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'Ae Inside' murder not a silence killing: Police

POLICE have dismissed the theory that Wisut "Ae Inside" Tangwithayaporn was shot dead in mid-rush hour traffic on January 12 as a "silence killing".

Mr Wisut had published stories alleging impropriety in the issuance of land title deeds at Freedom Beach in Patong (see page 3) and irregularities over land in the Nakalay hillsides above Kamala.

They have also dismissed his reporting on the controversial transfer of government officers as another possible motive, saying only that the likely motive was "a personal dispute".

Armed with fully-loaded assault rifles, Phuket Provincial Police Special Operations officers joined other police units on Tuesday in conducting a re-enactment of the crime with 43-year-old Noppadol "Pae" Praisri, the alleged driver for the assassin who shot dead Mr Wisut.

Mr Noppadol, flown to Phuket by helicopter on Monday after surrendering to police in his home province of Petchaburi, told the media that day he had "nothing to do" with the murder of Mr Wisut.

"Right now I am a minibus



Noppadol 'Pae' Praisri, the alleged driver for the gunman who shot dead Wisut 'Ae Inside' Tangwithayaporn, under heavy guard during the re-enactment of the murder in Phuket Town on Tuesday.

driver between Cha-am and Bangkok. I am not guilty. I want the chance to prove my innocence in court," he told the press.

The following day, however, he

took part in a detailed re-enactment with stops in five different locations, including the junction on Thepkrasattri Road where Mr Wisut was shot four times and

killed by the gunman, while Mr Wisut's wife sat by his side.

Mr Noppadol, who identified the gunman as 41-year-old Sanya Klinchu, told police he then sped off with the assassin along Thepkrasattri Road, riding against the flow of traffic. They crossed over at Tantalum Junction and continued south to a location near the Monkey Viewpoint in Rassada to hide out and stage separate getaways, he said.

The re-enactment ended near a restaurant at Nimit Circle, where Mr Noppadol confessed to receiving payment of 50,000 baht for his role in the killing from a man he identified only as "Mr Boy".

It has since been reported that Mr Sanya and Mr Boy were involved in a similar case in 2008. Police said on Wednesday they were preparing applications for arrest warrants for both men. They hope that capturing and questioning the pair will lead to the arrest of whoever ordered the hit.

A report in *Siangtai Daily* newspaper on Wednesday reported a source as giving the identity of the suspected mastermind as someone named "Mr Somkhuang" ("Mr Appropriate").

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Chinese New Year to usher in B900mn

By Chutharat Plerin

THE Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) Phuket office expects Phuket to rake in up to 900 million baht during the upcoming Chinese New Year festivities.

This year, to welcome in the Year of the Dragon, celebrations will be held in Phuket from January 23-25.

"The TAT expects 60,000 tourists, to arrive in Phuket to celebrate Chinese New Year," Phuket TAT office Director Bangornrat Shinaprayoon told the *Gazette*.

Most of the visitors are expected to arrive from mainland China.

Bookings have been flooding in, with occupancy rates for many hotels across Phuket already reaching above 90 per cent, said Ms Bangonrat.

"In total, the TAT expects visitors to spend about 11 billion baht during the Chinese New Year all over Thailand," she added.

To help Phuket Town residents prepare for the festival, Phuket City Municipality offered free collection of items discarded

in the traditional "house cleaning" performed before the Chinese New Year arrives.

"We dedicated trucks and cleanup crews to drive along the streets and pick up any unwanted items between the hours of 1pm and 8pm. So we asked all Phuket Town residents to place their unwanted items in front of their houses by 1pm," Phuket Town Mayor Somjai Suwansupapana said.

The free collection service continued until January 21.

See page 20 for our Special Feature on Chinese New Year traditions.



The TAT estimates that Phuket will rake in 900mn baht this month. Photo: Christian Mouchet

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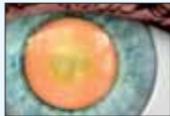
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Simon Cabaret stars spread their wings

By Chutharat Plerin

THE founders of Phuket's renowned Simon Cabaret this week announced the soft opening of their spin-off venture the Simon Star Cabaret show, Phuket's third ladyboy extravaganza, at a new venue near Phuket Town.

At a press conference at The Metropole hotel in Phuket Town on Tuesday, Simon Cabaret executives announced the soft opening of the 130-million-baht venture, located on the grounds of the Phuket Orchid Gardens & Thai Village, behind Phuket Rajabhat University in Rassada.

Phuket Simon Cabaret chairperson Wirat Rouyrin, who founded Simon Cabaret in Patong in 1991, promised the media that the show, launched on Thursday, "would be 90% different" from the nightly spectacles that are staged at its flagship venue in Patong and would feature state-of-the-art light and sound technology.

Staff are still putting the finishing touches on the venue and stage production, she admitted.

"We will be about 90% ready for the opening on Thursday, but



Simon Star Cabaret showgirls show off their feather-endowed costumes.

will be 100% [ready] by next month," she promised.

To attract as many people to the show as possible, those presenting Thai ID cards will be admitted for just 200 baht each through February. However the primary target



Wirat Rouyrin

market will be regional tourists from other parts of Asia, she said.

Managing Director Pornthep Rouyrin said there would be three 75-minute performances daily, each with 16 acts.

Gracing the stage of the 650-seat theater will be 70 "brand-new showgirls", discovered through ladyboy beauty pageants held in Udon Thani and Chiang Mai, he said.

French cinema fête on its way

FRENCH film enthusiasts will be in for a treat next month, when the French Thai Cultural Festival "La Fête" hits Phuket with free showings of five acclaimed movies at the Prince of Songkla University Phuket Campus.

The five films, all with subtitles in English, will be: *In Mom's Head* (Comedy / 2007 / Directed by Carine Tardieu); *Me and My Sister* (Comedy / 2004 / Directed by Alexandra Leclère); *My Uncle* (Comedy / 1958 / Directed by Jacques Tati); *Trouble at Timpeltill* (Comedy / 2008 / Directed by Nicolas Bary); *Mice and Mite Drama* (Drama 2004 / Directed by Jeanne Labrune).

Now in its second consecutive year, La Fête includes events all



over Thailand: Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Hua Hin, Koh Samui, Phuket, and for the first time Khon Kaen.

The showings run from February 13 to 17, starting at 6:30pm nightly.

For more information call Dr Kesinee Chasri at 089-6463533 or visit www.lafete-bangkok.com.

Pla-wan recovering at home

'Honored' by receiving second bouquet from Royal Family

SRI panwa resort General Manager Vorasit "Pla-wan" Issara is recovering at Sripanwa Villa, Phuket, after being released from hospital last week.

His release last Wednesday was followed by another gift of flowers, this time from HRH Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn.

The Royal bouquet was presented to Pla-wan and the Issara family last Friday afternoon (January 13) by Phuket Governor Tri Augkaradacha.

Mr Vorasit, who had been hospitalized following a vicious gang attack during the early hours of January 4, is reportedly recovering from his injuries.

Although he can walk by him-



Governor Tri Augkaradacha (right) presents Vorasit 'Pla-wan' Issara with the second Royal bouquet.

self his lower right leg remains held at the correct angle by a heavy bandage to allow the injury to the tendons to heal properly.

Mr Vorasit's recovery is being closely monitored by a nurse from Bangkok Hospital Phuket.

Of the Royal gift, Mr Vorasit said tearfully "It is such an honor for me and my family to have received this gift of mercy from HRH Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn and HRH Princess Srirasmi."

"I am now getting better," he said and added, "I am sorry for what occurred, I did not mean for it to happen."

Sriwara Issara, Mr Vorasit's mother said, "My lawyer is dealing with all matters in this case. I am still afraid that the attackers' friends will be back to attack my son."

"Governor Tri said he would take care of my son's security to not let it happen again," she added.

- Warisa Temram

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Phuket reacts to Bangkok terror warnings

GOVERNOR Tri Augkaradacha has asked police to step up security at hotels with foreign guests throughout the island in the wake of the foreign embassies issuing terror warnings for their citizens in Bangkok.

"Phuket has thankfully not yet suffered any acts of terrorism, but we are not ignoring the current situation in Bangkok because Phuket has a lot of western tourists. If anything serious happened in Phuket, it would definitely affect our tourism," he said.

Gov Tri said he had assigned Phuket Provincial Police Commander Chonasi Wattanavrangku to coordinate with the superintendents of all Phuket police stations to ensure anti-terrorist measures were being taken.

"I have suggested to police to possibly set up checkpoints across the island or to check on hotels in Patong where US citizens or Europeans are staying.

"I have also asked hotel owners to closely monitor any unusual activity [in their hotels] during this time," he added.

- Warisa Temram

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Pheu Thai investigates 'stolen' land in Patong

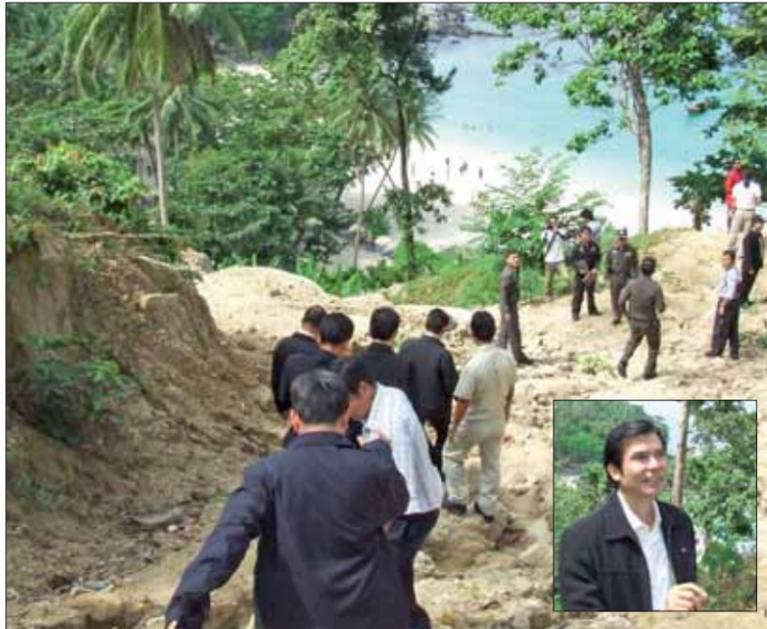
By Atchaa Khamlo

PHEU Thai Party spokesman and party list MP Prompong Nopparit arrived in Phuket last Friday to inspect 65 rai of land near Patong that is under investigation for having been illegally issued land titles.

The land in question was initially considered by police as one of the prime motives for the broad-daylight assassination of local journalist Wisut "Ae Inside" Tangwithayaporn (see page 1).

The land, located behind Freedom Beach on the southern headland south of Patong, was brought to the attention of the National Counter Corruption Commission after it was discovered there was an attempt to sell the 65 rai for about 4 billion baht - an amount equivalent to about US\$125.78 million.

The case first came to light in September 2010, when the Director-General of the Royal Forest Department at the time, Somchai Piansathaporn, informed the Public Sector Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC) of irregularities concerning the issue of land



The inspection team, led by Mr Prompong (inset), head down to Freedom Beach from the 65 rai of land under investigation. Photos: Atchaa Khamlo

title deeds for the Freedom Beach land. The resulting PACC investigation revealed high-ranking involvement by government officials in Phuket and Krabi.

PACC Secretary-General Amphol Wongsiri in July 2011 stated that his investigation re-

vealed that 200 million baht had been paid to officials for approval and authorization of the suspect land deeds. At the time the evidence was being collected for a case to be lodged with the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) in Bangkok.

Mr Prompong, who visited Freedom Beach and the surrounding forest with the relevant officials, said the issue involves many government agencies, including the Natural Resources and Environment Office and the Land Office, and several provincial officers.

"Looking only at the documents and title deeds, everything appears to be in order. However, an inspection of the land itself indicates that there is a conflict with several Phuket Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment regulations," said Mr Prompong.

"The evidence was suspicious enough to warrant further investigation as it might involve past and present high-ranking government officials. We will request Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment officers to examine the case. Meanwhile, the DSI will be asked whether this is a special case or not," said Mr Prompong.

"I will also request the Minister of Interior to order the Land Director-General to examine this site. Also, Justice Minister Pracha Promnog will be asked to join the land examination," he added.

Police continue to close in on 'Ae Inside' mastermind

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However, investigators declined to confirm or deny this, citing the sensitivity of the investigation and the risk of prosecution.

They also declined to give more information about the owner of the home near the Monkey Viewpoint used by the pair to stage their getaway following the hit.

Phuket City Police Deputy Superintendent Jaran Boonsopab told the Gazette during the re-enactment, "We have many armed officers at the re-enactment today to make sure that anyone thinking of harming Noppadol would know that we were ready



Three of the four bullets fired struck Mr Wisut in the upper body.

to protect him."

However, police on Wednesday confirmed that their key witness was now being held in the general population at Phuket Provincial Prison, with no special security measures in place.

Second assassination sparks gun crackdown

PHUKET Governor Tri Augkaradacha has called for police to boost gun security after a man was gunned down while riding home along the Kalim beach road last Friday night.

Jakkrit Nutad, 45, from Nakhon Sri Thammarat, was riding home when two men following him pulled alongside and opened fire at about 9pm, said Patong Police Superintendent Col Arayapan Pukbuakao.

"Both men pulled out guns at opened fire on Mr Jakkrit, then sped off toward Kamala," he said.

Mr Jakkrit died en route to Patong Hospital.

Police found 11 spent 11mm cartridges at the scene. However, Col Arayapan said police found 21 wounds on Mr Jakkrit's body.

Police believe the killing may have been motivated by a land dispute over Mr Jakkrit allegedly encroaching on private land in a street off Phra Baramee Road.

"The issue was being mediated through the court and they were going to settle the dispute soon," Col Arayapan said.

"Another possible motive is that Mr Jakkrit had borrowed a couple of hundred thousand baht from a man in Yala province. Apparently the man had threatened Mr Jakkrit over repayments," he added.

The connection of Mr Jakkrit's murder with yet another land dispute in Phuket has prompted Governor Tri to call for police to step up gun control.

"I have ordered the police to handle this case carefully and to arrest the man who committed this crime," said Governor Tri.

"I have also ordered the police at Tah Chat Chai checkpoint [leading to the mainland] to step up their inspections of people passing through the checkpoint," he added.

- Warisa Temram



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Police step up drug testing of staff at late night venues

PHUKET City Police on January 11 drug tested 47 staff, including the general manager, at the Sure Garden restaurant in Phuket Town.

The mass drug testing comes amid the ongoing furore over the axe attack on Vorasit "Pla-wan" Issara (see page 2), the general manager at the Sri panwa resort and son of Thai construction magnate Songkran Issara.

Mr Vorasit suffered serious wounds in an early morning altercation with staff at the Rachada pub, located directly across the Bang Yai Canal from Sure Garden.

Snr Sgt Major Porncharoen Phumeesai told the *Phuket Gazette*, "Today we tested for amphetamines. None of the 47 people tested was found to be using drugs."

The drug testing was held as part of the provincial-level push to eradicate drugs from Phuket, Snr Sgt Major Porncharoen explained.

"There are many entertainment places opening in Phuket and some of the staff are involved in drugs.



Staff at Sure Garden all tested negative for drugs. Photo: Warisa Temran

It leads to problems and that's why we are testing staff at entertainment venues," he said.

Kritsakorn Dairoop, the general manager at the restaurant, said, "We usually have a drugs test once every two or three months.

"Any of our staff found to be involved in drugs will lose their job because we do not want the restaurant being associated with drugs. As the tests today [proved], none of us were found to be using drugs," he said.

Mr Kritsakorn also commented on the serious attack on Mr Vorasit.

"Our customers are very important to us. We hold a meeting every month to catch up on what has happened in the restaurant. If any customers cause problems, I try to cool them down. If that doesn't work then the police can deal with them," he said.

"We would never use any force," Mr Kritsakorn added.

- Warisa Temran

ATM scams:

PATONG Police report at least four people recently being ripped off by gangs scanning their ATM cards and stealing money from their accounts. Two long-term Phuket residents can attest their is some light at the end of the tunnel – for both, their banks have agreed to repay the money stolen. The *Phuket Gazette* reports.

ALAN Robinson, 71, has been living in Phuket for 17 years. As he is a former vice-president of a Swiss bank's national branch in Japan, one can only imagine his surprise when he discovered that his ATM card had been scanned and thieves were stealing money hand over fist from his bank account.

Mr Robinson reported to Patong Police on January 6 that 140,000 baht had been taken from his Kasikorn Bank account. Thieves had apparently stolen the card's information while he used it at an ATM on Rat-U-Thit 200 Pi Road on December 30.

On that day, Mr Robinson had driven from his apartment to the nearby Kasikorn Bank

ATM, opposite the Holiday Inn, to withdraw cash before going shopping for food.

"I had withdrawn 20,000 baht from the ATM, but the machine wouldn't return my card. Suddenly on my left appeared a Middle Eastern-looking man, smartly dressed, who in very good English said that it was always happening with

ATMs here.

"He leant over me, explaining I had to push some buttons to get my card back, and pushed the cancel button. I told him to go away," he said.

"My card was returned and the man just walked off. I thought it a little strange at the time but really didn't think anymore of it," he added.

It wasn't until the evening of January 5 that Mr Robinson checked his account and discovered that the money was missing. On checking the details he found that 50,000 baht had been withdrawn on January 3 and a further 90,000 baht the next day.



Ian Laferme: 'People need to know.'

"I tried to phone Kasikorn's number in Bangkok, but it was all in Thai. Luckily a friend's Thai girlfriend was able to speak to the bank in Bangkok and got all the details," he said.

But Kasikorn Bank had more bad news. On January 3, two transactions of 25,000 baht had been withdrawn from Mr Robinson's account via ATMs in

New 50-baht note out

THE new-look 50 baht banknotes were released nationwide this week. Announced by Bank of Thailand Governor Dr Prasarn Trairatvorakul last week, the new 50-baht note is being released ahead of its 20, 100, 500 and 1,000-baht counterparts, which are due to be brought into full circulation by 2026.

The new issue notes – dubbed Series 16 – will retain the sizes and colors of the current series.

Although the new notes will be in circulation, the older series banknotes will remain legal tender.

"The new 50-baht note should replace the 190 million notes currently in use and more could be issued in response to growing popularity among the public and economic expansion," Dr Prasarn said.

One of the new 50-baht note's key features, which will be difficult to copy, is a watermark depicting the portrait of HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej. The watermark appears alongside the figure 50 and is clearly visible when viewed against the light.

Another feature is the security thread. This stitch-like line running vertically down the back of the note, changes color from dark blue to red when the note is tilted. Security is further enhanced by the irregular shapes printed on both sides that, when held up to the light, superimpose to form the number 50.

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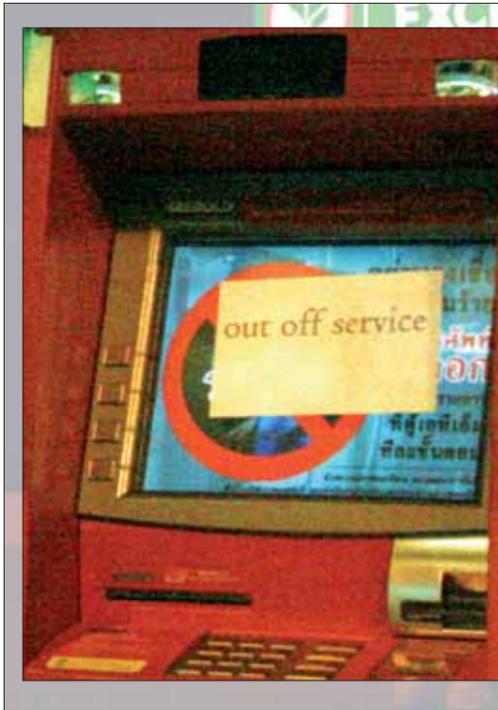
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Bangkok. His account was reduced by a further 90,000 baht on January 4 from ATMs in Pattaya.

The bank was able to provide Mr Robinson with complete details concerning which ATMs had been used to steal from his bank account.

"I immediately went out and canceled my PIN. They'd actually tried again after the bank had put a stop on my card and PIN. It was lucky I'd canceled it. I went to the police in Patong and the bank the next day," he said.

The police showed Mr Robinson reports from three banks showing details of which ATMs the criminals used to steal his money. They were Bangkok Bank, Siam Commercial Bank and Kasikorn Bank.

"A captain in Patong Police, he was brilliant," said Mr Robinson. "He was really helpful and told me that the day before I reported

the theft from my account, four tourists reported exactly the same thing. A friend of mine had the same thing happen to him in Jungceylon a while back, and he had 170,000 stolen," he said.

"The captain told me not to worry and Kasikorn Bank have been very helpful. They've confirmed the money would be returned to my account after the police have completed their investigations."

Mr Robinson, who has worked in banking all his life, spent two years in Japan as the vice-president of Union Bank of Switzerland before coming to Phuket in 1994. Until a few years ago he checked his account regularly. However, having encountered no problems over the years relaxed his guard.

"I've banked with Kasikorn for over 10 years and never had a problem before. Nobody else

knew my PIN and I have never written it down," he said.

"The hotels should put a warning out as many tourists don't read the newspapers," he added.

Fellow long-term expat Ian Laferme, who has been living on Phuket so long that decades ago he was actually issued Work Permit Number One by the local Labor Office, had a harder road to travel to get his money back.

Through the assistance of a tenacious friend, it has taken a year of hounding police reports, banking authorities and consumer protection agencies to get his money back.

Finally, last week he received the good news. The bank that holds his account that was pillaged by ATM scammers will refund the money stolen.

More than 240,000 baht was withdrawn from his account from ATMs in Bangkok and Pattaya.

"And I have many, many witnesses to prove that I was in Phuket the whole time, and my card was with me," he said.

"Some people in the bank have been very helpful," he added, despite many of his initial attempts to even solicit a reply from top bank officials were ignored.

In the end it was the Office of the Consumer Protection Board (OCPB) in Bangkok that provided the final impetus for the money to be returned.

"They reviewed our case several times before deciding Ian's case was worth pursuing legally. But once they [the OCPB] started moving forward with the case, that seemed to do the trick," Mr Laferme's friend said.

Like Mr Robinson, Mr Laferme was happy his money was returned, but was more concerned for the unsuspecting victims still out there, prime targets for ATM scammers.

"The most important thing is that people know that this can happen to them and that there are ways for them to get their money back," he said.

Kasikorn Bank's Patcharee

Fongcharoen at Patong Beach branch, told the *Gazette* that "ATM theft" was on the rise, with all banks reporting similar incidents.

"Our head office in Bangkok is currently working on defensive measures.

"In the meantime I advise people to use ATMs either inside or at the front of the banks. We recommend that our customers use Kasikorn ATMs only as they are all fitted with an anti-tamper system to prevent unauthorized modification," she said.

Lt Col Songserm Preecha told the *Gazette* that as of January 5, six ATM scam cases had been reported to Patong Police this year. He is dealing with two of them.

"Unless someone knows them, it's not easy to identify the criminals even if we have their faces on camera. Especially in Pattaya or Patong," he said.

"I have suggested that banks [in Patong] have their workers routinely check each ATM.

"To prevent their customers from falling prey to the scammers we will also suggest this to other banks in Phuket," said Col Songserm.

Armed standoff with police ends with peaceful arrest

'I couldn't stand watching him do this anymore. I felt sorry for my grandchild and daughter-in-law, so I called the police' – Sawai Thongyod, mother

A TWO-hour standoff between Phuket police and an armed man ended without bloodshed on the evening of January 11 after officers finally persuaded him to stand down.

Police arrived at a home along a soi opposite Chalong Temple at about 6pm after Sawai Thongyod called them, saying her 26-year-old son was armed, acting dangerously and she feared for her safety.

Her son, Sukan Samlee, was waving two guns around – one gun was a .38-caliber handgun, the other was only a fake pistol lighter.

Suksan, believed to have been under the influence of drugs at the time, was pretending to shoot Ms Sawai police were told.

Police arrived in force, with 10



Fortunately the only damage was to drug paraphernalia.

officers surrounding the house.

Suksan noticed them as they approached and turned the real gun onto himself, warning officers to stay back.

During officers' efforts to calm Suksan, he fired three warning shots into the air.

Phuket Muang District chief Suppachai Phochanukul tried to negotiate with Suksan directly, but Suksan refused all offers to sur-

render and kept the gun aimed at himself. After two hours of talks, Suksan finally surrendered and was taken to Chalong Police Station under arrest.

Officers seized the .38 handgun, 23 bullets and the fake gun lighter from him as evidence.

They also found 32 grams of marijuana in the house.

Suksan was charged with discharging a firearm in a community and possession of a class 5 drug.

"My son was smoking marijuana at home before he turned crazy. He forced his wife and one-month-old baby to sit next to him, then started pulling her hair and pinching his child," Ms Sawai said.

Ms Sawai added that her son lost his job at a hotel in Phuket a few days ago.

