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■ 'I HAVE GIVEN MY PERMISSION FOR THE PARTY TO GO AHEAD'

# PARTY ON

■ Sydictive Element vaults hurdles, gets approval for massive New Year's party on Surin Beach

By **Orawin Narabal**

THE "Paris Hilton" New Year beach bash organized by Sydictive Element on Surin Beach has, after strong opposition, finally been approved, local officials confirmed to the *Gazette*.

The approval came after Sydictive Element assured the local government that they will take care of three key areas of concern, Ma-ann Samran, president of the Cherng Talay Tambon Administration Organization (OrBorTor) explained.

"They guaranteed that they will be responsible for public safety and drug control; maintaining cleanliness on the beach; and they will extend assistance to beach vendors to ensure their livelihoods do not suffer," he said on Tuesday.

"They have not told me how they are going to deal with all these problems... They just said they will manage them," said Mr Ma-ann.

The news follows representatives from Sydictive Element meeting Phuket Marine Office chief Phuripat Theerakulpisut to explain how they intended to deal with a raft of issues.

Those negotiations were successful.

"I have given my permission for the party to go ahead," Mr Phuripat told the *Gazette*. "They [the party organizers] presented their plan to deal with the problems of having such a large party, and I was satisfied..."

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## MOTHER APPEALS OVER MISSING SON



THE mother of missing American Brett Bean was unable to confirm if images captured by CCTV in Patong and Chalong show her son making ATM transactions after his disappearance.

Lynne Bean, 69, arrived in Phuket on December 8 to help investigators locate

her son, who is a ski instructor in Colorado during the winter and spends his summers surfing in Phuket.

Mrs Bean appealed to the public for any information that would help...

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## Murdered man's girlfriend lashes out at embassy

SHORTLY after the body of Peter Reisz was tentatively identified the *Gazette* was contacted by a woman claiming to be the slain man's Vietnamese girlfriend.

This week, the woman, who asked not to be named in fear of compromising her safety, flew into Phuket to give her statement to police.

In her statement she claims that Samui Police and officials at the Hungarian embassy in Bangkok were aware of death threats being made against Mr Reisz, but failed to act appropriately on them.

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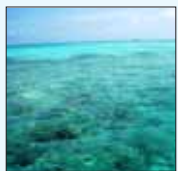
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# Mum unable to identify man using Brett Bean's bank card

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find Brett Bean, her 43-year-old son who failed to make a flight home to Los Angeles on November 27. She also posted a 50,000-baht reward for information that leads to her son being found.

Brett was last seen by a neighbor in Karon, on Phuket's southwest coast, on November 25.

Brett is 6 foot 2 inches tall and has a tattoo on his right thigh and another on his left forearm.

On Tuesday, Mrs Bean was asked to visit Karon Police Station to try to identify the man who used her son's ATM card on two occasions after his disappearance.

Karon Police inspector Chana Suttimard said that Mrs Bean was unsure whether the man caught on the CCTV film was her son or not.

"Mrs Bean said that while the man looked like her son, she could not positively confirm it, as the man in the film wore a motorbike helmet during the transactions," he said.

Mrs Bean asked police to allow her to send the files to her husband, Wayne, so he could attempt to identify the man.

Col Chana revealed that Brett's ATM card was used to withdraw 2,000 baht in Patong on November 27. It was used again on December



Mrs Bean studies CCTV footage taken of a man riding a motorbike similar to that hired by Brett. Photo: Kritsada Mueanhawong

5, when 1,500 baht was withdrawn from an ATM in Chalong.

"On both occasions the man wore a motorbike helmet with the visor up while making the transactions. After using the ATM in Patong, he entered the 7-Eleven, but kept his helmet on.

The unidentified man was caught on camera riding a motorbike that matched the description of Brett Bean's missing motorbike. However, CCTV did not capture the number on the plate, Col Chana said.

Earlier investigations of Brett's

rented bungalow provided few clues for police.

"Everything was in order. There were no signs of a struggle," said Maj Worapong Prom-in of the Chalong Police.

Mr Bean's surfboard and passport were found in the bungalow, along with his driver's license, motorbike registration book and his bankbook. However, his laptop, mobile phone, helmet and motorbike were missing.

"Everything looked like Mr Bean had just stepped out," Maj Worapong said.

## North Korean native found dead

A RUSSIAN national, born in North Korea, was found dead in his rented apartment room in Rawai on Monday evening.

Police identified the man as "Khe Konstantin", 46.

The unclothed body of Mr Konstantin, 46, was found face-up on the floor by the apartment owner, Kanchana Navamachit, after she unlocked the room to access the air-conditioning unit.

The last Ms Kanchana had seen the Russian national was about a week earlier, she told the *Gazette*.

Chalong duty officer Chianchai Duangsuwan received Ms Kanchana's report at about 5pm.

A forensic team arrived at the scene an hour later, but found no wounds on the body or obvious



Mr Konstantin was found dead in his rented room in Rawai.

cause of death, said Capt Chianchai.

Ms Kachana confirmed to police that Mr Konstantin had moved to Phuket about a month ago, signed a one-year lease and was living alone.

Police said they were attempting to contact Mr Konstantin's son, who reportedly lives in Phuket, Capt Chianchai said.

## Tourist center opens at Surin Beach

PHUKET Governor Maitri Inthusut joined officials from the Cherng Talay Tambon Administrative Organization (*OrBorTor*) as he presided over the opening ceremony of a new tourist information center at Surin Beach on December 7.

Cherng Talay *OrBorTor* President Ma-ann Samran told the *Gazette* that the decision to establish the center came in response to the increasing number of tourists visiting the area.

"Many more Thai and foreign tourists visit here now, so the new center at Surin Beach is there to provide them with information on local attractions, accommodation, transportation and other services," he said.



Phuket Governor Maitri Inthusut officially opens Cherng Talay's new Tourist Information Center at Surin Beach. Photo: Orawin Narabal

"The center is open 24 hours a day. Staff from the *OrBorTor* and hotels will be on duty from 8:30am to 4:30pm, after which

personnel from the local rescue services will be at the center," Governor Maitri said.

— Orawin Narabal



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# Hungarians nabbed for execution

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

POLICE have arrested both Hungarian nationals who stand accused of executing Hungarian businessman Peter Reisz. The body of Mr Reisz was found partially wrapped in a black plastic bag with hands bound in a rubber plantation in Kathu on November 29.

The prime suspect in the murder, Hungarian-Israeli dual national Moshe David, was caught by police in the MBK shopping mall in Bangkok on December 5. Region 8 Commander Gen Yongyuth Charoenwanit announced to the press the next day that Mr David had confessed to police to killing Mr Reisz in a fit of rage.

Two days after the announcement, Gyorgy Lajos Kvalka, 48, unable to stand the pressure, turned himself into Samui Police.

Mr Kvalka was named on the arrest warrant obtained by Thung Thong Police as "Kvalka Lajos Gyoergy".

"He [Mr Kvalka] saw that police had arrested Mr David. He could not stand the pressure, so he turned himself in," said

Tourist Police Commander Roy Ingpaioj.

Though implicated by Mr David in the killing of Mr Reisz, Mr Kvalka has denied taking any direct action in the murder.

"Mr Gyoergy [sic] told police that he did not kill Mr Reisz. He said he was only with Mr David while the killing took place," Maj Gen Roy explained.

Mr David's motive to the killing was pinned down during initial police questioning as he claimed that Mr Reisz had swindled him out of land and properties worth a total value of about 15 million baht, explained Gen Yongyuth.

After allegedly cheating Mr David out of the properties, Mr Reisz absconded to Phuket.

"Mr David and his Hungarian friend Mr Kvalka followed Mr Reisz to Phuket. They called Mr Reisz to meet them at a house that Mr David had rented for two days," Gen Yongyuth explained.

"However, they did not sort the problem out at the meeting. A serious fight broke out in which Mr Reisz was killed," Gen Yongyuth said.

During the re-enactment of the crime, set into motion before Mr



Moshe David has reportedly confessed to killing Mr Reisz, while Gyorgy Kvalka (inset) has denied being actively involved in the murder.

Kvalka handed himself into police, Mr David was silent in front of reporters.

The re-enactment took place at a well-known housing develop-

ment off Wichit Songkram Road on December 7.

Wearing a balaclava and under escort by about 30 police officers, Mr David spent about 30

minutes in the rented home before exiting it with a black plastic trash bag similar to the bag Mr Reisz's body was found in.

The next stop in the re-enactment was the rubber plantation where Mr David, finally removed the balaclava, which he had previously worn when in front of the press.

"Having dumped the body, Mr David and Mr Kvalka then drove Mr Reisz's white pickup truck back to Koh Samui. The pair attempted to sell the truck, but failed, and abandoned it in Bophut," explained Gen Yongyuth.

"Mr Kvalka was transferred to Thung Thong Police Station for further questioning," Gen Roy explained.

In the meantime, Mr David is being held at the detention cells at Phuket Immigration.

The *Gazette* notes that although Mr David is being consistently identified by police as Israeli national Moshe David, he is a dual national and also carried a Hungarian passport issued in the name Gabor Nemeth.

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## Tour van driver in lethal crash to face charges

TUAN Russala Samae, the tour van driver involved in the fatal crash that killed 9-year-old Kunnarree Lattuada-Lancini on November 29, has been discharged from the Vachira Phuket Hospital.

He was scheduled to present himself at Chalong Police Station on Thursday [December 13] to be charged with reckless driving causing death, Sub Lt Kraisor Boonprasop told the *Gazette* on Tuesday.

"The suspect will be charged with reckless driving causing death. I have informed Tuan Russala and the tour company [that he worked for] to make sure he presents himself. If he doesn't, we will issue a summons for him," Lt Kraisor said.

Mr Tuan Russala was released from hospital after recovering from injuries sustained in the crash, a head-on collision with a



The tour bus after it slammed into a pickup truck killing Kunnarree Lattuada-Lancini. Photo: Dean Noble

pickup truck making "school run" to drop off children at their schools.

Although the tour van involved in the accident was painted in Pegas Touristik white and featured the company logo, it was also marked as belonging to Apitchaya Destination Co Ltd.

— Chutharat Plerin

## Sydictive New Year party a go

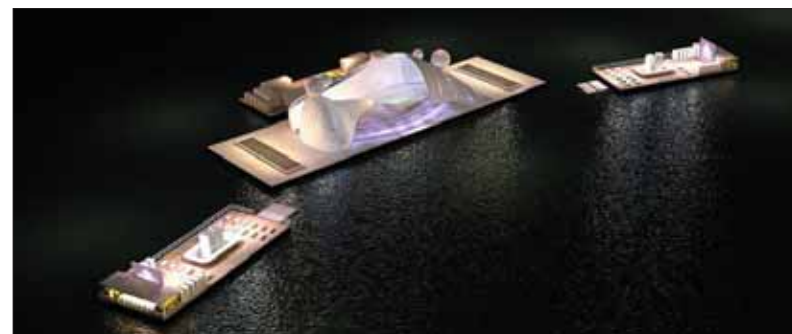
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with their arrangements."

Chanchai Duangjit, director of the Tourism Authority of Thailand Phuket Office, confirmed that he also was willing to support Sydictive's event on condition that they resolve concerns held by the vendors and local residents.

"If they can convince us that the plans to prevent problems that might arise before, during and after the party will work, and if those plans [appear to us to be] reasonable and practical, then I am more than happy to support them," said Mr Chanchai.

At the time this issue went to press, Governor Maitri Inthusut had yet to announce his approval for the



An aerial view of the proposed stage for the event. Photo: Facebook

party. However, the *Gazette* was told that the news was expected to be announced by this weekend.

Governor Maitri had previously declared that he would grant permission for the party, but only if local officials gave their approval.

However, fearing that beach

vendors would lose business and residents would be disturbed by noise and crowds, Governor Maitri also said that he would like to see the event downsized.

Sydictive claimed that they expect the beach bash to attract about 50,000 revellers.

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# Ready to rock

## Patong gears up for annual street carnival

By Orawin Narabal

PHUKET'S premier tourist party town of Patong is gearing up for its annual carnival, to be held this year from December 15-20.

Run by the Patong Municipality, the annual festival draws thousands of travellers from all over the world to mark the start of the tourism high season in Phuket, which traditionally runs from December through February.

Much of the live entertainment throughout the festival will be

performed on two stages. Stage One will be a beachfront stage next to the police box at the end of Soi Bangla; Stage Two will be at the football pitch next to Loma Park.

As is now tradition, the festival fun will begin with the annual Patong Carnival Parade, which will begin at 5pm on the opening day (see full program below).

Phuket Governor Maitri Inthasut told the *Gazette* that he truly appreciated all the effort that went into making the event the success that it is.



**ARE YOU READY?** Patong's annual week-long festival of fun features many live concerts by a host of stars, including Thai country-rock singer Bao Wee (pictured), and Four-Mod and 'Ja Kunhoo' ('itchy ears'). Photo: Facebook

"I am so glad that every government office works together as a team to make this event happen. I am certain the festival will help promote our island and give our tourists a memorable impression," he said.

At the publicity launch of the event, on a stage amid Soi Bangla

last week, Patong Mayor Pian Keesin vowed that this year's carnival will be the best yet.

"We are well prepared to welcome tourists to visit our festival. We have used four criteria for organizing the event: peaceful, clean, convenient and comfortable. I am sure that this year's

event will be more wonderful than even last year's carnival," he said.

Phuket Provincial Police Deputy Commander Peerayuth Karachedi promised to beef up police presence to ensure local residents and tourists alike were kept safe from harm during the week-long celebrations.

## PROGRAM OF EVENTS

### Patong Municipality has issued its schedule for this year's carnival entertainment as follows:

#### December 15

**9am:** Food offering to monks at Loma Park

**10:10am:** Vendors at Loma Park open to sell OTOP products

**5pm:** Patong Carnival Parade. The president of ceremonies and guests will arrive at Stage 1 to view the parade, which will start from Phang Muang Sai Kor Road and proceed along Prachanukhro Road and Thaweewong Road (the beach road) until it reaches the football field next to Loma Park.

**7:50pm:** Opening ceremonies for Patong Carnival 2012

**8pm. Stage 1:** Live concert by Thai country music singer Chaiya Mitthai and the performances by students from Wat Kuan Wiset School in Trang.

**9pm. Stage 2:** Live concert by Kob from Thai pop-rock group Taxi.

#### December 16

**8am:** Divers and volunteers start preparations for the underwater cleanup at the meeting point next to the beachfront stage, located opposite Patong Seafood Restaurant.

**9am:** Opening ceremony and start of the underwater cleanup.

**From 7pm. Stage 1:** Traditional performances by students from Wat Kuan Wiset School in Trang, Thai country singer Fon Thanasoonthorn and live entertainment by "Bird" and "Job" from the popular Thai television variety show *At Ten*.

**From 9pm. Stage 2:** Live concert by Ja Kunhoo.

#### December 17

**10am:** OTOP products on sale at Loma Park.

**From 7pm. Stage 1:** Live concert by Thai country music singer Paowalee Pornpimon.

**From 9pm. Stage 2:** Live concert by Luang Kai.

#### December 18

**From 7pm. Stage 1:** Concert by Superdance Samkong, live concerts by Nu Meter and Four-Mod.

**From 9pm. Stage 2:** Live concert by Thai-Danish singer Peter Corp Dyrendal.

#### December 19

**From 7pm. Stage 1:** Traditional performances by Harn Thao Rangsi Prachasan School in Phatthalung, followed by a live concert by Pong Lang Sa On.

**From 9pm. Stage 2:** Live concert by popular Thai country music singer "Bao Wee".

#### December 20

**From 10am:** Seafood and local food on sale from Soi Bangla to Prachanukroh Road.

**From 7pm. Stage 1:** Performance by Harn Thao Rangsi Prachasan School, live concerts by Jonas Anderson and Christy Gibson.

**From 9pm. Stage 2:** Live concert by Labanoon.

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# Reisz's girlfriend lashes out

By Atchaa Khamlo

A WOMAN close to Hungarian murder victim Peter Reisz has given her statement to Phuket Police, claiming that Samui Police and officials at the Hungarian embassy in Bangkok were aware of death threats being made against Mr Reisz, but failed to act appropriately on them.

The woman, a Vietnamese national who asked not to be named in fear of compromising her safety, said she was Mr Reisz's girlfriend. "I met Peter in June. I went to see him on Koh Samui at the end of June," she explained.

Peter then travelled to Vietnam in July for about 10 days, in September for about a week, and the third – and last time – from early October to October 30, said the woman.

"When I was on Koh Samui around the middle of August, there was a guy calling him on the phone many times. It seemed like a quarrel.

"Peter told me it was a Hungarian guy named David [prime suspect Moshe David] living on Koh Samui. Peter lent David money, the equivalent to US\$170,000 [about 5.2 million baht], with David's property used as security [for the loan].

"But now he [Mr David] didn't want to return the money and he wanted his property back," she said.

Peter was warned by a friend, named by the woman only as "Buda", that Mr David had threatened to kill him, she said.

Peter was worried, but did not take the initial threats seriously, she explained.

"By about the end of August, Buda warned Peter again that David really wanted to kill him – and that David had even planned how...

"David said he would kidnap Peter, force Peter to sign papers transferring Peter's property [including Mr David's property, which Peter had as security for Mr David's debt] and money to David, then kill Peter and throw his body into ocean," she alleged.

Mr Reisz filed a complaint with the local police on Samui, saying Mr David had threatened to kill him, but the police said they couldn't do anything to help him, the woman explained.

At that time, Mr Reisz was already preparing to leave Thailand to live in Vietnam. "In early September, Peter left Thailand for Vietnam. He wanted to live in Vietnam with me. It had nothing to do with David," she said.

During Mr Reisz's last trip to Vietnam, he received a recording from his friend Buda in which Mr



Police lead Mr David to the crime scene for the re-enactment of the Mr Reisz murder. Photo: Kritsada Mueanhawong



Murder suspect Moshe David



Murder suspect Gyorgy Kvalka

David explained again how he intended to kill Mr Reisz, she alleged.

"Peter was worried. He wrote an email to the Hungarian embassy with the recording and asked for help, but the embassy wrote back saying they would not help," she said.

The *Gazette* notes that according to Thung Thong Police Superintendent Kraithong Chanthongba the Hungarian embassy in

Bangkok had requested that Mr Reisz contact their offices every three days, after Mr Reisz reported the death threat to them.

Despite the death threats, Mr Reisz returned to Thailand to finalize arrangements for his move to Vietnam.

"He went back to Phuket on October 30 and stayed at a friend's house – a man also named David – in Phuket for a few days. This guy also borrowed money, about US\$10,000 [about 300,000 baht], from Peter.

"This guy helped Peter to find a house. I do not know if he was involved in Peter's death by telling [Moshe] David where Peter was staying," said the woman.

Mr Reisz went to Samui to sort out immigration concerns, but there was a delay in his "visa", explained the woman, so he returned to Phuket by about November 5 or 6.

"Peter rented a house for three months because he didn't like to stay in hotels or apartments. When he moved to his new house, he sent an email reporting his case to a friend in Bangkok whose

mother works in a police department there. He asked for advice, but he didn't get a reply," she said.

"On Friday, November 23, I talked to him all day long by Skype and on the phone. On the Saturday, I called him at about 1pm. He picked up the phone and he was still fine.

"I called him back at around 3pm, but there was no answer," she added.

"I cannot believe that Peter was murdered so badly and painfully. He was a really good guy. He could have stopped David, but he did not want to harm anyone.

"I am sure that many people were involved in Peter's death. I believe that the killer is David. Peter did not have any conflicts with anyone else that I know of.

"Peter told me that David killed someone two years ago and he was still free after doing that," she said.

The woman has also thanked the Tourist Police and all other officials for their swift action in the case.

However, she added, "Please help me to find justice. Peter would not be dead if police on Koh Samui and the [officials at the] Hungarian embassy were more responsible for human life.

"Peter did not deserve this death."

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## Hanging suicide blamed on drugs, fear of prison

THE mother of a 29-year-old man found hanged at his family home in Thalang on December 7 has told police that fear of serving three years in prison may have prompted her son to commit suicide.

Saksan Saeng-aroon, a cousin of Srisoonthorn Municipality council member Mani Jitjam-nong, was found by his mother, Chompu Saeng-aroon, hanging by the neck by a sarong tied to crossbeam at the back of the family home in Srisoonthorn.

A grief-stricken Ms Chompu called out to neighbors for help and Mr Saksan was rushed to Thalang Hospital, but doctors there pronounced him dead at about 3pm.

Ms Chompu told the police that Mr Saksan, a motorbike mechanic, was out on bail after being handed down a three-year suspended sentence by the Phuket Provincial Court for a minor drugs charge.

Her son may have decided to end his life after a conversation over lunch when she warned him that the expense of fighting his drug case may not be worth it, she explained.

"Soon after that, maybe because of the stress of the facing having to serve a prison sentence, he walked out behind the house," Ms Chompu said.

Realizing that her son had been out at the back of the house for a long time, she went out to check on him, and found him hanged from the crossbeam.

Staff at Thalang Hospital released Mr Saksan's body to his immediate family after a police investigation headed by Thalang Police duty officer Lt Patiwat Yodkhuang.

— **Thawit Bilabduan**

# Police chief calls for officers to use smart phones, rolling checkpoints

By Atchaa Khamlo

THE 48 Royal Thai Police officers installed in their new positions in Phuket last week were ordered to boost their public image and their effectiveness by staging "rolling checkpoints" and using smart phones.

The news was handed down by Phuket Provincial Police Commander Choti Chavalviwat at a ceremony at Provincial Police headquarters in Phuket Town on December 7.

In a frank explanation of how his police officers should conduct their work, Maj Gen Choti ordered the officers to assist in the current campaign to bring the total number of taxis and tuk-tuks operating on the island under regulation and to specifically focus on cases that involved tourists and foreigners, whether they be victims or suspects.

"Police should be strong and disciplined in their investigations in order to deliver justice to the people. Police also need to look clean and tidy, especially when they go out to perform their duties. They should wear police



Phuket Police chief Choti Chavalviwat ordered his officers to use of 'rolling checkpoints to improve security on the island. Photo: Dean Noble

uniforms to engender trust from the public," he said.

Gen Choti also installed the superintendents of Phuket's two new police precincts – in Karon and Wichit.

Former Chalong Police chief Col Sirisak Wasasiri was assigned to the position of police chief of Karon, and Lt Col Chaowalit

Petsripia, formerly the Deputy Superintendent of Khok Kloy Police Station in Phang Nga, was installed as the first Superintendent of Wichit Police Station.

