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Patong Mayor Pian Keesin

## Patong Tunnel to begin 'within 6 months': Pian

PATONG Mayor Pian Keesin expects to get Cabinet approval for the multi-billion baht Patong Tunnel project "within six months".

The project is now under review by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Mayor Pian said on Tuesday.

"According to our survey, 86.3 per cent of the high-ranking government officers who have seen the project details agree it should commence... So I believe we will receive the go-ahead within six months," he said.

At a public meeting held in July 2011, project consultants announced the proposed route for a 3km tunnel.

However the route sparked opposition from members of Patong's Ban Mon Community, who feared they would be inadequately compensated for expropriated land needed for the project.

At that meeting, study project manager Pongchanit Chuwiruch said the tunnel could be completed in six years "if all went well".

— Chutharat Plerin

# Bangkok squad to tackle illegal taxis

By Warisa Temram

A TEAM of Ministry of Interior (MoI) officials from Bangkok will arrive in Phuket in February to tackle the island's long-standing problems with "black plate" taxis and their drivers, Phuket Governor Tri Augkaradacha announced this week.

The move follows a number of serious complaints received by the ministry regarding "black plate" taxis, the local name for regular vehicles used illegally as taxis.

Among the complaints to be addressed are threatening behavior by drivers and unfair prices, said Gov Tri.

"We are always receiving complaints about 'black plate' taxis, which can be found at most tourist attractions in Phuket.

"The top complaint is that legitimate taxis can't access certain locations where local 'black plate' taxi drivers operate.

"Sometimes, the drivers have tried to steal passengers from other drivers and fighting has ensued," said Governor Tri.



HOME TURF: A driver of an illegal taxi argues with an official at Phuket Airport during a crackdown in 2009. Photo: Gazette file

Most complaints came from Patong, Kata, Karon and Sakoo, he added.

The move for Bangkok to send a team down to deal with the situation follows complaints being made directly to ministry officials in Bangkok, he said.

"I heard that people filed complaints about 'black plate' taxis ripping people off with the Prime Minister's Office as well as the

MoI," said Governor Tri.

"Now the Ministry of Interior is to send an 'ad-hoc' team to Phuket to solve problems with 'black plate' taxis. They plan to come in February," he added.

Governor Tri, who has had a difficult time with public transport issues, said he appreciated the support from Bangkok.

"We didn't just watch the problem and do nothing about it. I set

up a working committee to keep chipping away at the problems, but it takes a lot of time and effort.

One initiative, by the Phuket Land Transportation Office and Department of Local Administration, has been to encourage illegal taxi drivers to upgrade their vehicles so they could be registered as genuine taxis.

Once the "black plate" taxi was fully and legally registered as a "green plate" taxi, the driver could then continue to work as a legitimate taxi driver – with no punishment at all for the years worked outside the law.

But the project has so far enjoyed only limited success, said Gov Tri. "Some 'black plate' taxi drivers have registered with us. Our next step is to install meters in their cars, but there are some rules that prevent us from doing this, such as the age of the vehicles.

"Buying a new car is expensive, that's why not many of the drivers want to register their cars as taxis and make them legal. This is why we seem so slow in solving this problem," he said.

## Alleged mastermind of 'Ae Inside' murder still at large

ATSADAKORN "Pod" Seedokbuab, 48, the man who police believe ordered the assassination of Phuket newsman Wisut "Ae Inside" Tangwithayaporn earlier this month, remains at large.

Phuket City Police Superintendent Col Chote Chidchai confirmed on Wednesday that police were still hunting Atsadakorn and two other suspects for their roles in the murder of Mr Wisut, who was shot dead in broad daylight on January 12.

Atsadakorn, the owner of Phuket cable TV company KPP Cable and at the time of his disappearance a Vice President of the

Phuket Chamber of Commerce, has not been seen since Phuket Provincial Police Commander Chonasi Wattanavrangku announced a warrant for his arrest last Saturday.

Meanwhile, Col Chote has also confirmed that police have been mistakenly searching for the wrong person as the alleged gunman.

Noppadol "Pae" Praisri, arrested on January 16 for his alleged part in the murder as the getaway driver, named Sanya Klinchum, 36, as the gunman.

However, Col Chote on Wednesday confirmed to the *Gazette*, "Actually, the gunman is Tossaporn Ketkaew."

"We got the wrong name because through our investigation we learned that Tossaporn gave the wrong name to Thalang Police when he was charged with criminal association in 2007 in Thalang.

"He wanted to hide his name from many other crimes, including a murder in Phetchburi in 2004," Col Chote explained.

"We realized the true name of the gunman only after we were informed by Cha-am Police that the real Sanya Klinchum, a village chief assistant in Cha-am, presented himself and showed his ID card," he said.

— Atchaa Khamlo



Maj Gen Chonasi Wattanavrangku believes all three suspects have fled Phuket.

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# 'Fake monks' tapping tourists for cash, alms

By Warisa Temram

THE 'monk police' of Phuket are warning everyone on the island of con men who are impersonating Buddhist monks and tricking locals and tourists into giving them money.

"High season in Phuket attracts a lot of these con men who dress like Buddhist monks to get money, which really isn't appropriate. We found that most are from Cambodia, here in Phuket on tourist visas, though there are Thai fake-monks too," said Chatpawit Jinapong, Director of the Phuket branch of the National Office of Buddhism, which operates directly under the Prime Minister's Office.

On casual observation the phony monks appear to be collecting alms as part of a merit making ceremony. However, their true objective is to collect money rather than other offerings such as food.

"Thai monks follow a very strict monastic code and they do not collect alms after 8am, whereas these fake monks are collecting alms all day long," said



Chatpawit Jinapong warns of fake 'monks' collecting donations from tourists and locals in Phuket. Photo: Warisa Temram

Mr Chatpawit.

"We have caught more than 10 and Phuket Immigration have deported them," he said.

Mr Chatpawit went on to explain how to spot the bogus monks, who often operate in busy places such as markets and tourist attractions.

"Fake monks are not calm when collecting alms. They are frequently looking to identify

people likely for to offer money instead of food. By far the biggest giveaway is those who collect alms after 8am," he said.

Though they have caught dozens of the con men, Mr Chatpawit says he and his team of five officers still have much to do.

"The penalty for impersonating a monk is a 3,000 baht or up to three months imprisonment," he added.

## Safety measures at death bend causing more road accidents

### All safe after tour bus fire

FINNISH tourists on a tour to Laem Phromthep had a sudden change of itinerary on January 24 when their Phuket tour bus burst into flames on a hilly stretch of road in Karon.

The incident occurred at about 8:30am near to the entrance to Centara Grand Beach Resort Phuket on Wiset Road, a curvy coastal road that connects the resort towns of Patong and Karon.

"The blaze started suddenly, with some smoke coming out of the bottom of the bus. It was spreading quickly when I stopped and shouted for all the passengers to get off as fast as possible," said the bus driver, age 55.

The blaze was extinguished about 15 minutes later by a single



The driver attempted to fight the fire before ordering an evacuation. Photo: Atchaa Khamlo

fire truck from the Karon Municipality Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation.

At the time of the fire only four Finnish tourists, one guide and a translator were aboard.

— Atchaa Khamlo

THE village headman of Baan Kho En has called for more safety features to be installed at the notorious "death bend" on Thepkasattri Road where the small community resides in the north of Phuket.

Somnuek Patee made his plea at a high-powered meeting to review safety measures put in place after a four-year-old boy and his aunt were killed in an accident at the site in November.

"The plastic traffic poles [installed between the southbound lanes to slow drivers down] are not helping. People still drive through at high speed," he said.

"The three big speed bumps [installed] have caused rear-end accidents, because people driving too fast hit the brakes when they



Village chief Somnuek Patee

see the speed bumps [and cars hit them from behind]," said Mr Somnuek.

"So warning signs should be installed about 800 meters before the curve and the speed bumps should be made smaller. This will also help reduce the noise made by big trucks when they drive over

them," he added.

Highways Department Phuket Office deputy chief Pramote explained they had already installed concrete blocks along the left side of the left lane southbound to separate traffic heading toward Phuket Town from the slow-moving vehicles using the shoulder along the curve.

"We have already installed concrete blocks along 310 meters of the road. We are now waiting to install the blocks along a further 90m around the curve," Mr Pramote said.

"The delay is because we are waiting for delivery of the remaining blocks needed [to complete the job]" he added.

— Warisa Temram



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## Witness in land probe found hanged

A SECURITY guard questioned by government officials about the ownership of land at Freedom Beach in Patong has died of what appears to be a suicide.

The *Siangtai Daily* newspaper identified the deceased as 54-year-old Narong Pirotrak.

Patong Police and Phuket Kusoldharm Foundation rescue workers recovered the body, which was suspended by two belts fastened together. They estimated the time of death at about 10 hours before the discovery.

About five years ago Mr Narong was hired as a security guard at nearby Freedom Beach, just over the sub-district border in Karon.

Mr Narong looked after a plot of land that triggered a national-level probe after it was put on the market for billions of baht.

About two weeks ago, Mr Narong under duress signed a document related to his knowledge of the history of the land and was under stress ever since, the report quoted his wife saying.

Mrs Wanida said her husband never suffered from stress or depression before and thought it was unlikely he would have taken his own life, according to the report.

# Where did the money go?

## Police chasing 'missing money' from currency exchange haul

By Atchaa Khamlo

POLICE are still investigating where the remainder of the two million baht in foreign currencies has disappeared to from the robbery of a currency exchange booth in Karon in November.

At a press conference at Chalong Police Station on January 24, Phuket Provincial Police Commander Chonasi Wattanavrangku said his officers were still investigating where most of the money had gone, though they already had confirmation that some of it had been used to fund a spending spree.

The press conference was called to present to the media the two suspects who were arrested for the crime on January 22.

Amnard "Tor" Ponpramun, 21, and Kriangsak "Jae" Jintaphakul, 25, were both arrested after a traveller's cheque marked as stolen in the robbery was presented at the Siam Commercial Bank branch at the Tesco Lotus supercenter on the bypass road.

Amnard, an employee of the bank, was on duty at the currency exchange booth when the robbery was carried out.

Both men have been charged with conspiracy to commit armed robbery at night.



Police have confirmed that at least some of the money was used to fund a spending spree. Inset: Amnard (left) and Kriangsak. Photos: Atchaa Khamlo

Chalong Police seized foreign banknotes with a total value of about 30,000 baht from Kriangsak's house, said Maj Gen Chonasi. "We are still investigating where the rest of the two million baht has gone," he said.

Chalong Police chief Krittapad Dej-intorrasorn said, "We will find the rest of the money. We will check bank accounts and any other way they may have hidden it."

However, Col Krittapad quickly added, "We suspect that some of the money has already been spent on a variety of things, such as a Honda CBR motorbike costing

more than 100,000 baht, four BB guns and *ya ice* [crystal meth], which our investigation has revealed Kriangsak was a regular user of."

He added that Kriangsak also bought two gold-plated rings, a Nokia mobile phone costing about 8,000 baht and new computer costing 24,000 baht – paid for in cash.

In front of the press, Amnard confessed to Maj Gen Chonasi that the robbery was a spur-of-the-moment idea, because they both needed money.

Col Krittapad explained that a combination of factors pointed

police to the two suspects.

"On the day the booth was robbed, a lot of money was kept in the safe. It had not been transferred to the head office for many days. That money should have been taken to the head office every day.

"Also, just seconds before Kriangsak broke into the booth, the light was turned off by Amnard. Actually, it was his colleague Wilaiwan Khao-ong, 22, whose regular duty was to switch off the light," he said.

Kriangsak hid his face from Wilaiwan and covered her eyes with tape, but he was not afraid for Amnard to see his face, he added.

In the end, however, it was not until Kriangsak's sister-in-law presented a traveller's cheque marked as stolen that police could move in and make their arrests.

The sister-in-law, whose name was not reported, presented the cheque for cashing at 2pm. When she returned at 4pm, Chalong Police officers were waiting for her.

"She confirmed that her brother-in-law had given her the cheque and she confirmed that he looked similar to the police sketch of the suspect," said Col Krittapad.

Following this confirmation, his officers arrested the two suspects.

## Widow blames spider bite for her husband's death

MRS Piyanan Boonsri, 30, took her husband Wanchai Wonglakorn from their home in Mai Khao to Thalang Hospital on Sunday evening after he complained of soreness in his arm.

Eight month's pregnant, the young wife said her husband returned from work as normal at about 6pm, then showered and changed clothes.

At about 8pm he complained of soreness to his right arm, saying the pain was so severe he could not lift it. An inspection revealed what appeared to be a red bruise and a small set of fang marks on his arm.

Mrs Piyanan took him to Thalang Hospital, where he was given pain medication, told to rest and come back at 8am the following morning.

"I took my husband home, but he didn't get any better. By 6am he told me he was in agony, so I took him back to the hospital where blood samples were drawn and x-rays taken. As we waited for the results, he complained of tightness in his chest and had trouble breathing. Doctors gave him cardiopulmonary resuscitation, but

'I believe that my husband was bitten by a black spider of the kind we often see around our home, especially in the bathroom.'

– Piyanan Boonsri



Mrs Piyanan will take Wanchai's body back to Sakon Nakhon. Photo: Warisa Temram

he passed away," she said.

The official cause of death was listed as anaphylaxis from the bite of an unidentified animal, she said.

"I believe my husband was bitten by a black spider of the kind we often see around our home, sometimes in the bathroom sometimes in the corners of other rooms," said Mrs Piyanan.

Mrs Piyanan is preparing to transport the body of her husband back to their native Sakon Nakhon province in northeastern Thailand.

– Warisa Temram

## Patong Immigration Office to reopen

PHUKET Immigration Office Superintendent Panuwat Ruamrak has confirmed to the *Phuket Gazette* that the Immigration Office in Patong will reopen next week.

The news comes amid rumors that the Patong Immigration Office, which is located right next door to the Patong Tourist Police Volunteers office, had been closed permanently.

"The Patong Immigration Office has not been shut down. It was closed temporarily for renovations," said Col Panuwat.

"The building needed some im-

provements and they decided to close it so the work could be carried out properly. It will reopen and everything will be back to normal again next week or soon after," he added.

Col Panuwat went on to explain, "The Patong office is only for providing information to tourists and to act as a coordination center. Any foreigners wanting to do their 90-day report, extend their visa or apply for a new visa still need to come to the Phuket Immigration Office in Phuket Town."

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The Phuket Immigration Office in Patong will reopen next week. Photo: Patong Tourist Police Volunteers

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## Revered abbot of Mai Khao passes away

MORE than 1,000 people, including Governor Tri Augkaradacha, attended a memorial service for Luangpor Daeng, the revered abbot of Mai Khao Temple since 1978.

Originally from Nakhon Sri Thammarat, Luangpor Daeng was ordained at Wat Khunapanangtun Temple in Phattalung in 1967.

He was appointed abbot at Mai Khao Temple in 1978, serving as a teaching abbot there until his passing.

He suffered from an age-related cardiac condition and finally passed away in the ICU at Srinakarind Hospital in Haad Yai on January 19, at the age of 79.

Bathing rites were held the following day. Those in attendance included Phuket Governor Tri Augkaradacha and Phuket MP Anchalee Vanich-Thepabutr.

Luangpor Daeng's body will lie in state at the temple for devotees to pay last respects until February 18, when a cremation ceremony will begin at 6pm.

— *Phuket Gazette*

# Dubious land claim sparks protest

By Warisa Temram

MORE than 100 residents of the Soi Kingkaew Community in Rassada have protested to the governor over alleged attempts by a private investor to get a Chanote land title deed for a 300-rai plot in the area.

Led by Thongchai Kaewthong, the residents of Rassada Village 3 went to see Phuket Governor Tri Augkaradacha at Phuket Provincial Hall after Land Office surveyors arrived in their community to survey the 300-rai plot.

Such survey work is a necessary step to upgrade a *SorKor 1* land use certificate to a full Chanote land title deed.

The incipient controversy has a high potential to become a large-scale conflict, as more than 2,000 families now call the area home. Their community is the result of decades of encroachment in the area, which was once dense mangrove forest.

Receiving the villagers letter of complaint was Phuket Provincial Office chief Prajiad Aksornthammakul, Damrongtham Center chief Prapan Kanprasang, and Sitthichai Phromchart of the



Satellite images of the Soi Kingkaew area in 2004 (main photo) and in 2010 (inset) show the extent of encroachment in the area. Photos: Google Maps

Phuket Land Office.

They received a letter on behalf of Phuket Governor Tri, who was busy attending the funeral of an assassinated reporter, meeting the mother of a 12-year-old girl feared kidnapped and cutting the ribbon at the opening of a ladyboy cabaret show.

"We have heard that there is an investor who wants the Land Office to issue a land title deed for more than 300 rai of land in the Soi Kingkaew community area.

On January 19 an officer from the Phuket Land Office came to measure that land," said Mr Thongchai.

"There are more than 2,000 families living in this area. Moreover, we have heard from Rassada Municipality that this piece of land is mangrove forest area, so any development should be prohibited," he said.

The investor claims to have a *SorKor 1*, which contains only a brief written description of the

boundaries of the land by the claimant, without any survey. The certificate states that the land in question belongs to Village 1, not Village 3.

"This piece of land in Soi Kingkaew Village 3 belongs to the Royal Forest Department. I don't understand how anyone can request to have a land title deed issued on it," said Mr Thongchai.

Mr Sitthichai of the Phuket Land Office said, "We are now checking if that *SorKor 1* certificate is valid and correct. Anyone who holds a *SorKor 1* certificate has a legal right to ask us to survey the land.

"But if we find that the *SorKor 1* certificate is not correct, or that the piece of land belongs to the Royal Forest Department, we can't issue the Chanote land title deed to that person. We are now checking the certificate to resolve the dispute," he added.

Mr Sitthichai suggested the villagers draw up a petition and submit it to the Damrongtham Center.

"They will be able to use the petition as evidence for the Land Office to not issue a land title deed," Mr Sitthichai ended.

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Tourist Arndt Schneider watches as a woman returns his passport, placing it in one of the shoes he left outside his rented room. Photo: Atchaa Khamlo

## 'Spike girl' returns victim's passport

ANOTHER tourist is believed to have fallen victim to "drink spiking" in Patong by a woman who made off with his valuables as well as the room safe, but made sure his passport was returned.

Arndt Schneider, 47, from Germany, went to a bar on Soi Sansabai on January 17 to play pool with a friend who was on holiday with him, he told the *Gazette*.

At about 7:30am the next day he took a Thai woman he had met that night back to his apartment.

"When she and I got in the room, I had a beer and just a few minutes later I fell down. I didn't know what was going on," he said.

Mr Schneider woke up at about 5am a day later to find his apartment room safe gone, along with the valuables inside: almost 10,000 baht worth of different currencies (baht and US dollars), ATM cards, and his passport. He later he found his passport in one of the shoes

that he'd placed outside the room.

The apartment receptionist reported the theft to Patong Police, who examined the room on the Thursday morning that he awoke.

CCTV footage shown by the apartment owner, showed him and the girl arriving at the room at 7:26am. The footage showed the same woman leaving the room at 8:17am and looking around the apartment building before returning to the room.

At 8:19am, the woman left the apartment with a black plastic bag that police presume to have contained the room safe, before she returned empty handed 10 minutes later. She is thought to have stayed in the room until later that afternoon.

The video footage also shows a different woman stopping outside the room at 9am to place Mr Schneider's passport in his shoe.

— *Atchaa Khamlo*



# Hotel CEO says 'No more payouts'

By Atchaa Khamlo

THE Andaman Beach Suites Hotel in Patong has confirmed that it will no longer pay any guests who claimed their room was robbed without sufficient evidence, after a recent surge in cases and a tightening of hotel security.

The hotel has paid victims in six of the past eight instances, all since July. In each of those cases, hotel staff or outside persons were suspected of robbing the room safes.

"In eight cases our guests' valuables were stolen from their safes. That's not normal, and it was a situation that I took very seriously," said Sommai Phasee, chairman and CEO of the hotel.

"However I do not believe that the thieves are members of my staff. I checked with all of them and I am nearly 100% certain that none of them are thieves. We even had fingerprints of 10 of my staff members suspected to be involved in the cases checked and the results showed that they were innocent.

