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Air Berlin passengers were safely shuttled back to Phuket International Airport after an emergency landing. Photo: Kritsada Mueanhawong

By Kristada Mueanhawong

MORE than 1,000 travellers were stranded in Phuket on December 20 after engine failure forced an Air Berlin flight bound for the United Arab Emirates to make an emergency landing at Phuket International Airport at night.

All flights were diverted away from Phuket's critical tourism portal while emergency crews evacuated the 249 passengers on board and attended to the disabled aircraft left stranded on the runway.

The Air Berlin Airbus A330-200, serving flight AB-7425 from Phuket to Abu Dhabi, took off from Phuket at its scheduled time of 9:26pm. However, during the routine ascent to cruising altitude, passengers reported consecutive bangs and sparks flying

The crew on board the plane aborted the ascent and returned to Phuket Airport to make a safe landing – despite tyres blowing out during the emergency procedure. No injuries were reported.

Despite initial reports citing passengers seeing the Airbus A330's port engine on fire, Air Berlin said in a public statement last Friday,

"No precise details are known at present regarding the incident. It cannot be confirmed that the engine caught fire."

Regardless, within 14 hours of the incident, Air Berlin had an Etihad Airways Boeing 777-300 land in Phuket to pick up the stranded 249 passengers and carry them to their original destination. Abu Dhabi.

"The plane took off at 11:40am. We also expect a team of Air Berlin aircraft technicians to arrive in Phuket this evening to inspect the faulty engine," Prathuang Sornkham, Director at Phuket International Airport, said that Friday.

Normal service resumed at the airport at 3:30am that day.

A British couple who were on board the Airbus during the cident said they were thankful for how the Air Berlin flight crew handled the situation.

Asking not to be identified, the British woman said, "Soon after the plane took off, the captain announced that we had to make an emergency landing, but he did not say what the problem was exactly.

"The crew prepared the passengers with the emergency devices, and as the plane touched down we heard a boom...

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Persons of the year



Go Eco Phuket

AS WITH our Person of the Year Award last year, we have again opted for the plural and are delighted to announce that the honor goes to two of the driving forces behind the launch of the marine conservation group Go Eco Phuket.

The group united dive centers across the island and rallied the support of the Thai Royal Navy, as well as the local government to launch the world's largest underwater reef cleanup. An event of this magnitude required many individuals to step up, make sacrifices and pool their resources. At the forefront of this mega-event were Narong Chaimo and Tony Andrews, though without the help of Kerry Leach and many, many others the effort would not have been the stunning success it was.

After lifting nearly 15 tonnes of rubbish from the reefs surrounding our island, Go Eco Phuket has continued to run reef and beach cleanups in an effort to preserve the precious reef ecosystems of the area, as well as the dive tourism industry.

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Aldhouse trial awaits protocol

THE trial of British national Lee Aldhouse, charged with the murder of former US Marine Dashawn Longfellow in Phuket in 2010, has yet to be put in motion as the Phuket Prosecutor's Office is awaiting the arrival of further documentation from the UK.

Aldhouse confessed to police to stabbing Mr Longfellow, but denied any intention to kill him.

"He is still being detained at Phuket Prison because we have not yet presented the case file to the court. We are waiting to receive formal documents from the authorities in the UK," said Prosecutor Tawan Suknirundorn.

The document will report the total time Aldhouse was detained in the UK before being handed over to the Thai authorities.



Lee Aldhouse arriving at Phuket Airport on December 1.

The length of time Aldhouse was detained by the UK authorities will come into consideration in handing down the sentence to be served if the court finds him guilty, Mr Tawan said.

"We hope to file the case with the court by December 26," he

ATM withdrawal floats new hope in finding Brett Bean

By Orawin Narabal

POLICE investigating the disappearance of American Brett Bean. last seen on Phuket on November 25, are now searching for a man who used Mr Bean's debit card to withdraw cash from a Phuket ATM last week.

"We were informed by Mrs Bean [Brett's mother, Lynn Bean] that on December 17 someone used Mr Bean's debit card to take money out of his American bank account," Karon Police Deputy Superintendent Sophon Borirak told the Gazette.

"Mrs Bean contacted the bank in America and was told that about 30,000 baht was withdrawn. Now we are checking which ATM the man used so we can check the CCTV footage to see whether the man who made the withdrawal was Mr Bean or someone else," Lt Col Sophon said.

"We and his family believe that Mr Bean is still alive and still in Phuket. We also believe that the man who withdrew cash from Mr Bean's bank accounts on November 23 and December 17 was Mr Bean, because if it were someone else, the person would have taken all the money out of the bank account, not just a small amount of it," he added.

Col Sophon said police were continuing their efforts to locate Mr Bean's missing gray Honda motorcycle.



Lynne Bean reviews CCTV footage in the hope of identifying her missing son, Brett Bean, 43 (below), who was last seen in Phuket. Photo: Gazette file

if his mobile phone is switched on, board a plane home. but so far we've received no leads," he said.

Mrs Bean, Brett's mother, explained to the Gazette that her son had returned to Phuket each year for about the past eight

"He always has a return ticket to the USA, as he did this year," said Mrs Bean.

"He has a permanent residence in Phuket. He pays by the year," she added. Brett's family are confident that

Brett is the man recorded on CCTV withdrawing cash from an ATM in Phuket on November 23,

"We also keep checking to see four days before he was due to

Brett was last seen by one of his neighbors on November 25, but failed to board his flight home on November 27.

"We do not know of any tensions with anyone in his life. He is highly respected and very well liked by family and friends," said Mrs Bean.

"We thank everyone [involved in the search for Brett] and we appreciate their concern. We are still hoping for his safe return," she said.

Anyone with information that may locate Brett Bean is urged to call 02-2054049.

Artificial reefs installed off Kata, Karon

THE ongoing project to develop artificial reefs off the west coast of Phuket continued this week as workers began dropping 1,880 concrete frames onto the sea floor off Kata and Karon beaches.

The concrete frames are being dropped in clusters over a total area of 24 square kilometers, stretching from the north end of Karon Bay to the southern end of Kata Bay, explained Manop Leelasuthanon, the Chief Administrative Officer at the Phuket Administration Provincial Organization.

"This part of the project costs 9 million baht," said Mr Manop, who is credited as one of the key



The 1,880 concrete frames are to be dropped over 24 sq kilometers. drivers behind the project.

Sompong Dapetch, a deputy mayor at Karon Municipality, explained that the project at Kata and Karon followed two previous efforts: first at Nai Yang three years

ago, and then at Bang Tao and

Kamala Bays in February last year.

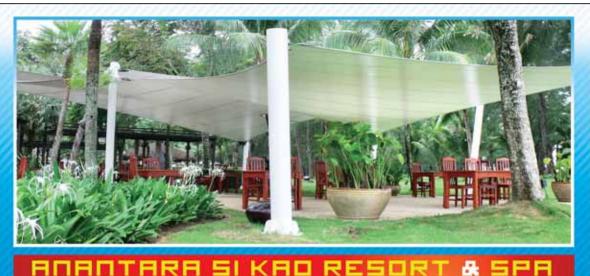
"After the first project, we studied the effect the artificial reefs had. We found that over time many sea animals and certain types of corals colonized the area," Mr Sompong said.

"However, the projects at Nai Yang, Bang Tao and Kamala bays were not as effective, as many fishing boats destroyed the artificial reefs with their fishing nets.

"This time, to avoid the same thing from happening again, we called in all related people, including people from the local fishing industry, and explained the project to them," he said.

- Kritsada Mueanhawong







Hundreds of tourists were forced to spend the night at Phuket Airport. Photo: Kritsada Mueanhawong

Grounded flight leaves tourists stranded at HKT

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like an explosion. Some passengers started shouting and asking the crew what had happened.

"At that time, my husband and I were praying for our lives, hoping that nothing bad would happen," she said.

"The plane continued down the runway and finally stopped. I felt so relieved when I heard the flight attendants telling us to exit the plane," she added.

The woman explained that some passengers accepted to board the emergency Eithad flight to Abu Dhabi, "but some changed their plans so they could stay in Thailand a little longer. My husband and I decided to spend a few more days in Bangkok before we board our flight home," she said.

"We fully understand that this was unpredictable and we are really thankful to the two captains for saving our lives and to the crew for taking good care of us," she added.



Stranded tourists cram the arrivals hall in search of new tickets.

Arson claim set to re-ignite turf war at Surin Beach

By Thawit Bilabdullar

A SHOP owner at Surin Beach has claimed that his beachfront minimart was destroyed by a fire that was deliberately set, re-igniting a long-running dispute between two clans over rights to serve tourists at the popular beach.

The allegation of arson came while Man Thonglor, 41, was looking over the ashes of his small minimart, destroyed by a blaze in the early hours of December 20.

The fire spread quickly to four other shops along the parade of beachfront stalls, but only Mr Man's shop was utterly destroyed.

Mr Man told the *Gazette* that he opened his store little over a year ago, but this was the second time his shop had caught afire.

"I believe it was set on fire, as this is the second time it has happened already. The first time there wasn't much damage, but this time the whole shop has been destroyed," he said.

"I think the fire caused about 100,000 baht of damage to the five units," Mr Man added.

Cherng Talay Administration



Man Thonglor believes his minimart was set on fire. Photo: Thawit Bilabdullar

Organization firefighters were able to squelch the flames in about a half hour, said Cherng Talay Police Sub Lt Jirasak Sungwisut, who received the initial report at about 5:15am.

"We have yet to determine whether arson or an electrical short caused the fire. We will keep people out of the area until the fireinvestigation squad has inspected the scene," Sub Lt Jirasak said. However, the fires have not

been the only alleged attacks on Mr Man's family at the beach.

Maiwadea Thonglor Mr Man's

Maiwadee Thonglor, Mr Man's 25-year-old sister, was beaten unconscious in broad daylight



Maiwadee, 25, lies unconscious in hospital after the beating last year.



One of her alleged attackers said he 'did not stomp on her face'.

allegedly for selling fruit in front of her attacker's restaurant on the beach in January 2011.

The incident sparked an official inquest, resulting in the Phuket Governor at the time, Tri Augkaradacha, ordering that businesses be "blacklisted" if acts of intimidation were proved true.

Sydictive Element 'mega party' approved in Patong

THE Sydictive Element New Year's Eve "mega beach party", with its host of international DJs, will be held at the southern end of Patong Beach from December 30 through to daybreak on January 1.

"Sydictive will have its own party zone within the general area designated for the annual free Thai Beverage party," Somsak Rattana, director of Thai Beverage's Phuket operations, told the *Phuket Gazette*.

"We will share the same general area, but Sydictive will charge for entry to its party zone. Our [ThaiBev] party will remain free and open to everyone. Also, Sydictive will not have rights to sell beverages outside their party area," he added.

The news broke on Wednesday after more than two hours of negotiations that followed hours of inconclusive talks with Thai drinks magnate Thai Beverage on Tuesday night.

With little over a week to go before the event, Sydictive began talks with Patong Mayor Pian Keesin with the aim of shifting the "mega party" from its original location at Surin Beach. The surprise move to Patong came after officials at Surin Beach finally granted permission to hold the party, despite strong opposition from local residents and businesses.

Mayor Pian initially voiced the same concerns expressed by officials at Surin Beach: public safety, drug use, noise and trash issues.

He also asked how Patong Municipality as a government authority could approve a payfor-entry private party on a public beach, especially at new year, when thousands went to the beach to celebrate. – *Orawin Narabal*

Ladyboy survivor sole link to bike crash riddle

POLICE are waiting for the opportunity to question the sole survivor of a motorbike crash in Rawai that killed 51-year-old American tourist Theodore Paul Roe after midnight on December 19.

Chalong Police Capt Thada Sodarak told the *Gazette* that he was notified of the accident, on Wiset Road near the base of the hill near Friendship Beach, at 12:30am Thursday.

"Mr Roe was dead at the scene. About four meters away, lying in the middle of the road, were two seriously injured Thai men: Saknarin Wilap and Kanlayakorn Chukratok," Capt Thada said, adding that Mr Kanlayakorn is a *katoey* (ladyboy).

"The two injured men were rushed to Vachira Phuket Hospital in Phuket Town. Mr Saknarin was pronounced dead on arrival," Capt Thada said.

"We have questioned staff at a karaoke bar near the scene of the



The fatal crash occurred near Friendship Beach on Wiset Road.

accident, but no one knows exactly which direction the two motorcycles were coming from," he said.

"At this stage, we have to collect more evidence and question more witnesses before we can charge anyone over the incident," he added.

Capt Thada explained that Mr Kanlayakorn suffered serious head injuries and was unable to communicate.

Despite his current condition, hospital staff said Mr Kanlayakorn was likely to recover from his injuries, Capt Thada added.

– Orawin Narabal









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Phuket 2012: Feeling the

WHILE Phuket Airport remains the single largest bottleneck for foreign arrivals, the island also continues to suffer from numerous other infrastructure needs due to the ever-increasing expansion that has seen it emerge as a premier resort-island destination in Asia. The island accounts for more than 10% of the country's international tourism revenue, by official estimates.

Nowhere is the infrastructure problem more obvious than on the roadways, with traffic congestion reaching previously inconceivable levels in 2012, as a result of increasing vehicle numbers and an almost complete lack of reasonably-priced, tourist-friendly transport options.

While several large construction conglomerates from East Asia have expressed interest in building a light-rail project on the island, some even conducting their own feasibility studies on the issue, the Transport Ministry in June said only the Thai government was authorized to do such studies. The Ministry will begin its own feasiTHE government continues to pour money into Phuket's infrastructure, as nothing seems to hamper the rapid growth of the island as a tourist destination. Billions baht have been spent, but when will the results be felt? Stephen Fein reports.

bility study into a rail link from Phuket and Surat Thani "near the end of the year". The study, approved during a mobile Cabinet meeting in March, is expected to take 14 months to complete.

One section of the main artery to Patong from the west, Phra Barami Road on "Mt Mayhem", managed to escape complete collapse during last rainy season, but budgetary problems have meant that emergency repairs can only begin next March – at the earliest.

Despite ever-increasing talk of "disaster prevention and mitigation", no regular monitoring of the most perilous section of the road has been observed. Other sections of the same road that have also suffered slumps or sinkholes in the past and are in need of shoring up.

Thus, Highways Department officials can only hope that early 2013 does not bring the same severe torrential downpours that caused widespread flooding and landslides on the island early in

In May, the Highways Department completed public hearings into construction of another underpass using a similar design at



Construction is underway on Phuket's first underpass. Photo: ISS

Bang Khu Intersection in Koh Kaew. Although no start date has been announced, the department said in May that the 450-millionbaht project would "definitely move forward" under its 10-yearplan, which also includes an underpass at Samkong Intersection on the bypass road.

In November, work got underway on a 600mn baht underpass at intersection adjacent to Central Festival Phuket, reducing traffic flow to just two lanes in both

directions on the bypass road. The project contract calls for completion within two years.

Also in November. Phuket Provincial Office signed a Memorandum Understanding with the three legally-operating taxi services at Phuket Airport that will allow them to add a total of 135 new vehicles to the airport taxi fleet. The agreement effectively legalized stickers. Photo: Attcha Khamlo taxis that had been

operating there illegally as part of At that time they estimated the the Mook Andaman ("Andaman number of black-plate taxis at al-Pearl") taxi driver co-operative. most 3,000, dispersed at 186 taxi The decision came just one month ranks across the island. announced a freeze on the number of taxis allowed to operate at the airport. The MoU was signed by airport director Pratuang Sornkham.

Another development in public transport came in April with the opening of the controversial Phuket Bus Terminal 2 in Rassada, some 28 months after its construction was completed. However, the facility was quickly monopolized by taxi and tour operators, who offer standard fares to popular tourist destinations.

The Phuket Provincial Administration Organization, which declined to take over operation of the facility, added a new "Pink Bus" route to shuttle passengers arriving there into Phuket Town. However, the route has proved too difficult for most non-Thais to master, apart from the scores of Burmese living in Rassada who have greatly benefited from the service.

On the topic of the island's in-"black plate" taxi famous

syndicates, the improvements in 2012 were largely cos-Phuket metic. Provincial Office, under constant pressure from the international diplomatic community and tourism associations, in October announced that all illegal taxis would need to "stickered" and in the process of becoming legal, green-plated taxis by November 1, Phuket Vice Governor after which time

Chamroen Tipayapongtada the amnesty would shows the media the new taxi end and a crackdown would ensue.

after Airports of Thailand (AoT) One black-plate taxi driver told the Gazette the stickering had led to windfall profits in the shortterm, as his SUV could now clearly be marked as a taxi something he had never dared do before. The ultimate success of the initiative will likely come next year, as it will take 180 days for owners to complete the registration process.

A Gazette online poll on the topic conducted late in the year found that a clear majority of readers wanted authorities to be strict in bringing illegal taxis into compliance with the law.



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pinch from growing pains

In another major infrastructure "development", the government of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra shelved the plan to build a 2.6-billion-baht international convention center in Mai Khao. Possible impact on sea turtle nesting sites in the area was given as one of the reasons the project failed to pass the environmental impact assessment (EIA) approval process.

One project that did get the green light, at least on paper, was the plan to bore a tunnel under Patong Hill, connecting Kathu and Patong. The Expressway Authority of Thailand (EXAT), the agency tasked with conducting a feasibility study, in August announced the project could be completed by 2018 if budget approval is granted in 2013.

A study undertaken in November 2011 projected the amount required from the central government at 3.5 billion baht. The figure being considered in March 2012 was 5.5bn baht, jumping to 6bn baht by June.