Lt Col Krittapad Dejitornrasorn from Provincial Police Region 8 headquarters in Surat Thani returns to Phuket as the Chalong Superintendent.

Col Krittapad had previously served as the Chalong police chief, and was the police chief that launched the manhunt for murder fugitive Lee Aldhouse two years ago, but at that time he was known as Wichit Intorrasorn.

The two new police precincts were officially formed on Thursday. Although the new police stations have yet to be built, officers in Karon, a popular tourist beach area, and in Wichit, a heavy residential area, are using their temporary offices as their headquarters in the meantime.

Gen Choti highlighted that officers should make good use of smart phones in performing their day-to-day duties.

"In emergencies, they could send photos related to the case by phone," he said.

Regarding the static road checkpoints police regularly set up around the island, Gen Choti pointed out that the checkpoints could be moved to improve their effectiveness.

"They don't need to be set up for hours; only 30 minutes should be enough, then they should be moved to other places," he said.

## Bleak prospects for new airport bus services

WITH three new bus routes up for grabs to serve Phuket International Airport, only one company has been brave enough to step forward and collect an information pack in order to apply for the government tender.

Phuket Land Transport Office (PLTO) chief Teerayut Prasertpol said that the bidding opened on four new routes, all ratified and approved by the Ministry of Transport in Bangkok, on November 12.

Three of the routes on offer are from the airport to Rawai; to Patong and Kata; and to Kamala. The fourth route is from Phuket Town

and Patong, but via a different route than the current long-running service.

"At this stage I cannot reveal who picked up the project information from us, but I can say that they have yet to submit a bid for any of the routes," Mr Teerayut said.

"Anyone interested in providing bus services from the airport can collect the project information from us until December 26," he added.

Mr Teerayut pointed out last year that no companies had applied to provide such bus services due to fear of violent reprisals by taxi and tuk-tuk drivers.



The orange Airport Bus remains the sole bus service to the airport. Photo: Steven Layne

## Laguna Phuket issues statement over baby elephants seized in island raids

THE management at Laguna Resorts & Hotels, which operates the five-hotel resort complex on Phuket's west coast, have issued a statement about the baby elephant "Joey", which was seized in raids in Phuket in February.

Ziara Birkan, Deputy Managing Director at Laguna Resorts & Hotels, wrote in the statement:

"We're very pleased the authorities have resolved the question of Joey's parentage through DNA testing, but obviously disappointed he won't be able to return here to his former role as a popular and much-loved member of our Laguna Phuket family.

"Joey was acquired by us in good faith after we carried out exhaustive due diligence, receiving written confirmations he was legally registered and obtained through necessary regulations.

"Now that has been proven not to be the case, we hope the authorities will continue to use DNA



Two of the three baby elephants seized in Phuket in February will be returned to their mothers. Photo: Gazette file

testing to thoroughly investigate the legality of elephants.

"The well being and welfare of our elephants at Laguna Phuket's Elephant Camp is paramount to us. The camp has been inspected and approved by Richard Lair, chief adviser to the Thai Elephant Conservation Centre."

Of the two other baby elephants seized in Phuket in February, the infant pachyderm seized from the Phu Thai Souvenir Market in

Chalong was identified by the DNA test results to be the offspring of a legally registered mother at a camp in Saiyoke Elephant Park in Kanchanaburi.

"The young elephant will be returned to the Phu Thai owners," Col Watcharin Phusit, Superintendent of the Regional Natural Resources and Environment Crime Suppression Division, confirmed to the *Gazette*.

However, the DNA test results from the baby elephant seized from the ATV@Hill Adventure Tour camp, on the road to the Big Buddha image in Chalong, showed otherwise.

"The DNA test results prove that the youngster is directly related to a wild female elephant seized at Kaeng Krachan wildlife park in Kanchanaburi province," Col Watcharin said.

"The baby will not be sent back to the ATV camp, but reunited with its mother instead," he said.

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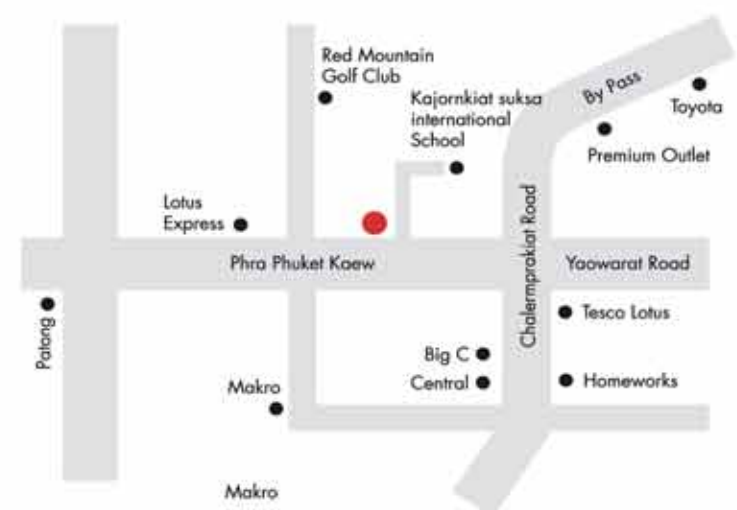
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## QUEER news

### Pattaya police nab German master criminal

RESIDENTS of Pattaya can sleep easy knowing a local crime mastermind is now behind bars.

Police last week arrested 63-year-old German national Eric Alois at a department store, together with his criminal haul: a pair of socks.

Police were called to the scene by Thanathon Pattamakajon, 27, the deputy manager of clothes sales at the Royal Garden shopping mall.

Mr Thanathon told police he had detained a thief who had attempted to steal a pair of Gap-branded socks, which sell at a grand retail price of 290 baht.

He said Mr Alois had been caught red-handed – or, more accurately, red-footed – when the shop's alarm went off as he attempted to walk out of the store.

Only after the alarm went off did Mr Thanathon discover that Mr Alois was wearing the socks, he told officers.

Mr Thanathon said that prior to the crime, staff noticed that Mr Alois had spent 10 minutes in the changing room.

The young manager added that when he went to check the room after detaining the German, he found some damning evidence: a label for a pair of Gap socks.

At the station, Mr Alois confessed to stealing the socks.

He said he had thought he would get away with the crime – but hadn't reckoned on the scanner and the alarm going off.

– Sanook News

## Leatherback turtle eggs heralded as a good omen

THE early-morning arrival of a 200-kilogram leatherback turtle to lay eggs on Tai Muang Beach in Phang Nga earlier this month has been heralded as good news.

Witoon Detpramuanphol, chief of the Khao Lampi - Hat Thai Mueang National Park, said the turtle, measuring 2.12 meters long and 1.14 meter wide, pulled itself up onto the beach at 3:20am on December 3.

It was the first time a turtle has been spotted laying eggs on the beach in two years.

"This is good news. Leatherback turtles used to lay eggs at Mai Khao Beach in Phuket and here at Tai Muang every year, but the last time we saw this was in January 2010," Mr Witoon said.

Officers were to monitor the same spot on December 13-15 as leatherback turtles usually lay two clutches of eggs, he added.

The turtle laid the eggs about 500 meters from a national park rangers' office. "The turtle laid 131 eggs – 99 of them are good, 32 are undeveloped. We removed the eggs to a safe place close to our checkpoint so our officers can look after them and keep them safe from predators, man or otherwise," Mr Witoon said.

The turtle was treated for a 5cm wound to one of its front flippers before its release.

"We will be keep a close eye on the beach from December 13-15, as we expect it to return," he said.

– Kritsada Mueanhawong



The 200kg leatherback turtle was the first to be spotted laying eggs on Tai Muang Beach since January 2010. Photo: Kritsada Mueanhawong

## British ambassador joins fight against tourist scams

THE British Ambassador to Thailand, Mark Kent, has joined a campaign by Thailand's Ministry of Tourism to tackle tourist scams.

Ambassador Kent is being featured in a nationwide television campaign that will run until the end of December.

In the video, Ambassador Kent and Deputy Prime Minister Chomchai Silpa-archa, who is also the Tourism and Sports Minister, appeal to Thais to "be good hosts to foreign tourists".

The video shows tourists with foreign children walking along busy beaches, playing in the water next to speedboats and prominently features jet-skis.

"Each year more than 850,000 British nationals visit Thailand. We at the [British] Embassy here would like to make sure that they travel safely, receive a warm welcome and have a good time here,"



Jet-skis featured prominently in the video appealing to Thais to 'be good hosts to foreign tourists'. Photo: Gazette file

said Amb Kent.

"The consular team at the embassy is here to help and we also work with the Thai government to make this happen," he added.

The Thailand Authority of Thailand on its website urged tourists

to take responsibility for their own personal security while travelling overseas and use the same common sense and sound judgment when abroad as they would at home. "It's easy to let your guard down when on holiday,

especially in a country like Thailand where the residents are friendly and the atmosphere is relaxed," said the report.

"Travellers are advised to be cautious in areas where incidents are more likely to occur. These include crowded markets, tourist sites and bus or train stations, and festivals. It is also best to avoid isolated neighborhoods, shortcuts, narrow alleys and poorly-lit streets, especially late at night.

"In secluded beach destinations and remote islands, independent travellers should exercise caution. They are advised to avoid all secluded areas and stay in the vicinity of other travellers whenever possible," the report added.

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## Expat sailor Stafford Steer dies of cancer

ONE of Phuket's longest-staying expats and best-known personalities in the local yachting community, Stafford Steer from Australia, died last Saturday after a brief battle with cancer.

He was 71 years old.

Stafford arrived in Phuket from Cairns, in Queensland, Australia, in 1992 on board the sailing catamaran *No Fixed Address*, which he and fellow Phuket sailing icon Mark Pescott built together.

Stafford went on to win the Mulihull class in the Phuket King's Cup Regatta that same year.

He is also likely the only expat sailor in Phuket to have a sailing hazard named after him, a semi-submarine rock off Cape Panwa that Stafford ran aground on with *No Fixed Address* years ago.

The event became local sailing legend and a photo marking the occasion for years was on proud display on the "Wall of Fame" at Jimmy's Lighthouse by Chalong Bay. The hazard is now called "Stafford's Rock".



Stafford Steer (left) talks with Phuket Governor Udomsak Usvarangkura in 2005 about sand for inland beach volleyball courts in Phuket that would later be used by FIVB world champions. Photo: Gazette file

Aso affectionately known as "Spike", Stafford was well-known for running the Mike's Bikes visa run company for years before embarking on a venture to establish the Phuket Sport & Tennis Club in Rawai.

Brent McInnes of the Phuket Cruising Yacht Club marked on the club's Facebook page: "Stafford, not one to leave anything half done, married Pat in the last week

of his life after living together for more than 16 years.

"Stafford was a man you could depend on for support when the chips were down. He didn't suffer fools well. He completed all tasks he took on and was a good source for advice on many levels.

"He is survived by his wife Pat and a son and daughter in Australia... You now have time to rest, Stafford." – Phuket Gazette



# Abhisit sees red over charges

## AROUND THE nation

THE Democrat Party is crying foul after the announcement that former prime minister Abhisit Vejjajiva and his deputy Suthep Thaugsuban are to be charged with murder for their alleged part in the death of a protester during the 2010 red-shirt protests.

Critics claim the move, announced by Department of Special Investigations chief Tharit Pengdit, is aimed at forcing the party to accept the government's proposed reconciliation bill, which would include an amnesty for all parties involved in Thailand's recent political conflict.

But others have hailed the development as a step in the right direction: towards justice for the people who died in the protest and an end to the country's long-standing culture of impunity.

The prosecution became

possible after a recent court ruling that taxi driver Phan Kamkong had been shot dead by military personnel during the crackdown on the 2010 protest.

At the time, Mr Abhisit was prime minister while Mr Suthep was head of the Center for the Resolution of the Emergency Situation (CRES), the ad-hoc committee established to deal with the protest, which shut down part of Bangkok's commercial center for two months.

At a press conference last week, the two men claimed the aim of the charges was to push the Democrats into accepting an amnesty that would exonerate the Pheu Thai Party's exiled patron, Thaksin Shinawatra.

The pair said they would never accept any deal that allowed Mr Thaksin to get away with his alleged crimes.

"I insist that wrongdoers must be brought to justice and will fight the case based on facts," said Mr Abhisit. "I will not join the process to absolve people who cheated the country. I'll accept my fate even if the judicial



'I'll accept my fate... but I will not whitewash the wrongdoings of cheaters,' said Mr Abhisit. Photo: The Nation

process lands me in jail or gets me executed, but I will not whitewash the wrongdoings of cheaters."

The development comes at a time of renewed talk of constitutional amendment.

Writing in *The Nation*, commentator Avudh Panananda said

the aim of the prosecution was to create "courtroom drama" and distract attention from the government's actions.

"With two key Democrats being tried, the coalition leaders hope for leverage to keep the opposition at bay during the tur-

bulent time when the Constitution is rewritten next year," he wrote.

Mr Avudh noted that the prosecution could be positioned as a way to deflect the attentions of the International Criminal Court, which some government figures are pushing to investigate the 2010 killings.

## Thailand slips in corruption index

THAILAND has slipped eight places in Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index, now sharing 88th place with Malawi, Morocco, Zambia, Swaziland, and the South American nation of Suriname.

National Anti-Corruption Commissioner Wicha Mahakun said Thailand's problem was the country's politicians and public servants.

The country needs more "clean" people working in public administration, he told *The Nation*.

"Thailand has a lot of policy-enabled corruption, bribes, cronies as well as patron-clients," Mr Wicha said. "Politicians intervene in bureaucratic reshuffles, so that bureaucrats need to be subject to politicians."

Mr Wicha lamented Thailand's new placing in the 176-country list



Students from 23 universities joined the anti-graft campaign. Photo: The Nation

for 2012 – and the countries Thailand was ranked alongside.

"We used to be better than them, but now we are in the same group with these African countries," Mr Wicha said.

## Se-Ed lands in anti-gay hot water

BOOKSELLER and publisher Se-Ed has found itself in a furor after a leaked memo suggested the company wanted to ban the depiction of homosexual relationships in the books it sold.

The scandal surfaced after a memo containing minutes of an internal meeting was leaked to six of the company's business partners.

"Entries submitted for review by the publisher should not contain homosexual relationships," the memo said.

After human rights advocates

raised objections, the company claimed the problem was the result of a "misunderstanding".

"In fact, our intention was to prevent pornographic content," said Wiroj Lakkhanaadisorn, an executive at Se-Ed.

Se-Ed had never had any policy that discriminated against people based on sexual orientation or that violated human rights, he added.

Mr Wiroj explained that Se-Education now planned to include rating labels on books.



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## In brief...

## Egypt army given right to make arrests over referendum

THE Egyptian government has given the military the authority to arrest civilians to help safeguard a constitutional referendum planned for Saturday, the official gazette said.

The order, which a presidential official and military source confirmed appeared in the gazette late on Sunday, said the military would support and coordinate with police to protect "vital institutions" temporarily until the referendum result.

The decree gave army officers the right to conduct arrests and transfer detainees to prosecutors.

## Man killed, bombs hit holiday homes on Corsica

A MAN was killed and bombs caused damage to around 20 holiday homes in a spate of overnight violence in Corsica ahead of the French Mediterranean island's national identity day last Saturday.

Investigative sources said a 32-year-old man who claimed to be a member of the National Front for the Liberation of Corsica (FLNC) was arrested in the town of Calvi on December 7, when explosives were found in his car just before the violence erupted. Another 32-year-old man was found shot dead in his car during the violence.

## Desires for austerity of Nobel awards to go unnoticed

WITH more than 1,200 guests and 40 chefs, Sweden holds its annual Nobel awards ceremony on Monday hoping a year of cost-cutting will not be noticed by the laureates, royals or the Who's Who of Sweden attending the lavish dinner.

## Philippines believes Japan is balance to China ambitions

By Manuel Mogato

A STRONGER Japan would act as a counterbalance to the military rise of China, something that is worrying smaller Asian nations as tensions grow over conflicting territorial claims in the region, the Philippines said on Monday.

Rivals claims to the South China Sea, and its likely oil and gas wealth, have made it Asia's biggest potential flashpoint. China claims the largest area, putting it at loggerheads in particular in recent months with Vietnam and the Philippines.

Other claimants are Taiwan, Brunei and Malaysia.

"[We are looking for Japan] to support the peaceful process of resolving the issues here and to be one of the partners as far as security alliances and partnership is concerned," Foreign Ministry spokesman Raul Hernandez said in a statement.

He said no one country has the capacity to address the security requirements of the region, and it is in the Philippines' interest to have stronger alliances.

The comments echo those of Foreign Minister Albert del Rosario in an interview with the



China's newly appointed leader Xi Jinping at meeting with a panel of foreign experts at the Great Hall of the People. Photo: Reuters

*Financial Times* newspaper published on Monday, when he said that Japan "could be a significant balancing factor."

The dispute is testing the unity of the 10-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and also dragged the United States

into the debate just as it is pushing to raise an already strong military profile in the region.

On Tuesday, the Philippines will hold strategic talks with the United States, its closest security ally, on ways to strengthen their alliance, including increasing

rotational presence of US forces in its former colony.

Carlos Sorreta, foreign ministry assistant secretary for American affairs, said the increased US presence in Asia and Pacific region "sends the right signal that states must behave in a reasonable and lawful way".

Last week, Vietnam claimed that Chinese fishing boats sabotaged one of its oil and gas research vessels, while the Philippines and China were involved in a two-month-long standoff earlier this year at Scarborough Shoal near the Philippine coast.

Adding to tension, authorities in China's Hainan island have passed laws allowing police to search vessels deemed to be operating illegally in what it considers its Hainan's waters, drawing protests from its neighbors and concern from the United States.

Asked about the Philippine comments on Japan as a balancing force, China's foreign ministry said the idea of "containment" was out of date.

"Now it's no longer the era of the Cold War. The issue of one country containing another one does not exist," spokesman Hong Lei told a regular briefing.

## Arabs offer Palestine US\$100mn a month 'safety net'

ARAB states agreed to provide the Palestinian Authority with a US\$100 million monthly "financial safety net" to help President Mahmoud Abbas's government cope with an economic crisis after the United Nations granted de facto statehood to Palestine.

Israel has responded to the November 29 UN vote by ordering 3,000 Jewish settler homes be built in the occupied West Bank and announced it would hold back payments of customs duties it collects on behalf of the Palestinians to pay an outstand-

ing electricity bill.

In a statement on December 9 after a meeting in Doha, Arab foreign ministers called for the immediate implementation of a resolution passed at an Arab summit in Baghdad in March, which called for the provision of a US\$100 million monthly safety net.

The statement did not give details of how the money would be paid or who would pay, but Arab League Secretary-General Nabil Elaraby said a mechanism has been agreed.

"The mechanism is that the

chair of the committee (Qatar) and the secretary-general will contact each country with the exact amount they have to pay," Elaraby told Reuters after the meeting. "I said I want an answer in 15 days," he added.

Israel and the United States opposed the UN General Assembly's upgrade of Palestine's status to "non-member state", saying Abbas should instead resume peace talks that collapsed in 2010 over Israeli settlement-building.

— Reuters



Palestinians wave flags during a rally marking the upgrading of Palestine's status. Photo: Reuters

## US trade-human rights link tests American-Russian ties

THE US Senate's passage of legislation to punish Russians who violate human rights is the first big test of the resolve of Vladimir Putin and Barack Obama to improve relations since their elections.

Obama, who launched a "reset" in relations with Russia less than four years ago, is likely to sign the law even though Moscow sees it as "aggressively unfriendly." Damage to US-Russian relations is all but inevitable.

The Senate approved the "Magnitsky Act" as part of a broader bill to lift a Cold War-era restriction a move that in other circumstances would have been celebrated in both capitals.

A month after Obama's re-

election, it could have been the cap on a period during which he signed a landmark nuclear arms deal with Moscow and helped usher Russia into the World Trade Organization after an 18-year membership bid.

Instead, Moscow is furious over the human rights portion of the bill, an unmistakable message to Putin of displeasure with the treatment of Russians who dare challenge the authorities.

"[Putin] does not intend to make relations worse, and for this reason the effects of this legislation will be limited," said Dmitry Trenin, director of the Carnegie Moscow Centre think tank.

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**WHAT A WASTE:** The end product is compost that can be used to enrich the soil.

By Steven Layne

SUSTAINABILITY is perhaps the most overused buzz word at present. Increasingly over the past several years, stake holders in the tourism and hospitality sectors have added momentum to the dialogue about saving the environment through the implementation of 'green practices'.

When it comes down to actually taking action and making all of the necessary investments, however, few have delivered.

Beyond changing a few light bulbs and installing energy saving switch timers, there is still so much more that can be done if not for the sake of reducing overheads and thus increasing profitability, then certainly for embracing the true essence of sustainability.

During a recent interview with the *Gazette*, Martin Hauke, a composting specialist based in Phuket, said that waste management is one of the most overlooked factors in the effort to achieve environmental sustainability. Overlooked not only by local residents and government officials, but by business operators too.

"It just baffles me when I see people burning a pile of leaves in their yard. This material can be separated and composted or just used as a mulch around shrubs and trees, and has so many more benefits. Instead, it is wasted, much to the dismay of the environment."

Martin, a German national, is the inventor of the Mobile Aerated Floor, or MAF, an innovative and efficient composting system that has been utilized in a number of commercial scale projects across the globe.

"When compared to conventional composting, the MAF System is up to 30 % more efficient in terms of speed and requires only a third of the area and much less energy. And of course, the setup does not have to be fixed to one space," he says.

Having fallen in love with Phuket over the last decade, Martin decided to establish his German company's assembly base in Thalang.

"Currently, we only export our system's components to overseas clients. These include mostly large scale, commercial projects in Germany, the United Kingdom and Australia, among others."

Although, business volume and demand is sufficient on the global market, Martin says he is keen to penetrate the local market in the near future.

"We are currently designing prototypes for small and medium scale projects on and off Phuket. One of our main targets will be hotels and resorts, and especially properties that are remote and off the grid."

"The fact is that it is still cheaper up front for businesses

[on the grid] to throw away or burn their waste, whereas it is difficult for them to quantify the returns from recycling and composting."

"These returns aren't always immediate, and one of our biggest challenges is to inform and demonstrate to individuals and businesses, that there are more practical and responsible solutions to waste management."

Martin said that, in addition to residents and businesses, he is also pursuing a dialogue with the local government.

"We are looking to support initiatives that improve Phuket's sustainability as a whole. One burning issue that affects everyone is in regards to the two incinerators. As I understand it, they are now operating close to capacity..."