– Warisa Temram



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Students honored for Robot Olympiad win

THREE students from Phuket Municipal School have been honored for their award-winning performance at the World Robot Olympiad (WRO) 2011 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

The Phuket Auto Robot team – comprising Pakin “Paper” Boonlom, Tipok “Nueng” Kinkobsin, and Boonyarit “Tel” Pulsen, all 11 years old, and their teacher Sophon Prateep Na Talang – were bestowed “The Best Creative Award” and came in fifth place overall.

In honor of their achievement, Yongyuth Wichaidit, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior, held an audience for the three boys in Bangkok.

The World Robot Olympiad, held from November 18-21, attracted 377 teams from 35 countries.

As reported by the *Phuket Gazette* last September, the Phuket team created a Lego robot this year that reproduced the process of garbage collection and separation.

“The students are proud to help create a strong [robotics] reputation for our country,” said Mr Sophon.

“It was a good experience for them to be a part of the world competition, which will improve their future skills. Just observing the different teams from around the world and the various techniques they used was a big help for them,” he said.

Mr Sophon said that the results of the competition proved that the techniques being used by the students of Phuket Municipal School’s team were good and could beat other countries.

Motorway death toll jumps over weekend

LAST weekend was a deadly one for motorists in Phuket as two deaths and one serious injury in about a 15-hour span were added to this year’s quickly growing road-accident statistics.

Last weekend’s two deaths brought to 10 the number of people killed on Phuket’s roads this month.

The first incident occurred at about 9:30pm on January 14, when 25-year-old Suriya Tarttalay was struck by a white sedan while driving his Honda Wave motorbike south along Thepkrasattri Road.

Thalang Police and Kusoldharm Foundation workers rushed to the scene where they found Mr Suriya lying unconscious on the pavement opposite the new PTT gas station in Srisoonthorn.

Police reported that Mr Suriya was driving toward the Heroines’ Monument when he was hit by the sedan, which continued south without stopping.

Although police radioed details of the accident to officers at the nearby police box, they were unsuccessful in identifying the vehicle. Despite not knowing the make of car and license-plate number police expect damaged parts of the vehicle, collected from the accident scene, would help them find the driver.

Mr Suriya was rushed to Thalang Hospital for emergency treatment of critical injuries. He was later transferred to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Vachira Phuket Hospital.

A nurse at the hospital said that



The Vios struck a motorbike.



Mr Suriya’s head being stabilized

Mr Suriya was having difficulty moving and speaking but was generally in a stable condition. “At the moment he is in the ICU, but we hope to move him to the neurological ward soon,” she added.

Shortly after midday on January 15, Phuket rescue workers used two cranes to free the body of 31-year-old Boomruam Lekyai from beneath the trailer of the 18-wheeled truck he had been sleeping under when the rig’s brake system failed.

Witnesses said Mr Boonruam, arrived at a construction site off Soi Nakalay in Kamala, parked the rig on a hill on the dirt access road, and then set up a makeshift ham-



Emergency workers recover the truck driver’s body from under the rig.

mock beneath the flatbed to take a nap while waiting for workers to unload his shipment of ‘rebar’ from Bangkok.

The truck’s parking brakes failed, and the rig ran about 100 meters downhill and slammed into a ditch, pinning his body beneath the trailer. He died of massive wounds when the rig’s wheels ran over him.

The third incident of the weekend occurred less than 30 minutes later and in almost the same location where Mr Suriya was struck in the hit-and-run the night before. Kusoldharm Foundation rescue

workers at the scene said Swiss national Daniel Andre Bertholet, 56, was riding his motorbike south on Thepkrasattri Road when he was hit by a Toyota Vios.

‘the sedan... continued south without stopping’

– Thalang Police

“We believe that Mr Bertholet died instantly due to massive cranial trauma,” said one rescue worker.

The woman driver was distraught and still in the car when rescue workers arrived. Her vehicle suffered damage to the fender and a shattered windshield, but there were no reports that she suffered any injuries.

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New police stations underway

WORK is underway on the headquarters of Phuket’s newest police station, with some officers already taking up residence in barracks near what will eventually be the Wichit Police Station.

The work followed an announcement by Phuket Provincial Police in early 2009 that it planned to establish two new independent police precincts in the south of the island: Wichit and Karon.

The move is intended to take pressure off the Phuket City Police, whose jurisdiction covers Wichit, Rassada and Koh Kaew as well as Phuket Town. When opened the new Wichit Police District will have 94 officers.

Chalong Police, whose turf currently covers all of Chalong, as well as Rawai and Karon subdistricts will also benefit under the plan, as Karon will get its own police department, with 83 officers.

Although police have taken possession of land donated by the private sector for both projects,



An artist’s impression of what the police station in Wichit will look like.

they are awaiting the bulk of the funding for the building construction. This will amount to 28.7 million baht for the Wichit District Police Station, to be located off of Chao Fah West southbound.

However, the 1.2mn baht barracks is already completed at the site and some Phuket City Police officers have already taken up residence there.

A source at Phuket Provincial Police said the Karon District Police office would be built on 2 rai

of donated land near the Hilton Arcadia Phuket Resort.

Though initial costs estimates have yet to be made, construction costs are expected to be about the same as for the facility in Wichit, he said.

However funding for both projects remains delayed, most likely due to the flooding in central Thailand, the source said.

The new Wichit Police Station lies on two rai of the landholdings of the Anupas & Sons company.

Spat over terrorism alert

Tourism defies flood impact

AROUND THE nation

THE arrest of an alleged Lebanese terrorist in Bangkok has provoked a diplomatic spat between Thailand and the United States after a terrorist threat warning was issued to US citizens in the Thai capital.

Atris Hussein, 48, remained in police custody Tuesday, though the US Embassy continued to insist that its warning of a possible foreign terrorist attack in the Kingdom still stood.

Acting on information supplied by Mr Hussein, allegedly a member of Lebanese organization Hezbollah, Thai police raided a property in Samut Sakhon on Monday, discovering a huge stash of materials commonly used for bomb making.

There was some confusion over whether Thailand had been targeted by terrorists, with some media reports saying an attack on Bangkok had been planned, but called off, while others indicated



A suspect was caught shortly after the US alert. Photo: The Nation

that the capital was merely being used as a staging point for attacks on other countries.

The Nation on Sunday reported national police chief General Prieupan Damapong as saying Mr Hussein had told him attacks on Thailand had been "called off" after authorities learned of the plot.

"The suspect told us that the movement cancelled the plan af-

ter the authorities learned about it," he said, declining to provide any more details of the confession.

Mr Hussein has not been charged, as the plot was not carried out, the police chief said.

Police are authorized by law to hold a suspect without charges for no more than 60 days, he said.

On Monday The New York Times quoted a "top Bangkok po-

lice official" as saying that the chemicals discovered in the Samut Sakhon raid, ammonium nitrate and urea, were meant to be shipped out of Thailand for use elsewhere.

Thai officials are believed to be frustrated with the US diplomatic mission's warning, which they said could damage Thailand's crucial tourism industry. The warning was echoed by 13 other countries.

Foreign Minister Surapong Towichukchaikul expressed his "disappointment and unhappiness" over the warning by the United States, as well as those by Canada and Australia. He said he would summon the ambassadors from the countries to explain the warnings, or Thailand would issue retaliatory measures.

He said the countries failed to discuss the matter with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs before issuing their warnings.

Mr Surapong said the government had taken all possible precautions to protect tourists and investors, adding that Thailand had good ties with countries all over the world and he did not think any country would want to attack the Kingdom.

THAILAND's tourism industry once again proved its resilience in 2011 as arrivals rose 21.2% in the first 11 months of the year, according to government figures.

The rise came despite devastating floods in September of this year that killed more than 800 people and left some provinces of Central Thailand under up to three meters of water for several weeks.

The Ministry of Tourism and Sports said 17.1 million tourists visited Thailand between January and November 2011, compared with 14.1mn in the same period the previous year.

"Although the recent floods in Thailand did impact on arrivals during the October and November, 2011, the growth in the January-September 2011 period as well as the post-flood bounce back was high enough to keep arrivals on a positive trend for the entire year," the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) said in a statement reported by Deposit Protection Agency.

This year, the TAT hopes to attract a record 20mn visitors to the Kingdom.

Compensation package dredges up TRCT issue

THE government has approved a compensation package for victims of the recent political conflict, including the red-shirt protests last year, though critics have questioned why the scheme does not extend to victims of the conflict in the troubled Deep South.

Acting on the recommendations of the Truth for Reconciliation Commission of Thailand (TRCT), Cabinet made this month the government approved 2 billion baht in compensation for the victims of national political protests over the last six years.

Starting in 2005, when "yellow-shirt" protesters sought to overthrow the government, the compensation scheme will see money paid to people injured in political protests as well as the families of people who were killed.

However, critics said the compensation scheme ignored victims of the ongoing violent conflict in the Deep South, in which about 5,000 people have died since 2004.

The opposition Democrat Party said the government was mainly concerned with rewarding its supporters for the 2010 protests.



PATTANI: Thai security forces inspect the site of a roadside bomb attack in the Deep South. Photo: AFP

Democrat MP Satit Pitutacha said he would file a petition with the Administrative Court as he considered the compensation payments as preferential treatment.

Referring to two infamous incidents in 2004, during Mr Thaksin's administration, Mr Satit said the families of those killed in the Tak Bai and Krue Se Mosque crackdowns in the South also deserved similar aid.

"I do not think reconciliation can be achieved by giving money to the violators of law," the MP said.

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Cheap and useful trump 'mega-cost'

THE results of the most recent *Phuket Gazette* readers' poll (see page 11) show that a clear majority of readers see the introduction of new "airport bus" services to Phuket's west coast resort towns as the tourism development projects they would most like to see move forward quickly in 2012.

The results reflect that readers – Thais, expats and tourists – see the introduction of reasonably-priced public transport as more important than the "megaprojects" designed at luring in ever-more tourists or dealing with an ever-increasing number of cars.

Another result of the survey is that the projects in highest demand would also be the easiest to implement, at least from a cost perspective.

For example, more respondents (13.3%) wanted to see the low-cost option of installing meters in taxis and tuk-tuks than the combined numbers of all those who voted for the 2.6-billion-baht convention center (3.4%), underpasses at Central Festival and Tesco (4.3%) junctions, and the 3.5bn baht Patong Tunnel (3.4%).

Indeed, the 39.7mn baht spent by Patong Municipality on the tunnel project "feasibility study" would probably have been enough to install a meter in every tuk-tuk and taxi in Phuket, free of charge.

Of course the *Gazette* would be naive to suggest that public demand would be enough to make our leaders do the right thing. By their own reckoning, the *phon prayot* (benefits) would be few, while the "costs" could be devastating – or even lethal. As the events of last week have shown (see page 1), hitmen work cheap in our province, even when the target is a high-profile investigative reporter.

As we move through the first month of 2012, it appears that the horse race among the six aforementioned projects is hardly off to a lighting start. Funding for the Central Festival underpass has been approved and we are told that construction is set to begin this year.

As many readers are undoubtedly aware, this will cause a traffic nightmare while the work is underway, and with little respite after its completion since the real bottleneck is not at the junction itself, but further south, where Chao Fa West narrows to just one-and-a-half lanes from three in each direction. Amazingly, this is where aforementioned tunnel is designed emerge.

As for the two new airport bus routes "expected" to go into service by next month, don't hold your breath: The agency that provided that time line is the same one that completed construction of Phuket Bus Terminal 2 in Rassada back in December 2009 – and has been promising to open it ever since.



The taming of the Hulks

Re: *Gazette online, Phuket Football: Saved by Muang Thong Utd, January 8*

Here's to hoping FC Phuket's hooligans, the Hulks [the biggest fan club for FC Phuket], learn how to behave themselves in the off-season.

I won't go to any games before I hear that the hooligans have stopped throwing bottles onto the pitch, threatening refs to the point of requiring police escorts, demanding coaches' resignations and engaging in otherwise pathetically petulant behavior.

The Hulks' reprobate members need to be banned from the pitch in the future.

Eric
Gazette forum

Letters to the Editor

a local-private hospital. They wheeled her into the surgery room and then the "nurse" in charge said I needed to pay 30,000 baht.

I said I would pay and she said "pay now". I went to the ATM and took out 20,000 and added another 10,000 to it, then handed the money to her and she called the surgery room to tell them that I had paid, and that they could proceed with the surgery!

I still get upset just thinking about it.

8YearsInTH
Gazette forum

creatures are transported makes me giggle still.

But just the other day, I saw perhaps the most precious thing, something very Phuket in its queerness. A middle aged Thai woman was riding pillion on a motorbike and crawling about her head, clutching onto her black hair was a baby monkey. Now baby animals are absolutely adorable, and there is a little doubt that a baby monkey is especially adorable, but for God's sake the baby monkey was wearing a shabby little pink dress!

Where was my camera to capture this fantastic moment in Phuket? At home in a drawer.

The best thing about Phuket though, is if you see something crazy thing there is always hope that you'll see it again – until then adorable pink dress wearing baby monkey.

Tina Swift
Patong

Shirts for Blimps

Clothing in Phuket, like any tourist destination, is a big seller. Everyone wants to take home a t-shirt saying "I love Phuket" or "Same Same, but Different". But what I don't get is how does the "larger" crowd in Phuket (I really should say enormous-titan-like-blimps) find clothing that they can fit into?

I am a relatively thin guy that doesn't even break the six-foot marker, but I still wear XL shirts here. It seems like it would be impossible for some of the people I see on the beach to find clothing that fits them anywhere on the island.

Trevor Green
Rawai

Wallet Surgery

Re: *Gazette online, Phuket hospital denies 'deadly greed' killed mum, 74, January 10*

Last year my wife needed to have an unscheduled cesarean at

I see dead people

Re: *One dead, four injured in latest Phuket horror crash, January 11*

I really despise the way people crowd round taking photos and videos of dead or dying people. It is sick.

What is wrong with everyone on this island?

One Thai-language newspaper had photos of the poor girl and her baby that were lost under the wheels. Disgusting.

Poppops
Gazette forum

Monkey in a dress! Monkey in a dress!

It seems like every time I leave the house without my camera all the beautifully bizarre things of Phuket appear. When I first landed on the island I couldn't snap enough shots of dogs being hauled around on motorbikes – some of the ways those poor

Who's in charge of this wreck?

Re: *Storms strip Phuket wrecks of markers*

I am completely baffled by the fact that these submerged marine hazards have yet to be cleared from Chalong Bay.

Admittedly, I am thankful for the efforts of the Phuket Cruising Yacht Club for marking the wrecks and making public announcements about them. But honestly, the harbor master should be dealing with this issue or at the very least pretending to deal with it.

Ignoring shipwrecks that are so close to the surface, but not visible, in an area that has as much boat traffic as Chalong Bay, is absolutely irresponsible.

Andy Churt
Patong

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Parents' awariness prevents terrorists

FIRST PERSON



Capt Sonpong Yukkanun, 46, from Pattalung, has been a policeman for 27 years. He has worked in Yala province for 10 years. During that time, he dealt with many insurgent security threats. Last year he moved to Phuket to take up a post with the Thalang Police.

ONCE I met parents that never went inside their son's bedroom. Their son was eventually arrested as a terrorist, and when the police searched the bedroom they found more than 10 timer power units for bombs.

Parents have to be responsible for their children and monitor their behavior closely. If they live with their children they should know what kind of trouble they are getting into and help prevent it.

There were many security incidents in the 10 years I worked in Yala. I investigated four of the 20 insurgents attacks occurring in the province.

Many times we arrested and charged insurgent suspects, but had to release them as we did not have enough evidence to bring the case to court.

One time there were some suspects arrested and released on bail during which time they committed more offenses. One man arrested had been part of the gang who planted bombs at 18 locations. He also shot a policeman.

The situation is scaring normal people. Villagers still have to make a living, even though it's not easy to live normally, especially with the dangers of travelling around the province. One vendor came from Pattani to sell fish in Yala and was killed on the way. The fish sellers are afraid. They drive to Yala early in the morning and sell

their fish from one central place rather than facing the risk of travelling from village to village.

The Muslim community is divided. You have good people who don't want to be involved with the violence and you also have those citing separatism as their goal and using violence and fear to achieve it.

Previously, the good ones wanted to stay in a quiet place and not give information to police as they were afraid of retribution from the extremists. The situation has changed, and now local villagers are prepared to offer information that could lead to the insurgents being captured.

According to an investigation of the separatists, the Muslim insurgent teachers teach the children to hate Buddhist people, usually the children's parents don't know what's happening.

Most terrorists arrested were excellent students from good homes with loving parents.

I knew many parents whose children hid their activities well and they only recognized the truth

when their children were caught.

Most of the time children tell their parents they are joining the school camp when they actually are attending Runda Kumpulan Kecil (RKK) training.

One man, around 20 years old, was an intelligent student and also a police cadet lieutenant. He was a RKK member and could build bombs. After his arrest, his parents did not believe he was a RKK member. His father, a well respected man, cried when he finally believed the truth about his son.

The small children chosen by the insurgents are tricked into reading books that support RKK philosophy. The teenagers are taught precepts that the insurgents claim are in the Koran.

For example, they're taught that if they kill Thai Buddhists they will receive blessings. The trainers feed them misinformation and their own version of history showing Thais as bad.

It's important for parents to know what their children are doing and prevent them from joining these groups.

Convert to a convertible



Cruise with your windows down and start loving the tropical weather.

IT NEVER ceases to amaze me just how addicted to air-conditioning so many people on this island have become, and at no time does the steady, mechanical drone of aircon units perplex me more than this time of year, when the weather is gorgeous.

Air conditioning inside a home is one thing, but for the life of me I'll never understand why, when the weather is beautiful, people need to ride around in their cars with the air-con blasting away.

Growing up in New England in the 1970s, the coolest car anyone could ever hope to be spotted in was a "convertible", that's a car with a retractable roof, for the new generation who might not even know what one is.

While you might occasionally see pink-skinned foreigners driving around Phuket in rented open-top jeeps, the sight of a convertible car is rare anywhere in Thailand. I understand that the equatorial sun can be scorching, but I don't think that can justify ceding defeat, locking the windows in the "up" position, and keeping the aircon unit permanently turned on, as many do.

Next time your idling away in Phuket traffic, notice just how few cars have their windows down. It will invariably be old clunkers, where the aircon unit has died and the cost of replace-

Island View

By Somchai Huasaikul

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ment is deemed as "throwing good money after bad". At any rate, it's as if the option of lowering the car windows has ceased to exist for most drivers on the island.

Another factor to consider is gas mileage. I concede that in open highway driving the increase in drag on a car with its windows down probably offsets any fuel savings one might enjoy by turning off the aircon. But let's face it, the trend here in Phuket is for more and more congestion, so I suspect turning off the aircon will save a few baht in the long run.

If the weather is nice, it is much better for your engine and cooling system to turn the aircon off; you can clearly hear the decrease in engine strain when you do. Other advantages include:

- improved viability "through" tinted side windows
- added comfort of hanging the elbow out the window
- decreased carbon emissions

The list goes on. So, if you are among those who have forgotten that rolling down your windows is an option, give it another try - and smell the flowers out there.

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

Getting the hump

I noticed that the pedestrian crossing on Rat-U-Thit 200 Pi Road, near Soi Keksab in Patong, has been repainted. I assumed that this freshly marked path would clearly signal pedestrians' right of way when they are attempting to cross the very busy street, however that doesn't seem to be the case.

With the recent accidents involving pedestrians crossing roads and being struck and killed by vehicles (with zero apparent repercussions from the police), I would like to know what exactly the law is concerning pedestrian crossings.

Also, is there anyway to have a speed bump put on 200 Pi road to force traffic to slow down before the crosswalk?

Andy Churt

Kathu Traffic Police Chief Maj Sarawut Chuprasit replies:

According to The Land Traffic Act of 1979 drivers must be cau-

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tions when approaching a pedestrian crossing, making sure not to hit pedestrians, regardless of which direction the drivers are coming from. Drivers must be extra careful if the pedestrian is a child, an elderly person or a handicapped person.

The penalty for violating the law is a fine ranging from 200 to 500 baht.

Rat-U-Thit 200 Pi road is under the responsibility of the Kathu Municipality. We, the police, do not have the authority to put a speed bump in front of the pedestrian crossing. The Phuket Highways Office and the Kathu Police must also be consulted.

Why don't we do it in the road?

I often see people set up tents along the side of major roadways to hold events such as funeral memorial services, alms offering and so on. They also do this for the Vegetarian Festival.

As this would never be allowed in my country, I would like to set up a "road party" during my stay here and invite all my neighbors. Is a foreigner allowed to do this? Do I need permission? Where do I apply? Is there a fee?

Jonas Stalking Kathu

Kathu Municipality, Municipal official Chief Chinnadit Tantipanwadee replies:

You have to file a request to your local administration organization [OrBorTor] for permission to set up an event on the roadways. Foreigners are allowed to use this service, but permission will be granted based on how necessary the event is.



There are worthy reasons to shut down roads (Vegetarian Festival - photo above), and unworthy ones, but all seem welcome to apply.

If you are in our area [Kathu], you will need to come see us in person to submit your letter and describe where you would like to set up your event, what it will be like and when it will be.

We will let you know if you have permission to hold the event within seven days of you submitting your letter. Normally you do not have to pay any fee to the municipality. However, if we have

to clean up the area after your event you'll probably have to pay.

Also, if traffic police are needed for the event we will let you know who to contact.

Please come and see us at the Kathu Municipality building any time Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm, so we can sort out all of the details for the event. For more information you can call us at 076-321405.

Czech beauties rouse tourists

By Warisa Temram

EASTERN Europe was highlighted as Thailand's newest niche tourist source market, boosted by a promotional visit to Phuket last week by contestants of the 2012 Miss Czech Republic beauty contest.

In a move aimed at stimulating local tourism among Czech and other Eastern European tourists, the 14 finalists' brief yet memorable trip was orchestrated by the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT).

After a short stopover in Pattaya, the beauties were met with a floral-rich welcome at Phuket International Airport on January 11.

Leading the welcome party was Wannaprada Suksomboon,

the deputy director of the TAT's Phuket office, along with Pratueng Sornkham, the director of Phuket International Airport Director.

Miss Wannaprada explained that the beauty contestants' itinerary included visiting various tourist attractions in both Phuket and Phang Nga provinces to receive spa treatments and partake in photo shoots and water sport activities such as parasailing, diving, and banana boat riding.

During their six day visit to Phuket the Czech beauties visited various spots including James Bond island in Phang Nga Bay, Old Phuket Town around Thalang road, and the Kee Resort and Spa in Patong.

"These activities are one of the best ways to promote tourism in Phuket among Czechs as well as other Eastern European tourists. We have carefully selected the tourist attractions to make sure we portray our province in the most beautiful way," Miss Wannaprada said.

"Czech Republic is a new and important [source] tourist market for Phuket. They have very high potential with high purchasing power. Czech tourists usually stay four to five days when they come to Phuket and spend at least 4,000 to 5,000 baht daily," Miss Wannaprada explained.

"There were about 2,000 tourists from the Czech Republic who came to visit Phuket last year.



STIMULATION: One lucky guy poses with six of the Miss Czech finalists during a promotional photo shoot at Phang Nga bay. Photo by Tony Pope

"I believe more people from this country will come after they see the beautiful scenery through the videos of the activities that the Miss Czech Republic beauty contestants did in Phuket, she added.

This is not the first time national beauty contestant finalists

have visited Phuket. The island has previously welcomed finalists of the Miss Belgium, Miss Poland, Miss France and Miss Slovakia contests.

For more pictures of the Miss Czechs' Phuket visit, see Your Phuket on page 25.

Business outlook good in 2012

THE outlook for business prospects in Thailand looks mostly good in the first three months of 2012, according to the latest Business Expectation Index (BEI) report.

Compiled by Thailand's Ministry of Commerce, the BEI score for the 4th quarter of 2011 (October to December) leveled at 62.7 out of a maximum score of 100,

while expectations for the first quarter of 2012 (January to March) spiked at 69.7.

The BEI score reflects the results of a survey given to 1,804 business figures from around the country who were asked to assess the present economic situation and predict its direction in the first three months of the year.

Overall, 52.7% of respondents expect the economy to improve compared to only 12.7% who anticipate a worsening situation, and 35.2% who think the economy will remain the same.

Respondents were asked to judge four specific aspects of business including performance, cost per unit of goods and services, employment in the private sector and business expansion.

Of these, respondents were most optimistic about the cost per unit of goods and services situation, which scored 80.1 with 56% of respondents foreseeing an improvement compared to 38.9% foreseeing no change and only 5% who expect the situation to worsen.

A majority of respondents foresee no change in the situations for business expansion (76.7%) and employment in the private sector (71.9%), compared to the minority who do expect improvements in these situations (15.1% and 19.3% respectively).

The highest level of pessimism among respondents lies in the ex-

pectation for business performance, with 15.4% expecting the worst, even though most respondents think that this situation will remain unchanged (45.2%) or even improve (39.4%).

Broken down by region, respondents included businessmen and women from across the Bangkok Metropolitan area (211), Central (241), Northern (428), Eastern (153), Northeastern (455) and Southern (316) regions.