Another major infrastructure development was the completion of the new 960-million-baht solid waste incinerator at Saphan Hin, which after a few glitches became fully operational around mid-year. Despite its ability to burn 700 tonnes of trash daily, officials say

Phuket tourism finds safety in numbers

ALTHOUGH the final figures have yet to be released, 2012 appears poised to be yet another banner year for the Phuket tourism industry.

Passengers transiting through Phuket International Airport surpassed the record number of 8.4 million in 2011 and were expected to reach well over nine million by the end of 2012, with analysts anticipating as much as a 20% increase year-on-year. If so, 2012 would be the second consecutive year the island would have enjoyed airport arrival growth of over 20%.

Advance hotel bookings were at or near full occupancy in December 2012 and well into the new year, indicating a strong 2012-2013 high season. The real test will likely come in March or April, the traditional time of year when arrival figures slacken and



Yet another year of year-on-year growth at the airport. Photo: ISS

the island's well-established resorts face increased competition from newcomers.

Piya Sosothikul, owner of the Renaissance Phuket Resort, in late

November gave a rosy outlook for Phuket tourism.

He expected at least a 15% year-on-year increase in arrivals by the end of 2012 despite a de-

cline in arrivals from the island's traditional tourist source markets in Western Europe due to a European fiscal crises.

He attributed Phuket's rise in tourism to growing Russian and Chinese markets, both of which had enjoyed 30% annual growth, year-on-year, over the past three years. There will be a total of 300,000 arrivals from each of these countries for all of 2012, making them Phuket's second and third-largest sources of tourists, respectively, he said.

Despite much negative press about Phuket "Down Under", the Australian tourist market remained strong and was projected to yield about half a million tourists to Phuket by the end of 2012. This is particularly good news for hotels, as Aussies tend to booster bookings in the low-season.

it is no match for the ever-increasing volume of garbage that arrives there every day. Thus, the surrounding landfill remains "at full capacity" while they seek an additional budgets to increase landfill capacity and repair the old incinerator in order to "back burn" all the waste in the landfill.

Finally, plans for a 100 million baht expansion of the Phuket Deep Sea Port in Wichit remain on hold due to opposition from local residents in the EIA public hearing process. The expansion is needed to accommodate more cruise ships to Phuket, the company that runs the port on a concession arrangement said. Representatives of several large cruise ship companies visited the island over the past year to urge the government to improve facilities, saying there was a high demand to include Phuket as a port-of-call.

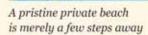
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Crimes take center stage

THERE were many high-profile crimes on Phuket in 2012. Perhaps none horrified the audience of the world as much as killing of Australian tourist Michelle Smith, 60. Mrs Smith, a travel agent, died from stab wounds after two men tried to steal her handbag and she fought back.

Her assailants, Surasak Suwannachote and Surin Tadthong, were apprehended, tried and sentenced to life in prison less than a month after the killing, which was caught on CCTV.

Ten days earlier Australian national Stevie Bamford reported to police that she had been sexually assaulted by tuk-tuk drivers in Patong, but subsequent review of CCTV images by police revealed holes in her story. She later signed a confession saying she had made up the story after a fight with her boyfriend, served a 15-day sentence in Phuket's minimum security prison and was then deported. However, she enraged Australian diplomatic officials later in the year when she appeared on the Australian show Today Tonight claiming that an attack did occur and that she was advised by Aussie diplomats to lie about what really happened. She did admit that she was drunk at the time and that the night's events had been "a bit of a blur".

However, the year of highprofile crime started just weeks into 2012, when on January 12 the wellknown investigative reporter Wisut "Ae Inside" Tangwitthayaporn was assassinated by two men on a motorbike in a shooting ambush in broad daylight on Thepkrasattri Road in Rassada.

Police soon issued four warrants in the case and made two arrests. The first was of alleged



Surasak re-enacts the killing of tourist Michelle Smith. Photo: Atchaa Khamlo



Newsman Wiset 'Ae Inside' was assassinated during rush hour traffic. Photo: Gazette File

arv 14. Then, in mid-February, alleged mastermind Atsadakorn "Pod" Seedokbuab, owner of KPP Cable TV, turned himself in after negotiations with police. He claimed innocence, saying he was unaware of the charges against



Aldhouse was the first person to be extradited from the UK to Thailand in 100 years. Photo: Atchaa Khamlo

him because he was away in Burma on business.

Two other suspects, including the shooter, remain at-large.

On the last day of February, Norweigian expat Stein Havard Dokset was arrested in his villa in



Dokset killed his girlfriend and hid her decomposing body in a rolly bin. Photo: Orawin Narabal



Bamford was convicted for a falserape charge, only to flip-flop her story when home. Photo: Atchaa Khamlo



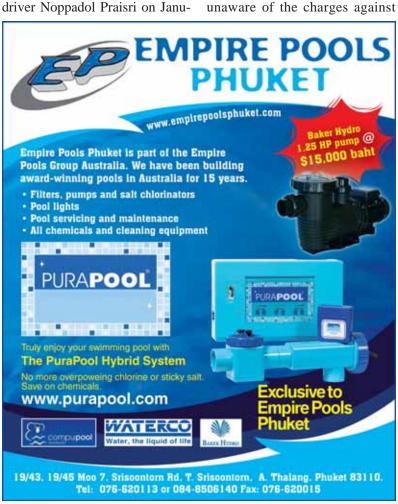
Marc de Schutter, Belgian's most wanted criminal, was caught out in Chalong. Photo: The Nation

Kata and charged with the murder of his late girlfriend Rungnapa Suktong, whose remains were found dissolving in an acid bath inside the home. Mr Dokset later admitted to accidentally killing Ms after she left him for a Patong policeman.

In early July, 17-year-old Sunisa "Nong Som" Saiyoy was sexually assaulted and murdered in her home in a quiet suburb in Wichit. Some fine detective work led to the quick arrest and confession of Kittikhun Wonghajak, a serial thief who was high on methamphetamine when he entered the home with intent to commit robbery. Ms Sunisa, who had an acute fear of strangers, was suffering from depression and happened to be home alone that day. Kittikhun told police that when he saw Nong Som alone, he "decided" to sexually assault her and accidentally suffocated her with a pillow. It took scores of security personnel to keep a large crowd from lynching the suspect during a re-enactment of the crime carried out in front of the victim's home. Mr Kittikhun is expected to spend the rest of his life in prison.

In late July, Chalong Police arrested Belgian Marc de Schutter, described as one of the most wanted European criminals. Mr de Schutter was wanted for murder, money laundering and economic crimes in his native Belgium. He was quickly deported to face charges there.

On December 1, murder suspect Lee "The Pitbull" Aldhouse arrived at Phuket International Airport after extradition from his native Britain to face charges for the August 2010 stabbing murder of Dashawn Longfellow, a former US Marine. Aldhouse, a muay Thai fighter, successfully fled Thailand after the murder, but was later arrested at Heathrow Airport on an unrelated charge. His extradition was reportedly the first of a UK national to Thailand since a Rungnapa in a fit of jealous rage treaty was signed 101 years ago.



Multiple incidents shake confidence in safety measures implemented on Phuket

THE need for a quicker exit from Phuket's nightlife capital of Patong was highlighted by the chaos on the road in the early hours of April 11, after a 7.3magnitude submarine earthquake that struck off Sumatra caused the National Disaster Warning Center to issue a tsunami "alert" (not a warning) that had coastal residents heading for the hills.

A second panic ensued a few days later on the afternoon of April 16, when the island was shaken by 4.3-magnitude earthquake centered in Phuket's Srisoonthorn district. This once again put the effectiveness of the government warning system in question, as the strongest earthquake to hit the island in recorded history was followed by a complete disruption in mobile phone services and a complete lack of public information in the state media.

Of the many fires on the



Four died in the flames that gutted the disco. Photo: Attcha Khamlo

island over the past year, none was more deadly than the Tiger Discotheque blaze that killed four people, including two foreigners, on August 17.

The inferno broke out in the busy disco some two hours after the legal closing time. Fuelled by highly-flammable polystyrene foam, the fire quickly engulfed the disco, forcing many patrons to jump to safety. Although the Tiger

Group management reached settlement claims of 1 million baht with the families of the two Thai victims, the Public Prosecutor's Office was at last report preparing to file state charges against the Tiger Group management.

Of the many fatal road accidents in 2012, none received more attention abroad than the case of four young Swedish tourists staying in Phuket who were killed, along with their Thai driver, in a head-on collision with a refrigerated transport truck in Phang Nga in February. They were heading for a diving trip in Surat Thani when the driver of the truck lost control, crossed over a wide median strip and hit their car head on. The driver fled the scene, but later turned himself in. He was fined 20,000 baht and released. The court did not release any other details about the case.

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Blood center needs donors for New Year

A NEW Year blood drive was launched at the Phuket Regional Blood Center (PRBC) on December 24 and will run to January 6.

"We need all blood types, but we need especially those with Rhesus-negative [Rh-] blood groups to step forward. We just don't have enough Rh- blood," said Pornthip Rattajak, Acting Chief of Phuket Regional Blood Center.

"We especially need blood as the new year approaches because there are many people visiting the island during that time, which increases the likelihood of more road accidents taking place - we need to be prepared," she said.

Every donor will receive a 2013 calendar from Channel 3 as a thank-you gift, she added.

Donations can be made at the PRBC Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30am to 4:30pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am to 8pm; and on Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 3pm.

The PRBC will be closed on January 1.

For more information contact the PRBC, located at 38/193 Rattanakosin 200 Years Road, Talad Nua, Muang, Phuket 83000. Tel: 076-251178. Fax. 076-250185. Email: phuketrbc@ yahoo.com

- Orawin Narabal

Tensions fray at marina as new moorings break loose

By Gazette reporters

THE new moorings installed in Chalong Bay late last month have already caused havoc, with brandnew mooring lines breaking. The broken lines have sent boats adrift to collide with other vessels.

Four moorings failed in just one night, on December 22, the Gazette was told.

The news came after a 40-foot yacht, Jenzminc VI, broke free after it had been tied to one of the new moorings for about five days. The mooring line frayed and the boat collided with another yacht, sustaining damage.

The line was attached to one of 200 moorings laid by the Marine Department on November 29 in a project costing 5.8 million baht designed to protect coral reefs from anchor damage.

However, Phuket Marine Chief Phuripat Theerakulpisut said that the mooring lines were safe. "We checked them before we made them available to the boat owners to use," he said.

Chief Phuripat believes that the fraying lines may belong to moorings set and rented out illegally by local people.

"We are trying to verify the



Of the 200 new moorings dropped in Chalong Bay last month as part of a 5.8mn baht project, many of have broken (inset).

people and if we find them, they absolutely will be prosecuted," he

Nevertheless, he planned to immediately re-check the lines set by the Marine Department.

Local yachties also said that the lines were strong enough. However, they blamed the fraying on the direct attachment to the 2.5

ton concrete moorings. Without intermediary swivel systems that reduce friction, too much stress is placed on the ropes and they can break.

Yachties voiced other concerns about the new moorings, notably that some of them were located too close to existing moorings, risking collisions between boats

tied to both. One boat owner had the rudder torn off and a hole punched in the hull of his boat, costing about 30,000 baht in repairs and a further 25,000 baht lost income from a cancelled day trip.

"Another 40-foot yacht [not the Jenzminc VI], this one owned by a Brit, was tied to one of the new moorings for six days," the yacht owner told the Gazette.

"The owner thought everything was fine, until he came back from shopping to find a big dive boat bashing his yacht. The mooring for the big dive boat was laid by the dive company some years back, and the new mooring was laid too close," he explained.

Another concern is that some of the new moorings posed a hazard at low tide.

"Some of the mooring blocks have been dropped in the shallower water, not far from the pier. There are some shallow patches that most boats avoid at certain tides," another yacht owner told the Gazette.

"When the tide is low, the concrete blocks become navigation hazards, reducing the depth even more and replacing a soft muddy bottom with a solid concrete block bottom," he added.



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Red Cross Fair sets B500k gold as prize

THE island's annual Red Cross Fair is ready to rock Phuket from December 27 to January 5 with more than 500,000 baht in gold as the top lucky draw prize this year, eligible to anyone who buys a ticket to support the Red Cross.

For the entirety of the 11-day festival, hundreds of stalls at Saphan Hin in Phuket Town will sell local delicacies, knickknacks, clothing and a huge variety of other items, while entertainment will be provided by some of Thailand's top celebrities.

"On December 27, there will be a ceremony to honor HRH Admiral Abhakara Kiartiwongse, Prince of Chumphon and the 'Father of Royal Thai Navy'," Phuket Governor Maitri Inthusut explained when announcing the dates of the fair.

The grand opening will be at the central stage at Saphan Hin on December 28, starting at 6pm.

However, the draw for the grand prize of a gold bar worth about 502,000 baht will not be until the closing day, on January 5.

Other draws on January 5 will be for the second prize: a gold bar worth about 251,000; third prize: a gold bar worth about 125,000; and the fourth prize through sixth, which are all gold necklaces worth about 25,000 baht, said Governor Maitri.



Two years ago Atiphon Wongmaha won a home at the annual Red Cross Fair. This year 500,000 baht in gold is up for grabs. Photo: Gazette file

Last year's top prize was a Honda City car worth about 590,000 baht and was won by Phuket Provincial Electricity Authority officer Prasut Ruengjiradthien.

"I support the Red Cross by buying Red Cross raffle tickets every year," Mr Prasut said on the day he was handed over the car

Any government departments, private businesses or local organizations that would like to support the fair by providing lucky draw prizes are welcome to make donations at the Phuket Red Cross office, Gov Maitri said.

- Chutharat Plerin

Charter row heats up

THE government's push to rewrite the Constitution is shaping up to be the most hotly contested political issue of next year, but a possible referendum on the redraft is starting to look doubtful.

Late last week, the Pheu Thailed ruling coalition resolved to hold a referendum on whether the military-drafted charter should be rewritten, as ordered by the Constitution Court in June.

A national referendum on the government's plan to amend the Constitution is expected to take place between March 12 and April 12 next year if Cabinet approves the idea, Interior Minister Charupong Ruangsuwan said.

But maneuvering by the opposition Democrat Party appears to have forced the party to rethink.

The Democrats, who claim the government wants to rewrite the Constitution only to facilitate the return to Thailand of former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, announced they would campaign for a boycott of the referendum.

At the weekly Cabinet meeting

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last Tuesday, it was expected that the Cabinet would resolve to announce the referendum, but instead it decided to set up a new panel to work out how the plebiscite should be held and how public debates on the amendment should be set up.

This move is seen as an effort to buy time, *The Nation* reported.

Deputy Prime Minister Chalerm Yoobamrung made the problem clear: "In 2013, there will be 49 million eligible voters, so the voter turnout must be at least 25 million to make the referendum valid. So, it will be difficult to clear this hurdle. We must analyze politics based on truth, not on daydreams."

He added that the easiest thing for the government would be to amend only certain articles of the



Interior Minister Charupong Ruangsuwan says that if the Cabinet does approve the holding of the referendum, the nation is likely to vote on charter changes between March 12 and April 12 of 2013. Photo: The Nation

charter instead of rewriting the entire document.

In fact, he said, he had already prepared nine issues on which the charter should be amended.

Nevertheless, there remain powerful forces in favor of a full redraft of the charter, which was approved in a referendum in 2007 while Thailand was under the rule of the military junta that ousted Mr Thaksin.

Critics claim the Constitution is undemocratic, citing articles that ensure half the members of the Senate are appointed and prevent the government from controlling appointments to military positions.

In June, the red shirts rallied to pressure the Constitution Court into allowing the reform process to go ahead. The court ruled it could do so, though a referendum must be held to approve the move.

Political solution needed in Deep South: academic

SUCCESSIVE Thai governments, including the Yingluck Shinawatra administration, have been "in denial" over the seriousness of the problems in the Deep South, an expert on the conflict said last

Duncan McCargo, a Southeast Asian politics professor who has written three books on the subject, said violence in the region could only be solved by political means, not military action.

Mr McCargo said some officials and politicians already admitted the need for a political solution and some form of decentralization but only in private – and they "are not going to say it in public".

The Englishman, a professor at the University of Leeds, said violence in the Deep South, with over 5,000 deaths since 2004, is the



Duncan McCargo, a Southeast Asian politics professor Photo: The Nation

most serious problem confronting Thailand today, although many Thais may not see it that way.

"It's really time that people in Thailand realize that this is one of the most serious conflicts in the world. Nothing is going to get solved until it becomes a political priority. The problem isn't going away," he said, adding that while the level of violence had gone down since its height in 2004 to 2007, attacks were now more sophisticated.

"So, we can't say things are getting worse but that doesn't mean that it's improving in a profound sense," he added.

Single Southeast Asia visa moves closer

THE dream of a single visa allowing tourists to visit all of mainland Southeast Asia is moving closer to becoming reality.

The foreign ministers of Thailand and Cambodia were last week set to discuss the possibility of launching a single visa for their respective countries.

The idea has been mooted as a way to boost tourism.

If the two countries agree on the single-visa policy, it might pave the way for a single visa for the five countries of the AyeyawadyChao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS), said Damrong Kraikruan, directorgeneral of the Foreign Affairs Ministry's East Asia Department.

The ACMECS visa scheme would be similar to the Schengen visa, which allows entry to many European countries.

ACMECS comprises Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam, but only Thailand and Cambodia have expressed interest in launching the single-visa policy as a pilot project, Mr Damrong said.



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Somali hostages released by pirates after 3 years

A SHIP and its crew of 22 sailors held by Somali pirates for almost three years have been freed after a two-week-long siege by maritimlonger than any other hostages in the power of the pirates, who prey on shipping in the region, according to the president's office of the northern Somali enclave in a statement

Maritime police laid siege to the vessel on December 10 near the coastal village of Garaad in the region of Mudug.

