-old Mai Khao resident Somkwan Songubon.

"He was a fisherman and a close friend of former Mai Khao Tambon Administration Organization (*OrBorTor*) member Winai Sae-Ew," Lt Col Prakob said.

— Wichai Witthaya

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# Floods reopen old wounds

THAILAND'S ongoing flood crisis has exposed deep fissures in Thai society, sparking a political battle between the central government of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and the opposition-controlled Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA).

Information released by the Flood Relief Operations Center, responsible for coordinating the government's response to the disaster, and Bangkok Governor Sukhumbhand Paribatra has regularly conflicted, leading to confusion over the nature of the threat to the capital.

"Mrs Yingluck has fallen into a political trap," wrote Pavin Chachavalpongpun of Singapore's Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in the *Wall Street Journal*.

"Having failed to protect other provinces from the floods earlier, she will be damned whether she puts the priority on saving the capital, which accounts for 80 per cent of the Thai economy, or tries to spread the suffering fairly and rationally."

The floods, which began in Northern Thailand in August, have

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killed at least 350 people and devastated at least 30 provinces.

The country's industrial heartlands in Central Thailand have been particularly hard hit, with at least six large industrial estates employing hundreds of thousands of workers submerged in stagnant floodwater.

At the time of writing, inner Bangkok had so far been spared from major damage, leading to claims that provincial Thailand had been sacrificed to protect the city's upscale residents.

The crisis has also called Mrs Yingluck's leadership into question. Critics from within her own political camp say she has allowed Mr Sukhumbhand to score political points against the Pheu Thai Party-led coalition government.

"The opposition Democrat Party has continued to attack Mrs



Prime minister Yingluck Shinawatra, flanked by Bangkok Governor Sukhumbhand Paribatra and Army Chief Prayuth Chan-ocha, inspect the water level at a Bangkok pumping station. Photo: AFP/HO/BMA

Yingluck for her supposed inability to cope with the situation," wrote Mr Pavin.

"It has collaborated closely with the Bangkok governor in

discrediting the government. Under Mr Sukhumbhand, the capital has emerged as an independent state separate from the rest of Thailand."

Earlier in the month, the government provided 800,000 sandbags to the BMA following a request from Mr Sukhumbhand. The Bangkok governor called the quality of the bags into question.

"I don't know how strong these bags are. Once I saw these paper bags I was in shock," he said, adding that if the government was too preoccupied elsewhere to help, he would make do with his own sandbags, the *New York Times* reported.

Tensions have not been confined to the highest echelons of power, with the protection of the capital – at the expense of the provinces that surround it – causing deep resentment among affected residents.

Last week, "a few men with weapons" in Pathum Thani province (a northern suburb of Bangkok) confronted officials building a sandbag wall at a low-lying junction, BMA spokesman Jate Sopitpongstorn told Bloomberg. The men destroyed the barrier, allowing water to flow into Bangkok.

## Insurgents dressed as women unleash carnage

SUSPECTED Islamic insurgents killed seven people in shooting and bomb attacks in the Deep South province of Narathiwat last week.

Among the dead were a female teacher, a male supermarket owner and a young boy and his parents.

On Sunday night, an unknown number of militants dressed as women sprayed bullets and threw grenades at troops guarding a checkpoint in downtown Muang District, Narathiwat.

Two soldiers were killed in the attack. Police Colonel Banlue Chuvet told DPA that one insurgent was killed, but that the militants took the body when they fled.

Minutes later, two bombs exploded at two supermarkets located 300 yards away from each other.

The explosions caused the build-

ings to catch fire, igniting blazes that took at least three hours to put out.

The charred bodies of the male owner and female teacher were found in the first shop, while the young boy and his parents were found in the second. At least seven people suffered burns in the attacks, AFP reported.

The Deep South provinces of Yala, Narathiwat and Pattani have seen an uptick in attacks by insurgents over the past year.

Prince of Songkhla University's Deep South Watch reported that 51 people were killed and 157 wounded in 67 violent incidents in Pattani, Yala and Narathiwat in September.

At least 4,800 people have been killed in what Amnesty International describes as an "internal conflict" since January 2004.

## Migrants lose jobs, leave

MIGRANT workers are pouring over the Thai-Burma border after flooding forced the shutdown of hundreds of factories that employed them in Central Thailand.

Sources in Mae Sot in Tak province in Northern Thailand told *The Irrawaddy* that hundreds of people were crossing the border to return to Burma every day.

"Some of them don't have any money," one Karen border trader told the website. "When they get across the border, they tell drivers they will pay them when they reach their destinations."

At least six large industrial estates in Ayutthaya and Pathum Thani provinces have been shut

down after they were inundated by Thailand's worst floods in at least half a decade.

Nai Pali, an ethnic Mon worker, told *The Irrawaddy*: "It's better to go back home for a while. When it's safe here, I'll return," he said.

Meanwhile, on October 23, the Migrant Worker Rights Network and other migrant organizations in Samut Prakan province held large-scale activities to donate food and money to assist those affected by the floods. At least 10,000 migrants were expected to attend.

The donations, which were to be collected at nine different locations, would be handed over to the province's governor.

Singapore Mediacorp Artiste, Joanne Peh



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# Barking up the wrong tree

ONE of the most startling revelations to arise from the bus crash on Chalong-Kata Hill (see page 3) was a policeman telling the *Phuket Gazette* that there was no provision in law for police to lay charges against the bus owner and/or management company for vehicle malfunctions, such as brake failure.

This is why bus, van and truck drivers who crash in Phuket simply flee the scene whenever they can. Regardless of whether or not the accident was their fault, they are going to be blamed.

At the time of writing, the authorities had yet to figure out which course of action to take with last week's horror crash, which killed one tourist and injured many more. On the surface, it would be all too easy for the police to just blame the driver and close the file.

Brake failure is easily the most common reason given for accidents on Phuket's steep roads. Was it that again? If it was, it would be the responsibility of the person in charge of vehicle maintenance, not the driver. Thus the predicament facing the police.

Maintenance is one of the first things to go when management feels compelled to cut costs. The Paddington rail disaster in London in 1999, in which 31 people were killed and more than 520 injured, highlighted the problem. Was management at British Rail charged with "killing to save cash"? No.

The long chain of mitigated responsibility was created for exactly that purpose. The hapless Chinese tourists on the bus last week booked their tours with an agent in China, then on arrival were handed off to a local tour operator who hired a bus from a company which, in turn, had subcontracted an "independent operator" to provide the transport.

The further we go down the line, the worse it gets, so in the end no one is held accountable – except the driver. This is the person who, of all the people in the long and murky chain of "service" providers – corporate, nominal and human – probably had the least to gain to begin with. Driver rewards in Thailand may or may not be commensurate with driving skills, but are almost surely out of balance with the risks, particularly in a culture where the concepts of insurance and responsibility remain alien in many quarters.

With anonymous and essentially untraceable ownership and management of so many buses, trucks and vans in Thailand, certainly one of the biggest risks faced by a freelance driver is the condition of the vehicle he is asked to risk so many lives in. Since one of those lives is his own, it is probably safe to assume that not all accidents are the driver's fault.

Yet the police response is Pavlovian. It is rare indeed to encounter a media report in which the driver of a vehicle of any size is not charged with negligence and/or manslaughter following a fatal accident.

What is equally rare, however, is to hear of a conviction, but that is another matter entirely.



## Phuket sidecar named desire

I would like to compliment Phuket on the motorbike-sidecar "restaurants". I'm sure these are all over Thailand, but I love the ones here on the island.

A bundle of deep-fried-who-knows-what on a stick after a dozen drinks is the paradise many tourists miss.

I know some tourists are advised to avoid street-vendor food when they first arrive, so they choose to stick to the fancy restaurants in their hotels or along the beach front. I'm not saying that fried chicken balls is stellar authentic Thai cuisine, but it's a must-try!

Jim Friday  
Chalong

### I've killed thousands...

Re: *Gazette online, Phuket Gardening – Keeping the flies at bay, October 25*

My way of killing mosquitoes is safe, cheap and easy.

Get a dark container or bucket, fill it half-full with water and add a handful of laundry detergent. Done! Mosquitoes land on the water to lay their eggs; the detergent breaks the surface tension and they as soon as they land, they sink and drown. I've killed thousands using this technique. Mosquitoes visible on bottom! Works best if there are no other standing water sources around.

Drown em  
Gazette Forum

### Bye-bye badmouths!

I feel like *muay Thai* tourists in Phuket get a bad rap. I often read comments from you

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readers online after a drunk *muay Thai* student gets beaten down and I'm embarrassed, both by the student – who is often in the wrong – and by the expat community, which seems to neither have a soul nor sympathy for those who have made mistakes.

I have been in Phuket only a short while and have heard expats making snide remarks about *muay Thai* students in the same breath that they badmouth Isarn women and the Burmese worker camps – it's unbelievable.

It really seems like a portion of the vocal expat community here is blind to the fact that this island needs to serve a variety of people with a variety of needs.

Trevor Green  
Rawai

### Going for 'gold' rentals

So I have been buying bootleg DVDs in Phuket for some time now, despite the 10-baht price increase in recent years.

I have quite a collection of poor-quality films, most of which start by explaining to me why I should be buying the "gold" discs and not the "purple" discs, which are of course the ones I have.

After the crowd's laughter blotted out another apparently hilarious joke, I gave up and started buying the gold discs, but they were too expensive.

The solution: DVD rentals. The DVD rental stores are great.

They are reasonably priced and honestly I'm not going to watch *The Incredible Hulk* more than once.

Greg Kilgore  
Rawai

### Dumb parents dumb their kids down

Re: *Gazette online, Officials fear Phuket kids 'eating themselves dumb', October 22*

It's a combination of the parents' education level and the food. The low education level of parents means a lack of understanding of their children's needs. This not only includes dietary needs, but also the need to be in school every day that it is open, barring illness.

It also means forcing the children to do their homework – no *mai pen rai*.

We are just observing the effects of parents with low education levels, which is a global occurrence.

Cindy  
Gazette Forum

### Proud of Phuket

I'm proud of Phuket for all the money being raised and supplies being sent north. I can't imagine the amount of suffering that people are dealing with right now.

I am concerned about the corruption and graft that can take place during a crisis like this, however I think it's important to show our support by giving generously and being positive.

Tina Swift  
Patong

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# Island's blind seek better opportunities

## FIRST PERSON

IT SEEMS that the blind community here in Phuket has been treated better by society recently. The government and some private-sector organizations are providing us with more opportunities to be a part of society.

I think people today are more familiar with the abilities and needs of blind people than they were in the past. Many people seem to understand that apart from being visually impaired we are no different from them. Because of that, they are more willing to help us.

We get 500 baht a month from the government as well as assistance from private organizations. It is our responsibility to come up with ideas for projects and propose them to private organizations. Unfortunately, we seem to get no agreement whatsoever when we propose similar projects to government agencies.

There are two popular careers that offer relatively stable incomes for the blind, selling lottery tickets and being a masseuse or masseur. Others work as musicians, fortune tellers and telephone operators. Blind people who attain a higher level of education might work with computers by handling word processing jobs or writing music.

I think there have been greater strides made to provide disabled people with physical assistance than with career development opportunities. Government policy now mandates a variety of assis-



**Sukhon Krobbuaban, 34**, is from Chaiyaphum Province and recently retired as the president of the Thailand Association of the Blind, Phuket Chapter. Here he talks about his four-year term leading the association's work to improve living conditions for the blind and visually impaired in Phuket.

tance measures, from ramps or handrails for people who have trouble walking, to braille publications for the blind.

The association established a study center at Bangkok Phuket Hospital. They have audio books with historical documentaries that the elderly are interested in, as well as other useful facilities. There are not many blind people here in Phuket that want to develop their vocational skills further than what is already offered through the training there.

The number of blind Phuket residents registered with our association and issued a member card is around 30. In addition to these members there are about 70 blind people who are not from Phuket and thus cannot apply for membership, but they still have the same rights as members.

Most blind people in Phuket are either middle-aged or elderly. In the future, I hope the government will reserve massage work for the blind, as they have done in Japan and Vietnam. If not, the blind will suffer.

This may be especially true in

2015, when the new agreement by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations will allow greater flow of labor across borders. Foreigners may come and take careers away from Thais. This is a problem for the blind because our career options are limited.

I think there are three things the blind need most from the government now: First, we need an increase in our monthly allowance because 500 baht does not go very far at all; second, we would like improved facilities for the blind at shopping centers so that we don't need to disturb people in order to get our shopping done; and I would like to see an Act of Parliament guaranteeing the blind exclusive rights to sell lottery tickets at selected places, especially shopping malls and department stores.

Finally, I would like to ask government officers for better treatment of blind people working on public sidewalks. Many officers still create problems for them, and this reflects poorly on our society as a whole.

# Phuket struggles for style and substance

I LIVE in a Balinese-style house – at least that is what the real-estate agent told me when we originally visited it. It is made predominantly of wood, has an open-plan downstairs which leads out onto a lush tropical garden.

On a recent first trip to Bali I saw “real” Balinese style first-hand and the inspiration behind my house now seems to me to be less Balinese than I thought. The houses in Bali were quiet, serene and designed to melt into the surrounding landscape and become part of nature.

In Phuket, building projects are popping up as fast as mushrooms after the heavy rains and although each is described in terms such as “modern tropical”, “luxury villa” or “Thai style”, there seems to be no “Phuket style”. I believe the last time Phuket had a style of its own was when they built the Sino-Portuguese buildings in Phuket Town which share a cultural heritage with places like Penang, Malaysia.

Near my Balinese home there is a bar where I went to watch the rugby World Cup semi-finals and two minutes before kickoff a distant loud boom heralded yet another forty-minute blackout, which ruined my day.