The Northeast had the highest BEI for 2012 with a score of 72.4, followed closely by the South and North (each with 71.2), Central (67.9), East (65.3) and Bangkok metropolitan area, which had the lowest score of 63.5.

Broken down by sector, respondents represented the agricultural (161), industrial (458), commercial (737), construction (58), financial and insurance (89) and the service (301) industries.

Financial and insurance reps were the most optimistic for the coming year, scoring a BEI of 80.9, followed by the construction

(74.1), service (68.8), commercial (68.5), agricultural (66.8) and industrial (66.7) sectors.

The report sites political stability as the prime driver for increased optimism following the previous "sluggish economic period" induced by flooding in the third and fourth quarters of 2011.

The report concludes with a list of 10 suggestions for the Thai government.

These include spending more budget to stimulate the economy; not interfering with price mechanisms in the market; tackling unrest in the deep South; aligning the time-line of wage adjustments with business adaptation capabilities; promoting the use of renewable energies and rail system logistics; controlling prices of necessities and promoting Thai products; supporting SMEs in liquidity, management and marketing; promoting traditional and cultural tourism; managing water systems; and developing marine environments to support and ensure the future of the fishery sector. — Steven Layne

PG – Finn code alliance

BANGKOK Airways and Helsinki-based carrier Finnair recently signed a code-share agreement affecting strategic flights to/from Phuket and other key destinations in Thailand and the greater region.

Effective since January 15, the new agreement allows Finnair to co-list its flight booking code (AY) with Bangkok Airways flights (PG).

Routes affected include flights between Bangkok and Phuket,

Koh Samui and Chiang Mai, as well as flights between Koh Samui and both Hong Kong and Singapore.

Bangkok Airways President, Captain Puttipong Prasarttong-Osoth said, "Chiang Mai, Koh Samui and Phuket are regarded as our favorite destinations for visitors worldwide, while Hong Kong and Singapore offer another unique aspect of Asia.

"By this co-operation, Finnair

will be the only European carrier that allows stop-overs in Hong Kong and Singapore before visiting Thailand."

Hannu Sundberg, Vice President for Airline Partnerships at Finnair added, "This new partnership will open new possibilities to our passengers to visit Thailand and combine it with other destinations in Asia for added experience."

— Bangkok Airways

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Poll: airport bus most desired

DIRECT bus service between Phuket Airport and resort towns on the island's west coast is the tourism infrastructure project favored by the largest majority of respondents to a recent *Phuket Gazette* poll.

A total of 1,868 votes were cast in an online survey conducted during the New Year period via the *Gazette* website.

The poll was based on the question: Which of the following tourism-related plans and/or projects would you most like to see move rapidly forward in Phuket in 2012?

Of the six possible options, 957 or more than half (about 51%) of all votes went to "Airport bus to west coast resort towns".

This was followed by "Light rail project" with 434 votes (23.2%), "Meters installed in tuk-tuks, taxis" with 248 votes

(13.3%), and the "Patong Tunnel" and "Underpasses at Central and Tesco junctions" options, each which received 84 votes or 4.3%, respectively.

The least popular project among the poll's respondents was the International Convention and Exhibition Center which only received 64 votes, or about 3.4% of the tally.

There was little demographic variation in the results, with the Airport Bus option



LIMITED OPTIONS: The existing Airport bus is efficient but only serves Phuket Town.

being the most popular among all three groups: those who identified themselves as Thais (51%), local foreign residents (41%) and tourists or visitors to Phuket (61%).

However, local foreign residents were ten times more likely (20%) to

have chosen the "meters installed in tuk-tuks, taxis" option than their Thai counterparts (2%), while 10% of those

who identified themselves as tourists voted for this option.

As for the most recent airport bus service developments, Phuket Provincial Land Transportation Office Chief Terayot Prasertphol announced back in November that he expected two new Airport bus services to be in operation by February, 2012.

The first proposed route would serve Patong, Kata and Karon, while the second one would serve Rawai. Meanwhile a third route serving Kamala was also being revised for consideration.

Whether Phuket will actually see such service in operation by next month remains to be seen. For more on the discussion, also see editorial on page 8.

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Consumers want lower prices

By Steven Layne

The price of goods is the most pressing issue consumers in Southern Thailand want the Thai government to address, revealed the latest Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) report by the Ministry of Commerce (MOC).

Published on a monthly and quarterly basis by the MOC's Bureau of Trade and Economic Indices, the CCI report compiles a wide range of survey data assessing consumers' perceptions about the state and direction of the economy, as well as their immediate concerns.

According to one survey in the report, 18.6% of respondents in Thailand's South said they were most concerned with the price of goods.

This was followed by fuel prices (13.8%), cost of living (13.2%), unemployment (11.9%), the overall economy (10.4%), corruption (8.2%) and drugs (8.1%).

The price of goods was also the number one concern overall nationwide (17.2%), and likewise in Bangkok and

nearly every other region, with the exception of the Central region, where the price of fuel (15.7%) was slightly more pressing than goods (15.6%).

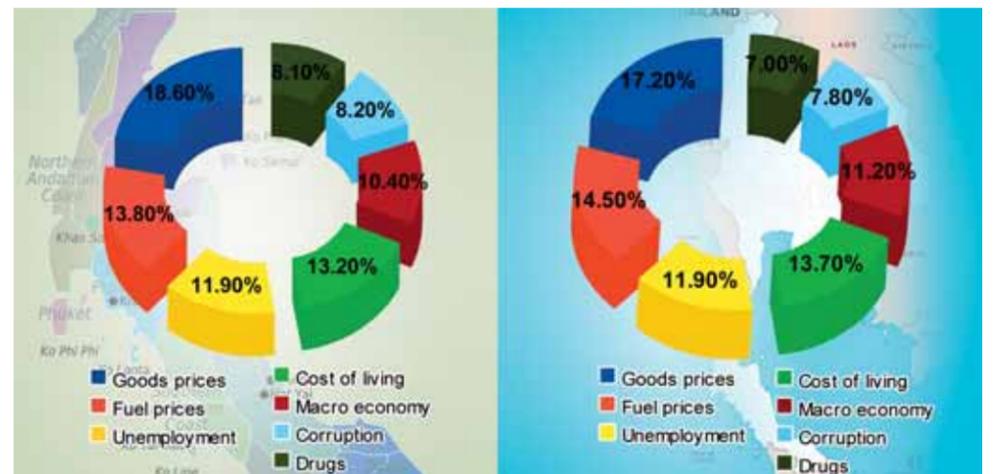
Nationwide, fuel prices (14.5%) came in second, followed by unemployment (11.9%), cost of living (13.7%), overall economy (11.2%) and corruption (7.8%).

Despite high priority given by the Government, tackling drugs was chosen by the least number of respondents (7%) nationwide, and likewise in every region of the country except in Thailand's East.

The least pressing concern among consumers there was corruption (6.8%) followed by drug abuse (7.7%).

The survey is part of research in compiling Thailand's Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) monthly report for December, 2011.

Kanokwan Kanokkulchai, Trade Officer (Professional Level) at the Bureau of Trade and Economic Indices, told the *Phuket Gazette* that the results come from a sample of 3,200 respondents nationwide, with more than 40 respondents sampled from each province in addition to Bangkok.



ALIGNED: The latest Consumer Confidence Index report indicates that concerns of consumers in Southern Thailand (left) mostly reflect those of the nation (right).

Of these, she explained that Southern Thailand included 680 respondents from 14 provinces including Phuket, Phang Nga, Ranong, Surat Thani, Krabi, Chumphon, Nakhon Sri Thammarat, Phattalung, Trang, Satun, Songkhla, Yala, Narathiwat and Pattani.

Miss Kanokwan noted that the national

and regional results do not necessarily reflect individual provinces.

In Phuket, for example, she pointed out that the most common grievances included corruption, low labor wages and the perception of insecurity in public occupations, in addition to the high cost of living and price of goods.

K Bank pitches green incentive

AS MUCH as 3 billion baht has been designated for loans to organizations that wish to go green by reducing their greenhouse gas emissions.

According to a report in *The Nation*, Kasikorn Bank (K Bank) last week inked an agreement of cooperation with the Energy Ministry, the Department of Alternative Energy Development and Efficiency, and Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization.

Under the agreement, K-bank will foot a 3bn baht fund to pilot loans for companies who want to reduce the greenhouse effect by purchasing equipment and machinery that will increase the company's efficiency and utilization of energy.

Such equipment would allow participating organizations to be able to measure and evaluate the

quantity of their greenhouse gas emissions, and thus be able to report and verify carbon credits.

The new scheme complements another K Bank green loan scheme that specifically targets hotels in Phuket and all along the Andaman coast, as well as Koh Samui and Koh Chang.

The K-Green Hotel Loan scheme offers loans valued between 2.5 to 130 million baht to Thai Hotel Association member establishments looking to make environmental investments and expansions in the areas of wastewater treatment, solid waste management, water consumption management and/or energy saving management.

Krung Thai bank and Bangkok Bank also offer similar variations of green business loan schemes.

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The best apps for iPad owners on the island



Live Wire

By Woody Leonhard

CONTINUING my series of articles answering questions that I hear most often... it seems like half the people I know have got an iPad recently.

The question I'm hearing over and over: *What apps should I put on my iPad?*

There's no definitive answer because the iPad ecosystem changes faster than a Republican primary. At last count, you had more than 500,000 apps to choose from, and the number's going up by more than 600 per day.

Why? Money. The iPad's booming. Apple hasn't officially reported its sales numbers for the last quarter of 2011 yet, but it looks like they sold about 40 million iPads in the calendar year 2011. Compare that to about 350 million PCs (including Macs) sold in 2011. iPad sales are increasing rapidly – up much more than 100 per cent between the fourth quarter of 2010 and 2011. PC sales are decreasing, especially in the US – down 5 per cent year-on-year.

While nobody's saying the PC is going away any-time soon, it's clear that the iPad has started to grunt like an emerging 800 lb gorilla.

If you have a new iPad, there's a handful of apps you should have downloaded by now. To get any of these apps, turn on your iPad, and touch the button for the AppStore, then search for the app by name.

If you're on Facebook, the Facebook app is a no-brainer: using the Facebook app on the iPad is much easier than using it on the web. Ditto for Twitter. Bloomberg has an excellent news app. Weather Channel. I swear by Flipboard. Skype works like a dream.

If you're a Windows user, the iPad works great with Windows, in spite of what people may tell you. I wrote two articles about getting iPad and Windows to work together with various apps, at Windows Secrets Newsletter. Look it up: <http://bit.ly/r2Hwob> and <http://bit.ly/nqblsO>.

Those are the important apps for every iPad owner. Those of us who live in Phuket also have a handful of apps that work great. And they're free.

To start this guide to Phuket apps, I went to the Apple AppStore and searched for "Phuket." Not exactly rocket science.

I was surprised that I didn't find the two apps that were mentioned earlier in the Gazette. "Checkin Good Deals" didn't draw a hit in the AppStore search engine. When I searched for "Tiny Coffee" I found that app in the iPhone store, and most of it works: Static (non-zoomable) maps to all of the Tiny Coffee locations, and the full menu appears on-screen. I couldn't get the History button to work.

The FM 91.5 app also appears in the iPhone section, not in the

iPad section. The app gives a live broadcast from FM 91.5, as long as you don't switch to a different app (that's a limitation of the iPad's iOS, not a problem with FM 91.5). You can use the app to Request a Song and send a message to the current DJ. Unfortunately, there's no on-screen volume control. It's a basic app, but a nice way to listen to local radio when you're hangin' with your 'Pad.

I found a couple of additional apps that appear to be very much works-in-progress. I'll refrain from commenting on those. There are also many apps of varying quality geared to tourists: maps, reviews, typical travel magazine stuff. They're frequently expen-



APROPOS: The *Phuket Gazette's* app is a remarkable achievement – there are huge news organizations that don't even come close with their iPad apps, and best of all it is free.

sive. Remember that the average AppStore App sells for US\$1.98.

One very pleasant discovery was that the web site Thaivisa.com has recently released two free apps – one for iPad and one for Android – and the iPad app (the one I tested) works very well. Thaivisa.com, for those who don't know, is a remarkable source of information for foreigners living in, or visiting, Thailand. It covers visas in spades, as you would expect from the name, but thousands of posts touch on every facet of *farang* life. An entire forum is devoted to Phuket, another to Farang Food, another to Sports – you get the idea.

The [Thaivisa](http://Thaivisa.com) iPad app is now my favorite way to look at the forums. It's very well organized, absolutely no clutter, and as fast as can be. Unfortunately, it falls down in three places: you can't post anything using the iPad app (the option to "Open in Safari" doesn't work, at least on my iPad), there's no Search capability, and you can't use the pinch gesture to make type larger and smaller. Still, it's an excellent app to catch up on the latest at [Thaivisa](http://Thaivisa.com).

Which brings me to my favorite local iPad app. Yes, I'm biased, but if you take a look at what's on offer, I bet you agree. The *Phuket Gazette's* app is a remarkable achievement – there are huge news organizations that don't even come close with their iPad apps. Picture-toting tiles on the left give you quick access to the latest stories. The charm bar at the bottom has links to the Events Calendar, Issues and Answers (re-named

"Expat Issues"), Classifieds, Queer News, the Lifestyle section, Sports and PGTV. Controls for resizing fonts, and sending links via e-mail, Facebook or Twitter are immediately available.

I know that many of you are thinking about coming up with your own iPad apps – I'm thinking about doing one for the Sandwich Shoppes – so I kicked around the *Gazette* office and asked about the details. I was surprised to find that the app was designed and built right here in Phuket. The *Gazette* IT Manager Seubsak ("Big") Sahaworapun led the team.

Khun Big's observation: "To create an App, you first need to purchase a MacBook computer and an iPad (or iPhone). You need to learn Objective-C, one of the most sophisticated object-oriented programming languages; Cocoa, Apple's native object-oriented Application Programming Interface (API); and Xcode, a development software that integrates everything needed to compile and upload the finished product to the App Store." One of the team members spent a week in Bangkok at an Apple briefing. The result speaks for itself.

The *Phuket Gazette* launched the first version of its iPad app last March. Version 1.0 tried to mimic the *Gazette* web site, and didn't work very well: as iOS designers have learned over and over again, if you're just going to copy your web site, it's much easier to have your readers use a browser, and let them futz with scrolling and pinching. iPad apps

– at least, good iPad apps – are different. They're far more immersive, and the touch interface melds in with the content.

Version 1.0 took two programmers – working about half-time – a full year, plus a graphic artist and lots of edit time. Coming up with a good iPad app is not for the faint of heart.

The *Gazette* app currently in the AppStore is version 1.2, and it's come a long way, baby, with a revamped design and full video – which posed a significant technical challenge. Give it a try.

With Woody hunkered down writing a book, the weekly *Computer Clinics* are taking a new turn. Until Woody emerges with an 860-page copy of "Windows 8 All-In-One For Dummies" under his arm, around May or June, Seth Bareiss will hold computer sessions on every-other Wednesday afternoon, from 1 to 3 pm.

If you have a Windows problem that needs to be solved, drop by one of Seth's free afternoon sessions, or come to one of our free Sunday morning roundtables at Sandwich Shoppe Chalong. Details in the Events Calendar. Sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette* and Khun Woody's Sandwich Shoppes.

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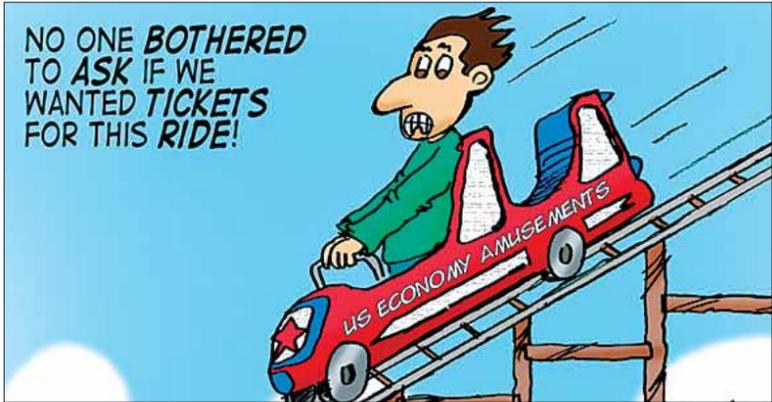
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Island Investor

By Anthony Lyman

NOW that 2012 is in full swing and no doubt many of the New Years resolutions have been thrown out of the window, it is time to get a hold of the purse strings and have a set plan for the forthcoming year.

I have already given my views previously on what I believe we can expect from the year ahead. The financial rollercoaster ride is certain to continue for the next 12 months, so what would be the best way to survive the turbulence?

One thing that recently seems to have become a lot more popular is the rise of an investment called a structured note. So what is a structured note and what are the positives and also the negatives of this?

Firstly let me explain what a structured note is.

The concept of a structured note is that in times of volatile markets, this will enable you to benefit from good stock market performance while at the same time provide protection against bad market performance. In most cases a selection of stocks will be chosen, this tends to be in specific geographical areas or industries. Each structured note tends to have an investment time frame ranging from anywhere between 12 months to five years and will have an initial valuation date and a final valuation date.

That's the easy bit explained. Now the note will provide a pre-determined level of capital protection, in most cases this tends to be 50% and also offers to pay the investor a coupon on a quarterly basis. What this means is that should none of the stocks selected fall by 50 per cent, the note will pay the coupon, again this is valued on a quarterly basis.

Structured notes also have the ability to be autocalled, this normally means that should all the stocks selected be above their initial 100% level on the quarterly valuation date, the note will "autocall" and a full return of capital is given plus any coupons that

are earned. Sounds good?

Don't get me wrong as well as good points there are down sides to this and I advise anyone considering investing into one of these to do their research or seek professional advice.

So what are the disadvantages?

Well, a structured note is provided by an investment bank so do your homework on the bank that is providing the note or the capital protection of the note, as we know banks have not had the easiest of rides over the last few years so make sure that the bank providing the note is on a sound footing and check the credit risk of the bank.

Due to structured notes having fixed terms they tend not to be very liquid, so if markets are falling dramatically, selling out of these can be quite hard.

Also, notes having a maximum return, in rapidly rising markets your growth can also be limited and markets may return more than the coupons the note provides.

Also be aware that should any of the underlying stocks within the note fall by more than 50%, on the final valuation day you will only receive the performance of the worst performing stock no matter how well any of the other stocks have performed.

So are they a good thing or a bad thing?

Well, this type of structured investment certainly has its good points and also its bad points. As with any type of investment, these should be held as part of a larger portfolio and I wouldn't advise putting all your eggs in one basket.

As markets are volatile the concept of the note is generally a good idea, however you need to take into account the type of stocks the notes are based on and also be clear about the investment bank providing them as even though there is an element of capital protection, the risks are still there.

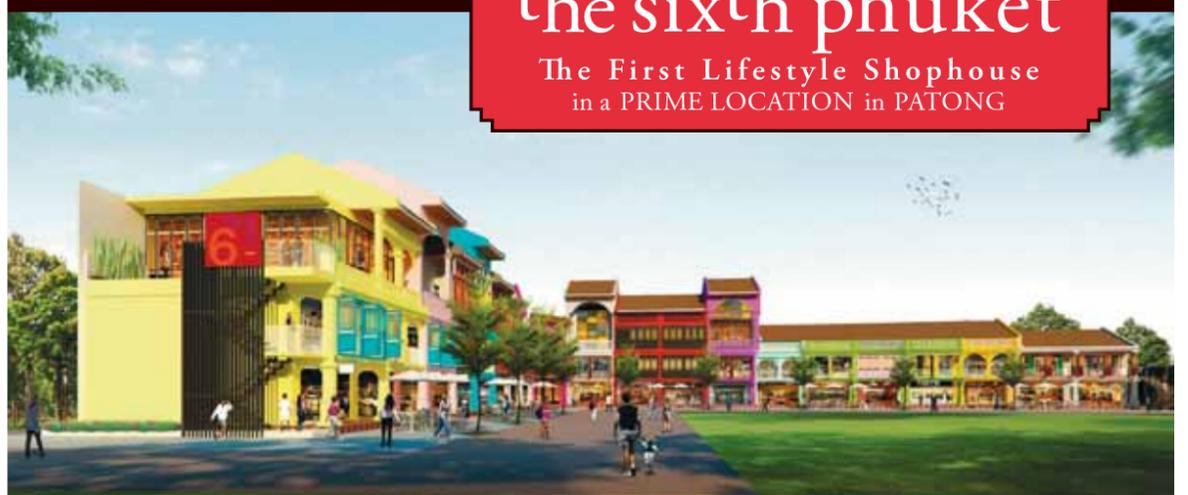
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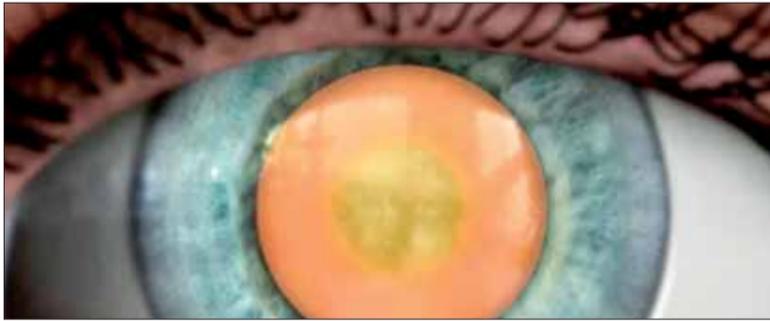


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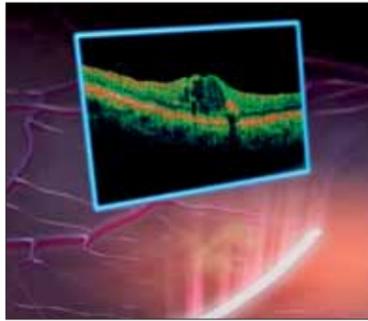
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Eye to eye contact

The first article by Doctor Captain Wiriyaluppain in a series designed to help educate *Gazette* readers about eye health, what to beware of, and to explain advances in eye treatment technologies.



Diseases such as cataracts (above) can be discovered during examination



Focus point scanning.



Retinal diseases can only be revealed during pupil dilation examination.



Slit-lamp examinations can detect corneal problems.

By Dr Captain Wiriyaluppain

AS AN eye doctor that has practiced in Phuket for many years, I have found that the patient base is unique because of the diversity of nationalities that reside on the island.

My patients are from various countries and I have learned that there is a huge difference in the ability to access health care services around the world. In some countries it is difficult to see specialist doctors – you need a referral from your family doc-

tor before meeting with a specialist. If your condition isn't urgent or considered an elective condition, you will join a long waiting list.

In Phuket, the situation is considerably easier because you can visit a hospital and request an appointment with a specialist. The appointment will usually be set within one or two days (especially in private hospitals). In my opinion, this is a good opportunity for anyone to improve their health care.

Eyes, as with other organs in the human body, keep changing over time, but they are unlike other organs because the changes generally occur in stages and are almost the same for everyone. For example, as people approach the age of 60 they face the increasing risk of conditions and diseases such as cataracts, glaucoma or macular degeneration.

A misconception that many people have is that their eyes are healthy because they see adequately well. This idea is totally wrong because human vision is maintained by the "healthy part compensating for the bad part". Serious diseases such as glaucoma can confirm this fact because the disease will not affect your vision until 40 per cent of the eye nerve has already died. If patients wait until the vision is affected, it most likely that the condition has already progressed too far. I can say that most serious eye diseases that are difficult to treat, have happened in this way.

Because of this, all eye care professionals have agreed that everyone should have a regular and comprehensive eye examination. A simple vision screening test at a spectacle shop is not enough.

What to expect during an eye examination. Comprehensive eye examinations include a set or series of eye tests that determine your eye health status and estimate the patient's risk for contracting various diseases.

The complete eye examination varies from 30 minutes to two hours. The amount of information learned from the examination and the cost of the examination will mostly depend on how well the hospital is equipped with advanced instruments.

The following are eye and vision tests that you are likely to encoun-

ter during a routine comprehensive eye exam:

Vision test: This is the first and most basic test where the patient reads a visual acuity chart. The test will let the doctor know how well you can see and determine if your vision is in normal range or not.

Refraction test: This test will tell give the patient's eye prescription and determine if you need glasses to improve your vision or not.

Slit-lamp examination: The Slit-lamp (or bio-microscope) allows the doctor to see a highly magnified structure of the front part of the eye. Corneal problems or cataracts can be detected by this test.

Glaucoma test: Glaucoma refers to a group of diseases that are often associated with abnormally high pressure inside the eye which can cause damage to the optic nerve. Glaucoma is the leading cause of poor vision in the elderly and the risk increases with age. The glaucoma test consists of:

- Eye nerve analysis.
- Eye pressure measurement.
- Visual field testing. The test

measures peripheral vision and is straightforward, painless, and will identify vision damage caused by glaucoma.

Retina examination: The retina is a nerve membrane that lines the back of the eye. Cells in the retina transfer signals from your eye to your brain which allows you to see. The central part of the retina is called the "macular". It is a focus point and is responsible for central vision.