"We started to pay out the entire amount of money [estimated



**LUCKY LAST:** Jim Nagi, who was reimbursed for valuables he argued were stolen from his hotel room.

value of stolen items], when an Australian couple, who are regular guests of ours, had valuables stolen," he said.

Mr Sommai explained that the hotel security at that time was not "perfect", because the room safe could be opened by a key, hotel code and guest code.

The safes used in the rooms at the hotel were brought from Mr Sommai's old hotel, the Club Andaman Beach Resort, which closed more than a year ago.

"We did not reset the codes and that was reckless on our part," he explained.

The hotel also paid an Ameri-



**Andaman Beach Suites CEO Sommai Phasee.** Photos: Atchaa Khamlo

can man whose safe had been opened with the "secret" code according to the hotel's safe-record.

"We paid him because I did not want our hotel to lose its reputation," he said.

After the third and fourth cases were reported to the hotel, com-

ments on the popular travel portal TripAdvisor started to make accusations "that you will be robbed" if you stayed at the hotel.

Mr Sommai believes that crooks seeing the comments have tried to take advantage of the hotel's past lenient policy on repaying some of their guests, which

was not the industry standard, as pointed out by Director of Rooms Thuwanan "Charn" Peanawan. "The hotel in Bangkok where I previously worked had guests' valuables stolen 10 times, and they never paid anyone out," he said.

Citing the most recent incident at the Andaman Beach Suites, Mr Sommai said, "Jim Nagi even told us that he saw the complaints on TripAdvisor. I thought he was making up his story because he had brought visitors to his room without hotel permission and was always having issues that required hotel staff to come into his room.

"Also, he could not open his safe and my staff had to open the safe with the key for him.

"According to the safe opening record, Mr Nagi opened the safe quite often, sometimes 11 times in one day," Mr Charn said.

Mr Sommai has now created new safe codes and reinstalled CCTV cameras so who comes in and out of the rooms can be monitored.

"Now, anyone who claims they have had their things stolen and do not have enough evidence, I will never pay," Mr Sommai said.

## Italian tourist recovers after being 'stabbed by mistake'

THE Italian man who was stabbed at Nai Harn Beach on January 16 has told the *Gazette* that he was probably "stabbed by mistake".

Giovanni, 33, who asked for his family name not to be published, was released from the intensive-care unit (ICU) at Bangkok Hospital Phuket on January 18.

He was rushed to the hospital after being stabbed in the back. The wound, so deep that it punctured one of his lungs, required immediate surgery.

Giovanni's cousin, Donna, who lives and works in Phuket, told the *Gazette* that Giovanni and her brother Mario were attacked by a gang of youths at the beach.

"Giovanni and Mario drove to Nai Harn Beach on separate motorbikes at about 9.30pm after having dinner with us," she said.

Her brother Mario and the sibling's parents had to come to Phuket to visit Donna.

"Giovanni got off his motorbike and Mario was still sitting on his motorbike with the engine running when they were approached by about eight teenagers – between 17 and 20 years old – who were sitting on motorbikes nearby," she said.

The "teenagers" walked up and surrounded Giovanni and Mario.

"They said something that my cousin and my brother did not understand," said Donna.

Mario, still on the motorbike, sped away from the gang, while Giovanni tried running away.

"They chased them and one of the gang stabbed my cousin in the



**Italian tourist Giovanni, on his first visit to Phuket, said the stabbing was most likely a case of 'mistaken identity'.** Photos: Atchaa Khamlo

back while he was trying to get on the back of Mario's motorbike, who had stopped to wait for him," said Donna.

"Mario raced to a hotel nearby and the staff there rushed them to my house, which is about two kilometers away in Rawai. I called Bangkok Hospital for an ambulance to take him to the hospital," she added.

Giovanni was released from intensive care only after doctors were sure he no longer needed assistance to breathe.

"I would like the police to do something. The police already got the report on the same day," Donna said.

"I don't know why they attacked us because we did not have any fight with them. We didn't know them at all. We had just arrived [at the beach]," said

Giovanni, who speaks little English.

"I'm not sure whether they thought we were someone else who they had a problem with," he said.

Giovanni arrived in Phuket with a male friend on the day he was attacked.

It was his first visit to Phuket.

– Atchaa Khamlo



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## Nong Pin's mum appeals to Gov Tri



Anyone with information is urged to call the police at 076-212115.

MOTHER of Samudchaya "Nong Pin" Yanpunya on January 19, met with the Phuket governor to seek high-tech help in tracking down her missing 12-year-old, who vanished over six weeks ago.

The girl was last seen leaving an internet cafe near Soi Lorong in Phuket Town.

"I came to see Governor Tri to ask him for help in contacting the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology to trace the exact location of the last activity on Nong Pin's Facebook," said Mrs Samruay.

"Her last Facebook activity was a 'friend request' from a user named 'Aung', which was accepted. The Facebook page did not show when," she said.

After a Phuket Police investigation failed to find Nong Pin in Phuket, Mrs Samruay took the search to Bangkok.

"I went to ask for help at many places, but I still haven't heard back from any of them," said Mrs Samruay.

At the meeting Governor Tri promised to do all he could to help Mrs Samruay.

# Koh Yao Land Corruption

## Prompong orders probe into officials issuing illegal land deeds

By Atchaa Khamlo

PHEU Thai MP and Government Spokesman Prompong Nopparit will formally request the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) to investigate corruption by government officers in the encroachment into protected forest land on Koh Yao Yai in Phang Nga coastal waters.

Mr Prompong lead a team of investigators on January 20 to inspect the encroachment on the island, which sits halfway across Phang Nga Bay between Phuket and the mainland.

He concluded that government officials acted illegally in issuing land deeds to developers.

The land in question covers about 500 rai in Ao Klong Son Baan Yamee, Phang Nga, regulated by 13 *NorSor 3 Gor* land use documents issued in 1977.

The villagers of Baan Yamee have been fighting the developers for years, lodging complaints with many government departments, including the Phang Nga Damrongtham Center and the Phang Nga Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office.

So far none have responded to their complaints.

The disputed land is currently cut off by razor-wire that coils its way from the beach along both sides of the road.

Officials inspecting the land, observed an excavator at the site but no workers were present at the time of their visit.

The villagers do have a potent ally. Col Lt Korrawat Panprapakorn from the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) for the last seven years has



Damage done: an excavator sits idle. Photo: Atchaa Khamlo

travelled regularly from his Bangkok office to the island to monitor the encroachment.

"The DSI received a complaint from the Koh Yao Yai villagers in 2006. We examined their claim and believe that there is a corruption issue surrounding the *NorSor 3 Gor* as it pertains to protected forest land," said Col Korrawat.

According to the DSI's documentation, the area was first designated as a preserved forest in 1967. However, by 1976 it was noticed that parts of the beach had been encroached on. Land higher up the hill was found to have been encroached on in 2005. By 2007 a road had been build and adjacent forest cleared.

"We referred the case to the Attorney General's Office with a view to prosecuting the landowner. The case is now with them," he said.

In 2009, the *Gazette* reported that Pol Lt Col Prawuth Wongsrinil, head of the DSI's consumer and environment protection



DSI Col Korrawat and MP Prongpong survey the area from onboard Marine Police boat 814. Photo: Janpen Upatising

unit, identified businessmen Thawat, Tara and Prasit Tantipiriyakij as wanted in connection with encroachment at the site.

A fourth man, Bumrung Wongchumpit, was also accused.

The villagers are not the only party to have taken legal action.

In 2006, reacting to contamination of their drinking water, some 50 villagers crossed into the land belonging to the title deed owner to inspect the water source. The villagers claim that when it rained the water became dirty, containing soil washed away from higher ground.

As a result of the villagers trespassing on his land, in 2007, the owner sued 17 of the villagers for land encroachment, theft of trees and receiving stolen property.

That case is now before the Phang Nga Provincial Court.

Baan Yamee villager Somnuek Plukpued, 42, said, "Eight years ago they proposed to build marina for 280 yachts. We opposed the

project and it was changed to a village project up on the hill. Four years ago the razor wire barriers went up."

Somnuek said, "Baan Yamee has about 81 families of which most are Muslim. They make their living fishing or tapping rubber. Ao Klong Son has always been the place for them to earn money, encroachment has had quite an effect on them as when it rains dirt gets carried into the sea and reduces the marine life."

According to Thanu Nepnian, the director of the non-government organization (NGO) called the Andaman Natural Resources Cooperation Association, the original land owners are listed as Bamrung Wongchumpit, Thawat Tantipiriyakij, Thara Tantipiriyakij and Mr Prasit Tantipiriyakij – the same men investigated by the DSI in 2009.

The land was sold to Naracha Company, a partnership of foreign companies based in Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan.

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## Dive crew to the rescue

QUICK action by the crews of two vessels saved the lives of seven foreigners when their chartered catamaran caught fire and sunk in the waters off Koh Rok on January 20.

The crew of the Sailing Yacht (SY) Diva Andaman were interrupted during their beach barbecue on Koh Rok, an island about 30 kilometers southwest of Koh Lanta, at about 9pm when flames were seen aboard a catamaran anchored nearby.

The crew quickly launched a dinghy and headed out to fight the fire. However, before any action could be taken the fire had spread and the vessel was consumed by the flames.

The crew of SY Diva Andaman successfully rescued four people from the stricken catamaran, who had escaped the blaze by jumping into the sea.

A further three were pulled to safety by a dinghy launched from another nearby boat.



Seven people were rescued from the blazing catamaran, but it was too late to save the vessel, which later sunk. Photo: Diva Marine Co Ltd

All seven survivors were transported safely back to Koh Rok where the National Park Rangers looked after them.

Yannick Mazy, the Executive Director of Diva Marine, told *Phuket Gazette*, "The sailing cata-

maran completely burned down. I don't know who the boat owner was, but the passengers aboard were foreigners. They told me they had recently chartered the boat."

– *Phuket Gazette*



# Mixed reactions to Thailand recognizing Palestine state

THAILAND has earned criticism from Israel and plaudits from Muslim organizations worldwide after it recognized the independent state of Palestine in a surprise gesture earlier this month.

In a statement issued last Friday, Foreign Ministry spokesman Thani Thongphakdi said the Kingdom had informed the Palestinian delegation and all member states at the United Nations of its decision.

Thailand will recognize the state of Palestine as defined by the boundaries that existed prior to the Six-Day War in 1967, which brings the number of countries that recognize the existence of Palestine to 131.

The move was not related to the arrest of a Lebanese man earlier in the month for allegedly plotting to bomb Israeli and Ameri-

can targets in Bangkok, Mr Thani said.

Thailand recently criticized the United States, Israel and other countries for issuing terrorist threat warnings about their citizens, claiming the announcements were unnecessary and done without the consultation of Thai authorities.

"Thailand's recognition of a Palestinian state is the first of the New Year 2012 and is a new achievement for Palestinian diplomacy," Palestinian foreign minister Riyad al-Maliki told the official news agency Wafa, as reported by AFP.

Israel, which has long enjoyed good relations with the Kingdom, expressed "disappointment" at the decision.

Israel's embassy in Bangkok was informed by the Thai government of the move

before the announcement was made by Bangkok's mission at the UN, Mrs Stein said.

The decision nevertheless earned Thailand praise from many quarters, including Muslim countries and pro-Palestinian activist organizations.

In a statement on its website, Palestine Solidarity Campaign Thailand said that Thailand had "a very special role in the world and commands a lot of respect."

"Thailand has shown beyond a shadow of doubt that it is to be counted amongst the forces prepared to stand up against injustice," it continued. "By adding its voice to the growing number of nations recognizing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to statehood and to the human dignity that the rest of us take for granted."



Palestinian demonstrator Photo: Jack Guez/AFP

# Reshuffle gives critics ammo

## AROUND THE nation

PRIME Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's 16-member Cabinet reshuffle has been overshadowed by allegations that one new minister has business links with Zimbabwean president and international pariah Robert Mugabe.

Mrs Yingluck announced a major reshuffle on January 18. Six ministers were moved to new posts, while 10 new faces joined the Cabinet.

Attracting most controversy was the appointment of Nalinee Taveesin as Prime Minister's Office minister. Shortly after her name was announced it emerged that she appeared on a US Treasury Department blacklist for having dealings with the regime of

African strongman Robert Mugabe.

The US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control put her name on the list of Zimbabwean specially designated nationals in 2008, banning her from doing business with American citizens or entities, for alleged involvement in business transactions with Grace Mugabe, wife of the Zimbabwean president.

**'We checked Ms Nalinee's background and she passed. Her appointment also meets all requirements under the constitution,'**

— Yingluck

when the leader of the African state visited Thailand.

The Democrat-led opposition demanded Mrs Yingluck withdraw Mrs Nalinee from the Cabinet, but the premier vowed to stick with her decision.

Meanwhile, the appointment of Natthawut Saikua, a key red-shirt

Mrs Nalinee said at a press conference that she had only social connections with Mugabe, not business dealings, as alleged.

The minister said she had gotten to know Mr Mugabe and his wife in 2002,

## Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's Cabinet Reshuffle

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				Torpong Chaiyasarn Deputy Public Health Minister	Pichai Nariphaphan Energy Minister

His Majesty the King on Monday called on new Cabinet members to strictly follow their promise of performing their duty for the benefit of the people and the country. Photo: The Nation

leader, to the post of deputy agriculture minister has added to the controversy.

Mr Natthawut, known for his charismatic speeches, was one of

the main leaders of the United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship, which held mass protests against the former government of Abhisit Vejjajiva in 2010.

The demonstrations led to the deaths of 92 people and the burning of a number of buildings in Bangkok during the violent army crackdown that ensued.

## Police uncover 1bn baht of hard drugs

PATHUM Thani Police last week seized a massive haul of *ya ba* (methamphetamine), *ya ice* (crystal meth) and heroin worth more than one billion baht in one of the largest drugs seizures in Thailand in recent years.

The drugs were found in a house rented out to a fugitive suspect by former actress Jarinya Hannarong.

After receiving a complaint of suspected registration-plate theft, police on January 20, chased a suspicious Toyota Camry sedan, which later crashed in the Khlong Luang district of Pathum Thani.

The driver escaped with two big bags, but police seized three grams of *ya ice* and managed to identify the man as Nipon Kanchat, 54.

Police yesterday searched the suspect's home off Ratchadaphisek Road in Bangkok, where they found 41 grams of *ya ice*.

They also searched a house rented by Mr Nipon at the Sammakorn Khlong 2 Estate, where they found some two million *ya ba* tablets, 30 kg of *ya ice* and 20 kg of heroin.

Mrs Jarinya told police she had no knowledge of the drugs in the house, and complained that the case could damage her reputation.



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# Gunning for safety

SECURITY issues and their effect on Phuket's all-important tourism industry have come into sharp focus in recent weeks following two high-profile incidents of violence here on the island.

Governor Tri Augkaradacha [See Governor's Letter, facing page] is correct in his reaction to the impacts of the assassination earlier this month of investigative reporter Wisut "Ae Inside" Tangwitthayaporn or the inexplicable violence perpetrated against socialite Vorasit "Pla-wan" Issara at the Rachada pub.

Police investigators will no doubt continue to work with full intensity to ensure justice is served in both cases. The real key to restoring tourists' perception of Phuket as a safe destination, however, lies in ensuring that all violent crimes are investigated, regardless of whether the victim is from a high-profile family, reporter, backpacking tourist, beach vendor, undocumented Burmese laborer or even some poor unidentified soul.

Those among us who follow local news day-to-day know that the intensity of crime investigations in Phuket depends to a large degree on who was victimized and, in some cases, who did the victimizing.

Crimes perpetrated against foreign tourists from Europe and other important tourist source markets are more thoroughly investigated than crimes carried out against foreigners from Burma, Cambodia or Laos, for example.

This sad status quo will be difficult to redress, especially considering that the bias is so deeply ingrained in the system that government officials even employ different words for different "classes" of non-Thais, with Europeans and East Asians referred to as *khon tang chart* ("people from other nations") while guest workers and their compatriots are grouped together under the less distinguished term *khon tang daow*, which roughly translates as "outsiders".

Another key to restoring confidence in Phuket would be a real crackdown on weapons violations, including, but not limited to, firearms.

The bevy of weapons kept on the premises of the Rachada pub, including an axe fashioned from a razor-sharp motorbike brake rotor, indicates the extent to which the implements of violence surround us. This especially so in nightclubs where people are drinking and, in many cases, high on *ya bah* (methamphetamine).

Allowing this to continue makes about as much sense as putting hammers and blocks of wood in front of beer bars so punters who lack the mental capacity to play Connect Four can bang nails with bargirls.

Finally, and at the expense of sounding like a broken record, another key factor is providing residents and tourists alike with a safe and affordable public transport system. This would cut down on road rage, the never-ending stream of violent incidents between taxi and tuk-tuk drivers and tourists, and possibly even eliminate some of the thug mentality that pervades local transport syndicates.



## 'Living' in the cycling lane

I live adjacent to Airport Road near the Heroines monument and like to cycle 3, 4 or 5 times a week, up to the airport turn off and back.

However, I'm at the stage where I'm almost scared to get on my bike. I have had so many near accidents because vehicles use the cycling/motorbike lane for undertaking.

The worst section is at the first set of traffic lights after Thalang. Vehicles even sit in the cycling lane at the lights. Needless to say the worst culprits are the airport taxis, limousines and minibuses.

Many times I've had a taxi behind me flashing its lights and waving for me to get over, yet I'm in the cycle lane. Several times I have been forced off my bike. I've also been frightened out of my wits, when suddenly a vehicle will swerve into the lane to undertake a car, without acknowledgment of me on my bike.

I would like to know what the highway and traffic police do everyday as I have never seen anyone in 15 years stopped for a traffic infringement. I also drive this road daily and have seen buses using the cycle lane to overtake traffic!

Swerv  
Thalang

### Why bank when you have a safe?

Re: Gazette online, Phuket ATM scams: Even professionals get caught out, January 23

A good safe used to cost about 3,000 baht, but maybe they have gone up in price since I last bought one. Considering that interest paid on deposits is less than one per cent, and then taxed, it is less hassle to just keep your money in a safe. No running to a machine when you need cash,

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less risk and well worth the cost.

If you really want to put large amounts of money into a Thai bank, think twice, and then use a time deposit account. They cannot be accessed via ATMs.

Phuket Kenny  
Gazette forum

### 'Heroic' pressman

Re: Gazette online, Red Shirt leader hails Phuket's 'Ae Inside' as 'brave, fearless', January 19

Without any doubt Kuhn Ae was a hero. I have a lot of respect for what he investigated and published.

Although "Red" isn't my first choice in Thai politics, I admire Khun Ae for how he tried to fight corruption.

Because of investment reasons, I cannot currently leave Phuket with my beloved Thai family.

A few "political" and influential local top guys are killing this paradise. Bangkok knows who they are.

PhuketExpat  
Gazette forum

### Soi dog or your dog

Re: Gazette online, 800 dogs rescued from smugglers in Nakhon Phanom, January 16

I wonder what percentage of these dogs have been stolen from their owners?

I'm sure that mangy street dogs aren't in high demand. This needs to be fully investigated to see if there is a larger black market operating out of Phuket and other provinces.

My dog was stolen from my garden two months ago. I really hate to think she ended up on that Vietnam death truck.

Darwin  
Gazette forum

### Fake monk leaves a bad taste

Re: Gazette online, Officials warn of 'fake monks' targeting Phuket tourists, January 23

On January 5 my wife and I gave a lift to two fake monk hitchhikers at junction 402/4031 to the airport.

They were very rude once inside the car, and demanded money for a flight to BKK. We gave them 500 baht just to get them out of the car.

This was not a nice experience on our way home! Best regards from snowy Switzerland.

Arnold Huber  
Switzerland

### Your passport isn't yours

Re: Gazette online, Rampant rental car thefts in Phuket, January 16

The article says: "Mr Sarun [one of three partner in the car rental company] is now only renting cars to foreigners and asks that they leave their passports with him."

Never leave your passport with anyone – it belongs to your government, not you.

My advice would be to go to another rental shop if you're asked to leave it. There are many car rental operations all over the island.

agogohome  
Gazette Forum

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# Cracking down on violence in Phuket

## LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR

THE gunning down of journalist Wisut "Ae Inside" Tangwittayaporn, as well as the attack on Vorasit "Plawan" Issara have seriously affected Phuket's image in the tourism industry.