There have been many blackouts lately, which have been blamed on the rain, but on this occasion the sun was shining. The blackouts are something I have learned to accept, along with soi dogs, deforestation, noisy neighbors and tin-roof worker camps that started springing up a couple of years ago in my otherwise tranquil neighborhood.



A Balinese-style home

## Island View

By Roy McAllum

Do you have an opinion to voice?  
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I have come to believe that Phuket does not really have a style of its own. It is part beach paradise, part shopping mall, part city, part jungle.

There are rows of empty shop-houses, large “gated communities” and a smattering of expensive villas with an increasingly sought after sea view. Hotels and condos line the coast road and every hundred meters you will find a ubiquitous 7-Eleven.

In the morning a neighbor greets the dawn by pumping up his bass woofer so that his Isarn music rattles my Balinese wooden shutters. Next door the worker's camp that was demolished last year is noisily being reconstructed and “bang” there goes the electricity for another six hours.

Maybe Phuket does have a style after all. Maybe this is Phuket style.

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

### Tarred and ruffled

On August 24, I was driving over the hill between Nai Harn and Rawai, while the road was being resurfaced.

There were construction vehicles blocking the left lane, so I went to pass them in the right lane. There were no workers directing traffic, nor were their warning signs.

After I passed the construction vehicles I noticed that their were some red cones in the middle of the road and that the left lane looked wet – it had been raining.

I was hesitant to drive on the left lane, because I wasn't sure if the road was wet from the rain or had just been resurfaced.

Oncoming traffic eventually forced me into the the left lane. That's when I realized that it was freshly tarred. Stones were smacking the underside of my car.

When I arrived in Rawai, the sides of my white car were splashed with black sticky tar. The underside of the car and tyres

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were also covered in tar and gravel.

I immediately drove the car to a car wash in Chalong, but they only cleaned the sides (with fuel) – not everything came off. They said they wouldn't clean the underside of the car or the tyres.

Now, two days later, my car doesn't work at all. One wheel is stuck and won't turn. It's possible the tar got into the breaks – I'm not sure. I can't take the car to a garage because it won't move.

Who is responsible for this and who will pay to have my car cleaned and fixed?

The road should have been clearly marked and workers

should have been directing traffic as they usually do during road-work.

Chris  
Rawai

**An officer at the Rawai Municipality Engineering Department replies:**

I am not quite sure which road the reader's complaint is about, however, according to the terms of the contract between Rawai municipality and all construction companies they hire, the contractor must take responsibility for any damages caused during construction to the Rawai municipality or other parties.

**Arun Sanae, chief of the Phuket Provincial Highways Office, replies:**

Well, you have to be more specific on where exactly the issue happened, because there is more than one way to get to Rawai.

If the work was done by the Highway Department the road would be fine for people to use immediately after we finished re-

surfacing it. We also would have blocked the side of the road that was under construction until we were done. After that people would be able to use the road again. There wouldn't have been any tar problems if it had been our construction site.

### Water woes

I have a house on a 30-year lease. I had no problems with the electricity department when I registered the account in my name; they only required a copy of the lease agreement and a deposit.

I tried to put the water account in my name at Bang Wad Reservoir, but they said they can't do it. This doesn't make sense to me.

retired  
Kathu

**Wilai Klinsorn, chief of the Phuket Provincial Waterworks Authority Fee Collection Department, replies:**

According to the Waterworks Authority regulations, the applicant must be the owner of the property.

If you are the leaseholder of the property, you are not qualified, unless you have a letter from the owner allowing you to apply for the water supply.

Foreigners can have accounts in their names, but they have to own the property.

We have not been this strict in the past, but there have been issues collecting debt from foreigners, which has caused many problems.

At least if the client is Thai we will be able to find them by using official data, but with foreigners this isn't possible.

In this situation, you are welcome to come see us and file your request, then we can consider the application on a case-by-case basis.

We are not trying to make things difficult for foreigners, but due to the problems we are facing we have to do things this way.



# Phuket set to benefit from boom in cable, satellite TV

IMPROVED technology and higher quality shows could mean a wider variety of content and lower subscription prices for Phuket's television viewers.

Nationally, cable and satellite television appears to be on a roll, with market penetration expected to reach 80% of the households in the Kingdom this year, up from an earlier, conservative projection of 50%.

Industry leaders define the market universe at 20 million homes, with Phuket having a far higher percentage of Satellite subscribers than most provinces outside of Bangkok.

Niphon Naksompob, Chairman of the Satellite Television Association of Thailand, said last week that the boom is fueled by a trend which sees many traditional content producers moving into broadcasting itself.

The content providers are also seen to be upgrading their programming quality, acquiring transmission technology, and going overseas where necessary for satellite coverage.

Additionally, cable TV operators in Bangkok and throughout the country have banned together

to form Cable Television Holdings to build public awareness of their services and to raise funds from their more than 100 members to import foreign content on a cost-sharing basis.

G M M Grammy, the nation's largest music and entertainment company, is now focusing on its satellite-broadcasting initiative in addition to its traditional role as a content provider. Next month, the company will introduce its 1 Sky set-top boxes with an ambitious target of 2.5 billion baht in revenue for the first year.

Another positive factor driving the growth of satellite and cable TV at a rate faster than

free-to-air TV is the growth in consumer purchasing power experienced in the first nine months of this year.



**'Thailand's Thaicom satellite is now operating at full capacity, with all of its transponders sold out. But this has not stopped the growth of satellite television in the Kingdom...'**

**- Thanawat Surachetkomsan  
Phuket Cable**

According to Thanawat Surachetkomsan of Phuket Cable, operator of one of the two largest networks in Phuket, technology has been a major driver.

"Thailand's Thaicom satellite is now operating at full capacity, with all of its transponders sold out. But this has not stopped the growth of satellite television in the Kingdom because internet technology and greater band-

width now enable Thailand's content producers to send their shows overseas for distribution.

"Some go to Singapore for the satellite service, but the big players in the region are Hong Kong and Taiwan, with the former operating AsiaSat and the latter providing capacity aboard its NS6," he says.

According to Mr Thanawat, Phuket now has about ten cable companies, with his company and KPP Cable being the largest. What drives their growth, which he describes as "moderate", is competitive pricing.

Phuket Cable, for example, now offers its subscribers 80 channels for just 350 baht a month, he notes.

Among the English-language programs offered by Phuket's cable networks and their affiliates is the weekly show of the *Phuket Gazette's* PGTV, aired daily on Phuket Cable.

As reported earlier, PGTV, using the same game-changing technology cited by Mr Thanawat, will launch two 'made-in-Phuket' shows, *Phuket Lifestyle* and *Phuket Talk*, on UBC/True visions early next month.

The weekly show files will be sent to True through the internet for an uplink to their satellite.

Though cable and satellite TV is growing by leaps and bounds, advertising spending remains limited among the handful of big name content providers such as Grammy, RS and JSL Global Media, as well as Work Point Entertainment who will launch their own satellite TV later this year.

**- Phuket Gazette/The Nation**

## Bt325bn aid assistance approved

THE Cabinet on Tuesday approved a financial package a worth total of 325 billion baht to help individuals and business operators affected by the worst flood in five decades.

"The cabinet acknowledged the huge damage to individuals and business operators. This package is approved to assure all that they will be assisted. This excludes investment in infrastructure which could cost billions of baht," said Deputy Prime Minister Kittiratt Naranon after the meeting.

The package includes the government's financial assistance to individuals, worth 40,000 baht maximum for each family.

The rest would be loans to individuals and business operators - large or small.

Of total, loans worth 80bn baht will be extended to individuals via the Government Housing Bank and Government Savings Bank.

Meanwhile, the government will arrange a 50bn-baht fund, which would be extended to industrial estate operators through the Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand.


## Chevron commences gas production

US ENERGY firm Chevron Corporation announced on Tuesday that its Thailand subsidiary has commenced natural gas production from the Platong II project in the Gulf of Thailand.

The 95.7-billion baht project is expected to ramp up production to 330 million cubic feet per day. The natural gas will feed growing demand for energy in Thailand, increasing the country's domestic production by more than 10%, and boosting Chevron's net natural gas production from the Gulf of Thailand by more than 20%. The project is also expected to produce 18,000 barrels per day of natural gas liquids, the company said in a statement.

"Asia is becoming the center of global energy demand growth. Platong II is one of Chevron's many developments in the region that will allow us to supply safe, reliable, and affordable energy to meet this need," said George Kirkland, vice chairman, Chevron Corporation.

Chevron established its presence in Thailand's natural gas industry 30 years ago.






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# Local business leaders hail corporate tax cut

By Anand Singh

BUSINESS on the island stands to benefit from the government's plan to lower corporate tax rates, though the policy may not fully offset the impacts of planned wage hikes, Phuket business leaders have said.

In a recent interview with the Phuket Gazette, Dr. Sirichai Silapa-archa, Chairman of the Phuket Chamber of Commerce said that the reduction in corporate tax rates next year to 23 per cent from the current rate of 30 per cent will benefit most of Phuket's business sectors.

"Even though the government will be increasing minimum wages to 300 baht per day throughout the country, they were not obliged to reduce corporate taxes," Dr. Sirichai said.

"The policy to reduce corporate tax is being implemented in order to prepare the country for competitiveness when it finally joins the ASEAN Economic Community (in 2015)," he explained.

"At the moment Thailand's corporate tax levels are higher than similar competitors in the region and if this continues, tourism businesses may lose their competitive edge when we enter the single market," he added.

In Dr. Sirichai's opinion, the government could do even better for the business sector by reducing the level of income tax as well, explaining that the reduction in corporate tax will create larger disparities between income and corporate taxes, which could create imbalance within the tax system.

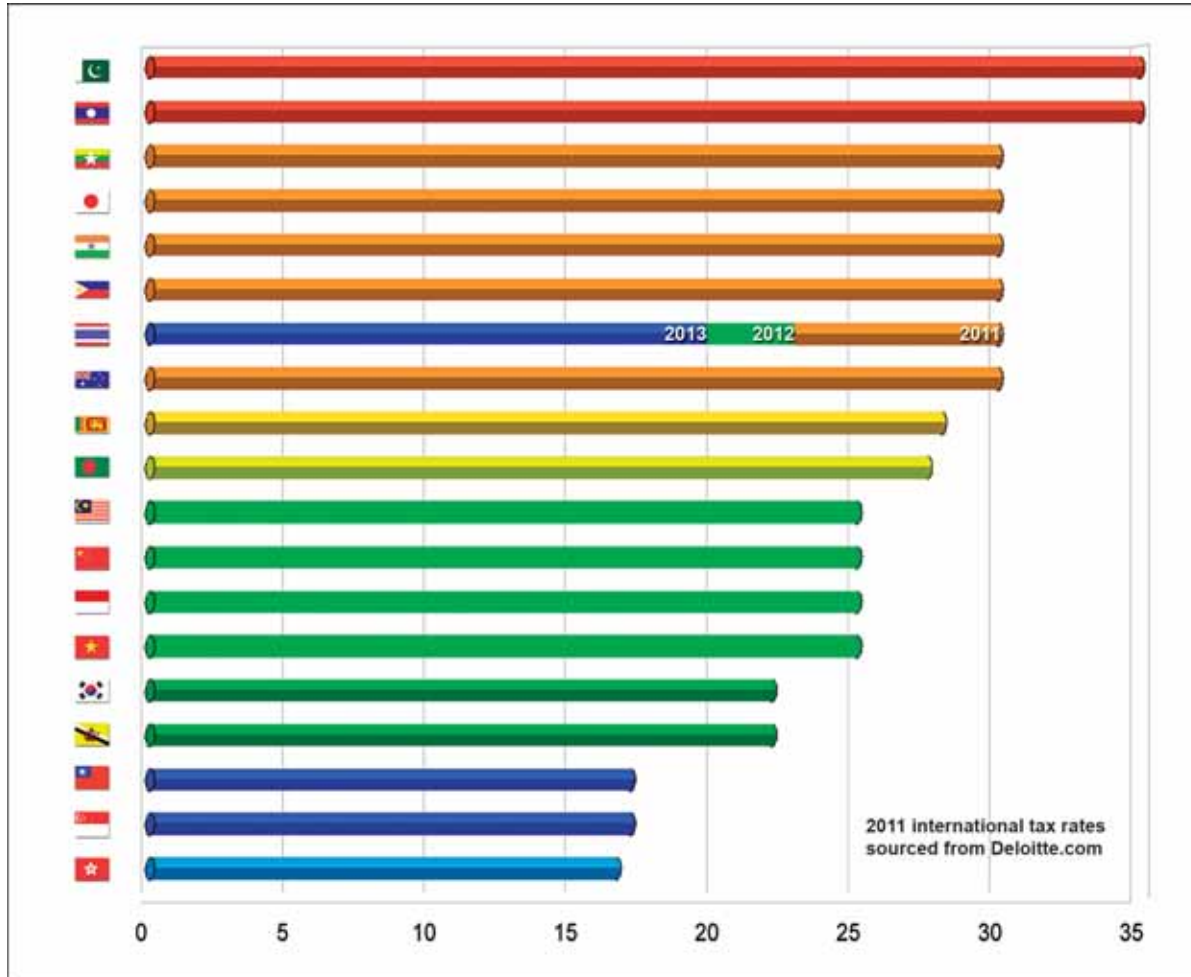
Weerawit Kurasombat, President of the Patong Entertainment Business Association agreed that the tax cuts will benefit business though expressed some reservations about other policy changes.

He said that although a reduction in corporate tax is a welcome move, a decrease in corporate tax will not be able to fully offset the increased costs that companies will have to bear following the nationwide increase in minimum wages.

"The increase in minimum wages should be implemented in certain parts of the country where the cost of living is not so high. Phuket has a very high cost of living because it is a tourist destination.