After 2 years and 9 months in captivity, the hostages have suffered signs of physical torture and illness. The hostages are now receiving nutrition and medical care, said the statement.

North Korea has US within range

THIS month's rocket launch by reclusive North Korea shows it has likely developed the technology to fire a warhead more than 10,000km, South Korean officials said last Sunday, putting the US west coast in range.

North Korea said the December 12 launch put a weather satellite in orbit but critics say it was aimed at nurturing the kind of technology needed to mount a nuclear warhead on a long-range missile.

Queen goes 3D for Christmas message

QUEEN Elizabeth II used her traditional Christmas Day message, filmed in 3D for the first time, to pay tribute to the world s athletes for delivering a splendid summer of sport at the London Olympics.

In her personal address to the nation, the monarch will pay tribute to the competitors skill, dedication, training and teamwork, her office said on Monday.

ANUPHAS VIVIDHKARN

Indian PM calls for calm amid Russia arms talks

By Ross Colvin

INDIAN Prime Minister Manmohan Singh appealed for calm on Monday as he sought to tamp down growing public outrage over the gang rape of a young woman that led to clashes between police and protesters in the heart of the capital last weekend.

Singh, who has faced fierce criticism for remaining largely silent about the rape, vowed action against what he called a "monstrous" crime.

The 23-year-old victim was attacked and then thrown from a moving bus in New Delhi. She remains in hospital in critical condition.

"I appeal to all concerned citizens to maintain peace and calm. I assure you we will make all possible efforts to ensure security and safety of women in this country," Singh said in a televised address to the nation.

Police barricaded roads leading to India Gate, an imposing Arc de Triomphe-style war memorial in the center of the city, that has become a hub of the protests by mostly college students.

Many metro rail stations in the fog-shrouded city were also closed, hampering movements around the city of 16 million.



The Indian government banned gatherings of more than five people in a move to stamp out protests that overran New Delhi following the gang-rape of a young woman on a city bus. Photo: Reuters

The uproar over the rape and what many protesters and political commentators see as a slow and ineffectual response by the government overshadowed an official visit by Russian President Vladimir Putin, which is widely reported to focus on arms deals.

Indian officials said a joint news conference by Singh and Putin at a venue close to India Gate would

be moved and held at the prime minister's residence instead.

The spasm of violence over last weekend saw police use batons, teargas and water cannon against protesters around the city. Protests have also taken place in other Indian cities but they have been more peaceful.

The ferocity of the protests in the capital, many driven by social

media, appear to have caught the government by surprise. Singh made his first comment on the rape in a statement on Sunday, a week after the event.

New Delhi has the highest number of sex crimes among India's major cities, with a rape reported on average every 18 hours, according to police figures.

Syrian air strike kills dozens waiting for bread

DOZENS of people were killed and many more wounded in a Syrian government air strike that hit a bakery where a crowd was queuing for bread on Sunday, activists said.

If confirmed, the attack on Halfaya in central Syria, which was seized by rebels last week, would be one of the deadliest air strikes of Syria's civil war.

Videos uploaded by activists showed dozens of bloodstained corpses lying amid rubble and shrapnel. An adolescent boy with both his feet blown off lay flailing in the middle

"When I got there, I could see piles of bodies all over the ground. There were women and children," said Samer al-Hamawi, an activist in the town. "There are also dozens of wounded people."

Residents of Halfaya told Reuters they estimated 90 dead. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a British-based group with a network of activists across Syria, counted as many as 60 killed.

"The number is likely to rise because there are dozens of wounded being treated in the area and nearby hospitals, among them 50 in critical condition," it said.

Activists say more than 44,000 people have been killed in the 21 months since protests erupted against President Bashar al-Assad, inspired by the Arab Spring revolutions in Tunisia, Egypt and elsewhere.

Amid the latest carnage, United Nationsbacked crisis mediator Lakhdar Brahimi arrived for more talks in Syria.

He had to drive from neighboring Lebanon because fighting around the Damascus International Airport has effectively shut it



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German politicians allege post-election budget cuts

THE junior political partners of German Chancellor Angela Merkel warned last Sunday against any attempt to raise taxes after next year's election as Europe's champion of budget discipline struggles to balance its books.

The Finance Ministry has denied a Der Spiegel news magazine report that Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble wants to raise value-added tax to a uniform 19%, eliminating a discounted 7% rate on many items to bring in an extra 23 billion euros each year.

It also denied last Friday that Schaeuble planned to cut social spending, to help bring German debt back within the limit that Berlin insisted on setting as a condition



German Education Minister Annette Schavan shows a stern glare over the news. Photo: Reuters

for countries to gain admission to the currency union.

Germany has been pushing for budget austerity in other euro zone countries. Until now, Germans have been largely spared such measures.

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Say it in Chinese

An exclusive interview with the Kopi Chinese Language Training Center reveals some of Phuket's past and looks towards the future of foreign language learning.

By Wisuwat Romin

THE business of education in Phuket continues on an upward trend, with one local Chinese language center preparing for the integration of the Asean Economic Community (AEC) in 2015.

The Phuket Gazette's student intern Wisuwat Romin recently sat down with Mr Jakkapan Jitsomboon, owner of the Kopi Chinese Language Training Center on Thepkrasattri road, across from

Wat Kosit Wiharn in Phuket Town.

Mr Jakkapan says that Chinese language training will continue to become more prevalant in the future, and that his company has recently invested between 5-10 million baht in their school.

"Our main target market consists of policemen, doctors,

nurses, salespeople, students and culture in general," she says. local businessmen, who make up about 95% of our clients; while the other 5% are tourists," says Mr Jakkapan.

He says that the quality of service his customers receive at the language center is unmatched.

Kopi Chinese Language Training Center has experienced a lot of demand from the Phuket market in recent months.

"Even though our business currently has an income of many tens of thousands of baht per month, in the future, our aim will be to earn many hundreds of thousands or millions of baht per month," he said.

Mr Jakkapan says that most Phuket'," says Ms Ren.

customers are native Phuketians usually members of the upper class.

"The training center has a 'teacher guarantee certificate' from an educational institute in China," he adds.

The Kopi Chinese Training Center continues to grow and look to the future of the foreign language market of Phuket.

"But, why study Chinese language?" interjects Ms Ren, a teacher at the school.

She notes that the Chinese

language is important to all local people because of the lasting influence of Chinese settlers here and the recent surge of Chinese holiday

"The Kopi Chinese Training Center teaches students to listen, read, speak and also helps them

Ms Ren in her element. learn about Chinese

> "Only two years away now, the AEC is coming and we are predicting that many customers will travel to Phuket from China and maintaining this growth will mean learning about Chinese culture."

> This year, Chinese tour groups traveling to Phuket accounted for 142,582 of the the total number of tourists, up about 106% in this half of the year.

> Ms Ren believes that expanding basic Chinese knowledge to customers around Phuket will have an overall beneficial effect on the people here.

"Our business credo is, 'Quality development of human resources in



CHINESE KOPI: Ms Ren, a language teacher at Kopi School, has a bright outlook on the island's foreign language future. Photos: Wisuwat Romin

"In the future this will help Phuket become a center of tourism within the AEC."

"We realize that Kopi Chinese Training Center is a small school, but we feel that we can compete with famous schools successfully. Our business has seen positive reception from major local businesses such as the Outlet store, Phuket International Airport and British International School.

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THE Energy Business Department has forecast that scrapping sales of 91-octane petrol will cause daily demand for 95-octane to jump from 100,000 litres to 2 million litres next year. However, market fees will

drop by 1-2 baht per liter and demand for all petrol products (including gasohol) will increase by 2-3%, says Energy Business Department Directorgeneral Viraphol Jirapraditkul. Demand for diesel will grow by 5-6% and natural gas by 15%, while consumption of liquefied petroleum gas will decline, he said. The department chief added that the government's policy to maintain the diesel-fuel price would enhance consumption after the first quarter.

Siam Fibre-Cement eyes 5% sales growth

SIAM Fibre-Cement Co Ltd, part of the SCG Building Materials Group, is predicting revenue growth of 5% this year over last year, based on growth in demand for artificial wood products. The company recorded revenue of 8.4 bn baht in 2011, with its SmartWood brand of artificial wood accounting for 40%, 30% coming from cement board products and 30% coming from roof tiles.

Ocean plans Khon Kaen residential project

OCEAN Property Co plans to launch a mixed-use residential project worth 5 bn baht in the vicinity of Khon Kaen University next year. The project will comprise an eight-storey condominium and apartment building, to be launched in the first quarter of 2013 at prices between 900,000 baht and 2.5 mn baht per unit.

The price of rice wars

THAI rice exports from January through November decreased 37% in volume and 25% in value year-on-year, according to the Thai Rice Exporters Association.

The January-November expor volume this year reached 6.4 million tonnes, valued at 135 billion baht, compared to 10.1 mn tonnes at 178 bn baht during the comparable period last year.

The price of Thai rice became higher this year at US\$648/tonne, a 16% increase year-on-year.

Major Thai rice importers are Nigeria, Iraq, South Africa, Ivory Coast, and Indonesia, respectively.

According to the association, one reason for reduced rice exports was that buyers ordered rice only for consumption but not to keep for stocks.



WHITE GOLD: Thai rice or Khao Suay. Photo: Calgany Review

Also, Thailand now has disadvantages compared to competitors such as India, Pakistan, and particularly Vietnam, which last month lowered its rice price to US\$410/tonne, the lowest in the market.

About 500,000 tonnes of rice are forecast to be exported this month alone.





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"We live in a world where every 12 seconds, a child dies because of dirty water and insanitation. CO2 continues to build up and forests are depleting. We live in a resource-constrained world. There are limits."

By Achara Deboonme

THESE chilling words from Peter Bakker at a recent Bangkok symposium held by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) paint a bleak outlook. But he intended to frighten, in order to draw business leaders' attention in and push them towards sustainable actions for the planet.

Speaking at the "SCG ASEAN Sustainable Development Symposium", Bakker identified the need for the business world to revolutionize their practices - given "questionable" progress on goals agreed upon at four global climate conferences since 1970.

The WBCSD is a CEO-led organization comprising 191 members – made up of global corporate leaders, including Siam Cement Group and PTT in Thailand. By the year 2050, the global population will have risen to 9 billion. Under the WBCSD's "Vision 2050" proposal, policies are being implemented among business leaders to ensure that people can live well, and within the planet's resources.

The proposal touches on several key areas, which need to be improved in order to achieve sustainability. These areas include energy, power and mobility, among others.

Bakker shared with the over 1,000 attendees at the symposium the notion this vision starts with individual companies. He suggests that some businesses in the same sector could work together towards similar goals.

"We must get all the companies to play. When they are buying vehicles, companies should buy fuel-efficient ones. By working together, you'll find sustainable



Peter Bakker lecture in Bangkok.

solutions... People on this planet must collaborate," he said.

However, companies alone cannot revolutionize capitalism, he admitted. It will take the collaboration of governments and regulators.

To Bakker, Asia is the hope of the world, given the economic growth pace. Yet, he says companies in this region should think more about sustainable development and consider "how will they scale up" actions towards that goal.

Since 1970, the world has

witnessed a depletion of natural resources. The United Nations stepped in to host the first climate conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992. Member countries convened again in 2002 in Johannesburg, South Africa. The latest conference took place in Rio earlier this year. In light of man-made and natural disasters induced by higher temperature, some countries, mainly in Europe, have adopted measures to reduce carbon emission (CO2).

In November, the World Bank urged stepped-up efforts to meet world carbon reduction goals after looking at what it says would be "catastrophic consequences" if average world temperatures rose by more than 4 degrees Celsius (7.2 degrees Fahrenheit).

In their new "doomsday scenario", the World Bank's study cited a 4 degree increase as the threshold that would likely trigger widespread crop failures and malnutrition and dislocate large numbers of people from land inundated by rising seas.

In Bangkok, Bakker said that when the weather is changing, the economy will be pressured and this could lead to social tensions. The two-day shutdown of the New York Stock Exchange, as super storm Sandy hit the city, served as a crucial reminder.

He noted that businesses know



RESOURCEFUL: Members of the WBCSD speak at a UN-sponsored climate change forum in Johannesburg, South Africa. Photo: un.org

what they need to do, and that they must act now and scale up actions.

They were urged to look for technological solutions and engage employees and the general public for their support. Companies could raise agricultural output through new solutions and use desalination to save water resources and recycle water.

'Under the vision, the sustainable world is the world with a population of 9 billion. All are to live well together within the boundaries of the planet... As the population is growing, we cannot continue to use it (resources) the way we use it now... The effort is not yet large enough to save the planet... The only thing we need to ask now is, 'how will we scale up?" he said.
There are signs that the business

world has recognized its role, he said, noting that over 30,000 business leaders gathered in Rio in 2012.

"I foresee that responsible busi-

ness will come out and reach out to the world to help," he said.

Vision 2050: Vital moves towards sustainability

Below are some of the actions business organizations are expected to put in place within the next decade to ensure a steady course towards global sustainability.

- Incorporate the costs of externalities, starting with carbon, ecosystem services and water, into the structure of the marketplace.
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Emirates increase their shipping capacity with a new Phuket route

EMIRATES SkyCargo, the freight division of Emirates one of the fastest growing international airlines has strengthened its operations in Thailand, with Phuket to become the second Thai gateway that connects it to international trade opportunities across a network of 126 destinations.

Daily non-stop service to Phuket on began on December 10, 2012, operated by an A340-300 with a belly hold capacity of 13 tonnes, which takes the weekly cargo capacity into and out of the country to more than 640 tonnes. This capacity is spread across four flights to Bangkok and one to Phuket.

Phuket will become the 15th route launch for Emirates this year and the second in Southeast Asia following the launch of Ho Chi Minh City in June.

"Thailand is a major economic center in Southeast Asia. Phuket, which is a very popular tourist destination, plays an important role in Thailand's economy and with the launch of this service we will be able to connect businesses on the island



YOU'VE GOT MAIL: An Emirates Airways' A340-300 unloading its freight.

to opportunities across our ever expanding global network," said Ram Menen, Emirates' divisional senior vice president of cargo.

Imports to Phuket are mainly meat, spare parts, diving equipment, office supplies and fish, while the top exports include tuna, live shrimp and crab.

Due to the popularity of Thailand as a tourist destination, there is also strong demand for the movement of personal

effects and household goods into and out of the island.

Emirates currently operate four daily flights between Dubai and Bangkok, including one with its flagship Airbus A380 aircraft.

EK379 departs Phuket daily at 12:35am and arrives at Dubai International Airport at 4:35am. EK378 departs Dubai at 12:45pm and arrives at Phuket International Airport (HKT) - Phuket Gazette at 9:55pm.

IHG takes over the Evason Resort

THE InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG), the world's largest hotel group by number of rooms, today announced the signing of InterContinental Phuket Rawai Beach Resort, the first for the brand in Phuket, with JTM (Thailand) Limited, a member company of the LC Development Ltd (LC Dev) Group.

Designed by award-winning architect Bill Bensley, who also designed IHG's award-winning InterContinental Danang Sun Peninsula Resort in Vietnam, the resort will be a redevelopment of the former Evason Phuket and Bon Island

On completion, the resort will have approximately 240 keys comprising, both rooms and villas.

Scheduled to open in 2014, it will become the flagship property for the

InterContinental brand in Thailand.
A 50-minute drive from Phuket
International Airport and located
on south-eastern Rawai beach,
the resort will offer an extensive
range of facilities within its
180,000 square meters of

Jan Smits greets Kelvin Lum.

landscaped tropical gardens.

The property is also 30 minutes from Phuket Town and

20 minutes from the popular nightlife area of Patong Beach.

LC Dev also owns the Holiday Inn Resort Phuket and Crowne Plaza London Kensington.

Kelvin Lum, MD of LC Dev said: "We have had a great partnership

"We have had a great partnership with IHG for more than two decades and the signing of the hotel management agreement for InterContinental Phuket Rawai Beach Resort cements this relationship further.

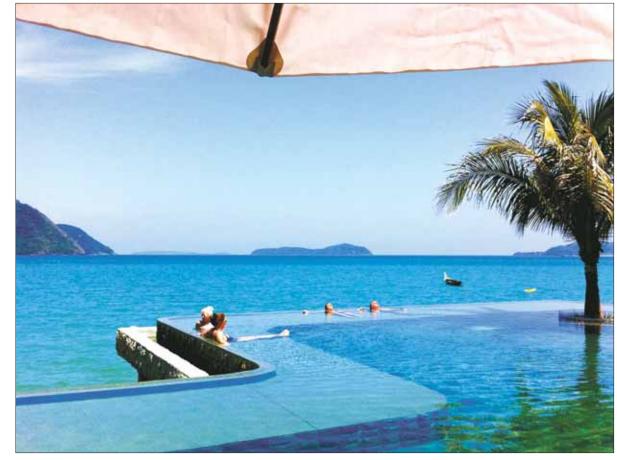
"The resort, when operational, will be our second hotel managed by IHG in Thailand after the Holiday Inn Resort Phuket in Patong.

"With IHG's established presence in Thailand, we are confident that IHG is the ideal operator for this unique hotel in Rawai, Phuket.

"We are excited about the possibilities this latest collabora-

tion brings and are looking forward to seeing our first InterContinental come to life in Phuket."

Jan Smits, chief executive officer, IHG Asia, Middle East and Africa, added: "Having already established our Holiday Inn brand in Phuket, we've been looking for the right partner and the right opportunity to add a luxury resort



A POOL WITH A VIEW: Guests enjoying the unspoilt view from the resort's pool. Photo: Del Adams offering to meet the demand on IHG currently has 14 hotels and month.