We have to regain the trust of the people. The safety of all people in Phuket is a fundamental concern to me and my office.

In order to get back the tourists' trust, I have ordered police officers to take special care in ensuring the safety and welfare of all people. The fact that police officers have arrested criminals quickly [in both cases] should be a good indication that the police take good care of everyone on Phuket. I believe we can regain the trust of the people and re-establish our good reputation this way.

The mass media has the responsibility to present news, information and events to the general public of Phuket. They are there to inform the public and keep them aware of current affairs. Sometimes, the people they have written about, or implicated in a story, may be unhappy to be mentioned.

Some choose to solve the is-



**Tri Augkaradacha**, Phuket Governor, took up his position in October 2010 after serving almost four years as Phuket vice governor. Having already reached the mandatory retirement age of 60 years, he will finish his career in the civil service at the end of October, 2012. Here speaks on restoring the world's faith in Phuket.

sue in a legal way, but others chose to solve the problem by attacking the journalist.

Of course journalists, just like everyone else, are protected under Thai law. However, I would ask journalists to exercise caution when writing about someone or something [that is likely to be contentious].

The use of unregistered firearms by gunmen and other criminals in Phuket is a concern. We conduct searches for illegal firearms in order to prevent serious offenses from occurring. But most gunmen use illegal or non-registered guns that have been smuggled onto Phuket, making them difficult to trace.

We have also undertaken checks for drugs and weapons in

bars as a way to prevent any other incidents like the assault on Plawan from happening.

Everyone's safety is our first priority. We have a checkpoint at Tha Chat Chai that monitors everyone who goes in and out of our province. We not only check who the people are, but also look for weapons and other illegal items and substances.

In addition to these safety measures we also have CCTV cameras installed at popular tourist attractions, some of the more important government buildings and in local communities to help us document criminal activity.

I have ordered police officers and others concerned to increase safety measures. With our increased efforts and quick police work I believe we will regain the trust of tourists, as well as the residents of Phuket.

**'I believe we can regain the trust of the people,'**

— Gov Tri

## Leathal weapons



A variety of bladed tools and weapons are on sale in several of the booths outside of Wat Chalong for the festival. Photo: Gazette

IN PHUKET you are never far from a stabbing weapon that could end your life.

Swords stacked high in stalls at night markets, hunting knives on sale at high-end weapon stores or the six-inch switchblade tucked in the pants of a bartender. We are just never that far away from blades, knowingly or otherwise.

These are designed for killing, maiming or showmanship. There are other kinds too. Ones used to enrich, not end, our lives.

Like the cleaver in the hand of a local *khaew man ghai* vendor or the trusty penknife used to open a bottle of red on a Friday night. These are tools of trade, however, their intended use innocent.

But for a small, misguided sect of Phuket society, there is an attitude toward carrying weapons that needs to be stomped out, locked up and not tolerated.

There is the knife salesman who sells his blades to children, the barman who keeps a knife under the bar, and the maniacs who made headlines in this newspaper last week, who make axes from brake discs [see inset photo].

## Island View

By Blair Christopher

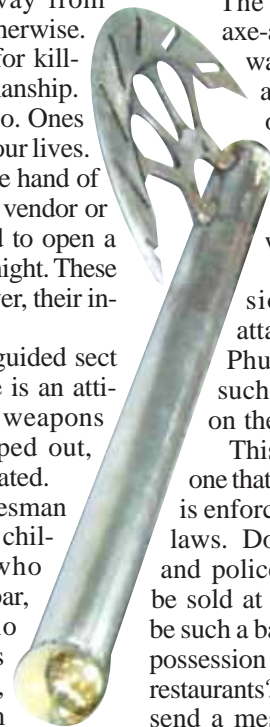
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What are these people thinking?

The story about the brutal axe-and-knife attack on Plawan Issara is evidence of a worrying trend: a bar, or the people who work there, can stash such an arsenal of weapons of death and get away with it.

The obvious conclusion to draw from the attack is that if one bar in Phuket Town is hoarding such weapons, then others on the island are too.

This is a morality tale, but one that will only change if there is enforcement of tougher knife laws. Do Samurai swords, axes and police sticks really have to be sold at markets? And would it be such a bad idea to jail people for possession of weapons in bars and restaurants? I say jail them all, and send a message to the hoodlums who think carrying weapons is cool.



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

### Water interru – sorry what's the question?

Why do we have so many water supply interruptions in Patong? I am a business owner, and lately I have been forced to buy water from a private vendor on a daily basis, which has increased my water bill by 100 per cent. Since we get a lot of rain every year, why does the water supply to Patong dry up so often?

Danny Nm, Patong Beach

### Phuket Provincial Waterworks Authority Manager Pisak Chonlayut replies:

It is quite normal for businesses in Patong to buy their water from private vendors. As it stands, if you are waiting for water supplied by us, it just won't be enough.

We don't have a problem pumping the available water supply to Patong. We move water around the clock. The problem is that there are too many people living Patong during the high season. There just isn't enough treated water.

We are currently supplying more than 20,000 cubic meters of treated water per day to Patong,

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but still it is not enough. We are trying our best to produce as much treated water as we can. There are plans to have more water treatment plants built to compensate for the increase demand.

There is enough water on Phuket, but the problem is that we cannot treat it fast enough.

Please contact us at 076-319173 and let us know where your company is located so I can have my workers come out and look into your issue. You can also visit our office, located at 106/137 Wichitsongkram Road, Kathu or email us at [5551024@pwa.co.th](mailto:5551024@pwa.co.th).

### Boat trailer hitch

I intend to bring a boat trailer into Thailand through Satun Cus-

toms checkpoint. The boat I will bring in by sea and check in through the normal processes.

What papers do I have to bring to the customs checkpoint?

And can the boat trailer stay in Thailand as long as the boat stays there?

Boat Captain, Satun

### A Satun customs checkpoint officer replies:

To bring the boat trailer into Thailand through the Satun checkpoint you will need to bring all the documents filed when your boat arrived.

This will include your passport, Bill of Landing, boat registration and an invoice for all taxes and fees paid when you first brought the boat to port.

If the trailer will only be in the Kingdom temporarily (less than six months), then you won't have to pay an import tax on it.

If the trailer will be here for more than six months you will have to pay a fee, but it isn't that much.

After paying the taxes on the boat trailer it can stay in Thailand for as long as you want to keep it here.

## Death trap vs traffic jam

The intersection at the end of Nanai Road going to Karon is an absolute death trap.

Why is there no light or officer to properly and safely direct traffic? I see police there all the time checking for helmets, while vehicles plow into the junction, seemingly oblivious to road safety.

This junction needs a light as soon as possible before the death toll increases.

Tom Jones, Patong

### Sarawut Chuprasit, Kathu Traffic Police Chief replies:

The reason there is no traffic light at the intersection is because the number of vehicles using the road is not balanced. Nanai road isn't nearly as busy as the road it intersects, Sirirat road.

We have flashing lights installed. It is better for drivers to be cautioned when entering the intersection instead of having traffic lights, which would cause a serious traffic jam.





# New biz center opens

By Warisa Temram

KASIKORN Bank Group last week opened Southern Thailand's first Business Services, Securities and Leasing Center, located on Thepkasatri road in Phuket Town.

The center will specialize in investment and lending services for Kasikorn clients in Phuket and the entire southern region.

Padermpob Songkroh, Managing Director of Private Fund Management, Kasikorn Securities said, "The center is one of only 12 nation wide and the third such center to be opened outside of the

Bangkok metropolitan area. The first one opened in 2010 in Chiang Mai and the second in Pattaya last year. A fourth one is planned for the Isarn region in the near future."

"Kasikorn gives importance to the expansion of investment channels via Kasikorn Bank branches that have market opportunity and potential," he continued.

"These centers increase access to services for investing in integrated capital markets and serve bank client groups which number more than 9 million subscribers. Access to investment opportunities is made possible by

opening of 'Full Branches' or Business Centers in major cities, in addition to 'Mini Branches' also known as K Investment Corners," he explained.

He continued, "Phuket has great economic potential and is preparing for the ASEAN Economic Community, which will take affect in the coming three to four years. The new center will improve the strength of our services and increase access in the Southern region to investment opportunities, which are expanding."

As for the new Phuket center's target in the first three months, Mr

Padermpob said the branch has set a goal to open 100 new accounts.

Also attending the opening ceremony was Akaranan Titsiriwit, Managing Director of Kasikorn Leasing Co Ltd, who went on to reveal the following figures.

"We now have about 3,000 to 4,000 clients in Phuket and our growth target this year is set at about 38%. We will support loans for both Japanese and European cars. In all, Kasikorn has as much as 400,000 loan portfolios and outstanding loans are valued at about 70 billion baht," he said.

"In the first nine months of last



The new Phuket center is the 3rd to be opened outside Bangkok.

year we were able to issue loans for 800,000 cars. However, we didn't reach our target due to the flooding, which had affected [business] in the last three months. As long as nothing major happens this year, we expect to see growth and reach our goals," he added.

# White-collared to gain from boom

THE local work-force and overall economy of Phuket stand to benefit from the ensuing boom in real estate, an executive of a major real estate developer has said.

Speaking exclusively with the *Phuket Gazette*, Suriya Wannabuit, Executive Vice President of the Project Management and Marketing Department of Sansiri Pcl, shared his thoughts about the local economy.

"Locals don't tend to seek work in the construction sector. But that's not to say I would turn them away if they wanted to," he said.

"However, Phuket's resident workforce tend to be more oriented towards Small and Medium Enterprises. That said, one can not underestimate the high 'multiplier effect' that real estate has on the job

market, which is higher than other industries," he elaborates.

Starting with lending at banks, the economic benefits go on to branch out well beyond the construction site, he said.

"The 'k-factor' encompasses labor recruitment, contracting, consultancy, material sourcing, transport and ultimately an increased demand for more white collar jobs. More cash flow means more jobs, which in turn leads to increased consumer spending power," he explained.

Like other provinces, Phuket has advantages and disadvantages, but Mr Suriya believes that its strengths provide an ideal platform for stable economic growth.

"Phuket is special because its economy is less dependent on the



Suriya Wannabuit, an executive of real estate firm Sansiri Pcl.

overall economy of Thailand. Capital from around the world flows into the province directly, not just through domestic channels. When tourism flourishes on the global

scale, Phuket's service sector thrives. And as long as negative impacts are minimized on the local economy, then the service and labor sectors will continue on the upward trend," he explained.

"A stable economy will continue to draw more people to Phuket for employment. This particular segment of young working class people is growing, and many of Sansiri's projects have been designed with this segment in mind," he added.

He went on to address other limitations of Phuket. "One of the biggest hurdles developers face here is the limited, and thus soaring, price of land. In addition to limited land, local [blue collar] labor and materials are in shortage and thus are mostly imported from elsewhere. This causes base costs

to be higher here than other places such as Bangkok," he said.

Indeed, all these factors make it difficult for most firms to achieve a favorable turnover in Phuket. Therefore, any successful operation requires close attention to details.

This is one specialty of Sansiri – small details.

"I'd prefer to let our reputation and product speak for themselves. Those who are familiar with our previous projects can attest to the superior quality. Time will tell, and I'm confident that by the end of this year, Sansiri will be able to live up to its name in Phuket," he said.

Sansiri is launching three new projects in Phuket this year, with a combined value of 2 billion baht. See page 27 for more information.

– Steven Layne

# Lunar New Year sees limited vacancy

BOOKINGS at hotels in Phuket Town and at popular beach resort towns along the island's west coast will be mostly full from the end of January through early February.

The forecast came in an announcement by local tourism representatives last week that hotel occupancy rates across the island are expected to average between 90 to 100% full during the 2012 Lunar New Year festive period.

Celebrated by hundreds of mil-

lions around the globe – mostly of Chinese and Korean descent – the Lunar New Year officially began with the New Moon on January 23 and will conclude with the full moon on February 7.

Most tourist arrivals on Phuket during this period will come by direct flights from China and Korea, said Somboon Jirayus, President of Phuket Tourist Association.

Mr Somboon's comments should come as no surprise con-

sidering that Chinese and Korean tourists are two of the island's biggest inbound markets – along with Russians, Australians and Scandinavians.

"In addition to Seoul, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore, there are currently about 10 cities in mainland China that have direct flights to Phuket, including Beijing and Shanghai," he said.

Other Chinese cities with regularly-scheduled direct flights to Phuket include Chengdu, Chongqing, Kunming, Ningbo, Taiyuan, Wuhan and Xian.

Such Phuket flights are serviced by Seoul Airlines, Asiana Airlines, China Airlines, Air China, China Eastern Airlines, Sichuan Airlines, Shanghai Airlines, Dragon Air, Hainan Airlines, Jetstar Asia, Tiger Airways, Silk Air, Air Asia and Thai Airways.

Mr Somboon noted that in addition to ethnic Chinese tourists, scores of Korean tourists are expected to land on Phuket for the Korean New Year, Seollal.

"Scandinavian and Russian tourists will continue to come to Phuket as usual as it is still high season," he added.



FULLY BOOKED: Scores of ethnic Chinese are celebrating in Phuket.

The cumulative effect will bring hotels in Phuket's popular beach areas as well as in Phuket Town to either capacity or near capacity, he explained.

Although an average occupancy rate of 90% island-wide is expected to continue until January 30, some Phuket Town hotels are already reporting full bookings.

The Phuket Merlin Hotel is fully booked from January 25 to 27, and the Royal Phuket City has no vacancies from January 22 to 27.

An announcement last week by the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), reported by the *Gazette*, said that at least 900 million baht is expected to be generated by Phuket's tourism sector during the festive period, while billions in revenue is expected nationwide.

It was also announced by the TAT that no less than 60,000 tourist arrivals are expected in Phuket over the busy period.

– Warisa Temram and S Layne



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# Hydrofoil pilots

By Steven Layne

AN INNOVATIVE technology which looks to give a boost to the Andaman coastal region's sea transport industry, is now being piloted off the shores of Phuket.

Benchmarked by the unofficial launch of a hydrofoil sea transport and tour service, swift and seamless day trips from Phuket to distant, offshore havens in Krabi and Phang Nga provinces are not only possible, but have already been successfully demonstrated.

As the region's only working hydrofoil liner, the 128-seater "Flying Dolphin" embarked on its maiden voyage last Sunday to the world-renowned Similan Islands, northwest of Phuket.

Proving its sea-scaling-superiority to 82 inaugural passengers on board, the 59-ton, 36 meter long vessel lived up to its promise by completing the 100-kilometer trip in only an hour and a half.

Denys van Rooyen, Advisor for the operator, Dolphin Seaways Co Ltd, told the *Phuket Gazette* that the key to the hydrofoil's efficiency is its ability to maintain a constant speed.

"Large waves require other types of boats to constantly slow down and speed up, whereas a hydrofoil vessel can keep a constant speed. Essentially its hull is



**WINGS ON WATER:** The Flying Dolphin maintains its cruising speed of 65 km/hour due to hovering capabilities.

hovering above the water surface and thus is less affected by waves," he explained.

In addition to its speed and comfort advantages, the hydrofoil is also more efficient in terms of capacity and fuel consumption.

"Due to less drag in the water, it consumes a lot less fuel than one would expect from a vessel of this size," Denys noted.

With its hovering capabilities and jet-like characteristics, the cabin much resembles the inside of an

airplane – fitted with both window and aisle Boeing airplane seats.

In many ways, a hydrofoil ride is more like traveling by air than sea.

Thus it's only suitable that its service include onboard entertainment and amenities including fresh fruit and refreshments served, while those who need a refreshing breath of air can enjoy the open air hallway, and clean western toilets.

Partnering with Dolphin Seaways is the crew of veteran tour

agency Phuket Adventure Group Co Ltd, who will be coordinating shore transfers and other specialized touring services.

As for the official launch, Mr van Rooyen said that the service should be in full operation by the next tourism high season (roughly by October to November).

Meanwhile, the company plans to organize more pilot voyages over the next few months.

For more information, also see [dolphinseaways.com](http://dolphinseaways.com)

## Dive center targets 'no niche'

By Isaac Stone Simonelli

THE international appeal of Phuket's dive industry has seen many dive shops and dive centers on the island honing in on specific niche markets, usually centered around a specific country or nationality.

Backed with their well-equipped dive boat and brand new training facilities, Andaman Ocean Safaris' business model takes niche marketing a step further, by targeting agents, rather than any one market of divers.

Managing Director David Minnaar spoke exclusively with the *Phuket Gazette*, revealing his company's core features.

David established Andaman Ocean Safaris in August 2010, starting with the 12 million baht renovation of the *Chok Somboon* (complete luck), a three-storey, 68-person capacity dive boat.

The spacious, 23-meter vessel is one of only two companies in Asia to utilize top quality, Bauer "pure air" compressors.

"You can have 45 to 50 people on board and wouldn't even notice it. You don't feel cramped at all," Mr Minnaar said.

After a successful first season, Andaman Ocean Safaris expanded this month by opening a full-service dive center in Chalong.

The new center allows the com-



**Andaman Ocean Safaris' dive center (inset) and dive boat offer full service.**

pany to provide full dive services to divers and agents, starting from classroom and pool training, to "pure air" and ocean dives.

The center's modern and stylish facilities feature classrooms, trip-booking offices, a pro shop, restaurant, bar and one of the only saltwater pools in Phuket.

"We are geared towards companies that don't have their own dive boats, pool facilities, gear or even their own cylinders," Mr Minnaar explains.

The company, which strategically aligns itself with Patong-based All4Diving, is the only dive center to offer free pickup service anywhere on the island, David notes.

Agents take the industry norm of 30% for their marketing expenses. Most days Andaman Ocean Safaris has only 5 to 10 % of their own clients on board.

Mr Minnaar added that services include pickups, equipment management, meals (freshly prepared

daily on the boat's "hotel quality" kitchen), dives and drop-offs.

David went on to emphasize that he and his family want to play an important role in the community and are thinking of the longterm impacts of their business in Phuket.

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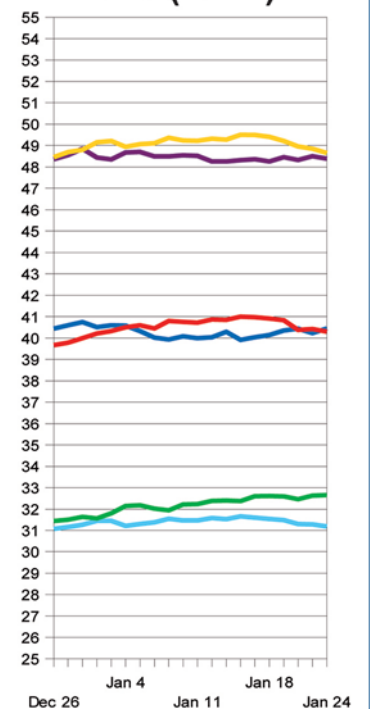
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Gasohol 95 (E10)	38.2	11.92	7.36
Gasohol 95 (E20)	35.45	12.97	N/A
Thai Gold (96.5%)*	24,900	5.96	27.37
Raw block rubber**	109	22.75	-32.26
Raw liquid rubber**	104	18.86	-20.31
FOB block rubber***	125	17.92	-31.24

Source=Dep. Internal Trade and Office of Rubber Replanting Aid Fund as of Jan 25, 2012 and \*per Thai Baht weight = 15.244 grams \*\*local market price \*\*\*Export price via Bangkok port

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# Protect yourself from ATM skimming

LAST week the *Phuket Gazette* ran a story about ATM skimming, describing how two long-term Phuket residents lost hundreds of thousands of baht at the hands of clever thieves. The banks involved came up with good advice: use ATMs either inside or at the front of bank branches; use ATMs from major banks as they have better anti-tamper systems and beware of people milling about or offering to help with your transactions. But there is much more than you can do, and it isn't all that difficult.

Phuket's a magnet for ATM scammers because the island draws lots of well-heeled tourists. People on vacation are less likely to keep close tabs on their bank accounts and if they get ripped off they aren't likely to stick around to see the judicial process through. The bad guys know it. That means we who live here have to work all that much harder to protect ourselves.

ATM skimming is a world-wide phenomenon, and recently it's gone very high tech. There's a series of articles on the advanced toys now in use by computer security guru Brian Krebs at [krebsonsecurity.com/tag/atm-skimmer](http://krebsonsecurity.com/tag/atm-skimmer). While most ATM cons rely on the old-fashioned guy looking over your shoulder routine, some are straight out of Buck Rogers.