"Increasing the minimum wage here will very quickly lead to inflation. Eventually it will hurt the island's tourism industry," Mr. Weerawit said.

"The reduction in corporate tax will help the entertainment and hospitality sectors in Phuket. It may even encourage businesses to invest more in the long run. However it may not be able to completely offset the adverse effects of the minimum wage increase," he added.



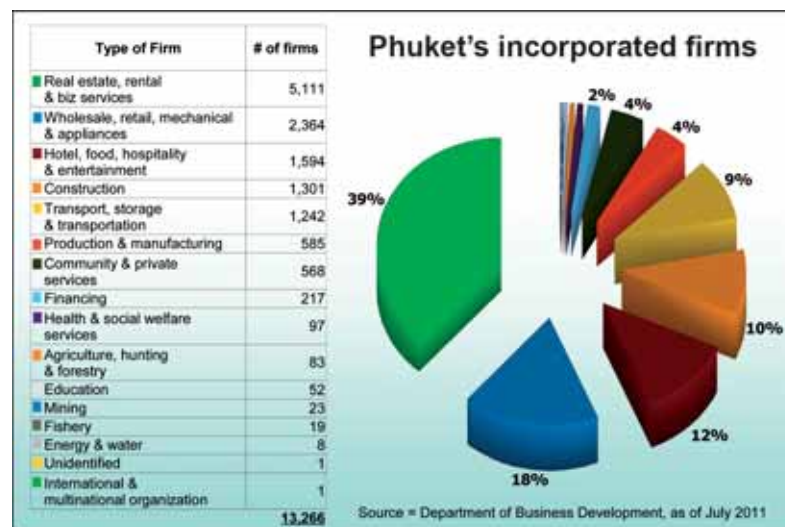
**COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE:** The Thai government's plan to lower corporate tax rates from the current rate of 30 per cent down to 23 per cent next year, and to 20 per cent the following year is applauded by many firms.

Mr. Weerawit explained that Phuket's main business sectors, hospitality and real estate, rely heavily on labor, and thus wages account for a significant proportion of business' operating costs.

As of July 2011, the Department of Business Development – part of the Ministry of Commerce – listed 5,111 incorporated real estate companies registered in Phuket which constitutes about 5 per cent of all [incorporated] real estate firms in Thailand.

In comparison, there are about 1,600 companies in Phuket involved with food, travel, hospitality and entertainment – a figure which makes up about 8 per cent of the national total.

Of Thailand's 498,763 incorporated firms, only 13,266 or 2.6 per cent were in Phuket.



According to statistics from the Phuket Provincial Revenue Office, revenue from corporate taxation accounts for roughly 15 to 20 per cent of total revenue collected in

Phuket each month.

This is compared to value added taxation which accounts for 45 to 50 percent of the total provincial revenue.

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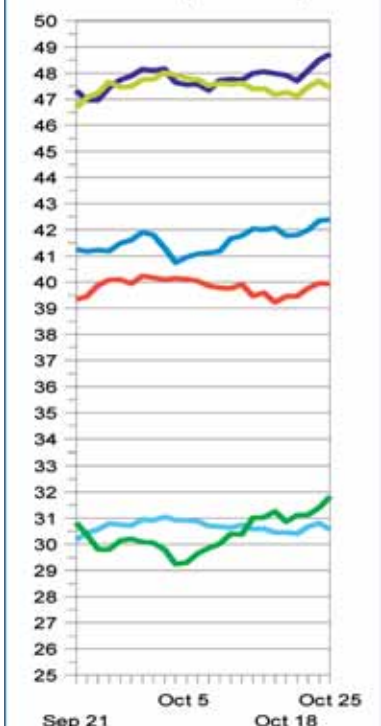
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# Throttling and net neutrality

THIS week I'd like to talk about throttling – the infernal ability for Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to look at what you're doing online, and cut back your speed if you try to do something that doesn't conform to the ISP's concept of what you should be allowed to do.

It's a hot topic, not just in Thailand, but all over the world. In North America and Europe you'll hear the phrase "net neutrality" – the idea that ISPs shouldn't be allowed to prefer one kind of data traffic over another. In other countries, Net Neutrality guards against such horrific concepts as charging extra for access to Facebook or Netflix.

All over the world, including Thailand, one key component of net neutrality is whether ISPs should be allowed to sniff your data traffic and restrict your speeds depending on what you're doing. Specifically, in places with strict Net Neutrality laws (I've heard rumors that there are a few), ISPs can't watch to see if you're downloading or uploading a torrent, and cut back your speed if you do.

Many of you use one of the many torrent programs to download large files, typically audio or video files. I've used torrents to download leaked beta test builds of Windows. Torrents work well. Except when ISPs block them.

Many ISPs watch over your shoulder as you're using the Internet, to see if you're using BitTorrent, uTorrent or one of the other torrent downloaders. If the ISP's programs determine that you're



## Live Wire

By Woody Leonhard

downloading or uploading a torrent, they automatically throttle your connection and cut back your torrent downloads to a trickle, instead of a, uh, torrent.

That kind of throttling is perfectly legal in Thailand. Indeed, it's legal almost everywhere in the world. Some ISPs make no bones about their throttling. Most, though, don't tell you – and some change their throttling criteria from day to day. That's true in Thailand, but it's also true worldwide.

A friend of mine pointed me to a fascinating program developed by MIT's Max Planck Institute for Software Systems. It's called Glasnost, and it's designed to "make ISPs' traffic shaping policies transparent to their customers." The tests measure and compare data traffic that's commonly throttled by ISPs: Torrents, Email, regular HTTP web access, newsgroups and Flash (e.g., YouTube).

You can run the tests by pointing your browser to [bit.ly/y3ry](http://bit.ly/y3ry) and following the instructions. Each test takes about eight minutes.

So far, I've determined that True's ADSL service throttles Torrents and Newsgroup access, and I have the Glasnost runs to show it. But I would like to get a much broader picture of all the ISPs on the island and their major packages. (For example, if TOT throttles its ADSL lines, that doesn't necessarily mean



**FULL SPEED AHEAD:** Many ISPs will throttle your download and upload speeds if they suspect you are using torrent sites.

it's throttling their Fiber lines.)

If you're willing to run the tests, and you know which ISP and package you're using, send an email to [Woody@Khunwoody.com](mailto:Woody@Khunwoody.com) and I'll forward you a spreadsheet with testing details and a place to report your results. Run the tests and send the results back to me. I'll put the responses together and, with your help, paint

a complete picture of throttling in Phuket in a future LiveWire.

*Live Wire is Phuket Gazette columnist Woody Leonhard's weekly snapshot of all things internet in Phuket. Follow him on Twitter: @PhuketLiveWire, or visit his free Sunday morning computer clinics at Woody's Sandwich Shoppes.*



The option of retiring in a tropical paradise is no longer out of reach.

## Living the Asian dream but with enough funds

### Island Investor

By Anthony Lyman

WITH more and more people choosing South East Asia as their preferred work and retirement destination, Thailand and in particular Phuket has benefited from an influx of expatriates wishing to enjoy the pristine beaches and tropical climate.

With the advent of technology and cheaper air travel, keeping in touch with loved ones is no longer the issue it once was. This

means the option of retiring in a tropical paradise is no longer out of reach. Another mitigating factor luring individuals to the region is the impression of a lower cost of living and the assumption that their hard earned retirement pot can stretch that little bit further. However, one must ensure that ample retirement funds are in situ therefore allowing a long and prosperous retirement.

Although there are clearly some areas in which lower costs of living are apparent, food and local travel being the obvious ones,

other eroding factors will still continue to eat away at your capital. There is ever changing taxation legislation to combat and inflation is always a threat to be wary of. It is therefore imperative that an adequate retirement fund is built up as your savings will be needed to subsidize your lifestyle for the remainder of your life.

You will no doubt want to increase the longevity of your retirement funds and maybe even extend invitations to friends and family at certain junctures. When it comes to retirement savings the message is very simple: "The sooner you start saving, the better".

Retirement funds come in many different forms, but most are in either private pension plans or company pension plans and with well documented company pension shortfalls, reviewing your existing provision is a vital factor in ensuring that you secure the retirement you wish to have.

The good news is that specialist retirement planning advice is available and could be invaluable in securing your financial future.

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# Around the world with solar power

By Neil Quail

THE *MS Turanor PlanetSolar*, the first solar-powered boat to attempt a circumnavigation of the globe, arrived at Phuket's Ao Po Marina on Sunday morning, en route to the Indian Ocean and the final legs of its 57,000-kilometer expedition.

The voyage began on September 27, 2010 in Monaco and has been mapped with stopovers along the equator, where the boat can exploit the maximum amount of sunlight as it rounds the Earth.

The four-man crew have crossed the Atlantic Ocean, navigated the Panama Canal and sailed the Pacific Ocean, and are now heading for the Suez Canal on their way to the Mediterranean to complete their historic journey.

The *MS Turanor* multihull is topped by a massive array of photo-voltaic solar panels that when fully deployed cover an area of 537 square meters.

At 31 meters long, 15m wide and 6.1m high, and weighing in at 95 tons, it is the biggest solar boat ever built, taking 14 months to construct at the Knierim Yacht Club in Kiel, Germany.

The project began in 2004 with the idea of promoting and investigating sustainable energy sources through future technologies.

Raphael Domjan, from Switzerland, is the driving force behind the project, and expedition leader of PlanetSolar.

"The circumnavigation of the boat is to demonstrate the functionality and efficiency of today's technology. I think that the project is excellent to get into the heart of cities, to get close to people, to convince politicians and industrialists and let them experience solar energy," he explained.

On its round-the-globe expedition, the *MS Turanor* will pioneer the use of sustainable energy technology over long distances on water. It is thus quite different from anything that has happened in the field of mobility to date.

"This solar catamaran uses the very latest technology available on the market. Our intention is to demonstrate that high-performance solar mobility can be realized today by making innovative use of existing materials and technology," Mr Domjan said.

On Tuesday, the boat and crew were visited by a delegation from the Swiss Embassy in Thailand, including the Swiss Ambassador, Christine Schraner Burgener, who addressed the crew, dignitaries and the media in attendance.

"What we are witnessing here today is one of the great adventures of our time.

"One might think we were at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century with the Wright brothers and Charles Lindbergh, and I would like to extend our congratulations to the PlanetSolar team.

"Preservation of the [world's] natural environment is one of the main priorities of Switzerland's foreign policy.

"Our government, universities and private companies work hand-in-hand to safeguard our planet and make it liveable for future generations.

"This innovative project sets completely new standards for future technologies. Thanks to the crew, sponsors and partners for bringing the *Turanor* to Phuket," the Ambassador said.

For more information and to keep tabs on the the circumnavigation's progress on the way back to the Med, visit [planetsolar.org](http://planetsolar.org)



CLEAN AND SILENT: The Turanor at rest in Phuket's Ao Po Marina.



HERE COMES THE SUN: The *MS Turanor PlanetSolar*'s multihull is topped by a massive array of photo-voltaic solar panels that at full exposure cover an area of 537 square meters. Photos by Warisa Temram



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# Dining delight at D Phuket



By Nanthapa Pengkasem

D PHUKET is a relative newcomer to the island's restaurant scene. Opened last year by Mrs Panarat "Oom" Jairakpakde and her husband Suvich Prechaharn, it has already become a focal point for diners who appreciate authentic central Thai cooking.

D Phuket's concept is clear – Thai food "Bangkok style". The word Bangkok when used in the same sentence as cuisine subtly implies food originating from or influenced by the cooking of the Thai Royal Court with its characteristic refined flavors and elegant presentations. D Phuket's recipes are handed down by generations of Thai food connoisseurs and Bangkok restaurateurs.

This little gem offers a respite from the bustling of a busy neighborhood that is Samkong. It is fully air-conditioned and is decorated in a tropical seaside style, featuring pastel color walls, punctuated by a bright yellow ice cream counter that dominates one side of the restaurant. The swing-seat at the entrance, strewn over with brightly colored cushions, adds to a homely atmosphere. For starters Oom recommends two old-time favorites, *Mee Krob* (55 baht) and *Khao Kriap Pak Mor* (70 baht). The former is crispy-fried rice noodles lightly mixed with a tamarind and soy bean sauce, cooked prawns, pickled garlic, shreds of omelette and Chinese chives. It's light and crunchy with only a hint of sweetness. *Mee Krob* is usually served as snack or *kong wang*, but can be part of a complete meal of curry and rice. Oom assures me that no other places in Phuket serve it, so here is your chance to savor this unique dish.

Next up are the delicate *Khao Kriap Pak Mor* or rice dumplings. To use the word dumpling is almost an insult to these dainty treats made by shaping thin rice pancakes over taut cheesecloth which are then tied over a pot of boiling water, a process you don't want to try at home. With small balls of peanut minced pork placed in the middle, the pancakes are then folded into beautifully pleated scallop shapes and brushed over with aromatic garlic oil. *Khao*

*Kriap Pak Mor* tends to be a little oily and is best eaten with lettuce, coriander leaves and chillies.

Those with a soft spot for *Gaeng Kieo Wan* or green curry (80 baht) will not be disappointed here for it is served up with *roti*. The taste of this light and crunchy Indian style bread, dunked in the creamy *Gaeng*, is indescribable but wholly satisfying. Try prawn for a change from the usual chicken or pork. To accompany the green curry, *Kai Hor Bai Toey* (85 baht) is perfect. The pandan leaf-wrapped marinated chicken fillets are deep fried to succulent perfection. One bite should fill your palette with the fragrance of this very special herb. *Kai Hor Bai Toey* is quite peppery and best eaten with some pickled cabbages and sesame soy sauce.