"We are delighted that LC Dev has made this agreement with us and are looking forward to the InterContinental Phuket Rawai Beach Resort in 2014."

the island.

resorts in Thailand with three in Phuket. These include the Holiday Inn Resort Phuket, Holiday Inn Phuket Mai Khao and the brand new Holiday Inn Express Patong Beach, which is set to open this

Nine more are in the pipeline for Thailand, including hotel and resort properties for InterContinental, Hotel Indigo, Crowne Plaza, Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express.

- Phuket Gazette



End of year predictions



I AM without a doubt a derelict dad. Just call me DD for short. No, it's not a matter of child abuse, beating my two small daughters or locking them up in a car with the windows rolled up in the parking lot of Central Festival.

Perhaps the latter is more appropriate for dogs, though my wife continues to be convinced that I spend an inordinate amount of time with our three dogs. Let's face it, dogs are much less complicated than people, but lets move on before I get myself in even more trouble (as if that were possible).

It's all about Friday night and my love of the television show Survivor. Come 8pm I try to give my undivided attention, for just an hour, to what has become a year in and year out passion.

Just hearing those words "the tribe has spoken" wakes me up from mundane channel surfing



BUILT TO LAST: A Mayan Temple survives but will we? Photo: Roy Niswager

on cable television. Aged three and six the two girls are growing and, unlike years past, you can't rely on tucking them in and being ready on alert in advance of the magic hour. Poised and ready with remote in hand.

So whether they like it or not, I accelerate any reading activities and goodnight kisses, put them in bed, turn off the lights

and make a run for it while my wife is still in the shower. If they resist, I resort to any tactics necessary. These range from bribery: ice cream in bed; candy; pulling out the iPad, or just handing them their own TV remote and saying I'll be back.

I have no intention of returning. For the next 60 minutes that is.

As our world turns another

cycle and 2013 is upon is, we also need to reflect on the possible end of the world. According to the Mayan calendar, this happens at the end of 2012.

Truthfully I often get the Mayans and the Incas confused. Which ones invented football? Which ones chopped the heads off of bad dads at the top of pyramids?

Tribal life in the old days certainly was harder than playing for a million dollars and all those great challenges, where the winners get giant cookies and hot chocolate.

It's altogether possible that by the time this comes out in print, every last human being on Earth will be proverbial toast. I'm not quite clear on the rules of the impending Apocalypse. Do we all die at midnight?

What about time zones, or the dateline? Or leap years? Has that been factored in? Does a giant buzzer go off? Or like football games, is there a few minutes left on Earth of extra time?

So many questions about doomsday, and not very much clarity. Quick answers just seem elusive on Google, Wikipedia and I'm still waiting for my Mayan friend request on Facebook to be accepted. Maybe I'll log on to one of those Craigslist discussion boards or even the ThaiVisa Forum. Hearing from insomniacs in Pattaya might bring some much needed insight.

And yes I do realize that the end

of the world has indeed come. That season's final Survivor episode and that special one-hour reunion show have exited stage right. That's about as late as I stay up these days. With the kids it's hard to recall the last time I even made it the duration on New Year's Eve.

Sitting alone in my dark living room, the television has gone silent. Even the sound of sleeping dogs can't break the spell. Which brings up another end of the world question - do only humans die as the world ends? What about pets? I might be caught up in a confused state of Christianity, though I'm not sure what religion the Mayans were. Word on the net has it that they were Mormons, but that's just hearsay. A bit of Mitt Romney bashing never hurt anyone.

Barring the total evaporation of our kindly planet, I intend to make it through to another season of Survivor. Yes, there will be high and dry days ahead but soon enough, the tribe will be back again. Heads will roll, hearts broken and sinister schemes launched. Gotta love that.

As for the Mayans, well, it seems they just didn't have staying power and after all, when was the last time you said: "let's eat out and have Mayan tonight"?

I rest my case.

Bill Barnett is Managing Director of C9 Hotelworks and can be contacted through C9hotelworks.com.

Kata Rocks does it again



Kata Rocks' award-winning penthouse. Inset: Richard Pope (left), developer of Kata Rocks with resort director Chantal Fernandes, holding their most recent award.

KATA Rocks has won the award Grosvenor House Hotel in London's in the World," at a gala held in London recently.

This honor marks Kata Rocks 16th award. Beating out entries from over 100 countries from around the globe, Kata Rocks marketing has been voted by a panel of property experts as the best in the world. Richard Pope, the developer of Kata Rocks said:

"We are absolutely delighted to receive our second 'Best in the World' title following the 'Best Apartment in the World title that we were awarded previously.

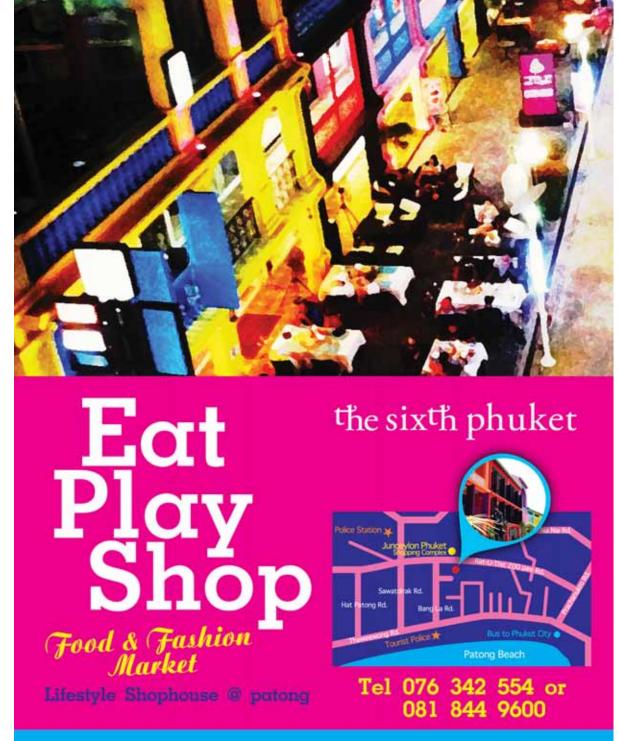
The Gala dinner took place at the

for "Best Developer Marketing Park Lane and was attended by over 400 delegates from around the world. Entries first have to win their country award, then their respective region (Asia-Pacific for Kata Rocks) before being put forward to the London final where they compete against the winner from all the other continents.

> Kata Rocks is a development and resort consisting of 34 oceanfront Sky Villas located on the west coast of Phuket.

> For more information about Kata Rocks visit: katarocks.com.

> > - Phuket Gazette







INFINITY: The 20 meter, ocean-facing penthouse pool.





Managing Director, Stephen Paine The penthouse covers 735 square meters of inside and outside space.

Ialaiwana launch The Residences

By Andrew Scott

MALAIWANA is a luxurious development built on 28 rai overlooking Naithon beach on the north-west coast of Phuket.

The Phuket Gazette spoke to Malaiwana's managing director Stephen Paine about the estate.

Phuket Gazette: What is the Malaiwana development?

Stephen Paine: It is a project with three elements: 19 villas, 12 residences and a beach club. We began construction on the villas around three years ago and to date we have completed two thirds of the construction. The design concept of The Residences is that they are villa-sized apartments, as we believe there is a market for people who want large apartments or penthouses. These apartments

meters and officially launch this month.

What does Malaiwana offer its owners?

Malaiwana is located next to one of Phuket's last remaining beautiful beaches. The location is amazing. Not just because of the beach, but the ocean views, and the proximity to the airport, which is becoming increasingly important.

Also, the estate is managed by internationally renowned Jones Lang LaSalle. And, we offer very high construction quality that has won awards based on value for the finished product.

What's your vision for this project?

The original vision was to create a private residential estate certain resort-type facilities.

We don't have common facilities of any note, as all villas and Residences come with pools and all villas have gyms. We provide resort type facilities for private owners. We are not trying to be a resort but a very exclusive private estate.

Who's your target market?

The demographic has changed from originally European buyers, now to Asian buyers. Hong Kong was always one of the mainstays for people to buy property on Phuket, along with Europe, but now we are getting buyers from India, China and Russia. But, there is no clear majority buyer. I think we have 11 different nationalities of owners.

What does this project give

range from 600 to 730 square as opposed to a resort, but with back to Phuket and the area?

What Malaiwana does do, and every project if they are successful, is bring traffic to an area, which in turn brings revenue and helps support local people through that revenue stream. That is useful just as long as a project does not damage the environment and I think we have achieved that.

Do you have any plans to expand?

Yes. Malaiwana is a recognized brand name now and that gives us opportunities to do further things. If we could find the right area on Phuket we would consider it.

How do you brand Malaiwana?

Because our source of buyers are so spread out, it makes things like print advertising, which tends to be local by definition, very difficult and very expensive. So, our marketing is achieved through billboard advertising because in our experience the majority of buyers of high-end properties have been to Phuket and are familiar with our brand.

I would say one third of our buyers are seeking a second property on Phuket. For owners to invest the type of money they would in Malaiwana they have to feel comfortable with the place and love the place [Phuket].

The Residences are made up of eight duplexes and four penthouses, designed to give owners a modern tropical living experience; located behind UP beach club. The penthouses occupy the entire upper floor, whereas the duplexes span the two lower floors. Both have an ocean facing infinity pool.

For more info visit: malaiwana.com



Financial endurance and persistence

Island Investor

By David Mayes

RECENTLY, Phuket saw some of the best triathletes in the world descend on the island to participate in the Laguna Phuket Ironman 70.3 Triathlon. While I am extremely slow, I am a very keen endurance athlete.

I do this race every year, as well as the marathon here, and am currently registered for my second full Ironman race next August in Indonesia.

The parallels between investing and torturing oneself during one of these events have always been very evident to me, especially considering how long the current funk of the global economy has persisted for. Endurance and persistence are two traits that all investors need in these current difficult times.

Investing is not a sprint to say the least. You slowly make and save money over the course of your life, and you try to find relatively safe places where it can grow and become a nest egg to take care of you when you can no longer work. Similar to an endurance event, there are inevitable ups and downs.

The intensity you experience while in the middle of a "down" is something that in hindsight always seems as if it was easily

manageable, but can make you lose all rationality at the time.

The main thing in either endeavor is to have a solid strategy, and then to stick with it no matter what happens.

While this sounds very easy, the time when discipline is most required is when you are in the midst of the



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most pain, for example when your portfolio is basing or ticking downwards. This is when our minds by their very nature will try to tempt us into making a decision we will no doubt look back on and regret.

Similar to the way our bodies release another round of endorphins and other goodies just when we near our breaking point, as long as we keep going, the markets always reward those who don't bail on a strategy when things are looking their worst.

I myself have been victim of "selling the bottom" more than once in my career, only to see the disposed assets go sky rocketing as soon as I am no longer a part of them. Those lessons have luckily been burned into my memory banks, in the same way as I have learned that when you experience that very fleeting relief if you stop running in the middle of an event, you pay for it for a long time as you look back at what could have been.

In easy times investing is said to make morons look like geniuses, but in times like these it is those who can persist and endure and avoid making rash decisions that will come out on top.

There is no shortage of pain in the financial markets these days, and every week bad news begs the question "have things really changed forever?". If you can protect your principal and keep in the game, and just keep moving forward – no matter how slowly – you will eventually reach the finish line. If you do something drastic in a moment of weakness and blow-up, you may be looking back in regret for a long time to come.

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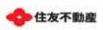
















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Trash the past for New Year

A NEW 960-million-baht incinerator went into operation in the middle of last year, yet Phuket still faces a solid waste crisis [see page 4] – one that requires a better solution than simply building a third incinerator at Saphan Hin.

When the new plant went into operation, many thought that Phuket had reached a turning point in its battle to deal with all the refuse that we create – currently as much as 650 metric tonnes daily in the high season.

The truth is that the new plant, which can burn 700 tonnes daily, is little more than a temporary expedient to save Saphan Hin from another landfill disaster like the one that occurred in June 2007, when toxic swill flowed into the surrounding mangroves, killing millions of farmed fish there.

Estimates by the Phuket Office of Natural Resources and Environment project that the volume of trash produced in Phuket could reach as high as 1,000 tonnes per day by 2015, now just two years away.

Thus, officials talk of building yet a third incinerator at the Saphan Hin.

The *Phuket Gazette* disagrees with this strategy for several reasons. First, if there were a worse place to site a landfill than a mangrove forest, we would like to know where that would be. When the original incinerator was built back in the late 1990s, most urban planners probably never heard of the word "tsunami", while the threat of global sea level rise due to climate change apparently also went unconsidered.

Times have changed; all of Saphan Hin has been designated as a tsunami-risk zone, which should be reason enough to clean up the mountains of garbage piled up there as soon as possible.

If Phuket is to get a third incinerator, it should be cited somewhere beyond the reach of waves, mangroves and established communities. As every Phuket Town resident knows all too well, trucking all the island's solid waste to the area necessarily involves having foul-smelling garbage trucks ply through the streets of downtown Phuket Town morning, noon and night, every day of the year.

The province should immediately start looking for an alternative site to build a third incinerator somewhere in Thalang, in order to reduce the considerable cost of having to truck garbage from there all the way to Saphan Hin.

Most importantly, each local administrative body finally needs to get serious about forcing home and businesses to sort trash. Refusing to collect unsorted trash would have an immediate effect in minimizing the amount of waste than needs to be incinerated.

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Bleeding for rewards only

Gazette online, Phuket blood center needs donors for New Year, December 21

It's funny to see how many people said they would give blood if they could side-step their visa

However, since that's not the deal they are unwilling to step up to the plate and save a life. Yes, save a life. It's as if a stranger's life is so meaningless to them that they are only willing to make the effort if they personally are rewarded. It is the most self-centered, disrespectful way of viewing the situation.

I would imagine that often it is the blood of a generous expat that lets a tourist make it back home safely – home to their family, home to their friends. How can anyone be willing to help make that happen only if they are immediately rewarded?

Please, everyone think about make a big difference in a small way, and then follow through. And those of you who do need to be rewarded – note that you get a free calendar for your good dead.

Tina Swift Patong

You should always leave a sign

Gazette online, Fresh ATM action prompts hope for finding missing Phuket expat, December 22

This story just keeps getting stranger and stranger, as yet another of Brett's ATM cards is used. When I first read the story I immediately felt for the family, as I assumed the worse, as most of us who have been around the block do. Now, however, I am slightly more optimistic about Brett's well-being.

I hope that whatever has prevented him from contacting his family drops to the side so his parent's hearts can rest easy. I

Letters

to the Editor

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hope the best for the entire family, and sincerely hope that if anyone does decided to go off the radar (though this might not be the case with Brett) they make sure to leave something behind to make sure loved ones don't worry.

Carry Marks Surin

Let the party move

Gazette online, Bad vibes over Phuket Sydictive party shift to Patong, December 22

This has been a dubious undertaking from the beginning. The organizers have misled the media and the public. To me there appears to be a certain "compatibility" of interests between the organizers and the local Surin authorities.

To have 50,000 people coming to a relatively small public beach is an assault on local businesses, residents and the environment. Phuket does not need this.

Move it to another province.

Cancel It

Gazette forum

Give tourists the tsunami phone app

Gazette online, Tsunami warning app lands on Phuket shores, December 18

About time – thank you. After the failure of communication systems during the earthquakes this year, I am sincerely glad to see that steps have been made to get something appropriate in place.

I know we just survived the end of the world predicted by the

Mayan calendar, but that never had a lot of meat on the bone – I plan on surviving more than a fictional apocalypse.

I look forward to the app coming out in English and think it should be advertised on all Phuket incoming flights as something to download while waiting to get through immigration – we all know they'll have the time.

Let's educate our tourists, so they too can be safe.

> Jim Teferson Phuket Town

Dragging the bottom

Gazette online, Phuket artificial reef project continues off Kata, Karon bays, December 21

If they would make the concrete frames a bit more robust, they would be able to withstand the destructive forces of the fishermen, as the fishermen would lose their nets every time. Then they would learn that dragging their nets close to the artificial reefs is just not worth it.

It is a great project, however, any effort to conserve the marine life is appreciated.

Simon Gazette forum

Cancel It Not a penis joke

Gazette online, Breaking News: Busted penis prompts Phuket fighter to come forward, December 18

I take my hat off to you Ray Elbe. I think it takes personal strength to be able to step forward and talk openly about penis damage. I know I could pepper this letter to the *Gazette* with all kinds of jokes, but I sincerely respect that you are wanting to make sure other men who run into this issue will get proper medical attention.

Dave Phuket

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Working together for a brighter new year

LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR

MY NEW Year wish is to see three distinct groups in Phuket join together in harmony in order to help Phuket move forward to an even brighter future.

The first group is government officers. I would like them to be capable as they carry out their duties, as well as knowledgeable, lively, strong and diligent around the clock.

The second group are the people of Phuket, who must love each other, stand united and show goodwill to those who come to their doorstep. They should be honest, fair and be gracious to others as they enter the new year.

The last group is tourists. I wish to see tourists on holiday in Phuket find their time here pleasurable, rewarding and relaxing. I truly hope they all have a great time on Phuket and come back to share our beautiful island with family and friends.

I hope that my wishes for these three groups work in sync so that I am given the momentum necessary to take the island forward. With the support of everyone, I will be able to successfully manage and coordinate the resources of our island for a successful new year

Tourists, officers and locals should all also seek to follow five simple rules for happiness to ensure that next year is a wonderful experience. The sooner a person starts taking steps along these paths, the sooner they will find happiness in their life.

It is also important for everyone, including myself, to focus on building good relationships. Being polite and charming, remembering peoples' names and supporting their positive actions with com-



Maitri Inthusut arrived on the island to take up the position of Governor of Phuket on October 8.