To obtain a better view of the eye's internal structure and examine the retina your doctor will apply dilating drops to enlarge the pupils. This is called a pupil dilation examination. Dilating drops

usually take about 20 to 30 minutes to start working. When pupils are dilated, sensitivity to light and blurred vision will occur for three to four hours which will require the patient to be assisted home after the procedure.

Pupil dilation examination may be inconvenient, but is very important because it allows for the most thorough evaluation of eye health and helps with the detection and risk of various retinal and macular diseases.

Macular (focus point) scanning: This examination will let the doctor analyze the focus point of the eye in great detail. This is a very advanced procedure and the instrument required to conduct this examination may not be available in every hospital.

Now that you know you need to have a regular comprehensive eye check up, the next questions are, when? how often? and which examination?

The most widely accepted recommendation is shown in the table above.

You can see that an annual eye check-up is recommended for normal people whose are over 60. Why? Because your eyes will change very rapidly from the age of 60 on, and the risk of disease will increase significantly.

No matter who you are, regular eye exams are important and can provide early detection or prevention of many serious eye diseases.

Be happy with your vision.

Doctor Captain Wiriyaluppa now works as Ophthalmologist, Retinal specialist consultant and medical director at the Eye center, Bangkok Phuket Hospital.

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Vladi good fish at Palau

On the Menu

By Sam Wilko

THERE'S a brand-new, gorgeous-looking, blue-and-white seafood outlet down in Nai Harn Village called Palau Fish. It turns out that the restaurant is named after a Pacific island some 800km east of the Philippines, one of the world's youngest states. Pub quiz aficionados take note...

Palau is way over the top, design wise, with billowing white curtains complementing its peripheral dining arrangements and faux-water hyacinth throughout its 70-seat set up. If you're into dining next to a 62-inch flat-screen TV depicting undersea life, and like subaquatic-themed restrooms then this place is made in heaven for you. Still, I wish Palau the best of luck in its semi al-fresco seating standing up to Phuket's southwest monsoon buffeting.

After a bracing vodka-Martini I leave my wife to decipher winning lottery numbers from the in-house breadbasket for a brief conversation with Palau's Executive Chef, Sergey Klimento. He, like most of the young and very personable Russian management here, is from Vladivostok almost 10,000km from Moscow and exotically named the "City of the Sea Cucumber" – during which he explains that there's another branch of this restaurant in the eastern-Russian port. Sergey helpfully adds that purchasing fish

in fresh-food markets has stringent health rules, i.e. spanking-fresh fish should have bright eyes (rather a hard act for a dead animal, but nevertheless...) reddish gills and a marked bouncy touch to its body.

We launch into a suitably olive-oil-soaked Greek salad (250 baht) and tasty, but not piquant enough tom yam seafood (200 baht). It's all agreeable with great service but the Euro-pop music in this undeniably attractive place grates and is sort of incongruous yet at least it covers up the constant swishing by of vehicles on this busy Nai Harn corner. A wok-fried assorted shellfish platter arrives with Russian sea snail (unique to Phuket) and is filling, but for some strange reason the menu doesn't feature French fries, so we opt for rice in small portions.

For sure, Palau bills itself as a seafood joint, but in actual fact here you can order a juicy leg of lamb with garlic, marinated with honey (560 baht) or pork chops with demi-glace mushrooms and cranberry sauce (509 baht) and a host of other red-meat dishes, too. But hey, it's Friday so we stick with the fish – a steamed whole sea bass in ginger. It's fresh, it's yielding, it's toothsome, it's got a firm bouncy body and it screams out for French fries!

The wine list at Palau is not the longest in the world, but the Chilean rosé we indulge in is full bodied and satisfying and a perfect tippie to go with the seafood dishes we had ordered.

Palau is certainly one heck of a good-looking restaurant and lounge bar; the wait staff and management are admirably enthusiastic and with a little fine tuning this could be a very popular place too.

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Lamb is also on the menu.



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The wok-fried assorted shellfish platter which contains rare Russian sea snails.



Palau's Executive Chef, Sergey Klimento and his team.



The blue and white decor (above) is stunning.

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By Samaporn Janyanon

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Rocking those blues away



By Neil Quail

NEW YEAR blues of a positive note hit the island next month when the seventh annual Phuket International Blues Rock Festival will lift the spirits of music enthusiasts from February 23 to 25.

A new venue has also been announced with the festival now taking place at the Y-junction on the grounds of Laguna Phuket near Bang Tao Beach.

Already the largest blues rock festival in Southeast Asia, this year's festival will be the biggest in its history with thirteen acts scheduled to perform. It is a global fiesta with musicians traveling from USA, Canada, UK, Australia, Malaysia and Sweden, to enjoy one great party with tremendous music, food and the odd drink.

Headlining the 2012 festival is American blues artist and actor, Chris Thomas King, who has sold more records and appeared in more successful movies than any other blues performer this century. King has three Grammy awards to his name and his role in the Coen brothers' film, *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, released in 2001 gained him an

international mainstream audience. A story of down-home blues singers in Mississippi, the movie starred George Clooney and King played the role of

Chris Thomas King

Tommy Johnson, a true-to-life blues singer from the 1930s. Of the songs on the movie's popular Grammy-winning soundtrack, King's "Hard Time Killing Floor Blues" was the only one recorded live during filming. The film's soundtrack reached number one on the billboard charts and has sold over 10 million copies. King's wonderful talent will bring the Festival to a spectacular finale on Saturday night.

Another worthy newcomer to the festival is Sweden's number one guitar slinger, the legendary Clas Yngstrom and his group Sky High whose career of rocking the blues spans almost 35 years. Having toured the world, performed with and befriended the likes of ZZ Top, BB King, Chuck Berry, Edgar & Johnny Winter, Albert Collins

Clas and Sky High will make fans soar on February 24.

Grainne Duffy from Ireland, is a young, chic girl rocker who has played at the world's number one festival - Glastonbury. Need we say more?

Other newcomers are Australian acoustic blues artist Jack Derwin, Canadian duo Moscowfish and TOKEN - a local Santana tribute band whose guitarist won the 2011 Thailand Santana tribute contest.

Returning by popular demand is Australia's John Meyer and his Blues Express as well as the amazing seven member band AkashA from Malaysia. Stuart Hill also returns, this time with his electric band while his 2011 partner Jim Paxton will appear in hotel lobbies during the afternoons performing acoustically.

Local Phuket musician, Colin Hill, is also back, assisted this time by Jimmy Fame and PJae Stanley while Rocking Patrick and his Angels return with state-side special guest Mojo Perry. The Festival is a charity event with funds donated to the Rotary Club of Patong Beach and its children's education fund.

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5pm: Laguna - Main Gates Open - games, food & drink
6pm: Official Opening- Welcome
6:15pm: Jack Derwin Australia
7pm: Moscowfish (Canada)
7:45pm: Rockin' Angels with Mojo Perry (Thailand/USA)
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Bottom time is now family time

Diving

By Isaac Stone Simonelli

EVERYONE can learn to dive, but that doesn't mean it's easy. Diving is like everything worth doing, there are obstacles to overcome. Sometimes those obstacles are mental, sometimes they are physical and sometimes they are both. For Emil Engahl, age 10, it was no different.

For years Emil has been coming to Phuket with his parents Mette and Lars Engahl. While they've been off exploring the incredible underwater world resting on Phuket's doorstep, he's been shore bound, pleading, "I want to dive too. I want to dive too."

This year when the family landed on Phuket things were supposed to be different. Emil was going to get his Jr PADI Open Water certificate, which would allow him out into the open sea.

Clearing the theory and pool skills without a hitch, Emil was ready for his first open water "fun" dive. It was time to see sharks, turtles and everything else he had

been dreaming of seeing for years.

Cold, in a wetsuit too big for his 135cm frame and perhaps unsettled in the unfamiliar environment, Emil was unable to equalize, stopping him from descending more than a few meters below the surface – he dropped out of the course.

"So he dropped out and everyone was sad about that," Michael Wallentin, General Manager at Kon-Tiki said. It was clear that Emil's original excitement and charm had affected everyone at the shop.

Emil wasn't sure if he should get back in the water this holiday or wait a couple years to try again.

After talking with his parents and getting plenty of encouragement, and a wetsuit that fit, Emil was willing to give it another shot.

"It's very uncomfortable when you can't clear your ears. I think Michael did a good job convincing Emil that he could do it," Mr Engahl said.

Michael took Emil to the calm, shallow waters of Kata beach – it was the turning point.

Then it was his parents who had to let go, as Emil informed them "I just go diving with Michael".



Emil is ready for a life time of diving

Like a knight being hoisted onto his steed Emil, perhaps as heavy as the equipment he was wearing, was carried to the back of the boat by the Kon-Tiki's dive staff and helped into the waters off of Ratcha Noi.

"He was very excited. He grabbed me and was like 'look' and was put his 'shark fin' on his head," Mr Wallentin said, recounting Emil's first shark experience.

With eight dives logged there is no limit to Emil's ambition. He corrects his mother: he doesn't want to be a Master Diver, he wants to be at the top – a course director.

Smiling from ear to ear, Emil listed some of the marine life he



Emil gives the okay of off Phi Phi Island as he dives with his family.

had already seen: dragon fish, scorpion fish and turtles.

In his parent's eyes Emil, as a diver, is an adult.

"When I dive with Emil I rely on him. That's my life depending on him doing the right thing and the other way around. There is a

trust. That responsibility brings a family closer," Mr Engahl said.

Though Emil and his family have already returned to the cold waters of Denmark, the diving isn't going to stop. Emil plans on logging 15 more dives before he returns to Thailand.

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BJORN Täckmann, an important member of the dive community in Phuket and Thailand, passed away on January 6 in a hospital in Surat Thani.

He had been diagnosed with cancer last year.

Mr Täckmann started diving in 1983 and moved from Denmark to Thailand in 1993 as a PADI Dive Instructor. Since then he has ushered thousands into the underwater world. But it was 1996 that he achieved the highest level of PADI diving certification – course director. He is still the only Course Director in the world to receive the prestigious PADI Instructor Development award four times.

Bennon Brandon, Manager for Dive Asia, who had worked with Mr Täckmann for many years recalled how passionate he was about teaching people to dive.

"He helped a lot of people enter this industry over many, many years. He touched many people's lives and made them better, and we miss him a hell of a lot," Mr Brandon said.

"You could never stop learning from him. He was like a fountain of knowledge. You knew that you were in the presence of someone that was truly great at what he did," Simon Creed, an instructor at Dive Asia and former student of Mr Täckmann, said.

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Count Snape gets his teeth into opera

By Marc Mulloy

DRESSED in a flowing black cape, a certain Mr Snape mingled with the New Year crowds in Patong on New Year's Eve, but Andrew Snape has no relation to the character in Harry Potter.

Yes, they are both teachers, wear black capes and have English accents. But "Count Snape", as Andrew calls himself when dressed as a vampire, performs another kind of magic altogether as the crowds witnessed when he made his theatrical entrance onto the stage to deliver the final "Count"-down to 2012.

Count Snape sings opera and the crowds were treated to three songs from his repertoire. Earlier that evening he was at the Friendship Beach Resort where he sang Puccini arias, songs from Leoncavallo's *Pagliacci* and more popularized Neapolitan Operettas. Imagine an operatic vampire tenor in full regalia singing ballads such as *You're My World*, *Quando, Quando* and ending with Shubert's *Ave Maria* and *O' Sole Mio* and you get the picture.



Count Snape in full operatic regalia.

Armed with garlic and earplugs, the *Phuket Gazette* went for an "Interview with a Vampire" and, as it turned out, needed neither as Andrew Snape is an extremely nice chap more partial to a cup of tea than anything bite-sized.

As with all vampires, Andrew puts away his cape before dawn and since August 2011 has a respectable day job as Head of Music and Information Technology at Kajonkietsuska International School.

"The opera is a hobby although in my case it's a very real passion. Of course I hope one day I can become famous for it. As a teacher I do get many opportunities to use my operatic talents," said Andrew.

Before coming to Phuket he worked as Head of Music at the Horizon International School in Yangon, Myanmar, where he wrote a successful new syllabus for the whole school. The students there regularly volunteered to perform musical pieces during morning assembly and Andrew gave a farewell performance to the staff and students by performing *E Lucevan Le Stelle* from Puccini's *Tosca* appearing, as he has done on many previous occasions, as Count Snape.

"The great thing about opera is that it reaches out to people. It is a very expressive, spiritual and unique kind of music that can make people feel really inspired when they listen to it. It usually tells a story, either a tragedy or a comedy, which enables people to release from themselves any kind of problems that they are going through in life," says Andrew.

Andrew has had the name Snape before Harry Potter was even invented. He was born with it in 1976 in

a town called Blackpool in the northwest of England and attended Roman Catholic schools where he developed his skills as an actor, singer, pianist and organist. He gained a

GCSE and Advanced Level in Drama and Theatre Studies in addition to a Technical Vocational Educational Initiative in Music and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree with honours in Sociology and Drama from De Montfort University. In 1998, he completed a TEFL certificate and took up his first teaching post.

A devout catholic, he worked on his piano/organ skills and studied the ancient music of Gregorian Chant as a novice monk at Saint Michael's Abbey in Farnborough, England, before completing a post graduate certificate in education and obtaining qualified teacher status.

On leaving the monkhood he worked as a supply teacher, decided to teach abroad to gain international experience and taught at Rasami International School in Bangkok. On returning to England, he resumed work as a supply teacher before being appointed as an English teacher and support worker to a blind Thai student at Kaplan International College in Bournemouth.

So why the vampire look? "I've always been interested in vampires. As a child I used to watch *The Little Vampire* on TV and then later one of the first books I really enjoyed reading, by the comedian Eric Morcombe, was called *Count Alucard* which is *Dracula* spelled backwards. I also played *Dracula* in a play I wrote for Comic Relief. Given my background in theater and my name, I was already called "Count Snape" by friends and colleagues. The look works well with opera and if you watch the great Luciano Pavarotti's final performance in Japan on YouTube you will see that he too wears a cape and uses white makeup. I feel it also helps make opera more accessible to younger people, which is one of my goals," said Andrew. His other goal is to bring opera to Phuket and Thailand and to this end he will perform a free opera at Royal Phuket Marina on Friday, January 20 at 8:30pm. "The sea makes a great backdrop to opera and I'm really looking forward to this performance" said Andrew.

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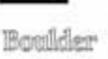
















Enter the dragon

By Marc Mulloy

JUST when you thought all the festivities linked to the New Year were over here they come again in the guise of Chinese New Year the first day of which falls on January 23 and celebrations go on for 15 days.

On January 23 we enter the 4709th Chinese year and is this year is the Year of the Dragon according to the Chinese zodiac. Chinese New Year, the most important of all traditional Chinese holidays, is known in China as the "Spring Festival".

Although regional customs and traditions concerning the celebration of the Chinese New Year vary widely within China, people will spend a lot of money to buy presents, decorations, food, and clothing during this period. Purchasing new clothing, shoes, and getting a hair-cut also symbolize a fresh start. Clothing, mainly featuring the color red, is commonly worn throughout the Chinese New Year because it is believed that red scares away evil spirits and bad fortune. In addition, people typically wear new clothes to symbolize a new beginning for the new year.

It is also the tradition that every family thoroughly cleans the house to sweep away any ill-fortune in the hope it will make room for good incoming luck. Brooms and dust pans are put away on the first day so that the newly arrived good luck cannot be swept away. Windows and doors will also be decorated with red and gold Chinese auspi-

cious phrases and couplets with popular themes of "good fortune" or "happiness", "wealth", and "longevity".

Chinese New Year's Eve

The biggest event of any Chinese New Year's Eve is the dinner. This meal is comparable to Christmas dinner in the West and the venue will usually be in or near the home of the most senior member of the family. On the eve of Chinese New Year the family feast includes fish as well as pork, duck, chicken and sweet delicacies. Several of the Chinese food names are homophones for words that also mean good things. The family will usually end the night with firecrackers.

In many households where Buddhism or Taoism is prevalent, home altars and statues are cleaned thoroughly, and decorations from the previous year are taken down and burned a week before the new year starts, to be replaced with new decorations.

First day.

Early in the morning, children will greet their parents by wishing them a healthy and happy new year, and receive money in red paper envelopes. The first day is for the welcoming of the deities of the heavens and earth, officially beginning at midnight. Many people, especially Buddhists, abstain from meat consumption on the first day because it is believed that this will ensure a long life. Some consider lighting fires and using knives to be bad luck on New Year's Day, so all



KUNG HEI FAT CHOI: Lion dancers meet Thai dancers in the streets of Phuket Town. Photo: Christian Mouchet

food to be consumed is cooked on the days before. On this day, it is considered bad luck to clean.

Most importantly, the first day of Chinese New Year is a time to honor one's elders, and families visit the oldest and most senior members of their extended families, usually their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.

Family who are married also give red envelopes containing cash to junior members of the family, mostly children and teenagers. Business managers also give bonuses in red envelopes to employees for good luck and wealth.

Second day.

Incense is burned at the graves of ancestors as part of the offering and prayer ritual.

The second day of the Chinese New Year, is when married daughters visited their birth parents, relatives and close friends. (Traditionally, married daughters often didn't have the opportunity to visit their birth families frequently.)

Some believe that the second day is also the birthday of all dogs and honor them with special treats.

Third day.

The third day, known as "red mouth" is generally accepted as not a good day to socialize or visit your relatives and friends. This is also considered a propitious day to visit the temple of the God of Wealth and have one's future told.

Fourth day.

In communities that celebrate Chinese New Year for only two or three days, the fourth day is when corporate "spring dinners" kick off and business returns to normal.

Fifth day.

It is common in China that on the fifth day people will shoot off firecrackers in the attempt to get *Guan Yu's* attention, thus ensuring his favor and good fortune for the new year.

Sixth day.

In Taiwan, businesses traditionally re-open on the sixth day, accompanied by firecrackers.

Seventh day.

The seventh day is the day when everyone grows one year older.

For many Chinese Buddhists, this is another day to avoid meat

Eighth day.

Another family dinner is held to celebrate the eve of the birth of the Jade Emperor. However, everybody should be back to work by the eighth day. All government agencies and business will stop celebrating by the eighth day. Store owners will host a lunch/dinner with their employees, thanking their employees for the work they have done for the whole year.

Ninth day.

The ninth day is traditionally the Jade Emperor's birthday. This day is especially important to Hokkiens. Come midnight of the eighth day of the new year, Hokkiens will offer

thanks, giving prayers to the Emperor of Heaven.

Tenth day.

The Jade Emperor's party is also celebrated on this day.

Eleventh through fifteenth day.

On these days, friends and family are invited for dinners. On the 13th day people will eat pure vegetarian food to clean out their stomach due to consuming too much food over the last two weeks.

The 15th day is celebrated as the Lantern Festival, and families walk in the street carrying lighted lanterns. In Malaysia and Singapore, this day is celebrated by individuals seeking for a love partner, a version of Valentine's Day.

This day often marks the end of the Chinese New Year festivities.

The Chinese New Year tradition is to reconcile, forget all grudges and sincerely wish peace and happiness for everyone.



Firecrackers are popular in Phuket at this time. Photo Diana Does

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Chinese New Year events in Phuket

THE Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (*OrBorJor*) is preparing an extravagant celebration to ring in the Year of the Dragon with the arrival of the Chinese New Year next week.

The celebration is slated to kick off at Sanam Chai (the filed opposite Phuket Provincial Hall) at 4pm on January 23.

"Acrobats from Puyang, China will be performing as well as other splendid entertainers," said Phuket *OrBorJor* President Paiboon Upatising.

"There will also be four sets of firework displays to honor HM the King, HM the Queen and HRH Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn," he added.

Several famous musicians, such as Rattapoom Tokonsup, Fay Fang Kaew and Noewy from the band Sinyorrita are scheduled to take the stage at the event.

The Year of the Dragon is particularly auspicious, as the dragon is revered by both mainland Chinese and the people of Phuket, many of whom are of

ethnic Chinese descent, President Paiboon said.

Many Chinese believe the topography of Phuket resembles that of a great sea dragon.

Tradition holds that this dragon, Hai Leng Ong, is duty-bound to protect Phuket and its visitors, sustaining life and prosperity in business.

"I'm sure this free event will be unforgettable for everyone who attends," President Paiboon added.

— Chutharat Plerin and S. Fein

Natchanok Sucharitkul

NATCHANOK Sucharitkul, MD of Anda Focus, is no stranger to high society life.

Born to a prominent Bangkok family, Natchanok grew up among the likes of ministers, writers and the business elite, and her elder sister is the wife of the ex-prime minister Chuan Leekpai. Like all her siblings, Natchanok was groomed to appreciate the finer things in life such as music, art and literature.

A world away from that upbringing now, and almost three decades later, Natchanok is a hard-working and highly successful businesswoman who runs an advertising company in Phuket.

Fifteen years ago, as a visitor to this island, Natchanok spotted a business opportunity in billboard advertising. She set up her first company in 2001 and became known for her work during the Apec and the Amazing Thailand promotional drives in the early 2000s. The enterprise continues to grow and the new company, Anda Focus, was born in 2008 to embrace a variety of printed media advertising including large billboards, road signs, banners, car stickers and cut-outs. She has about 80 employees and her clients include the likes of Siam Commercial Bank, Burger King and Bangkok Airways while her remit not only covers Phuket, but also extends to the provinces of Krabi, Surat Thani and Songkhla.

THAI gallery

By Nanthapa Pengkasem

The company's main line of work is in large billboard displays, which are strategically situated around the island. Natchanok believes she is the leader in this field, but takes full responsibility for the impact these billboards have on the environment. Anyone, she says, can put up a board, but not many care to maintain it properly. It's an obligation she takes seriously.

"I have a strict philosophy that I follow to the letter. All my billboards are not only attractive and prominent, but also clean and well-looked after – no shabby workmanship or unsightly undergrowth. I like to think of myself as a responsible landlady who cares for her rented property."

Caring for the environment aside, Natchanok is a savvy businesswoman who is the first to introduce the QR code into her line of work. By incorporating this small piece of product information, readable by mobile phones, into displays, Natchanok's clients can enjoy extra marketing tools without the added cost.

The name Natchanok means "one who has authority", but she admits that she couldn't have done it on

her own. One very important contributor to the success of Anda Focus is none other than her husband Chiraphat, whom she refers to as her "knight in shining armor". The company's success, she says, owes a lot to his business acumen and creative insight.

In running her business, Natchanok believes that success and ethics can go hand in hand. Honesty and transparency are her mantras when dealing with clients. As for her business rivals, whom she prefers to call "contemporaries", she seeks to develop a strong sense of connection and mutual understanding.

"I believe in making friends, not enemies. We are all connected and it's in our interest to have a good working relationship. I treat my clients, competitors, and staff with respect and consideration."

Apart from walking her three dogs – a Siberian husky and two mongrels – Natchanok plays piano to relax and unwind. She is cutting down her workload a little now to make time to decorate her new house and renew her favorite childhood pastime of drawing and painting.

"I came to Phuket 20 years ago and fell in love with it right away. Driving through lush rubber plantations on my way to meet clients made work feel like a holiday. Phuket is such magical and beautiful place and I want to play my part to keep it that way."



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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January 21 to 24. Ashtanga Yoga Retreat

Join us for four days of yoga and meditation practice with Kimberly Roberts in the serene setting of Khao Sok National Park from 7am to 6pm at Thanyamundra Organic Resort. Morning will be an invigorating yoga sessions, while evening practice consists of restorative poses and sitting meditation. No prior experience is necessary; everyone is welcome. Single Occupancy: 30,950 THB*. Double Occupancy: 36,750 THB*. Package includes: Accommodation for 3 nights in the Superior suite at Thanyamundra Daily brunch and dinner Round trip airport transfer from Phuket International Airport Twice daily yoga sessions Organic farm tour* Rates are subject to 10 per cent service charge and seven per cent government tax. Contact Kimberly Roberts at 076-336000, reservations@thanyapura.com or visit thanyamundra.com.

January 21. Jazz Night

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Live Band Performance on the Boardwalk. Dress code: Colorful. Free admission. Upon request a Snack Buffet is also available. Contact Mario (Simpson Marine) at 086-2734149 or Murat at 081-7973364, murat@royalphuketmarina.com or visit simpsonmarine.com.

January 22. Phuket Classic Car Trophy 2012

The Phuket Classic Car New Year Trophy will be our first event for 2012. From 11am to 5pm at Thalang Road, a road rally around the northeastern part of the island. We will drive along an exciting route, take some relaxing breaks to eat and chat, and conclude with an ultimate championship. We will test your knowledge about classic cars and your driving skills with funny games. We welcome anyone who owns an original classic car, a youngtimer car or an new exotic

car. Just send us an email to register. Contact Narinet Changdee (Tar) at 084-7342711, ClassicCarClubPhuket@hotmail.com or visit ClassicCarClubPhuket.com.

January 25. Skippers Pub Quiz Nights Monthly

Join our Wednesday Quiz Nights here at skippers in Royal Phuket Marina. This event will be followed on February 29, March 28, April 25, May 30 and June 20. The events run from 7:30 to 10pm. Happy Hour prices and prizes! Reservation at 076-271583, pahay@netvigator.com.