"With our waste management

# There's cash in that trash



Martin Hauke at his Thalang warehouse. Photos: Steven Layne

background, knowledge and resources, we have the ability and will to help improve the situation by advising on the separation, collection, transportation and processing of organics, for starters...

Something has to be done so (that) we can preserve this beautiful island for the next generation."

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# Staying the course

## Phuket Adventure Mini Golf look back on their first year of business

By Steven Layne

PHUKET'S first and only authentic miniature golf course, "Phuket Adventure Mini Golf", recently celebrated the completion of its first year of operation.

Swedish owners, Thomas and Pia Anderson, Phuket expats for nearly a decade, spoke to the *Phuket Gazette* about the past, present and future of their leisure attraction, the first of its kind in the Kingdom, located in Bang Tao on the north of the island.

### Phuket Gazette: Why did you launch Adventure Golf?

Phuket Adventure Mini Golf: We used to run a guest house in Bang Tao for many years. And one of the questions our customers would always ask was 'what is there to do?'

This area is pretty quiet compared to other parts of the island, and beyond Phuket FantaSea, there is really not much to do, especially during the evenings.

Even in town, the number of fun activities are limited.

People need more to choose from than just bowling and movies. We saw a good opportunity and thought that Adventure Golf would be the ideal type of leisure activity to offer in Phuket.

### What exactly is Adventure Golf? Is it the same as Mini Golf?

We operate an 'Adventure Golf' course, which is not the same as a 'Mini Golf' course. Mini Golf, also commonly known as 'Putt Putt' golf usually has courses with fantasy-like themes and

obstacles, such as the classic clown's mouth, or windmill house, for example. Our course is a full, 59-par 18-hole golf course, designed to depict a real golf course, but on a miniature scale.

Each hole is unique and has varying levels of challenge.

However, we quickly found that many people did not know about Adventure Golf, but knew about Mini Golf. Thus, we decided to add the word 'Mini' to the name so people can get a better idea.

At full capacity, there can be up to 72 golfers playing at once – with four at each hole.

### Other than golf, what services do you offer?

"Off-Course" is our attached, three-star, family restaurant and bar, which can accommodate about 130 sitting guests or up to 200 mingling guests.

The idea of it is to offer good food at a good value. We don't want people to leave saying "that was good, but expensive". We do serve some Thai dishes, but our specialization is mostly western food, especially pizza and burgers.

Due to popular demand, we even started to do pizza delivery to nearby locations. Our facilities are ideal to cater to private events.

### Who are your target groups?

When we first launched, we were aiming mostly for tourists, especially the family segment. However, heading into the second year, we decided to broaden our target to focus more on locals and residents, but not just families. Though



PUTTING IT TOGETHER: Adventure golf is aiming to fill in the island's entertainment gaps.

kids will always enjoy this activity, we were happy to see that even adults could enjoy themselves.

This opened up the door to many other marketing opportunities. For instance, we can host events for small-and-medium-sized groups. These include birthday parties, staff parties and even incentives meetings.

### What marketing challenges have you faced in your first year?

The main challenge has been to inform people we are here. A big part of it is just getting our name out there. People who know what Adventure Golf is, especially the tourists, will come if they know we're here. However, it's more difficult to

persuade and convince others, especially locals, who don't really know or understand what Adventure Golf is.

Even once they do come, say for a staff party, some of them are still hesitant to try it out because they think it will be hard or not fun, or especially with many Thai girls, who have that "it's not for me" attitude.

However, once they try, they always enjoy themselves. Another thing we've observed is the different types of preferences among Thai and foreign groups.

Foreign groups tend to enjoy doing activities more, where as Thais groups tend to put more emphasis on the eating part.

For more visit: [phuketadventureminigolf.com](http://phuketadventureminigolf.com)

## Govt considering aiding SMEs

THE Finance and Labor ministries agreed recently to consider a new proposal that would help small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) cope with the increase of minimum wage.

The measures are initially expected to cost the government 50 billion baht over the next three years.

The old proposal had 27 assistance measures, but that was cut down to 23 in the new proposal's current form.

The ministries will consider four key measures: reducing the monthly contribution to the Social Security Fund to 2% for both the employer and employee for three years; chopping the tax deduction at source from 3% to 1.5% for both big corporations and SMEs; partially subsidizing the SMEs in 70 provinces for three years through 2017 at the rates of 75%, 50% and 25% of the wage difference; and cutting the service charge for hotel rooms from 80 baht to 40 baht per year, which is directly collected under the Interior Ministry's law.

Earlier, both sides were far apart on the proposal. For instance, the government rejected the measure to reduce the monthly social



Finance Minister Korn Chatikavanij with a medical expert. Photo: CARD MRI

security contribution to 2.5% from the current 4%, since it had already been dropped from 5% to aid flood-hit companies. Furthermore, the Cabinet had already approved the extension of the 4% rate for another year.

After the meeting with the two ministries, Vallop Vitanakorn, head of the wage-hike solution panel, stressed that measures were focused on SMEs. Only the tax deduction 'at source' included other corporations. However, the government already planned to reduce that tax.

The meeting also considered conditions and methods of implementation for the measures. It

was agreed that only SMEs registered with the Social Security Office would be eligible.

If the two ministries accept the committee's new proposal, it will be forwarded to the Joint Public Private Committee and then to the Cabinet for final approval.

The proposal is designed to create a win-win situation for SMEs and the government in the long run.

For instance, the Finance Ministry will enjoy tax collections starting in the second year of the program, registered SMEs increases as does the tax base. The Labor Ministry will also draw more SMEs into its social security scheme.

— Achara Pongvutitham

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SHORE LIFE: A computer generated image of how the finished Laguna Shores will look.



LAGUNA LIFESTYLE: Interior of a 1-bedroom apartment's living area.

## PROPERTY Gazette

# Laguna hoping to evolve

LAGUNA Property unveiled their "Laguna Shores" showroom in Canal Shopping Village to the media earlier this week.

The adventurous new project by Laguna Property will comprise of 229 apartments in a 6-storey U-shaped building overlooking the lagoon next to the Dusit Thani hotel.

The design of the building means that all apartments will have a balcony and almost all will have uninterrupted views over the lagoon and the Andaman Sea.

The apartments will range

from 40-88 square meters with owners able to choose from 1 - bedroom, 2 - bedrooms, 1-bedroom and mezzanine or 2-bedrooms and mezzanine.

Laguna Phuket Deputy Managing Director, Stuart Reading, talked to those in attendance about the changing face of Phuket and of this new era for Laguna, which is now branching out from hotels to

also being a place to live.

"We have to evolve and adapt to change" he said.



Laguna's Stuart Reading

The showroom in Canal Village features 1 - bedroom, 2-bedrooms and a 2-bedroom and mezzanine apartments.

The rooms make perfect use of their allotted space and the mezzanine, in particular, with its high ceilings and use of natural light, seems a

larger space than it actually is.

After the tour of the showrooms, Executive Chairman of Laguna Resorts and Hotels, Ho Kwon Ping (KP Ho) talked to the assembled media over lunch about the new project and some of his hopes and fears for the development.

KP Ho also talked about a new management brand that will run the property under the Banyan Tree Group.

"It won't be 'by Banyan Tree' but it will be a clearly distinct new brand with its own name that Banyan Tree will not be ashamed of. Banyan Tree has always been a

group rather than a brand" he said.

The latest addition to Laguna's extensive portfolio will include a six-storey atrium lobby housing a cafe/restaurant, bar and gym.

The property will also have a swimming pool and tropical gardens.

A 1-bedroom apartment at Laguna Shores will start at 3.6 million baht and will target young individuals, families and globally mobile couples.

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# Welcome to Club Class

OUTRIGGER Phuket Beach Resort will be the only property in the Laguna Phuket destination resort to have a dedicated club lounge for guests looking for additional personal service and privacy.

Club services will include; check-in at a private reception desk; privileges at the club dining room and lounge; access to special guest rooms and amenities, and on-demand help from a club concierge.

Located on the northwest coast of Phuket, alongside the white sands of Bang Tao Beach, the Outrigger Phuket Beach Resort is currently undergoing a major renovation of all of its rooms and public areas.

When it reopens on March 15, 2013, the family-friendly resort will offer guests a luxurious experience with accommodations ranging from spacious deluxe hotel rooms to a luxurious two-bedroom villa.

The rates with buffet breakfast are: Deluxe Room 6,495 baht; Deluxe Sea View 7,295 baht; Family Room 7,695 baht; Club Studio 9,495 baht; Club Studio Sea View 10,925 baht; One Bedroom Suite 12,395 baht and Two Bedroom Villa 15,395 baht.

All rates are subject to 18.7 per

cent service charge and VAT and are applicable for stays from March 15, 2013 through October 31, 2013. Bookings are open now. Guests booking for a minimum of two nights receive a free dinner for two.

The 255-key Outrigger Phuket Beach Resort will have many leisure amenities for guests to enjoy, including extensive water features and slides, a resort pool, a fully equipped gym, tennis, badminton and squash courts, a kids' club, as well as meeting and conference rooms.

Those who stay will also have signing privileges at over 30 food, beverage and spa outlets in the surrounding Laguna Phuket destination resort and Laguna Phuket golf club.

The Outrigger Phuket Beach Resort is a 30-minute drive from Phuket International Airport, Patong Beach, and Phuket town.

To book Outrigger Phuket Beach Resort or for further information visit: [outrigger.com/hotels-resorts/thailand/phuket/outrigger-phuket-beach-resort](http://outrigger.com/hotels-resorts/thailand/phuket/outrigger-phuket-beach-resort), call: +66 (0) 76 318 230; or email: [ying.kongpetch@outrigger.com](mailto:ying.kongpetch@outrigger.com).

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PICTURESQUE: A Twin Room (above) and the lounge area at Laguna's new Outrigger Phuket Beach Resort.



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# Understanding your fund's 'duration'

AS I have written extensively about the dangers of bond funds in the current environment, it is worth mentioning a standard measurement used to determine approximately how sensitive a bond portfolio or fund is to interest rate increases.

Don't let the word duration fool you; what the measurement actually means is, the approximate decrease in value for a 1% increase in interest rates.

It is called duration because it was originally calculated as a weighted average of the times to maturity for all of the bonds in a portfolio.

This is now called 'average maturity' and the two together are a good way of comparing bond funds in today's environment. Most bond funds will have these both on their fact sheets, and if they don't you should avoid them until you can find them out.

If you look solely at the recent track record of two funds and compare, you may be in for big trouble in the future.

If one fund has averaged ten percent with duration of 2.5 while another has averaged 12% but with duration of 8, the first fund offers a much better trade-off between risk and reward. If interest rates go up by 2%, the second portfolio will lose approximately 16% while the first would lose about 5%.

Duration is also only an approximation

## Island Investor

David Mayes

because it assumes the yield curve shift is parallel, which is not usually the case. In English that means interest rates for a 3 year bond will not usually change by the same amount as they will for a ten year bond or a twenty year one.

The lower interest rates are at the start, and the greater the overall move in interest rates, the larger the error is likely to be.

You will likely find most bond funds holding large portions of debt from safe governments in the developed world will usually fall into one of two categories right now. They either don't make any money or they have a high duration and are thus very risky when inevitably, the interest rates return to normal levels.

One place where one can find decent yields with lower duration is in some globally diversified bond funds that are very light weight in the developed world.

Interest rates are not rock bottom in many places and thus you can earn a little money. Of course the trade off here is that the fund faces exchange risk relative to each of the bonds it is holding.

Some funds do a very good job of managing this however, and I am currently a fan of two funds run by Franklin Templeton.

The two funds I like are their Global Total Return Fund and Global Bond Fund. They aren't going to make money every year, but historically they tend to do very



**MISNOMER:** Duration is actually decreasing value based on increasing interest. Photo: John-Morgan

simply want to avoid a loss.

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# Weary wayward night owls



**Property Watch**

**By Bill Barnett**

MY MOTHER always said, “nothing good happens after midnight”.

For travellers, the witching hours, between the dead of night and the dawn, are a subtle or shall we say ‘sublime’ last call.

In past lives I’ve worked the night shift; as a bartender, black-jack dealer and hotel clerk.

It’s a unique microcosm of the secret lives of strangers.

I’m at a loss as to how to explain the strange pickup relationships, which are transient in nature, and most often end on a bittersweet note with money being traded.

The number of drunken taxi rides I’ve had, exchanging stories with the driver about topics that go far beyond the weather, is staggering.

Or even just keeping him talking on an early morning ride to the airport, as visions of massive road carnage and mayhem are played out in the blurred dreamscape of the passenger’s window.

Oh, how nice that sigh of relief is as you hit the airport curb, dropping to your knees and thanking whatever God you may prefer, to have arrived in one piece.

Perhaps you prefer to strike up a conversation with the hotel’s tired security guard.

Exchanging small talk and weary gazes with the hotel cashier who is on the home-stretch of an all-nighter.

But talk comes cheap at 4am. Inflamed politics, spectacular spots, hell, it’s a life or death



**THE LONG ROAD HOME:** Fatigued travellers stumble through Dubai Airport’s international terminal as it bustles with passengers looking to catch their connecting flights at 3am. Photo: joiseyshowaa

struggle just to get words out of my mouth like a messed up alphabet soup. ‘Huh?’ ‘What?’

Indeed these are common terms when strangers happen to meet after the witching hour.

Music is important to set the tone. Nothing too cheery, or the suicidal ring of elevator music. Norah Jones – give me a break, get back to your grungy coffee shop. Worse yet, is bad jazz.

Certainly there are exceptions, on a short and limited run home. Chet Baker. Coltrane. Miles Davis. My mind turns to descriptive terms as the word “chill” springs up like a bad dream. (note to self: relegate this to the “awesome” bin and let it never

be heard again).

The night has a definite soundtrack and groove. But where the real crux hits to the bone is dawn.

That shoulder period where the darkness turns all fuzzy, like an old television, which has been smacked too many times. Or waiting for a Microsoft product to reboot.

Bill Gates you have a lot to answer for. Yes, you and your wife are out there feeding the poor and destitute, but look what you have

done to an entire generation? Limbo, and a collective thud of time wasted, waiting for it to boot up again.

**‘Oh, how nice that sigh of relief is as you hit the airport curb, dropping to your knees and thanking whatever God you may prefer, to have arrived in one piece.’**

Which is much like the coming of the dawn; when a new shift comes on duty and the wet hair brigade passes out through the hotel front door.

These are the citizens of the

night, for most it’s a temporary passage fueled by ‘Red Bull’, a lost count of coffees and, in some cases, more sinister chemical

substances.

An end game is clear, just go towards the daylight baby.

But what about the dark knight’s amongst us?

Those who like to operate in the pitch black. Shades of Raymond Chandler and his naked city full of stories.

I reach for those noise canceling headphones as the first signs of light appear.

Power up the computer beast. It’s far too early for the empty happiness of tapping into strangers’ and friends’ lives on Facebook. Beat the beast.

Gates, damn him. You can thrash it into submission but, in the end, it’s a game no one can win.

Tech rules all, except when the internet crashes and the power goes out. Back to the cave in a few short keystrokes.

Our soldiers of the night are beating a fast retreat, those hotel workers, taxi drivers, policemen, nurses and the odd shapes of a staggering few, drinking beer from a large, nearly empty bottle.

My demons are in check, the jazz imposters have been canned as the jet wings tip towards a landing in Seoul.

It’s twilight and the rays of the sun are pulling in their arms much like the rejection of an amorous lover turned friend.

What lies out there, just beyond reach? Another night, more stories and friendships struck up and left behind at a moment’s notice.

Just don’t fall asleep at the wheel, as it’ll be gone in the blink of an eye.

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## Prefab sales soar

CONSTRUCTION firm ‘Pre-Built Plc’ projects a total revenue of 5.07 billion baht in 2013, an increase of 25 per cent from its total revenue target of 4bn baht for 2012.

The expected growth is due to an increase in planned construction by the both the government and private sectors from this year till next year.

About 3.9bn baht, or about 78 per cent, will come from the construction business; 650 million baht from the firm’s real estate business, Built Land Co Ltd; and 528mn baht from PCM Construction Material Co Ltd.

The company’s CEO Chairat Thampeera said at a press conference recently that the company plans to jointly bid for new construction contracts worth between 5 and 6bn baht in 2013.



**Prefab home.** Photo: seire+seire

The company also has a backlog of existing projects that will be complete and ready for delivery to customers in 2013, worth between 5 and 6bn baht.

Meanwhile, the company’s subsidiary Built Land Co Ltd, a property developer, plans to launch two new condominium projects worth 2.5bn baht in 2013.

He added that the company believed that its group will generate enough revenue to achieve the target due to the demand for construction of residential and manufacturing plants rising this year and next.

Meanwhile, the company has shown a total revenue of 3.03b baht and nett profit of 153.49mn baht in the first nine months of this year.

The company believes that its business will continue to grow in 2013.

– Somluck Srimalee



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# Parking management not 'The Impossible'

RISING property prices, poor public planning and a dire lack of public transport options have combined to leave Phuket with a lack of public parking in some of its most densely-settled areas.

In few places is the problem more acute than in shopping center parking garages. While some are better than others, the traffic nightmare that persists in some, during peak hours, indicates that the prevailing logic is "never turn away a customer" – even when the garage itself is already dangerously beyond capacity.

Viewing the situation through a more cynical prism, perhaps the management logic is that allowing multi-dimensional gridlock to persist is the perfect way to create a "captive market".

Whether the situation is the result of incompetence or greed, we ask operators of these facilities to reconsider the impact on consumers, who can and will go elsewhere.

Tales of parking garage woe are common in popular blog sites, but these are probably just the tip of the iceberg.

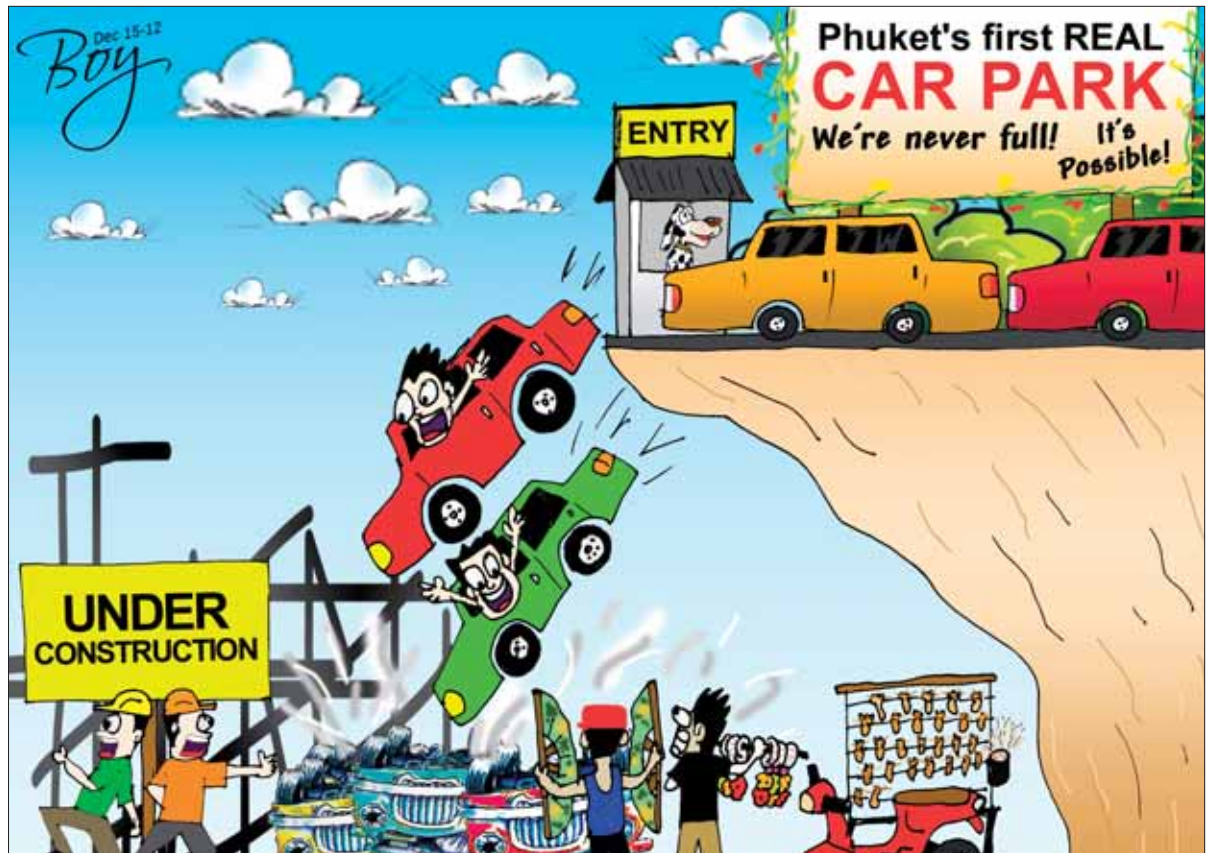
This editorial writer has already suffered ruination of two shopping trips this month as the result of garage mismanagement. The first involved getting trapped in the basement of a parking garage at a large retail complex in Patong for 45 minutes, all of which was spent jockeying for position with other drivers – all angry, aggressive and desperate to make an exit. Worse, staff there refused to open a second available exit to alleviate the problem, even for customers holding free parking vouchers, because "the computer there is broke", we were told.

A week later we arrived at a well-known mall in Muang District with tickets in hand for the movie *The Impossible*, only to miss almost half of the film because someone had given up, parked illegally, pulled the key from the ignition, and abandoned his vehicle in the midst of the impenetrable gridlock.

That the parking facility in question already employs one ill-tempered man to maneuver about the garage with a car forklift says a great deal about the number of people who do the exact same thing – simply give up and abandon ship.

The *Phuket Gazette* fails to understand how such situations are allowed to develop or persist. Each garage has a finite number of spaces and computer-equipped staff at both entrances and exits to monitor the number of passing vehicles. Even if the employees' reasoning abilities have been severely compromised by exposure to carbon monoxide, it should be simple enough to program a computer to automatically drop a gate at the entrance and post a sign reading "Sorry, parking lot full. No entry" after a certain, safe number of cars has been reached.

As some malls appear unwilling or unable to properly manage their parking facilities, the *Gazette* calls upon the Phuket Provincial Office and other relevant agencies to better enforce existing safety regulations, to ensure that the retailers do a better job of acting in their customers' – and therefore their own – best interests.