With a master's degree in political science from Thammasat University, he joined the National Security Council, rising to the position of NSC Secretary-General, before taking up the position of Chief Secretary for Secretariat of the Cabinet.

He has also served as Governor for the provinces of Trang and Phayao. Here, in his second 'Letter from the Governor', he wishes for everyone on Phuket to improve themselves and find happiness in the coming new year.

The five paths to happiness are:

- Be sure to always do good things;
- Be sure to proceed through life in a virtuous way;
- Be sure to be grateful to those that help you;
- Be sure to be rational in your thinking;
- Be sure to happily live your life while maintaining sustainability.

'If you are able to walk all these paths in your life next year, so many of your wishes for 2013 will come true.'

pliments will make it easier to connect with them.

When you establish strong connections, both you and the people you work with will be able to find solutions to problems you both face as well as help each other succeed in obtaining your goals for 2013.

Simply by paying attention and attempting to understand what those around you are doing and

what their goals are will allow you to create a new year full of opportunity.

So please, tourists, officers, locals come together. Be aware of each others' needs and understand why it is important for those needs to be fulfilled.

Myself and the rest of those on Phuket can come together in 2013 to ensure a brighter future for our island.



THERE WHEN I NEED YOU: In your darkest hour, stranded at midnight with your motorbike out of gas, Thai hospitality shines on. Photo: Gazette file

The island's hospitality running on a full tank

PHUKET is the Thailand I know and love. Having flown straight to the island and stayed, I have only heard rumors of "mainland" hospitality and the kindness Thai people are revered for. This is most often used as a counterpoint to the "bad-apple" attractive force of Phuket. Though I see the works of the bad apples regularly, I find that when I'm truly in need there is always someone there.

As I apparently have no understanding what the "E" on a motorbike fuel gauge refers to, I often find myself stranded on the side of the road out of gas. As Murphy's Law dictates, this happens at the most inconvenient times – 3am riding back from Patong, or 11pm on the bypass road with no petrol in sight. In these moments, when I am truly helpless to do much else than buckle down and start pushing, I find the people of Phuket quietly stepping up to help.

It was a long night in Patong and I managed to roll down the big hill toward Karon Circle before the bike died. There was no sign of petrol anywhere.

A heavy set "working woman" approached from across the street. There was no conversation about prospective work, she simply wanted to know what was wrong

Island View

By Alex Stone

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with my bike. Having established I was out of petrol, she offered to get on her motorbike to get some.

Time passed, I grew impatient and started hiking, only to find her zipping back with a bottle of petrol as promised. I can't imagine how far away the nearest local petrol stand must have been. After fueling up, I asked how much it cost – admittedly nervous about getting skinned. It cost 40 baht... exactly what it cost at the stands. I paid, profusely thanked her and puttered home.

More recently, on the bypass road, I was given a push from a young well-dressed man to the nearest petrol stand after I had, again, run out of petrol.

The island is full of these incidents, these small favors that turn a ruinous night into a passing annoyance. As we step into the new year, I can only hope that us "bar grumblers" start keeping a tally not only of our grumbling points, but also of those times, when in need, we were greeted with earnest concern and a solution.

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

New buildings, new height regulations?

It has always been my understanding that the height limit for new buildings in residential areas such as the Sai Yuan area was three floors. Has this limit been changed by the law?

There are now many five and six-storey condominiums being built all around the Sai Yuan area, blocking sunlight from reaching adjacent homes. Is this legal?

Tamsyn Stead Rawai

Somsong Seatang, Operations and Maintenance Department Director at Rawai Municipality, replies:

First, please be aware that building height limits are regulated



More big buildings are on the rise in Rawai, but what is the height limit? Photo: Google Street View

according to eight zones. Most people are aware of Zone 1, which is the first 50 meters inland from the average high-tide mark. In this zone no permanent structures can be built in the first 20m, and then up to the 50m mark only small structures can be built. Beyond that

is Zone 2, which starts at the 50m mark and extends back inland another 150m. In this zone, buildings cannot exceed 12m in height.

However, beyond that the regulations vary according to the specific site. In some areas buildings may be up to 23m, and in Phuket Town the limit is up to 45m.

The Sai Yuan area has varying topography. To be clear about the legality of which buildings you are talking about, you need to show us where these buildings are, so we can explain to you which regulations and which building height limits apply in those areas.

Our office is open Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm, or call us at 076-613801.

Burning desire to stop the stink

At the end of Soi Namjai in Rawai, on the right-hand side there is a place that collects recyclables. Regularly after sunset they burn the insulation of electrical wiring to salvage the copper. This makes the whole area stink. What can be done about it?

Peter Callen Rawai

Surachad Jitmaid, acting director of the Rawai Municipality Public Health Office, replies:

If the burning of the insulation is affecting local residents and making the whole area stink, then those doing the burning are guilty Send us your queries and we'll ask the right people to respond to them.

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of being a public nuisance by causing air pollution.

Please file a complaint with our office (Tel: 076-613801; Fax: 076-289055; open Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm), and we will inspect the area and order any people involved to stop.

If they do not stop, we will report them to the police. Offenders can be fined up to 2,000 baht.

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Phuket Governor Maitree Intusut and Mr Srettha Thavisin, president of Sansiri PLC, together with Phuket children at the press conference of the GIVE campaign at Angsana Laguna Phuket. The campaign is a collaboration between Phuket province and Sansiri to support Phuket's youth and to encourage them to plan for the future in Phuket through inviting them to participate in the campaign and effect positive changes in the communities they live in.

ATTASIT EXHIBITS

An opening cocktail party was held in the Plaza Surin for an exhibition of paintings by Thailand's foremost international artist, Attasit Pokpong on December 19, 2012.



From left: Ms Oe Smulders, Mr Attasit Pokpong and Mr Eric Smulders, owner of Soul of Asia Art Gallery.

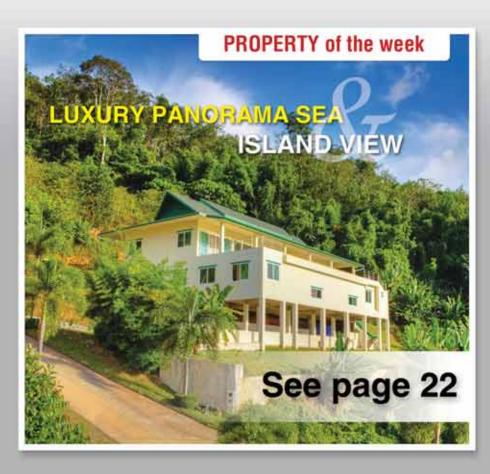
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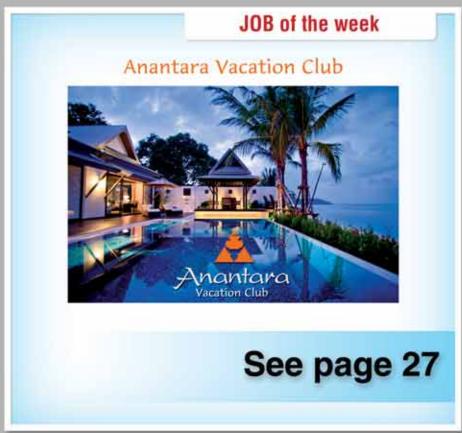
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SALE! **CHALONG LAND**



Four Chanote land plots for a total of: 14rai-2gnan-70sq wah (see photo). Price: 3,900,000 baht per rai. Contact: franck@thairetail.com

YAMU HILLS SEA VIEW LAND

East Coast, great view, private and secure 1.35 rai, road, phone, infrastructure complete. 4.5 million baht per rai. Chanote. Tel: 081-970 9055, 081-970 9055. Email: inzentive@gmail.com

LUXURY CONDO

Freehold, 114sqm, in Nai Thorn Beach. 13,950,000 baht. Direct from owner. Contact Ben. Tel: 084-305 4753.

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30 RAI IN TOWN

Flat land near Dowroong School in Phuket Town. Tel: 081-691 2526.

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360° panoramic sea view and mountain view. 310sqm, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms with option to convert into 3 bedrooms. Spacious living area. 9.25 million baht. Tel: 086-278 8300. Email: izzy. serenitygroup@gmail.com

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4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 10mx5m pool, modern kitchen, car park for 2 cars, electric gates, filter. 1 rai, 7 minutes to PIA. 14.8 million baht. Email: geta909@gmail.com

LAND FOR SALE

Near the main road to Baan Don-Cherng Talay. 68sq wah. 1.1 million baht. Tel: 089-472 9118. Email: honda.1437@ yahoo.co.th

NEW CONDO FOR SALE

Prime location, deluxe apartment, pool, gym, sauna, 43sqm. Sale: 3.5 million baht. Freehold. Tel: 087-978 1947.

LARGE HOUSE + 1 RAI

3 bed, 2 bath with large garage and separate storage room. Nice pond and large garden in Thalang near PIA. 8 million baht. 0% finance available over 5 years. Tel: 076-621200, 080-141 8292 (English & Thai). Email: davestacey 16@hotmail.com

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HOUSE & FURNITURE

Single house, 60sqm. 2 floors, 3 bedrooms and 3 toilets. In Chaiyapruek Village at Land & Houses Park, Chalong. Good location and entrance from Bypass road. Built 2 years ago. Tel: 084-627 7001.

KRABI, AO NANG

Pool villa, 2 bedrooms. Land plot: 255sqm. 4.8 million baht. Email: mr.axelmay@gmail.com

PHUKET VILLA 5 VILLAGE



For sale. Price 4.5 million baht. No agents, no furnished, with 4 aircons, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen and car park. Behind Kajonkiet International School on Chao Fa West Road, 5 minutes to Central Festival. For short or long-term rent, 16,000 baht per month. Call to see 087-270 9093.

CONDO IN SUPALAI PARK



for sale. Near Seng Ho Bookstore in Phuket Town. Studio, 30sqm, floor 15, sea view, aircon, furnished. Price: 1.9 million baht. Ready to move in. For more info call 089-472 9118.

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Near Layan Hill Estate. (Manik-Bang Jo area). Ready to build housing/pool villas. 1,400sqm. Chanote title. Price: 7.2 million baht. Neg. Contact owner on 080-520 2989. Email: edc9designs@gmail.com

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KAMALA HOUSE FOR SALE



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Pool villa, 2 bedrooms. Land plot: 255sqm. 4.8 million baht. Email: mr.axelmay@gmail.com

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House in Patong. Newly built 40sq wah, near Sea Pearl project, Patong. 2 storeys, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, fully furnished, 2 aircon, kitchen with hood, refrigerator, dining room, living room, hot water, cable TV and internet. Tel: 089-469 1813.

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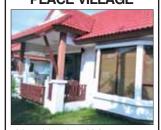
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Condo: pool, security, 46sqm studio, fully furnished. Daily/ monthly. Tel: 089-728 4005. Email: thamad17@yahoo.

PATONG LUXURY APT

Paradise Hotel complex. 150m to beach. Large, 1 bedroom, kitchen. Light, airy. Tel: 086-276 7608.

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SWIMMING POOL VILLA

Rawai, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Available on 17 December 2012. Shortterm rent: 3,000 baht per day. Tel: 085-787 3046. Email: patrickmeo@ gmail.com

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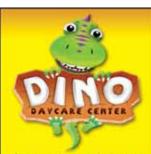
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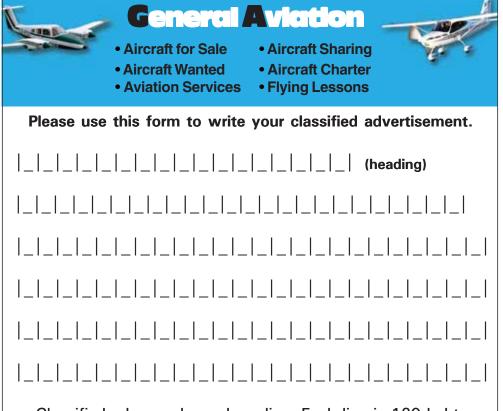
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Life & style Help! my email is not sending

READER 'PS' wrote in with an interesting question that frequently dogs local residents and visitors alike:

"Hi Woody, I thought you might be interested in this, but knowing you, you already know about it! The problem I have been having is sending e-mails through True, because sometimes they will not go for a couple of days and other times they are fine. Nothing that I change on my computer, such as Microsoft, internet or Outlook settings seems to make any difference.'

It's a very confusing problem, with a fortunately relatively easy answer. Here's what happens:

You have an email program running on your computer. (The problem doesn't affect online email such as Gmail, Yahoo Mail or Hotmail). You can receive mail, but, no matter what you

your Outbox, and you can't get your email program to send it.

Mysteriously, if you have a laptop, email in your Outbox may get sent if you're connected to the internet in your house, but it won't go out if you're at an internet café. Or vice-versa.

I've written about this problem several times here in the Phuket Gazette over the past ten years, but I keep hitting new twists. Reader PS reminded me of one that's a particular problem in Phuket. First, some background.

When you send mail from your PC using any of the common email programs that run on your computer, tablet or phone (Outlook, Outlook Express, Windows Mail, Windows Live Mail, OS X Mail, iOS Mail, Metro Mail, Thunderbird, Eudora, etc.), your



computer connects to a particular kind of computer on the internet called an SMTP Server. SMTP Servers get the mail delivered using the internet's mail-handling routines. Most people use the SMTP Server that's owned by the company that controls their email. The SMTP Server I use for woody@khunwoody.com, for example, is called smtp. khunwoody.com.When I pay to renew the khunwoody.com name every year, part of the amount I pay goes to the care and feeding of smtp.khunwoody.com.

Here's where it starts to get complicated. When computers

communicate over do, some of your rail gets stuck in rail gets stuck through are similar (in some ways anyway) to the steps you take when you

try to telephone someone at a large company. Consider trying to call somebody at Starbucks in Bangkok. You need the Starbucks phone number in Bangkok – 02 613 7277 – but you also need the person's extension. Let's say it's 1212.

Computers on the internet communicate similarly. You need the telephone number (in the case of my outbound email computer, my SMTP server, it's smtp. khunwoody.com). But you also need the extension. In the computer world, the extension is known as a "port." Therein lies the rub.

You may not realize it, but when you surf on the web, you usually use port 80. There's nothing magical about 80. It's just the port number – the telephone extension number, if you will - that almost all computers use for web access.

Similarly, when you send mail out to an SMTP server, traditionally computers have used port 25. Nothing magical. It's just that, historically, SMTP servers watch for incoming mail on port 25.

When your PC ships mail off to your SMTP server, the communication takes place over your internet connection. If you send mail from a laptop at home, you use your home's internet connection. If you take the laptop to an internet café, you use the café's internet connection. In both cases, you send mail to the same computer - you use the same SMTP server – but the communication goes through different companies, different internet Service Providers (ISPs).

Right now, I know of three ISPs that are blocking email on port 25. TT&T/3BB started blocking it in May, 2009.

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blocking port 25 for some time, although I don't know precisely

when they started. TOT has blocked port 25 from time to time, and right now you may or may not be blocked, depending on what kind of TOT line you have - ADSL, Fiber, Winet – and possibly even your location. If you move your computer from a 3BB line to a True line (by, say, going to an internet café), you may be blocked in one location and not in the other.

Other ISPs, all over the world, including Telefonica, Vodafone, BritTel and many others, block port 25 at various times for various reasons. It's a naive, draconian way to reduce outgoing

SPAMALOT: Spammers tend to favor port 25. Photo: epsos.de

spam, because the SMTP servers favored by spammers and botnets frequently use port 25. Apparently somebody at True decided they would reduce spam traffic over the True network by shutting down all communication destined for port 25.

There's another problem. Both 3BB and True have set up SMTP servers as "open relays" which is considered a very, very bad thing to do. Why? These particular servers can be used by anybody to send out email. Anybody. So if you connect your computer to the internet using a True line, for example, and you use the True SMTP server for

your outbound True has been Both 3BB and True have set up mail, True just shovels your mail out to the internet. Spammers love it. They take a PC to a True-

based internet café, and they can send hundreds of thousands of emails without having an email account anywhere, without any sort of tracking. That's why open relays are so widely hated in the industry. But True and 3BB (and probably other ISPs in Phuket) maintain open relays.

Why you should be wary of Thai open relays? They go up and down all the time. One day you can send out your mail, the next day you can't. They're very poorly maintained and notoriously unreliable and should be removed altogether.

Here's how to check for open relays and port 25 conflicts.

In Outlook, click Tools, Email Accounts (or in Outlook 2010 or 2013, File, Account Settings). Click on your email account and choose Change. You should see your account details there.

Look at the name of the Outgoing Mail Server. If you see something likesmtp.tttmaxnet .com or mail.trueinternet.co.th, or some other address that has your ISP's name in it, you're using an open relay. If you find that you're using an open relay, you need to find the name of your email company's SMTP server. Google is your friend. For example, if

your email is through ihug.co.nz your email address is something@ihug.co.nz - just Google smtp server ihug.co.nz.

Next, click the button marked More Settings, and choose the Advanced tab. See the internet e-mail settings dialog box below.



Microsoft Outlook email settings.

If the SMTP port is listed as 25, you need to change it to a different port - one that your email company's SMTP server will recognize. I've found that port 587 works for many email companies, but not all of them. If you try 587, click OK all the way back out to Outlook, and your mail still doesn't go out (or you get tripped up on a test that doesn't complete), head back to Google. Look for your email company's SMTP port with a search on, for example, smtp port ihug.co.nz.

Email should be easy, but if anything goes wrong, it's not. Someday email setup will be simple and automated. For now, it's antiquated and obscure – just like most of the PC milieu.

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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ISPs that are blocking

email on port 25.'