January 27. Thank God It's Friday

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January 28. Salsa Night

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EXPRESSING THANKS: Auto Express paid a New Year courtesy visit to the *Phuket Gazette* last week. From left: Auto Express GM Saksri Kerdphol, Vorapote Thauonthong (owner), *Gazette* publisher John Magee and Krisana Matzenberger - Manager-Advertising and PGTV Promotions.



RETRO ON SHOW: On January 15 at Central Festival a "Native outfits of Baba Yaya" fashion show was held in preparation for the 13th Phuket Old Town Festival 2012.



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: Students from Palm House School in Rawai visited the *Phuket Gazette* offices recently to learn from Features Editor Neil Quail (standing) and Marc Mulloy how to get their picture in the paper.

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YOUR Phuket



CZECH OUT: The final 14 candidates for the Miss Czech Republic Beauty Pageant 2012 stayed at The Kee Resort in Patong.



NATURAL BEAUTY: Photo shoots involved a visit to James Bond Island (above and left). Photos: Tony Pope



MAKING A SPLASH: The hot contestants cooling off in the fountain. (above and right). Photos: Christian Mouchet



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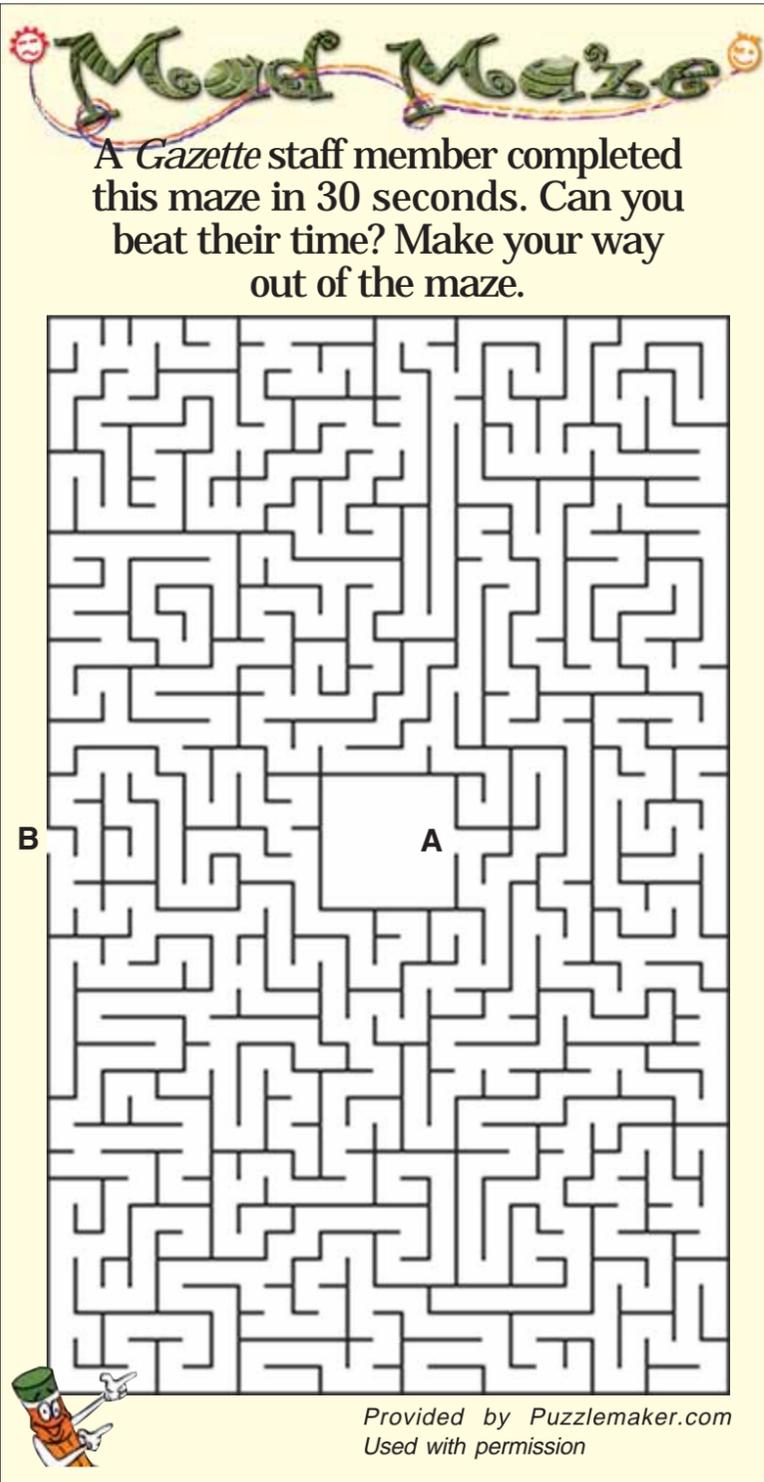


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Mad Maze
A *Gazette* staff member completed this maze in 30 seconds. Can you beat their time? Make your way out of the maze.

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- Slough
 - Plumlike fruit
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 - Pang
 - Hoodwink
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 - Opposite of sans
 - Slang expert Partridge
 - Ritual
 - Cricket team
 - City in S Arizona
 - Trojan War hero
 - Destitute
 - Divert
 - Fall behind
 - Ashtabula's lake
 - Call on
 - Tiresome
 - Boy king
 - Willing
 - San Francisco's — Hill
 - Water vapor
 - Gandhi's land
 - Coded message
 - Monetary unit of Ghana
 - Meal
 - Elected legislator
 - Thin stratum
 - Worry
 - Thick slice
 - Indian millet
 - Zhivago's love
 - French 101 verb
 - Betelgeuse's constellation
 - Craving
 - Burden
 - Weighty

- Down**
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- Last mo.
- Member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce
- Pre-Easter
- Firearm
- Outlet
- Simmons rival
- Intense hatred
- Russian no
- "The dog ate my homework," e.g.

- Paulo
 - Paris divider
 - Listens
 - Flowing oil well
 - Fall prey to a banana peel, say
 - Dwarf with glasses
 - Pace
 - Festival
 - Wipeout?
 - Admiration
 - Poked
 - First name in photography
 - Letter cross-line
 - Fortune-telling cards
 - Choir member
 - Skater Lipinski
 - Numerous
 - Move through the air
 - Actress Charlotte
 - Directional ending
 - Stupid me!
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Puzzle solutions on page 41

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Excitement builds for those Aquarians who embarked on a different course at the start of the month. If this relates to a new working environment, there are signs that you have made a good first impression. Expect responsibilities to become more challenging in the near future. Those celebrating a birthday in the week ahead should see important dreams coming true in the coming year. Your lucky color is blueberry.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): The atmosphere at work calms down during the last week of January, leaving Pisceans able to concentrate on other matters. There are hints that a romantic relationship has been neglected recently – make this weekend a time to show how much you really care by planning a creative surprise. Those who are single could receive a tempting invitation from a fire sign this weekend. Lucky days for finances are Sunday and Monday.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): The stars indicate that many Arians will have valid reason to be proud of themselves this week. Satisfactory results at work should mean that you won't have to lose any more sleep over an

issue that has been bugging you for too long. Love should be in the air this weekend for those keen to meet their match. Wear the color lime green to attract fresh energy.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): Your faith in a work-related project becomes stronger when support is shown by a water sign. The stars suggest that completion should be achievable in late February. Making a romantic connection with another earth sign becomes easier when you ask a friend to play Cupid. Those already involved are advised to have an overdue conversation with their partner about conflicting ideas over finances. Wear the color silver to encourage a sharper focus.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Geminis could be prone to flying off the handle early next week. The stars suggest that a water sign colleague's tendency to take matters into their own hands could lead to a showdown. Reaching a compromise is best done after Wednesday when the astral atmosphere will be calmer. Your luck in love improves during the last days of January – commitment to a fire sign becomes more appealing as you see this person's true feelings emerge.

YOUR horoscope
By Isla Star

CANCER (June 22-July 23): Cancerians could be made to feel guilty by a family member or close friend this week. The stars advise that jealousy is at the root of this person's attitude and you should not allow them to have the last word. Your luck in matters relating to property and investments strengthens during the final week of January. Those in a committed relationship are happy to see their partner more relaxed after a stressful period.

LEO (July 24-August 22): Taking off on flights of fantasy is forecast to affect Leos this week. Too much routine leads to boredom, but the stars hint that February will bring more excitement. Romantic sparks fly when another fire sign wants to get up, close and personal early next week. Those already spoken for find a way to compromise with their partner over an issue that has been causing friction in recent weeks.

VIRGO (August 23-September 23): Work is better starred this week, with emphasis on financial gain being higher than expected. Those born under the sign of Virgo who saw the right moment to take a chance earlier this month will be especially pleased with results. Others who put an important decision on hold could find that time has run out more quickly than they thought. Your lucky color this week is sky blue.

LIBRA (September 24-October 23): Choosing the right path will be important this week as there are signs that Librans could waste time getting back on track in February. Your intuition is sharpest on Tuesday and Wednesday. The realm of romance remains lukewarm – if a new partner's attitude is leaving you cold, it could be time to move on. A fire sign friend could tempt you into spending more than you can afford.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): Those born under the sign of Scorpio continue to enjoy life and inspire others with their enthusiasm. The social scene sparkles until the end of this month, but there are indications that February could bring unexpected work commit-

ments. Your luck in love improves – those settling into a new relationship finally realize that their partner's romantic history really is water under the bridge. Your lucky color this week is ruby red.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): Ironing out problems in the world of work occupies your precious time this week. Sagittarians who see that another fire sign hasn't been pulling their weight should take a tactful approach to the issue. The most auspicious days for handling such sensitive issues are Wednesday and Thursday. Those impatient to move on after the break up of a relationship should not throw caution to the wind where an air sign is concerned.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Giving up fear of facing up to facts allows Capricorns to move on during the last week of January. Your practical side takes over and this should allow you to make overdue progress. Best days for appointments with bureaucracy are Tuesday and Wednesday. Where affairs of the heart are concerned, waiting around for an air sign to make contact could send out the wrong signals. Wearing a piece of tiger's eye brings good luck.

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Organic resort nets new awards

ACCOLADES continue to pour down on Thanyamundra, the unique five-star organic resort perched upon the fringes of Thailand's most ancient rainforest.

Thanyamundra has been elevated to the elite ranks of hotels and resorts included on DestinAsian magazine's prestigious Luxe List, just weeks after being voted by agoda.com as one of Asia's Top Three Eco-Boutiques. Agoda also honoured the resort in June 2011 as one of Asia's Top Five Zen Destinations. Britain's *The Independent* newspaper recently named the resort as one of Thailand's "Big Six Chic Retreats".

DestinAsian ensures each property elevated to its Luxe List has been visited by one of the magazine's contributors, and vetted by its editorial staff, who combed through hundreds of candidate establishments before choosing the final list of 36 new hotels and resorts spanning 13 countries, based on criteria

such as design, service, location, and ambience.

Says DestinAsian Editor-in-Chief and Associate Publisher, Christopher Hill, "It's a leaner Luxe List than last year's, with, surprisingly, no entries from Australia and New Zealand. But the results are no less exciting, and certainly no less Luxe — that rare convergence of style and substance that sets a place well above the rest. We have every confidence that these properties have all the makings of instant classics."

Meanwhile according to agoda, Thanyamundra is *the* place to stay in Khao Sok National Park, the largest untouched rainforest in Thailand with limestone peaks and a beautiful man-made lake and abundant wildlife. Announcing the list, an agoda spokesman said: "Believing destinations offering solitude should still be accessible, each resort is less than three hours from an international airport and has been tried and tested."



Thanyamundra Organic Resort was among a few elite resorts to be selected from hundreds of candidates for the prestigious Luxe List published annually by DestinAsian Magazine.

The nine-room resort and retreat is perched above the rolling terraces of an organic farm where some of the Asia's most pure produce is lovingly coaxed from rich soil, amidst the mist-shrouded mountains and imposing karsts of Khao Sok National Park. With Asian antique-filled rooms and suites in two Thai-inspired golden teak villas, Thanyamundra has been transformed from the home of a European entrepreneur into an impressive retreat offering the finest hotel service, gourmet organic cuisine and a chance to explore the organic farm, and holistic wellness in an incredible natural environment. Its facilities are also spectacular, from the

50m lap pool overlooking the villas, farm and valley to a professional athlete level gym, and a yoga room.

Each of Thanyamundra's spacious master suites and rooms are fully equipped with modern comforts from high-speed wireless Internet and LCD flat screen televisions to Thai silk interiors and spacious private bathrooms with separate rain showers.

The resort is part of Thanyapura, Phuket's cutting-edge campus of world-class health, wellness, sport and educational offerings, including the Olympic-standard sports facilities of the Thanyapura Sports & Leisure Club, the Mind Centre,

and Phuket International Academy.

Thanyapura Group President Robert C. Hauck said the slew of recent awards and recognition for Thanyamundra was gratifying, but not entirely surprising. "Everyone who visits comes away amazed by the sheer beauty, authenticity and peace of the place," he said. "We are now in the process of creating an organic spa experience to be set amongst the rice terraces, and that will help complete our offering here. You really have to experience it to understand."

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A message from God



Property Watch

By Bill Barnett

TODAY I spoke to God, or for a brief period at least I found myself caught up in a divine moment. It all started out like any other day, except suddenly as the clouds parted and the sun came out, distant heavenly chimes could be heard from afar.

As it turned out I'd left my BlackBerry on the top shelf in the office and lately had turned on some non-offensive email alert that resembled some new age trip hop.

Panic struck though when I noted it was from the US Embassy and was a terrorism alert. From there that's when the weirdness kicked in. First rolled in two more identical emails. I started to hyperventilate, and couldn't find a nearby brown paper bag so I

stuck my head into the refrigerator to chill out.

Back at my desk, in quick rapid fire succession (even faster than a Harry Potter sequel), came two messages which recalled the first warning. There was no mention of the last one though...

Taking a pause to settle the nerves, next came two more terrorism alerts. My mind did the math...do I hold, fold or double down in this surreal game of Hezbollah inspired blackjack.

What next? avoid crowds, don't visit McDonald's (easy one) or Starbucks (not easy). Was it safe to walk the streets? or just go home and revisit the sheets? So this is how Harrison Ford felt in The Fugitive, but what about the man with one hand?

God went silent.

Trolling about the net, I found in news stories, comments from the Thai government that the threat



TARGETS: Apparently American citizens were the target of a Hezbollah attack planned in Bangkok. Photo K763

was not real, and lots of knock off rewrites about the "alerts".

Stuck halfway like the Clash song, between coming or going just made me more confused.

Recalling those great jokes about the biggest lies in the world which often end with "I'm from your country and I'm here to help you" rang inside my head. So much information that I revisited my childhood memories when I received one of those complicated construction toys and the instruc-

tions were missing.

The great land of milk and honey had let me know - you have been warned. It could be a catastrophic melee or else just another day in Margaritaville.

But yes, the political machinations had functioned in order to ensure that the well meaning drones had covered themselves and if something did happen, they could not be blamed.

Of course the mental duress to the general public, conflict amongst potential travelers and just sheer angst was understandable - a bit like getting a bullet in the head from friendly fire. A calm spokesman coming up and soothingly purring that in order to defeat the enemy, mistakes do occasionally happen.

All for the common good, but who's good I wonder?

In reality, there is little doubt bad things happen and there are a few individuals or groups who have nothing but ill intentions. So yes, terrorism is real and who knows how close Thailand, or

anywhere in the world, is to the next big event?

But for me, I can't rule my life, my time, my movements by ballistic paranoia and I find the entire episode this morning on the verge of the absurd. Somewhere out there, a little guy in the back room is making notes and without a doubt has a small date next to our names when each of us are going meet our respective makers or whatever religious entity we may prescribe to.

I'm far more worried about being run over by a jet ski, ploughing into a gang of tuk tuk drivers or being hit by a brick on the head at a construction site than being blown up by a terrorist.

That may or may not happen, and it's up to the hand of fate but I'm going to double down and walk outside anyway, no matter what the sound from on high says.

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In brief...

Kata Group opens Khao Lak Resort in November

A NEW Greater Phuket resort called The Sands Khao Lak By Katathani will open this coming November.

Katathani Resorts have a well known flagship property on Phuket's west coast and the upscale villa resort The Shore at Kata Noi.

Francois Huet leaves Banyan Tree

ONE of the island's best known hotel faces, Francois Huet, will leave the Banyan Tree Phuket this March.

After four years on the island and nine years with the leading boutique luxury resort group, he is currently looking at opportunities closer to his home in Europe.

In addition to his duties in Phuket Francois had oversight in a regional role with other chain properties in Koh Samui, and Luang Prabang.

Another announced departure is that of Group Vice President of Laguna Phuket Property, Banyan Tree and Angsana Residences - Dan Simmons. No replacement has been named at this time.

Thailand tourist arrivals top 19 million in 2011

TOURIST arrivals for the year 2011 topped 19 million, achieving a 19% increase over the previous year.

According to the Thailand Tourism Department projects for 2012 look at grow to between 20.5 - 20.8 per cent for this year.

Thai Smiles shifts focus to regional routes

THAI Airways International have made public a strategy shift for their new startup airline Thai Smile.

In a departure from initial plans which focused on domestic routes via Bangkok, the carrier will place an emphasis on regional destinations such as India, China and other SE Asian countries within three to four hours flying time.

One driving factor looks to be on the heels of a larger shareholding in Nok Air which is firmly entrenched in a Thailand network of flights.

Viewing the proposition from the outside, the move makes sense given the increasingly competitive low cost carrier sector.

Expectations are for the airline to come on line by the middle part of this year. - Bill Barnett

Sansiri set to invest heavily this year

RESIDENTIAL developer Sansiri has earmarked 24 billion baht to launch 44 projects worth 46bn baht this year and to buy land for more projects next year.

"This year we will expand our products to cover all market segments including units priced lower than 2mn baht and over 10 million baht. This will stress our number one quality brand in the property market," President Srettha Thavisin said recently.

The investment will be financed 60 per cent from bank loans and debentures and 40 per cent from internal cash flow, he said.

Of the total capital-expenditure budget, 6bn baht will be spent on acquiring undeveloped land and 18bn baht on construction of the 44 projects.

Of the new ventures, 19 will be condominiums worth 19bn baht, 15 will be detached-house projects worth 20bn baht, and 10 will be other projects worth 7bn baht. One of the new condominium projects will be a luxury complex on Ploenchit Road in Bangkok.

Four or five projects will be upcountry in resort destinations such as Chiang Mai, Pattaya, Khao Yai in Nakhon Ratchasima province and here in Phuket.

For this year, Sansiri targets presales of 32bn baht and revenue of 28bn, up 16 per cent from its revenue target of 24bn last year.

At least 10bn baht of its presales is expected to come this quarter when it launches many projects during the "Sansiri Life Come Home" fair from February 17-19 at Siam Paragon shopping centre in Bangkok.

It will also open the Sansiri Lounge on the third floor of Siam Paragon to build a long-lasting relationship with its customers.

The company expects 30 per cent of its revenue to come from the high-end market - houses costing more than 10.1mn baht, townhouses priced higher than 7.1mn baht and condos priced at more than 100,000 baht per square metre.

About 40 per cent of revenue will come from the middle market - houses priced from 5.1mn baht to 10mn baht, townhouses from 3.1mn baht to 7mn baht and condos from 60,000-100,000 baht per square metre.

The remaining 30 per cent will come from the low-end market - houses priced from 2.5mn baht to 5mn baht, townhouses from 1.2 mn baht to 3 mn baht and condos costing 40,000 - 60,000 per square metre.

Detached houses will make up 30 to 40 per cent of its revenue, townhouses 20 to 25 per cent and condos 40 to 50 per cent.

Sansiri's 600mn baht prefabrication plant will start operating in the middle of next month with the capacity to churn out 150 detached homes a month. It will help the company speed up construction, cut costs and improve its net profit margin from less than 10 per cent last year.

Although the Bangkok area was struck by a massive flood last year, that did not directly change home-buyers' behaviour because of the culture of staying close to family and community, Srettha said. The company will continue with a mix of low-rises and high-rises this year.

"We believe that the property market this year will grow 7-10 per cent in line with the estimate of gross domestic product growth of 3.5 to 5 per cent. This will drive our presales and revenue to achieve the targets this year," he added. - *The Nation*



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PAPAYA OR PAW-PAW: This humble fruit is probably the easiest of all fruit trees to cultivate in Thailand.

I say paw-paw, you say papaya



SOM TAM: Papaya with meals is a staple addition in many dishes around Thailand. Photo:

and crops heavily. In fact, it produces those huge succulent, marrow-shaped offerings in less than a year. Having borne a crop continuously for several months, a haul which may consist of as many as twenty or more weighing up to two kilos, its top leaves begin to turn yellow. That is usually a sign that the plant is on the way out. It can then be unceremoniously hacked down – since the stem is fleshy and hollow – with a single blow from a sharp machete. The root will soon rot away.

Papayas are technically not trees at all, but they give every appearance of being so. They are attractive plants, single-stemmed and with a crown of soft, palmately lobed leaves. Normally there are no branches and the fruit hang down from the trunk just below the crown.

Unique? Yes. There is only one species (*carica papaya*), which originated from Mexico, though inevitably there have been a number of commercial cultivars such as Maradol, Sunrise and Caribbean Red. These are normally ready to eat when the skin is turning red or orange and still has patches of green. Pick it as soon as it is ripe: the fruit rapidly goes soft and begins to rot once it has passed its sell-by date. In some tropical cultures, the papaya, which contains an enzyme called papain has other medicinal uses – bizarrely as a contraceptive, and for tenderizing meat. The black seeds can also be eaten: crushed, they serve as a substitute for pepper.

Peculiarly suited to this island's climate, the papaya is beginning to become naturalized on vacant lots around Phuket. If you do intend to grow it, plant a number of the peppery seeds from a ripe fruit directly into the soil, then water and await results. Many will germinate after a couple of weeks. Since the males do not bear fruit, remove them once they have produced their slender stalks with small white blooms. You may decide to keep one male, but usually papayas are self-pollinating, or are cross pollinated by insects or wind.

The plants can take oodles of sun, and will also need plenty of water and nutrients. After all they are going to produce lots of goodies. Moreover, they are relatively disease free – at least in Phuket. Hawaii had its entire crop decimated by the ring-spot virus, but here nothing worse than the odd fruit-fly seems to impede their upward progress.

If you have a question or a garden that you would like featured, you can email me anytime at: drpaccampbell@gmail.com

Gardening
By Patrick Campbell

WHEN I was young, papayas (pronounced papaiya) were considered very exotic, rarities that occasionally came along with other fresh fruit – mangoes and kiwi fruit, at the end of an expensive dinner.

Here papayas (stress on the last syllable please) are the most available of fruit. In Isarn, a meal without green shredded papayas in the mix is almost unthinkable. It's a basis for soups, salads, stews and much else besides. *Som tam* is a classic papaya concoction. Here, in the south, the huge fruits are more often allowed to ripen and are served as a dessert, though they are also used in savory dishes. The distinctive flavor is not to everyone's taste – sweet and slightly perfumed. If you like melons, you will probably like papayas.

Either way, the plant, known elsewhere in the world as the paw-paw, is probably the easiest of all fruit trees to cultivate in Thailand – and one of the most civilized. Civilized because it grows vigorously and quickly from seed, has a neat appearance,

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International Sport

Three horse race for the title

MANCHESTER City's one-nil win over bottom club Wigan on Monday has put a three point gap between themselves and their closest rivals United at the top of the table.

On a freezing night at the DW Stadium, City managed to scrape their first away win since early November when Edin Dzeko headed home inside the six-yard box on a David Silva cross in the 22nd minute.

Wigan's manager Roberto Martinez, despite saying he was content with his players' efforts, rued the chances to equalizer not being executed. James McCarthy was put through on goal by Hugo Rodallega, who himself earlier could not make the most of a Joleon Lescott error. Wigan also had penalty claims when Jordi Gomez went to ground due to Gareth Barry's nudge.

City's goal keeper Joe Hart's fine performance gives him a record of nine clean sheets, matching that of Swansea's Michel Vorm, the most in the Premiership this season.

Arsenal did manage to put two past Vorm, however it did not stop them from losing 3-2 and record their first defeat by the Welsh club since 1982. Arsene Wenger's team, stuck in fifth place behind Chelsea, put the defeat down to defensive errors which he could not explain with the experience and ambition of the team, though he also cited

the decision to penalize Aaron Ramsey for his challenge on Nathan Dyer in the Gunners' box, as inexplicable.

Chelsea, who have just made history by signing three brothers at the same time for their youth program in a deal potentially worth £1m, secured all three points in a nervous 1-0 win over Martin O'Neill's much improved Sunderland. Gary Cahill, following his move from Bolton will be available to Andre Villas-Boas when they travel to Carrow Road this weekend may steady the nerves at the back for the Blues.