There's a card insert in one of Brian's articles that fits inside a regular ATM card scanning slot: put your card in the bogus slot and as a magnetic stripe reader looks at your card number, a pin-size camera watches as you punch in your *Personal Identification Number* or PIN, and a Bluetooth connection transmits all of your card information to anyone nearby with the proper mods to a mobile phone. Unless you knew to look for it, you'd never see it. That's how sophisticated the technology is getting.

Bottom line: No matter how careful you are, there are ways to get your account number and PIN. Of course, you shouldn't tell anybody your PIN, you should make sure nobody's watching as you punch in your PIN, you should use ATMs in high profile locations... and so on. You should certainly choose a bank that notifies you by SMS every time your account has a transaction. But in the end, you have to accept the fact that no ATM technology is perfect.

So what can you do? Aside from getting rid of ATM cards entirely (which may be a good option for some people), is there a better way?

A friend of mine has a simple technique



Live Wire

By Woody Leonhard

that he's used for years. Here's how it works.

He keeps two bank accounts, both at the same bank. Both accounts have online access, so he can log on and transfer money between the accounts any time. Both have SMS notification, so he gets an SMS every time more than B 5,000 moves in or out of the accounts. But only one of the accounts has ATM capabilities.

He keeps a small amount of money – maybe B 10,000 or 20,000 – in the ATM account. If he needs more cash, he logs on to the non-ATM account and transfers enough to the smaller ATM account, to cover whatever he'll need.

He keeps most of his money in the account that doesn't have ATM access. It's his main account. When people are going to transfer money to him, he has them transfer the money into the non-ATM account. When he sets up automatic payment for credit cards or electricity or telephone, those all go into his main account. The ATM account is just for cash, and it's only as full as it needs to be.

He's also very careful about logging on. He uses AI Roboform ([roboform.com](http://roboform.com)) or

LastPass ([lastpass.com](http://lastpass.com)) to manage his passwords, and changes his banking passwords frequently. He never logs on from public computers. And he logs on several times a week to both accounts, just to make sure nothing funny is happening with either of the accounts.

Paranoid? I don't think so. If you have an ATM card issued in a country that has strict banking laws that cover fraudulent use of the card, you're in luck. But if you need to work with the Thai banking system – where no such laws exist – taking precautions like that are not only reasonable, they're necessary.

Fortunately, the two people mentioned in the *Gazette* column last week managed to convince their banks to refund the stolen money. In one case, it took almost a year of complaints and threats of lawsuits by a very tenacious friend to get the money back. The banks involved deserve credit for making things right. But with no specific laws on the books in Thailand, there's no guarantee that the same thing will happen, should you end up tumbling down this particular rabbit hole.



Don't PIN all your hopes on the bank helping.



OPEN WIDE: Don't let an ATM swallow your savings. By opening two accounts you can avoid being pillaged by a skimmer. Photo: Justin D Henry.

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 3pm. If you have a Windows problem that needs to be solved, drop by one of Seth's free afternoon ses-

sions at the Sandwich Shoppes. Details are in the Events Calendar. The Computer Clinics are sponsored by the Phuket Gazette and Khun Woody's Sandwich Shoppes.

*Live Wire* is Phuket Gazette columnist Woody Leonhard's weekly snapshot of all things internet in Phuket. Follow him on Twitter: @PhuketLiveWire, or "like" his page at [facebook.com/SandwichShoppes](http://facebook.com/SandwichShoppes).

## How does your school use technology?

THERE'S been a flurry of education-related computer announcements in the past few weeks.

Apple announced "the reinvention of the textbook": iBooks 2, a plan for getting electronic books into middle and high schools throughout the US and Europe; iBooks Author, a free program for writing and assembling books; and iTunes U App for distribution. The intent, ultimately, is to make textbooks electronic, with an enormous amount of potential upside for everyone except the entrenched textbook publishers.

At the Consumer Electronics

Show in Las Vegas two weeks ago, the OLPC project finally revealed the \$100 One Laptop Per Child device. In separate news, an Indian firm claims to have a similar device.

Wealthy school districts all over the world are rolling out tablets (primarily iPads but also Androids) in the classroom. Many of them are working on a bring-your-own model. This kind of grass-roots approach is a big challenge to teachers who aren't comfortable with the technology. It's also a direct assault on long-established educational programs which rely on proprietary software for class-

room activities – electronic whiteboards, interactive curricula.

In 2010, though, the University of Bristol published a report stating that 10- to 11-year olds with more than two hours of screen time a day show "higher psychological difficulty scores." So the adoption of tablets – technology in general – in the classroom isn't universally recognized as a good thing.

I'm curious. How is your school using computers? Is it working now, or in the planning stage? Write to me. I'll devote a Live Wire column to the topic in the near future.

– Woody Leonhard

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# Save yourself

## Retirement Years

By David Mayes

I AM personally a very big fan of Napoleon Hill, and I have just finished re-reading his original work *The Law of Success in Sixteen Lessons*.

Each lesson is based on a quality or aspect which was a common denominator amongst all of the various successful men he had studied over a thirty year period, such as Henry Ford and Andrew Carnegie. One of these sixteen lessons is centered on the habit of saving money. It states that developing this habit was one of the essential tasks all who would be successful must do.

Most important is not so much the amount that is saved in the beginning when you are trying to instill this into your character, but simply that you begin somewhere and repeat the process until a habit is formed. The habit, once formed, can be maintained and increased much easier than it would be to

begin with too large of a commitment and cause a reversion to the "spend it all" kind of lifestyle. In fact many people on the planet have become more and more Americanized in the sense that they spend not only what they earn, but in excess of it.

Debt can be one of the most crippling situations to find yourself in and the best defense against this happening is to develop the habit of always saving something from every paycheck. It doesn't matter if you are suddenly faced with a major decrease in earning potential, because you can alter your lifestyle and simply save less, but as long as you are always spending less than you are earning you will eventually get to a point where you achieve financial freedom. It is impossible to achieve it any other way, because even if you greatly increase your earnings, your habit of spending more will just force you into an even more expensive way of living which eats away at any extra income. This is why

often people who win the lottery find themselves poor again in a very short period of time.

Many of those who become very wealthy do so simply by using the savings habit, and as their unused money begins to compound, earned money earns even more money. This can eventually create an exponential increase in the size of the overall "pot". This is a very big part of why the rich get richer and the poor get poorer; many of the rich have learned and understand how to practically use this fundamental "law" as Hill would call it. Others do not and therefore continue the cycle of spending all or even more than what they earn, and they never experience the freedom which wealth can provide.

The best way to ensure a happy retirement is to ensure there is more than enough capital put away to continue to live off of, less than what a very conservative investment can earn you. This way it matters not how long you live and you will never have to experience a declining standard of living as your means begin



**BANK ON IT:** Start saving earlier rather than later. Photo: Alan Cleaver

to deteriorate as your capital is eaten into. The best way to reach this point at the earliest stage in life is to start saving earlier rather than later. Money has less work to do when it has a much longer time frame to achieve your goals.

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## Google Thailand's top searches 2011

FOLLOWING our recent look at the top Google worldwide searches for 2011, Google Thailand has announced its own annual Zeitgeist, a look at 2011 top searches on google.co.th.

Thailand search results never cease to surprise, and in 2011Thais searched for creative ways to survive and thrive in our economy, from online job applications to the latest lottery results.

When it comes to entertainment what do *Kan-Hu* (itchy ears) and *Kin-Tub* (eating liver) have in common? They are the two surprise

search terms that shot to the top of online charts as the most popular entertainment searches of the year.

In the IT and technology space, the most searched for gadgets were smartphones or tablets and Thailand's obsession with the red feathered Angry Birds continues to claim the number one spot in online game searches. Below is a break down of some of the most searched for terms in Thailand. All lists represent fastest-rising searches and duplicate terms have been removed.

— The Nation

### Top 10 search terms 2011

1. Facebook
2. Friv (online game portal)
3. *Kan-Hu* (country song)
4. *Khon-Aoud-Pee* ('Ghost Game' TV show)
5. *Nhong* (pop song)
6. Boomz (online game portal)
7. Floods
8. *Kin-Tub* (song)
9. Masha (actress)
10. iPhone5

### IT & Tech

1. Facebook
2. Google Plus
3. Google Chrome
4. YouTube
5. Hotmail.co.th
6. Samsung galaxy tab
7. iPad
8. Whatsapp
9. Android
10. Nokia x7

### Electronic gadgets

1. iPhone 5
2. Samsung galaxy
3. iPad
4. iPhone 4
5. Bb
6. Calculator
7. Notebook
8. Nokia
9. Acer
10. Canon

### Entertainment

1. *Kan-Hu* (country song)
2. *Khon-Aoud-Pee* ('Ghost Game' TV show)
3. *Kin-Tub* (song)
4. *Pood-Mai-Kid* (song)
5. *Mia-Tai* (soap opera)
6. *Young-Sod* (song)
7. *Roy-Marn* (soap opera)
8. *Kid-Mak* (song)
9. Ladda Land (movie)
10. Lazy song (song)

### Online games

1. Angry bird
2. Fifa online
3. Minecraft
4. Sf
5. Gta
6. Cooking game
7. Dress up game
8. Dota
9. Pairing game
10. Talesrunner



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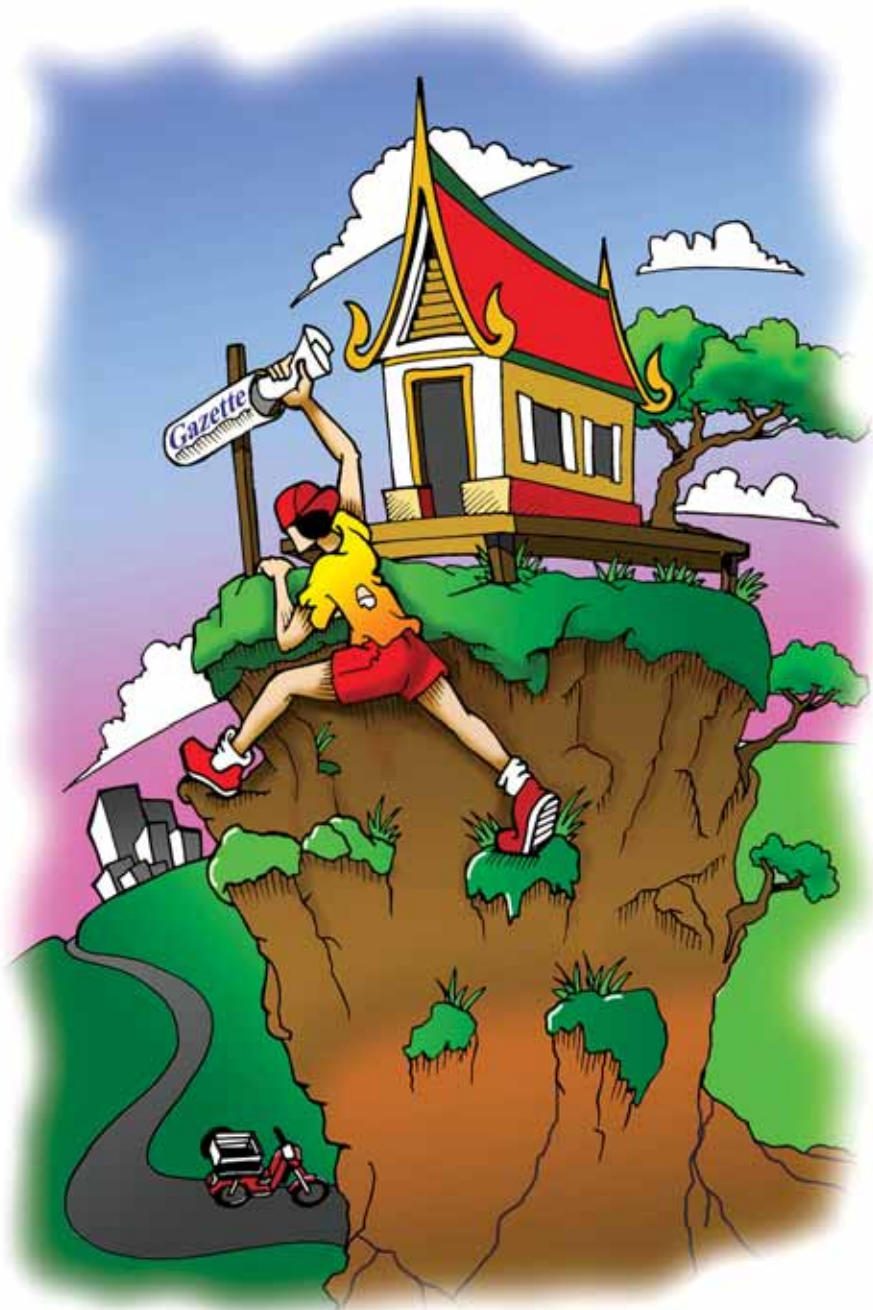
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ML Usni is often seen on Phuket representing HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej at the King's Cup Regatta.



Brian Woulfe, himself a classical pianist, is one of the sponsors of the free PSU concert.



HOOKED ON CLASSICS: Mom Luang Tri Devakul (left) has invited Mom Luang Usni Pramoj (right) and his ensemble to play at Villa Royale.

# Classical music hits high note in Phuket

By Bruce Stanley

THERE is good news for those who appreciate European classical music: Mom Luang Tri Devakul is again welcoming Phuket residents and visitors to his luxury estate at Villa Royale for an evening of music and fine dining.

Mom Tri has long supported the arts on the island with his Baan Kata Artsfest, a celebration of music, art and fine cuisine. For 2012, he has invited Mom Luang Usni Pramoj and his ensemble to entertain his guests with an evening of Dvorak accompanied by an original composition.

Joining ML Usni will be the Concert Master of the Bangkok Symphony Orchestra, Tasana Nagavajara, who trained at the International Menuhin Music Academy and has performed a series of concerts at the Mendelssohn House in Leipzig.

Also performing at the event will be Siripong Tiptan, who recently played in concerts the Vienna Musikverein and at Rotterdam's De Doelen hall, and Kittikhun Sodprasert, a talented composer and arranger of music who serves as principal cellist for the Bangkok Symphony.

ML Usni is most often seen on Phuket representing HM King

Bhumibol Adulyadej at the annual King's Cup Regatta.

He graduated from Oxford University with a law degree but he has had a lifetime love of conducting and creating original music. ML Usni plays the violin and was named National Artist in 1994 for his musical talents, and he was instrumental in the development of the Bangkok Symphony.

He has set up a tour of Thailand with his ensemble and will perform on January 30 at Mom Tri's Villa Royale. Local arts activist Dan Miles, best known for his talents as a celebrity photographer, has been recording ML Usni's ensemble and is currently planning to produce a video of his musical career.

"ML Usni Pramoj is one of the most talented men I have met in Thailand. He is committed to educating Thai students in the beauty of Western classical music. We are working on a project which will allow the ensemble to return frequently to the island and perform in the local schools," said Mr Miles.

In addition to the concert, Mom Tri's Kitchen is presenting a special four-course menu for the occasion to round out the evening of culture.

On the following day, January 31, there will be another concert

held at the Prince of Songkhla University, Phuket Campus (Luang Anuphas Phuket-karn Auditorium) starting at 7pm.

This concert is open to students from all schools around

Phuket island and admission is free to students and parents thanks to the generous sponsorship of Brian Woulfe (Designed by Woulfe Studio, Phuket) and Blair Speers (HotelTravel.com).

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# Day of the kiddies

By Chaiyot Yongcharoenchai

CHILDREN are our future as the song tells us and to prepare them for the waiting world of adulthood we endeavour to provide a wealth of learning experiences that are an important tool for their development.

National Children's Day in Thailand was celebrated on January 14 and many places marked this special occasion with events filled with fun activities. The purpose of these activities is not only to mark the occasion, but also to show children how important they are.

Life Home Project Foundation (LHPF) is the Phuket based organization that offers help to HIV/AIDS infected women and their children. The foundation was established in May 2001 and since then they have provided shelter and career training as well as education scholarships for the children.

On January 15, the LHPF celebrated a combination of Children's Day, New Year and Christmas all rolled into one magic afternoon.

Daoroong "Joojee" Rodsomnam, project manager for LHPF is one of the driving forces behind the success of the organization.

"It is important for our kids to experience outside activities so they

can practice their social skills and explore the world away from their usual environment," said Daoroong.

"We don't consider the day just as Children's Day, it is also our annual festival that we have held for three years already. We allow all the children who are under our care, children who received scholarships from us, and the children

who live around this area, to gather and have a good time," she said.

Saowaluck "Sao" Rittideth is one child who benefits from the foundation's work and explained to the *Gazette* how it is helping to improve her life.

"I'm in Phutthamongkolnimitr School in Matthayom 2 (Grade 8). I have been on the scholarship program from LHPF for four years now," said Saowaluck.

"My family is really poor and they can't afford to send me to school. If I didn't get the scholarship from LHPF, I wouldn't get an education like this. I am so grateful for the opportunity," she added.

"I intend to continue to study at higher level. I want to get at least a college degree or if I am lucky enough, I wish I could make it to bachelor degree. Then I will come back to offer my help to this foundation the best I can," she added.

Anon "Ahao" Seasoon told the *Gazette* has been under the care of LHPF for nine years.

"I first came to this foundation when I was three years old. I



STAGE DELIGHT: Getting up in front of a crowd to win prizes presented no problem for the kids.

don't remember much about my family, all I know is that I came from Chiang Mai. I have grown up here and I consider this place my home and the people are my family," said Anon.

"I would like to continue to study until I graduate with a bachelor's degree and be able to take care of myself. I will continue to support this foundation, so that my sisters and brothers can have the same opportunity that I've had. I want to be a police officer in the future," he said.

The educational achievements of the children that have been supported by LHPF are a direct measure of its overall success.

"One of our kids is currently earning his degree in engineering from one university in Bangkok," said Mr Noppadon Puangpan, a social worker at LHPF. "It really doesn't matter if the kids come back to help us here. What is important is that they are able to rely on themselves. I am proud that our foundation makes a

casion," said Mr Frutiter.

"Our hotel is the only hotel in Phuket that has the Green Globe Award and part of that achievement stems from the community work we are involved in such as the LHPF," he added.

Mrs Ingrid Gudmundsson lost her daughter in the 2004 tsunami and has been supporting underprivileged kids ever since, under her own foundation called "Inda Hjälpen".

"My daughter, Linda, was a jewelry designer and after she died I took over her factory and made a charity," said Mrs Gudmundsson.

"I took the money and donated it to help rebuild a school in Khao Lak. Now I design jewelry and the money I make, I donate to the students in Khao Lak and to the children here at LHPF," she said.

"I have sponsored five LHPF children for their scholarship. Today, I am here to celebrate with them. I brought them a lot of presents as well," she added.

Also at the event was Hélène Fallon-Wood, the Honorary Consul of Ireland in Phuket and director of LHPF.

"I have supported LHPF since 2001. Jose Luis Gay set this foundation up and I came to help six months afterwards," said Hélène.

"There have been great improvements since we began in 2001. The greatest part of our achievement is the fact that some of the children we have supported are already relying on themselves now. We are very happy to be part of their future and see them grow up with strength and intelligence," she added.

Hélène indicated that she will do the best she can to keep this foundation running and revealed that the annual fund raising event this year at the Movenpick Hotel and Resort in March will have a different look.

"I would like to thank everyone who is supporting us and I hope they will continue to support us in the future. We will make sure that all the children under our care get the full benefit from the donations and they have the best future waiting for them," she said.



TOYS FOR US: Children from LHPF show their new toys which they won from taking part in the many games organized on the day. Photos: Chaiyot Yongcharoenchai

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LABOR OF LOVE: Ingrid Gudmondson (left), Daoroong Rodsomnam (center) and Helene Fallon-Wood.

difference in their lives," he added.

Besides the children who enjoyed the event, many adults came to celebrate the annual festival.

Mr Hans Frutiter, General Manager of the Mövenpick Hotel and Resort Phuket in Karon beach has joined in the celebrations every year.

"We always enjoy lending our support to LHPF. Last year we held a charity gala dinner at our resort to help raise funds for the foundation and I am delighted to support their efforts for any oc-



# Playground of comedy

By Neil Quail

UTTERLY uproarious and mind-bendingly brilliant is the usual hilarious result when a group of talented comedians improvise a sketch based on a random scenario pieced together by a willing audience.