December 29, 2012 - January 4, 2013 Life & style

Bangon Chantaros

SHORTLY before being interviewed for the Phuket Gazette, Bangon Chantaros prayed to Allah. She wanted to let Allah know that the media exposure is done in good faith and strictly in a business context, and that she remains forever his humble servant.

"I wanted my God to know that I am in no way trying to upstage him or be above him by appearing in the media. I even consulted my sister, who is a Haji (a Muslim who has been to Mecca as a pilgrim), and she has consented to my talking to a newspaper," says Bangon, a devout follower of Islam.

From her Samilan boutique on Chao Fah East Road near Suan Luang Park, Bangon rents out traditional dresses and party gowns. Samilan is crammed with colorful costumes and fancy dresses from many regions. A gold-trimmed bright yellow sari and a Malay batik kebaya stand side by side in the window. She also stocks accessories and costume jewelry to go with the dresses.

Twenty-two years ago Bangon, with the help of her sisters, established what was to become the first wedding gown rental service on the island. But it was by no means her first undertaking; she had already opened and run similar businesses in Yala, Haad Yai, and her hometown Phang Nga, before moving to Phuket in the early 1990s.

THAI By Nanthapa Pengkasem

Having studied commerce, the young Bangon also trained as a seamstress. She found out early on that she had a flair for fashion and derives great pleasure from dressing up women for special occasions.

"I just love making women beautiful. It's so gratifying," says Bangon.

But the fashion business doesn't always go down well, she says, with some fellow Muslims tending to frown upon ostentatious displays of self – especially women – whom they believe should dress modestly.

"I realize that what I do goes in some way against the grain of our belief system. Some people think that I tart people up but what's wrong with being beautiful, I ask?"

Bangon herself doesn't always wear a Hijab as laid down by the law of her faith. This makes her feel constantly guilty.

"I am a 100 per cent Muslim but in my line of business it's not always practical to cover my face. The law should make allowance for women in business," laments Bangon.

The guilt will always be there, but being pragmatic, Bangon doesn't let

deter running the business as best she can. Every two months or so, she goes on a trip to Bangkok to pick up trendy items she believes will be popular with her clients.

Although Samilan started as a wedding gown rental, Bangon was forced to scrap this line of business, due to fierce competition from many similar stores.

At present, she only rents out traditional and national dresses, which she says go down very well with young clients.

"Malay, Chinese and Indian national dresses are popular amongst Thai girls as party clothes. Expat clients tend to buy Thai costumes for their children. It's fun to be multicultural and it also reflects today's society and the world," observes Bangon.

Even in her early 60s, Bangon is still a feisty and confident businesswoman. She has no intention of winding down but looks forward with enthusiasm to the ASEAN Economic Community in 2015, when she hopes to see more clients at her boutique Samilan.

While still busy and happy with her small enterprise, Bangon has another dream to fulfill – a pilgrimage to Mecca, the duty of all Muslims to perform once in a lifetime, if finances permit.

"Inshallah (if Allah wills it)," says Bangon.



About Thai Gallery

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



Diving into the New Year

Diving

By Isaac Stone Simonelli

WITH the world's biggest single day reef cleanup behind us, not to mention numerous underwater adventures from discovering manta rays to testing out new gear, it is time to focus on what another year of diving will bring.

As an hour underwater is never an hour wasted, it's impossible to list all the goals a person should consider adding to their diver-newyear-resolution list. However, for myself, I'll keep it simple: discover.

Fundamentally, that's why we take the plunge, time and time again. It's the chance, the opportunity, to unveil the unknown, so any goal that preserves the oceans for a generation that has yet to have the chance to discover a lion fish for themselves, or takes us a step further, allowing us to revel in the undiscovered, is a worthy one.

Mermaid Kat (Katrin Felton)



When I go swimming in the ocean I see so much trash floating about, mostly plastic bags.

It upsets me because

many animals die as they can't tell the difference between trash and food. So for the next year my "mer-friends" and I have been thinking about how we can get one goal is to people to care of the environment and to be "greener". As of January 1 there will be a monthly photo contest on my Facebook page

concerning environmental issues and animal welfare. We are also planning to not use any plastic bags. If we all use reusable bags instead of plastic ones our world would be a nicer place.

Go Eco Phuket

Our resolution for the 2013 is to keep all the dive centers working together for the long-term protection of



Phuket's reefs, beaches and coastlines. Also to gather more substantial support (financially and otherwise) from hotels and local businesses on the island, that recognize the responsibility we all have to keep Phuket clean.

Hayley Mill



Being a new diver is an exhilarating experience. After living and exploring life above ground for over

30 years the prospect of exploring a whole new world excites me. I'm looking forward to gaining more confidence in my dives and in growing my appreciation for preserving this natural wonder.

Tamryn and Craig Stephenson

Our number go diving more often. With such beautiful dive sites all



around Thailand, we need to make it a top priory to explore as many as possible. We have, for many years, dreamed of diving with whale sharks so hopefully this year we will be able to make this dream come true.

Reiner Kaufhold



A typical new-year's resolution for a diver should be, "I shall never forget to

put the dust-cap back onto my regulator after diving"!

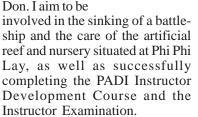
If they don't protect the insides of their first stage from flooding during the usual after-dive rinsing process, water enters through the tank connector; all hoses; the second stages and the pressure gauge which corrodes soon after.

GRACE AND BEAUTY: Most divers want to preserve and protect what we have. Photo: Isaac Stone Simonelli

My resolution is to encourage divers to take better care of their equipment, including being careful with replacing the dust cap. But for those who can't seem to keep up with such a resolution, I would hope that they would at least have the resolve to buy one of Aqua Lung's ACD-equipped regulators with an "automatic dust-cap'. This will at least keep the system dry, as well as safe and reliable.

Amy Tiffin

Next year I will continue to work as a Dive Master and snorkel guide for the Adventure Club on Koh Phi Phi



Kevin Black



After such an exciting year of teaching the three courses from PADI: self reliant diver; sidemount diver and recreational rebreather diver, it

is going to be a hard year to top. I guess after introducing nearly 200 diving professionals to the Poseidon MKVI rebreather through a number of "Try Dive" events around the country my new year's resolution would have to be to now concentrate on providing the same amazing underwater experiences to ordinary divers with just 20 or more dives.

Peter Casanelia

I started diving with Kiwidiver in Chalong in July 2010. I have since completed my PADI open



water to master diver including five specialties, emergency first responder and rescue courses, and now have just completed the rebreather diver course on a Posiedon MK VI. My new year's resolution is to complete my advanced rebreather course and go on to become a Dive Master. I also plan on using less plastic of all types.

David Minnaar



Andaman Ocean Safaris continues to grow and diversify, it is important not to forget the

beautiful underwater marine life Thailand has allowed us to build a business model upon. It is something to preserve and cherish and to never take for granted.

The local community will also e given the opportunity in 2013 for selected senior students to create future income from the diving industry through our social responsibility program and our ongoing charity work.

Our new year's resolution as a company is to make the above happen. Go Eco Phuket!

Richard Wonka

My resolution would be to dive to a depth of 60 meters on a single breath.





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By Baz Daniel

MAKING (and often immediately breaking) New Year's resolutions is an age-old tradition all over the world as we pass from one year into the next. Hope, and its close cousin, self delusion, are abundant at this time of year as we promise to be better and brighter versions of ourselves.

In Phuket, in fact you get not just one, but three clear chances to make and then try to keep your resolutions, as Thailand munificently celebrates three separate New Years!

On January 1 of course, we enter the year 2013 (guess the Mayans got it wrong after all in their predicted world-ending apocalypse) on the Gregorian or Western calendar.

Then on February 10 we'll celebrate Chinese Lunar New Year's Day as we enter the Year of the Water Snake, a creature known to be resolute and determined in the Chinese Zodiacal Pantheon.

Finally, Thai Buddhist New Year's Day, or Songkran, will be cel-

ebrated on April 13 giving us another great opportunity not only to make resolutions, but to get a free bath or shower, as water is thrown about with gay abandon all over the Pearl of the Andaman.

With ample opportunity to make resolutions, let's take a look at some of the most common things people promise they are going to do and how to stick to these resolves in Phuket.

Health and fitness

This one is a biggie of course, as we all want to be seen on Phuket's beaches looking trim, muscular and sexy. And yet, as all New Year's festivals are celebrated with social gatherings featuring lashings of great food and drink, this can be a challenge.

Phuket, however, is a great place for exercise and getting outdoors, jogging on beaches, swimming, hiking mountain trails, cycling, sailing, playing golf, scuba diving, or taking a yoga, Zumba or aerobics class.

So, no matter how much wonderful food you eat, in Phuket there's an abundance of ways to turn that calorific intake into lean rippling muscle.

Kindness and consideration

These important qualities are of course important central tenets of Buddhism and so they are often part of everyday life in Phuket. Thailand

has historically been known for its consideration towards other people and welcoming foreigners to its shores. Yet, in the tumult of making a living these days, people often forget to be kind and generous towards each other. And of course, the behavior on Phuket's roads could most certainly benefit from us all being more

So, this New Year let's all remind ourselves to be kind to others as a great way of being kind to ourselves.

Smile and the world smiles with you

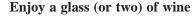
It's been proven scientifically that smiling

and laughing, even for no particular reason, releases endorphins those happy, feel-good chemicals - into your blood stream.

So, here's yet another reason for sharing your gorgeous smile with everyone you meet this New Year.

Of course, Thailand is known as "The Land of Smiles" for the way in which locals express almost everything from humor to embarrassment through a smile.

A traditional greeting in the 'Land of Smiles'. Join the fun in 2013 and get your gnashers whitened at one of Phuket's abundant cosmetic dentistry clinics and then get your gleaming new smile into full time operation!



Yes, more great scientific news proves that a couple of glasses of red wine releases a tide of polyphenols into your blood stream, which then mop up free radicals.

Responsible drinking is actually good for you, and, as Phuket has a thriving wine culture, there are abundant wine stores, wine dinners and tastings in which to give

your health a boost by responsibly imbibing fine red wines.

Save Phuket, save the world

You are doubtless bored with hearing about the awful environmental plight of our planet

and our little island corner of it. And with those political worthies unable to make any progress at the latest global environmental bun-fest in Doha, it's up to us – the little people – to make a difference.

Here are three things you can easily do to help save Phuket in 2013:

Buy a bicycle and ride on every occasion you can when you can avoid the combustion engine.

(In the Gazette's Blazing Saddles column you can find regular tips about riding your bicycle around Phuket.)

1) Buy a rucksack and take it with you shopping to bring home your purchases rather than taking a plastic bag.

2) Turn off every power source in your house every time you go out - this will save you money and help the planet.

3) So, you can see that resolutions can be enjoyable and happiness-generating things, and with no less than three New Years in Phuket in which to make them, we are blessed indeed.



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BORN AND BRED: Indian Milkweed, is a native of the Kingdom. Photo: Forest and Kim Starr

Alocasias, also known by its common name, the 'Elephant Ear'. Photo: Frank Schulenburg

Preserving Phuket's plants

By Patrick Campbell

ODD how political correctness is responsible for changes in language. Take terms for indigenous people. When I was kneehigh to a grasshopper, North Americans were called "Red Indians".

That was later changed to a more PC term – "Amerindian". A bit of a mouthful, the expression in turn became "American Indian". Now, and maybe finally, we talk about "Native Americans".

The world of political correctness is not as touchy about plants. In any case, their origins are not always so clear-cut. How many of Thailand's plants are native to Southeast Asia, or even to Thailand? How many, by accident or design, have simply turned up – like tourists in Phuket?

The process is further complicated by the process of naturalization, a process whereby plants not only settle in their new cultivated environment, but go AWOL, and disperse to create new colonies.

Humans, birds, insects, water, all help this process.

Nonetheless, Phuket has a number of decorative plants, which have existed here

in the wild for eons. Drive past any wooded, marshy areas and you will probably see one of them – the *alocasia* – with its huge rich green leaves sprouting from a fleshy stem. Maybe, a meter or more across. No wonder

their vernacular name is the "elephant ear".

Alocasias, native to Thailand, are sometimes and by a calculate dreversal of the naturalization process, uprooted and transferred to gardens, where their dramatic

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presence can light up any dank corner.

Much harder to find is *gloriosa superba*, a climbing lily. Well worth searching out, it is a very distinctive flower with narrow crinkly petals that are yellow at the base and become red half-way up. This lily has

tendrils at the ends of its leaves and prefers to grow among dense vegetation where it can cling on to tall surrounding plants.

If you do attempt to grow it, remember that it likes company. Personally, I

think it looks better in the wild.

Native here, it will thrive in sandy soils near the sea. Not difficult conditions for Phuket.

The butterfly pea (clitoria ternatea) is probably known to most gardeners here, since it tends to

appear from nowhere, probably dispersed by hungry birds. It is a fast-growing creeper with delightful, solitary, deep blue flowers with a yellow center.

It has long been used in Southeast Asia as an aphrodisiac (because of the flower's

shape), as a herbal remedy and also for coloring food and hair.

Hence, there is no doubt about its antecedence. It definitely belongs here.

In fact, the butterfly pea grows all over the island, a plant that rapidly covers waste ground, and is at home climbing trees. Useful too: it not only adds precious nitrogen to the soil, but is one of the most promising medicinal plants for treating a range of ailments from diabetes to cancer. The last of my natives is calatropis gigantia or Indian milkweed.

A member of the dogbane family (apocynaceae), it is highly poisonous – but that does not stop monarch caterpillars from munching away at my plants.

It is a substantial bush, often a small tree, which thrives – like the butterfly pea – in Phuket's climate.

The oval leaves are large and pale green, but the plant's chief claim to fame is its clusters of white or pink flowers which, because of their longevity, have been used for centuries in leis, garlands and tassels.

The milkweed can tolerate saline winds and has been planted as a windbreak in Rawai and Nai Harn. But it is, in essence, a wild thing, which colonizes wasteland everywhere.



Gloriosa Superba flower. Photo: Vinayaraj

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Please don't feed the fish

THE National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department has announced a new ban on visitors feeding fish in popular scuba diving spots.

The Conservation Department says they will be targeting the Andaman Sea area, popular among foreign tourists, because these actions affect the natural food chain.

The ban also notes that some species of fish have become more aggressive as a result of feeding by humans and have started to prefer bread to seaweed. This problem is most severe at Maya Bay in Krabi province, added the report.

Songtham Suksawang, chief of the Trang Marine National Park Innovation Institute, said the regulation will initially be imposed at Koh Surin and Koh Similan.

As with the ban on feeding monkeys at the Khao Yai National Park, those caught in violation of the ban will be fined.

- The Nation



Similan Natonal Park. Photo: F Lohman

December 29, 2012 - January 4, 2013 Life & style Heed the Breed

A dog-owner's guide to working with genetic tendency and your family



WITH centuries of domestication safely behind us, it seems that more and more households now have at least one dog.

But many of the problems owners end up having stem from choosing the wrong breed. Most of the time the choice is made because "The puppy looked cute" or because of "Daddy, daddy I want that one..."

Either way, if you want a happy household, breed characteristics and traits are hugely important to understand, especially for those of us with mixed breed dogs!



Welsh Springer Spaniel

Sporting Dogs

This group generally includes retrievers, spaniels and pointers among others – naturally alert and very active with great instincts in water or in the woods. These dogs were bred for hunting and other field activities and generally have energy to burn.

A sporting dog, needs to have regular, invigorating exercise which tests them mentally as well as physically.



Working Dogs

Dogs from this group were bred to perform a range of jobs from guarding, to pulling sleds, to rescuing people (and boats). Their contribution to mankind over the years has been nothing short of amazing.

Breeds such as Newfoundlands, Huskies, Great Danes and Rottweilers are working dogs quick to learn and highly intelligent, capable animals which make great companions.

However, with their considerable size and strength, they can be unsuitable house pets unless trained.



German Shepherd

Herding Dogs

Toy Poodle

the main function of this group:

you though, as many Toys are

tough as nails. Remember the

mantra "It's not the size of the

dog in the fight, it's the size of

If you've been on the receiv-

ing end of a highly strung out

Chihuahua before, you'll know

what I mean. Toy dogs will

Don't let their tiny stature fool

to embody sheer delight.

the fight in the dog..."

These dogs share the fabulous ability to control the movement of other animals. A remarkable example is the low-set Corgi, perhaps one foot tall at the shoulders, that can drive a herd of cows many times its size to pasture by leaping and nipping at their heels.

The vast majority of Herding dogs, as household pets, actually never cross paths with your average sheep, but nevertheless, pure instinct prompts many of these dogs to gently herd their owners, especially the children of the family. In general, these intelligent dogs such as Border Collies or German Shepherds, make excellent companions and respond beautifully to training exercises.

Hound Dogs



Red Bone Coon Hound

Most hounds share the common ancestral trait of being used for hunting. Some use their acute sense of scent to follow a trail whilst others demonstrate a phenomenal gift of stamina as they relentlessly run down quarry. Most are visually stimulated and, as anyone who has ever owned a Beagle or a Greyhound will know, once they see a rabbit or a squirrel, they're off!

The Hound Dogs Group encompasses quite a diverse lot. There are Pharaoh Hounds, Norwegian Elkhounds, Afghans and Beagles, among others. Some hounds share the distinct ability to produce a unique sound known as baying. You'd best sample this sound before you decide to get a hound of your own to be sure it's your cup of tea.

Toy Dogs

Love them or loathe them, Toy Dogs are here to stay. The diminutive size and winsome expressions of Toy dogs illustrate



dwellers and people without much living space as they make ideal apartment dogs and terrific lap warmers on cold nights.

One of the more common behavioural problems seen with these light blighters is an "inability to walk" brought about because their owners carry them absolutely everywhere!