QPR booked their place in the FA Cup's fourth round with a fortunate 1-0 over MK Dons on Tuesday night which gave Mark Hughes his first win after replacing Neil Warnock.

Hughes' first game in charge of QPR saw Leon Best curling shot give Newcastle three points. Whilst it was Newcastle's only strike on goal, the game was competitive and entertaining.

Newcastle will soon be able to call on the services of Senegal striker Papiss Demba Cisse who signed from Bundesliga club, Freiburg before flying to the African Nations Cup.

For this week's fixtures with local viewing times and the current league standing see below right or visit phuketgazette.net/phuketsports.



A LEEK IN THE DEFENSE: Swansea City's goalkeeper Michael Vorm punches clear over Arsenal's Thierry Henry during their match at the Liberty Stadium. Photo: AFP/Adrian Dennis

Sharapova looking sharp



DRIVING SEAT: Maria Sharapova hits a return during a training session for Australian Open. PHOTO: AFP/Paul Crock

MARIA Sharapova, after recently pampering herself in Phuket got straight down to business at the Australian Open, disposing of Argentine Gisela Dulko clinically, dropping only one game in the first round match in Melbourne.

Sharapova, whose career has been blighted by injury despite being only 24 years old, missed the season opener at Brisbane due

to an ankle injury. The world number 4 has been quoted as saying that she is fully fit, feeling no pain and looking to add to her 2008 title.

Serena Williams blasted her way past Austrian Tamira Paszek 6-3, 6-2 in typical fashion, serving four consecutive aces. Williams also missed the Brisbane International with an ankle injury, though she appeared to have fully

recovered as she moved well about the Hisense Arena.

Australian Sam Stosur, seeded sixth in the world, disappointed the home crowd yet again as she crashed out losing 7-6 (7-2) 6-3 to Sorana Cirstea, ranked 59. The defeat continued a terrible run of form, where she has won only once in three tournament starts this season.

SPORTS briefs...

BOXING: Muhammad Ali turned seventy this week, and even after retiring some 30 years ago he is still one of the most recognisable sporting personalities in the world.

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CRICKET: India's tour of Australia worsened as they crashed to an innings and 23 run defeat at the WACA to trail 0-3 in the series.

Losing in under three days, this was their seventh straight loss abroad and has caused huge ramifications for Indian cricket, following the high expectations at the start of tour. Everything from player selections, to wicket preparation back in India is being questioned.

Pakistan quickly dismissed England at the Dubai Stadium on day one with Saeed Ajmal taking 7-55.

NFL: Fans will be up early next Monday morning when the finalists for Super Bowl XLVI, to be played at the Lucas Oil Stadium, will be decided.

The AFC championship game will kick off at 3am, when Tom Brady and his high-scoring New England Patriots will take on the defensive-minded Baltimore Ravens.

As the sun comes up in Phuket, the San Francisco 49ers will host the New York Giants at Candlestick Park for the NFC title.

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1 Man City	21	41	51	Norwich vs Chelsea	
2 Man Utd	21	32	48	SATURDAY, 21 JANUARY 2012 22:00	
3 Tottenham	21	18	46	Everton vs Blackburn	
4 Chelsea	21	15	40	Fulham vs Newcastle	
5 Arsenal	21	7	36	QPR vs Wigan	
6 Newcastle	21	5	36	Stoke vs West Brom	
7 Liverpool	21	6	35	Sunderland vs Swansea	
8 Stoke	21	-9	30	Wolves vs Aston Villa	
9 Norwich	21	-4	28	SATURDAY, 21 JANUARY 2012 00:30	
10 Swansea	21	-2	26	Bolton vs Liverpool	
11 Everton	21	-4	25	SUNDAY, 22 JANUARY 2012 20:30	
12 Sunderland	21	3	24	Man City vs Tottenham	
13 Aston Villa	21	-4	24	SUNDAY, 22 JANUARY 2012 23:00	
14 Fulham	21	-6	23	Arsenal vs Man Utd	
15 West Brom	21	-10	22	TUESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2012 02:45	
16 Wolves	21	-14	18	Swansea vs Chelsea	
17 Blackburn	21	-12	17	Tottenham vs Wigan	
18 QPR	21	-17	17	Wolves vs Liverpool	
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20 Wigan	21	-24	15	Everton vs Man Utd	
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Phuket hacked in finale, team vows strong return



TOUGH LUCK: Poramat Krongborisut (left, 26) was elbowed in the eye. Tameezee Hayeyusoh (right) could not find his mark on Saturday.

By P Choksakulpan and S Layne

DESPITE determination for a strong finish and a surprise substitution late in the game, FC Phuket were no match for the Chainat FC "Hornbills" in the two sides' final fixture of the season.

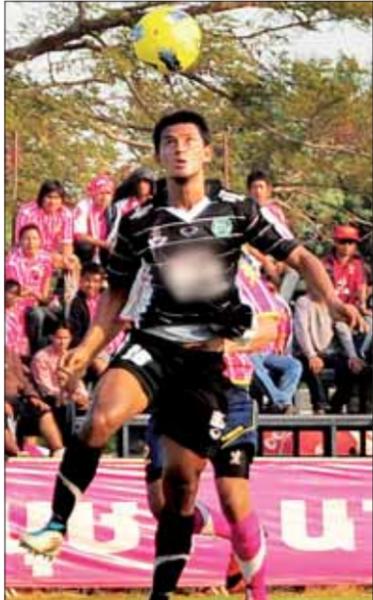
The Southern Sea Kirin went down 3-0 in a gruelling duel last Saturday in Chainat.

Two of Chainat's goals came in the first half, from an 18th minute goal by Suradet Saotaisong, with the home team's lead reinforced by Narongchai Wachiraban's strike on 38 minutes.

The game was sealed with a third and final strike by Phuwadon Suwannachat, who scored his 21st goal of the season on 65 minutes.

Phuwadon's goal ensured his tie for the Thai Premier League (TPL) Division 1 golden boot award, which he now shares with PTT Rayong's Adisak Srikumpang.

Not long after the final goal of the match, Chainat's Pitak Noikwa



HEADS UP: Thanongsak Promdad (In Pink, 9) and Nenebe (In black, left) contest for the the ball while teammates look on. Photos Pimwara Choksakulpan

was ejected from the game after flagrantly kicking Sarach Yooyen to the ground, giving Phuket a one-man advantage.

And if that weren't a lesson to the home side, moments later Chainat would be forced to play the last 20 minutes with only nine players following the match's and team's second red card.

The Hornbills' Narongchai was ejected from the game after elbowing Phuket's Poramat Krongborisut in an aggressive contest for possession.

Though an angry Narongchai tried to argue against the ruling, the instant replay shown on the live broadcast provided clear reason for anybody watching to side with the referee's decision.

Too bad there was no instant replay at the game for everyone to see, as that could have saved face for all, and particularly Narongchai's time-burning objections, which wasted some two minutes of play before he

finally reluctantly *wai*'ed the crowd and left the pitch.

Despite the overwhelming score deficit, the few Phuket fans in attendance and those watching the live broadcast at the Hulk's fan club bar behind Surakul Stadium were ecstatic with Phuket's substitution in the 80th minute.

Following a nine-month absence due to an injury, Thawin Butsombat came off the bench to replace a tiring Sarach.

Though clearly agile and in full athletic form, Thawin managed little more than a few offside calls in his brief finale.

Even with their two-man advantage, Phuket was not able to penetrate Chainat's well-coordinated defenses, despite making several attempts at goal.

However, it looked like the home team would increase their lead in the second minute of injury time.

Phuket's Kittithat Kraithong fouled Phuwadon Suwannachat in the penalty box and an elated

Phuwadon looked like he would be awarded the league's sole golden boot honors.

However, his spot kick was blocked by Phuket boy Luechar Juntawon. The block was enough to allow Phuket fans to end the game and season with some grace.

Chainat finished the season in second place, and thus have been promoted to the Sponsor Thai Premier League, while Phuket will have to be content in mid-table 9th place with 45 points from 34 matches – 11 wins, 13 draws and 11 losses.

Acting coach and senior player Suphat "James" Aonthong said, "We have to accept that our players weren't as strong as Chainat's because we didn't have much training before the game."

The club's director Soranan Sanae echoed James' comments, adding, "[I] accept that we were not as good as Chainat, but I promise that FC Phuket will return in resounding form next season. I hope the fans continue to follow and cheer for us."

The 2012 season is set to begin on March 14, and an announcement of the season's complete player lineup is expected to be made within the next two weeks, while training and preparation is set to start in early February.

In other Division 1 news, Samutprakarn Customs United became the fourth and final team to seal relegation, joining RBAC FC, Chiangmai FC and Thai Honda.

However, one of these teams may still have hope of remaining in Division 1 for the 2012 season.

Songkhla's Division 1 spot has been left vacant after it inked a deal to seal the promotion rights of the soon-to-be dissolved, 2011 Division 1 champions Buriram FC.

Buriram players will still compete in the elite Sponsor Thai Premier League anyway as part of the newly formed, Buriram United, a hybrid of Buriram PEA and Buriram FC.

RELEGATED FROM THAI PREMIER LEAGUE

↓ ?	TBA
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↓	Khon Kaen FC

THAI DIVISION ONE LEAGUE TABLE

WEDNESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2012 21:00

TEAM	P	GD	PTS
1 Buriram FC*	33	66	82
2 Chainat FC	34	26	66
3 Chula Utd	34	14	63
4 PTT Rayong	34	26	59
5 Songkhla FC*	34	16	56
6 Bangkok Utd	34	5	51
7 Saraburi FC	34	10	50
8 Rajpracha FC	34	-14	46
9 FC Phuket	34	-2	45
10 Suphanburi FC	34	3	44
11 Bangkok FC	34	-7	42
12 Chanthaburi FC	34	-9	41
13 Airforce Utd	34	-17	40
14 JW Rangsit FC	33	-11	39
15 Customs Utd	34	-14	38
16 Chiangmai FC	34	-19	30
17 Rbac FC	34	-36	25
18 Thai Honda	34	-37	24

PROMOTED FROM DIVISION 2

↑	Ratchaburi FC
↑	Korat FC
↑	Krabi FC
↑	Pattalung FC
↑ ?	TBA

As for which team will fill Songkhla's vacancy, a number of possibilities exist. One solution is to hold a playoff tournament among Chiangmai, SP Customs, RBAC and Thai Honda. Another possibility would be to hold a playoff between the top Division 2 contenders, which include Loei City, Pitsanulok FC, Rayong FC, Roi Et United and Pichit FC.

However, with the new season set to start in just over a month, and so many hopeful contenders, a grand playoff could be costly and difficult to coordinate. In any case, the Football Association of Thailand (FAT) is expected to announce their decision and solution soon.

Meanwhile, the FAT is also expected to announce a change in the Thai league's foreign player quota. Currently up to seven foreign players are allowed to be registered per team, and only five allowed on field at any given time.

The quota will most likely be reduced to "3 plus 1" which would allow teams to field only three foreigners at a time with one foreign reserve on the bench. If initiated, Thai teams will only be allowed to list five foreign players on their overall roster.



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Thailand and Phuket rank as top regatta destinations

A SURVEY of sailors from around the world conducted at the 2011 Phuket King's Cup Regatta voted Thailand as the favorite sailing venue and best regatta location in Asia and Phuket as the best location in Thailand.

The survey was undertaken by the Top of the Gulf Regatta in co-operation with the Phuket King's Cup Regatta.

The aim was to find out the sailing trends in the region, to provide useful information in helping to attract more sailors to the region, and to improve facilities and services in the region.

The survey found that of the sailors who came to the 25th Phuket King's Cup Regatta, 53% were resident in Asia while 47% lived outside of Asia.

More than 27% of the respondents were found to have been sailing in Thailand for more than 10 years, while 53% were relative newcomers, sailing in Thailand for only one to three years.

The survey found that Thailand is a popular sailing destination for international sailors, with many returning frequently to enjoy the cruising grounds and sailing



TOP PORT OF CALL: International sailors have voted Phuket as a favorite regatta location. Photos: Guy Nowell

events Thailand has to offer.

There are five major regattas in Thailand that local and international sailors are aware of and have participated in, including the Phuket King's Cup Regatta, Top of the Gulf Regatta, Phuket Raceweek, Samui Regatta and the Bay Regatta, centered around Phuket, Phang Nga and Krabi.

Thailand's Andaman Coast, home of the Phuket King's Cup, Phuket Raceweek and the Bay Regatta, is well established as a cruising and regatta destination.

Over in the Gulf of Thailand, the Top of the Gulf Regatta continues to grow, attracting a large mixed fleet of more than 200 boats each year.

Entrants in the Gulf Regatta range from youths sailing in dinghy classes, to beach catamarans, multihulls and the big boat monohull fleet.

Of those surveyed, 62% had, at some point, brought their boat to Thailand from another country. The most popular ports of entry were found to be, in order of popularity: Phuket, Samui and Pattaya.

Of the yachts brought to Thai-

land from abroad, 60% stayed about one month while the remaining 40% stayed about six months.

Sailing in Asia continues to grow in popularity, the survey found, with 32% of the respondents saying they had been sailing in Asia for more than 10 years, 14% for four to six years and 40% were newcomers, having sailed in Asia for only one to three years.

Asked how they found out about regattas and sailing events in Asia, 74% of respondents said "Friend / Sailing commu-



Our survey says...Thailand.

nity", followed by 54% who said "specific event website".

One of the aims of the survey was to find out what kind of people, and from where, attend the Phuket King's Cup Regatta, and other sailing events in Thailand.

The survey also confirmed the long-standing common knowledge that the Phuket King's Cup Regatta is truly international, with 32% of participants coming from Europe, 23% from Australia and New Zealand, and 20% from Asia, as well as strong participation from the US and Russia.

PPAO hold court over tennis refurb

THE Phuket Provincial Administrative Organization (*OrBorJor*) is calling for bidders to take up a 5.4-million-baht contract to overhaul of the *OrBorJor* tennis courts opposite Phuket Provincial Hall in Phuket Town.

OrBorJor Vice President

Chaowalit Na Nakhon explained that the upgrade includes resurfacing the tennis courts, repairs to the fences around the courts and improvements to the storerooms and toilets at the sports facility.

Although the deadline for obtaining official dossiers containing

the specifications about the work required closed on January 19, the *OrBorJor* will conduct a site inspection at the tennis courts to explain what work needs to be done on January 23.

Anyone wanting to join the inspection tour are asked to be at

the Phuket Provincial Hall meeting room at 10am.

"We will accept applications for the contract from 10am to 11am on January 27. Applications must be submitted at the meeting room at *OrBorJor* office in Phuket Town," said Mr Chaowalit.

"At 11:10am, we will open the envelopes to announce the bidders," he added.

The winning bid will be announced on February 3.

For more information call the *OrBorJor* at 076-356025.

Golf Guru

THE P.G.A. Tour moved to Waialae CC - Honolulu, Hawaii for the first full field event of the year (144 players) in the Sony Open.

This golf course is not particularly long, so accuracy is required here rather than distance, and shaping the ball off the tees in both directions is a must, but not at the same time. Hats off to Johnson Wagner (USA) winning with 13 under par. Some back ground on Johnson, his Grandfather was M.T. Johnson former treasurer of the US, he also caddied for three summers at Hudson National in Westchester County, NY. It looks like the golf bags were probably very heavy there, considering the way he swings the club - any way he got the job done, well done. Johnson's putting statistics were a little better than last week's, averaging 28 putts per round.

The tour moves back to the mainland next week at the La Quinta golf course in California. Over the

other side of the pond for the European Tour, (not really, but it's still a European tour event) they're playing in South Africa for the Johannesburg Open. Branden Grace (RSA) came up trumps shooting 17 under, notably Branden is another South African who went through the Ernie Els and Fancourt Foundation which recognises and nurtures youngsters with golfing talent. Yet again well done to Ernie for bringing another player through from junior to professional level. This puts Grace on top of the European tours' Race for Dubia.

Even though he's not been playing Luke Donland has now held the number 1 spot in the world for 33 weeks. Only two other players in recent times have been there longer - Gerg Norman and Tiger Woods, We say "keep it up Luke".

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Patong lead the field

By Neil Quail

PATONG CC top the Island Furniture cricket league after a comfortable win over Phuket's youth development team, the Leopards, played at the ACG on Sunday.

With all seven teams in the competition moving into the third round of matches, a victory and taking every available bonus point was a must for Patong while the Leopards were on the prowl for their first victory, or at least to take points from last year's league champions.

It was a much improved performance from the youngsters, but their enthusiasm to get runs on the board cost wickets and that exuberance also contributed to the boys failing to bat out the full 40 overs, reaching a total of 95 runs in just 22.5 overs.

To ensure the Leopards weren't thrown to the lions, Patong put them into bat first, but their flamboyant batting gained only 15 runs and the loss of three early wickets.

After a shaky start, both TP Suttiprapha (32) and SK Jutamart (16) developed confidence in their shots and the Leopard's innings took shape. Unfortunately, Jutamart was undone by a clever delivery from Manesh Sadarangani just as he was settling in for a decent score.

Suttiprapha then took the game by the scruff of the neck, and when Dave Thomas was called on for more spin attack, it was the young Leopard who went on the offensive. One over yielded 16 runs including three boundaries.

With the score on 67, Suttiprapha fell victim to miscommunication with his batting partner, WJ Letingoo (7), who stalled in his crease when Suttiprapha called for run. Quick thinking and action from Richard Folds and Dean Noble made sure Suttiprapha was dismissed after Noble misfielded the ball, taking the bails off with his glove to then retrieve the ball and a fallen stump as rules dictate – under vociferous guidance from the Patong skipper.

As the morning's heat increased, the Leopards lower order wilted with the exception of AF Uphama (15), eventually being bowled out in the 22nd over for 95 runs.

Patong may have given away more runs than they had hoped, but the Leopards certainly enjoyed their efforts at the crease



AVERAGE: Seemant Raju finally gave away his wicket in the third IFL game to give other Phuket batsmen a chance to chase his strike average.



EYE OF THE LEOPARD: A youth development team player spots his chance to prey on a loose delivery. Photos: Neil Quail

made evident by the cries of enthusiastic support from the pavilion.

Stand out bowlers for Patong were Danny Hyams (2 for 14) and Richard Folds who mopped up the lower order (2 for 18).

Anthony Van Blerk (21) and Neil Quail opened the batting for Patong with the intention of chasing down the target in less than 20 overs to secure maximum available points. Van Blerk's eagerness to get the scoreboard ticking almost cost his wicket early on when he was dropped after scoring just two runs.

Costly or not, Van Blerk and Quail (28) took the score to 54 before Van Blerk popped a delivery from Suttiprapha skywards, but this time the bowler held his catch. Quail soon followed – clean bowled by Uphama attempting to heave a full toss.

Seemant Raju (17) and Dean Noble (11 not out) set about finishing the game, but were frustrated by decent bowling and committed fielding from the Leopards who had an eye on securing at least one bonus point.

With only one run required for victory,

Raju was dismissed by PM Suriya to finally give the Patong player a realistic average for the season so far. Victory eventually came in the 13th over with Noble scoring the winning run. Patong also secured a full seven points having reached the total in less than half of the allotted 40 overs.

Leopards bowling stars were PM Suriya (1 for 1) and TP Suttiprapha (1 for 37).

Man of the Match was TP Suttiprapha, with Neil Quail second and Dean Noble taking third for his fine display behind the stumps.

Patong now sit on top of the table after having played three matches.

Following the scheduled league game, Patong and the Leopards made use of the spare time and played a mixed T20 game which fittingly ended in a draw on the very last ball of the game.

The next Island Furniture League match at the ACG sees Island Cricket Club take on the Thanyapura Tigers on Sunday 22 January 2012 at 9am.

ISLAND FURNITURE CRICKET LEAGUE				
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	POINTS
PATONG CC	3	2	1	15
LAGUNA CC	2	2	0	12
THE VILLAGE	2	2	0	12
THANYAPURA TIGERS	2	1	1	7
ISLAND CC	2	1	1	6
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ACG official opening schedule

PHUKET'S home of cricket will officially open its doors to the sporting world at a gala ceremony which will be attended by a host of dignitaries from the Thai government and Asian sports authorities.

Scheduled to open the ground is Governor Tri Augkaradacha and Thailand's Ministry of Sports and Tourism's Deputy Permanent Secretary, Seksan Narkwong who will head the guest list of government representatives.

Chief Executive Officer of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), Syed Ashraf Huq will be joined by Ravi Sehgal, President of the Cricket Authority of Thailand (CAT) to also assist in ushering in a new era of cricket on Phuket.

The opening will also feature a

10 over Youth Development team exhibition match and a T20 exhibition match between Laguna and Patong on Saturday.

Sunday will see a mass of activity at the ACG when demonstrations of both cricket and rugby will entertain the assembled crowds before the ribbon cutting ceremony which will take place at 10am. Shortly after the furore has died down, an ACC selection will then face off against a CAT selection in a 40 over challenge cricket match to be enjoyed from the new pavilion.

For more information on the event visit acgphuket.com or phuketcricketgroup.com

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ACG OFFICIAL OPENING 28-29 JANUARY 2012 EVENT SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY 2012		
TIME	ITEM	DESCRIPTION
8:45 - 9am	Welcome / arrival of VIPs	• Hostesses present garlands • Welcome by Alan Cooke, Pat Cotter & marching band
8:45 - 9am	Arrival of ACC XI and CAT XI	• Welcome by PCG committee members
9 - 9:20am	Rugby demonstration / match	• Phuket Lomas rugby team
9:20 - 9:40am	Cricket demonstration	• Phuket Leopards cricket team
9:40 - 9:45am	Official photographs	• Lomas and Leopards and VIPs
09:45:00 am	Coin toss	• Captains and umpires • VIP (Governor or Deputy Permanent Secretary) to toss

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY 2012		
TIME	ITEM	DESCRIPTION
9:45 - 9:55am	Opening speeches	• Khun Mai (MC) introductions / translation • Alan Cooke • Pat Cotter • CEO of ACC • President of ACC • Phuket Governor • Deputy Permanent Secretary
09:55:00am	Ribbon cutting ceremony	• At front of clubhouse with arch of flowers • Teams emerge walking to centre field
10:00:00am	Official photographs	• ACC & CAT teams and VIPs
10:15am - 1pm	Official photographs	• To be provided to VIPs / players • Entertainment by marching band
1:30 - 3pm hrs	2 nd innings of 40 over match	
3 - 3:30pm	Closing speeches and presentations	• Presentation of ACG trophy and player

Fair play is the name of the game

By Neil Quail

A NEW season of the Fair Play League (FPL) kicked off on Saturday with children from local Thai and international schools competing together for the annual championship.

This season the league is divided into an U14 division and an U11 division with boys and girls from each age group separated to make six teams representing different nations including Argentina, Germany White, Germany Green, Thailand, France and Brazil.

Sponsored by Tawan Sea Adventures and The Yorkshire Inn Hotel and Spa, all players participating in the 2012 FPL received a full playing kit courtesy of their benefactors.

The first week of the season saw matches take place at British International School, where the U14 division got the ball rolling with a double header of matches to start the eight-week long campaign. Germany Green and Argentina opened their ac-



COPA AMERICA: Local Phuket boys represent Argentina and Brazil in the 2012 Fair Play League at British International School.

counts positively, winning their opening brace of games. France put in a good effort, drawing one and winning one. The U11s played just once with Germany Green being the pick of the teams, scoring four goals to win in their Deutsch derby against Germany White. The remaining games saw Bra-

zil and Argentina also victorious in their opening fixtures.

Fair play within soccer is a driving focus for this league and watching the young players all congratulate each other after matches with handshakes is evidence that the organizers are succeeding in their task.

Respecting the referees decisions



KITTED OUT: FPL players show off their new sponsored playing kits.



WELL PLAYED YOUNG MEN: Competitive football and a courteous handshake to end a good day of sporting action.

while playing the matches in a competitive, yet courteous atmosphere is another aspect for which Martin Hill and his team can be proud.

The FPL will be taken to all different parts of the island for its matches this season and are fortunate to be able to play at some of Phuket's finest footballing facilities at British International School, Youth

Football Home, Headstart, QSI and Thanyapura Sports and Leisure Club. This week will see the Fair Play League go to Youth Football Home in Thalang for the second round of matches for both age divisions.

For information on the FPL contact Martin at bss@thanyapura.co.th or visit thanyapura.com.

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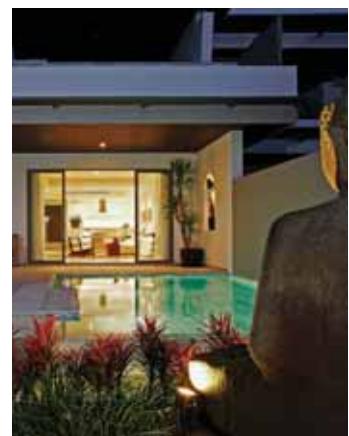


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Entering The Style Arena

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If the magazine was a person, the sophisticated Sir, or dashing Dame, would revel in the finer things in life. They would be a steward of style with a discerning eye for detail.