Phuket has its willing audience and next month the Phuket Punchline Comedy Club provides the comedic talent when they present their biggest show yet – the live stage show of the original British TV hit, *Whose Line is it Anyway?* starring four of the show's stars: Andy Smart, Stephen Frost, Steve Steen and Ian Coppinger.

Having already staged this show in Hong Kong to sell out crowds, John Moorhead, the Punchline Comedy Club creator, is certain fans of comedy in Phuket will roll up in the same fashion when the show arrives here in February.

The show *Whose Line is it Anyway?* was a massive hit in the UK for over a decade and now enjoys the same success in the USA after Channel 4 sold the show to NBC. For strangers to the program, five performers pit their wits against the audience by playing out scenarios in a style and setting of their choice. The whole show is totally improvised from the Shakespearean scenes to the Broadway musicals. The only difference is the audience decides what the performers say and sing about.

A selection of reviews range from, "They are all pure geniuses," by *The South China Morning Post* to "Pure talent, better than the TV show," said *The Times*. "Performed with a spectacular flair that can only be described as magical," opined *The Daily Telegraph*.

Each of the visiting personalities is an established star of comedy in a wide range of fields from acting to writing.

The following is a brief background to each, but from next week the *Gazette* will publish an exclusive interview with each of the performers in the lead up to next month's exciting event.

**Stephen Frost** is an English comedian and is well known for his work in the 1980s with Mark Arden as part of their double act, The Oblivion Boys as seen on *Saturday Live*. Veterans of the alternative comedy scene, he and Arden appeared in *The Young Ones* and later had their own TV series *Lazarus and Dingwall* on BBC2.

The duo also appeared in a series of British TV advertisements ending with the catchphrase "I bet he drinks Carling Black Label".

In addition to playing two small roles in the acclaimed *Blackadder* series, and a cameo in *Mr Bean Rides Again*, Frost has appeared on Radio 4's *Just a Minute*, and *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*. He has appeared on three episodes of



**YOUR LINE:** Starting next week *Gazette* readers will have an opportunity to submit their comedy prowess which could see their jokes used by the pros at next month's show and win a bunch of great prizes (as above).

*Have I Got News for You* and on *Never Mind the Buzzcocks*.

**Andy Smart**, born in Southsea, birthplace of Peter Sellers, spent his childhood overseeing the Pontoon and Poker Card School, at Farnborough Grammar, and running bets for his grandmother who had been a seven card stud dealer.

After working on several productions as a writer/actor, Andy's introduction to street entertainment found foothold in the Spanish town of Pamplona, where he has returned every year since to join the renowned spectacle the Running of the Bulls.

On returning to England, Andy performed at Covent Garden. Then in 1983 he met Angelo Abela and together they formed the popular Vicious Boys a successful comedy duo that lasted 17 years. They apparently split up due to sophistic differences. A new career in comedy including stints at the Edinburgh Festival and a tour with the Iranian football ball team has led Andy on a path of many laughs and now has been performing as a guest with the Comedy Store Players for 13 years and has been a permanent member since 1995.

As a member of the "Steve Frost Impro All Stars", he has performed in 28 consecutive Edinburgh Festivals, as well as in Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Australia and USA.

Andy was also part of the all comedian version of "The Twelve Angry Men" which went on to tour in Australia and New Zealand. He has also performed in Edinburgh with "Paul Merton's Impro Chums". This year he will be organizing the First Annual Poker Tournament for comics at the Gilded Balloon.

**Steve Steen** began his career at the Oval House Theatre Club in 1972 with his lifelong friend and working partner Jim Sweeney, basically doing shows that sent up

all the other shows they had seen that year, a cheap stunt that paid dividends later.

He performed as one of the Baron's minions in a show called *A Feast of Fools*, with such luminaries as Pierce Brosnan and John Ratzenberger, better known as Cliff the postman in the hit TV show *Cheers*. This transferred to the Roundhouse for a successful London run.

Steve continued his work at the Oval House theater, squeezing in a couple of Shakespeare productions with the likes of Tim Roth.

A spell in prison beckoned when in 1979 he was banged up in *Porridge*, the film spin-off from the TV series. Upon his release he went on to co-present the ac-

claimed children's show CDTV for Thames TV from 1981-1984.

Steve and Jim starred in Channel 4's first home-grown comedy series *Little Armadillos*, directed by Bob Spiers. Rory Bremner grabbed him for his debut series on BBC 2 and three years of mimicry followed.

Throw into that melting pot with *The Kenny Everett Show*, *Carrott Confidential*, *Saturday Night Live*, Wogan, *Blackadder the Third*, *A Bit of Fry and Laurie*, *Red Dwarf*, *Spitting Image*, and you get the idea – you name it he's done it.

**Ian Coppinger** returns to Phuket from his stand-up performance here in October. One of Ireland's busiest comedians, Ian has performed to packed houses on four continents, including yearly appearances

at the famous Kilkenny "Cat Laughs" comedy festival in Ireland, the Edinburgh Festival, the Adelaide Festival and the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

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

Among his plaudits are "a very funny man...the next Irish comedian to make it on the international circuit," by fellow comedian Rich Hall, "a sophisticated Billy Connolly," by *The Irish Times* and "pound for pound the funniest human being to have existed anywhere ever," by *Hot Press Magazine*.

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THE OPPOSITE OF A DRIVE IN: Melisa prepares two ice-cold lattes and one warm smile all served up and ready to go.

# Dream of it and they will come

By Marc Mulloy

WHEN was the last time you were laying on Nai Harn Beach day-dreaming to yourself, "Ooh, I could really do with a grilled Chicken Quesadilla washed down with a Pumpkin Iced Latte"?

Granted, it may not have been recently, but the next time you do, you can have exactly that and much more without even seeking a restaurant, it will come to you.

Indeed, when we decided to write about this brand-new Phuket food trend named Malisa & Me, they came to us on a

sunny lunchtime in their shiny new van and made a lot of hungry *Gazette* staff very happy.

Malisa & Me is the name of a newly opened "mobile food" venture specializing in iced coffee drinks and grilled sandwiches. Being mobile, they can visit various locations on the island, but have recently found a perfect spot on Nai Harn Beach where they are waiting for you to have just such a thought.

The Malisa & Me team is a charming couple consisting of Phuket-born Malisa Schults and her husband Dan "Me" Schultz

who came up with the idea based on their own love of quality grilled sandwiches (panini) and coffee-based drinks.

"These vans are very popular in the USA, but we did not see any in Phuket and as both of us love to cook and love this kind of food we decided to start our own business," said Malisa in between preparing a delicious BBQ Pork and Coleslaw grilled sandwich (90 baht) and an Iced Caramel Macchiato (45 baht).

"Although we are mobile, we do need about three and a half square meters of space for our fold-out

table and parasol and an electrical socket, which is not as easy as it sounds in Phuket," she added after serving a classic Tuna and Bacon grilled sandwich (85 baht) and a large Iced Cappuccino (75 baht) to another grateful editor.

"Although we live in Thalang, we travel each day to Nai Harn as we have found a spot there. Originally we tried attractive areas like Kata and Karon, but it is difficult to find a good place. Ideally, we would like to rent a semi-permanent space and pay a monthly electrical bill there. We also attend events like the Old Phuket Town Festival this week and private parties," said Malisa.

The sandwiches are lovingly created from only the finest ingredients including slow-cooked BBQ pork, four different cheeses, bell peppers, salsa and Paris ham all served on toasted farmer's bread except for the Quesadilla which of course require tortillas.

For those with a sweet tooth, they even make a Peanut butter and Jelly sandwich or a Marshmallow, Milk chocolate and Graham cracker

encrusted sandwich called "S'more".

"We try to keep our prices reasonable, but as we only use the best ingredients it may appear expensive to some people – even our coffee is brewed with 100 per cent Arabica beans and mineral water," says Dan.

A quick look inside the "kitchen" and you can see that everything is spotless and impeccable. Not surprising given that Dan used to be in the US Navy. "We hope the idea will take off and that we can create a franchise. In order for that to happen, we need to start selling more sandwiches," he adds.

So next time you find yourself craving a Grilled Pizza Sandwich with pepperoni, mozzarella cheese and tomato sauce (80 baht), while near Nai Harn Beach walk on over to Malisa & Me's van where dreams do come true.

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# Distress that dress



**BUTTON IT:** Haphazard buttons give this silk dress a carefree look.



**TRAIL MIX:** Subtle details along one shoulder add a traveling vibe.

By Abby McMillan

WHEN most of us think about good fashion one word comes to mind: quality. Well-made, classic pieces will always stay in our wardrobes longer, withstanding the test of time. But when it comes to some fashion trends, the emphasis away from impeccable craftsmanship might surprise you.

Distressed clothing is nothing new; we've all had our share of ripped jeans, and who doesn't love a vintage worn leather bag? However, what we've started to see is the spread of this look to items that are usually loyal to perfection. Party and sundresses, along with evening tops, are now being seen with frayed edges, random embellishments and decorative hand stitching. It's becoming harder to tell whether something is brand new or a decade in the making.

The distressed trend has come a long way from college students all wearing the same commercially driven, worn-in shirt with a huge brand logo splattered across it. Instead, these typically tailored pieces have taken on a couture life of their own and the result is a detailed one-of-a-kind piece. The look is handmade and purposefully spontaneous, suggesting an array of experiences the wearer doesn't actually have to go through. It's as if the garment has traveled with them through time, collecting adornments and character, undergoing countless

mendings to become a patchwork favorite with a personality all its own.

Unlikely patterns are haphazardly stitched together in body-conscious designs to create an organic sense of *laissez faire*. The buttons don't match and aren't even spaced correctly, implying that the wearer is easy going and unconcerned with boundaries. These bohemian-inspired items mix and match patterns and bold colors. They do pair amazingly well with fringe and thrive off layers. There is a sense of inspiration from the swinging sixties that comes through the bold geometrical patterns, and the remnants of a forgotten flower child seem to lie just underneath the peasant-like embellishments.

Some fashionistas will go all out for this look and pull it off effortlessly. Be warned that we can't all be so lucky and small steps will ensure that this trend works for you, not against you. One or two subtle pieces is enough to embrace the details.

If you're the DIY type, create your own look with garments you're tired of. A few clusters of buttons here, some random contrasting stitches there and *voila!* a custom embellished piece. If the unlikely patterns of this look are more your style, go for bold layers balanced with minimalist accessories. Flirt y and fun, this trend can help you relax and takes the edge off your usually structured life.



**A cluster of buttons gives a youthful feel to this strap.**

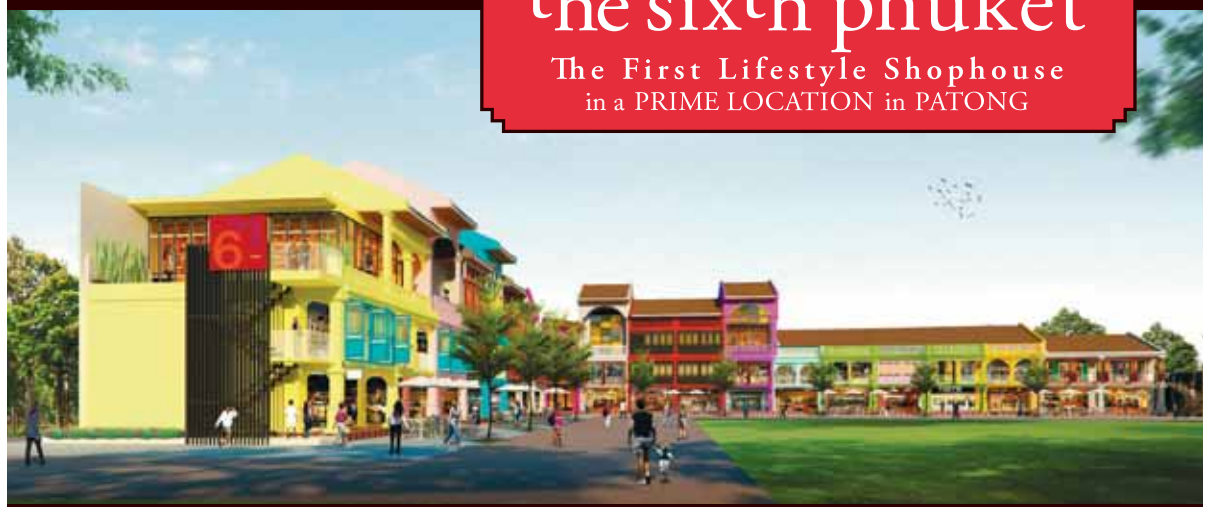


**FAR OUT:** A bold geometric nod to the 60's (above) and a bright leather bag and shoes add a punch of personality (right).



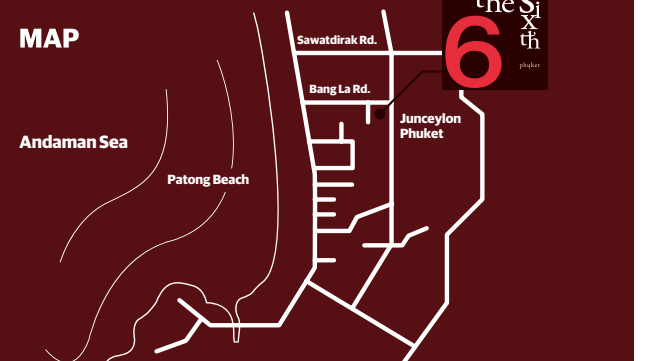
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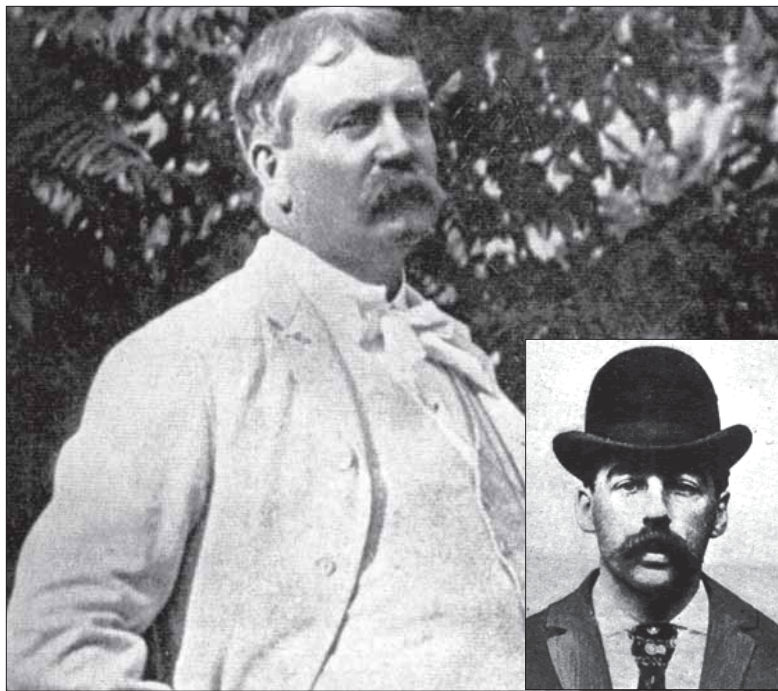
By James Eckardt

THOMAS Pynchon's epic 1000-page novel *Against the Day* opens with a boy's adventure tale: the arrival of the Chums of Chance aboard their airship at the Chicago World's Fair of 1893. In *The Devil in the White City* (Vintage Books, New York, 2004, 447pp), Erik Larson describes just such a dirigible arriving at the Fair at the climax of its July 4 celebration. The message in both books is the same: the 1893 Chicago World's Fair is the harbinger of all the technological American marvels of the 20<sup>th</sup> century – for good or for evil.

For good, we have the superhuman exertions of architect Daniel Burnham and his team of a dozen other eminent architects in putting together the huge exhibition buildings and landscaping marvels that dwarfed the Paris World Fair of 1890. In lieu of the Eiffel Tower, there was the majestic Ferris Wheel that lofted 2,000 passengers at a time for a view of Lake Michigan and the whole of Chicago. The new American city was announcing its arrival in place of the capitals of the Old World.

The Fair was the White City, ablaze with the new electric lighting, free of urban crime and filth. "The fair taught men and women steeped only in the necessary to see that cities did not have to be dark, soiled and unsafe bastions of the strictly pragmatic," the author writes. "They could also be beautiful."

For the evil in the White City, we have the sordid example of the serial killer Dr H.H. Holmes who constructed a square block of hotels, shops and restaurants to cater to the influx of visitors to the fair. A handsome blue-eyed con man, he charmed dozens of women and children, only to suffocate and incinerate them, keeping some of their skeletons for sale



**ARCHITECTS:** Daniel Burnham was instrumental to the Chicago World's Fair success while Holmes (inset) used the event for murderous cover.

to medical schools. Yet to appearances, he was the most pleasant of men. In the terms of the day, he was a "moral imbecile". Frank Geyer, the lawman who finally brought Holmes to justice, offers this chilling, thumbnail portrait: "Holmes is greatly given to lying with a sort of florid ornamentation and all his stories are decorated with flamboyant draperies . . . In talking he has the appearance of candor, becomes pathetic at times when pathos will serve him best, uttering his words with a quaver in his voice, often accompanied by moistened eyes, then turning quickly with a determined and forceful method of speech, as if indignation or resolution has sprung out of tender memories that had touched his heart."

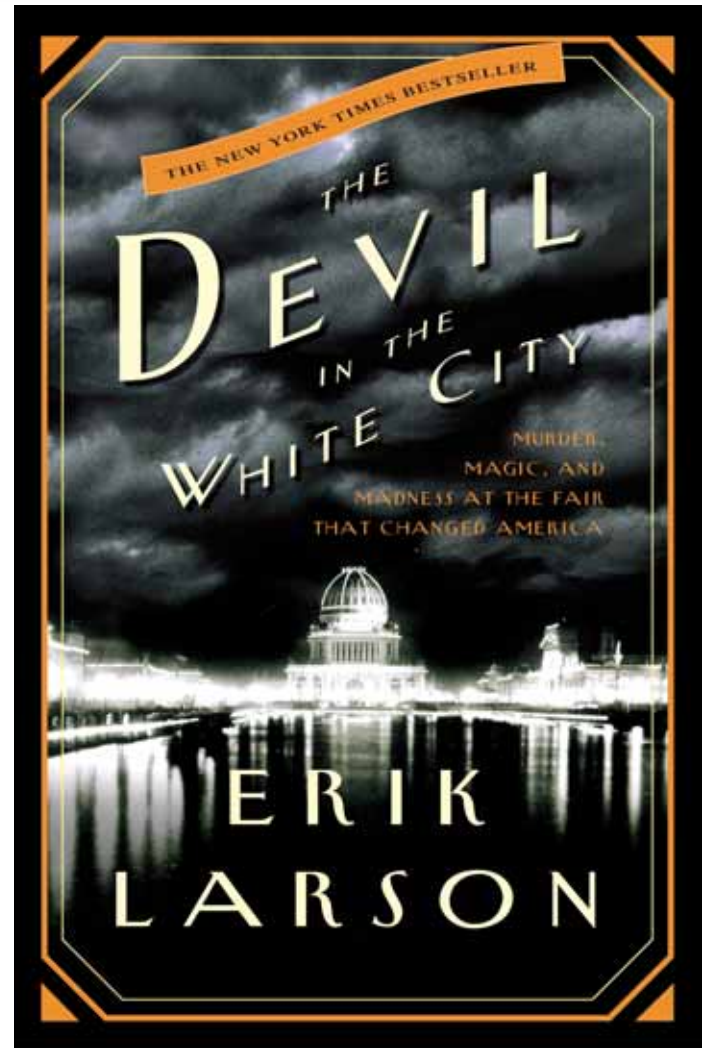
These two tales of Burnham and Holmes, Larson tells on parallel tracks: one of pride

and progress, one of eternal evil. Together they make for a powerful story, worthy of the book's subtitle: "Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America".