Other dishes worth mentioning are the roast duck red curry (120 baht), *Larb Pla Salmon* or Isaan-style citrus salmon salad with mint (150 baht), and *Nam Prik Pla Too* – an assortment of fresh and blanched vegetables with spicy shrimp paste dip.

To clean the palette after all the spicy food D Phuket has an array of ice creams on offer and are created by the family-owned enterprise named Bonito. Oom and Suvich are very proud to have concocted over fifty flavors of ice cream, ranging from full cream gelatos to fruity sorbets. Very popular is the creamy *Durian* or *Noi Na* (custard apple). Or try the equally satisfying mango, coconut or passion fruit sherbets. D Phuket prides itself on creating what they term 'healthy' ice cream, which is made with dairy milk and is low in sugar, using the freshest of locally sourced fruits. A scoop (50 baht) can be paired nicely with freshly made waffles.

D Phuket's menu is full of central Thai delights (and a small selection of southern dishes) at reasonable prices in a relaxed setting. Families with kids will love the long list of ice cream and smoothies.

Please note that D Phuket does not have beef on its menu.

The restaurant is located on Yaowarat Road, half way between the Wachiraa Phuket and Phuket Bangkok hospitals, and is open daily from 11am to 11pm. T: 076 523465.



DELICIOUS: Mrs Oom and her husband use recipes handed down by generations of Thai food connoisseurs and Bangkok restaurateurs.



KAI HOR BAI TOEY: Marinated chicken fillets in pandan leaves.



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# T minus five weeks for RPMs Tri Tim



**Tri Tim Series:** This week, Tim talks candidly about overcoming adversity just five weeks out from the Laguna Phuket Triathlon.

NOW in his 20<sup>th</sup> week of training for the Laguna Phuket Triathlon (which started off with just a walk around the block), Tim's activity rate has built up slowly but surely to where he is now stronger, a lot fitter and 12kg lighter.

Although he continues to improve, it has not always been smooth sailing. The last four weeks have been particularly tough, where a combination of traveling, catching a cold which proved unshakable and a sore knee has caused major interruption to his training and my performance levels.

Darren has always provided training alternatives that have allowed my knee to recover while keeping up my endurance, and I have always been able to get in the odd gym session while on the road, but my biggest problem lately has been a head cold that I picked up

and just couldn't shake. I had never really had much of a problem with colds, only ever getting the odd one and always recovering pretty quickly. The difference this time was that my body simply wasn't recovering probably due to the fact I was doing the most exercise I had done my entire life!

So knowing that strenuous exercise suppresses the immune system and prolongs the recovery process, my activity rate had to drop dramatically which affected every part of my training. When you're counting down to a big endurance event, an interruption like this can be distressing for a newbie like me and I felt that every training session I missed was a step backwards.

So against Darren's best judgment, I convinced him that I was recovering well (I was not, and

he allowed me to do some workouts in the gym, the odd spin class and to get back on the bike and tackle the hills again.

At this point I really only felt about 70 per cent healthy and that's about where my performance was at too. Two weeks before I had steamrolled the Nai Thon Hills during a 72km ride, but this time around those hills seemed a lot steeper and longer. I had to walk the last 150m of the final climb and the ride only lasted 40km in total. I kind of wished at that point that I could retract my last article bragging that I had conquered the infamous hills of the Laguna Phuket Triathlon.

So what is the lesson I have learned here? First, listen to what your body is telling you and communicate this to your trainer. And secondly, sometimes the best training for you is to put your feet up on the couch, read a book or watch TV. Who would have thought!

## Laguna Phuket's Survival Swim Program

This life changing journey has taught me many things over the last five months. One is that I am an extremely lucky person to have been given this opportunity and now it's my turn to give back. I, along with the other competitors in the Laguna Phuket Triathlon, are being asked to raise money through online sponsorships to help raise an estimated 600,000 baht required to set up and run a 12-month Survival Swim program for Thai children in the Thalang district.

Did you know drowning is the highest cause of death for Thai children under the age of 15? In fact, an average of four children drown each day in Thailand. That's why teaching children to be competent in water, with the ability to get to safety, is a major priority for coastal regions. The

Laguna Phuket Survival Swim program aims to educate over 2,600 of Phuket's children and ultimately save lives.

If you would like to support this worthy cause through my participation in the Laguna Phuket Triathlon, please donate via [W:justgiving.com/Tim-Haddon](http://W:justgiving.com/Tim-Haddon) or E: [timh@lagunaphuket.com](mailto:timh@lagunaphuket.com).



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## A word from coach Darren

"Can you Swim", were the fateful words that began this whole journey. Tim Haddon had been a member of RPM Health Club for a while, but he had not achieved the results that we both wanted. I don't think it was through lack of trying. Tim was coming in 3-4 times a week and doing a little cardio and a little weight training, but that in itself was the problem. He had no purpose other than to "do the time" in the hope that things would change.

You see, Tim had a few health issues that needed to be addressed. Tim had previously had two heart attacks and as a result has two stents in the major arteries of his heart that keep his arteries from collapsing and suffering another major heart attack. He is also Type II diabetic, which means that he does not produce enough insulin to control his blood sugar and stop it getting too high. He therefore has to inject insulin into his body each morning and again after each meal. When I first met Tim, he was taking 17 different medications, some of which included one to keep his blood thin enough to travel through his arteries and one to reduce his blood pressure and cholesterol. Tim's high body fat and low fitness levels made him a perfect candidate for the project.

It is common practice to see people join a health club and for one reason or another, drop out and stop coming. Whatever the explanation, the underlying reason is usually lack of results and no real goal. Unfortunately, even though many of us join a health club to lose weight, the goal is just not stimulating enough to get us to the club every day and push our

selves above and beyond our previous limits to create the body and mind we so desire.

As an exercise and health professional, to see anyone begin an exercise program and not achieve results is as disheartening for me as it is for them. I specialize in Exercise Psychology, the field of analyzing and understanding the reasons for or lack of adherence to exercise and then creating strategies to help someone achieve their goal and make it a lifelong habit. As humans we are goal-oriented creatures. We do not do anything unless there is something in it for us. For some of us, losing weight has insufficient impetus to create the urgency we need to exercise. Tim had the goal to lose weight for many years. You could see it by just looking at him. I had to find something bigger than that to motivate him.

Tim is an ex-pro golfer and as an ex-athlete, I knew that same mindset was underlying his day to day habits. It's the same mindset that lies within all of us – we just have to make it specific to each of our goals, our wants, our needs and our dreams. When we tap into that information, nothing is impossible.

So when I saw Tim that fateful day over lunch and asked him if he could swim, it was really an off the cuff remark. But in asking, I also created the question in his head: "What if? What if he could train or be trained to swim 1.8km in the ocean and then bike 55km through the Nai Thon hills and then walk or run 12km? He could cross the finish line of the Laguna Phuket Triathlon and could then call himself a triathlete!



# Nail Art

## Fashion at your fingertips

By Abby McMillin

NOTHING completes a look like a great manicure. From subtle and chic to striking and bold, your nails say a lot about your style and character and they can often make or break your look.

As with any fashion accessory, the quality of the product should be the determining factor when making your decision. To ensure that you receive the highest quality nail care, always go to a salon with competent staff who are up to date with current trends.

Beauty Studio in Cherng Talay, which has its grand opening on October 31, is such a place.

Beautifully designed nails not only show people that you take care of yourself, but also give you another canvas to showcase your creativity and individuality.

As with clothing, there is a broad array of choices for wearable art. With improved techniques and new styles, season after season, there are endless ways to 'glam up' your nails.

One thing to remember about your nails is they may be the first or last thing people notice about you.

Whether you're shaking the hand of a new acquaintance, waving good-bye to an old friend, or holding a drink in a crowded restaurant, your nails will leave a lasting impression.

In every situation, let your nails reveal your inner beauty.

While keeping up with nail trends can be fun, it's important that you retain your own style. Panisa Thinkohyao, owner of Beauty Studio, says it best: "Anybody can copy or imitate a trend. A real artist will master that trend to complement the inner beauty of the individual."



**SHATTERED PAINT DESIGNS:** The "Shattered" effect is achieved by combining your choice of bottom coat with one of the six Shatter Shades, the latest is from OPI's Katy Perry line. This edgy choice is the perfect compliment to that little black evening dress, or it can be applied as the final flourish on a fierce, rocker-inspired look. Pair this design with heels and gold accents to really own the look.



**ANIMAL PRINTS:** With animal print nails, you have the chance to embody your favorite four-legged creatures. Express your wild, feminine side with the authentic colors of a cheetah or leopard, apply partial zebra stripes for a unique, offbeat approach, or stylize the look by choosing bright pink or green neon. Finally, you can add some dazzle with a shimmering topcoat or chic embellishments.



**EMBELLISHMENTS:** Embellished nails feature vivid, three-dimensional designs that are decorated using EZFlow and the latest tonalities from OPI. While they often appear with a flower motif and stylish rhinestones, the possibilities for this look are virtually limitless. Go for a subtle composition with pastels and a minimalist pattern or really highlight the embellishment using gems and bright hues.



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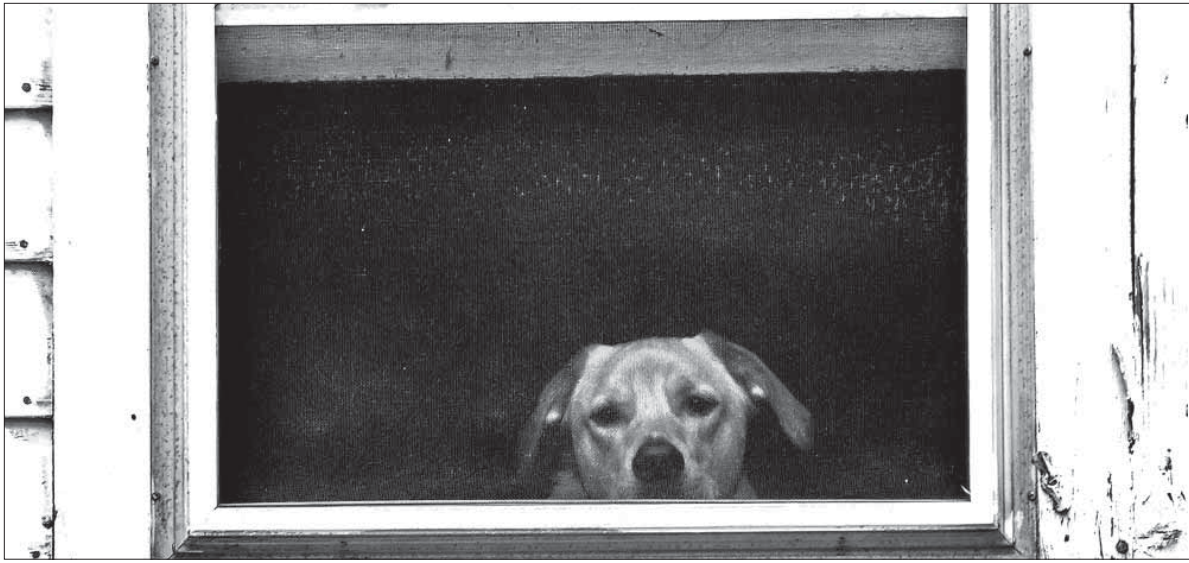
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I FEEL SO ALL ALONE: Many dogs are isolated during the day while their owners go to work. Photo: jasonH3

# Going it alone

## Canine separation anxiety – part one



**Dog Whisperer**  
By Russell D Russell

PART of the joy of having a dog is the tight bond we enjoy with them. However, Separation or isolation anxiety in dogs can be a huge problem and, somewhat ironically, is a key reason why many dogs end up in animal shelters or abandoned on the streets. But one of the bigger problems is that it is also one of the most commonly misdiagnosed behaviors in pet dogs.

Separation anxiety is found naturally in many canid species, particularly the more social species. These distress behaviors help canine pups adapt: they exist to prevent the puppies from wandering too far from the pack, and to assist the mother in locating the ones that do. The relief and comfort of social contact reinforces the distress behaviors that a puppy displays. For example, puppy feels anxious, he whines for his mother, she comes back, puppy feels better.

With domestic dogs, most puppies are removed from their mothers and litter mates at an extremely early age when they are neither biologically nor psychologically ready to be on their own. This transition is usually harsh and abrupt instead of smooth and gradual and in the pup's new home things usually go one of two ways.

Either, he may spend a lot of time by himself, may be crated, confined or isolated during the day when his owners are at work; and may be placed in a separate room over night. Or he is constantly cuddled, held, given endless attention and never left alone.

In the first instance, the pup may be traumatized by the lack of familiarity and isolation from the new pack (the family) and this isolation provokes anxiety. The pup vocalizes continuously for his owner to return and starts to feel that he cannot control or predict his environment. In the second instance, the pup never learns to be on his own and becomes totally dependent. This is the making of a neurotic animal.

It's also important to note that Separation anxiety and isolation anxiety are two different things. Isolation anxiety occurs when the dog simply doesn't want to be left alone. Having any human for company will do, not necessarily the owner. True separation anxiety occurs when the dog is hyper-bonded to one specific person and will continue to demonstrate stress behavior until that person returns – regardless of

whether other people, or dogs, are present.

Some dogs are more at risk than others. There are certain aspects of a dog's history that may make them more susceptible to developing canine separation anxiety but since many of us have adopted "street dogs" from organizations such as Phuket Animal Welfare Society, we generally don't know anything about their past.