Their ravenous appetite for fine foods and wines would lead them to weird and wonderful eateries and quaffing holes. They would throw parties, and believe dining alone is uncouth and bad for digestion. They indulge but don't exceed in excess.

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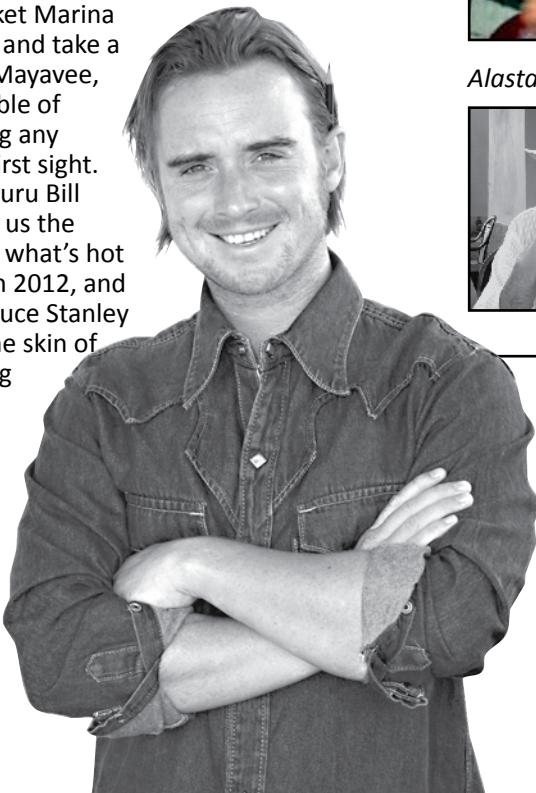
Phuket Life & Style is a nod of approval to upgrading life. This is a salute to success. We spill ink over many of the island's high-flying business personalities because we think they're worth it.

We've assembled a team of seasoned lensmen and writers to serve as the eyes and ears of this publication, and we think they have done a great job.

Brent Madison had the unnerving task of ordering around Allan Zeman so he could get the perfect cover shot. Kudos to Brent, we think he hit the mark. And Duane Lennie's accompanying interview gets under the skin of the man known in Hong Kong as the Father of Entertainment. Alastair Carthew met Bill Heinecke, the magnate behind the private aviation firm, MJETS. Baz Daniel visited Thanyapura's all-organic, DiVine Restaurant. I was able to escape editing for a few days and do hugely enjoyable interviews with yacht-builder Chris Lenz and Phuket millionaire and chairman of Royal Phuket Marina Gulu Lalvani; and take a tour of Villa Mayavee, a home capable of flabbergasting any onlooker at first sight.

Property guru Bill Barnett gives us the run-down on what's hot – and not – in 2012, and elsewhere Bruce Stanley gets under the skin of young-looking skin secrets.

Phuket Life & Style opens a new chapter in our company history. As we stride into 2012 we hope you



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By Fraser Morton

THREE long years when 375 men and women poured sweat and felt the anguish of constant setbacks in a Satun shipyard would have taken its toll on a less-determined man, but not Chris Lenz.

Today he is where he is supposed to be. At the helm of his superyacht, *Silver Lining*, his family beside him, as they sail in no particular hurry on a course which zigzags through Indonesian islands in the Flores Sea, on leg one of their circumnavigation of the world.

“Life is good,” Lenz, a 45-year-old Canadian yacht builder, writes to *Phuket Life & Style* from at sea. “We anchor somewhere and if we like it, we stay a day or two, or three. My whole life I have never been able to live this way. Time is ticking by and you know what, who cares? It’s a great feeling,” he writes.

Formerly one of Hong Kong’s most successful food and beverage entrepreneurs – with 37 restaurants, clubs and factories when he sold his company in 2006 – Lenz knows what it takes to build something from nothing.

His most ambitious project to date has been his 31.5-meter *Silver Lining* superyacht, built in the small village of Chebilang, Satun, on Thailand’s southwest coast.

“Many in the yachting community said this standard of yacht could not be made in Satun...I take a lot of pride in proving those people wrong,” he told *Phuket Life & Style*, shortly before *Silver Lining* eased out of Yacht Haven Marina, on Phuket’s northeast, last November. He’s been keeping us apprised of at-sea happenings since.

Silver Lining is not just a triumph for the Lenz family – and their home for the next two years on the world’s seas – but also a shining example of southern Thailand’s yacht-building capabilities.

“This is the first-ever yacht built in Thailand to achieve the American Bureau of Shipping Maltese Cross, the highest standard they have,” Lenz said.

If *Silver Lining* were to be built in Europe, he said the cost would have been more than US\$20 million (600 million baht), but building in Satun saved him millions of US\$ in production costs.

Building *Silver Lining* was a monolithic challenge and a logistical minefield in bringing all the parts of the building process together.

After scrapping plans to build a 30-meter catamaran, Lenz found the unfinished hull of *Silver Lining* sitting in a shipyard in northern China, while searching an Israeli website.

Shipping it out of China, and trying to find a place to build his new boat, took time.

“I went to Taiwan and a few shipyards in southern China; either they couldn’t handle a hull this big or they wouldn’t do it.

“Finally I went to Satun, because there was a similar size boat being restored there, so I knew they could handle the size.”

But when he visited the shipyard, he found there was a canvas roof being used to shelter the boat building projects. This wouldn’t do.

So he constructed his own building for the *Silver Lining* project and put his team to work.

No money changed hands with the owner of the shipyard; instead, a simple deal: When *Silver Lining* was finished, the building would transfer to the shipyard’s ownership. Fair deal.

But the next chapter in the story of *Silver Lining* was anything but simple.

After transporting the hull from China on a Russian cargo ship, and then towing it with a 14-meter sailboat from Malaysia to Thailand, Lenz was vexed to find the hull was leaking.

One Family’s Dream Voyage On A Thai-built Superyacht



Chris, Vicky and Kanon Lenz in the entertainment area on board *Silver Lining*.

Some seven months later, with the hull fixed and a new roof over the project, a team of 110 full-time employees were working around the clock on *Silver Lining*. Most of the team were Phuket locals and expats. By completion date, 375 pairs of hands had worked on *Silver Lining*.

Lenz said they even had local egg and roti naan bread vendors who turned up each day to sell their goods.

Silver Lining launched from Satun in January last year and arrived at Yacht Haven Marina in March.

Along with Lenz’s wife Vicky, 46, daughter Kyana, 9, and son Kanon, 8, other crew members include, teacher Kenny Li, 26, first mate Samuel Serapion, 46, captain Jose Serapion, 48, deck hand Mark Anthony and chef Yanti, 32.

At the time of writing, the crew of nine was at sea and had taken stops at Langkawai, Singapore, Kalimantan, Gili Islands, Bali and Lombok, Indonesia.

The original planned route after Indonesia had been Christmas Island and Mauritius, and then South Africa, before heading for the world’s second-oldest British colony and the death place of Napoleon Bonaparte, Saint Helena Island in the south Atlantic.

But in Lenz’s most recent communique, he wrote that instead of South Africa, he would take four armed guards on board and

Silver Lining



ALL ABOARD: The crew of Silver Lining wave to our photographer, just after setting sail from Yacht Haven Marina.

Photography By Christian Mouchet **Details** W: yachtsilverlining.com

"After leaving Phuket, the stress of the build became pretty clear...I have had almost three months now gaining my sanity again and learning to relax."

"From the moment we decided to bin South Africa from the route, I have been able to enjoy life at sea. We have no more deadlines...best decision I have ever made."

After island hopping in the Mediterranean and then navigating across the Atlantic from the Canary Islands to Venezuela, the crew plan to set a course for the Caribbean, Miami and then Canada.

Lenz said that sailing down the Saint Lawrence Seaway and returning to his hometown of Thunder Bay, Canada, will be the highlight of the trip for him. He has even reduced the mast height of *Silver Lining* so it can get under bridges on this leg of the voyage.

"This will be the biggest ever single-mast sailboat to go down the Saint Lawrence," he said.

When they arrive back in Phuket in 2013, the Lenz family plans to move into one of their new homes being built on the fringe of the Loch Palm golf course. And for Lenz, there is no intention of rushing back to work.

"We will come back to Phuket to live, but what will I do when I get here? I love having no idea," he said.



Your Years

By Bruce Stanley



Another year, another set of wizening lines to look forward to. Time is ticking on and age is catching up. Here with advice on how to keep your skin looking young is Linda Overman, Area Spa Director for Thailand and Vietnam for Six Senses Resorts.

Protecting and nourishing the face

IT'S ALL about the sun. Each year, hundreds of thousands of visitors join residents to enjoy the sun that beams down over Phuket. They lie on the beaches, float in the swimming pools and sail in the warm winds around the island. And all the time these sun lovers are exposing their bodies, and particularly their faces, to radiation, causing potential damage, such as premature wrinkles, skin discoloration and stress to the numerous layers of skin.

Linda Overman, Area Spa Director for Thailand and Vietnam for Six Senses Resorts, has spent more than 20 years training and teaching her staff and clients how to protect and re-energize the outer layers of the body. She

began her career with an apprenticeship in beauty and hair and later graduated from Nature Care College in Sydney, Australia, before joining Six Senses.



Linda Overman



Any advice for those wanting to protect their skin while exposed to the sun on Phuket?

The most important point is to choose natural organic mineral-based sunscreen with UVA and UVB protection, SPF 30. Preferably pick one that is made especially for the face. Personally, I always recommend the use of natural products with essential oils and natural bases.

Moreover, make sure you check the certification of your doctor or therapist and the age of their machines or products to ensure the best, safe, results.

Who do you think needs a skincare regime?

I would recommend that anyone from their teenage years on begin looking at how to protect their skin. We all have different skin types and we all age differently. Also, a woman's skin is different than a man's due to different hormones. Not only adults, our little miss and mister sunshine deserve to be looked after as well. Natural sunscreen is best for their sensitive skin during outdoor activities, and do not forget to apply moisturizer after all the fun time has ended.

The first step would be to find a certified dermatologist or beauty therapist who can assess the skin condition and then recommend cleansing and exfoliating with moisturizing products that are suitable to the skin's needs. Also, skincare products need to be changed depending on age and change in environment.



What are some of the options for someone to keep their face looking young and fresh?

- Diet is really the key to everything, so naturally it is the first step in securing a healthy looking and younger feeling face. Keep your body well hydrated with at least two liters of water a day, and eat plenty of fruit and vegetables to enhance the natural beauty of your skin.
- A solid six-to-eight hours' sleep initiates growth hormones and collagen production which helps cell and tissue repair. However, don't indulge in another youthful bad habit, ladies – falling asleep in your makeup.
- Boost your youthful skin from the inside with Vitamin C, Zinc, Selenium and Evening Primrose Oil. Consult your healthcare professional for the right supplement and dosage.
- Stress has a massive effect on how your skin looks. It can make your skin more sensitive and trigger acne breakouts which lead to other skin problems. Introducing good stress management techniques such as meditation, exercise, Tai Chi and yoga to your daily routine will definitely result in younger-looking

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Life Of Leisure

A private tour with the young retirees who have built one of the island's most unique contemporary homes

By Fraser Morton

Villa Mayavee owners
Paitoon Arunrat and
Gabriel Cardona

IT

HIS is the ultimate Phuket home," Gabriel Cardona says proudly, his arms outstretched as he stands on the sundeck of Villa Mayavee high in the Kamala hills, Phuket.

"Even people who don't like contemporary will fall in love with our home."

At 45, the French trading entrepreneur and his Thai partner Paitoon Arunrat, also 45, have time on their hands to enjoy their sizeable stylish abode – they're both retired. Well, semi-retired for Cardona; he sends a few emails some afternoons. But in the most part, he leaves the running of his hugely successful clothing business, Joy Thai (HK) Limited, to his general manager in Bangkok. Arunrat is retired full-time and happy about it.

"Why build a home like this if you can't enjoy it?" Cardona says.

Absolutely. We could not agree more. And what a home it is. Villa Mayavee is straightforwardly stunning on a huge scale.

Completed in 2009, it took three years to build plus one year searching for the right architect after buying the 3,200 square-meter plot of land.

It was Argentinian Martin Palleros and Tierra Design who eventually won the bid – out of seven – with his sky bridge vision.

The colossus "S" shape superstructure of Villa Mayavee, formed by the 34-meter sky bridge connecting the private and guests wings, is unlike any other contemporary home on the island...



"People love to visit our home. That's okay. We are very proud of Villa Mayavee and often throw parties for people to come see it."

– Gabriel Cardona



The home big enough for a sky bridge

“**A**... **T** first we didn't realize the scale of the project we were undertaking,” says Cardona.

It may well be one of the island's most expensive private residences, located in the enviable address of Waterfall Bay, Millionaire's Mile, Kamala.

“There is no limit to how much money this house could sell for,” Cardona says, who accredits his own success to being in the right place when the business of corporate-branded clothing took off in the early 90s.

With a staff of 40 in Bangladesh, China and Thailand to run his business, Cardona prefers to take things a little slower these days, making the most of his home with his partner.

Design is their new passion. They did most of the interior design work of Villa Mayavee themselves. Only their second project, their first being their Bangkok apartment, they opted for the minimalist look and soft white and pastel colors for their home.

“We didn't want decadent. We wanted simple and minimalist because it's easy to change if you don't like it at a later date.”

For outdoor furniture, they chose Spanish company Gandia Blasco and bought so much they were asked to be Phuket agents.

“It's not my range of business, but I wasn't too busy so I said okay,” Cardona says.

But Gandia Blasco isn't the only one keen to seek out the couple.

“People love to visit our home. That's okay. We are very proud of Villa Mayavee and often throw parties for people to come and see it,” Cardona says.

Arunrat says many friends prefer the home at night, when the seascape view is transformed into a black void, and lights from idling fishing boats twinkle on the water far below. Night brings a new identity to Villa Mayavee, a new mystique, when pools of blue light flood strategically into pockets of the exterior. It's unashamedly modern-cool.

Carving into the side of the verdant cape, architect Martin Palleros has managed to seamlessly blur the lines between contemporary architecture and nature. It's as if the home was meant to be there. Outdoor stairways coil around boulders and limestone walkways vanish into lush foliage. Cutting-edge architecture slithering stylishly into nature.

When we last spoke with the owners, they were holidaying in Hong Kong. They were at design week in Milan last year

“We had a party with 15 staff and a professional chef...he was surprised to see our kitchen. It's as big as a resort's kitchen.”





Details

House name: Villa Mayavee
 Mayavee meaning: My life
 Sanskrit meaning: Controlling the mind with magic - "in a good way"
 Location: Waterfall Bay, Millionaire's Mile, Kamala, Phuket
 Architect: Tierra Design
 Total project land area: 3,200sqm
 Total floor space: 2,400sqm
 Indoor floor space: 1,200sqm
 Swimming pools: 22m,12m lap pool
 Floors: 4
 Bathrooms: 6
 Bedrooms: 4 + staff quarters
 Design concept: Contemporary
 Main imports: Italian furniture and sanitary wares; French floor tiles (limestone and sandstone)
 Staff: 3 full-time staff (1 cook, 1 cleaner, 1 gardener-handy man)
 Project completion: December 2009
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"The house is equally beautiful at night. In fact, many of our friends like it better after sunset."

— Paitoon Arunrat



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Organic Opulence At DiVine Restaurant

By Baz Daniel



THANYAPURA is the most extraordinary enterprise. An almost mythic new Camelot rising sheer and white in the Phuket sunshine, surrounded by forest in a quiet valley in northeastern Phuket.

DiVine Restaurant sits at the heart of the 23-hectare Thanyapura campus, which comprises a Sports and Leisure Club, the Phuket International Academy Day School and Thanyapura Mind Centre. It can perhaps be characterized as a modern temple to the Greek philosopher Seneca's idea of human perfection as: "*Mens sana in corpore sano*"... A healthy mind in a healthy body.

DiVine is dedicated to this ethos of human perfection seeking to match the ideal with gustatory perfection and purity. The restaurant features organic gourmet cuisine made from fresh, locally-farmed ingredients from Thanyapura's own Thanyamundra Organic Farm. Located near Khao Sok National Park, a few hours north of Phuket, the farm is certified by the Thai agricultural department.

Perhaps the first prejudice to dispel is that DiVine's healthy organic eating in any way equates with austerity or privation. In fact, the restaurant is a luscious welcoming space decorated in natural woods and psychedelic flower arrangements, with a huge and spotless central open kitchen and

beguiling pontillistic oils and acrylics decorating the colorful walls. It has extensive floor-to-ceiling windows which open onto a large patio, with deep blue swimming pools beyond, where weekend markets are regularly held and a sumptuous DiVine brunch is presented to complement the gatherings.

DiVine's chef, Sathaporn Bootmeechai, is no stranger to the world of healthy eating, as he was, until recently, the chef at the Banyan Tree's ayurvedic wellness program. His menu features a large array of light, fresh soups, salads, noodle dishes, burgers, pizzas, sandwiches, fish and meat courses and tempting desserts, all of which conform to the healthy and organic ethos in varying degrees.

The menu overtly rates the dishes as to the degree of their organic credentials and then categorizes them into groups such as "fresh and moreish; rich and explosive and sweet and seductive", all attributes this writer seeks as much in his girl friends as he does in his food.

Not to be outdone, the drinks and wine list explore all the normal avenues of ethanol-based decadence such as Champagnes, martinis and mojitos, but also offer a broad choice of healthy blended juices, smoothies and "organic boosters" such as the Purple Pleasure with pineapple, beetroot and apple, or the Virgin Temptation made from coconut, strawberries and carrot juice.

The wine list joins the organic fray as well. We enjoyed a specially-sourced Australian Sauvignon Blanc



SUBTLE STYLE:
The expansive main dining room at DiVine Restaurant.

from Victoria's Yarra Valley, branded appropriately enough as "Splash".

Having dispelled the idea we would suffer in any way to hone our razor-sharp minds in our magnificent bodies, we proceeded to the lunch table to take up cudgels with an opening sandwich platter, with choices of smoked salmon, beef pastrami, salami, turkey roll, and specially-sourced Australian and Dutch Emmental, Gruyere and Cheddar cheeses. Organic iceberg lettuce and rocket from Thanyapura's Khao Sok farm accompanied these in a Parma ham and cheese salad.

The main event offered a beetroot and feta ravioli salad, spaghetti with lamb balls, green peas, mushrooms and white cream sauce, and a beautiful rack of organic New Zealand lamb with garlic potato puree and a red wine sauce.

All dishes were so light and fresh that we even had a little tummy space available for a naughty dessert of organic chocolate truffle cake and mango ice cream, and a final glass of "Splash", safe in the belief that the more we drank the more perfect our bodies would become.

Nick Seaver, CEO of Thanyapura, says: "We are deeply concerned with the heavy amounts of chemicals used to produce food in Thailand, thus the concept of Thanyamundra Organic Farm was conceived. By serving organic, fresh, local food at DiVine we are able to provide great-tasting products. We believe there is real value in eating organic foods and improving our guests' health and wellbeing."

Perhaps DiVine is redefining Seneca's



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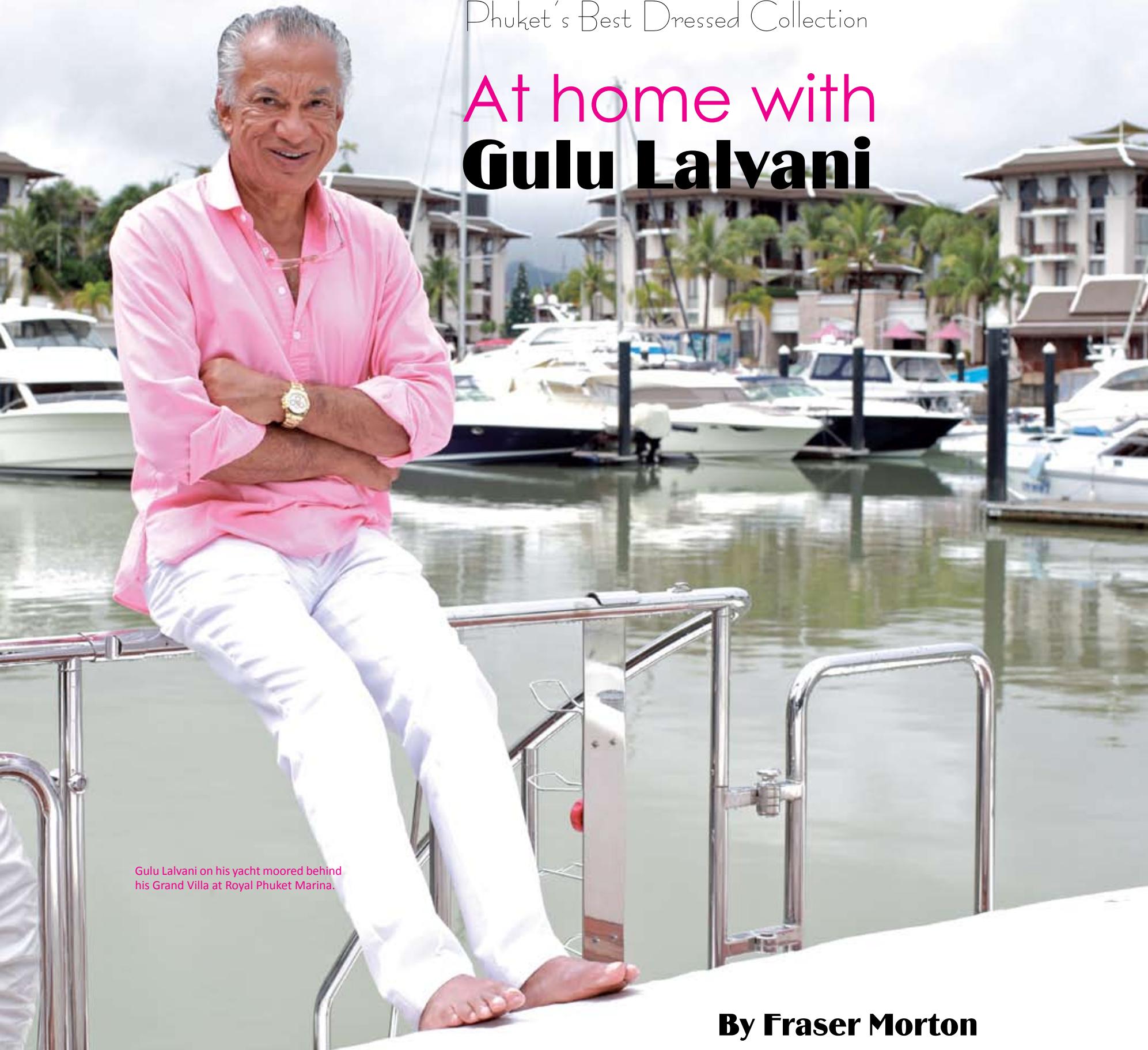


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Phuket's Best Dressed Collection

At home with Gulu Lalvani



Gulu Lalvani on his yacht moored behind his Grand Villa at Royal Phuket Marina.

By Fraser Morton

LE SOLE ARTIST:

Gulu Lalvani recently bought two pairs of these 1,500 Euro (61,000 baht) formal leather shoes from French designer Christian Louboutin's new men's collection.

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IT'S EASY to feel underdressed in the company of multimillionaire Phuket resident Gulu Lalvani. He wears the uniform of success. He wears tailored shirts and trousers, a gold Rolex Oyster watch, and has just spent 3,000 Euro on two pairs of shoes. His look is unconventional but always conservatively in trend.

Unlike many of his male friends, 72-year-old Karachi-born Lalvani doesn't shy away from fashion. Quite the opposite.

"I think fashion is important. I care what's in and what's out. From the beginning of my life, I have always been fashion conscious...it's in my blood."

As founder and chairman of Binatone, one of the world's largest cordless phone companies, Lalvani has the luxury of being able to afford life's extravagances: A marina, superyachts, cars, and – of course – the finest clothes money can buy.

He often visits St Tropez and Milan to buy in bulk the latest threads from designers he's been eyeing from afar. Briton Tom Ford is his top choice winter collection designer, but for summerwear, or Phuket-wear, he simply buys one-off shirts, trousers and shorts while on European shopping trips and then has his Phuket tailor of 10 years



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... TELL my tailor what to do, how I want things done. If it's not done that way, then he doesn't get paid. But he knows that...we know each other well.”

“I can't tell you the name of the tailor as I want to keep the exclusivity of my look,” Lalvani says as he ushers his family to take their positions in the living room for a photograph.

His children are visiting for the holidays: Eldest son Dino, 38, and his fiancée Frankie, 25; daughter Divia, 35, with her husband Joel Cadbury, 40, and their children Arianna, 4, and Alaia, 2; and youngest son Zoran, 23, with his girlfriend Sabaya Verser, 22.

They too, are dressed impeccably, and our photographer finds it easy to make them look good. An interest in fashion, Lalvani explains, is something his children share with their father.