## Put more paint on that road

Subsequent to my earlier e-mail, on road safety issues, to local authorities through the *Phuket Gazette* some time ago, I highly appreciate the prompt action taken by local municipalities, particularly in the Kamala area. They have painted the yellow dividing line on the main road connecting Kamala to Surin and Patong with reflective paint dividing lines, without which it was difficult to see the curving and sloping road, which could have caused major accidents.

I would now like to request local authorities to also kindly paint the white lines (using reflective paint for night time visibility) on both edges of the road.

Also it would be great if authorities could replace the street lights that are nonfunctional along side of the road, particularly those along turns and on slopes.

These steps will greatly help in improving the safety for local people, as well as tourists.

Pramod  
Phuket

### Should have flown over the underpass

Every professional I have talked to about this project is laughing. Why build an underpass when a flyover is the logical choice? There is no good reason to use an underpass in preference to a flyover. A flyover will cost much less; will have less of an impact on traffic while under construction; will be built faster; will not have any flooding problems; and, most importantly, will use the existing road area more efficiently.

Instead of losing lanes of traffic at the intersection, there will be an additional two lanes using the flyover above the existing road surface.

What do you think will happen when it starts to rain heavily? There will be flooding in the

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underpass because emergency pumps will not have been maintained, people might die. The flooding will cause even more terrible traffic jams because of two unusable lanes. Flooding will never be a problem with an overpass.

I urge anyone involved with this project to review the situation and make the logical choice for the benefit of all of us in Phuket.

Eric Dohlon  
Phuket

### The loss of a friend

Re: *Gazette online, Phuket expat sailor Stafford Steer dies from cancer, December 9*

We're never prepared for losing friends. I first met Stafford during the Raja Muda Regatta of 1993. As it turned out I raced aboard *No Fixed Address* with him on the final race for the regatta here in Langkawi. In those days it was hosted at the Pelangi Beach Resort.

I'm sure it's working out for you, Stafford, in your new abode! You were always an inspiration as a sailor, business person and entrepreneur!

Michele Pippen  
Gazette forum

### Spot, stop and ticket

Re: *Gazette online, Phuket police chief calls on officers to use smart phones, rolling checkpoints, December 8*

It would really be something if the police would just stop people that break traffic laws on the spot. So many times I have watched people run red lights; vans go at breakneck speeds, passing in all

kinds of dangerous ways; and half of all motorbike riders head toward death without a helmet.

If the drivers realized that they could be stopped at any point, more people would continue to stay alive in beautiful Phuket!

Jacgem  
Gazette forum

### Phuket, no longer a small island

I pray that Brett Bean's mother is able to locate her son. I am proud that our police officers are doing their best to track down Brett.

How a person can completely disappear from Phuket is unfathomable to me. Though the island continues to grow, I have held onto the belief that it hasn't outgrown its expat community – that those who are frequent flyers would be noticed missing by friends and acquaintances. But it seems that such a time has truly departed, and I have been in denial.

When I think of it, there are people I don't see for months at a time, who I just assume are out there somewhere doing something.

My heart and best wishes go out to Brett and his family.

George MacEntire  
Chalong

### Look at that body

I followed the recent triathlon and then the 70.3 Ironman, and must admit the quality of athletes Phuket has started to attract is excellent. (It's inspirational to have these athletes on our home turf, as well as having facilities here that the young and bold of us to step toe to toe with them.) Let's continue to build Phuket as an island that world class athletes want to call home.

Michael Coons  
Patong

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# Just slow down

I SIMPLY want motorists in Phuket to stop speeding. By slowing down and obeying traffic laws many unnecessary accidents will be avoided, and lives saved.

The need to slow down is especially necessary at the Kor En curve in Thalang. There was a serious accident there last year that killed a four-year-old boy [Anupong Sae-Yu] and his aunt [Malai Kaewkluan].

In the wake of the tragic accident, we have installed a range of road-safety measures at that curve. Those safety measures have helped to reduce the accident rate on that particular stretch of road; probably by about 40 per cent.

However, local residents want the number of accidents on the curve down to zero. So we are trying everything we can to minimize the number of accidents on that particularly dangerous section of road.

One measure we took was installing plastic traffic poles to separate the lanes as motorists rounded the bend, which helped encourage motorists to slow down while passing through.

We also spent about one million baht on resurfacing a 400-meter southbound section of the road with a high-grade surface that reduces the centrifugal force of the moving vehicles and increases tyre adhesion to the road.

We have seen that using this "high-stick" road surface has been very successful in reducing the number of accidents at some very dangerous curves in Phang Nga. We will do the same to the northbound lane at the Kor En curve next year.

We have also installed a series of speed bumps – at one kilometer, 500 meters, 300 and 200 meters before the curve – costing more than 100,000 baht.



Here, he pleads for Phuket motorists to slow down, which will reduce the number of accidents and in turn save lives.

**Samak Luedwonghad**, 45, has been making Thailand's roads safer for 23 years, and is currently the Phuket Highways Office Director. Before he moved to Phuket in February, he had worked for the Department of Rural Roads' Bureau of Bridge Construction for 10 years and served more than five years as the head project engineer of the Phichit Bridge Construction and Maintenance Center in Phichit province.

However, these are all only temporary measures. We have held several discussions with Phuket Vice Governor Chamroen Tipayapongtada and related officers, including the local village headman, about what needs to be done to make this curve safer. We will meet again to assess how effective these temporary measures have been and to decide whether or not any further action needs to be taken.

The Department of Highways' Bureau of Highway Safety has collected information and observed traffic passing through the curve so it can come up with a permanent plan to improve road safety at that particular location.

We have presented our information on the effects of the temporary safety measures we have established to those who will draw up the permanent safety plan. We are now waiting for their response.

One of the long-term solutions we initially thought we would be

able to pursue is acquiring the land adjacent to the curve so we could reduce the sharpness of the bend.

However, we now know that we will not be able to do this, so we are trying to curb the number of accidents at the curve with the limited solutions at our disposal.

One idea that arose from our discussions with Vice Governor Chamroen was to erect an illuminated sign above the road so motorists would get into the correct lanes before starting to take the curve. This way, trucks with trailers, cars and motorbikes would all be in the correct lanes before rounding the curve.

However, installing such a sign is not a cheap solution. It would probably cost more than five million baht. We will have to wait for the 2014 fiscal year before we can get the budget to move that project forward. We still need to present the project report and the budget request to the Department of Highways head office in Bangkok first.

## Spinning your wheels for traffic solutions



Phuket needs a similar rack of bikes for island exploration. Photo: Laraloola

CYCLING has long been a favorite past time of people living in the West. The freedom of jumping on a bicycle and exploring the area you live in while keeping fit at the same time appeals to young and old alike.

Most cities and towns in European countries have designated cycle ways and clear markings on roads that only cyclists are allowed to pedal along.

But the danger of cycling on the road is still apparent in these countries, as Olympic Gold medalist and Tour de France winner, Bradley Wiggins, found out recently as he was knocked off his bike by a white van and suffered a broken rib.

To help curb the traffic problem in London, the Mayor, Boris Johnson implemented a cycle hire scheme offering 6,000 bikes from 405 docking stations across the city. This scheme allows people in London to use the bikes for short journeys in the capital. City Hall in Bangkok recently unveiled a similar bike-rental service for the Siam Square area to encourage Bangkokians to cycle short distances. European cities such as Paris, Barcelona and Amsterdam are full of cyclists.

It is clear to see that the popularity of cycling on Phuket is on the rise. In areas such as Phuket Town or one of the quieter beach

### Island View

By Sebastian Lehmann

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towns, you would imagine a bike rental service would be a success. And with increasing traffic congestion on the island, a bike rental service would be a great way to get locals and expats on their bike. The major downfall, as Bradley Wiggins found out, is road safety. Phuket's roads are dangerous enough in a car or on a motorbike, but if the scheme is used within the confines of a town where the roads are not so dangerous, cyclists will feel safer.

Using Phuket Town as a model, if bike stations were put in at various points throughout the town, tourists, locals and expats could make use of the service to get from point A to Z. For example, pick a bike up at a docking station close to Surakul Stadium and then enjoy a leisurely cycle to a docking station on Krabi Road. Wander around the OldTown for a bit, pick up a bike from the docking station on Thalang Road and head to a docking station at Saphan Hin. If there were a number of docking stations spread throughout the area people could explore at their own pace and keep fit.

## Issues & Answers...

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

### Is there any mooring at Rawai Beach?

How can I get a mooring for my 21-foot cruiser at Rawai beach?

John Rawai

#### Rawai Mayor Arun Soros replies:

Rawai Municipality has a pier with the capacity to moor four boats at Rawai Beach. It is free to use. However, mooring is on a "first come, first serve" basis.

For more information please come see us in person at our office from Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm, or you can call Rawai Municipality at 076-613 801.

#### Phuket Marine Office chief Phuripat Theerakulpisut replies:

Although boats can moor at the pier in Rawai, at this time we can

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not permanently allot a berth to an individual.

However, we are working on establishing more moorings at the southern half of the island.

In order to protect the coral reefs, we have just spent 5.8 million baht installing 300 moorings off the east coast of Phuket. So far that includes 200 in Chalong Bay with another 100 planned for Ao Por.

We tentatively plan to install more, but it will take time, as we have to apply for the funds.

## White knuckle ride in a black taxi

A few weeks ago our flight from Bangkok was late. It did not arrive on Phuket until after midnight. With no meter taxis available, we had to deal with the several private taxis that were hassling us for business.

Their fares to Kata were 1,800 baht upwards. We normally pay between 500 and 700 baht, but we finally had to accept the offer of a taxi who also wanted to give his friend a lift home.

Before setting off, the driver's friend intended to sit in the front seat on top of our suitcase since there was no room elsewhere to sit. We said "no" and off we went without him.

Our taxi driver drove at 140 kilometers per hour all the way, including through red lights, until he finally stopped to buy gas, at which point I told him to slow down.

He did, and only drove at 120kmh while sending a text message to someone.

I also noticed a car license plate in the seat pocket in the back. Maybe he was now using his private license plate?

Is there any control at the airport on who gives you a ride after office hours? What action do the Phuket officials recommend we take if our flight is delayed next time we come to Phuket?

Frequent flyer Phuket

#### Attayaporn Sukchatree, a Taxi Complaint Service officer replies:

We are working with the authorities to get rid of illegal taxis operating from the airport. Until that time, I suggest that you use careful judgment before getting into any car.

Recently, the regulations for taxis were changed. Now legal taxis must display stickers on both sides of the vehicle detailing the taxi's number, owner's name in English and Thai, and the complaint phone line number: 1584.

If you believe you have been badly treated or overcharged, you can call either 1584 or the Taxi Meter Association on 076-202 171 and make a report.

#### Jantima Chaipibal, an officer of The Taxi Meter Association replies:

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GREETINGS



Phuket Governor Maitri Inthasut joined officials and the public to celebrate HM The King's Birthday on December 5 at Rajaphat University Phuket.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR  
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From left: Ms Natthira Susangrat, general manager of the Phuket Gazette; Mr John Magee, Phuket Gazette's publisher; Ms Saksri Kerdpol, general manager of Auto Express and Mr Timmy Thauonthong, managing director of Auto Express.



WORLD RENOWNED  
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World renowned ukulele performer and Grammy-winner Daniel Ho and Phuket Provincial Administration Organization Paiboon Upatising (right) joined in a Hawaii Festival organized by the US Embassy.





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### BEACHFRONT LAND FOR SALE



2 rai absolutely amazing beachfront, few minutes boat ride from Phuket, facing west with views of Phuket. 13 million baht per rai. Tel: 086-278 8300. Email: izzy.serenitygroup@gmail.com

### BEST FUNCTIONAL HOUSE



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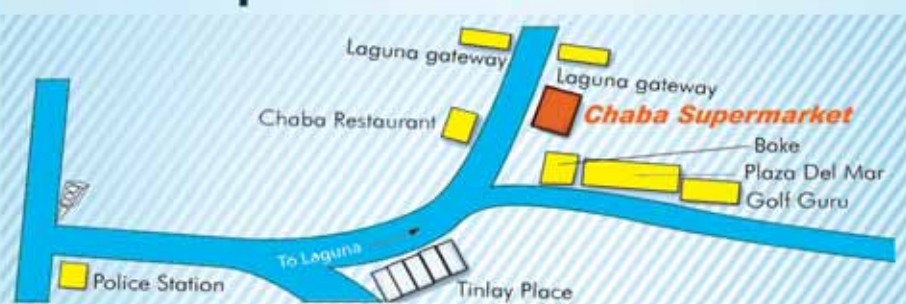
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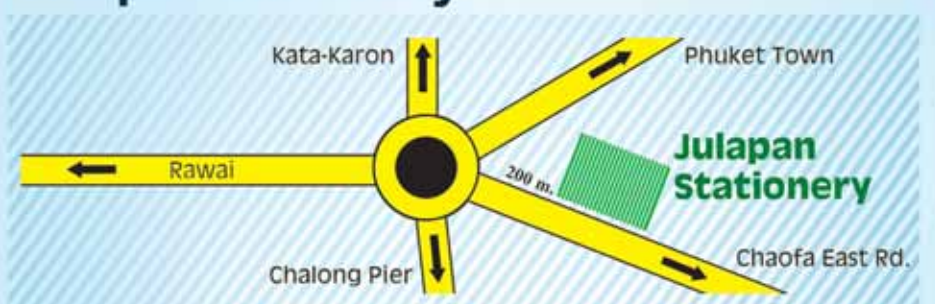
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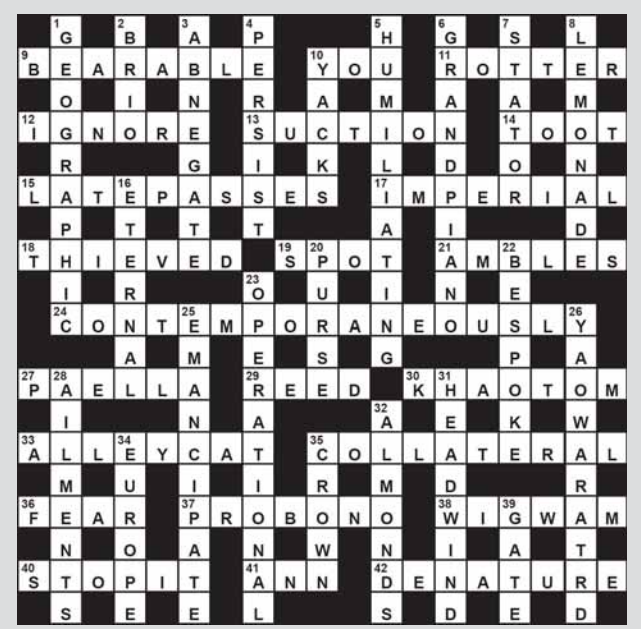


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left to right: Giorgio Gompf, Gulu Lalvani, Narin Sethichaiyen



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## TRISARA WINE DINNER

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From left: Mr Antoine Melon (Trisara's resort manager), Mr Jean Guillaume Prats and Mr Telmo Rodriguez.



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## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



Thanyapura Sports & Leisure Club Phuket recently organized a magnificent Christmas tree lighting ceremony to mark the beginning of the festive season. The tree was creatively formed by joining up ten bicycles of varying sizes with a stunning lighting design.

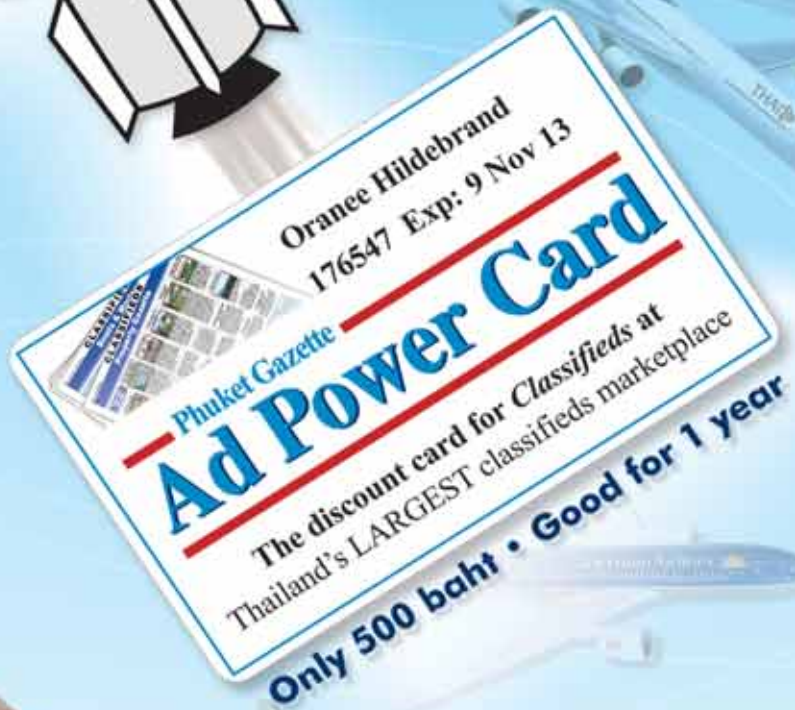
Of course, it takes a true Olympian to light up a Christmas tree at Thanyapura, so three times LPT winner, second place winner in the recent 70.3 Ironman Phuket on December 2nd and triathlon

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## WHAT'S ON in Phuket

### December 16-18; 10am to 10pm: Asia Superyacht Rendezvous at Angsana Phuket Laguna and Xana Beach Club

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### December 22-28; 7 to 11:30pm: Robin Gillow's Contemplative Oils at Boathouse, Kata Beach

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### December 22-23, 9:30am to 4:30pm: Phuket Youth Sailing Club Last Chance Regatta

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### December 24, 7am to 11pm: Christmas Eve Buffet Dinner at Boathouse Wine and Grill, Kata

Watch the sun setting over the Andaman Sea with Christmas cocktails in the sunset lounge, followed by a sumptuous buffet dinner with abundant Christmas specials, regional specialties and festive desserts along with Christmas carols, a visit from Santa and our Jazz Quartet. Cocktails at 7pm, Dinner from 8pm onwards. Cost is 4,500++ per person. For more info contact Annie Sukanya Chuaywang, tel: 66-76-330015.

### December 24, 7 to 11pm Chilled-out Christmas Eve at RE KA TA Beach Club at Boathouse

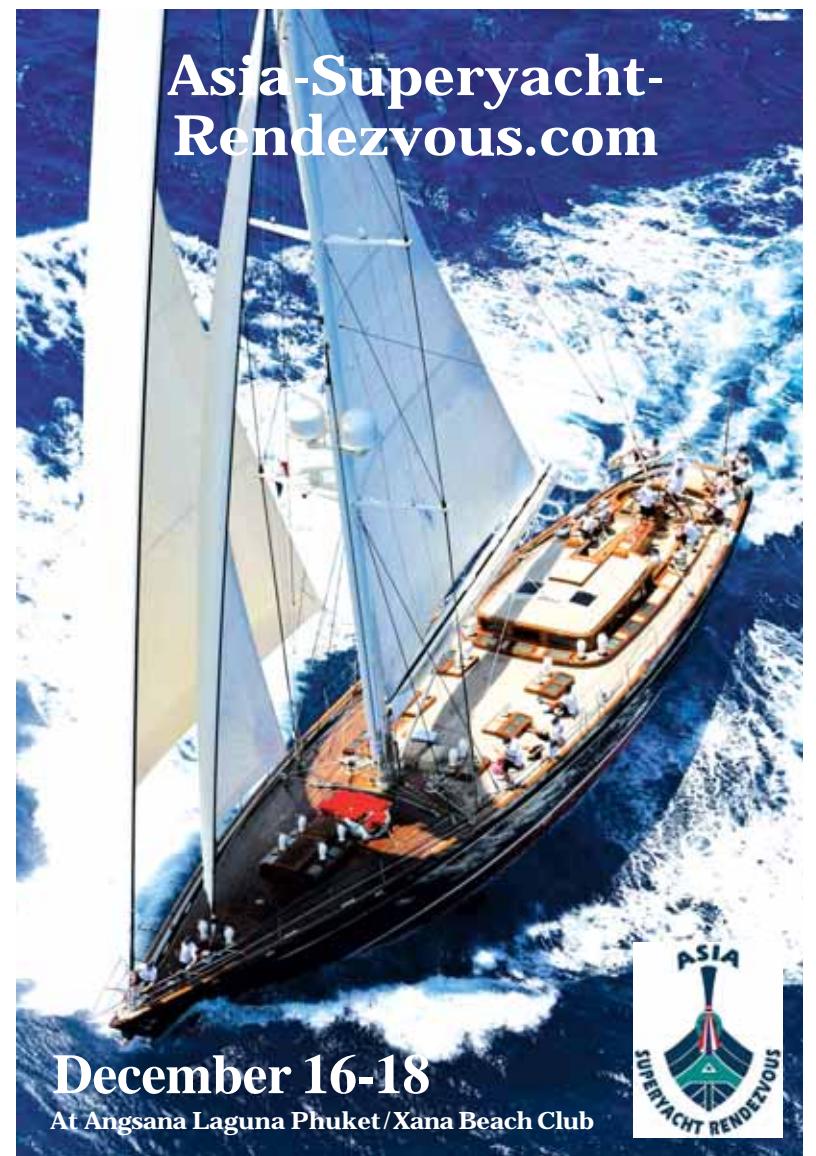
Chill out with cool sounds on the beach over a welcome cocktail, before enjoying an amazing four course menu by Chef Bryan Burger in the stunning new RE KA'TA Beach Club, overlooking Kata Beach. Our DJ line-up will heat up the pace with party music until late. Welcome cocktail at 6pm, Dinner from 8pm onwards. Baht 3,800++ per person, paired with wines. Baht 2,500++ per person without wines.

### December 24-25, 9am to 11pm: Christmas with Two Chefs Bistros, Phuket

Christmas time at Two Chefs Bistros in Phuket. In our newly opened bistros we are going to serve a classic Christmas plate, one that will include pepper-smoked salmon, different kinds of herring, Christmas ham, veal pâté, meatballs, bread and so much more. You can't miss it! It's only 695 baht and there are no extra charges. So welcome to Two Chefs Bistros!