Here are some of the risk factors that increase the chances of a dog developing separation or isolation anxiety:

- Punitive Rearing Practices – which is all too common here in Thailand. The general mass market for puppies is governed by quick money, rather than care for the animal. Thinking we're 'helping' the animal by buying it simply fuels the market. (I appreciate the flip side of this argument and clearly, this is a debate on its own!)
- Change in Routine – from lots of time spent with you, to very little time. Dogs are masters of routine, so things like changing jobs, moving house, girlfriend moving in, are all things that can upset their routine.
- Acute Awareness of Owner's movements – Does your dog follow you from couch to fridge, to kitchen counter and back to couch? Scratch the door of the loo while you're busy and then follow you to wherever you're heading next? Some owners think it's cute, but it can create serious neurological problems.

- Trauma - A traumatic event experienced by dog when he was alone could also lead to the development of separation anxiety, particularly if these negative experiences happened in the first few months of their lives. For example if they were home alone during a loud thunderstorm, they

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A change in routine can bring on separation anxiety. Photo: Martin Cathrae

may associate being alone with the onset of something scary.

So now you ask: how can I detect the onset of separation anxiety or isolation anxiety in my dog?

Your dog will typically anticipate an impending separation from associated cues in his environment. Your dog learns these cues, many of which are subliminal, from your pre-departure routine. The main things may be: an alarm clock ringing, kids getting dressed, or you picking up car keys. The minor details show in your body language, things that we don't notice we're doing.

The anxiety begins with the initial cue and steadily grows until you actually leave the house. To round it off, we can often exacerbate the situation by trying to pacify our dogs and tell them "I'll be back soon, it'll be okay."

Your dog, however, cannot control the situation so his frustration level rises and distress grows steadily, peaking usually within 30 minutes from the time you left. From there, the anxiety levels slowly dissipate at a rate specific to each dog.

However, as the dog slowly recovers, any stimuli may re-sensitize him such as another dog barking, a car driving by, or a delivery man coming to the door.

There are numerous signs and symptoms exhibited by dogs experiencing separation anxiety such as

excessive barking or whining, scratching or digging, frantic pacing, chewing furniture, doors or window frames. Any increase in the frequency of urination, wet footprints from sweaty paws, drooling or a highly exaggerated greeting routine are all symptoms to look for.

One of the reasons separation anxiety seems more prevalent today than a few decades ago is that it is often misdiagnosed by the average pet owner.

However, just because the symptoms are there it doesn't mean your dog is suffering from it.

House soiling can be related to anxiety, but there are many other potential causes such as incomplete house training, lack of access to appropriate elimination areas, unreasonable owner expectations (expecting the dog to "hold it" for 10 hours or more), fear, excitement, marking, submissive elimination, or physical incontinence.

In Part Two of canine separation anxiety, we'll look how a dog's nervous system is responsible for anxiety behaviors and how we can modify, and treat the problem.

For more information on separation anxiety, or to enquire about training classes contact the Thailand Canine Academy at 089 588 4050, email [canineworld@me.com](mailto:canineworld@me.com) or check the website, [tk9a.com](http://tk9a.com)



SOLITARY CONFINEMENT: Living in a cage can lead to anxiety. Photo: rfmll

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# Paiboon Upatising

THE website for Phuket Provincial Administration Office, locally known as Or Bor Jor, has this sentence splashed across its homepage, "Living with Pleasure, Living with Moral".

Or Bor Jor Chief, Paiboon Upatising, who conceived the line, explains its origin.

"What I have in mind is the kind of Phuket that preserves its natural environment and heritage, a town in which inhabitants of many races and religions co-exist with conscience, tolerance and goodwill."

According to Paiboon, Or Bor Jor work is complex and multidimensional. It has to look after the welfare and livelihood of some 500,000 people and as such, requires commitment and dedication.

"My watchwords are hard work, perseverance and honesty. These are the basic qualities I'd like to instill in my subordinates and ones that I practice all the time."

These work ethics run in the Upatising family. Being a third generation Chinese settler on this island, Paiboon has seen for himself how his father and grandfather rose to prominence through hard work and commitment. Their company is one of Phuket's major exporters and traders of commodities.

Having obtained a degree in Engineering from Chulalongkorn University, Paiboon went on to study

## THAI gallery

By Nanthapa Pengkasem

Management at Frostburg State College in Maryland, USA. He is married to Khun Kaeota, also from Phuket, and they have four children.

During his three-year tenure as Or Bor Jor Chief, Paiboon has implemented countless social, medical, security and environmental programs. But his proudest achievement is the award-winning Pink Bus, or Rot Po Thong.

These traditional wooden-deck buses have been revamped and fitted with new engines and GPSs. At 10 baht a fare, and free for students, the Pink Buses offer a cheap form of public transport for Phuket commuters. The project won the Prime Minister's Office award for "Local Innovation".

Paiboon has adopted the color pink for all Or Bor Jor operations. All service vehicles are pink and Paiboon and his employees wear pink to work most days. A clever piece of branding. Pink has now become synonymous with the Or Bor Jor.

"Pink is HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej's favorite colour. I am inspired by HM The King who

works tirelessly for the nation and his subjects. I try to follow in his footsteps and adopt his work ethics. He's my absolute hero."

A former Senator of Phuket (2000-2006), ex-President of the Rotary Club of Patong (1986), and former President of the Phuket Chamber of Commerce, Paiboon now devotes all his time to Or Bor Jor, which requires him to work long hours, six days a week.

On weekends, Paiboon takes his family out for a meal or plays golf with friends. A self-confessed health enthusiast, Paiboon always starts his day with a workout at his home gym.

Occasionally, he takes his family on vacation abroad or within Thailand, but his favourite destination is Taiwan.

"I am impressed by the Taiwanese attitude towards the environment and their sense of social responsibility. The locals there know each has a role to play in shaping the kind of society they live in. I'd like to see that happen here."

Despite what must be a hectic life, Khun Paiboon seems relaxed. He owes this to his love of singing and dancing.

"I am an excellent dancer because my mother taught me how to dance when I was very young. I also sang in the Senator Band. I love songs from the 60s and can sing all of Elvis' songs," he proudly admits.



### 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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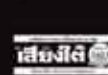


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### October 30. TSLC IronKids Phuket Practice Race

TSLC IronKids Practice Race. A chance for kids between the ages of 6 to 15 years old to practice their skills from 6 to 9:30am at Thanyapura Sports & Leisure Club before the official race on December 3. Contact: Claire at T: 076-336000 E:tslc@thanyapura.co.th or visit W:ironkidsphuket.com.

**October 30. Charity Bike Ride**  
Phuket's Amazing Bike Tours will be organizing a charity bike ride in Koh Yao Noi, Phang Nga from 8:30am to 5pm. The aim of this bike ride is to raise money for the Koh Yao Children's Community Center. The ride is a gentle 30km cycling trip around the island and includes lunch at a beachside restaurant. All cyclists joining this charity bike

## October 29 – November 12. Chang ITF Thailand Pro Circuit 2011 (Men's)



Admission Fees: Starting from 50 baht. This event is sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette*. Contact: Virapol or Napapen at T:076-336000 E:virapol@thanyapura.co.th or visit W:thanyapura.com.

For the first time in Phuket, the Chang ITF Thailand Pro Circuit 2011 (Mens) will take place this year at the newly opened Thanyapura Sports and Leisure Club (TSLC). TSLC's six ITF standard-approved 'Plexicushion' tennis courts, with a 'Cool-Lite' roof system covering four of them, is the perfect venue to host these elite players. The competition is intense as all the players fight for ranking points and prize money. from 8am to 7pm at Thanyapura Sports & Leisure Club.

ride are required to make a minimum donation of 2,000 baht. Sabai Corner Restaurant and Bungalows are co-sponsoring the event and will be providing a delicious Thai lunch and drinks for all the hungry riders joining us. This event is also sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette*. Contact: James Hembrow at T: 087-2632031 E:info@amazingbiketoursthailand.asia or visit W: AmazingBikeToursThailand.asia.

**October 30. Halloween Costume**  
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**VISA RUNNERS:** Nicolas and Isabelle Rendu with their four children were spotted in Phuket recently during their two year Singapore to Paris run aboard a refitted 1987 RATP 'Shadobus'. Photo Christian Mouchet.



**URBANIZATION:** Urban Food at their second branch opening at Central Festival Phuket. From left, Mr.Lertvit Pumipitak - Vice President-Property Acquisition, Central Retail Coporation, Miss Wilaiporn Pitimanaaree - General Manager, Central Festival Phuket, Mr.Jean - Francois Verdon and Mr.Frederic Garnier Managing Director of Urban Food.



**FLOODING IN:** Phuket Governor Tri receives a cheque from Khun Maitree of the Hilton Arcadia Resort and Spa to send for Bangkok flood relief.



**PURPLE POSE:** The Kee Manager Somchai Suwannagate at the party.



**KEYNOTE:** Songstress Lula Kanyarat Tiypornchai sang at The Kee party.



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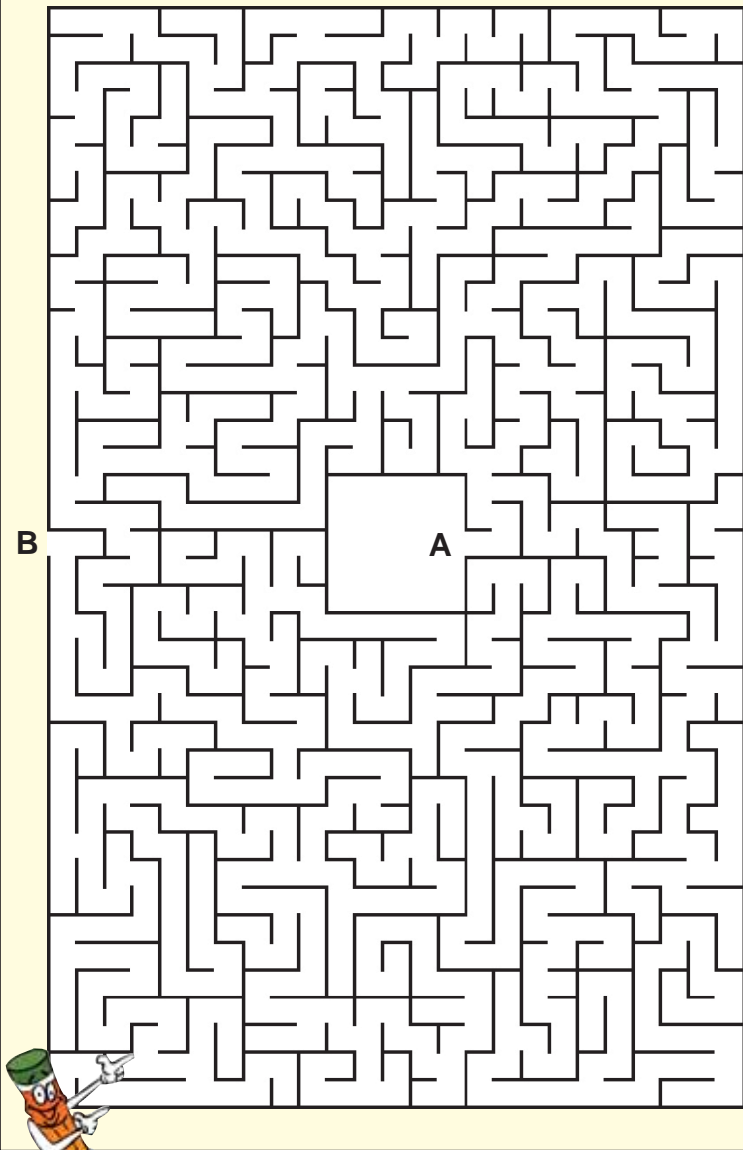
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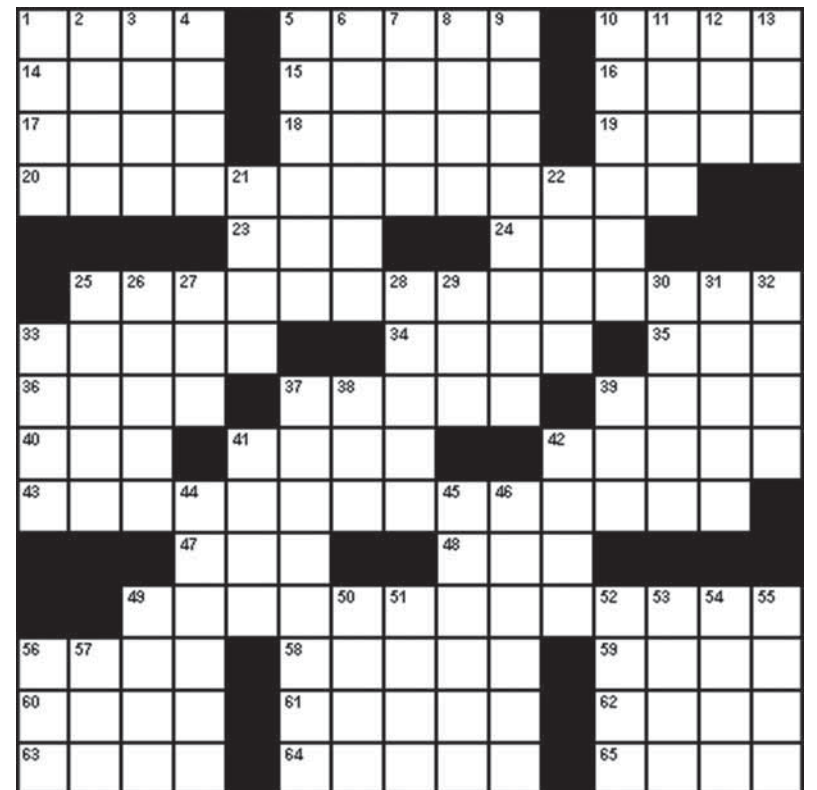


#### Across

1. High-pitched tone
5. Smash
10. Blacken
14. Shade trees
15. Total
16. Handle of a knife
17. Soprano Gluck
18. Pending
19. Commedia dell' \_\_\_\_\_
20. Suicidal tendency
23. Enzyme ending
24. \_\_\_\_\_ de guerre
25. Halt in the growth of small organisms
33. Killer whales
34. Grasp
35. Publicity
36. Midday
37. Brawny
39. Deuce topper
40. SASE, e.g.
41. Injure
42. Grenoble's river
43. Expression of appreciation
47. Pay stub?
48. Baseball stat
49. Partly automatic
56. Skin
58. Atlas feature
59. Easy stride
60. Actor Morales
61. Bikini blast
62. Org.
63. Campus mil. group
64. Beastly
65. Ammo

#### Down

1. Glass ornament
2. Fashion mag
3. Anarchist Goldman
4. H.S. exam
5. Contusion
6. Skate blade
7. Tolkien tree creatures
8. Arguing
9. Asian mink
10. Brownish gray baboon
11. Mature male European red deer



12. p.m.
13. Hwy.
21. Panama and bowler
22. Brief letter, paper money
25. Rodeo horse
26. Tilted
27. Able to
28. "Who's there?" response
29. Cask wood
30. Femme fatale
31. Inactive
32. Terrier type
33. Draft classification
37. Native of Hawaii

38. Modern address
39. Half a fly
41. Actor Ian
42. Muslim elder and prayer-leader
44. Originating in the mind
45. Hate
46. Seedy
49. Bed support
50. Organization to promote theater
51. Employs
52. Exclamation to express sorrow
53. Nonsense
54. \_\_\_\_\_ facto
55. 1/100 of a monetary unit
56. A pop
57. That, in Tijuana

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#### SCORPIO (October 24-November 22):

Scorpios' knack of being in the right place at the right time stands them in good stead this week. The stars show that an encounter with another water sign may result in an offer that is too good to resist. Those with a birthday in the week ahead should see life from a less stressed perspective in the coming year. Glowing days for romance are Sunday and Monday. Your lucky number is seven.

#### SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21):

Someone who poured cold water on a work-related plan you presented recently is predicted to have a change of heart. The stars suggest that your luck in business will be strong during the month of November. In the realm of romance, it will be reassuring to learn that a fire sign is nuts about you. Finances are well-starred on Wednesday and Thursday. The number five can bring good fortune this weekend.

#### CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20):

Warning bells should ring for Capricorns when a water sign spins an unlikely story this week. Your instincts are red hot at the moment, so following them

is the best course of action. As November gets into gear, there are hints that your indecision over a romantic issue will be in the past. Those with a partner enjoy some intimate moments this weekend. Your lucky number is eight.

#### AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19):

The stars suggest that Aquarians can talk to an earth sign until they are blue in the face, but nothing will change. Turning this situation to your advantage will be helped by talking to another air sign. Those with a new flame in their lives are advised that taking this person on a romantic getaway too soon could be a mistake. The number four can bring luck this weekend.

#### PISCES (February 20-March 20):

Where work is concerned, the stars suggest that Pisceans should try harder to communicate their point of view this week. Another water sign in particular is confused by your reticent behavior; Tuesday is the most auspicious day to say what's on your mind. A romance with an earth sign is forecast to get off the ground when you show a more creative side. Your lucky number this week is six.



#### ARIES (March 21-April 20):

Arians are forecast to learn that they aren't the only ones who are tired of an air sign colleague's ways at work. The stars indicate that some kind of showdown should take place early next week. Where romance is concerned, allowing your heart to take the lead is inadvisable if a water sign is concerned. Fortunate days for finances are Monday and Tuesday. Number nine looks lucky for Arians this week.

#### TAURUS (April 21-May 21):

In the world of work, the stars recommend that you listen to another earth sign's opinion even if this person is someone who irritates you. Where personal relationships are concerned, Taureans' easy going nature is put to the test this week when a fire sign friend oversteps the mark. Thursday is the best day to have an honest conversation about being taken advantage of. Your lucky number this week is five.

#### GEMINI (May 22-June 21):

There are signs that some of those born under the sign of Gemini will receive a wake-up call in the days ahead. Work colleagues or friends are forecast to make it clear that you have not been pulling your weight. If this is a result of a new romance occupying too much time and attention, prioritizing is advisable. Lucky days for money matters are Tuesday and Wednesday. The number two brings good fortune this week.

#### CANCER (June 22-July 23):

A negative mood could color the week gray for Cancerians. The stars suggest that you make a big effort to put problems on the back burner, especially those which are out of your control. As November progresses, life is forecast to be simplified when certain responsibilities diminish. Romance is well-starred this weekend. Wear the color dusky pink to encourage a more positive outlook. Your lucky number this week is one.

#### LEO (July 24-August 22):

Leos should have more energy as October draws to a close. The stars forecast that November will be a demanding month, but with a strong

focus on pleasure. There is emphasis on making new contacts within the world of work this week. Another fire sign can help increase your chances of promotion and a water sign is supportive when you least expect it. Leos' lucky is eight.

#### VIRGO (August 23-September 23):

The stars advise that Virgoans should choose their battles carefully this week. A work-related situation involving another earth sign will not be helped by a heavy handed approach. Where a possible romance with an air sign is concerned, subtle hints will succeed more than full on flirtation. Where finances are concerned, paying careful attention to small details is recommended midweek. Number three can be lucky.

#### LIBRA (September 24-October 23):

Librans who felt that they lost out in the world of work during October will be cheered by events that unfold in November. There are signs that your efforts to get ahead were noticed by a water sign with influence and this person is prepared to be on your side. Where romance is concerned, the stars suggest that another air sign has the good news you've been waiting for this weekend. Seven is lucky.



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## Centara's 72 villas at the ready

CENTARA Villas Phuket is back open for business following a refurbishment program that saw the renovation of all 72 luxury villas on the property.

The deluxe pool villas, spa villas and pool villas that make up the resort have been brought up to date with a new minimalist look in keeping with the Centara brand.

Meanwhile, the resort's commitment to looking after the environment has been underlined with an award from Earth Check, an internationally recognized environmental management and certification organization for the

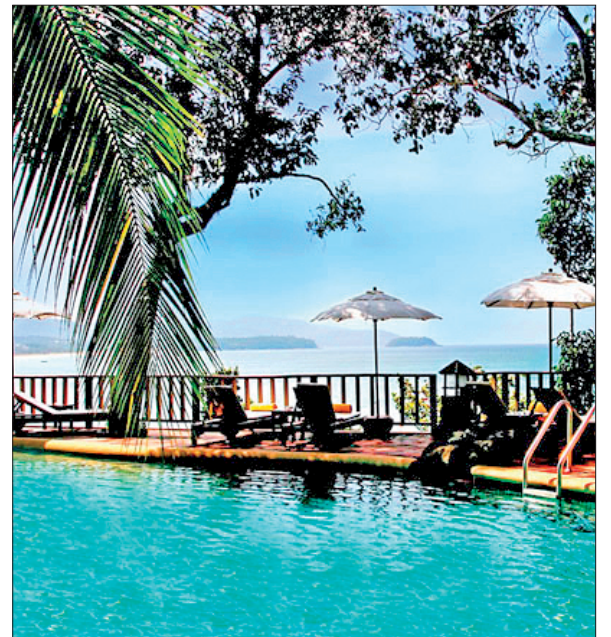
tourism and travel industry.

Centara Villas Phuket, which features 72 spacious individual villas, is located on a quiet hillside in Karon surrounded by tropical jungle. The property is within walking distance to Karon Beach.

The resort features two swimming pools designed to resemble waterfalls in tropical jungle, two restaurants and a spa situated next to the beach.

The refurbishment has seen the villas redesigned to offer panoramic views of Karon Beach and the Andaman Sea.

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The refurbishment program entailed adopting a minimalist look in keeping with the current Centara brand.

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# Hard promises meet the sure fire thing

EVER since Eve offered Adam the forbidden fruit and other earthly delights in the Garden of Eden, the promise of material things that appear to be too good to be true have stained the history of mankind.

I, like many others, am deluged with those emails assuring vast fortunes of cash, jewels or gold, hidden in someone's shoes, or a bank account with no name, ironically from destitute and war-torn countries within the African continent.

Urban myth would have us imagine that the Nigerian email spam scam makes up a good portion of that nation's GDP. But proving that is as hard as proving that the prom-



**Property Watch**  
By Bill Barnett

ises made to many property investors who take the bait on deals that seem irresistible, are genuine.

It's not uncommon to see six years at six per cent in the market these days.

Now, like Jack in the Beanstalk, the amounts are increasing and time-lines are getting longer.

Of course there is a precursor to this. There is a great divide between established and reputable property developers and those who have crossed over to the dark side of town. You know, the wrong side of the railroad track (not that there is one in Phuket), down some dimly lit *soi* with snarling dogs and the retort of gunshots in the distance that side.

Today sitting in the back of a taxi,

hitting Bangkok's expressway on my way to catch a flight bound for a faraway place, I saw the advertising banner on a new building with attention grabbing bold lettering claiming a '14% guaranteed return'.

Too good to be true? I'm not sure. But there was a temptation to note the telephone number. Unfortunately, as the taxi sped away the banner was enveloped by a haze. Yes, we all want a sure thing, it's in our genetic make up.

Guaranteed returns are often used as an add on to real estate offerings to attract investment buyers. For developers, increasing sales pace and hitting the market in sprint fashion versus a walk in the park, cry out as elusive sweet spots.

In reality many business promoters who are financially savvy simply look at the cost, price in the returns which are ultimately paid for by the buyers, and with risk mitigated they go into launch mode.

Early return offerings in Phuket



Welcome to the dark side.  
Photo: Jordi Cucurull.

have continued to grow, almost as fast as the graying hair I see in the mirror every morning. It used to be that some schemes were vaunted at three or four years, with four per cent. Now, like Jack in the Beanstalk, the amounts are increasing and time lines are getting longer.

It's not uncommon to see six years at six per cent in the market these days.

But Asia's resort market is now seeing an ugly truth emerge from units purchased during the boom years. Promised returns are now expiring and property buyers have to be content with revenue splits that fall far short of those guarantees enjoyed in the past and in some cases even suffer losses. Many now need to dig into their own pockets to pay for overhead costs.

Yes, there is capital appreciation in some, but for others who thought the party would never end, they have had a rude awakening. Developer and buyer stress, and rising conflict is hitting many projects.

We all hear from time to time that while the good developers have stuck away funds and have been able to pay the promised returns for others, defaults raise their ugly heads. Investors who thought they had a sure thing have seen the sands of time released into a wind of false promises and watched as it all blew away with nothing left for them to put in the bank.

While Phuket has so many success stories of double digit gains and profitable exits, there exists a broad surplus of residential units which no longer look like a one night stand, rather a long term marriage. There is an upside when you can trade, but for those wanting a steady income on rentals, it remains a challenging market.

That said, those offers continue to mount and in actual fact, they do work for developers. Of course, in so many cases for buyers who did not make informed decisions, it's like waking up after a big night out, in bed with an unappealing bedfellow and no way out of the room.

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## In brief...

### JLL selling four branded Hotels

BROKERAGE firm Jones Lang LaSalle Hotels currently have four chain managed properties among a stable of seven Thai offerings in the market.

Included in the 'for sale' listing are two resorts under the Six Senses chain, two under Centara, and independent hotels in Bangkok, Samui and Phuket.

Transaction activity is continuing to attract a lot of interest by both buyers and sellers in the Kingdom, though the coming of age hasn't dampened the enthusiasm of new hotel developers.

### Pruksa team up with Ariva

SINGAPORE hospitality group Ariva has joined into a new business venture with Thai listed property developer Pruska Real Estate.

Rentals will be the target of the enterprise which is looking to spur investment type sales at Pruska's upscale projects, with Ivy Thonglor being the first step.

Marriages between development companies and hotel chains are continuing to mount since the global financial crises triggered a slowdown of sales to overseas buyers.

It's been rumored that Raimon Land is looking to launch a hospitality-led offer of their projects which have slow moving inventory.

While the country's tourism numbers continue to escalate renting of residential units looks to propel numbers of non-traditional accommodation units for the foreseeable future.

### Royal Phuket Marina opens new boat storage

ROYAL Phuket Marina have opened a new covered dock for up to 35 craft called The Boat Garage.

With a vessel capacity of up to 33 ft, boats can be easily transferred in and out of the water.

Capacity at the various marinas in Phuket remains extremely high, while development in the sector has not kept pace with demand.

### Koh Chang gets master plan

KOH Chang, which is located in the Gulf of Siam off the eastern seaboard, will benefit from a 5-year tourism master plan.

Government sponsored aid through Designated Areas for Sustainable Tourism Administration will fund the initiative.

According to reports 340 million baht has been allocated for the program.

Both Koh Chang and the surrounding islands will be targeting green and sustainable initiatives.

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# Central Festival to expand food zone

CENTRAL Festival Phuket will open a number of new food and beverage outlets in its Dining and Bar Circle Zone in December, its management has announced.

Central Festival Phuket General Manager Wilaiporn Pitimanaaree told the *Phuket Gazette* that several new outlets would join the successful Wine Connection restaurant in mid-December as part of a relaunch for the zone, which is on the ground floor facing Wichit Sonkhram Road.

Among the confirmed new

outlets will be the 300-square-meter Urban Food, serving Asian and international cuisine. Run by an expatriate Frenchman living in Phuket, the Central Festival branch will be Urban Food's second, following on the success of their flagship branch at Jungceylon in Patong.

Also confirmed is Spice, serving Thai and Russian cuisine, a Chinese restaurant and a Japanese shabu-shabu restaurant.

To kick off the relaunch in style, a jazz festival is planned.



Spice restaurant will also feature.



A new Urban Food restaurant will be added to the food zone at Central.