“My son Dino and I were in Hong Kong the week before Christmas and we went to the opening of a new store of French women's shoe designer Christian Louboutin. Any woman will know who he is. He makes the trademark red-leather-sole shoes. He was wearing a very fancy pair of men's shoes, which he said he designed, as he had just launched a new men's range. I said, 'I love those. I'll take two; one for me, one for Dino'. Christian had to call Paris to get them in stock in our size. They are not cheap (1,500 Euro, or 61,000 baht) a pair, but they are unique and worth it.”



Lalvani chuckles and says he probably won't get much use out of them in Phuket, except maybe for Dino and Frankie's wedding later this year.

“Three thousand Euro (123,000 baht) is the most I've ever spent on two pairs of shoes, but I'm glad I did. They're different.”

Different suits Lalvani. He's an ambassador of unusual when it comes to fashion and seeks out the unique cuts and styles when ambling along the avenues and alleyways of St Tropez and Milan, so he can then change them – of course – by having his Phuket tailor add the Lalvani touch.

In Phuket, sartorial splendor for most men is way down the pecking order of things to be getting on with, especially when the tropical climate plays such a big part in our lives. Comfort reigns when donning our daily wears. Short sleeves trump long. Trousers are irksome enemies of men on Phuket, while board shorts are welcome friends. And as for shoes... well, who needs them. If it's a choice between exposed toes in sandals or sweaty socks and shoes – the choice is easy for most island men.

Photography by Apinun Saithong



Lalvani wears custom-made Egyptian cotton shirts and trousers.

“Three thousand Euro (123,000 baht) is the most I've ever spent on two pairs of shoes, but I'm glad I did. They're different.”

– Gulu Lalvani

FASHIONABLE FAMILY: Gulu Lalvani spent the Christmas holidays with his children: Eldest son Dino and his fiancée Frankie (back row, right); daughter Divia (front, left) and her husband Joel Cadbury (back, left) and their daughters Arianna and Alaia (front); and youngest son Zoran and his girlfriend Sabaya Verser

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By **Graham Haslam**

Loch Palm - Hole 16

Yardage from tee: Blue (202), White (166), Red (141)

Degree of difficulty: Hard leaning on extreme

Holes-in-one: 6 in 2011

Water: Yes, all along the left

Sand traps: Affirmative (two, left and right)

Hidden dangers: Out-of-bounds all along the left, not easy to see from the tee box

With the massive Crystal Lake on your right, a line of vertiginous palm trees down the left and the always well-manicured fairway, this hole is attractive but potentially a round-spoiler.

The green slopes steeply left to right. Stopping the ball if you are chipping from too far left is almost impossible. Often there are people throwing pool parties in the villas hugging the tee box, but don't let the bikinis and beer distract you; you need to concentrate. It's best to aim at the left bunker and let the gentle breeze drift your ball on to the green. If there is no breeze, then ignore the last sentence;



"The reason the pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing."

— Phyllis Diller

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Blue Canyon, Canyon Course - Hole 14

Yardage from tee: Blue (194), White (169), Red (143)

Degree of difficulty: Extreme

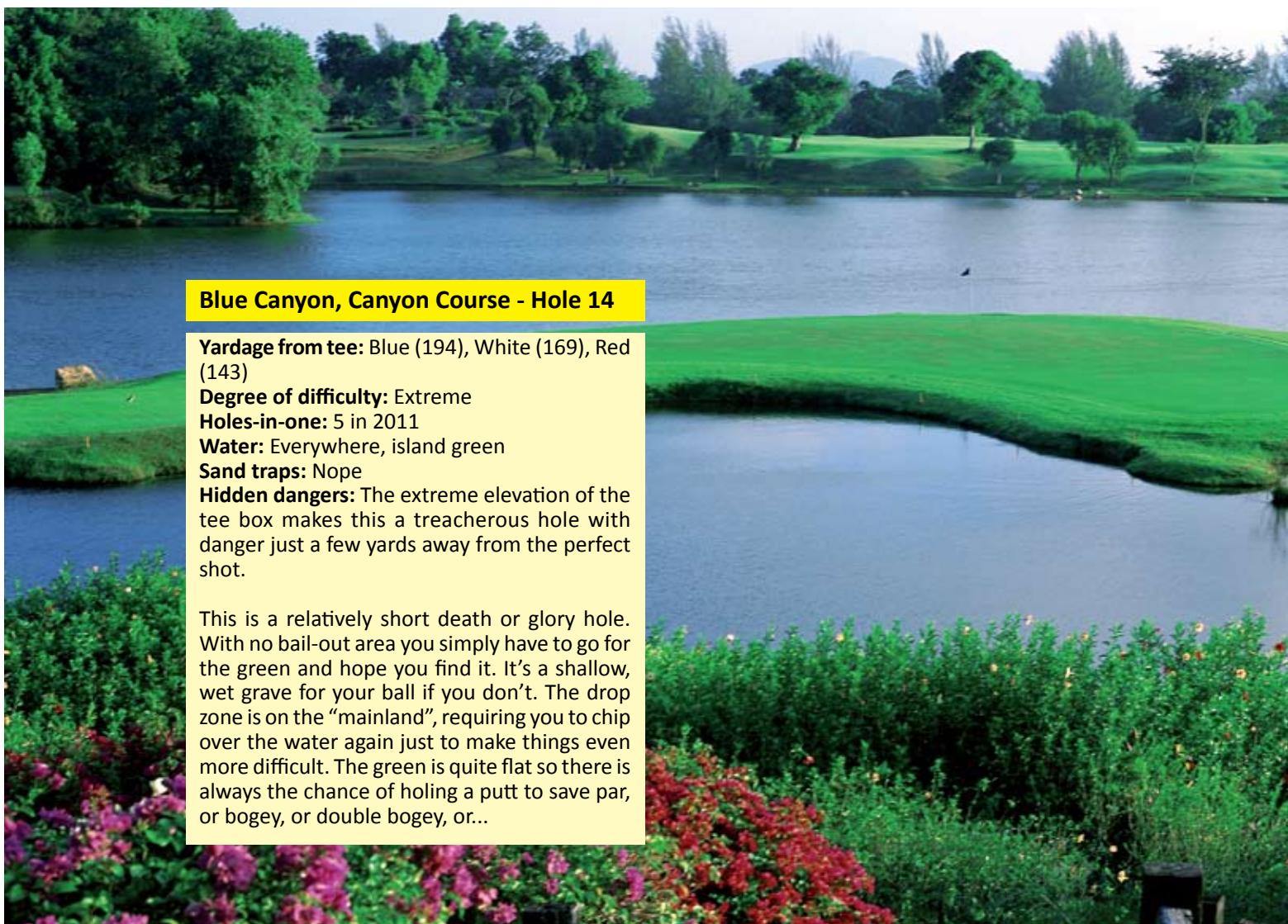
Holes-in-one: 5 in 2011

Water: Everywhere, island green

Sand traps: Nope

Hidden dangers: The extreme elevation of the tee box makes this a treacherous hole with danger just a few yards away from the perfect shot.

This is a relatively short death or glory hole. With no bail-out area you simply have to go for the green and hope you find it. It's a shallow, wet grave for your ball if you don't. The drop zone is on the "mainland", requiring you to chip over the water again just to make things even more difficult. The green is quite flat so there is always the chance of holing a putt to save par, or bogey, or double bogey, or...





Red Mountain - Hole 17

Yardage from tee: Black (169), Yellow (155), White (140), Red (121)
Degree of difficulty: Very, the first six times are the worst
Holes-in-one: Two in 2011
Water: Not anymore, and is a former tin mine
Sand traps: Two (one left and a monolith right)
Hidden dangers: Vertigo

Members of Red Mountain Golf Club might be surprised to see this hole included, thinking it's

a straight seven or eight iron. But they should cast their minds back to the first time they stood on the elevated tee box, about 80 yards above the green, scratched their heads and said: "My word, what on earth is the right club here?"
 With hills suffocating this hole, it can feel quite intimidating. Stay focused on making a good, clean, strike and then watching in awe as your ball free-falls for 10 full seconds before thudding on the generous green, which slopes slightly back-to-front.



"Golf is a game in which you yell 'fore', shoot six and write down five."

Timeline

- 1989: Phuket Country Club, Phuket's first golf course, opens
- 1991: Blue Canyon Country Club (BCCC) Canyon Course opens
- 1993: Laguna Phuket Golf Course (named Banyan Tree Golf Course) opens
- 1994: BCCC Canyon Course hosts Johnnie Walker Classic for the first time
- 1998: Tiger Woods wins Johnnie Walker Classic at BCCC Canyon Course
- 1999: BCCC Lakes Course opens
- 2004: Mission Hills, Phuket's only seaside course, opens
- 2007: BCCC Canyon Course hosts Johnnie Walker Classic for the third time
- 2007: Red Mountain Golf Club opens
- 2009: Phuket Resident John Connely makes two holes-in-one in a single round at BCCC Canyon Course
- 2009: Laguna hosts The Thailand Open
- 2009: Phunaka, Phuket's only night floodlit course, opens for business
- 2010: Laguna hosts Asian Tour event, the ASEAN Mercedes-Benz Masters, Phuket's own 13-year-old Pinsawat Pariwat finishes in 5th place



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The Rise Of Tycoon Allan Zeman

By Duane Lennie

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Allan Zeman started honing his cross-cultural and business skills at an early age. German born and of Jewish descent, he grew up singing Christian hymns and pledging allegiance to the British flag in a Protestant school in Quebec, Canada, in the

at his iconic Andara Resort & Spa in Kamala, Phuket.

“There were distinct differences between the French and the English, and they were separate with totally different cultures.”

Zeman never let these cultural differences slow him down. His sense of ambition was forged when he was eight years old by watching his mother work long hours to support the family after his father died. Zeman wasn't content to just survive. He wanted to make money from an early age – a lot of money.

“I wasn't happy to get 50 cents or a dollar allowance from my mother. I wanted to make more money,” said Zeman, who was soon earning more than his teachers from delivering newspapers before school.

“I always thought that if everyone else can do it, why can't I? I'm not different, I'm the same.”

At age 17, Zeman talked his way into a job as the western sales representative for a leading womenswear company in Canada by exaggerating his age and

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IT WAS a turbulent time in Canada's usually dull political history. The Front de Liberation du Quebec, a left-wing revolutionary organization, was using terrorism to promote an independent and socialist Quebec state. Zeman's family lived in a mixed English-and French-speaking neighborhood of Quebec – an ideal place to learn first-hand about the politics and nuances of cultural diversity.

“I remember going to school and bombs were going off. Twice I almost got blown up, believe it or not, in Canada”, said Zeman during our afternoon interview



THE BOSS: Allan Zeman inside one of the luxury villas at Andara Resort & Spa.

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... HEN his accountant explained to the then 20-year-old the devastating implications that the Canadian tax system would have on his million dollars, Zeman cut and run. Hong Kong was where he landed. Young, rich and full of potential, it was a good time to be in Hong Kong. In the 1970s, Hong

gradually developed into a large, diversified, trading company with 36 offices worldwide. He eventually sold Colby to its major competitor in 2000.

Wanting to inject some western culture into Hong Kong, in 1983 he opened the California Restaurant in Lan Kwai Fong, a narrow street in Central, Hong Kong Island. Zeman's public profile was already climbing when he bought the entire block the next year and transformed the Chinese factory area into Hong Kong's most popular entertainment district, where today 75 per cent of the patrons are local Chinese. The success of Lan Kwai Fong is why regional city planners and government officials from mainland China are queuing up for advice on how to re-create this cultural phenomenon in their growing cities.

Now a seasoned expert in cultural sensitivity, Zeman cautions about stereotyping Chinese people from different cities in mainland China.

"Every city in China wants a Lan Kwai Fong...it's become a brand. But I couldn't just move the western concepts of Hong Kong to Chengdu," Zeman said, when asked about the opening of the new Lan Kwai Fong in the Sichuan province last year. "The thing I always want to learn is how the culture of every

city is different. Then I can fit in establishments that fit into the culture."

In 2004, Zeman was appointed chairman of Ocean Park, Hong Kong's original family amusement park, as it went head-to-head against Hong Kong Disney, scheduled to open the following year. It only took a few years before Zeman was dubbed the "Mouse Killer" in a *Forbes* magazine article that detailed how Ocean Park outperformed its rival Disney. He's quick to offer advice to even the largest corporations about cultural sensitivity.

"Traditionally, Americans think their system is the best and then they go abroad and think if it works in the US it should work in China or Hong Kong," Zeman said.

"Disney came to Hong Kong, and, failing to really understand the culture, tried to impose American culture on Hong Kong locals. There was a rebellion against this because everyone has their own ideas, their own culture and their own thoughts, and you have to respect that."

Today, Zeman continues to serve as chairman of Ocean Park and Lan Kwai Fong Concepts Holdings Ltd Hong Kong, and he has entertainment districts planned for numerous cities in mainland China.

He's also highly active in the Hong Kong community as a long-standing member of the Board of Governors of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, the Tourism Strategy Group for the Hong Kong Tourism Commission, the Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Urban Renewal Authority. He keeps busy.

Claiming his work is his play, Zeman spends his time between Hong Kong, mainland China and Macau,



where he is a director of casino giant Wynn Resorts. In addition, after years of vacationing in Thailand, he built a seafront castle in Phuket as a holiday escape. But in true Zeman fashion, he was soon eyeing some nearby land for his first commercial property development in Thailand.

In 2005, Zeman created Andara Phuket on Millionaires' Mile, overlooking Kamala Beach on Phuket's west coast. Wealthy Hong Kong expatriates were flocking to Phuket to spend their Chinese New Year bonuses on holiday homes, and Zeman recognized the opportunity. Zeman's Thai-based company, The Paradise Group, had already started building the Plaza Surin boutique shopping center to test the high-end retail market in Phuket. From that moment on, Zeman's influence on Phuket's real estate market became legendary.

"Allan Zeman's luxury residential estate,



Views of Andara Resort & Spa in Kamala, Phuket.



“Allan Zeman’s luxury residential estate, Andara, has become the definitive gold standard in Phuket’s property market.”

– Bill Barnett

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Andara, has become the definitive gold standard in Phuket’s property market,” said Bill Barnett, Managing Director of C9 Hotelworks, Asia’s leading hotel and property consultancy. “He let his money do the talking as he developed the project in a volatile market and has reaped the rewards many times over.”

Zeman’s latest Phuket endeavour is Andara Signature Resort Villas, 13 ultra-luxury estates located on a 15-acre sea-view plot of land just down the road from the current Andara Phuket site. These massive villa estates sit on 3,500 to 4,600sqm plots with a whopping 3,200sqm or more of living space, 6m by 30m swimming pools, elevators, and Zeman’s signature Thai contemporary design. Starting at US\$6 million, the Andara sales team expects to sell a third of the available villas soon after the sales-release date.

On how to make Phuket a better place, Zeman said Southeast Asia’s most popular tropical island destination needs some basic planning from the top down.

“The problem with Phuket is it needs to grow up: it needs to go to the next level,” he said.

“Phuket has all the natural resources to make it happen, but the biggest problem is no-one is driving the bus. You need to have a master plan.”

Zeman also preaches the tourism fundamentals that helped his entertainment venues in Hong Kong become powerhouses: “Flights into Phuket are also very important. If you can’t get people here, no matter how good you are, it doesn’t matter. Then once they are here, the most frustrating thing is long immigration lines; first impressions are very important.”

It’s reassuring to know that Zeman continues to



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Sky's the limit for **MJETS**

By Alastair Carthew



Bill Heinecke's changing the face of private aviation in

MIXING business with pleasure in Thailand is easy for hospitality magnate Bill Heinecke. He loves to fly, so he started his own private jet company, MJETS. Simple.

And what better way for the CEO and chairman of Minor International, one of Asia's largest hospitality groups, to quench a life-long thirst for flying than to add the world's fastest jet, the Cessna Citation X, to MJETS' fleet.

But although he is licensed to fly a Piper Jet, he is not qualified to fly the Citation X, at least not yet.

"From an early age I had a passion for travel and an adventurous spirit, and today I still love to enjoy the pure freedom flying offers," he said.

As one of Thailand's leading foreign businessmen, American-born Heinecke, 62, is at the helm of a hospitality empire

comprising 1,100 restaurants, 70 hotels and resorts and 200 retail outlets in Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

Bangkok-based Minor International owns and operates hotels under the Anantara, Four Seasons, Marriott and Elewana brands and owns The Pizza Company and Thai Express restaurants. But this is just a taste of its portfolio.

It is with MJETS that Heinecke, who renounced his US citizenship 20 years ago, has been able to forge three of his life-long passions: Thailand, business and aviation.

Launched as Minor Aviation in 2008, MJETS is setting the standard for private jet charters in Thailand and is the only company of its kind with offices and staff (five) servicing Phuket.

MJETS has a further 75 staff at its Bangkok terminal, which opened last year at the 97-year-old Don Mueang Airport.

MJETS' Bangkok terminal has about 50 aircraft movements

(take-offs and landings) each month, steadily increasing by around 20 per cent each year with a trend toward larger charters and bigger aircraft.

The Bangkok terminal caught the Asian wave of interest in private jets, as Thailand's location, labor force and facilities offer exorbitantly more benefits than other Asian destinations.

"Not only is the country's success opening up more opportunities for the affluent to explore using, sharing or owning private jets, but operators of charter fleets are increasingly focusing on the Thai market due to its increasing wealth, attractive geographic location, competitive prices and world-class standards in safety and services," he said.

After living in Thailand for four decades his love for the kingdom is stronger than ever. As the son of an American Foreign Service member and Voice of America journalist, the young Heinecke grew up in cities across Asia. When he was 17, while still a high school student, he was appointed advertising manager at the now defunct newspaper *Bangkok World*, and it was racing cars and diving in these years that nourished his appetite for adventure.

After he graduated in 1967, he started his first company, which sold office cleaning services and radio advertising. After three years he sold the business and started a new venture dubbed "Minor", a jibe at his own age. He even grew a beard to look older.

By age 21, he had 400 people working for him and was grossing US\$2.5 million a year.

It was importing American brands

to Thailand (Pizza Hut 1980, Swensen's 1986, Sizzler 1992, Dairy Queen 1996, Burger King 2000) that would prove to be the backbone of Heinecke's success.

And sprinkle in ownership and operations of Marriott, Anantara and Four Seasons hotels, and it is clear why his company has stayed at the forefront of the hospitality industry in Asia for so long.

Minor International's rapid growth and Heinecke's necessary business travel in Asia confirmed his belief that private jets had an important role to play for businessmen and women, saving time and hassle.

"Travelling for business can be exhausting and often takes longer than it should. With restrictions in recent years imposed globally on air travel because of terrorism, travelling through airports can take longer," he said.

MJETS' Bangkok facility provides charter, fixed-base operations (FBO) and ground handling, but in addition offers ground handling for private planes at other airports such as Phuket, Chiang Mai, Samui, U-Tapao and Udon Thani.

The convenience of chartering, leasing or owning a private jet is considerable. The FBO facility at Don Mueang Airport has arguably the fastest entry-departure from any Asian country, less than 200 meters from aircraft to limousine.

Heinecke does not fly as often as he would like, but he still manages to take his single-engine Piper Malibu out once a month, travelling around Thailand to one of his Anantara resorts.

"It is hard to describe the



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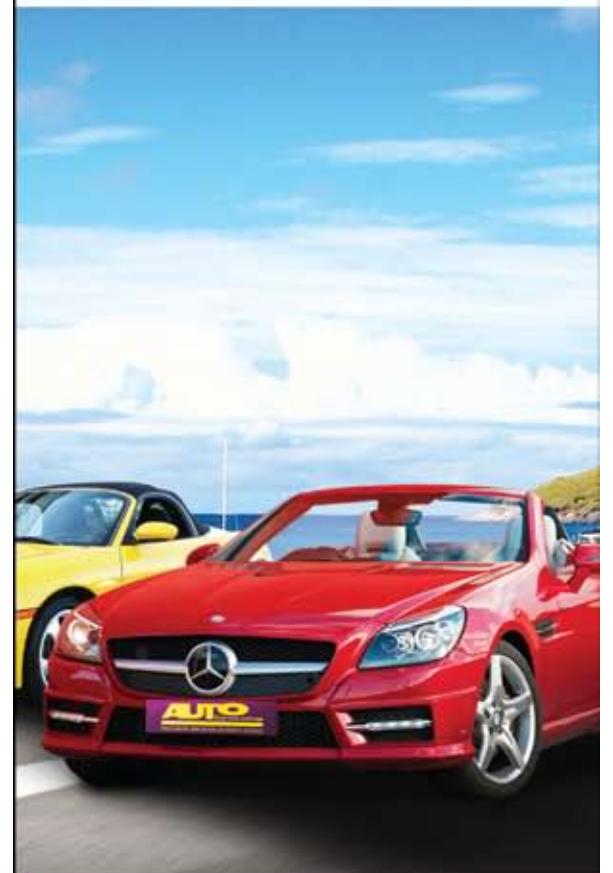


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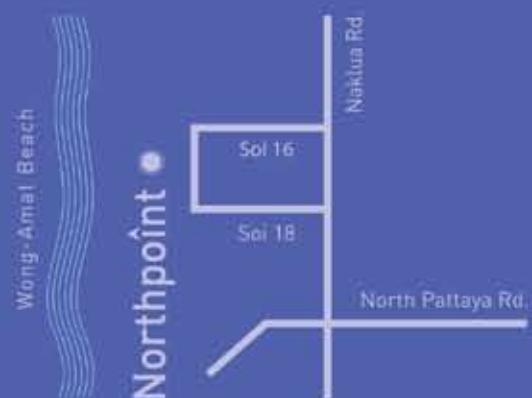
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Side Story...



The Unwritten Chapter 2012

Musings from property and tourism expert
Bill Barnett on the future of Phuket

LIFE is good but change is coming. If it's luxury living on a tropical isle, Phuket is the place to be right now. But to find out just how bright the next chapter will be in the property and resort sector, we have to skip back a few pages in time.

Over the past 20 years we have seen the emergence, rise, and now almost blase adoption of contemporary simple-is-sleek pool villas. Minimalism and open spaces, straight lines and well-kept window dressing. Simplicity has been in serious style for a long time.

But where are all the people in these homes? Where are the owners? They hardly ever feature in the coffee-table books I flick through; instead there are just models leaning on infinity edges looking out to sea. What are those models staring at? They should rename infinity pools "day-dreaming pools".

These luxury home "must haves" – infinity edges, open spaces, floor-to-ceiling windows – and a surge in demand for brands has dominated the island's luxury market in recent years.

Brand Phuket remains a force to be reckoned with.

No other Asian resort destination can boast the same number of multimillion (US) dollar property transactions as in Phuket during the past five years.

Allan Zeman – the entertainment tycoon and Phuket resort owner featured in our cover story on pages 22-25 – and his Andara Resort, is a prime example of a Phuket success story.

And more monikers lifting the luxury image of Phuket: Amanpuri, Banyan Tree, Sri Panwa, The Cape and the up-and-coming Natai area in Phang Nga, are forging the seal for future prosperity.

But the world is in constant change. Nothing we know, or are conditioned to believe, is set in stone. Life can change on a dime, on a baht.

Just think back to the now distant dawn of the 90s, when the Asian "tiger" economies of China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and Thailand were first set loose.

As they shed the labels of "developing countries", suddenly the playing field grew larger. The tigers had space to roam free.

Of course, the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis hurt. It left the tiger economies hurt

badly, but with enough fight left to limp the long road to recovery.

These tigers are survivors. And survivors who looked on curiously as western economies boomed and went into consumer overdrive at the turn of 2000.

Emerging tigers Russia, India and Brazil were soon to join the list of economies moving up the food chain.

But then came the crash. The 2008 World Financial Crisis started in the United States by irresponsible mortgage lending. There was no safe haven anywhere as globalization meant everyone was given a free pass to an international financial foul-up.

But 1997's scars meant Asia was prepared this time round, and led a determined recovery.

Today, consumerism, and in particular New Economic Orders (NEOs), worldwide are seen as the recession-busters. NEOs comprise about one-fifth of the population in the US (59 million) and are high-spending individuals. They buy new technology, but they'll also spend their hard-won earnings on new homes or extensions and renovations. They travel, eat out, drink, invest and generally are polar opposites of consumers known as Traditionals, the discretionary spenders.

A new Asian elite of high-net-worth individuals, an emerging middle-class, a more astute domestic market and a rise in regional trading have mimicked a cast change much like a Broadway Musical on tour out East.

Wealthy Asian families are now cash buyers of many of the world's most iconic hotels and ultra villas, and buyers of private jets. But how does this translate to Phuket?

In a tourism model fending off a massive volume attack, property developers and brokers seem to still be stuck in the past. Both the Phuket real estate and hotel market have struggled to keep pace with the evolutionary game changes over the past few years.

Regional visitors from emerging markets have different needs than the first European visitors who came here, basked on the beaches for endless days, and in many cases, bought retirement or vacation homes.

Nothing is ever set in stone. Times change. Consumers' needs change. Fads come, trends go. Investment in contemporary pool villas with minimalist decor (where no-one is ever home) may continue, but expect something new.

Maybe we will see a rise in Asian resort guests who travel in large groups or with extended families, who crowd into photos but who don't like going to the beach.

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