### December 25, 1 to 9pm Christmas Dinner at Islander, Soi Patong Resort

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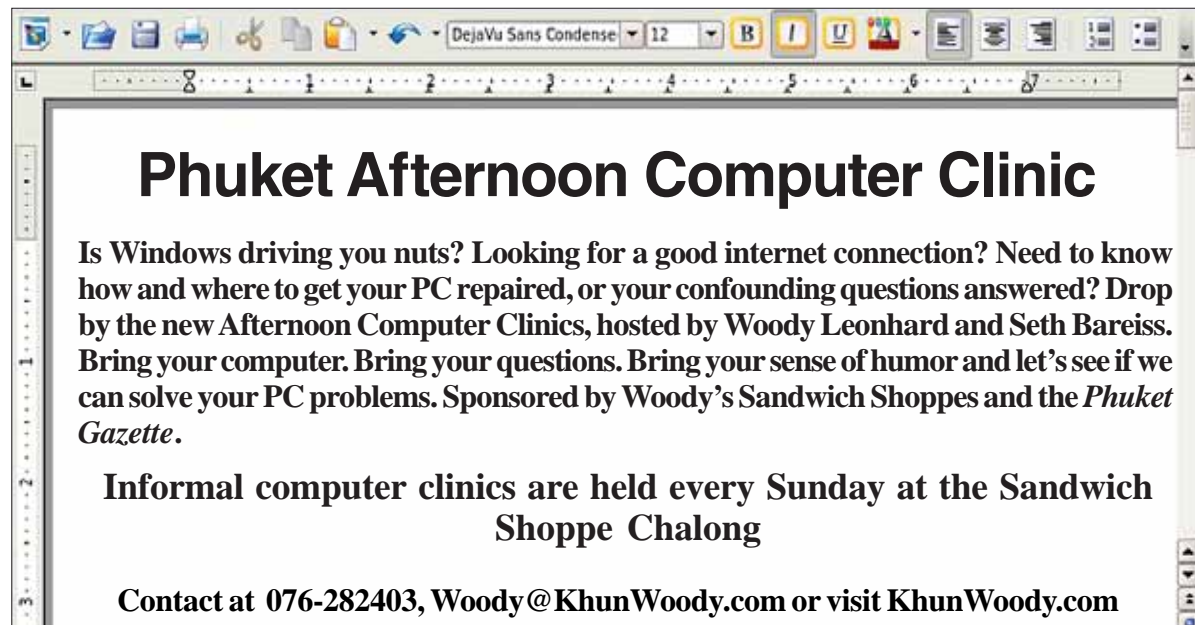
### December 25, 3pm to 1am Christmas Day Events at Two Chefs Bar & Grill, Karon

Christmas Day Dinner at Two Chefs Karon. For the first time now, Two Chefs are having a multinational Christmas dinner. We are starting at 3pm and we will be serving American classics like roast turkey with chestnut stuffing and cranberry sauce. English Yorkshire pudding,

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### December 27, 6 to 11:30pm: Martini Manicure Ladies Night at RE KA TA

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# Ready to Rendezvous



## LUXURY living

THE 12<sup>th</sup> annual Asia Superyacht Rendezvous starts this week and the yachts have arrived, bringing with them captains, crew and VIP guests who are getting revved up for sun, sailing and socializing.

This week the Asia Superyacht Rendezvous will be welcoming sponsors Feadship, Boat International Media and Royal Huisman to our shores, as commissioned photographers get their cameras ready to capture unforgettable moments of the competition and natural images of Phuket's spectacular Bang Tao Bay.

Asia Superyacht Rendezvous hosts, Angsana Laguna and Xana Beach Club, will offer fine cuisine and wines in a welcoming atmosphere so everyone is set for takeoff on December 16.

This year's Rendezvous will have jaw-dropping Superyachts anchored in Bang Tao Bay. The Rendezvous will have three Feadships: *M/Y Callisto*, *M/Y Samax* and *M/Y Helix*.

The 44-meter *Helix*, currently on a tour of Asia, is the 5<sup>th</sup> F45 Vantage series Feadship, and was launched in 2011.

Royal Huisman's elegant 57-meter *S/Y Twizzle* is the first vessel completely styled by the shipyard themselves.

Also joining the event will be the exotic *Phinisi*, *S/Y Silolona*, luxurious *S/Y Yanneke Too* and *M/Y Maverick*, as well as the very powerful *S/Y Shamoun*.

Phuket is constantly playing host to more and more yachts each year, and this season it is proving to be an extremely popular destination for the holidays. The region as a whole is seeing massive growth in the number of superyachts for short visits, and some are now even calling Asia 'home'.

The Rendezvous will kick off in the early evening on December 16. *S/Y Silolona* will

The 50 meter *S/Y Silolona* is based on a traditional Gaff Rig *Phinisi*, was built to German Lloyds' specifications and can reach a speed of 12 knots. *Silolona* is a fully licensed and equipped PADI Dive Center and therefore one can enjoy diving, as well as water sports or spa and massages.

55 meter Motor Yacht ASR *M/Y Samax* can reach a speed of 17.5 knots and can accommodate 14 guests. She can carry 17 crew, which ensures an unforgettable experience on board. Her impressive design, both exterior and interior, is

thanks to the work of Andrew Winch.

The 57.5 meter Sailing Yacht *Twizzle* was built for the previous owners of the currently named *Drizzle*. Exterior and interior designs were done by Redman Whiteley Dixon, whilst the decoration was done by Todhunter

Earle Group, who are based in London.

Motor Yacht *Helix* can reach a speed of 14.5 knots and is 44.65 meter long. Her interior design was done by Sinot Yacht Design whilst her exterior design was done by De Voogt Naval Architects. *Helix* is equipped with an ultra-modern stabilization system, which reduces roll motion effect and results in a smoother, more enjoyable cruising experience.

Sailing Yacht *Yanneke Too* reaches a speed

of 13 knots and is 36 meters long. The interior design was the work of not one, but three men. The structural design was done by Bill Dixon and Terence Disdale added his own touch of style. Fabric and artwork were done by Richard Hombacher.

The 42.1 meter MotorYacht *Maverick* offers an outstanding range of first class entertainment and communication systems, including i-Pod docks in all guest areas, Inmarsat Fleet 77, BGAN broadband, secure WiFi and satellite TV. Entertainment facilities include two folding bikes and a concept II rowing machine.

Sailing yacht *Shamoun* is an Andre Hoek design with open-plan accommodation, which provides a homely atmosphere. The general inside theme is a subtle Honduras mahogany combined with cream paneling and chestnut flooring. *Shamoun* is fully equipped with fishing, snorkeling and diving gear and has a length of 33.05 meters.

ASR *S/Y Si Datu Bua* is based on the Indonesian trading vessels known as *Phinisi*. She was constructed in 2012 using raw materials, which were selected using great care. The interior of *Si Datu Bua* is identical to the cultural heritage and traditions of the island of Sulawesi, Indonesia, the 11<sup>th</sup> biggest island in the world. She is 40 meters in length.

*S/Y Asia* is finished in Burmese teak and is equipped with the latest in navigational, satellite communications and entertainment equipment. She is also fully equipped for snorkeling, scuba diving, fishing and kayaking and is 29 meters long.

*'This week the Asia Superyacht Rendezvous will be welcoming sponsors Feadship, Boat International Media and Royal Huisman to our shores.'*

Every year 'The Rendezvous' gets bigger and better than the last, and this year looks to be no exception.

The 65 meter *M/Y Callisto* has one of the largest sun decks on a Feadship of her size. Her decks provide sunbathing areas, as well as a jacuzzi, which is sheltered from the wind. *Callisto* has satellite TV and stereos are available on all decks and throughout the entire accommodation. There is also a gymnasium, which has two TV's. *Callisto* can reach a speed of 16 knots.

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## Lamborghinis coming soon to Phuket

THE *Phuket Gazette* caught up with Apichat Vivatsurakit, marketing manager of Niche Cars, (the sole authorized Lamborghini dealer in Thailand) who will be exhibiting at the SMART Property & Lifestyle Expo at Royal Phuket Marina, from December 27-30.

**Phuket Gazette:** Currently how many Lamborghini models do you have for the Thai market?

**Apichat Vivatsurakit:** Lamborghinis are divided into models defined by the size of their engine: 12 cylinder and 10 cylinder. The 12-cylinder version, Aventador, comes in two models and the 10-cylinder, Gallardo, has a number of models.



**PG:** What makes Phuket a special place for Lamborghini?

**AV:** Phuket is growing very fast and a lot of people from the island are interested in Lamborghini cars. Therefore, we think there is a good opportunity for us to promote our cars here.

**PG:** Which Lamborghini cars are you showing at the SMART Property & Lifestyle Expo?

**AV:** We will be showing the Lamborghini Super Trofeo Race car, two Lamborghini Super Trofeos; guests to the expo can test drive one of these cars; one Lamborghini Gallardo Facelift 2013

model and one Lamborghini Aventador. We are also the sole authorized dealer for Pagani, Lotus and other high end brands, so expect to see a nice selection of luxury cars at the event.

**PG:** Why are Lamborghinis so special?

**AV:** Every Lamborghini is special by itself, and I believe we have something very special for Phuket with our 2013 models.

*To see Lamborghini's and other exotic cars, remember to visit the exhibition. Entry is free, to register for a free ticket please visit [smartexpos.com/phuket](http://smartexpos.com/phuket).*







# Stumbling at high speeds


**Live Wire**
**By Woody Leonhard**

PEOPLE frequently ask me, what's the best internet connection in Phuket? The short answer is... there's no way to know for sure. Much depends on your exact location, and luck.

Over the years I have run a free speed reporting site, [PhuketInternetSpeed.com](http://PhuketInternetSpeed.com), which is an attempt at quantifying the real-world internet international download speeds here in Phuket.

For quite some time, we had pretty good luck nailing down which providers were the fastest, which had intermittent problems, and which just weren't in the running. With 30,000 individually reported measurements, running through the data divulged some worthwhile results.

Now, I'm not so sure.

The most recent problem started when TOT and 3BB found a way to skew our tests: we were all using a specific test to a location in Los Angeles. First TOT, and later 3BB, found ways to boost the results on that test, without noticeably improving their general service levels. We've tried to bob around a bit, testing to a different location, and using different tests, but the results have been spotty.

There's a more fundamental problem.

Almost all internet speed-testing sites measure how long it takes to download one file over one connection from a webserver to your PC. Depending on where and how you download most files, that might be an accurate reflection of how well your internet connection is working for you. Or maybe not.

For example, all major browsers have download accelerators built in. (Free, third-party accelerators are also available as browser add-ons.) Accelerators



**FALSE WITNESS:** The results of speed tests from Phuket are being artificially inflated by local ISPs. Photo: Howard Lake

typically download files over two or more connections — often without telling you that you're using multiple simultaneous download threads. That makes it impossible to predict whether an accelerator is delivering a faster download over a given internet connection — and how much faster that delivery might be.

Torrents take multiple data streams as an article of faith. So your typical internet speed test probably won't provide an accurate measure of torrent download speeds, which can depend on mostly uncontrollable factors such as the number of sites (or seeds) offering the file for download and the speeds of those seeding sites. More than that, downloading torrents in Thailand has the added unpredictability of the location of the seeds: if the file's being offered inside Thailand, it'll go faster than a file outside of Thailand.

All of the Internet Service

Providers (ISPs) in Phuket serve up popular webpages more quickly by caching pages on their local servers.

If, say, 1,000 Internet users in Phuket are watching a Formula 1 race in Monte Carlo, the ISP doesn't have to move 1,000 identical sets of bits from Monte Carlo to Phuket.

Instead, one stream of bits flows from the Monte Carlo race to Bangkok, and 1,000 streams flow to Phuket.

That saves the ISP money by reducing the international bandwidth they need to provide.

It also speeds things up for us customers. The caching takes place in the blink of an eye.

Caching is great for many reasons, but if you're trying to measure your typical Internet speed, it can gum up the results. Some internet speed tests check for something called latency or ping time: it's the time necessary to move one packet of data from

your computer, to the destination and back. When a latency/ping test comes in faster than the speed of light, either there's something fishy going on or your ISP has learned how to exploit a wormhole.

Here's an example. Light travels at 186,000 miles per second, but in typical fiber it's closer to 130,000 miles per second. The distance from Phuket to Los Angeles is about 8,300 miles. Real internet connections never travel as fast as the speed of light — there are switches and all sorts of intermediate disruptions. But the very fastest "ping" from Phuket to Los Angeles should take at least  $(2 * 8,300) / 130,000 = 0.128$  seconds, or 128 milliseconds.

If you're near a computer, try running the speed test at [speedtest.net](http://speedtest.net). I just got a ping run of 62 msec. Although the people at OOKLA, who run the [speedtest.net](http://speedtest.net) site, assure me that their test can't be cached, at least that part of the test is being cached. Either that, or True has figured out how to move bits faster than the speed of light. The speedtest site says my download speed is about 9 Megabits per second, which is quite respectable for a 10 Mbps True ADSL line.

By contrast, the DSLReports speed test reports my ping to the Los Angeles server at 248 msec — a thoroughly credible number. But DSLReports says my downloads run about 1.6 to 1.8 Mbps, or one-fifth as fast as OOKLA reports.

Here's the clincher. If I run a full-out download, with multiple streams of data to a very, very fast server in the US, I can hit just about 9 Mbps.

It gets worse. When I use MLab's Network Diagnostic Tool, I get 7.3 Mbps.

When I run the Visualware test, I get 1.9 Mbps.

So which is it? Am I really getting 9 Mbps (OOKLA/Speedtest), 1.6 Mbps (DSLReports), 7.3 (MLabs), 1.9 (Visualware) — or something else entirely?

I struggled with that question when I was writing my latest Top Story for Windows Secrets Newsletter and I didn't come up

with a definitive answer. Each of the sites produces different results. Remarkably, they're all replicable: I get just about the same speeds regardless of which computer I use,

what operating system, which browser. The main variation I see is from day to day, and hour to hour.

A friend of mine has been watching his download speeds, too, very carefully. He's discovered that his downloads peak every night about midnight: at 11:59 pm, he's getting 2 or 3 Mbps, or even less, then at 12:01 am, he's up to 9 or 10 Mbps. And that happens every night, like clockwork.

Next week I'll tell you how the US government is handling dichotomies like this one — yes, the Feds see the same sort of speed differences that we see here in Phuket, although that midnight spike is unique as far as I can tell. Next week I'll also step you through a few methods for trying to track down what's happening to your line.

But the original question — which internet service is best — remains unsolved, and I don't have a good way of making measurements that can be replicated across the island. (In the best of all possible worlds, the testing method would be something that regular everyday internet customers could perform.) If you have an idea, or a testing method that isn't well known, I'd sure like to hear from you! Shoot me email.

*We're running informal computer clinic roundtables every Sunday morning at Sandwich Shoppe Chalong, located 1 km north of Chalong Circle on Chao Fah East road. If you have a Windows problem that needs to be solved, or a question about internet service in Phuket, drop by and ask one of the assembled gurus. Sponsored by the Phuket Gazette and Khun Woody's Sandwich Shoppes.*

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## NBTC may revoke 3G bids

THE National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC) has threatened to revoke the 3G) licenses for any of the three bid winners who refuse to lower mobile service fees by 15-20 per cent, a commission executive said.

The three companies that bid, Advanced Info Service (AIS), Dtac and True Move, have postponed an NBTC instruction to submit price reduction proposals by November 30, reasoning that they could not meet the deadline.

NBTC officials have said they will, instead of waiting for the



**NBTC executives.** Photo: Nation operators' proposals, set a condition for them to reduce fees by 15 per cent of the market average.

NBTC deputy president Settapong Malisuwan said after 3G licenses are issued, the commission will hold an auction of the 1800 megahertz bandwidth for 4G wireless technology. — *The Nation*



# So... you've got a baby on the way

HAVING a baby is (apparently) a wonderful moment in one's life. However, I've also heard that it can be quite stressful, emotional and very tiring. But, for those of you who also have dogs in the house, you need to think about them too. You are right to be concerned about your dog sniffing around the new addition. Just think of all those bugs, infections and nasty bacteria that a dog can catch from an un-vaccinated toddler.

Bringing your new baby home must be quite exciting. If I had to wait 9 months for my XBOX 360 to be delivered, I'd be super excited come the big day myself. Of course, having a new addition to your household, and an uneducated, totally dependent one at that, brings with it a myriad of changes to your normal routine – and therefore to your dog's routine.

Amidst all the excitement of bringing home your new baby, your dog may end up sharing most of the anxiety and less of the fun. There's quite a bit that can be done with your dog to make the new transition easier, and with nine months to go, you've got time on your side.

## The calm before the storm

It's no surprise that your dog needs to adjust to the idea of having a baby around the house because frankly, so do you. A baby will bring about changes in your routine, unfamiliar noises, less recreational time and increased stress. The first thing to think about is what kind of exposure your dog has already had to children and animals?

How did he react? What kind of experience was it? It's worth consulting a canine behaviorist to assess your dog too. Don't mistake dog "breed" for safety.



**Dog Whisperer**  
By Russell D Russell

Sure, some dogs are advertised as "great with kids and babies" but all dogs are different, and if there's any chance he could react badly to a new baby – you need to know before it happens.

Start preparing your dog by getting him used to you holding something in your arms whilst going about normal routines. Dolls that makes realistic baby sounds are easily available at shops. You can also take him to the area where your new born will sleep or play and reward him for being calm.

If you have already bought your push-chair, take it on walks with you as if it's totally normal and allow your dog to get used to it. Exposing your dog to lots of children and babies of all ages in a safe and positive manner will also help him to learn that he can be calm and controlled amidst the commotion. Again, a behaviorist can help you further.

## New baby boot camp

Having your dog enrolled in obedience training prior to the baby's arrival should be given serious consideration as you will all benefit tremendously. You'll truly appreciate the added benefits of having a dog that will sit, lie down, go to place, leave it, or settle down, all on command.

However, without the benefit of training, you need to be aware of your dogs limitations and be guarded not to "shut him out" just because he won't sit for you. You can still have a calm, baby-loving dog, but you need to manage it.

## The beagle has landed

Our first instinct when the baby finally arrives home is to forget everything else and focus on them. But it's really important not to forget about your dog, or to act differently with them. Maintain your *status quo*, continue with your normal feeding and walking routines, and incorporate them into your new ones. By being involved with you and the newbie, you're preventing a build up of any frustration or anxiety in your dog.

Your dog will no doubt be curious of the new sounds and smells associated with your baby, but will not understand how delicate he/she is. Supervise all interactions between the baby and dog. Your dog might be awesome with him/her, but that doesn't mean he won't snap if awoken suddenly by a baby yanking on his whiskers.

The humane treatment of all



**ANXIOUS:** Bringing a baby home can be stressful for your dog. Photo: Hannah

animals is an important lesson for children of any age, as is the awareness and respect of a healthy set of canine teeth.

Having a pet in the house is by far the best way for your child to learn about how to properly handle a dog, or other animal. Having them involved in walking, bathing, feeding or even training your dog will have immense benefits to them personally, as

well as the added benefits to your dog.

*If you'd like more information on introducing babies and dogs, obedience training, or simply have some canine questions, feel free to drop us a line on 089 588 4050 or [canineworld@me.com](mailto:canineworld@me.com). For more information contact the Thailand Canine Academy on 089 588 4050 or email [canineworld@icloud.com](mailto:canineworld@icloud.com)*

# Temple cats die of flu



**Abandoned cats risk infection by feline influenza.** Photo: Bret Burton

THE initial probe into the deaths of several cats abandoned at a temple in Anghong revealed that they died of cat flu, a provincial livestock official said recently.

Livestock development official

Krissana Komonchan said the remaining cats at Wat Khao Kaew in Pho Thong district, which appeared to have symptoms, were given antibiotic injections. No cure is available for feline influenza and all that can be done is to treat the symptoms.

Krissana said the public should not worry, as the disease is not transmissible to humans. This illness is caused by a virus that is spread via the saliva to unvaccinated cats or dogs in poor health. The spread of the virus at the temple was the result of a lack of hygiene and the crowded living conditions of the animals.

Krissana said he would confirm the diagnoses by sending saliva for laboratory testing. The results are expected in eight to 10 days.

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A Boeing jet engine at the Boeing factory in Everett, outside Seattle, Washington. Photo: prayitno

## New aviation 'liberalization' of manufacturing

A NEW government initiative to allow foreign investors to hold 70 per cent or more of a company manufacturing aviation parts will help promote the country as a regional repair center of the industry, says an executive at Thai Airways International.

Danuj Bunnag, executive vice president of THAI's commercial department, welcomed the plan and said it would help strengthen Thailand's performance in the region in this competitive industry.

"Thanks to its strategic location, Thailand has long been an important nation in the region for the aviation industry. It has become a major center for airlines to connect their flights between other cities," said Mr Danuj.

"Therefore, if the Kingdom offers a repair service center, it is more likely that airlines will see Thailand as a 'one-stop' operation. This allows them to service and maintain their flight-connection hubs at the same time, which will boost the local economy."

Thailand has long tried to promote itself as a regional repair hub. However, it has lacked in terms of facilities, especially aviation parts for different sizes of aircraft.

The Cabinet, as initiated by Transport Minister Chatchart Sithipan, agreed last month on a draft act to replace the one that has governed this issue since 1954. It will be considered by the House of Representatives in the hope that it will help consolidate the country as an aviation hub in the countdown to the formation of the Asean Economic Community (AEC) in 2015.

The new law would allow foreign investors to hold a 70 per cent stake in a company in this field, and 100 per cent if they are required to utilize high technology for production. Controlling a 70 per cent stake in the operation is also in line with the AEC agreement on aviation-industry liberalization.

Currently, foreign investors can hold only a 49 per cent stake in a company. This is not an attractive incentive and affects job creation for local people.

The government hopes to use this move to back the construction of an industrial park for aviation-parts production as well. However, some regulatory barriers exist in regard to the Board of Investment and will have to be removed, especially the regulation that requires declaration of sensitive business information to the agency.

— *Phuket Gazette*

# British Airways

## 79 years of service to the Kingdom



UP, UP AND AWAY: A British Airways's BAC 1-11 jetliner. Photo: Dean Morley

By **Bamrung Amnatcharoenrit**

AFTER 79 years of service to Thailand, British Airways (BA) says it still sees the Kingdom as an important market because more executives, especially from small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), will fly out to ink business deals.

The airline will use its strong network to connect local businessmen not only to its home base in London, but also to other parts of the world, especially the US, said Sriram Narayan, BA manager for Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam.

His company is part of the International Airlines Group (IAG), which also operates Iberia and BMI airlines. IAG is one of the world's largest airline groups with 398 aircraft flying to 200 destinations and carrying more than 50 million passengers each year.

It is the third largest group in Europe and the sixth largest in the world in terms of revenue.

The company operates the only

daily Bangkok-London flight. Narayan declined to reveal the cabin factor, but said it is doing "well". The firm claims to have advantages over rivals in pricing, onboard service and food quality, but most importantly the flight is non-stop, which makes



British Airways' Concorde, Heathrow. Photo: Andres Rueda

it easier to connect to other parts of the world. And students can get discounted fares.