In December the Bar Circle Zone will be expanded at Central Festival.

## Tunnel plans stalled pending MoT decision

PROGRESS on the long-awaited Patong tunnel project has stalled, with Patong Municipality still waiting for senior officials in Bangkok to approve the 3.5-billion-baht project, according to Patong Deputy Mayor Chairat Sukbal.

Speaking to the *Phuket Gazette*, Mr Chairat added that at this stage he did not expect any major decisions on the project to be made until the current flood crisis in Bangkok abates over the coming weeks.

At a public presentation of the plans in July, study project manager Pongchanit Chuwiruch explained that the final decision ultimately belonged to the Ministry of Transport.

However, Patong Municipality has yet to receive formal approval for the project.

The project has passed all its procedural steps including its Environment Impact Assessment and public hearings and were waiting for the government to give final approval, Mr Chairat said.

In the meantime, Patong Municipality is pushing ahead with its project to bury power cables in the resort town.

We are now focusing on installing power cables underground along Thaweewong Road and Phang Muang Sai Kor Road, explained Mr Chairat.


The entire project for burying the cables along both roads is expected to cost up 400 million baht.

Patong Municipality has set aside our

part of the budget, but we have to wait for the other organizations involved, such as TOT and the Provincial Electricity Office, he said.

They have yet to confirm their roles in the project and to allocate their budgets so the project can be completed, he added.


In May the *Gazette* reported that Patong residents were divided over the controversial plan to bore a road tunnel under Patong Hill.






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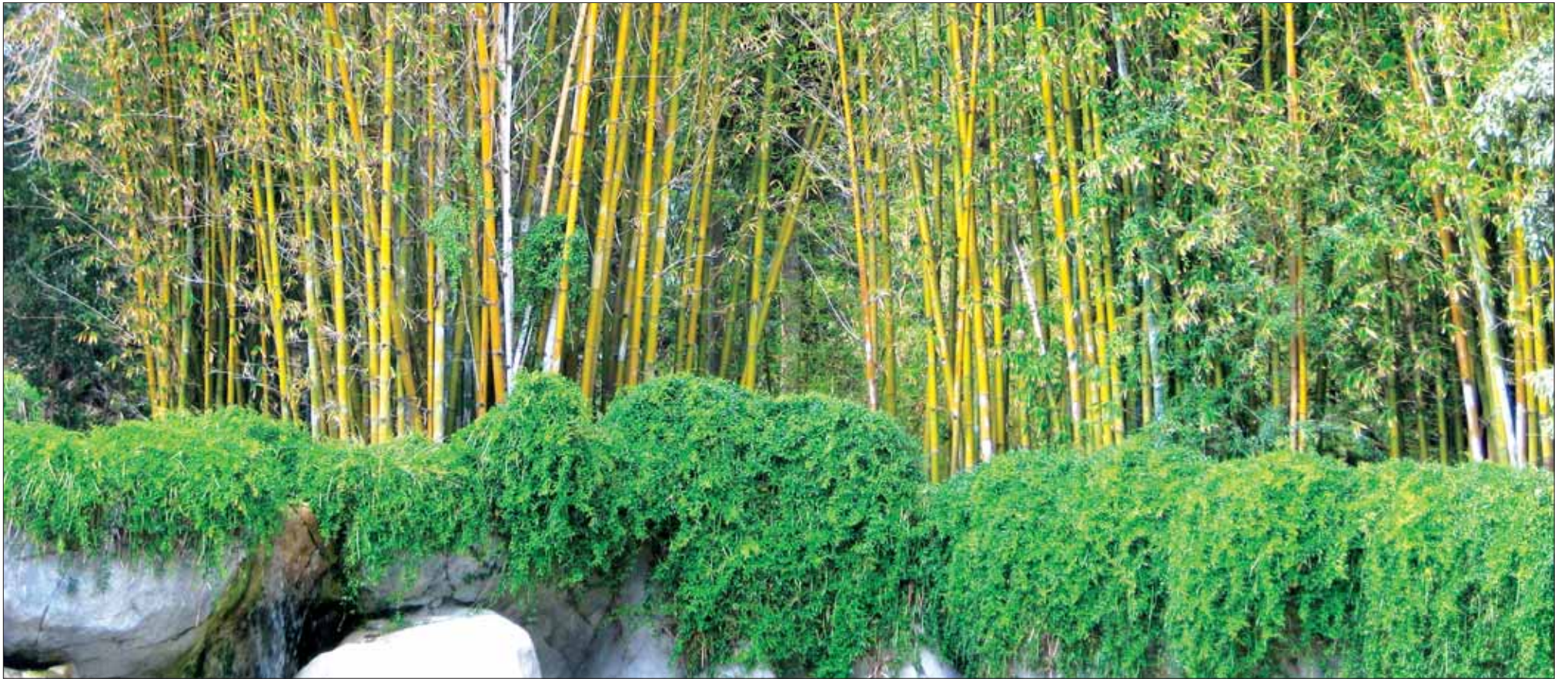




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ONE OF THE WORLD'S FASTEST GROWING PLANTS: *Bambusa*, which belongs to the grass family, can grow an astounding 40cm a day under the right conditions. Photo: Gary J Wood

# Don't be bamboozled by big bamboo



## Gardening By Patrick Campbell

LIKE the coconut, bamboo is an indispensable part of Thai life. Essentially a lover of hot, monsoon climates, most of the genus *Bambusa*, or giant bamboos, come from the Asian region.

Giant bamboo is used as a building material, as scaffolding or ladders, as a source of mats, and as a key ingredient in Thai cuisine,

especially the huge shoots that first appear above ground and which are sold in every market. Sliced thin, this shoot, known as a culm, is a staple of many soups and curries.

There are more than a hundred different species of giant bamboo, and some of the smaller cultivars are often employed as attractive screens next to garden walls, or as free-standing barriers or hedges.

One species, *Bambusa vulgaris* still grows wild in the rainforests of Thailand, though it's in danger

of being over harvested, like so many other trees. Granted the right conditions, it is one of the world's fastest growing plants, and can manage an impressive 40 centimeters a day. *Bambusa vulgaris* only branches and produces leaves once it has achieved its full height of up to 80 feet.

Once cut, the huge green canes have to be drained of their starchy content if they are to be used for building materials, for all bamboo is susceptible to attacks from many kinds of predators – from termites to bamboo worms.

People love the neat, upright habit of bamboo canes, the plant's distinctive light green foliage, and its dense, clumpy growth pattern. When positioned in line to form a screen, it provides a most distinctive addition to any garden. Moreover, the foliage is evergreen, and the leaf shape – immortalized in so many Japanese prints – is aesthetically pleasing. Actually, they aren't real leaves: they are scale-leaves

which sheathe the young stems and are cast off as each stem matures.

For any gardener in Phuket, it is perhaps the best of all options if you want to create a fast-growing and dense screen.

For this, you will need one of the smaller varieties such as *Bambusa multiplex* which has deep green stems that are no more than one and a half inches in diameter.

Bamboo also makes an excellent main feature, especially in a bed or grassy area where its tendency to form a neat clump can be shown to best advantage. For this, it's best to go for one of the dwarf cultivars that are being increasingly marketed by garden centers.

*Ventricosa*, known as Buddha's Belly, has distinctive, knobby canes, that are swollen at each node. There are also variegated forms and even one, *nitida*, with black canes.

All bamboo are vigorous growers, so give them fertile soil and plenty of water during the hot season. To propagate it, place a short length of stem in water with the node submerged, apply fertilizer and wait for shoots to appear.

Of course there are downsides to growing bamboo. All bamboos have a dense, tangled root system, a mass of rhizomes which effectively prevent other plants in the vicinity from thriving. Moreover, bamboos produce few, if any, flowers. And the leaves fall regularly, thus requiring a weekly sortie with a broom. But it's a small price to pay for such an exotic plant.

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



A big bamboo fan. Photo No Dust

## Tip of the week

### Cultivating bulbs



*Amaryllis belladonna* Photo: Digigalos

SOME gardens' showiest flowers come from true bulbs, corms, tubers, rhizomes, and tuberous roots. Gardeners often call all these underground features "bulbs".

What they share is a propensity to store food that keeps the plant alive through a dormant period, so it's ready to grow again once the period of 'hibernation' has ended.

In Thailand, the bulbs and tubers that enjoy tropical conditions include canna lilies, *Allium*, *Hippeastrum*, some oriental lily hybrids, *Caladium* and *Begonia* (which are both grown for foliage), varieties of ginger, and the *Hymenocallis* or spider lily. Most of these make excellent container plants.

A majority of the best known bulbs are traditionally grown in cooler conditions – for example *Amaryllis*, tulips, hyacinths, *Gladiolus*, and many lily species – but don't be afraid to try growing them here in Phuket in pots strategically sited in the cooler, shady parts of your garden.

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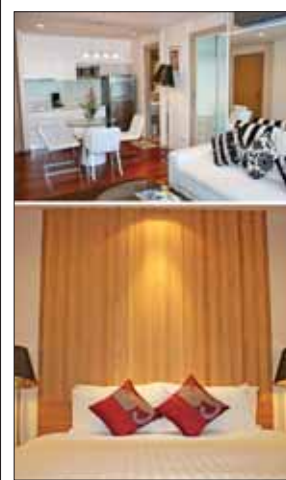
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# Khao Lak charity golf returns to Navy golf course

FOLLOWING last year's successful event, the second Khao Lak Charity Golf Tournament is teed up for another great outing on November 19 at Tab Lamu Navy Golf Course in Phang Nga.

Organizers are expecting to draw 100 entries this year, far in excess of participating numbers at the 2010 competition – a testament to the growing popularity of the this sporting day out.

Charity manager for the event, Sam Pering, is looking forward to another suc-

cessful event.

"Last year the Khao Lak Community Appeal and Foundation for Education were delighted with the turn out and the amount raised. It was a truly fun event that ran smoothly and we're looking forward to the 2011 tournament," Sam told the *Gazette*.

Monies raised will drive ongoing projects developed through the KLCA and the FED.

Last year, the event bagged 420,000 baht which facilitated the purchase of a water pump for Yaowawit School and uniforms for 26 of

the students. The funds also helped to continue sponsorship of two teachers at Watkommaneeayakhet School and another at Bang Maruan School.

The Village Coconut Island have been hooked in as title sponsors once again with a number of other businesses chipping in as hole sponsors.

A two-ball combined Stableford will be the format for the tournament with a shotgun start scheduled for 1pm. Entrance fee is 6,000 baht per team of two which in-

cludes green fee, caddies and dinner for two people.

The prize giving dinner with auction will be held at Ayara Villas on Bang Niang Beach at 7.30pm.

This is an opportunity for all standard of player and anyone who enjoys the game to meet and compete for a worthy cause.

To register or sponsor visit [W:khaolakgolfcharityevent.org](http://W:khaolakgolfcharityevent.org). Or T: 081 544 1837.

# No gain without the pain

Emma Bishop speaks to Jaray 'Ray' Jearani after he competed in the Ford Ironman World Championships.

RAY'S latest journey on the big island at the biggest triathlon event in the world has given the smiling 31-year-old a lot to think about and a fresh ambition to go faster and inspire more of his countrymen to take up a sport that has offered him so many opportunities.

These opportunities would not have come without the support of his sponsors and Ray is quick to acknowledge the key role they have played in getting him to numerous start lines this year. Starting with Singapore 70.3, then the Philippines 70.3, Ray then went to the 70.3 Ironman World Championships in Las Vegas fully sponsored by his employer Laguna Phuket.

Following Ray's double qualification in Philippines for both Las Vegas and Kona (there were 30 slots available for the World Championships), his next stop (Kona) is the holy grail of triathlon that so many triathletes only ever dream about.

Once again the journey to the start line did not come without a financial headache and once again the support of Laguna Phuket and Thanyapura Sports and Leisure Club (TSLC) came to his aid along with kind donations from friends, colleagues and fellow athletes. Less than five weeks after competing in Las Vegas, Ray was off to the other side of the world to represent his country and participate in his first ever Ironman. A 3.8km swim, followed by a 180km bike and 42km run, Ray had only been training for the half of the distance.



IN THE SADDLE: Jaray Jearani used the hill climbs of Phuket to hone his cycling skills. Photo courtesy of TSLC

In four short weeks his coach, multiple Ironman champion and triathlon coach at TSLC, Juergen Zack worked hard to prepare Ray for the physical distance and mental journey he would encounter on October 8. Now that his Thai charge has a taste for the Ironman distance he wants to go back and this time go faster!

"I am very pleased with Ray's performance. He is just starting to train properly and training was focused primarily on the 70.3. After getting the surprise slot in Kona we had no time for specific Ironman training. So we decided to race Kona conser-

vatively. It was just important to be steady and make it to the finish line." Eleven hours was the prediction and Ray came home bang on the mark in 11:04. "He will improve, I guarantee it," says Juergen.

"All of Jaray's friends and supporters in Phuket and colleagues at Laguna Phuket are extremely proud. Laguna Phuket is delighted to support Jaray. He is an exceptional ambassador for the sport, and we hope that his drive motivates more Thai triathletes to strive for higher goals," said Debbie Dionysius, Assistant Vice President Destination Marketing

Laguna Hotels and Resorts.

Ray's split times broke down as follows:  
Swim: 1:14

"I was excited, a little nervous. Treading water for 20 minutes before the start was new to me. We were aiming for a 1:20 so when I came out of the water in 1:14 I was so happy."

Bike: 05:48:27

"I had an average of 35-37kph and felt really good on the way out then at the U-turn at Hawi my speed kept dropping and dropping. The wind was so tough."