People are often put off Toy Dogs seeing them as "yappy little scrappers" – but this is down to a lack of training and of understanding the needs of the dog. All dogs, Toy or otherwise, can be suitable and loving house pets if properly trained.

Non-Sporting Dogs

This is quite a diverse group with a range of different personalities and appearances. Everything from the Chow Chow, to the Dalmatian, French



Chihuahua

Bull Dog and Schipperke.

Lots of variation in coats, colors and size. Now whilst you don't often stumble across a Tibetan Spaniel down at the beach, Lhasa Apsos are far more

As the column title suggests, a dog is always more than just a dog. Think carefully about breed characteristics and needs before choosing a dog – even a street dog – as you may find that your lifestyle is widely different to that of your new pet.

Remember, we humans are meant to be the smart ones, so let's not let the dogs suffer because we make the errors of judgement...

For more information contact the Thailand Canine Academy. Telephone: 089 588 4050 or email canineworld@icloud.com



Life & style Entertainment The ultimate 2012 quiz

Were you paying attention in 2012? Test your general knowledge with these questions compiled The Green Man quiz- master Howard Digby-Johns.

In January

- 1) The European Union adopted an embargo against which nation in protest of continued effort to enrich uranium?
- 2) Which Eurozone country reported the highest level of unemployment since they first started collecting the figures?
- 3) Which Eurozone country reported the lowest level of unemployment since 1991?
- 4) Who defeated Rafael Nadal to win the Men's Singles in Australian Open? 5) Which cruise ship ran aground at the Isola del Giglio with 11 deaths and 14 casualties?
- 6)Security force moved into Tahrir Square, beating and arresting protesters, using rubber bullets and tear gas. 900 died during the uprising. In which city is Tahrir Square?
- 7) What happened to Seán Quinn, Ireland's richest person in 2008? 8) A motorcycle bomber killed nuclear scientist Mostafa Ahmadi Roshan in Tehran, the fourth attack on an Iranian nuclear specialist in two years. Which countries did Iran blame?
- 9) Co-founder Jerry Yang resigned as chief executive officer of which company?
- 10) Fred Goodwin lost his knighthood as a result of the near collapse of which bank?

In February

- 11) Which social network filed for an Initial Public Offering?
- 12) Queen Elizabeth II marked which anniversary of her accession to the throne?
- 13) Which EU national flag-carrier ceased operations after 66 years of flying, as it was insolvent?
- 14) Eurozone finance ministers reach an agreement on a second €130-billion bailout to which country?
- 15) Which Tottenham Hotspur manager was cleared of tax evasion? 16) Which American singer and actress died from drowning and the "effects of atherosclerotic heart disease and cocaine use"?

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- 17) President Mubarak stepped down in which country?
- 18) Christian Wulff, president of which country, resigned over a corruption scandal?
- 19) Which British singer and actor from *The Monkees* died?
- 20) The New York Giants beat which team in Super Bowl XLVI?

In March

- 21) After 244 years of publication, what discontinued its print edition? 22) A thief stole what from Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin?
- 23) President Amadou Toumani Touré of which country was ousted in after mutinous soldiers attacked government offices?
- 24) Which team won the Rugby Union 2012 Six Nations Championship? 25) Apple Inc released which new product?
- 26) Francisco Xavier do Amaral died. He had been the first President of which country?
- 27) Which Ukrainian-American Nazi war crimes defendant died?
- 28) King George Tupou V died. He was King of which country?
- 29) Which great American bluegrass musician died?
- 30) The 2012 Southern Thailand bombings took place in Yala and which other city?

In April

- 31) The National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad unilaterally declared the independence of Azawad from which country? 32) The three widows and two daughters of who were convicted of illegally living in Pakistan?
- 33) Pál Schmitt resigned as President of which country after his doctorate was revoked in a plagiarism scandal?
- 34) Spanish joblessness levels hit a record high, with youth unemployment at what level?
- 35) Mutinous soldiers in which country arrested interim President Raimundo Pereira and leading presidential candidate Carlos

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- 36) The 158th Boat Race between Oxford and Cambridge was ruined by what?
- 37) Ahmed Ben Bella died. He had been the first president of which country?
- 38) Which country's Earth observation satellite exploded shortly after launch?
- 39) Who was found guilty on 11 counts of aiding and abetting war crimes and crimes against humanity during the Sierra Leone Civil War? 40) Prince William and Catherine Middleton married where?

In May

- 41) A pastel version of which artwork sold for US\$120 million in a New York City auction, setting a new world record?
- 42) Which former media mogul was released from prison in Miami after serving three years for defrauding investors?
- 43) Boris Johnson was re-elected to what post for a second term?
- 44) Which country shut down its last nuclear reactor, leaving it without nuclear power?
- 45) Chelsea defeated which team in the 2012 FA Cup Final?
- 46) A Sukhoi Superjet 100 with 44 passengers crashed in which country?
- 47) Manchester City won the Premier League for the first time, beating which team?
- 48) Who died, called a craftsman who 'changed the world with a pair of scissors and invented the wedge bob'?
- 49) Which team won the 2011-12 UEFA Champions League?
- 50) Which singer and songwriter, best known as a member of the Bee Gees, died?

In June

- 51) Farida Waller was crowned Miss Universe Thailand 2012, in the 13th Miss Universe Thailand pageant. Where does she come from?
- 52) Canadian Luka Magnotta was arrested in Germany. Of what was he suspected?
- 53) A spacecraft carrying three astronauts docked manually with an orbiting module, making which country the third successfully to do that?
- 54) Navef bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud died. He was Crown Prince of which country?
- 55) Bankrupt car maker Saab was sold to an investment group, aiming at transforming the company into a maker of what?
- 56) An American civil rights figure died. What was his name?
- 57) Coca-Cola returned to Myanmar after 60 years, leaving only which two countries where the company does not do business?
- 58) The 7th prime minister of Israel died. Name him.
- 59) The last known Pinta Island Tortoise died at a Galapagos National



GUN LAW: A 736-page California gun law book is on display at a gun shop inCalifornia. Photo: REUTERS/Gene Blevins



PSY and K-pop become a worldwide phenomenon.

Park, making the subspecies extinct. What was his name?

60) The Yugoslav war crimes tribunal acquitted who of one of two genocide counts?

In July

- 62) A K-pop single by South Korean musician PSY was released that subsequently has been viewed over 947 million times on YouTube. What is the single?
- 63) Who won the 2012 Tour de France? 64) At Wimbledon, Roger Federer
- defeated whom to win the Men's Singles?
- 65) CERN announced the discovery of a new particle with properties consistent with which boson? 66) Belarusian shot putter Nadzeya Ostapchuk was the first athlete at the London Olympics to do what? 67) Eight athletes were disqualified from the badminton women's doubles tournament at the 2012 Olympics. Four were Chinese, two were Korean. What nationality were the other two? 68) A gunman set off tear gas grenades and shot into the audience, killing 12 and injuring 58 in an Aurora Colorado cinema, at a midnight screening of which film? 69) Which American actor from *The* Dirty Dozen died?
- 70) The youngest American astronaut to be in space died.

Name the astronaut.

71) Which American author, playwright, screenwriter, and political activist died?

In August

- 72) The Prime Minister of which country defected?
- 73) American rapper, singersongwriter, record producer, and actor, Snoop Dogg, officially changed his name to what?
- 74) The Mars Science Laboratory mission's rover landed on Mars. What is its name?
- 75) Dom Mintoff died. Who was he? 76) A Moscow court convicted three members of which punk band to two years jail for "hooliganism"? 77) Which American astronaut died? 78) Armenia severed diplomatic relations with which country?
- 79) Brazilian researchers found venom from which animal can relieve erectile dysfunction in less than 20 minutes?
- 80) Which British entertainer died in Hope Island, Queensland, Australia?
- 81) Which film director of *Top Gun* committed suicide?

In September

- 82) State television in Egypt lifted a decades-long ban on what? 83) Canada officially cut diplomatic
- ties with which country? 84) The Hong Kong government

backs down on plans to introduce what classes in its schools?

85) Which Korean religious leader died?

86) Who died in September having served 26 years as head of the Formula One on-track medical team, and first responder in case of a crash?

87) Which famous American singer died?

88) Which Czech-born actor died? He had been in *Pink Panther* and *The Ladykillers*.

89) A series of terrorist attacks were directed against United States diplomatic missions, puportedly over which film?

90) Two US Marines in Afghanistan are charged with urinating on what?

91) The 39th Ryder Cup was won by which team?

In October

92) King Norodom Sihanouk of which country died?

93) The British government is dragged into the nationwide underage sex scandal surrounding whom?

94) Who become the first person to break the sound barrier without any machine assistance?

95) A Lancashire Police officer used a Taser on a blind man whose white cane was mistaken for what?

96) Which renowned Indian film director and producer died from dengue fever?

97) Which American politician, historian and author died?

98) Which US former professional road racing cyclist was stripped of his seven Tour de France titles? 99) Which Hurricane killed at least 209 people in the Caribbean, Bahamas, United States and Canada?

100) The 2012 ICC World Twenty20 was won by which team?

101) In Major League Baseball, the San Francisco Giants defeated who to win their second World Series in three years?

In November

102) A young man in Lampang province wanted to be a monk, but his local temple would not ordain him. Why not?

103) In the U.S. Presidential election, Barack Obama beat Mitt Romney. Can you name the two Vice Presidential running mates? 104) Bishop Tawadros is selected as the new 118th pope of which Church?

105) Which Typhoon killed at least 714 in the Philippines with around 890 people still missing?

106) Which well-known American actor died?

107) Which Club won the 2012 Thai FA Cup?

108) In the Davis Cup, the Czech Republic defeated which team in the final?

109) Who won the Formula One World Drivers' Championship? 110) India hanged Ajmal Kasab. Who was he?

111) The remains of which leader were exhumed to discover how he died in 2004?

In December

112) Which racing team left Formula One, unable to find a buyer.

113) The IOC suspended which national Olympic committee so that their athletes will be barred from competing in Olympic events under their national flag?

114) Which Australian radio station suspended all advertising in the wake of the death of Jacintha Saldanha?

115) Which Bank will pay US authorities US\$1.9 billion over money laundering for drug cartels and countries under sanctions?

116) Which famous American pianist died?

117) Oscar Niemeyer died. What was he?

was ne? 118) Which English astronomer and broadcaster died?

119) Which renowned Indian musician died?

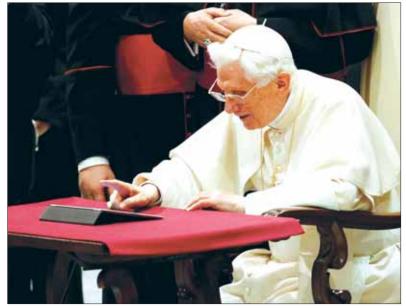
120) The coroner ruled that Eva Rausing, the wife of the Tetra Pak multi-millionaire heir, died as a result of what?

121) A shooting in which US. State left 28 people dead, including 20 children?

Answers are on page 50.



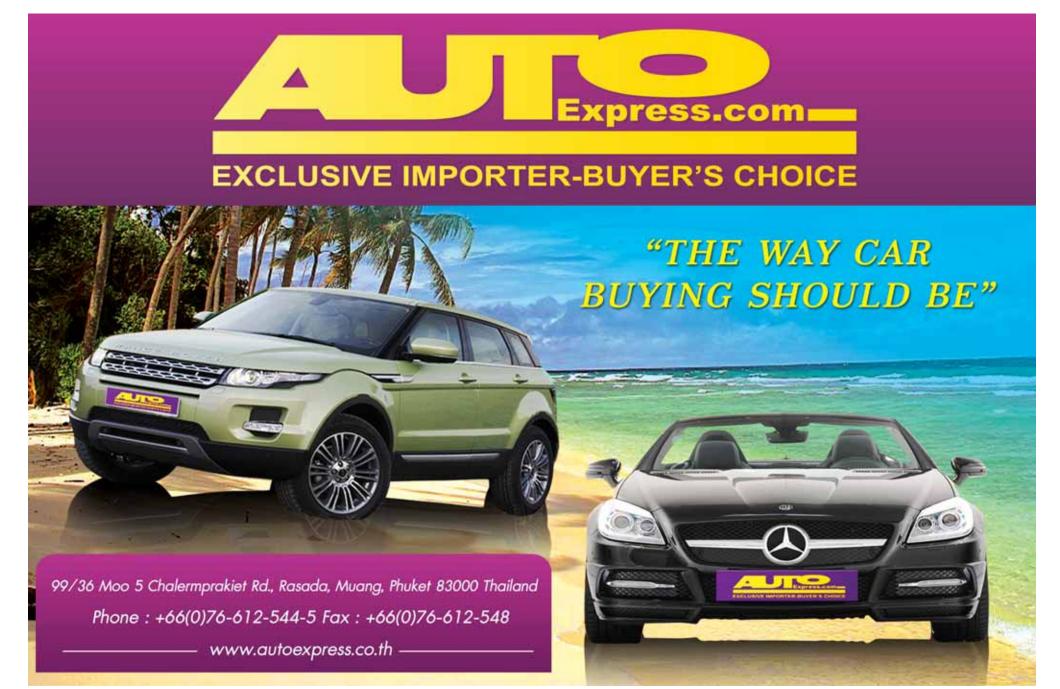
The Green Man wishes Phuket Gazette readers a Happy New Year.



IPOPE: Pope Benedict XVI posts his first tweet using an iPad tablet. Both were in the news in 2012. Photo: REUTERS/Giampiero Sposito



Formula One driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany. Photo: REUTERS/Sergio Moraes

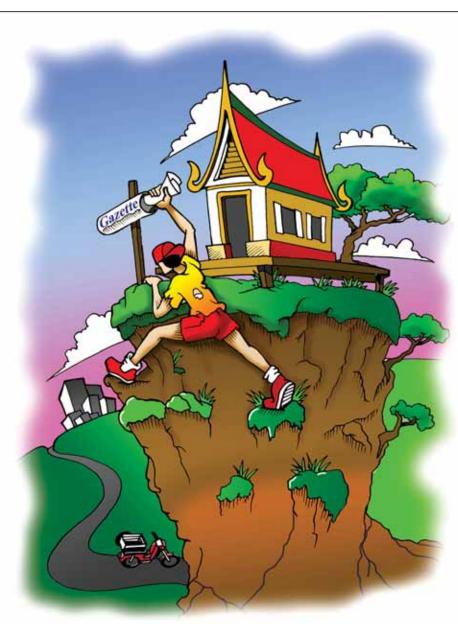




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Biting the bulllet

Driving, getting legal and staying safe on Phuket's roads

By Steven Layne

ONE lifestyle decision that anyone residing in Phuket (or even just on an extended holiday) will eventually come to consider, is whether or not to achieve transport independence – if not for the sake of convenience then certainly out of necessity.

It's no secret that getting around via public transport in other prime destinations of the Kingdom – Bangkok, Khon Kaen, Haad Yai, Pattaya, or even Chiang Mai, for instance – is more convenient.

Indeed, the public transport options in Phuket are much more limited, if not confusing or unreasonably priced.

Early in your Phuket experience, you might be willing to just hire motorbike taxis and personal chauffeurs, but this just won't suffice for those with limited means, or who value their personal safety (for more information, just Google "Phuket taxi news").

A 'No-brainer' or just no brain?

The next obvious option is to rent or buy a motorbike. Due to commute time and economic advantages, the motorbike at first seems like a 'no-brainer' – hence all the tourists renting and riding them. However, most people with half a brain will eventually come to the realization that driving a motorbike in Phuket (or anywhere in Thailand for that matter) is actually more like the 'no-brain' option. Whether you agree with that or not, the fact is that motorbike accidents remain one of the, if not the top non-natural causes of death in the Kingdom – for both Thais and foreigners.

The Number 1 choice by default

So, that brings us to the final option: automobile. Yes, cars, trucks and vans are relatively more

expensive to acquire, maintain and operate. Yet they remain the most viable option for someone who wants transportation independence, while greatly reducing the risk of ending up on the wrong side of a four-foot wide tyre.

That said, simply acquiring an automobile, filling the tank

enough to pull one out of harm's way – far from it. I wish I could tell you that you also have to be cautious of traffic police, but that's simply not an immediate concern for drivers in Phuket. So, why get a license at all? For me, it came down to insurance, and the financial risks I would be putting myself, and more importantly, my family in, if situation, you would be looking involved in a serious accident.

Make no mistake, not having a valid Thai drivers license is enough reason for any insurance company to deny a claim.

It is also a enough reason for a Thai police officer to jail you, if they so please. Having said that, there really is no excuse get your Thai drivers' license if you haven't already.

If you already have a valid drivers license from your home country this can be converted into an international driver's license in Phuket. For more information on getting that transferred check with our partner Thaivisa.com.

However, this is technically not enough in the eyes of Thai law (though it may be enough for some police officers – depending on how they feel that day).

A spokesperson of the local Transportation Office told the Gazette: "It doesn't matter how long you're in Thailand. To drive legally, you either need an international drivers license, which falls under the Geneva convention on international driving, or you need a valid Thai drivers license."

The spokesperson confirmed that even tourists can apply for a one-year license as soon as they arrive in Thailand (as soon as they can make it to the Land Transport Office during operating hours).

And, for those with a valid license from their home country, who don't posses an international drivers' permit, it's easy enough to get issued a Thai license, without having to go through all the tests.

Obtaining a Thai driver's license

While the enforcement of traffic laws in Phuket may seem lax, the written and driving tests are not, and the officials at Phuket's Land Transport Office can and will fail you if you don't pass the strict

criteria.

If I may give a final bit of friendly advice: name the parts of the test. At first, I failed the parallel parking test. Their demonstration used an ultra small Honda Jazz, making it look easier than it was.