Airline representatives say they are looking forward to the Asean Economic Community (AEC) in 2015, which should stimulate regional traffic. The airline is work-

ing with Bangkok Airways via code-sharing to help its London passengers connect to domestic and regional destinations.

BA will also look for an "opportunity" to launch their own direct flight from London to the Thai region if the right time comes.

Worldwide, it operates 755 flights per day, with 152 destinations and carries 32 million passengers per year. Asia is a growing market for the company, which is launching a new route to Seoul from London.

Even though South-east Asia offers more opportunity, BA says it has kept a balance for all markets to minimize its business risk at a time of economic uncertainty worldwide.

The firm is trying to strengthen its brand globally, including in Thailand, under the motto, "To Fly. To Serve".

The airline has committed to spending over 250 million baht on customer products and services over the next five years.

## Bangkok Air's travelling holiday treat

RECENTLY, Bangkok Airways together with 4garçons brasseries & patisseries have introduced a special dessert menu onboard Bangkok Airways' flights during the Christmas and New Year seasons from December 15, 2012 – January 15, 2013.

ML Nandhika Varavarn, Bangkok Airways Vice President for Corporate Communications said, "For this coming holiday season, we have something new for our passengers by offering a special dessert menu onboard from 4 Garçons on all our do-

mestic and international flights". This dessert menu was



The dessert committee.

specially created by Chef Ayusakorn Arayangkoon from the French bistro – 4 Garçons in Bangkok.

"I created eight dessert

selections altogether for the committee to choose from.

Three were selected for the menu, which includes carrot cake, bale cake and apple tart," said Chef Ayusakorn.

"Carrot cake and bale cake will be served on Bangkok Airways in all classes including [the] Blue Ribbon Class (Business Class), Premier Class and Economy Class. While, apple tart will be available only on Blue Ribbon and Premier class," added MLNandhika.

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# Building the reefs of the future

Photo: Derek Keats

THE texture from the flaking, oxidized iron of the 1700s hand grenade is a novelty in itself as we sit at five meters on the 1724 *Guadalupe* Underwater Archaeological Preserve. The Dominican Republic "wreck" complete with ancient pieces of broken amphora pottery, ballast stones, cannons and other artifacts from the period, was developed as an underwater museum exhibit available to those with the desire to explore this underwater world and see what a "virgin" Spanish galleon wreck might look like.

The idea of a turning a submerged cultural resource into an underwater museum is at the forefront how we think about artificial reefs – the next important development for Phuket diving.

As the tourism industry in Phuket continues to skyrocket, "land people" worry about the infrastructure: roads, water, electricity, and the preservation of steep jungle slopes and mangroves. But for "underwater people" such as divers and snorkelers, it's hard not to also fret over our precious reefs.

The dive industry in Phuket, with quality diving from a paradise island that an airline jet can land on, is booming. The increase in the number of divers from around the world using Phuket as a base for their first exploration of the underwater world or using it as a jump off point to the Similan Islands is creating mounting pressure on the island's marine ecosystems.

Because of this pressure, it is no wonder that organizations such as Go Eco Phuket are scrambling to find suitable solutions through the creation of artificial reefs. The Royal Thai Navy has already donated two decommissioned vessels to Go Eco Phuket to be

## Diving

By Isaac Stone Simonelli

scuttled and sunk.

A different approach to artificial reefs landed on the blackboard last year, as start up company Reef Worlds, specializing in highly stylized artificial reefs, designed by some of the same artists that worked on the sets of *Lord of the Rings* and *Avatar*, started working with a couple resorts in Phuket in an attempt to revolutionize the concept of artificial reefs.

Artificial reefs, when done properly, diversify the dive opportunities available to divers. They can be educational tools for underwater archaeological course work, training sites for tech divers or simply another delightfully interesting substructure for corals and other marine life to call home.

However, unless done well, these artificial reefs can simply float away, as did the Phuket "Coral Reef Squadron" did, not so many years ago. Though the efforts of sinking the 10 military aircraft might have ended in naught, with rumors of the submerged crafts "flying" as far north as Burma, they did not wreak the same havoc as another failed artificial reef project launched in the United States in the 1970s.

The government-backed community "Osborne Reef" project consisted of dumping and attempting to tie down over 2 million used vehicle tyres as the superstructure for an artificial reef. Shortly after the project was finished the tyres like Phuket's aircraft tore free from their chains. Unlike the aircraft, the tyres have destroyed and continue to destroy

natural reefs and other marine ecosystems in the Gulf of Mexico.

The importance of artificial reefs in the future of diving in Phuket, and around the world, is undeniable.

The technology and momentum is there to take us beyond the reefs we know, into a world of concepts, living on the edge of our imaginations. These substrates can become home to the corals we love and the mega and macro fauna that makes us smile to the point that water leaks in around our regulators.

But to do so, without having our reefs take-off into the unknown or destroy those familiar reefs we love, it is important to take a long look back at the history of artificial reefs, so that we can have a better understanding of what resources we have now, and what direction we should set our compass for.



The reef squadron (top) did not last long, unlike the tyres in Florida (above) which are still being cleared up today Photo: Matthew Hoelscher



WHAT A WRECK: An anchor (left) and amphora pottery and hand grenade (above) are some of the items to be found at the 1724 *Guadalupe* Underwater Museum. Photos: Isaac Stone Simonelli



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# Gift-wrapped for gardeners



**DIG IT:** Gardening tools make good Christmas presents or stocking stuffers. Photo: idleformat

GARDEN tools. Ah...Hardly romantic, but, even at Christmas, likely to be appreciated by the hands-on horticulturalist.

At the risk of sounding sexist, more for the men in your life. A simple choice would be a pair of *secateurs*.

It doesn't matter if the intended recipient has a pair – she can always keep another pair handy in the car. Think of all those opportunities you have had for snipping a twig or two from a roadside shrub or tree.

I have gone through five pairs since I came to Phuket – a reflection of both my own proclivities and of the tool's variable quality. You can go for the anvil type or the much commoner bypass style, which operates like scissors. But remember the cheap ones are unlikely to stay the course. 'Spring' and get a sturdy bypass pair for 229 baht.

Oh, and speaking of cheap pressies, garden gloves with



**Gardening**  
By Patrick Campbell

leather palms at 39 baht will take some beating. When recently cutting down a bougainvillea that had, characteristically, outgrown its surroundings, I ended up with plenty of scratches. Gloves would have helped.

Another stocking filler might come in the shape of a garden sprayer. You can use one with a simple trigger mechanism, but a better choice is a hand-pumped compression sprayer, usually holding a liter or two of liquid, which allows you to mix small amounts of chemicals, and thus avoid waste. It's useful both for "misting" indoor plants and for applying pesticides. Available for 89 baht, it is, like the other items, on sale at Home Pro, Chalong, or as they tend to say, "at good stores everywhere."

In the tropics, one quickly

realizes that pruning, trimming and cutting are the inevitable consequence of growing plants, especially woody ones, which take off like an express once they are established. And *secateurs* are only good for small branches. Anything over half an inch is likely to need something stronger.

Something more robust inevitably means something larger or more cumbersome. Not easy to gift-wrap. Loppers, for instance, are going to be two or three feet in length.

Nonetheless, they are an essential in the Phuket gardener's armory: the long handles offer far more leverage than *secateurs*, and they have the additional merit of enabling you to cut among thorny branches without losing too much blood. Look for a shock-absorber below the pivot point. Prices range from 200 to 600 baht.

Hedge shears are better for rapid trimming of shrubs and hedges. Some have serrations or notches in one blade, which can hold thicker



**TOOLS OF THE TRADE:** Be sure to look after your tools so that they can survive the rain and humidity of the tropics. Photo: Mike Carroll

branches while you cut. For small areas of grass, go for a strimmer.

A bow saw will tackle those tasks that even shears or a lopper cannot manage. It's a better choice than a conventional saw because it is less likely to get stuck during the cutting process, and has a blade which can easily be replaced for about 100 baht. Cost 250 baht and upwards, complete with disposable blade. All these tools will need some maintenance: the odd spray with WD 40 will inhibit rust.

If you want to offer a present that is less palpably destructive, think about small digging and planting tools. A trowel is always handy, both for transplanting seedlings and for removing weeds.

A longer handle may suit people who have difficulty in bending down. A small fork serves a similar function. Now available in hard-wearing plastic, the best ones are still made of stainless steel. Available for 77 baht. The same applies to long-handled spades, forks and rakes. The better the quality, the more likely the implement is to survive in a climate where the elements usually win.

The presents are getting bigger every year. And we haven't even got to wheel-barrows and mowers...

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



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## Tip of the Week

### Go nuts with coconuts

MOST coconut palms (*cocos nucifera*) are too big for the average Phuket garden.

If you want a solitary but manageable variety, the foxtail palm (*wodyetia*), with its smooth trunk and neat, feathery fronds, is a better bet.

But coconut palms are readily available, cost next to nothing, grow easily and are ideal for larger acreages, or when planted to form an avenue of trees. Silhouetted against a Phuket sunset,



**Preserve the plant's survival.** Photo: McKay Savage

they look magnificent.

There is another reason for growing them. I am not thinking of their

value as a major food source, though Thai dishes rely heavily on coconut milk, or of the use of leaves for thatching, or even of the durable timber. Rather, I am mindful of the environmental need to preserve their presence on an island where the depredations of the hispine beetle have already left gaunt, leafless trees in many coconut groves.

By planting coconuts, you will be helping to ensure their survival.



# Wolfe goes after blood

## Books

By James Eckardt

TOM Wolfe made his name with four collections of magazine stories published in rapid succession between 1965 and 1970 that chronicled the wild 1960s in hyperventilated prose, replete with ellipses, italics and... exclamation points! These grandiose 'New Journalism' stylistic tics have persisted throughout the decades. Wolfe is now 81.

But give him credit for honest, dogged research. His book about the first American astronauts, *The Right Stuff*, took him nearly a decade. He turned to fiction in 1987 with *Bonfire of the Vanities*, a novel about high finance, low crime and racial tensions in New York City.

He knows his New York well, having worked for the *Herald Tribune* throughout the 1960s.

The novel was a commercial and critical success. His second novel, *A Man in Full*, was set in Atlanta and was much less so, elegantly panned by no less than John Updike in *The New Yorker*.

Norman Mailer and John Irving piled on. Unfazed, Wolfe dubbed them "the Three Stooges" and in an essay entitled *Stalking the Billion Footed Beast* called for his kind of street-reportage novel over more high-toned 'literary' ones.

He's back with a bang in *Back to Blood* (Jonathan Cape, London, 2012, 704pp). The



**BIRDWATCHING:** Wolfe's portrait of the racy life in Miami is riveting.

city this time is Miami, where wealth and power are squabbled over by Cubans, Anglos, African Americans, Haitians, Jews, Russians ... Half the city are recent immigrants. Muses the WASP editor of the *Miami Herald*: "Did one segment of them, the Cubans, control the city politically – Cuban mayor, Cuban department heads, Cuban cops, Cuban cops, and more Cuban cops, 60 per cent of the force now Cubans, plus 10 per cent other Latins, 18 per cent American blacks, and only 12 per cent Anglo?"

The moral center of the novel is a Cuban cop named Nestor Camacho. He is only 5'7" but is such a mass of gym-built muscle that he is able to climb a 70-foot rope to rescue a Cuban refugee from the top of a schooner's mast.

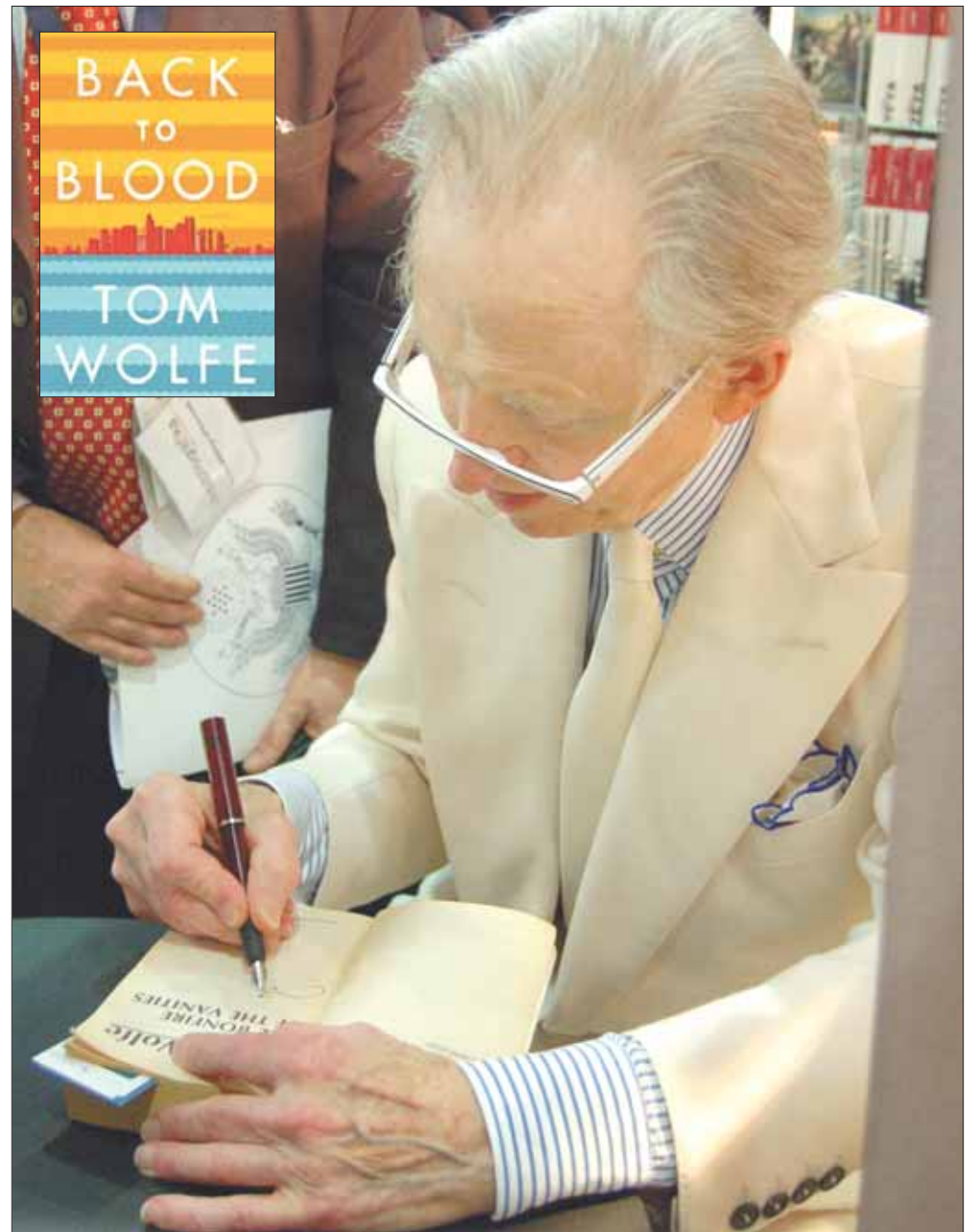
For this he is pilloried by his family and also the entire Cuban community because the refugee had not yet set foot on American soil to claim legal sanctuary.

Next he subdues a 6'5", black, crack dealer who was in the process of strangling his sergeant.

But a videotape of him shouting abuse at the fallen giant has gone viral on YouTube, enraging Miami's black community. Camacho is forced to surrender his badge and gun.

"Who is he going to offend next?", the Cuban mayor wonders. "The Haitians?"

Yes, the Haitians. Ghislaine Lantier is a fair-skinned Haitian, a student at the University of Miami, daughter of a French professor. A volunteer social worker, she was minding children inside the crack



Best-selling author Tom Wolfe, signing his latest book (inset). Photo: Misscarina

house when Camacho brought down the drug dealer. She now asks him for help with her brother who is getting involved with a Haitian gang in high school.

Meanwhile, his girlfriend Magdalena Otero, a nurse, has left him for her boss, Dr Norman Lewis, a blond, Anglo psychiatrist who specializes in porn addiction.

He proves to be a sex addict himself and a shameless social climber who reaches the peak of Miami society when he meets Sergei Korolyov, the handsome Russian oligarch who has donated US\$ 70 million of modern Russian art to the Miami museum, causing a grateful city to rename it the Korolyov Museum. Magdalena falls for him and dumps the doctor.

Korolyov doesn't know it, but Camacho

is about to offend the Russian community.

Miami is infested with all kinds of lowlife, but the good guys in this novel are Camacho, the big, black police chief Cyrus Booker and the little Anglo newspaper reporter John Smith. They are all forced into stark moral choices between material advancement and their own sense of manhood.

Wolfe's stylistic tics can become boring and repetitious but his sense of the city turns this novel into a sweeping epic. A Marine Police speedboat, a multi-yacht orgy, a Cuban bakery, a family pig roast, a crack house, a Russian nightclub, a ritzy art show, a Jewish nursing home... all fit into Wolfe's breathless orbit and the reader is grateful to be taken for the ride.

## A royal photo exhibition

MANY photographs of His Majesty The King show the revered monarch with a camera around his neck. His subjects know him to be a skilled lensman but what exactly does he photograph?

The Queen Sirikit Museum of Textiles marked the auspicious occasion of His Majesty's 85th birthday anniversary with a special exhibition entitled *Love Through the Eyes of the King*, which ran at Siam Paragon's Fashion Hall.

Divided into two parts, the exhibition showcases rare photos taken by His Majesty, from past to present, as well as seven new images that His Majesty graciously extended to the museum and which are on public display for the



Queen Sirikit Museum of Textiles

first time. These include photographs from His Majesty's royal visit to Thung Makham Yong in Ayutthaya province, and His Majesty's trip on the royal boat *Angsana* to preside over the opening of the *Klong Lad Pho* floodgate, as well as the opening of other royal irrigation projects.

The second part features images of the royal projects

through the lens of nine renowned photographers in Thailand, each with a focus on different projects.

Jaranthada Kanasuta, adviser to the museum says His Majesty has always recognized the importance of recording images that capture the place, the atmosphere and the people's lives, thus allowing him to find solutions to their problems. He also likes to photograph Her Majesty the Queen and their children, both at work and at play.

Her Royal Highness Princess Siribha Chudhabhorn graciously presided over the opening of the exhibition. The Queen Sirikit Museum of Textiles has also prepared a photo book featuring all the images on display. It is 350 baht.

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# More sign language



## Apple vs Microsoft engineers

THREE Microsoft engineers and three Apple employees are travelling by train to a computer conference.

At the station, the three Microsoft engineers each buy tickets and watch as the three Apple employees buy only a single ticket.

"How are three people going to travel on only one ticket?" asks a Microsoft engineer.

"Watch and you'll see," answers the Apple employee.

They all board the train.

The Microsoft engineers take their respective seats, but all three Apple employees cram into a restroom and close the door behind them.

Shortly after the train has departed, the conductor comes around collecting tickets.

He knocks on the restroom door and says, "Ticket, please."

The door opens, just a crack, and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor stamps the ticket and moves on.

The Microsoft engineers saw this and agreed it was quite a clever idea.

So after the conference, the Microsoft engineers decide to do the same on the return trip and save some money.

When they get to the station, they buy a single ticket for the return trip.

To their astonishment, the

Apple employees don't buy any ticket, at all.

"How are you going to travel without a ticket?" asks one perplexed Microsoft engineer.

"Watch and you'll see," answers an Apple employee.

When they board the train the three Microsoft engineers cram into a restroom and the three Apple employees cram into another one nearby.

The train departs.

Shortly afterward, one of the Apple employees leaves his restroom and walks over to the restroom where the Microsoft engineers are hiding.

He knocks on the door and says, "Ticket, please..."

## The debate over cross-species unions



A RECENT news item told of an Australian man who married his dog, a golden Labrador named Honey. Joe Guiso described the wedding ceremony as "a creative and light-hearted way of bringing together family and friends."

"You can't actually marry a dog," Guiso observed insightfully at a stag party before the nuptials. "There's nothing sexual," he added, noting that the relationship was "just plutonic love. It really should be taken lightly."

My friend Sodom N Gomorrah ("Sod" to his friends), thinks it should be taken much more seriously, as he revealed in a recent conversation:

**Sod:** The union of Joe and Honey marks a great leap forward in the history of sexual liberation. Not long ago, interracial marriage was unthinkable. It is now common. The current bias against same-sex marriage is gradually being overcome. The next step will be marriage between different species: cross-species unions, or CSUs.

**Me:** That will never fly. The entire world would be outraged. Even I, a flaming liberal, am revolted by such an immoral notion.

**Sod:** That's just because you're an Olde Curmudgeon, hopelessly behind the times.

**Me:** But what would the children look like?

**Sod:** Biology will sort that out. Helen of Troy was the daughter of a mortal woman and Zeus disguised as a swan. They say she had a face that launched a thousand ships. Nobody knows what the rest of her looked like. I'd bet on feathers.

**Me:** The Greeks and Trojans would never have gone to war over a woman with feathers.

**Sod:** Listen, the ancient Greeks had the whole business of cross-species unions all figured out. Look at the centaur, a cross between a horse and a man. And

the Minotaur, a bull and a man.

**Me:** But what would the offspring of a man and a dog look like? Would it have the head of a man and the body of a dog, or the other way around? Either way, it would be bound to have difficulty getting a date on Saturday nights. And what if a man-dog met a cat-woman? Would he chase her or invite her to a restaurant for a can of Alpo?

**Sod:** All these difficulties could easily be resolved through the gentle art of compromise.

**Me:** But suppose a man wanted to marry his dog, like Joe Guiso and Honey. How can we tell if she consents?

**Sod:** It's easy. The judge asks her, "Do you, Honey, take this

man, Joe, to be your lawfully wedded husband?" If she yelps joyfully and wags her tail, it's a go. If she bites him, it's no go.

**Me:** It won't work, Sod. Think of the lawsuits. Suppose a lonely female cockroach wants to marry a man. He'll reject her for sure. She will then sue him for species-based sexual discrimination and reduce him to bankruptcy. Hell hath no fury like a female cockroach scorned.