The book is nothing less than a vivid visitor's guide to a fair that lasted six months and served notice that a new power had arrived on the world stage. In the fairways, Egyptian belly dancers mingled with Arab, Asian and African villagers. "Indians who had once used hatchets to bare the skulls of white men drifted over from Buffalo Bill's compound, as did Annie Oakley and assorted Cossacks, Hussars, Lancers and members of the US Sixth Cavalry . . . Chief Standing Bear rode the Ferris Wheel in full ceremonial headdress with his two hundred feathers unruffled. Other Indians rode the enameled wooden horses of the Midway car-

ousel. There were Paderewski, Houdini, Tesla, Edison, Joplin, Darrow, a Princeton professor named Woodrow Wilson, and a sweet old lady in black summer silk, flowered with forget-me-knots named Susan B. Anthony." Not to mention Teddy Roosevelt, Diamond Jim Brady, Lillian Russell and a blind teenager named Helen Keller who gave the inventor of the Braille typewriter a big hug. Mark Twain came to Chicago, but fell ill and spent 11 days in a hotel room without seeing the fair. "Of all people," comments the author.

Unnoticed among the millions of visitors and a workforce of thousands was "a carpenter and furniture-maker named Elias Disney, who in coming years would tell many stories about the construction of this magical realm beside the lake. His son Walt would take note."



Larson's account of how America's first documented serial killer began his killing spree which would claim more than 100 lives.

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## Looking for the right one



**Director:** Mark Mylod  
**Actors:** Anna Faris, Chris Evans  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Phuket release:** January 12

THE film *What's Your Number?* follows the standard romantic comedy (Rom-Com) formula as all the other Katherine Heigl or Jennifer Aniston movies that came before it. The only difference is this one is actually funny and has a bunch of laugh-out-loud jokes.

After reading in a women's magazine that 96 per cent of women with more than 20 ex-partners are unable to find husbands, Ally Darling (Anna Faris) vows not to sleep with anyone else unless he's "the one".

Ally makes a deal with her apartment neighbour Colin Shea (Chris Evans), who has a speciality for locating people anywhere in the world, that if he helps her locate all the men she has been with, he is allowed to hide in her apartment from his many one night stand women. This deal gets underway and Shea manages to find out lots about the 19 men she

remembers, of course the dead ones she does not need to worry about nor the ones who are already married, but there are a few left who may still be single.

These are two very talented and funny actors, which is the reason this film is so much better than the other R-rated rom-coms. Anna Faris is a true comedienne and is essentially the whole reason to see this film. Chris Evans, Blythe Danner, and Ed Begley Jr. make up the fine supporting cast. The jokes are mostly crude and unsophisticated but totally in character with this kind of movie. The ending is predictable and gets saccharine and sentimental at the end, but again most of these types of films do that.

If you have felt cheated by films with Jennifer Aniston and Katherine Heigl in them, you should check out *What's Your Number?* – It's a bit different.



# Supat Promchan

WHEN Supat Promchan was growing up in the old quarter of Phuket town, she was fascinated by one particular elegant shophouse on Thalang Road.

The facade of this building had a carved teak door and windows, attractive Portuguese tiles and white lace curtains. However the door was always shut, making it even more intriguing for the young Supat, who secretly wished to venture inside and explore.

That opportunity came 30 years later, when the house became available to rent. Jumping at the chance to finally acquaint with her dream house, Supat begged the landlord to give her the lease, despite his warning of its poor state. Looking back, Supat admits that she was foolish to think that a little cleaning and a lick of paint would restore the building's former glory. As it turned out, the front door couldn't even be opened for all the collapsed roof rubble and years of resulting neglect. The house took nearly three years of painstaking work to bring it back to life.

"I was either too stubborn or naive to take on a renovation of this scale. It took a good part of my time and effort, not to mention a large chunk of the family's savings. At that time there seemed to be no end to the repair jobs – the more you dug, the more you found faults with the old structure," recalls Supat.

## THAI gallery By Nanthapa Pengkasem

Through sheer determination Supat did triumph in the end. The Sino-Portuguese shophouse that is now China Inn Café stands proud of its legacy and heritage. Inside, it houses a garden café, restaurant, and a boutique brimming with Southeast Asian antiques, ethnic textiles and exquisite home decorating items. The house itself has received a few awards, including the prestigious Siam Society of Architecture award for conservation and the House of the Year (2006) Award by the Baan Lae Suan magazine. The high point of China Inn, however, was when the King and Queen of Sweden visited there for tea one day in 2006.

At China Inn Café, Supat is both manager and head chef who personally prepares most of the dishes. Her cooking skills and the love of food is a legacy she has inherited from her grandmother and mother, whose culinary prowess was renowned throughout the island. Supat enjoys creating new dishes from her family's recipes, and being a perfectionist, only sources the best and freshest

ingredients. She uses organic produce whenever possible, and avoids farmed seafood. Her Isaan-styled tuna salad was mentioned in the Condé Nast Traveller Magazine which in 2006 listed China Inn Café among the world's best places to eat.

Apart from the culinary excellence and historic architecture, China Inn Café also boasts a superb collection of Asian artifacts, ethnic textiles, and unique clothing designed by Supat herself. Supat's talent has inspired friends and clients who in turn commissioned her to decorate the interiors of their Phuket homes. It is a diversion from her main line of work, but something from which she derives a great pleasure.

The restoration of China Inn Café in 2001 has revived the interest in the preservation of old architecture in Phuket town. Many similar types of renovations followed, making this quarter a true heritage hub and the pride of the town. But Supat is modest when speaking of her achievement.

"I love history and tradition. If I could have it my way, I would choose to live life as it were when Phuket was pristine, when people were generous and considerate, and the streets were free from traffic jams. In reality I can only do my bit to help create that society. It's a small part, but I hope it makes a difference."



### 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 28, February 11 and 25. Saturday Brunch

Saturday brunch from noon to 3pm at Two Chefs Kata Center! Every Saturday we are setting up our brunch buffet, filled to the limits with home made delights. In our smoke house, we smoke all of our fish and meats by ourselves, and in the bakery we bake all our bread. With very well trained chefs and a Swedish head chef, we can promise you that you won't leave hungry or thirsty. All this for only 395 baht, and if you add an extra 300 baht you can choose to drink what you want from our free flow alternatives. Reservation at 076-330065, katacenter@twochefs.com or visit twochefs.com.

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## February 1 to 5. The Bay Regatta – Phuket / Phang Nga / Krabi



Coming into its 15<sup>th</sup> year, The Bay Regatta will see 40-50 yachts racing around the islands and magical scenery of Phang Nga Bay, taking the participants through three provinces – Phuket, Phang Nga and Krabi. The regatta expects record numbers of participants this year for four days of racing and a beach party in a different location each night. The fleet comprises locally-based yachts; visiting yachts from as far away as Australia; charter yachts from Europe; and yachts coming to Phuket specifically for this event. The regatta is organized by the Ao Chalong Yacht Club and appeals to a combination of serious racers and cruising yachts. The Bay Regatta attracts substantial local and international exposure in print and on the web, capturing some of the most alluring images of the scenic wonderland that is Phang Nga Bay with its pristine beaches, islands and limestone mountains. This regatta is one of the finest vehicles for the promotion of Phuket, Phang Nga and Krabi as a high value, high-end tourism destination, offering the opportunity for local businesses to harness the event for their own marketing platforms. The *Phuket Gazette* is the official media sponsored for this event. Contact Leslie Hand at 089-8750064, webmaster@acyc-phuket.com or visit acyc-phuket.com.

with the sound of *Dj Maskaro & Oy Live* on the Boardwalk outside restaurant. Upon request, a Snack Buffet is also available. Free Admission. Dress: Colorful. Contact Anna at 084-0517455, Dider at 084-3062016 and Murat at 081-7973364, muratc@royalphuketmarina.com or visit phuket-dance.com.

### January 29. Thanyapura Fair

Join us at the Thanyapura Fair! This festive family event showcases fun kids' games and activities, live music and a delicious brunch for parents. The event includes: An organic cookie decorating workshop for Kids "Fashion Show Kids" Zumba dance demonstration Water games and ac-

tivities Jewelry making, face painting, and much more! For parents: While the kids join in the fun, settle in for a delicious brunch at DiVine restaurant. Adults: THB 750\* per person. Children 12 years and under: THB 375\* per person. \*Prices are subject to 10 per cent service charge and seven per cent applicable government tax. From noon to 4pm at DiVine restaurant in Thanyapura Sports & Leisure Club. Reservation at 076-336000, divine@thanyapura.com or visit thanyapura.com.

### January 30. Phuket Classical Music Concert

*HE Adm ML Usni Pramoj* will perform at Mom Tri's Villa Royale. His Excellency, a Privy Councillor, is also an accomplished conductor, composer and violinist. Price: Ticket 500 baht per each. Cocktail reception starting from 6pm. Contact Sylvie Yaffe at 076-333569, pr@villaroyalephuket.com or visit villaroyalephuket.com.

### February 3, 10, 17 and 24. Special Indian Feast Promotion

Royal Phuket Marina is pleased to introduce you to our new Special Friday Indian Feast. We are delighted to offer a 25 per cent discount on the Indian Buffet and 10 per cent off the listed menu on Friday nights. This

authentic homemade Indian Buffet will be prepared and served by our very own in-house Indian Chef, Padum Kahtri. Only 495++ baht per person. From 7 to 10pm at Les Anges restaurant, Royal Phuket Marina. Contact Murat at 081-7973364, muratc@royalphuketmarina.com or visit royalphuketmarina.com.

### February 3, 10, 17 and 24. Navrang Mahal Curry Fridays

We present Curry Fridays at Navrang Mahal India Restaurant from 7 to 11pm in Karon Sea Sands Resort & Spa. Here is your chance to enjoy an authentic and lavish Indian Curry Buffet on Friday only 449 baht nett! Draught Beer by the glass: just 50 baht nett. Special discount on beverages. Reservations at 076-286464 ext 4, sm@karonseasand.com or visit karonseasand.com.

### February 4. Gourmet Dinner by Chateau Cos d'Estournel

Gourmet Dinner featuring with five wines from Chateau Cos d'Estournel. From 6:30 to 11pm. At its fine dining restaurant "Into The Sea", connoisseurs can enjoy a specially created menu from the resort's Executive Chef, *Kevin John Fawkes*, paired with wines by Chateau Cos d'Estournel from the *St. Estephe* region in Bordeaux. Contact Phissamai Promwong at 076-381010, paeamfb-phuket@evasonresorts.com or visit sixsenses.com/evason-Phuket.

### February 14. Valentines day at Two Chefs restaurants

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### February 16. Monthly Lunch with PIWClub in February

The Phuket International Women's Club (PIWC) lunch will be held on February 16 starting from 11:30am to 2pm at "The Cudos" restaurant, Surin Beach. All are welcome and prior booking is essential. Price: 500 baht for members and 650 baht for non-members. Contact Carole Dux at 085-7821332, info@phuketiwc.com or visit phuketiwc.com.

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**IT'S A DWAGON:** Early Years kids at Kajonkiet International School celebrate Chinese New Year in the classroom.



**FINE FINS:** Denis Thouvard (left) GM of Centara Grand Beach Resort Phuket recently welcomed Anna-Leena Harkonen, (2nd left) a famous writer and actress from Finland who vacationed at the resort. Also seen in the picture were Fongfa Edjongdee, Sales Manager and Christophe Gestin, Director of Food & Beverage at Centara Grand Beach Resort Phuket.



**LOVE AT FIRST BITE:** Count Snape, Phuket's only operatic vampire (seen here with his fans) put on a terrific performance at Royal Phuket Marina recently before flying off before dawn.



**LIVING THE DREAM:** DJ Tiffany and Oscar Chitamit, Station Manager from Bluewave 90.5FM, enjoy Sunday brunch at Maikhao Dream Resort & Spa. Photo: Phuket Best Event

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**EARLY BLUMERS:** Evgeny (John) Parfenov – sales Manager of Blume Living and Grace Carrey – Founder of Blume living (right) accept an New Year's basket from a guest.



**KUNG HEI FAT CHOI:** Phuket Provincial Administration Organization president Paiboon Upatising celebrated Chinese New Year in Phuket Town aided by two Paiboon lookalikes.



**THANKS AGAIN:** Seng Ho Bookstore presented gift baskets to *The Phuket Gazette*. From left: Husadee Chunak - PG Assistant Accounting Manager, Peerapit Ongcharoen - SH Sales & Marketing Manager, Natchalin Kongkeaw - SH Distribution Manager, Thanawat Ongcharoen - SH Managing Director and Janejira "Gift" Saywipas - PG Manager Retail Services.

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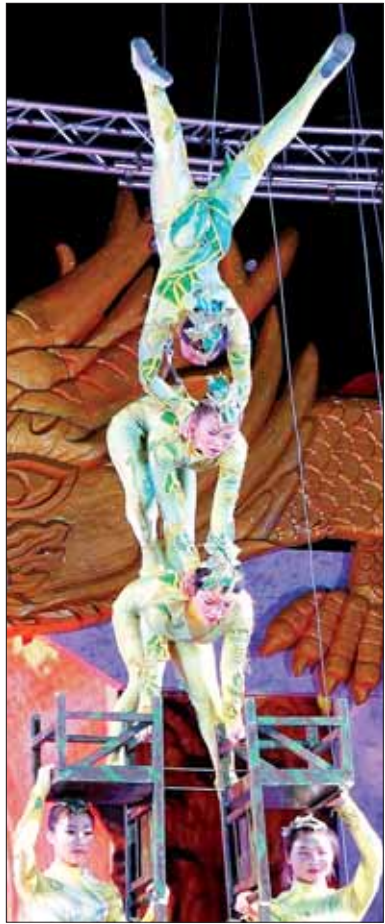
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1. What country is situated on the west coast of Africa between Ghana and Liberia?
2. What group's only UK chart hit single was the 1967 hit "Let's Go To San Francisco"?
3. What English football team have a name that begins with five consonants?
4. What was the title of the Janis Joplin album released in 1971, four months after her death?
5. The Great Barrier Reef is located in what sea?
6. What is the most populated country in the world?
7. What song has provided hit singles for the Rolling Stones, Melanie and Rod Stewart?
8. What alloy is created using copper and tin?
9. What 1989 film starred Julia Roberts and was mainly set in a beauty salon run by a character played by Dolly Parton?
10. What is the connection between the previous nine answers?

What's the connection between all of the answers?

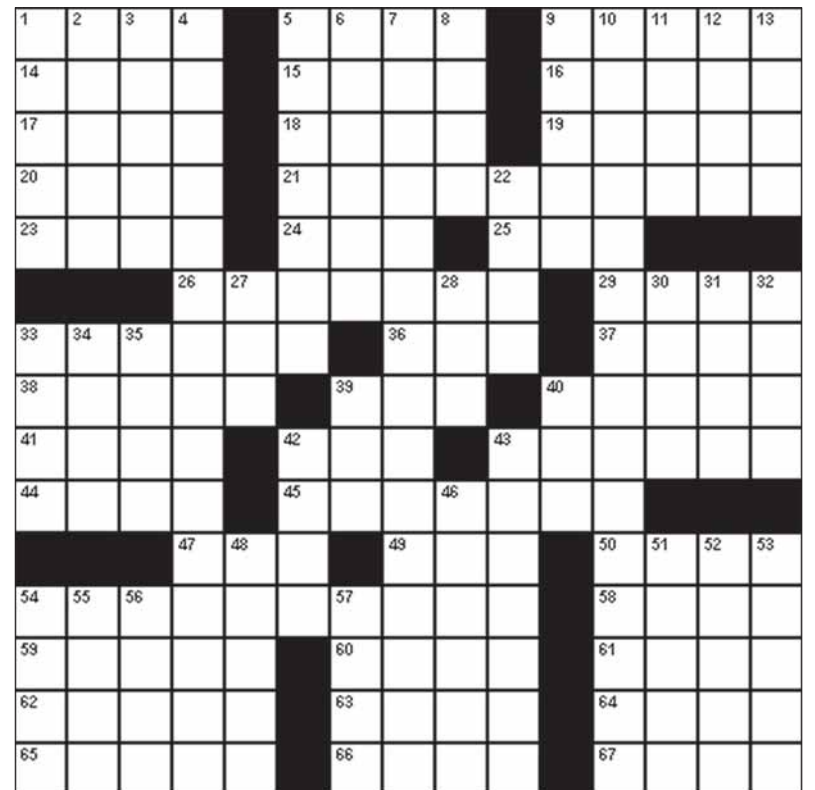
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#### Across

1. Biblical birthright seller
5. Auditorium
9. Ascends
14. Type of gun
15. Author Seton
16. Sam, e.g.
17. Makes lace
18. Delineate
19. Dandruff
20. Cube creator Rubik
21. Lacking human emotion
23. Gather, harvest
24. Cross word
25. 1980's movie starring Bo Derek and Dudley Moore
26. Charge made for hauling
29. Aforementioned
33. Metamorphic rock
36. Driller's deg.
37. Humorist Bombeck
38. Bottle
39. Paris's Pont — Arts
40. Crouch
41. Golf stroke
42. Play on words
43. Spring suddenly
44. He loved Lucy
45. Inelastic rubber
47. Aries or Taurus
49. Amigo
50. Zilch
54. Free from errors
58. Connections
59. Lasso
60. Kofi — Annan
61. Egyptian goddess of fertility
62. Type of sanctum
63. Guitarist Atkins
64. Pond organism
65. Willow provision
66. Bronte heroine
67. Filmmaker Riefenstahl

#### Down

1. Aromatic compound
2. Blank look
3. Big name in insurance
4. Naive
5. Flounder
6. Beast
7. Swollen nodes
8. Alley
9. Charlotte —
10. Trivial
11. Examine, search
12. First name in jazz
13. Exchange for money
22. Numbered rds.
27. Call upon
28. Mdse.
30. Give — for one's money
31. Apple product
32. Go out with



33. Dirty Harry's org.
34. Hint
35. Panama and bowler
39. Name
40. Drunkard
42. Andean country
43. Having a crest
46. Jaw
48. Without — in the world
51. Bridal path
52. Condescend
53. Very, to Verdi
54. Colored part of the eye
55. Ho Chi —
56. "Give that — cigar!"
57. Ornamental fabric

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Puzzle solutions on page 41

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



Bridges that were burned late last year can be rebuilt. The stars suggest that Aquarians will be working harder on relationships have chance to reconnect during the first half of February. Where finances are concerned, you should learn something to your advantage from an earth sign this week. Those with a birthday in the week ahead see the bright side of life more readily in the coming year. Your lucky number is one.

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



Pisceans could get upset by an overpowering earth sign at work. The stars show that recent emotional experiences may have left you feeling over-sensitive — ignoring this person is the best approach. Your mood should pick up slowly after a stroke of luck at the beginning of February. Money matters look promising and investments made now are well-starred. The number four could open a lucky door.

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



A rigid attitude is likely to leave Arians with more problems than necessary during the last few days of January. Work matters remain under cloudy astral conditions un-

til the middle of February and taking things too seriously will result in unnecessary stress. Where romance is concerned, a faint flicker of interest from a water sign this week gives hope for a relationship. Your lucky number is seven.

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



Playing it safe is recommended for Taureans contemplating changes in their working lives. The stars suggest that it would be advisable to wait until after the middle of February before making permanent moves. In the meantime, another earth sign can help you take a wider perspective on this situation. Romance is slow moving and those hoping for a fire sign to commit will need more patience. The number six can bring good fortune.

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



Too many distractions could prevent Geminis from getting on with what needs to be done. The stars suggest avoiding people whose main aim is to have fun until you have taken care of important work responsibilities. One burning issue becomes easier to unravel when you listen to an earth sign's take on the matter. Sparkling days for romance are Sunday and Monday. Your lucky number is three.



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



A less stressful week lies ahead for those born under the sign of Cancer. As January ends, your achievements this month should mean that opportunities abound in February. Your desire to keep a low profile could be challenged by a surprise visit from a family member or close friend. Positive developments are forecast in the realm of romance, with commitment highlighted. The number two can be lucky.

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



Leos who have been leaning on work colleagues too heavily this month may have a wake-up call early next week. The stars suggest that an air sign in particular is about to make their feelings clear. Those who are tiring of being involved in a rocky romantic relationship should soon see the light. Money matters require careful navigation this week as discrepancies could rock the boat. Your lucky number is four.

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



Virgoans who have been avoiding a fire sign are forecast to find themselves in an awkward situation midweek. The stars indicate that you should take the opportunity to have an honest talk to clear the air. Personal relationships are better starred during February, with opportunities to make new friends well-starred. Those who have been suffering from itchy feet are inspired to revisit an old haunt. The number nine can bring good luck.