Run: 3:51:22

"The first 20km of my run was very good. I was running at five minute kilometer's. But the last 10km was tough. I walked through every aid station. Everything was tired, my body was in pain. But then I would see Roman Floesser (Race Director of LPT and Ironman 70.3 Asia-Pacific Championship) and he was on a bike following me and supporting me. This helped me a lot." Finish: 11:04:35

On crossing the finish line Ray was at a loss for words for the sense of pride he felt, carrying his National flag over the line. "This was better than my expectations. I am so proud of what I did and happy. Now I want to do more and inspire more Thais to participate in triathlon." That inspiration is already working as back home as Ray is already helping a group of young athletes in his village in Phuket to get into the sport.

There are six or seven people in my village who did the LPT last year, but this year I will tell them to do both Laguna Phuket Triathlon and 70.3. I tell them to focus on taking part, it does not matter where they come, it just matters that they complete and then can understand the sense of achievement.

Watch out for him at the season ending Tri-Fest starting in November. Ray will then race again the following weekend at the Ironman 70.3 Asia-Pacific Championship where there are 30 slots for Kona. Will he earn a slot for the big show in 2012?

## Patong Cricket make it 3 from 3

THE 2011/2012 Island Furniture Cricket League is edging ever closer and the final pre-season friendly was played out at Cherng Talay School on Sunday between arch rivals Patong CC and Laguna CC – 35 over champions and T20 title holders respectively.

Lijo Hose and Val Guiraud opened the batting for Laguna and looked in control until Guiraud was caught on 18. Sami Ullah supported well with 19 and Lijo went on to make an unbeaten 33.

Patong's bowling attack was lively with Rishor's fast medium

action providing three wickets. Mike Feroz also took a couple of quick wickets when he was introduced to the attack. Laguna were eventually bowled out after 19.5 overs for 138 runs.

Patong's innings was opened by Dean Noble and Vicky, but the pair did not last long against Laguna's strike attack from Sami Ullah and Val Guiraud.

A steady partnership between Dave Thomas (28) and Anthony Van Blerk kept the scoreboard ticking over until Thomas was caught at backward point by Stuart Reading.

Laguna managed to pick up the wickets of Rishor and Richie Desmond, which gave them hope of bowling Patong out, but their efforts were too late.

Richard Folds (21 not out), and Van Blerk (45 not out) held their nerve with Van Blerk dispatching the winning runs to see Patong score 142 for 6 after 19.1 overs.

Singapore Cricket Club will play at the new Alan Cooke Ground (ACG) on November 5 in 35 over format and on November 6 in T20 format.

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**Natthapol "Ball" Thubsai**

**Born:** September 7, 1987

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 178 cm

**Weight:** 65 kg

**Nationality:** Thai

**Hometown:** Thalang, Phuket

**Q. What interests do you have outside of your work?**

**A.** Watching movies and going to the sea – Koh Phi Phi and Nai Yang beach

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

**A.** Suchao Nuchnum of Buriram PEA and Cristiano Ronaldo of Real Madrid.

**Q. What has been the highlight of your career so far?**

**A.** Last year getting Man of the Match after scoring 2 goals to beat Ranong 5 nil.

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

**A.** Run a small business – perhaps a coffee shop.

**Q. What do you like about Phuket?**

**A.** The long term relationship I have with friends in my neighborhood whom I still hang out with after playing together for 13 years.

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# SEA squad warm south



Tameezee "Z" Hayeyusoh has been in Bangkok since October 20 to train with the Thailand national team for the possibility of going to Saudi Arabia.

Thailand's U23 national football squad are in Phuket this week for their final leg of training in preparation for the 26<sup>th</sup> edition of the Southeast Asian (SEA) Games to be held in Indonesia from November 11 to 22.

Thailand are setting their hopes high this year, ensuring they get plenty of warm-ups in southern Thailand.

The SEA Games squad began to gather themselves in Phuket on October 28 after a short charity-match tour through the south that started in Songkhla last week and will come to a finale in Phuket.

As part of their training in Phuket, they are set to play two charity matches at Surakul Stadium.

The first friendly match will feature the national side who will take on a Phuket All Stars team; the local lineup for this match was still unannounced at the time of going to press. This match is scheduled to be held at 6pm on Sunday, October 30.

In the second and final event to be played at 6pm on Saturday, November 5, FC Phuket will host the Thailand SEA Games side in a Saturday evening showdown.

All proceeds from ticket sales for both matches will be donated to flood relief efforts.

Dates and times are subject to change, so keep checking the *Phuket Gazette* online for the latest schedule confirmations, changes and announcements.

The Southern Sea Kirin will be without their star midfielder, Sarach Yooyen who will be playing the match for the opposition – sporting his national colors nonetheless.

Lancina Camara, team trainer, confirmed with the *Phuket Gazette* that all five of Phuket's foreign players including Frenchman Jonathan Matijas, Nigerien Boubacar Issoufou and the three Ivorians, Nenebi, Kone Adama and Coulibaly Abdoul, are all expected to be ready to play in the match.

Talking on the phone to the *Phuket Gazette*, Phuket forward Tameezee Z Hayeyusoh said that he wasn't yet sure if he will be able to make it back to Phuket for the match, pending an announcement on October 1.

Z was among 30 players who were called to train with Thailand's senior team from October 20 to 23.

In a last chance recruitment campaign, Thailand's coach Winfried Schaefer will select a panel of 18 to join the team in Saudi Arabia where Thailand is set to play their second leg match after a scoreless draw last month in Bangkok in the World Cup round three qualifier group stage match.

"I think it's a long shot that I'll be selected to go to Saudi Arabia. There are so many decent players who joined the training camp," he said.

"In any case I'm happy to have had this opportunity and experience and will use my experience to benefit FC Phuket," he added.



## Sport

## Race specifics



## Triathlon Tips

By Jürgen Zack

YOU'VE registered for the Laguna Phuket Triathlon or the 70.3 Ironman. You have adhered to your swim-bike-run workouts regularly. But you may not be 100 per cent prepared for race day.

You need to use "race specific" workouts to beat the competition:

Practice the Swim Start situation. Running into the ocean together with a few hundred others is an extraordinary challenge.

You need to overcome the panic. It will be very crowded the first 100-200 meters.

Stay away from scrambles and fights for space in the water. If you are not a fast swimmer, don't aim for the front row. You will regret it.

Do a few mass start exercises with some training partners. Go to the beach, pick a boat or a buoy as a turnaround and do your own "out and back" swim competition.

Try to draft behind faster swimmers. You will save about 20 per cent energy using this technique. Someone might pull your feet from behind. It can be a tough workout, but it can be fun, too.

Ride the bike course a couple of times. Knowing the climbs, downhills and turns gives you an edge.

Use the equipment you intend to race with before race day.

Ride with your race wheels at race pace and use your race suit a few times prior to the event.

You need to get comfortable with the equipment you will use in the triathlon.

Break in your racing shoes. There is nothing more annoying in a race than blisters caused by brand new shoes.

Plan your race strategy. Use your training results to set the right pace. Sometimes it is smarter to start easy and keep something in the tank.

Test your nutrition during your workouts.

Your stomach might be more sensitive on race day. Test your energy drinks, snack bars and gels before, not during the race. Learning to drink and eat while riding and running can save precious time.

In 2010 Aussie Chris McCormick beat his opponent Andreas Raelert from Germany for one reason. He was able to run fast through the Aid Stations.

Sometimes, all those little details count for an overall victory.

## Nakorn Trang Games



FLYING THE FLAG: PPAO President Paiboon Upatising (pink shirt) with local athletes before their journey to compete at the Nakorn Trang Games.

THE Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (PPAO) recently held a small ceremony to send off 50 athletes representing Phuket, who are currently in Trang province competing in the the Nakorn Trang Games – the 29<sup>th</sup> Southern region finals for Thailand's local youth Olympic games.

The Nakorn Trang games began on October 25 and continues for a month, concluding on November 23. Phuket student athletes are competing for the chance to participate in nationals, to be held at a later date.

Sports categories for this years games include track and field, football (men and women), futsal (men and women), volleyball, beach volleyball, table tennis, sepek takraw, petanque, and badminton. Additional games include checkers, chess and tennis.

In last year's (28<sup>th</sup> edition) "Muang Thong Song Games" held in Nakhon Sri Thammarat

province, Phuket youth brought home three gold, seven silver and six bronze medals.

Last week's ceremony was held at 3pm on October 22 at the PPAO meeting room, and was presided by PPAO President Paiboon Upatising who gave the following pep talk to the athletes prior to their departure for Trang.

"I would like to express pleasure to all the students who will represent the PPAO team; all you athletes must be able persons – healthy, strong and wholesome in both body and mind as to be successful and outstanding representatives of the PPAO. May you have kindness as athletes, knowing defeat – knowing victory, knowing forgiveness, and bring a good reputation for the PPAO for the sake of forward moving sportsmanship in Phuket." He then thanked all the athletes, teachers and parents for making the day possible.

– Phuket Gazette

## Rugby still on despite floods

DUE TO recent flooding and advisories against traveling to Thailand, the Phuket Lomas International Youth Rugby Tournament has suffered a number of cancellations. Of these include Kings College whose

premises and surrounding areas have been inundated with flood waters and the BKK Lions.

As a result, the tournament will now only host an U15s competition with Krabi, Surat Thani,

Phuket Lomas, Centaurs Rugby and Ta'Moko Lions from Singapore. However, the Lomas U13s will play a three game 10-a-side competition between themselves.

The tournament will begin at 9am at Thanyapura Sports and Leisure Club with an award ceremony scheduled for 6pm. The format will be a round robin tournament and each team will play four games during the group stage.

Once the group stage is complete, a play off between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> placed teams will allow progress into the semi finals. The losing team in the play-off matches is eliminated. Losers of the semi finals will compete for the Plate trophy and the winners will meet in the final for the Cup.

There will also be a player of the tournament trophy up for grabs which will be awarded by the officials. Ta'Moko Lions intend to hold a coaching clinic on Sunday morning which all are welcome to take part in.

– Neil Quail

TIME	POOL	FIXTURES		
09.00 am	group	Krabi	vs	Tamoko Lions
09.32 am	group	Surat Thani	vs	Centaurs
10.04 am	group	Phuket Lomas	vs	Krabi
10.36 am	group	Tamoko Lions	vs	Surat Thani
11.08 am	group	Phuket Lomas	vs	Centaurs
11.40 am	group	Krabi	vs	Surat Thani
12.12 pm	group	Lomas U 13	vs	Lomas U 13
12.34 pm	group	Centaurs	vs	Tamoko Lions
13.06 pm	group	Surat Thani	vs	Phuket Lomas
13.38 pm	group	Krabi	vs	Centaurs
14.10 pm	group	Tamoko Lions	vs	Phuket Lomas
14.42 pm	group	Lomas U 13	vs	Lomas U 13
15.04 pm	play off	4th team	vs	5th Team
15.36 pm	SF 1	2nd group	vs	3rd group
16.08 pm	SF 2	1st Group	vs	winner play off
16.30 pm		Lomas U 13	vs	Lomas U 13
16.52 pm	P. Final	Loser Game 14	vs	Loser game 15
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# Kiteboarding at King's Cup

By Neil Quail

PHUKET King's Cup Regatta organizers have announced that the 2011 event will include a demonstration of the exciting sport of kiteboarding to be hosted by Kiteboard Tour Asia (KTA).

The introduction of this adrenaline-fuelled sport to this year's event will enhance the Regatta's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and emphasize the recognition of kiteboarding's development and popularity as a sailing discipline.

Kevin Whitcraft, President of the Phuket King's Cup Regatta Organising Committee, expressed his enthusiasm for the introduction of kiteboarding to the Regatta's schedule.

"We're delighted to welcome an exhibition event by Kiteboard Tour Asia at this year's Phuket King's Cup. This is a bold step for us in terms of broadening the Regatta, and we hope this new element will have very strong appeal to kiteboarding enthusiasts and a younger sailing audience," explained Kevin.

"Kiteboarding continues to grow in popularity in Asia, and Thailand in particular offers an accessible and exciting opportunity for anyone who wishes to see pro kiteboarding events," he added.

Tour director of KTA, Willy Kerr, hopes the Regatta platform will help drive the sports' following in the region.

"This year's Phuket King's Cup Regatta will feature a thrilling KTA Race event which will be a unique addition to the Phuket

King's Cup. There is a growing interest in the sport across much of Southeast Asia, and we're very excited to be able to bring this spectacle to people who may not be familiar with the stylish, cool fun of the professional kiteboarding scene."

Twenty top-class kiteboarders are expected to take part, combining talent from Asia and international pro riders from the World Tour.

Two-time Asia Champion from Thailand, Narapichit "Yo" Pudla, will headline the surfing spectacle alongside two-time Asia Freestyle/Race Champion and two-time Japanese Freestyle Champion, Aya Oshima. Other big names from the international circuit include; Ken Nacor, Philippines Champion and Asia Number 2; Beijing Olympics Silver Medalist (windsurfing), Ho Chi Ho; Turkish KTA Champion and Turkish Freestyle Champion Taner Aykurt; and Kathryn Bogwardt, 2010 and 2011 KTA Ladies Champion.

The Phuket King's Cup Regatta first sailed in 1987 to celebrate His Majesty the King of Thailand's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. With the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King, the Regatta is organized by the Phuket King's Cup Regatta Organising Committee under the auspices of the Royal Varuna Yacht Club, in conjunction with the Yacht Racing Association of Thailand, the Royal Thai Navy and the Province of Phuket.

For more information, visit [W:kingscup.com](http://W:kingscup.com). The *Phuket Gazette* and PGTV sponsor the King's Cup Regatta.



KITE RUNNER: Thai kiteboarding star, Narapichit 'Yo' Pudla, two-time Asia Champion will star with a number of pro circuit riders at an exhibition at the 2011 King's Cup Regatta.



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