**Sod:** (sadly) I guess you're right. I'm always ahead of my time.

*Ye Olde Curmudgeon can be scolded for writing such steamy erotica c/o s.tow@ymail.com, but not while he's wondering what it would be like to be sued by a cockroach.*



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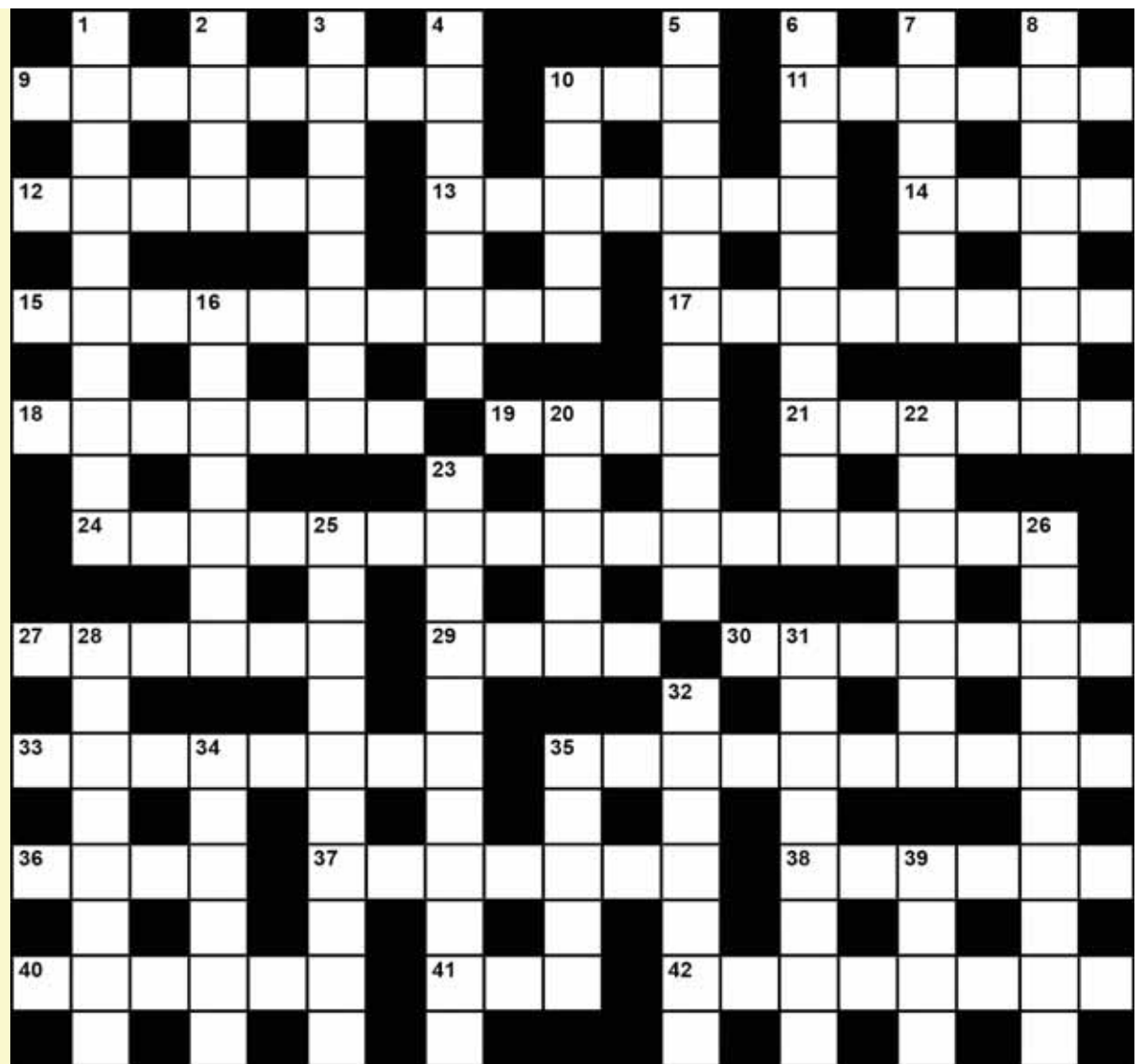
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## COFFEE break

### Across:

9. Put up with, capable of being tolerated (8)  
10. Of the two of us, not me! (3)  
11. Trot around Eastern river showing bad lot (6)  
12. Take no notice, one gone maybe is about right (6)  
13. No cut is disturbed in removal by vacuum (7)  
14. To return to blow the horn (4)  
15. Less tape as authorizations to return after hours (4,6)  
17. Imperil a revision relating to the empire (8)  
18. Unlawfully taken from the dive in error (7)  
19. Stop around, catch sight of (4)

21. Walks slowly, blames impairment (6)  
24. Happening at the same time, pal, country someone reorganized (17)  
27. Spanish food pale, maybe the French added (6)  
29. Animal in rush back (4)  
30. Ham OK to cook in Thai rice porridge (4,3)  
33. Yet a call disturbed wild urban animal (8)  
35. Guarantee company returns all, perhaps later (10)  
36. Fine, are out in terror (4)  
37. In favor of possible boon 'for the public good' (3,4)  
38. Welsh one, note, West a mile from prairie dwelling (6)  
40. Bring to an end new post, Information Technology (4,2)  
41. Woman in a new unknown number (3)  
42. Adulterate, end a true mixture (8)



### Down:

1. Little George in vivid detail characteristic of the region (10)  
2. Spirit, little brother, I am inside (4)  
3. Give up sailor, render ineffective (8)  
4. Keep on parking, resist change (7)  
5. Drone. One tailing off is demeaning (11)  
6. Wonderful instrument, one with horizontal strings! (5,5)  
7. To star improbably in part, not moving (6)  
8. Refreshing drink no male mixed,

daughter note! (8)

10. Chatters constantly of the unknown. Sack, let go! (5)  
16. Are lent out never-ending (7)  
20. Super! Change for money bag (5)  
22. Be expressed made to order (7)  
23. Functional to open mathematical relationship inside a line (11)  
25. New tape came in free from restriction (10)  
26. In thoroughfare in Phuket Town, reposition away, or at short road (8,2)


28. Man is let free from afflictions (8)  
31. Move towards, turn from contrary blow (4,4)  
32. Man sold broken nuts (7)  
34. Pure rubbish, nothing in Eastern continent (6)  
35. Credit be in possession of the top part (5)  
39. No of people attending opening (4)

*Cryptic crossword compiled by Patong Bill. Answers on page 31*


### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21):

 Sagittarians who have been ignoring the countdown to Christmas may be suddenly under pressure to plan. There are signs that family members have assumed that you are in control of the situation and you may need to encourage others to take more responsibility. Those celebrating a birthday in the days ahead are forecast to reach new heights in the world of work during the coming year. Your lucky number this week is five.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20):


 The cosmic climate has a surprise in store for those born under the sign of Capricorn. There is strong chance that this is related to finances as your luck with money peaks during the second half of December. Personal relationships may need extra attention this weekend; a fire sign is likely to feel left out of your holiday arrangements. Number eight can be important for Capricorns this week.

### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19):

 The focus lies on teamwork during the second half of December. Business affairs can be affected by your ability to come to

compromises – a water sign's reluctance to change their point of view requires careful handling. In the realm of romance, your partner's ideas of holiday celebrations can be hard to relate to. Those who are single see interest from an earth sign. Number four stands out this week.

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


 Taking care of business can be demanding this week. Pisceans who put a particular situation on hold could be faced with a deadline they didn't expect. Tuesday is the best day to make quick decisions and another water sign is certain to be on your side. A stroke of financial luck is forecast to make plans for the holidays more exciting. Your lucky number this week is two.

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


 Straight talking is advised for those born under the sign of Aries this week. In the world of work, another fire sign needs to hear the truth or there is strong possibility that a project will fall through. Game playing in the realm of romance is not well-starred; if your heart isn't in a particular relationship, honesty is the best policy. The number seven can bring some good luck this week.

## YOUR horoscope By Isla Star


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

 The stars support Taureans' efforts to move on from an unsatisfactory work situation during the last two weeks of December. Ending the year on a positive note will encourage you to start 2013 in an optimistic mood. Where romance is concerned, fantasy can turn into reality where another earth sign is concerned, but an air sign is looking elsewhere. Number three has good luck written on it this week.


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

 A long shot should pay off in the world of work, but this can cost you more time and effort than anticipated. In the realm of romance, an unsettled period gives way to peace of mind, especially for those involved with a fire sign. For certain Geminis, commitment to a water sign is highlighted to make the coming holiday season extra special. Number nine can shine this week.


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

 Waiting for others to make up their minds is forecast to cause Cancerians some stressful moments, but the stars suggest that you will be pleased by the outcome. An air sign colleague's disappearance from your work scene can lead to better opportunities at the start of next year. Where romance is concerned, another earth sign is ready to be shown how much you care. Your lucky number this week is four.

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

 Money can slip through your fingers too easily during the days leading up to the holiday season. The stars suggest that pressure to keep up with friends, or impressing a possible romantic partner may be the cause of this happening – it would be wise to set a spending limit and stick to it. Opportunity knocks for those looking for a new job. The number one stands out for Leos this week.

### VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 23):


 Where work and finances are concerned, the stars advise that it's better to be safe than sorry. An offer out of the blue can tempt Virgoans to leave security behind, but this is

not an auspicious time to take risks. Those who are single start to see a romantic future with a fire sign friend, but this person may take some convincing. Your lucky number this week is six.

### LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23):

 Family fall under the spotlight this week, with children forecast to need more attention than usual as the holiday season fast approaches. Where romance is concerned, a testing time lies ahead. Those involved with another air sign can learn something that makes them think twice. Money matters are well starred this weekend, with a payment likely to be more than anticipated. Number four could open a lucky door this week.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22):

 Answers become clearer during the last two weeks of the year, but putting them into practice is forecast to bring challenges for Scorpions. The stars recommend taking a step back to see things more objectively. An air sign has some useful insights early next week, but another water sign can complicate your thoughts. Hot days for romance are Wednesday and Thursday. The number seven can bring good fortune this week.



# I'll be back: Pacquiao

## INTERNATIONAL Sport

By Mark Lamport-Stokes

THOUGH bruised and battered, Manny Pacquiao said he felt "fine" on Sunday after his sensational sixth-round knockout by Mexican Juan Manuel Marquez and promised his fans he would return to the ring.

There had been speculation the 33-year-old Pacquiao might consider retirement after losing for a second time in his last three bouts but the Filipino southpaw made it clear he would be back to compete after taking a well-earned break.

"To all my fans, I would like to thank you for your prayers and assure you that I am fine," Pacquiao said in a statement just hours after his stunning defeat in a non-title welterweight bout in front of a sellout crowd at the MGM Grand Garden Arena.

"I am looking forward to a nice rest and then I will be back to fight. On behalf of (his wife) Jinkee and our family we would like to wish everyone a joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy new year."

Pacquiao, who had won twice and drawn once in his three previous meetings with Marquez, was floored by a thunderous right by the counter-punching Mexican with just one second left in the sixth round of a high-energy bout.

The Filipino was also knocked down in the third round but fears of a possible concussion were put to rest after a precautionary CT (computed tomography) scan at nearby University Medical Center hospital after the fight ended.

"The results were negative," said Michael Koncz, Pacquiao's advisor. "We were in and out in just over an hour and Manny was in excellent spirits."

Both fighters had much to prove in their heavily anticipated fourth showdown.

Marquez was determined to set the record straight after firmly believing he had been "robbed" by the judges' verdicts in their three previous fights while Pacquiao was eager to prove his powers had not diminished with age.

The Filipino had delivered a below-par performance against Marquez 13 months ago when he narrowly retained his WBO welterweight title with a controversial majority decision that was greeted by loud booing from disgruntled Marquez fans.

Pacquiao's preparations for that fight were hampered by various distractions, including marital difficulties, but he has since patched up his relationship with his wife and become a much more disciplined boxer after giving up his former pastimes of cockfighting, gambling and nightclubbing.

In June, however, Pacquiao lost on a hotly disputed split decision to American Timothy Bradley, his first defeat since he was beaten by Erik Morales in Las Vegas in March 2005.



**OUT COLD:** Manny Pacquiao lies face down on the mat after being knocked out by Juan Manuel Marquez in the sixth round of their recent welterweight fight in Las Vegas. Photo: AFP

With his ego bruised and his stature diminished, the Filipino set his sights on bold vindication against Marquez, but once again he fell short in his bid.

"I want to congratulate Juan Manuel," said Pacquiao, who slipped to 54-5-2 with 38 knockouts. "I have no excuses. It was a good fight and he deserved the victory. I think boxing fans who watched us were winners too."

Pacquiao's stunning loss has almost certainly written off any chance of a long awaited mega-fight between the Filipino and American Floyd Mayweather Jr, and he is now much more likely to take on Marquez for a fifth time.

"Yes, why not? It's a good fight," said the Filipino, who has won world titles in an unprecedented eight weight divisions.

"If you give us a chance, we'll fight again."

## Michel Platini against the introduction of technology

UEFA President Michel Platini remains ardently opposed to the use of goal-line technology, which is being employed by FIFA for the first time at the Club World Cup, and he said on Tuesday the money would be better spent developing the game.

The technology was employed in last Thursday's Club World Cup curtain raiser between Sanfrecce Hiroshima and Auckland City in Yokohama as soccer's governing body FIFA finally answered calls for it to join the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

While once-sceptical FIFA President Sepp Blatter changed his mind after a series of controversial decisions in high-profile matches, Platini is not for turning.

The Frenchman, in Kuala Lumpur to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Asian Football Confederation on cooperation, delivered a blunt "No" when asked by reporters if he would follow Blatter's lead.

"It is not a question of goal-line technology, it is a question of technology," he said. "Where do you begin with the technology and where do you end with the technology?"

"To put goal-line technology in our competitions is 50 million Euros (US\$ 64.63 million) in five years. I prefer to give the 50

million to the grassroots and development in football than to put 50 million into technology for perhaps one or two goals per year."

Hawk-eye, widely used in cricket and tennis, and GoalRef, which uses a microchip in the ball and low magnetic waves around the goal, are being used at venues in Toyota and Yokohama.

FIFA will analyze the results and could use one of the systems at the Confederations Cup in Brazil next year.

Platini, who is in favor of deploying extra officials instead of technology to help make decisions, will have the opportunity to discuss the issue with Blatter and the rest of the FIFA executive committee at a meeting in Tokyo on Friday.

"We supported the additional referees that is now accepted by the international board, and with the referee one meter from the line I think if he has good glasses he can see if the ball is inside the goal or outside," he said.

While Platini is resisting calls to introduce technology, the 57-year-old has been responsible for sweeping changes in soccer since becoming UEFA president in 2007, a position he was reelected to unopposed last year.

He introduced 'Financial Fair



Platini at a press conference.

Play' rules in an effort to curb overspending by European clubs, and offered more automatic places in the lucrative Champions League group stage for domestic champions.

Platini has also said UEFA has put fans first with its radical decision to stage Euro 2020 in cities across Europe rather than one or two host countries.

Criticism of the plan was premature, he said on Tuesday.

"The idea was decided, there is nothing else. Now we will create committees to think about what could be the best idea for what we have to do in the eight years before Euro (2020)."

— Reuters

### PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE

TEAM	PTS
1 Man Utd	39
2 Man City	33
3 Chelsea	29
4 Everton	26
5 Tottenham	26
6 WBA	26
7 Arsenal	24
8 Swansea	23
9 Stoke	23
10 Liverpool	22
11 West Ham	22
12 Norwich	22
13 Fulham	20
14 Newcastle	17
15 Southampton	15
16 Aston Villa	15
17 Wigan	15
18 Sunderland	13
19 Reading	9
20 QPR	7

### PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

SATURDAY, 15 DEC 2012		19:45
Newcastle	vs	Man City
SATURDAY, 15 DEC 2012		22:00
Liverpool	vs	Aston Villa
Man Utd	vs	Sunderland
Norwich	vs	Wigan
QPR	vs	Fulham
Stoke	vs	Everton
SUNDAY, 16 DEC 2012		20:30
Tottenham	vs	Swansea
SUNDAY, 16 DEC 2012		23:00
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## Formula 1

By The Digby

THE F1 2012 season was the longest ever, and six World Champions took part; the most ever.

Pirelli advanced its 'made to degrade' rubber, and managing tyres became a critical driver attribute.

The first half of the season was perhaps the most exciting ever. We saw seven different winners in seven races, at the end of which Lewis Hamilton led by just 2 points. Then Fernando Alonso won twice, and Hamilton once. Alonso had a 34 point lead, but anyone could win.

Then McLaren won three races, and Sebastian Vettel took four races on the trot. Vettel was in the lead by 13 points. It had slipped into a dreadful predictability.

The season blazed back to life for the last three races. In Abu Dhabi, Kimi Räikkönen won for Lotus. Vettel's lead dropped to 10 points over Alonso. The USA GP was sensational. Hamilton won, but Vettel took second with Alonso third, setting up a dramatic championship decider in Brazil. Jensen Button won the last race, but it was about Alonso and Vettel. Vettel scraped in with a 3 point win.

McLaren's errors defined 2012. In Australia they looked invincible.

In Malaysia, a terrible pit-stop cost Hamilton the race. In China, they took second and third after Hamilton received a five-place penalty for a gearbox change.

Bahrain, Hamilton finished eighth, after awful pit stops, and Button retired with differential problems.

Hamilton took his third pole in Spain, but was sent to the back of the grid for insufficient fuel. He won in Canada, but in the European, British and German GPs went out in collisions. He won in Hungary and Italy. In Belgium he went out in another collision, but Button took the win.

Rumors were rife that Hamilton wanted to leave. In Singapore, Hamilton's gearbox cost him the race. Button came second again. In Korea, Button retired after a



**THRILLS AND SPILLS:** Grosjean and Alonso providing aerobatics at the Belgian GP. Photo: AFP



**GOLDEN BOY:** Three time champion Sebastian Vettel showers Ferrari's Fernando Alonso in champagne after winning the Indian Grand Prix back in October. Photo: AFP

collision and Hamilton had a jinxed race to finish tenth. In Abu Dhabi, Hamilton retired from the lead with a fuel pressure problem, but won in the USA. Button won in Brazil, and Hamilton retired after a collision.

McLaren started and finished with the best cars on the track, but errors from the Immaculate Team cost them the season, and Hamilton.

Rule changes hit Red Bull hardest. It was Bahrain before the car started performing.

Mark Webber won in Monaco and Britain, but it was Spain before Red Bull looked dominant, where an alternator failure cost Vettel victory.

Vettel lucked out in Singapore as Hamilton's gearbox failed, then a technical upgrade enabled him to win in Japan, Korea and India.

McLaren fought back to top car, but by then Red Bull only needed to beat Ferrari.

Ferrari started with a substandard car and the best driver of 2012. Alonso stole an opportunistic win in Malaysia, and was in the top three. In Spain, Alonso became the first repeat winner. He won again in Germany, and his lead was 40 points after Hungary. But Ferrari's development lagged. Red Bull's didn't.

When Ferrari lost in India, 2012 was all

for Red Bull to lose.

In Bahrain, Canada and Hungary Lotus had the best car. Räikkönen should have hunted Vettel in Bahrain, and Grosjean would have won in Spain but for a faulty alternator. Finally the only Räikkönen victory was Abu Dhabi.

Mercedes started well with Nico Rosberg's win in China. He was strong in Bahrain, and finished second in Monaco. After that, Mercedes lagged in development, and never threatened again. Michael Schumacher's abysmal season was relieved only by Spain.

Sauber produced a wonderful car. It prefers fast tracks, but is kind to tyres. In Malaysia and Italy, Sergio Perez came second. Then he signed to join McLaren for 2013 and did nothing thereafter.

Kamui Kobayashi was unlucky to get only one podium finish. He has lost his seat for 2013 to Nico Hülkenberg.

Force India did well. Hülkenberg got the higher points because the team split strategies. Williams had their best car in years, with Spain giving Pastor Maldonado their first victory since 2004.

Toro Rosso looked promising, but did not deliver. Caterham and Marussia did not make progress. HRT is for sale.

Bernie Ecclestone is 82. In 2012 he remarried, was the subject of a UK tax enquiry and a German bribery case with knock-ons in the USA. His proposed F1 IPO was canceled. At the end of the season he had a row with Ferrari. Will Bernie ever retire?

F1 DRIVER STANDINGS			
Pos	Driver	Team	Points
1	Sebastian Vettel	Red Bull	281
2	Fernando Alonso	Ferrari	278
3	Kimi Räikkönen	LOTUS F1 TEAM	207
4	Lewis Hamilton	McLaren	190
5	Jenson Button	McLaren	188
6	Mark Webber	Red Bull	179
7	Felipe Massa	Ferrari	122
8	Romain Grosjean	LOTUS F1 TEAM	96
9	Nico Rosberg	Mercedes	93
10	Sergio Perez	Mercedes	66

F1 CONSTRUCTOR STANDINGS		
Pos	Team	Points
1	Red Bull	460
2	Ferrari	400
3	McLaren	378
4	Lotus	303
5	Mercedes	142
6	Sauber	126
7	Force India	109
8	Williams	76
9	STR	26
10	Caterham	0
11	Marussia	0
12	HRT	0

## Champions set to ride in Bangkok

THE Race Of Champions (ROC) roars into Bangkok December 14 to 16 at the 50,000 capacity Rajamangala Stadium.

The event is being held for the 25<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and features an all star line up of motor sport's greatest drivers, including Michael Schumacher, Sebastian Vettel, Jorge Lorenzo, Mick Doohan, Ryan Hunter-Reay and David Coulthard.

ROC 2012 has enticed drivers from a wide number of motor sport's disciplines – Formula 1, world rally, touring cars, Le Mans, MotoGP, IndyCar and the X-Games – to race around



The track at Rajamangala Stadium.

Rajamangala Stadium in identical machinery.

Drivers team up for the ROC Nations Cup on Saturday, December 15.

Schumacher and Vettel have

taken an incredible five straight titles together for Team Germany.

For the individual Race Of Champions, which takes place on December 16, the drivers are split into groups of four in a round-robin first stage. The top two in each group earn the right to participate in the knockout stages.

Group C features the standout match-up between the reigning Formula One World Champion, Sebastian Vettel, and the current MOTO GP World Champion, Jorge Lorenzo.

The Race Of Champions is this Sunday, December 16.