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



Librans' luck is steady, with personal relationships becoming smoother. Those who have been confused by a water sign's attitude lately discover the reasons for this and will be ready to lend support. In the realm of romance, a blast from the past is hard to get out of your mind after a chance encounter. The stars suggest that a financial windfall will brighten up February. Your lucky number is three.

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



Scorpios shouldn't believe all they hear in the world of work. There are signs that a story is spinning out of control and your best course of action is to take distance from the situa-

tion. Luck in finances takes a slight downturn during the first week of February — the stars recommend delaying major transactions and new commitments until after then. The number eight can bring good luck.

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



February is forecast to be a more benevolent month in most areas of your life. Sagittarians whose financial situation is a cause for concern should see some light at the end of the tunnel. The astral atmosphere will support your efforts to lessen debts and come to favorable conclusions with bureaucracy. Where romance is concerned, those who are single could have a second chance with another fire sign. Your lucky number is six.

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



Opportunity comes knocking on your door at the beginning of February. Those who have been considering relocation could be moving quickly, but family obligations are forecast to call for compromise. At work, another earth sign is forecast to rub you up the wrong way early next week — it would be wisest to turn the other cheek. Technology could cause delays on Tuesday or Wednesday. Capricorns' lucky number is seven.



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## Sansiri to launch three developments on Phuket

The group's active expansion on the island is valued at two billion baht.

SANSIRI is to launch the second dCondo development on Phuket – dCondo Kathu-Patong – and will host a sales event January 27-29.

The developer expects a good response from Phuket clients following the sell-out success of the first dCondo development in 2011.

In addition to launching their second dCondo development, Sansiri will launch two housing developments “Habitia” and “Habitown” in February, in line with the company's expansion plans on Phuket.

Mr. Suriya Wannabuit, Executive Vice President - Project Management and Marketing Department of Sansiri Public Company Limited, revealed that after the company announced its plans to expand into the Phuket market in the last quarter of 2011, Sansiri had a successful launch and sales of its first development in Phuket dCondo Kathu, with 556 units sold out within half-a-day.

The company is confident and committed to expanding the company's portfolio on Phuket Island further. In the first quarter of 2012 Sansiri is launching its sec-

ond dCondo development, dCondo Kathu-Patong, valued at 800 million baht, and comprising 653 units. The opening sales event is set for January 27-29, and the developer is expecting dCondo Kathu-Patong to be well received with strong sales.

“We are proud to introduce the second dCondo which is dCondo Kathu-Patong. The success from dCondo Kathu launched in the last quarter of 2011 has proved that clients in Phuket believe and trust in developments by Sansiri, he said.

“The location of dCondo Kathu-Patong is on the main road (next to the Tessaaban Kathu-Patong, in Kathu district), which is easily accessible as it is located in the heart of the business and leisure area. Our target is working people looking for a residence that is conveniently located and has easy access to travel, entertainment and shopping areas, as well as easy connections to Phuket Town and Patong.”

Sansiri plans to push forward in the Phuket market with another two brands: “Habitia”, semi-detached houses; and two-story townhouses under the brand “Habitown”. Both are planned to launch in February



Members of the dCondo team are optimistic about the latest ventures on Phuket.

this year. Together, all 3 developments are valued at 2bn baht. Future plans for Phuket include another development in the upscale market segment.

The dCondo Kathu-Patong is located on an area of 5-2-50 rai and comprises three low-rise eight-story buildings and 663 units of 28-29 square meters. Each unit has a holistic functional design, maximizing every square meter to meet the lifestyle needs of Sansiri customers and features a relaxing area, bathroom and separate kitchen. The develop-

ment has complete facilities including a green area, fitness room and swimming pool, as well as a security system equipped with 24-hour CCTV and key card access. Prices start at 999,000 baht. Developing on the previous project design dCondo Kathu-Patong has added more windows in corner rooms, to increase air flow and add more light.

Sansiri has scheduled the sales event of dCondo Kathu-Patong during January 27-29 with a spe-

cial promotion. For customers who reserve and sign a contract on these days, they will benefit from low installments of only 999 baht per month for the down payment. Customers with Siam Commercial Bank credit cards will also enjoy 0 per cent interest on installment payments for ten months and need to visit the showroom for this.

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# Accidental branding



## Property Watch

By Bill Barnett

JUST the other day as I was browsing the rows of unruly shelves at an Asia Books store in Bangkok, I came face to face with an apparition – it was a life-sized cardboard cut out of Steve Jobs. Or was it?

As time travel remains one of those goofy arcane *Back to the Future* trip ideologies that I usually relegate to the junk mail box in my brain, the only other option that sprang to mind was to grab the giant paper techno-guru and make a run for it.

It could be like the movie *Lars and the Real Girl*. Of course there'd be no sexual undertones and traveling around Phuket with Steve could be rather entertaining. Perhaps he'd solve some of the mysteries of my iPad2 or even lend me a spare black t-shirt when I ran out of them.

Anyway, Steve is still dead and the book of over 600 pages was simply too weighty for my carry-on luggage and too obtrusive to my riveting daily schedule, which includes moonlit walks with the dog, watching cartoons with the kids that I can never tell if they are starting or ending, and of course noodling on the internet. Wait... that doesn't sound good, let's call it "surfing", like some sort of physical outdoor activity.

Back to the whole point of this article, since the dawn of time – or at least 10 minutes ago – the concept of Jobs-Apple branding is a closely knit family. Closer to one of those Mormon reality shows where a man lives with the three sisters who are all married to him. The lines it seems to blur. Tracing the roots to successful brand building often can be astonishing, enlightening and equally confusing – all at the same time.

The list of other success stories is endless. We've seen the Mark Zuckerberg movie about Facebook. The man came up with the idea to meet more girls. Somehow he's managed to change modern history. Let's not even try



**BRANDED:** Our world today has brand gurus, agencies, consultants and a vast array of tools for entrepreneurs. Photo: Phil Whitehouse

to go into retro-storytelling mode.

In Phuket, accidental branding remains a visible icon in our everyday lives – Twinpalms, Laguna and even SuperCheap. Looking at the journeys of these enterprises, they all clearly started out in humble surroundings, were inspired, cost sensitive and had absolutely no long-term plan of where the final destination led.

Today our world has brand gurus, agencies, consultants and a vast array of tools for entrepreneurs to set the stage for future growth. Despite what people might say, there are a lot of very bright and educated people in Phuket.

More examples than I can cover in this article include projects, products and companies that have been set up with the end game of cashing out on a large scale. Marketing plans, logos, digital toys and all the bells and whistles are included on one of those fashionable bullet-proof brief cases. Most of them have resulted in failure and financial loss and ruin. So much for that MBA.

Asia's brand warehouse continues to see huge success for those who not only take the first step, be it accidental or not, but then follow up in a sprint ahead... be it Red Bull or AirAsia, the brand growth has continued.

Looking around the island, you can still see some brands that have come up. Such brands are admired. They are financially successful and glossy, and remain unscathed by the twists and turns of business.

But the long term looms. The opportunity cost of an opportunity lost can ultimately cast a heavy toll. Just look at the recent bankruptcy of Eastman Kodak, for example.

There is no pause button in business, stand still and you run the risk of being run over by the speeding truck of progress. It's that simple. Accidents do happen, but it's what comes next that matters.

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# Coconut Island gets a new pier

By Stephen Fein

THE new 10-million-baht pier on Koh Maphrao, off the east coast of Phuket, officially opened last week with a ribbon-cutting ceremony presided over by the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (OrBorJor) President Paiboon Upatising.

The new concrete pier, 170 meters long and three meters wide, replaces a dilapidated wooden structure, making passage to the island safer and more convenient for residents and tourists.

Koh Maphrao (literally "Coconut Island") is part of Koh Kaew Village Six. It is now expected to be accessed by 300 to 500 tourists daily, many of whom are destined for The Village Coconut Island villa resort that opened five years ago and is now in its second phase.

The need for a new pier was obvious to all, but when Koh Kaew Tambon Administration Organization (OrBorTor) began to look into the project they estimated the cost at 14.9 million baht, far more than the 2mn baht in funding it could provide.

OrBorJor representative for Koh Kaew Suphachoke La-ongpetch approached the council for support. The OrBorJor saw the importance of the project and agreed to provided 8.325mn baht in funding, as well as technical expertise to complete the structure for a total cost of 10.325mn

baht, well under the original estimate.

Koh Kaew OrBorTor President Kuakiat Jitkua thanked the OrBorJor for their key role in building the pier, saying it will make lives better for the many local residents who have to make a daily commute to the mainland for work.

It will also help local youth further their education, as there is only a primary-level school on the island.

OrBorJor President Paiboon said he hoped the new pier would bring prosperity to the island residents.



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**BRUGMANSIA:** The angel's trumpet.  
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**DIFFENBACHIA:** The toxic dumb cane. Photo: H. Zell

# Dangers in the Garden of Eden



**LETHAL SEED:** The castor-oil plant has attractive red berries and the seeds can be deadly. Photo: Dezidor



**Gardening**  
By Patrick Campbell

Everyone knows that some plants are poisonous, and we gardeners know that Thailand has more than its fair share. In truth, the Kingdom also has more than its fair share of edible species – as this column has frequently documented.

Although you are hardly likely to attempt to eat any part of the following toxic plants, do wash your hands after handling any of them.

The list includes some of the most beautiful shrubs around: most of the *apocynaceae* family such as *oleander* and *thevetia*, *allamandas* and *euphorbias* (including the crown of thorns), the shade plants *diffenbachia* (dumbcane) and *caladium* (elephant ear), the *adenium* or desert rose, the angel's trumpet (*brugmansia*) and, deadliest of all, the castor-oil plant (*ricinus*).

Most of these plants have toxic sap which is whitish, sticky and latex-like, but in the case of the castor-oil plant, it is the seeds that are deadly. At least only the castor-oil plant has tempting-looking berries to attract the attention of curious children.

Other dangers in your personal Garden of Eden have more to do with its fast moving inhabitants. We all know about mosquitoes. What makes them so irritating (in more senses than one) is the fact that the female anopheles tends to be most active in the early morning, or before the sun starts to go down. And these, of course, are the coolest times for watering your garden, or for undertaking more strenuous tasks, such as an evening stroll.

Moreover, since mosquitoes tend to hide behind vegetation, any disturbance tends to arouse their blood-sucking desires. And

they are, so recent research reveals, especially attracted by the odors emanating from feet!

Any water plant pots should also provide a home for fish such as swordtails: they will ensure that none of the mosquito eggs dropped into the water develop into larvae. Stagnant water without fish will rapidly become a breeding ground.

At the expense of a few fish, you might even encourage dragonflies. Their larva are vicious aquatic predators with a retractable claw, but if you have a few brilliant-hued adults quartering your swimming pool, you can be sure that they will mop up most mosquitoes in the vicinity.

Ants are maybe worse than mosquitoes. They seem to patrol any number of plants, often protecting the aphids, which suck sap from plant stems and produce a sweet substance called honeydew, much beloved of their guardians.

If you happen to disturb other species, (some red ants nest in trees and large shrubs), they are liable to attack without warning. I once attempted to knock one of their football-sized nests from a tree. The result? I was dive-bombed by hundreds of angry ants and got at least twenty stings for my pains. And some people, myself included, are allergic to the formic acid in ant stings. Bring on the anti-histamine tablets.

Finally a warning about leaf litter. If you need to collect the dead leaves which are now steadily accumulating in the current dry season, make sure you either use a rake, or wear gloves if you intend to pick them up by hand. Why? There may be all sorts of nasties lurking underneath the foliage.

Centipedes can deliver a very unpleasant bite – millipedes will not, but they are full of cyanide, and should not be handled. Nor should you pick off hairy caterpillars, which can bring you out in an unpleasant rash.

One furry larval creature, bright green in color, blends with the underside of a leaf so as to be almost invisible. What it turns into, I have yet to discover, but one touch and the resulting rash will last a long time.

And remember, there are scorpions and serpents in Eden.

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### Crossword puzzle:

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COFFEE

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### Impossibly Possible Quiz answers:

1. IVORY coast
2. The FLOWERPOT men
3. CRYSTAL palace
4. PEARL
5. The CORAL sea
6. CHINA
7. RUBY Tuesday
8. BRONZE
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## International Sport

## Please behave for the FA Cup

PREMIER League leaders Manchester City's 3-2 controversial win over Tottenham Hotspur last Sunday, through a Mario Balotelli penalty in injury time, incensed Spurs' manager Harry Redknapp.

Balotelli, who had already picked up a yellow card for unsporting behavior, appeared to stamp on Scott Parker's head. The incident was missed by referee Howard Webb, but has resulted in a charge of violent conduct issued by the Football Association after they reviewed video evidence. If found guilty, he faces a four-match ban.

Tottenham had looked likely to take all the points with Jermain Defoe just inches away from providing the finish touch to a Gareth Bale cross in the last moments of the game. City cleared with an opportunistic long ball that created a scramble in the Spur's box and ended with Balotelli being hauled down by Ledley King.

The Italian picked himself up and calmly slotted the ball home from the spot, enraging Tottenham's backroom staff and fans alike.

Balotelli's agent has said his client may leave English football as he feels persecuted, citing that he keeps asking "Why always me? Why does it always come back to me?"

Manchester United kept up the pressure on City with a defensive 1-2 victory at the Emirates Stadium, which puts Arsenal's qualification for the Champion's League in doubt for the first time in 14 years.

United took the lead just before the break with Ryan Giggs crossing for Antonio Valencia to head home.

The Gunners equalized when Robin van Persie found the bottom corner of the net from inside the box, making up for an earlier error where he blasted his shot wide after passing two defenders.

Arsene Wenger, with 18 minutes of play left, substituted Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain in favor of Andrey Arshavin, much to the bewilderment of the home crowd calling for a much needed win. Matters got worse for the manager and the player when the Russian failed to prevent Valencia's run, and Danny Welbeck lashed the ball home.

The Premiership takes a back seat this weekend as footballing action is provided by the FA Cup, with the pick of the fourth round, Liverpool versus Manchester at Anfield.

Alex Ferguson has written to United fans requesting their good behavior under the guise to protect ticket allocations, with no mention of the ongoing racism row.



**CRUEL GAME:** Mario Balotelli knocks his penalty past Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper Brad Friedel to maintain Manchester City's advantage at top of the table. Photo: AFP/Paul Ellis

## Patriots and Giants to contest XLVI



**AIRBORNE:** Patriot quarterback Tom Brady scores in the last quarter against the Baltimore Ravens. Photo: AFP

FANS of the New England Patriots got some great news when reports revealed that the team's superstar tight end Rob Gronkowski will play in Super Bowl XLVI against the red hot New York Giants on February 5.

Gronkowski went down with what appeared to be a very serious ankle injury in the AFC championship game, won by the Patriots thanks to the Baltimore Ravens

botching a field goal attempt just 32 yards out in the final seconds.

Gronkowski, a 265 pound second-year man out of Arizona, set a tight end record of 18 touchdowns in the regular season. Paired with fellow tight end Aaron Hernandez, and slot receiver Wes Welker, the trio give quarterback Tom Brady an array of options.

The Giants prevailed 20-17 in the NFC against the San Francisco

49ers thanks to an overtime field goal that ended a tight, defensive struggle. Credit for the win goes to the Giant's defense, which held the Niners to just one-for-thirteen conversions on third-down attempts, and a never-say-die performance by quarterback Eli Manning, who was sacked six times.

*Super Bowl kicks off 6:30am local time on Astro SuperSports 2.*

— Stephen Fein

PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE				THE FA CUP FIXTURES	
WEDNESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2012 19:00 UK				FRIDAY, 27 JANUARY 2012 02:45	
TEAM	P	GD	PTS	Watford VS Tottenham	
1 Man City	21	42	54	Everton VS Fulham 03:00	
2 Man Utd	22	33	51	SATURDAY, 28 JANUARY 2012 19:00	
3 Tottenham	22	17	46	QPR VS Chelsea	
4 Chelsea	22	15	41	SATURDAY, 28 JANUARY 2012 19:45	
5 Arsenal	22	6	36	Liverpool VS Man Utd	
6 Newcastle	22	2	36	SATURDAY, 28 JANUARY 2012 22:00	
7 Liverpool	22	4	35	Blackpool VS Sheffield Wed	
8 Stoke	22	-10	30	Bolton VS Swansea	
9 Norwich	22	-4	29	Derby VS Stoke	
10 Sunderland	22	5	27	Hull VS Crawley Town	
11 Aston Villa	22	-3	27	Leicester VS Swindon	
12 Fulham	22	-3	26	Millwall VS Southampton	
13 Swansea	22	-4	26	Sheffield Utd VS Birmingham	
14 Everton	22	-4	26	Stevenage VS Notts County	
15 West Brom	22	-9	25	West Brom VS Norwich	
16 QPR	22	-15	20	Brighton VS Newcastle 00:30	
17 Bolton	22	-19	19	SUNDAY, 29 JANUARY 2012 20:30	
18 Blackburn	22	-12	18	Sunderland VS Middlesbrough	
19 Wolves	22	-15	18	SUNDAY, 29 JANUARY 2012 23:00	
20 Wigan	22	-26	15	Arsenal VS Aston Villa	

## SPORTS briefs...

**TENNIS:** Kim Clijster's 6-3, 7-6 victory over Caroline Wozniacki in the quarter-finals at the Hisense Arena means there will be a new women's world number one.

Despite securing her first ever win over a reigning number one at a major, the 28-year-old Belgian says this will be her last Australian Open.

Wozniacki, who has never won a Grand Slam event will relinquish top spot to Petra Kvitova, Victoria Azarenka or possibly Maria Sharapova depending on who wins the final.

The final is due to start Saturday at 11am and the men's final on Sunday.

**CRICKET:** Ricky Ponting has become only the third batsman in test cricket to record more than 13,000 runs after scoring his 41<sup>st</sup> test century.

Ponting also joined Jacques Kallis in second place on the list of most test centuries scored, though still 10 short of Sachin Tendulkar's record.

Tendulkar is still searching for that elusive 100<sup>th</sup> first-class century, though the wicket at the Adelaide Oval looks to be a batsman's heaven.

Michael Clarke and Ponting both went on to score double centuries as Australia dominated the first two days of play in the series' last game.

**RUGBY:** The Six Nations rugby tournament will kick-off on February 4<sup>th</sup> when Italy play France, England travel to Scotland, and Ireland entertain Wales.

Scotland have named Edinburgh hooker Ross Ford as their captain for the campaign, replacement for Kelly Brown who suffered a knee injury in Saracen's cup win over Treviso.

England have named nine new squad members including 30-year-old Northampton's Phil Dowson, former captain of England's seconds, the Saxons.

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# FC Phuket in jeopardy, again



**FINAL DRAW:** Those who are left of FC Phuket may well be finding their future fortunes elsewhere this year.



**Soranan Sanae** has a lot on his plate right now. Photos: Pimwara Choksakulpan

By Pimwara Choksakulpan

FC PHUKET is once again facing the threat of being dissolved into professional extinction, after its 'saviors' failed to reach an agreement with local authorities about the usage of Surakul Stadium as a host pitch and training base.

The news comes only weeks after fans were publicly told that the marketing firm (Cournot and Nash) of Sponsor Thai Premier League (TPL) powerhouse, Muangthong United had agreed to provide financial and administrative support to FC Phuket, which would allow the team to survive and compete in TPL Division 1 for the 2012 season.

But with the latest development, or lack thereof, fans were forced back into month-old misery after learning that their 'Big Brothers' in Bangkok will no longer provide financial and administrative support to the Southern Sea Kirin as promised.

FC Phuket consultant Paitoon (Ko Men) Chutimakornkul revealed the bad news to Phuket fans ear-

lier this week.

"Muangthong United have officially withdrawn their intention and right to [financially and administratively] support FC Phuket following a disagreement with the Phuket Provincial Administrative Organization ("OrBorJor")," he said.

Speaking on Wednesday, Club consultant Paitoon said, "I, on behalf of FC Phuket, had already talked on the phone with OrBorJor President Paiboon Upatising but we could not come to an agreement because the OrBorJor needs to charge a facilities rental fee at a rate of 10% of each game's gate receipts.