### GROUP A

- **Sébastien Ogier** (WRC star and reigning 'Champion of Champions')
- **Jamie Whincup** (V8 Supercar Champion 2012, 2011, 2009, 2008)
- **David Coulthard** (13 Formula 1 grand prix victories)
- **Benito Guerra** (Production World Rally Champion 2012)

### GROUP B

- **Tom Kristensen** (eight-time Le Mans 24-Hour Race winner)
- **Andy Priaulx** (three-time World Touring Car Champion)
- **ROC Asia 1** (top non-Thailand competitor from ROC Asia)
- **ROC Thailand 1** (winner of ROC Thailand)

### GROUP C

- **Sebastian Vettel** (Formula 1 World Champion 2012, 2011, 2010)
- **Jorge Lorenzo** (MotoGP World Champion 2012, 2010)
- **Mick Doohan** (five-time 500cc MotoGP World Champion)
- **ROC Thailand 2** (runner-up from ROC Thailand)

### GROUP D

- **Michael Schumacher** (Seven-time Formula 1 World Champion)
- **Ryan Hunter-Reay** (IndyCar Series Champion 2012)
- **ROC Asia 2** (second-placed non-Thailand competitor from ROC Asia)
- **Romain Grosjean** (three Formula 1 podiums in 2012)



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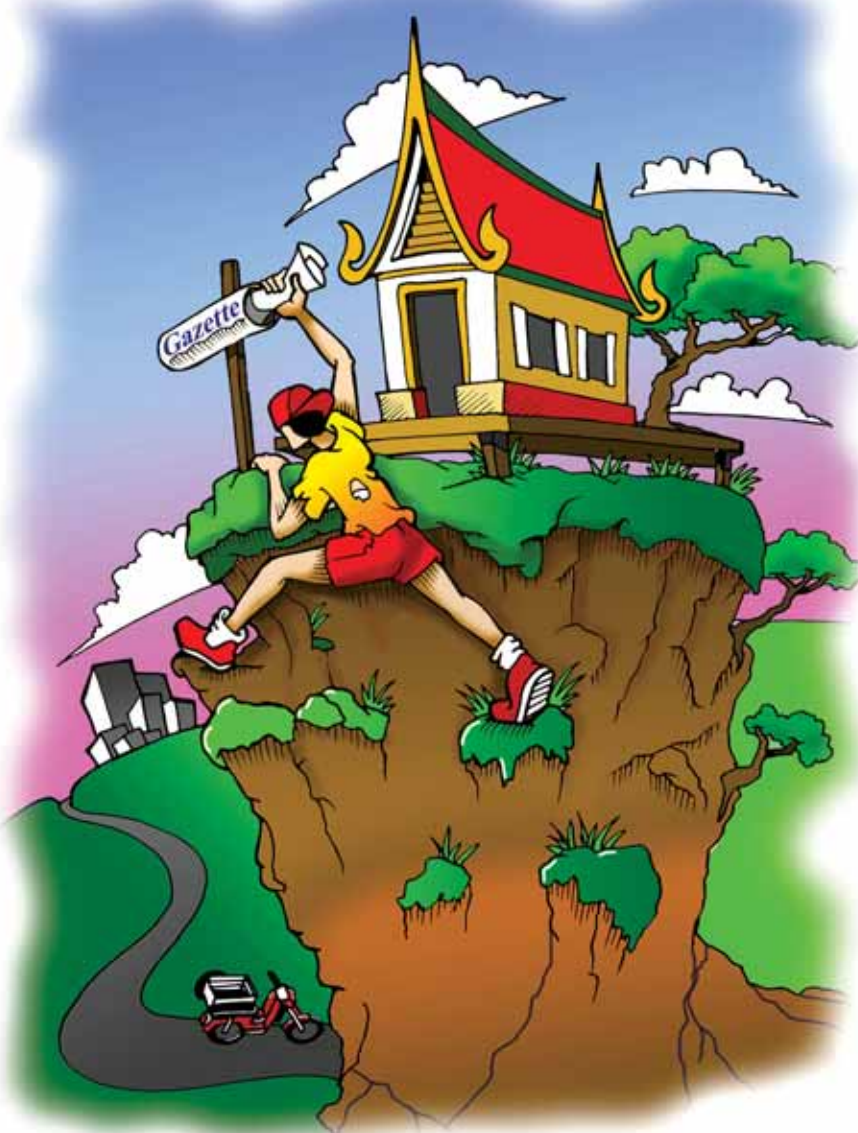
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# King's Cup hailed as a great success

BLUE skies and consistent winds marked the final day of the 2012 Phuket King's Cup Regatta in fitting style as teams and their boats assembled at the start line in a final bid to resolve their class contests.

Some classes had effectively completed on December 7, but most delivered a thrilling final day of action.

Frank Pong and his *Jelik* team powered home in first place of the IRC Zero class, ahead of Thai team *Won Ma Rang*. Less than three minutes separated them at the close with the Hong Kong team eventually coming out on top after a week-long battle.

*Jelik* has been raced at and won the Phuket King's Cup Regatta before, in 2007.

"We decided last night just to have a good clean race and keep out of trouble. *Won Ma Rang* crossed ahead of us, but we picked up more wind on the opposite side. It was a close race, but we had a point-score advantage going into the final round," said Pong.

"I have to say, *Won Ma Rang* has really come forward compared to two years ago. They practice hard and have great people. We're both here every year, and I've been here four or five times with this boat. It's been four years since our last win! We've been blessed with six perfect days – even the reserve day had good wind. Deservedly, the Phuket King's Cup is itself the King of Regattas in Asia," he added.

Jaray Tipsuk, skipper of *Won Ma Rang*, said, "The conditions were great for racing, and it was a very enjoyable challenge. This

is my 25<sup>th</sup> Regatta, so I know the race well and always expect a strong challenge. The crew will be the same next year when we return. Our next race is in the Singapore Straits so we will prepare for that now."

Steve Manning's *Walawala 2* team performed very strongly in the final IRC1 clash, finishing first by three minutes.

However, the victory wasn't enough as David Fuller's *Ichi Ban* team took overall honors by four points with *Foxy Lady 6* finishing second.

In IRC2, the second *Ichi Ban* team lead by Matt Allen was also victorious. *Royal Thai Navy 1*, with former Thai national sailor Wiwat Poonpat at the helm, came in second by six points.

*Royal Thai Navy 2*, skippered by Commander Peera Sagurtam, finished the week in fourth place.

In Platu One Design class, there was a week-long contest between Thailand's Tuay Lek and three Japanese boats.

Junichi Ishikawa won in the final race, skippering *The Beaver* to take the win, with *Tuay Lek* coming home in second.

The class finished with *Tuay Lek* on top by just a two-point margin. This class hosted a magnificent title



PONG PINGS IT: Frank Pong wins the IRC Zero class Phuket King's Cup Regatta 2012 on *Jelik*. Photo: Joyce Ravara

course of the week. *Pine-Pacific* won the final two races, but it was Richard Dobb's *Titania of Cowes* that won the class, making it a back-to-back Phuket King's Cup Regatta winner for the British team.

In the final Modern Classic class race, Peter Wood's *Windstar* team performed well for the victory, ahead of Tim Costello's *Patrice III*. However, *Patrice III* won the class by a single point.

*Mojo*, skippered by Peter Wilcox, came first in the final Multihull class, beating nearest rival, *Fantasia*, skippered by Andrew Stransky.

The boats have been neck-and-neck all week, and at the end of the final race, just a single point

separated the two teams in the class with *Mojo* taking the overall title.

Han's Rahmann's *Voodoo* team were on hot form all week, and recorded another strong victory in the final race of the Firefly 850 Sports class. There was a 10-point gap between them and runners-up, *Dyer Straits*, at the end of the week.

In the Cruising class, William Lo's *No Name* won by a clear margin.

The boat is the largest in the class and powered to victory in the last five races, making for an undisputed class win.

Bareboat Charter class saw *Agility International (Venture)* team lead by Graeme Sheldon win again, but it was not quite enough to take the title from *Sail Plane* skippered by Kirill Sakhartsev.

The Russian team have delivered

a sterling performance all week, and took the class win by two points.

Excellent tropical sailing conditions, close racing and beachside parties, reinforced the Phuket King's Cup Regatta's reputation as Asia's premier sailing event.

With close racing across many of the classes this year and the reintroduction of a windsurfing class, the level of quality has been getting better and better with each Regatta.

The 2012 Regatta was a resounding success, and competitors will soon be thinking about preparation for next year's Phuket King's Cup Regatta, to be held November 30 to December 7 2013.

The Phuket King's Cup Regatta was proudly sponsored by the Phuket Gazette and PGTV.



Ek Boonsawad in action on a Laser. Photo: Joyce Ravara



*Ichi Ban* won the IRC Class 1 at the Phuket King's Cup 2012. Photo: Joyce Ravara



Firefly starting line. Photo: Guy Nowell





Dylan Young on the hood of his KU DE TA Singapore and Indigo Pearl Resort Phuket sponsored MRF Formula 2000 car.

# Young at heart

PHUKET-based racing driver Dylan Young capped off a strong weekend in races 3-6 of the MRF Challenge Formula 2000 Championship, with two top ten finishes among a competitive field of 18 international drivers.

The races were held at the same circuit as the opening two races of the series, the Buddh F1 Circuit in New Delhi, India from November 30-December 2.

Young has continued his progression from the previous rounds, which were in support of the Indian Formula 1 GP.

He improved his performance and managed to finish in 11<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> respectively over the four race weekend.

The KU DE TA Singapore and Indigo Pearl Resort Phuket

sponsored driver managed to improve in every race of the weekend until the final race on Sunday when he was once again looking at a top ten finish, before being forced off the circuit with a few laps to go.

The 23-year-old showed his speed with a strong drive in race 3 to finish in 9<sup>th</sup> place.

This was despite the fact that Dylan had to claw his way back through the field after another

driver made contact with the rear of his car, spinning Young off track and leaving him at the rear of the field.

Young mentioned after the first two races in the championship that he was confident of improved results with more track time in the next four race weekend.

However, Young had his work

practice when we were using an older set of rubber.

"It was quite strange but I was more confident to be racing on a used set of tyres and that meant I could fight my way through the field and gain positions in the races as I knew we had some speed in the bank."

Young is adamant that he will take another step forward and be pushing even closer to the front of the grid in the upcoming races.

"This is a hugely competitive field, with drivers who have driven GP3, GP2, Formula 2 and even Formula 1 cars this year, and after having so much time off from racing before this MRF championship began, I feel I'm beginning to claw my way back towards the front."

To be breaking into the top ten out of 18 cars is a massive confidence boost and I know I can mix it up in the front. With the same amount of preparation as the top guys, I believe I will then be able to battle with them. I am showing that I'm getting faster and faster with more seat time, so I just want to keep the upwards trend in the results on a roll and again back up what I said previously by making another big improvement."



Dylan Young racing in the MRF Challenge Formula 2000 Championship. Photo: Kunal Khadse Zigwheels

cut out for him after qualifying didn't go to plan and he was forced to start the races in 15<sup>th</sup> position. Commenting on his qualifying, Young said that maximizing the tyres on the MRF Formula 2000 cars was proving difficult:

"I knew we had made a gain with the setup compared to the last round, but in qualifying I didn't quite get the new set of tyres to operate at their maximum and I actually went slower than in free

## Jiminy Cricket



Children train at the Alan Cooke Ground.

THE Phuket Cricket Group (PCG) launched its new youth academy on Saturday, December 8 at the Alan Cooke Ground. In attendance were a group of youngsters keen to learn one of the world's most popular sports.

They were shown the basic skills of the game by PCG coaches John King, Simon Wetherill and Richard Desmond.

During the two hour morning session, the kids practiced their new found fielding, bowling and batting skills, which culminated in some mini-games. With parents watching on from the ACG clubhouse, some potential stars of the future were making their claims for future selection of their respective country's national teams.

Coach John King commented, "This is the beginning of a new era for Phuket cricket. By developing the skills of these youngsters, we will then establish a junior league to be played at the ACG. They represent a crop

of new and young talent, which will later form the base for the senior leagues of the future."

Mark Ashman, chairman of the PCG also added, "One of the main aims of the PCG is to foster the development of cricket in Phuket. What better place to start than with kids to ensure the continued growth of the game on the island, which now has a world class cricketing facility such as the ACG. Putting these systems in place at the grass roots level will enable the PCG to achieve these goals".

The academy holds its sessions on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings and is open to children from ages 6 - 14, with squads being split into 6-9 years and 10-14 years and uses a combination of hard ball and soft ball training equipment.

Anyone interested in enrolling their child should contact Mark Ashman at chairman@phuketcricketgroup.com



## Phuket United lose to Lightning Shrimp

THE island's pro futsal team, Phuket United, lost their third match of the Thai Futsal Premier League 2012-13 season, with a final score of 1-6 against the Surat Thani Lightning Shrimp.

Suphol Senapeng, Head Coach of Phuket United said, "Our team was only about 80 per cent ready for this match. We have three Brazilian players and I hope they had fun in this match."

However, Prasert Innui, Head Coach Surat Thani said, "Our team was 100 per cent ready for this match. Luckily our star



Photo: Narongchai Saelim

player was not injured and was ready for the game against Phuket United."

Head Coach Innui is a Striker, and currently a member of Thai national futsal team. He competed for Thailand at the 2004 and 2008

FIFA Futsal World Cup finals.

Surat Thani ended the first half enjoying a 3-0 lead.

The second half saw the first goal scored by Brazilian player, Rogerio Moreira of Phuket United, making the score 3-1.

After that, Phuket United went on the attack, but another Surat Thani goal brought the score to 4-1.

A few minutes before the game ended, Phuket United rallied again to set a power play but failed, and Surat Thani scored twice more to end the game at 6-1.

- Wisuwat Romin



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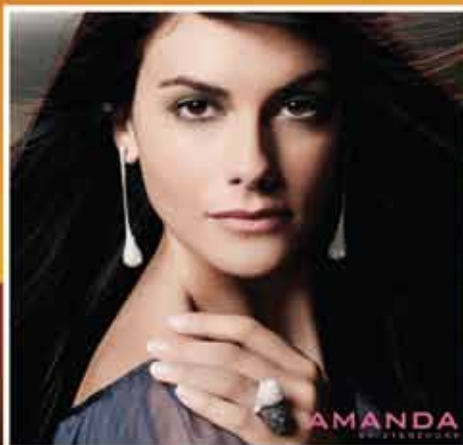
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*There's a rumor something might be going on at Surin... or is that in Paris?  
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# Parties in Phuket this Christmas

## Le Méridien Phuket Beach Resort

LE Méridien Phuket Beach Resort, is offering a "limitless celebration" this season, with General Manager Rudolf Borgesius inviting everybody to enjoy an incredible range of gastronomic events.

### Tropical Christmas

*Eve Under the Stars* - A festive Christmas buffet with live music, shows and Christmas Carols at the poolside. 3,900++ baht per adult, 1,900 baht per child.

*Italian Six-Course Cena Della Vigilia* - Dine by the pool with live music at the resort's Portofino Restaurant and Terrace. 2,900++ baht per adult and 1,450++ per child.

*A Dreamy White Christmas Eve* - a buffet dinner at Le Café Fleuri with live music you can sing along with. 2,500 baht per adult, 1,250++ baht per child.

Christmas Eve will be topped off with, of course, a festive fireworks display.

A traditional Christmas Day buffet dinner will be on offer at the Pakarang Restaurant with live music and shows. 1,900++ per adult, 950++ baht per child.

Welcome the New Year with Club Tropicana's buffet dinner at Pakarang and Wang Warin Restaurants. Live music and shows and a half-bottle of Champagne for every adult guest. Gold seating at Pakarang: 11,500++ per adult, 4,600++ per child. Silver seating at Wang Warin Terrace: 8,900++ baht per adult, 3,550++ baht per child.

The Beach Tropicana buffet dinner - set in front of the beach with live music and shows and a half-bottle of champagne for every adult guest. Gold seating at La Fiamma: 9,900++ per adult, 3,950++ per child. Silver seating at Ton Son bar: 7,900++ baht per adult, 3,150++ baht per child.

A 6-course Notte Di Capodanno dinner - live music and half-bottle of sparkling wine for every adult is also on offer. Portofino Terrace is 6,500++ per adult, 2,600++ per child. Portofino Restaurant is 4,500++ baht per adult, 1,800++ per child.

Café Tropicana's buffet dinner with live music at Le Café Fleuri is 2,900++ baht per adult and 1,400++ per child.

A dazzling fireworks display to welcome 2013 is included in the price. Advance reservations recommended.

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## Trisara

*Christmas Eve & Christmas Day* - Trisara will offer a 4-course traditional Christmas menu. Reservations essential, but you can do this when you arrive. Adults 5,000++ baht excluding beverage, Children 2,500++ baht.

*A "Royal Thai" New Year's Eve* - Cocktails from 7.30pm and an incredible choice of cuisine from 8.30pm. Dancing and partying until late, and the kids club will remain open until 1am. Trisara will then light up the sky with a dazzling display of fireworks to welcome the New Year. Reservations essential. Adults 11,000++ baht, Children 5,500++ baht.

For New Year's Day, Trisara is offering a hangover proof Jazz Brunch. Reservations are essential. 4,500++ baht per person including Champagne. 3,500++ baht per person including wine. 2,600++ baht per person for food only.



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# Treasures of Art at Soul of Asia

For anyone wanting to end the year by acquiring international art that will make a collector jealous, then **Soul of Asia** at Plaza Surin is surely the place to shop.

MIXED among elegant furnishings and rugs, are large canvases of contemporary Chinese paintings, exquisite European sculptures and prints from the modern masters, including Picasso, Andy Warhol and Salvador Dali. Founded by Eric Smulders (*below*) in 2003, the gallery is a one-stop festival of Asian

and international arts and features some wonderful Asian sculptures, including Buddha images carved in Myanmar.

Eric is a keen student of the art movements in China and has several canvases of Shi Lifeng, one of the most sought after painters in China's modern world of art.

"I am offering a painting and a sculpture by Shi Lifeng. The sculpture is of a red Mao Tse Tung covered in tiny humans, climbing up and around his body. It is a metaphor for the mass hope of leaving poverty for a better life. This artist is very talented and, in addition to having had thirty international exhibitions, his

work has also been featured on rock album covers in the United States, and his work is sought after by art collectors."

Eric grew up in a Dutch household that valued the traditional artists of his country.

"During the 17th century, Holland had more than 10,000 painters who today are known as Old Masters. I opened my own gallery in Hong Kong

that featured these paintings

before moving to Phuket in 2000."

In his business career, he served as Managing Director of the upscale Cartier brand in the Far East and has traveled extensively around the world. He understands the international taste for luxury.

"At one point, I was working in China and learned about the great talents of the modern artists. They have extensive training no longer found in the West. Their training, added to their creativity, results in great works of art."

Depending upon the design concept for a modern Phuket villa, Eric can source whatever his valued clients desire through his network of gallery and art auction contacts.

He maintains valuable Picasso prints, which are always in demand, and stocks many Salvador Dali pieces.

He also specializes in estate jewelry, offering valuable pieces not found anywhere else on Phuket and featuring his own design concepts.

A visit to Soul of Asia on the



second floor of Plaza Surin is a delightful holiday shopping experience as the customer will find paintings from the new art movements of Vietnam cleverly mixed with elegant Buddha heads that glimmer with a gold patina.

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# The trouble with Xmas tech

CHOOSING the best tech gadget for your Christmas treat can bring on the same sort of excitement a child exudes when he or she rips open their first present beneath the tree.

Making an educated decision as to which of the range of gadgets is best for you can be a daunting task, especially when tech no longer comes with awe-inspiring names.

Now tech titles resemble the names of bit-part androids from *Star Wars*. Take the Panasonic and Samsung HD screens to the right. These two come with the less than exciting monickers TC-L32X2 and UN55D8000 – not that awesome, right? But what they do is.

The Panasonic is a 32-inch LCD HDTV with 720p HD resolution, can play music and video directly from your iPod or iPhone and view images from an SD memory card. The Samsung HDTV is a monster 55-inches 1080p screen that can connect to the internet and, apparently, comes with a free tiger.

Now, if we could just convince the Panasonic boffins to rename the TC-L32X2 the Panasonic Valiant or something a little more awesome, it might stand a chance this Christmas... but it's going to be tough to beat Samsung's free tiger!

## Touch me, hold me, own me!

The ongoing legal disputes between Samsung and Apple make for an interesting backdrop to the current high-street battle between the two companies' cutest tech toys to date. The iPad Mini and the Samsung S3, (below). Both are equally fun, but the Mini is a bit too big, and doesn't do enough, and the S3 is a bit too small and is still waiting for the Android store to give the Apple store a proper run for its money.

Neither, however, will fit conveniently into a shirt pocket or comfortably in the trouser pocket, which leads this writer to suspect that ladies purse-makers are in cahoots with the top Pad producers.

## Only one choice?

Tucked away in the bottom corner, we have every father's dilemma – the latest whizbang laptop or a Lego Technic 4x4 Crawler.

The Acer Chromebook C7 will get you everywhere you need to go online. The tech-heads have been drooling about the "cloudbased laptop" format for some time and, while not quite as exciting for the rest of us, the Acer has plenty of oomph to impress. The 25mm-deep frame holds an 11.6-inch LED-backlit screen. There's an Intel Celeron 847 processor and 2GB of RAM to keep things hot and boy-racer fast, while the onboard 320GB hard drive, and another free 100GB of Google Drive space up in the cloud, will keep everything stored safely.

It's definitely cool, but is it a remote-control monster Lego truck? No, it isn't. And, because it's Christmas, dads everywhere have a legitimate reason to play with remote-control monster Lego trucks – even after little Johnny has long since gone to bed.

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# Children's wishes

In the mouths of babes, sweet truths are laid... just behind the list for Santa. *The Phuket Gazette* asked local kids what they would like in their stockings this Christmas.



THERE are, of course, quite a few iPads on Phuket wish-lists this year, but the *Gazette* tried hard to convince these choosy children that other brands were equally good and a bit fairer on Mum and Dad's wallets.

Phuket's top wish-makers are (clockwise from top right):

PAUL and MARK think it would just be cool to hang out with Santa at the mall.

OLIVIER was hot for an iPad, but Mum believes Santa might think the Samsung G3 is just as nice.

3-yr-old SOPHIE, in PIADS kindergarten, has a very specific wish: "I'm going to have Christmas in my house with everyone... and a strawberry smoothie!"

SAMANTHA, 10 from BIS: "I want all the animals in the whole entire world because I love animals sooooo much. The animals that I would like the most are a horse, a dolphin and a hamster. Luckily I already have a cat called Quincey. I would also like a few books because I love reading, and also I want an iPad, but I know that is never going to happen!" Phew!

ALLISA wants Santa to make her as fast as Radka Vodickova (see cover).

Almost 4, TYRA, who is in the kindergarten class at PIADS, has a very ethereal request of the jolly red-robed present-bringer: "Stars! Stars from the sky. One star."

RADA, 8, who studies at PIADS wants a doggy doll, because: "It reminds me about my first doggy doll from Daddy."

DAVID, at 4 years old, thinks Santa should give him a comfy beanbag factory.

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