"Muangthong United's executives decided in a meeting that this was unfair and too much of a burden for them. They then agreed to cancel financial support for FC Phuket, and have already submitted a formal letter returning all management rights of the team back to FC Phuket."

Consultant Paitoon added, "In fact, there is no need for Muangthong United [Corno and

Nash] to help us because they already have their own club. To help us is a big burden for them. But because I am a Phuket resident, and have been working with SiamSports [which falls under Cournot and Nash] for 26 years, I along with Narubas 'Ko Lek' Aryupong, asked them for support to please all the fans.

"Rawi Lorthong [Head of Cournot and Nash] felt sympathy for us and then agreed to help us retain the team and right to play in Division 1, because it was such hard work to bring the club to Division 1," he said.

"They had set a budget for FC Phuket at up to 36 million baht, even though [most] Phuket people don't care for football. However, they've decided to cancel support," he said regretfully.

FC Phuket club director Soranan Sanae reconfirmed the news to the *Phuket Gazette*. "The letter is in my hand right now. I have yet to know what to do, and must discuss the matter with the club's president Ko Lek before I give any [in depth] interview."

He added, "If any football-loving foreigners or expat millionaires would like to support the team, they are more than welcome to step up."

Meanwhile, PPAO president Paiboon Upatising told the *Phuket Gazette* that there has been no formal meeting between the OrBorJor and Muangthong United, but that it simply was impossible for the OrBorJor to approve their request to use Surakul Stadium free of charge.

"Surakul Stadium belongs to all Phuket people. We cannot allow any private club to use the facility for free. Since FC Phuket is under the management of a private company, they have to come talk in detail about the rental and ticketing fees," he said.

In other team news, Muangthong United executives earlier this week selected 11 of FC Phuket's prime players to join a special training session. Despite the latest bad news, the training session will still take place, the *Gazette* has learned.

Phuket club director Soranan Sanae earlier in the week told the *Gazette*, "The selected players have about two weeks to prove themselves. The most outstanding one will be selected to play with Muangthong United and the rest will remain with FC Phuket [if the team is not dissolved]"

The selected players include four forwards: Watcharapong 'Pae' Jun-ngam, Tameezee 'Z' Hayeeyusoh, Poramat 'Mud' Krongborisut and Thawin Butsombat; four midfielders: Sarach 'Tang' Yooyen, Seksit 'Half' Srisai, Kornprom 'Poon' Jaroongpong and Abdoul Coulibaly; and three defenders: Suphat 'James' Aonthong, Niran 'Noom' Panthong and Nenebi Tra Sylvestre.

Thawin Butsombat, the forward who suffered a broken leg in a match in May last year against Thai Honda FC, has also been shown interest by Division 2 side, Rayong FC, which former Phuket coach, Apichart 'Mo' Mosika is

now heading.

Former Phuket forward Kone Adama is playing for Burmese league for the Yadanarbon FC, while former Phuket Goalkeeper, Jonathan Matijas is still seeking to sign with another team. At the time of going to press, the Frenchman was trying out for Division 1 side, Bangkok United, formerly Bangkok University's football team.

For the latest developments on the FC Phuket saga, check the *Phuket Gazette* online.

RELEGATED FROM THAI PREMIER LEAGUE				
↓	?	TBA		
↓	↓	Sri Racha FC		
↓	↓	Khon Kaen FC		
THAI DIVISION ONE LEAGUE TABLE				
WEDNESDAY, 25 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	44	
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	36	
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		
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# FPL round two

By Neil Quail

PHUKET'S Fair Play League (FPL) moved venue last Saturday to take advantage of the excellent facility at Youth Football Home in Thalang for the second round of the competition.

With two immaculately kept grass pitches at the ground, participating boys and girls enjoyed an afternoon of great football.

In the U11 Division, spectators were treated to three hard-fought games with every player giving their all to earn their team victory.

In the first match, France looked as though they would secure all three points by taking a two-goal lead against Germany White, but in true Teutonic spirit the Germans fought their way back into the match to claim a share of the points with 4-4 draw.

The second match saw the Copa America battle between Brazil and Argentina. Inspired goalkeeping and opportunistic striking helped the Brazilians 4-0 win over a determined, but in the end unfortunate Argentine side. Thailand's all-girl team and Germany Green played out the last



MEIN! Action from the exciting 4-4 draw between Germany White and France in the FPL U11 Division at the Youth Home Football grounds.

match in the U11's Division with the Kingdom's representatives just missing out on a draw after a 4-3 defeat to a confident German side.

The U14 Division matches were a little more one sided. Germany Green continued their excellent goal-scoring form with a 7-3 win over Brazil. The encounter between France and Argentina in the second match was notable for a double hat

trick by the number seven who scored all of France's six goals in their 6-3 victory. Thailand achieved their first win of the campaign with a 7-3 scoreline over Germany White in the final match of the day.

The Fair Play League will resume at British international School on February 5.

For information visit [thanyapura.com](http://thanyapura.com)

## World number four pair set to give back to Phuket schools



PHUKET DARLINGS: April (left) and Jennifer (right).



The girls in action against the Czech Republic.

SCHOOLS beach volleyball received a top endorsement recently with the world's number four pairing of Jennifer Kessy and April Ross from the USA offering to help promote the sport on Phuket.

Bob Selznick continues to do sterling work for youth volleyball on the island and his friendship with the 2011 FIVB Phuket Beach Volleyball finalists [Kessy and Ross] has inspired a relationship that will see the schools set up receiving vital equipment over the coming year.

"During the FIVB tourney, April and Jen, who are friends of mine from California, loved the PTT school girl tournament. They thought it was great, and very nice for the girls to be exposed to the whole

beach volleyball scene," Bob explained to the *Gazette*.

"They came and watched a few of the matches when they found time. It's the only stop on the world tour where they did that," he added.



PTT Schools beach volleyball tournament 2011.

"Before they left, they told me that they would like to give back to Phuket, and that they would like to help keep the girls involved and playing. They said they wish they were closer so they could actually play with the girls.

But they told me that it looks like it is in good hands," Bob said.

"As of now, they are sending volleyballs and tops for the girls, with more stuff to come in the future and that they said they would like to help support me in organizing any tournaments in the future," said Bob.

Jennifer and April have won the Phuket FIVB tournament twice and are extremely popular and important participants at the annual event. It seems their ties with Phuket will continue and their influence along with Bob's will hopefully encourage considerable growth in youth volleyball.

For more information contact [bbselz@gmail.com](mailto:bbselz@gmail.com) – Neil Quail

## PYSC get the cream of Cats



SPEED MERCHANTS: PYSC sailors ready for a trip on the Marstrom Cat.



HELM BOYS: On lucky youngster got to direct the racing machine.

YOUNG sailors from the Phuket Youth Sailing Club (PYSC) were recently afforded the chance to experience the thrill of being aboard a new 32-foot Marstrom Cat (M-32) on the waters of Phuket.

The M-32 is a vessel built purely for speed with the same state-of-the-art technology as used in the aircraft industry and Formula 1 car racing.

Owner of the new catamaran, Albert Loridan, invited the youngsters to sail with him and his crew and even gave one of the older children an opportunity to helm the craft. Albert has planned another jaunt on the M-32 for the PYSC kids next month, which they are gratefully looking forward to. Albert's generosity has not ended with providing a unique sailing experience for the young enthusiasts as he has also donated a Hobie FX

One Cat to the sailors from Phuket Sunshine Village so that they have their own boat.

Vice president of the PYSC, Katy Gooch, expressed her gratitude for Albert's kindness and involvement with the club's efforts.

"We would like to thank Albert for his generosity and for supporting youth sailing on Phuket. The PYSC aims to promote and develop youth sailing in Phuket and we are always looking for volunteers to help with the sailing program. We invite individuals to join our 'Group of Friends' which helps to cover the cost of weekly training and necessary equipment," said Katy.

For information contact Katy at [phuketouthsailing@gmail.com](mailto:phuketouthsailing@gmail.com) or on 085-2159185.



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# Island cricketers on a high

By Neil Quail

A BATTLE for mid-table seniority held court at the ACG last Sunday when the Island Cricket Club faced the Thanyapura Tigers in the ninth Island Furniture League match.

Sitting in fourth place, Tigers were a solitary point ahead of ICC fifth spot on the table and both teams were very aware that a win was crucial if their league title hopes were to survive. Tigers posted a respectable score of 196 runs with a solid innings once again from Ryan Dunn, who scored 83. But ICC clinched victory in a tight game, hanging on with just two wickets to reach 198 runs in 31 overs. The losing side will look to their bowlers after a woefully wayward performance that conceded 52 runs from wides and no balls.

ICC won the toss and put TNT into bat with Martin Hill (1) and Ryan Dunn opening the batting. Hill fell in the fifth over with the score on 24 followed by Dan Smith (2) in the 10<sup>th</sup> over before the drinks break. Dunn and Sid Prathu (59) built a solid foundation for the innings with a 106 partnership before Prathu was dismissed in the 28<sup>th</sup> over with the score on 167. ICC had opportunities to interrupt the partnership having dropped Prathu four times during his innings. It was Yatin Halarnkar who showed the way when he took a stunning catch to remove Dunn whose century was within sight. Roshan Jayasuria (14) was the only other Tiger batsman to reach double figures. Tigers' innings ended when they were bowled out for 196 in the 37<sup>th</sup> over. ICC bowling highlights were Faisal Mir (3 for 47), Halankar (2 for 30) and Imtiyaz Mushtaq (2 for 32).



**LOST CENTURY:** Ryan Dunn of Thanyapura Tigers just missed out on hitting the first ton at the ACG last Sunday against Island Cricket Club. Photo: Neil Quail

The ICC innings began ominously when Vicky Kumar (4) lost the race to a Dan Smith run-out in the third over with the score on 14. Despite such an early set back, the ICC batsmen managed to string several good partnerships together throughout the middle order. Mushtaq (34) top-scored for ICC while Ali Khan (33), Surender Kumar (19), Anand Chand (16) and Darshan Vaigankar (14) also chipped in. Tigers took three late wickets when ICC were around 180 runs, but ICC hung on, scrambling to victory in the 31<sup>st</sup> over

when they reached 198 runs. Tigers' bowling was headed by Dunn (2 for 24) and Hill (2 for 18).

Man of the match was Imtiyaz Mushtaq while Ryan Dunn took second and Ali Khan placed third.

ICC now move up to fourth place in the league table after their victory over TNT. Patong still remain on top, but the Village, Laguna and Lizards have a match in hand.

This weekend sees the official opening of the ACG with officials from the Ministry

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
ISLAND CC	3	2	1	11
THANYAPURA TIGERS	3	1	2	9
LIQUID LOUNGE LIZARDS	2	0	2	3
PHUKET LEOPARDS	3	0	3	2

**Island Furniture Cricket League standings after nine games.**

of Sports & Tourism, the Phuket Governor and the Cricket Association of Thailand (CAT) and Asian Cricket Council (ACC) in attendance. On Saturday there will be youth exhibition matches followed by a T20 exhibition match between two Phuket Cricket Group teams. Sunday will see a CAT XI take on an Asian Invitational XI (which will feature former Bangladesh test captain Aminul Islam). This is an open invitation event.

For more cricket information visit [phuketcricketgroup.com](http://phuketcricketgroup.com) or [acgphuket.com](http://acgphuket.com).

## Lavoie rains supreme as a coach

FORMER Canadian Women's 7s National Rugby Coach Jean-Philippe Lavoie, conducted a free rugby clinic for kids on January 11 at Thanyapura Sports and Leisure Club (TSLC).

A total of 60 kids turned out including 50 from the Phuket Lomas Youth Rugby. Lavoie introduced the younger kids to the sport and a few of its intricacies, while the older Lomas players were put through their paces on the – thankfully – all-weather surface.

Lavoie is now the Senior Coaching Consultant, High Performance and Product Development for the Canadian sports federation. Organizers wish to thank him and his wife as well as TSLC for hosting the session.

The Lomas now start preparing for the National Youth games in May when they will compete in the U18 Division.

They will also take part in the BKK 10s in February and hope to come back with more trophies to add to those won last year.



**ALL WEATHER PLAYERS:** Rugby players enjoyed the session by Lavoie despite the conditions.



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## Golf Guru

ORIGINALLY called the Bob Hope classic, the PGA tour started its campaign on the main land last week.

They brought out the big guns for this event with none other than Bill Clinton promoting health awareness. The final round golf course looks similar to one of our very own courses in Phuket, Red Mountain.

Mark Wilson brought home the bacon on this one, holding off the man in form and last week's winner Jonhson Wagner who averaged 25 putts per round. Incidentally, his average pay check for the first three tournaments of 2012 is US\$524,000. A miss spent youth on the golf course clearly does pay off. Wilson scored 24 under par for the new format of four rounds. Next week we move on to Torrey Pines in California.

European tour golf stayed in South Africa, this time at the links at Fancourt. The scoring looked like it was going to be low until the greenkeeper stopped putting the pins on the greens! This tournament required a play off with three golfers finishing on 12 under par. In the playoff Els, Goosen and again Branden "amazing" Grace all battling for the title. Grace birdied the first playoff hole to win, making it back-to-back tournaments victories for him. As I have said in my earlier articles, this is where the Erine Els foundation for young golfers resides and now one of his young proteges defeated him in a playoff. Again well done to Erine for giving back to the great game of golf.

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# Krabi down the Lomas

By Neil Quail

KRABI RFC recently hosted the Phuket Lomas in Ao Luk for their first U17 fifteen-a-side game of 2012.

These games act as a warm up to the National Youth Games which will be held in Phuket in May and June. As usual the Lomas were playing above their weight with most of the team aged 14 and 15 years. From the kickoff, the bigger Krabi boys tried to take control through the forwards, but fierce tackling by the Lomas forward opposition and using their pace in the backs, they kept Krabi under pressure with brilliant counter attacking. After 10 minutes the Lomas forced a penalty which was converted by the captain, Muk, for a 0-3 lead. Krabi tried to stretch the back line and the bigger centers made yards that eventually led to a try in the corner, but failed to convert leaving the score at 5-3.

As the half wore on, the Lomas began to tire from the constant Krabi battering and they conceded two tries late in the half to go into the break 15-3 down. A change of tactics implemented at half-time brought immediate results when the Krabi forwards lost ruck ball. Claimed by the Lomas, it was passed down the line to Toe, who burst from the Lomas 22 with a brilliant side step and hand off to race away and score.

After the conversion, the Lomas were within one score at 15-10. Following a promising Krabi move which was halted by a crunching tackle from Aaron Reading, the Lomas played advantage from the resulting knock on. Scrum half, Beng, fed the ball out to Toe who powered through three tackles to score between the posts, and with the conversion, put the Lomas into 15-17 lead.

The game was slipping away from Krabi and they regrouped for a last push and should have had a try but for a crunching tackle by

Keng.

Muk extend the Lomas lead with a penalty to 15-20, but Krabi upped their game considerably going into the last quarter and eventually found a gap through the Lomas defence to score and convert a try. At 22-20 for Krabi, the Lomas had to score and were looking for a way through when caught offside at a ruck. The Krabi fly-half took a quick tap and dived through the unprepared Lomas defence to score under the posts and extend Krabi's lead to nine points.

Stung by giving away such a weak try, the Lomas immediately went on the attack and showed great all round handling skills by forwards and backs. Lek in the center broke the line and managed to off load in the tackle to Fae, who gave the inside feed for Toe to crash over for another try. Once again, Muk's kick found its target and the gap closed to 29-27. With the clock ticking down, the Lomas threw everything at Krabi, but couldn't break through. The very last play of the



**RUGBY IS FOR GIRLS:** The first Phuket Lomas girls rugby team defeated Krabi in their first outing at Ao Luk.

game saw Sombat take a huge hit just short of the line, but couldn't hold on to the ball. At the final whistle Krabi had secured a hard fought victory by 29 points to the Lomas 27 points. The next game brings Krabi to Phuket for the return fixture.

In a first for Phuket Rugby, the new Lomas girls team played their first ever competitive matches with two 7-a-side games against a Krabi girls side. In the first game the Lomas were the stronger side and ran out 15 points to 5 winners. In the second game the girls who missed out on the first game were fielded. A fired up Krabi team took a two try lead into half time, but Lomas substitutions changed the balance of the game in the second half and the girls scored two tries at the death to draw the match 10-10. The girls sec-

tion is a great addition to youth rugby in Phuket and they will also compete in the National Youth games in the girls 7s competition.

## 18-19 February

BKK Rugby 10s. Viagrabonds will compete in the Vets Division and the Lomas will compete in the U 14 and U 16 Divisions. Sponsors for the Lomas are being sought for this tournament.

## March 9-11

Bob Dwyer and Mike Penistone of Bob Dwyer Rugby will be conducting three coaching clinics in Phuket during 2012. The clinics will enhance coaching and benefit the Lomas in their quest to be National Youth Champions on home soil in 2012.

For more information contact [phuketrugby@gmail.com](mailto:phuketrugby@gmail.com).

## Tennis and love to share the same court at TSLC



**JUST FRIENDS:** Bring a romantic interest or a buddy for tennis doubles Valentine's fun at TSLC. Photo: Neil Quail

DINNER by candlelight, a gift of jewellery or a pampering in one of Phuket's exclusive spas are certainly ways to impress one's beau or belle on Valentine's Day.

This year, why not smash the cliches and serve up a different love experience for your partner by taking part in the Valentine's Sweet Mixed Doubles tennis tournament at Thanyapura Sports and Leisure Club (TSLC).

Beginning on Saturday, February 11 at 1pm, TSLC's Tennis Academy will morph into an arena of romantic volleys as mixed doubles teams set themselves a target of reaching the final of this unique tournament in the lead up to 2012's day dedicated to celebrating romance.


Calls of love and "new balls, please" take on a whole new

meaning when tennis and Valentine's Day are strung together. So bring a friend, bring your lover or your better half for an afternoon of fun on the courts.

The tournament runs until 4:30pm and is exclusively for mixed doubles teams (one male and one female), be they married, engaged boyfriend and girlfriend or just friends. The Tennis Academy expects at least eight teams (16 players) to sign up, but can accommodate many more.


What does this doubles date cost? Members will pay 1,000 baht and non-members will pay 1,200 baht. Bookings are required and can be made before February 8.

For more information contact [nathaphat@thanyapura.com](mailto:nathaphat@thanyapura.com), T: 076 336 000 or visit [thanyapura.com](http://thanyapura.com)




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# AFL strikes nine

By Neil Quail

WITH FC Phuket having recently ended their tumultuous season, season nine of the popular Adult Futsal League (AFL) presented by Thanachart Bank has picked up the baton to continue the island's football interests.

Played at Thanyapura Sports and Leisure Club (TSLC) in Thalang, organizer's this season have moved the competition from the smaller dedicated futsal pitch to the full sized synthetic surface established to host rugby matches.

Both Division One and Premier Division matches will be played simultaneously on the pitch which has been marked specially, providing an action filled arena.

The AFL is being assisted by volunteers from Thalang Tigers and their Junior teams with these youth players acting as ball boys a vital role in keeping the matches flowing throughout the evening.

After the competition was officially opened, presided over by Thanachart Bank representatives, the first game pitted reigning Premier Division Champions, Portrait FC, against runners up from last season, Thanachart



Bank. In a closely fought match, Portrait got their league campaign off to a winning start with a 4-3 victory.

Meanwhile on the second pitch, the First Division also got under way with AFL stalwarts Island Boys up against season eight Fair Play Award winners Ultraman. In another close match, Ultraman took the lead before Island Boys hit back with two unanswered goals. It looked as if Island Boys were going to hold on for the win, but with five minutes remaining, Ultraman equalized, and the match fin-

ished in a 2-2 draw, giving both teams a valuable league point each.

Following the first two opening games, season eight Division One Champions, Thalang Tigers roared into action against Honda. Consolidating last season's success, Thalang proved their promotion was deserved and sent a brutal message to the rest of the league with a 6-1 victory over the hapless Honda.

The final match was a battle between the home team of TSLC and Chevrolet. A tentative first half saw both teams trying

to find weak points in their opposition, but it was TSLC who broke through twice and took 2-0 lead into the second half. After the break, Chevrolet struggled to get back on level terms, but a well organized TSLC back line thwarted their efforts. TSLC then scored two more quick goals to end the match 4-0 and secure three points.

The AFL returns every Thursday night for more floodlit futsal action.

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