Line your car up parallel with the car in front of the space

and checking the oil is not you want to park in. (At the PLTO parallel parking testing station, there is no front car, so you'll have to imagine that there is one.

Road rage. Photo: Robert

S Donovan

Next, turn your steering wheel all the way in the direction of the parking space (left) and put the gear in reverse. Slowly back into the space, monitoring the rearview mirror on the driver's side of the car. In an actual parallel park

for the full width of the rear car to appear in the mirror.

At the PLTO station, there is no rear car, only three cemented poles. So, as soon as you see all three of those poles in the right, rearview, then you should adjust the steering wheel so that the wheels are straight, and you are slowly backing into the space at a 45 degree angle.

Now, you should look to the front car (three cemented poles), and turn your steering wheel all the way in the direction away from the parking space (right) as soon as you can, so that the front end of your car won't hit the rear side of the front car (cemented pole).

If you wait too long, then you will have backed too far to be able to straighten yourself out. You only get to change gears five times to pass. A perfect park can be done in two to three gear changes.



A crane rips off a van's roof in Phuket earlier this month. Photo: Gazette File



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Across:

- 8. Has moved Northern Nationalist on Irish river (7)
- 9. Great, had bud opening for religious image on Phuket hill (3,6)
- 13. Pretty unknown sprite (5) 14. Left turn, one soldier with an Italian name (5)
- 15. Glued in, possibly spoil (7) 16. Cat turns speechless to
- pretend stupidity (3,4)
- 17. So in disturbance note racket (5)
- 18. Kingly glare disturbed (5)
- 20. Former wife first to be living (5) 22. Remember to replace
- defective goods (6)
- 23. Pious voted out around

university (6)

- 25. Makes a show of fine liberal female relatives (7)
- 27. Nude man can be humdrum (7) 30. Take a short journey back, do, for the camera support (6)
- 31. A Rear Admiral deserter in a biblical landfall (6)
- 32. Bogus jewel stick (6)
- 35. Widow does not have time for antiquity (5)
- 36. Mother back if a member of the mob (5)
- 37. Gets assurance in ruse traveling around the South (7)
- 39. Knock ape around at Phuket waterfall (4,3)
- 41. Good man or Master in bad weather (5)
- 42. Maybe plea about millions is enough (5)
- 43. Instruction course (9)
- 44. Never finished, send Les out (7)

12 16 17 18 20 22 23 24 25 27 28 29 33 30 31 32 34 35 36 37 39 41 42 43 44

Down:

- 1. Saving time, hour gap (6)
- 2. Hardly merely fair (4,4)
- 3. Operate in combination with
- colonel work put away! (11) 4. Diana can be seen as capable of
- being separated (9) 5. With gold, I be as required (7)
- 6. Fool moved a hundred of French inside (10)
- 7. I had nothing left for one who is greatly admired (4)
- 10. A fine male set out in a glow

of light (6)

- 11. Can pine, become tender (7)
- 12. One piece of shot, the French pelt around (6)
- 19. Reasons in law for enclosed ornamental land (7)
- 21. I will bequeath hostility (3,4)
- 24. Cutting short by abrupt illness (11)
- 26. Not settled, not working (10)
- 28. In favor of blending in abundance (9)
- 29. Re. actor becoming producer (7)
- 30. Stirring broths, pulses (6)
- 32. Able to be get through, not too bad (8)
- 33. Each rise out with less trouble (6)
- 34. Article maybe sent my pardon (7)
- 38. Lie in respect of assumed position (6)
- 40. Not applicable, the Italian tack (4)

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

horoscope By Isla Star

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20):

Where finances are concerned, connections with others will make this a fruitful year for Capricorns. Your health will benefit from accepting that you don't have to control everything. Affairs of the heart are forecast to be more settled; those who are single will put more focus on friendship before becoming romantically involved. If your birthday falls during the week ahead, the stars suggest you will be making very different New Year resolutions from those made last year.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19):

More responsibilities are forecast to come your way during 2013, but the stars advise that Aquarians will rise to these new challenges and turn them to their advantage. Where work and business are concerned, playing by the rules can become tedious, but seeking shortcuts is predicted to lead you in the wrong direction. After a fairly non-eventful first few months, romance will be hot during summer, with a relationship starting when you least expect it.

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20):

Crossed wires can complicate romantic relationships for those born under the sign of Pisces during the first quarter of 2013. You will need to be clear about what you want and this can only happen after you have honest with yourself. been Communication will also be the key to success in financial matters. Inheritance or property related affairs can be affected by misunderstandings or someone providing false information around the middle of the year.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20):

The ability to work with others gives Arians the edge this year, particularly during the first few months. Having got a head start, the stars suggest that you will coast towards success by the end of summer. The second half of 2013 is an auspicious time for property purchase, but there are signs that sudden relocation could mean you will be looking further afield. Romance that has been blowing hot and cold is forecast to simmer down soon.

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21):

Taureans are advised to make efforts to slow down during 2013. The fast pace of this year cannot be maintained without negative effects on your health. Where money is concerned, the year gets off to a good start, with expansion and collaboration well starred during the first quarter. Business partnerships are subject to change around the middle of the year, but this will be viewed as a positive development. In the realm of romance, it will be important to meet partners halfway.

GEMINI (May 22-Jun 21):

Your romantic outlook is mostly rosy for 2013, but the stars advise that small cracks in a relationship should be mended before further damage is done. Where business is concerned, it will be important to pick your projects carefully as there are signs that valuable time can be wasted on wild goose chases, especially during the last quarter. Sport can result in injuries during the summer; this is not the ideal time to indulge in intrepid activities.

CANCER (Jun 22-Jul 23):



The stars suggest that Cancerians will have to stand their ground during the first quarter of 2013. This particularly applies to financial matters, but your negotiating skills should encourage positive results. Cash flow improves during the summer months and this can lead to extensive travel plans being made. In the realm of romance, those in a longstanding relationship find more independence later in the year, without feelings being hurt.

LEO (Jul 24-Aug 22):

Where work is concerned, Leos are likely to be spending more time away from home during the first quarter of 2013. This is an auspicious period for those who are selfemployed to make their mark in the world of business. Your confidence is strong, but certain colleagues may be intimidated by a too forceful approach. Romantic relationships are better starred during the second half of the year when you will be more focused on caring and sharing.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 23):

Success can be yours with careful planning at the start of 2013. There are signs that distractions could mean Virgoans will not pay enough attention to work and finances as the New Year starts. Buying and selling are well-starred during the summer, with property highlighted to be a reliable source of income. Your luck in romance peaks during the last quarter; this is a time when instant attraction can lead to lasting love.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23):

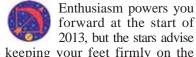
The stars suggest that Librans will become more inventive with finances during 2013. Value for money is forecast to be a priority during the first quarter and you should be able to make astute investments. Where romance is concerned, uncertainty

can influence relationships during the summer and advice from others can complicate matters unnecessarily. The last quarter brings peace of mind, possibly resulting from traveling to a place you haven't visited for a long time.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22):

The New Year begins on a promising note for Scorpios, with financial gain indicated to provide more options, particularly related to housing. During the second quarter you may be faced with a series of work challenges, with important changes in your situation demanding a new perspective. By the last quarter the stars suggest that control will be regained. Romance can be a rollercoaster ride during the summer, followed by a calmer period and possible commitment by next Christmas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21):



ground, especially where investments are concerned. Loss is highlighted to arise from an impetuous move late in the first quarter. Your luck in love starts to pick up and commitment shy Sagittarians could have something to celebrate around the middle of the year. Those already spoken for will be keen to rekindle excitement in a relationship.

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Captain Charlie Dwyer – a Superyacht Captain's Life

"CHAMPAGNE" Charlie Dwyer is away from a fight, it's far better than the larger-than-life captain of the superyacht Yanneke Too which recently participated in the annual Superyacht Rendezvous off Bang Tao Beach. To many, Captain Dwyer's life of exotic travel, lavish social events and exhilarating adventure seems idyllic, but the reality is far from 'all plain sailing' as he told the *Phuket* Gazette in a recent interview.

Phuket Gazette: What are the best and the worst times you've experienced in your career?

Charlie Dwyer: I would like to think that over the years I've had more good times than bad. The problem with getting old is that you have a tendency to remember the bad before the good.

When you have been sailing around the planet for twenty-plus years you are bound to have had some bad days. I have had more than my share. The worst day and

the best day of my life was when I picked up anchor in Patong Bay aboard Yanneke Too and headed for sea just ten minutes before the tsunami struck in December 2004. I was devastated as I watched the destruction unfold right in front

of my eyes. It was later that

day that I realized this was also my luckiest day, as we had no damage and we had survived what thousands of others unfortunately did not. I prayed to my Buddha that night and thanked him for letting my crew and me have another chance. We might not have deserved it, but it sure was welcome.

Yanneke Too in Bang Tao Bay.

Would you say you are a lucky person?

Yes I am a very lucky guy. Quite a few years ago when transiting the Red Sea with a few other yachts we had an attempted boarding. An "attempted boarding" is a nice way of saying a pirate attack! Unlike the fun we have playing at pirates during the Phuket Superyacht Rendezvous, these pirates were looking for booty of another kind. We out-ran them and managed to escape unscathed and this time I thanked my Irish Luck. As any good Irishman knows, if you can run

taking a beating.

Have you had any really close shaves out at sea?

Just last year I was taking Yanneke Too from New Zealand to Tahiti. The weather router said we would hit some rough patches along the way but we should be fine. The router was wrong! For four days and three nights we were kicked about by the Sea Gods. The Devil says that just one day with 55-knot winds and fourplus meter waves is like three days in hell. Well, I think I have at least a few days in the Devil's bank as a result of storms like that one. On the fifth day it seemed as though Moses had waved his staff and Neptune had obeyed. The winds died and we had survived. This time I thanked God himself.

So what is your motivation for continuing to risk life and limb?

these really frightening incidents I start to wonder: "Why do I do this? Why do I put my life in peril?" Then one day at 05:30 I wake up and there's a low morning mist with a single spire rising out of the fog. I think perhaps I've woken up in 'Yachtsman's Heaven'; there must have been a storm

After

last night and my 'Luck of the Irish' has finally run out. But no, the Gods have shone on me once again, as when I check the chart I find I'm in fact just five nautical miles up the Irrawaddy River and will be arriving in Yangon in a few hours.



SHIPSHAPE: Charlie Dwyer at the helm of Yanneke Too. Photos: Asia Superyacht Rendezvous

Yes, I have found 'Cruising Yacht Nirvana'. Myanmar, Burma or by any other name this country would be just as beautiful. This is the day that I answer the question, "Why do I do this"? The answer is because the Gods have been good to me and have given me the special opportunity of seeing the world in a different light than the landlubber.

I was born to be a captain and my life has been enchanting because of it. I have sailed around the world more than ten times; I have touched every ocean and I have been to places like the Tuamotus, the Marquesas Islands,

Nuie, Glacia Bay, Newport and Maine. I have been to places with no name and I hope they stay that way. I have been where no man has gone before and I thank all the Gods

for giving me the opportunity.

With a little more luck the Gods will let me sail into Burma one last time and drop my anchor at 'Yachtsman's Heaven' once again.



ALL HANDS: The crew hard at work.





The unfathomable Mr Murray

By Patrick Campbell

"A COUPLE of days after Wimbledon, I dreamt I'd actually won it and was gutted to open my eyes and realize I hadn't".

That realization compounded what had already been a "so near and yet so far" year for Andy Murray; a year in which he had reached the final of Wimbledon, the semifinal of the Australian Open and the quarter final of the French Open.

Most tennis players would regard that as a success story. But Murray is different. Different because he is, in many expert's estimation, the most naturally gifted player on the planet, a superbly endowed athlete, unrecognizable from the skinny eighteenyear old who first gave notice of an exceptional talent in waiting.

Of course, Murray's summer did turn into a golden one in which he won Olympic gold, and the American Open, beating his nemeses, Federer and Djokovic along the way. And it presaged a marvelous autumn campaign, with a series of important tournaments culminating in the London Masters.

Yet he won nothing more, losing to several lower ranked opponents, and frittering away several match points in the process.

Ivan Lendl, his high-profile coach, is certainly not satisfied, recently remarking: "I have a lot of plans [for] where I would like to see Andy end up with his game," adding that ,"he is at 20 per cent of where I want him to be."

That may be a bit of kidology in a sport where nano-margins separate the merely

excellent from the world-beaters. But Lendl is right: there is room for improvement. And the changes need to be tactical and technical as well as mental. Indeed, one could argue that all the sports psychologists in the world cannot alter a person's innate personality.

Technically, one could begin with the serve. It is the heaviest weapon among the big four, but also the least consistent. It tends to crack under pressure. Countless times this year, Murray has broken his opponent and then tamely surrendered the next game by serving inconsistently.

The stats speak for themselves. In some matches, his ratio of first serves has been in the 40 per cent range. After one or two sets, it has dropped to thirty something. Why? Maybe because the service motion is overcomplicated, with too many moving parts. While not suggesting a radical change à la Tiger Woods, it does suffer in comparison with the smoother, more reliable action of a Federer or Djokovic.

I sometimes wish Andy would take a bit of pace off the ball, and aim six inches inside the service lines rather than strive for an outright winner. He would still win most of the points.

In common with all good players, Murray has always come into matches with a strategic game plan: to target an opponent's perceived weakness, or his lack of mobility. But in tight situations and against the best, his tactical 'nous' seems to desert him in a red mist, in a volley of self-accusatory mutterings. When



ENIGMA: Andy Murray poses with his gold medal at the London Olympics. Photo: AFP

Federer is having a bad patch, he stays cool, takes more chances, especially in terms of coming to the net.

Murray, as McEnroe once remarked, has wonderful hands. Indubitably, he is a great natural volleyer. And his ground strokes, second to none, are bound to force the odd weak or lofted return.

But Andy rarely comes to the net to

put the ball away and win a cheap point.

An enigma? Yes. Some will say these comments are hypercritical. But his potential is so huge.

He is the most naturally gifted player in the game, the best mover, along with Djokovic, the best returner. He has an unparalleled range of shots. He should be the best, not merely one of the best.

THE SPORTING YEAR IN QUOTES



"I'm sure he's smiling from up there that someone has finally managed to do it from Britain, I just hope I can see another British player in my lifetime win a Grand Slam," Andy Murray after becoming the first British man since Fred Perry in 1936 to win the US

"I really think a champion is defined not by their wins but by how they can recover when they fall. I have fallen several times. Each time I just get up and I dust myself off and I pray and I'm able to do better,"-Serena Williams after coming back from a life-threatening illness to win the Wimbledon, Olympic and US Open titles.

ICE HOCKEY

"This is something everyone's dreamed of for their whole lives and this city's dreamed of for 45 years," - Los Angeles captain Dustin Brown after the Kings won the Stanley Cup for the first time. 'We are not prepared to open another season until we have a new collective bargaining agreement," - NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman signalling the start of another player lockout.



"It's about damn time," -Miami Heat forward LeBron James after winning his first NBA title. "We're all so proud of LeBron. When you get to know LeBron, you don't understand why he was such a lightning rod for the criticism, -Miami Heat coach Erik Spoelstra.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

"This isn't about bragging rights. This is a lot bigger. This is about a team, an organization being named world champions," -New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning after winning his second Super Bowl, one more than his older brother Peyton.

"It is our responsibility to safety and the integrity of our game and this kind of conduct will not be tolerated." -NFL commissioner Roger Goodell after announcing a range of penalties following revelations of the New Orleans Saints cash-for-hits scheme.

CRICKET

Where else in the world do you get the opportunity to basically kill someone with two bouncers an over? Or try, legally," - South African fast bowler Dale Steyn. "Cricket is not like a government job where retirement age is fixed at 60. A cricketer can

India's evergreen batsman Virender Sehwag.

retire at 30 or 60; it's up to the player,"

"These were happy and glorious Games," IOC president Jacques Rogge at the closing

"I did everything I wanted to. I finished my career the way I wanted to." - American swimmer Michael Phelps after retiring with 18 gold medals.

"I hope that this medal inspires the kids at home to put down guns and knives and pick up a pair of trainers instead." - Erick Barrondo, winner of Guatemala's first-ever Olympic medal with silver in the men's 20-kilometer race walk

"I'm now a legend. I'm also the greatest athlete to live." - Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt after retaining his 100 and 200 meter titles. "Bolt was good but Rudisha was magnificent - it was the performance of the Games, not just track and field," - London 2012 head Sebastian Coe about Kenvan David Rudisha's world record win in the 800 meters



RUGBY

"It's for other people to judge whether we are the greatest team or not- or if we are a great team,"- New Zealand coach Steve Hansen after another dominant season by the All Blacks. "Today, we witnessed the arrival of a new generation of Welsh rugby heroes - a group of players who have equaled the success of those great Welsh teams of the past "- Wales First Minister Carwyn Jones after Wales won the Grand Slam and the Six Nations.

MOTOR RACING

People were not even mentioning us when they were talking about the championship, but I think the most important thing was that we always kept believing,"- Sebastian Vettel after winning his third successive Formula One world title at age 25.

"If the sword breaks, attack with the hands. If they cut off your hands, push the enemy with your shoulders, even with your teeth," Championship runner-up Fernando Alonso about his battles with Vettel



"It sounds cheesy, but your whole life is for this and the reason I got into cycling as a kid was today,"- Bradley Wiggins after becoming the first Briton to win the Tour de

"There comes a point in every man's life when he has to say, 'Enough is enough.' For me, that time is now," - Lance Armstrong, announcing he would not contest the doping charges against him and his former team. "The evidence shows beyond any doubt that the US Postal Service Pro Cycling Team ran the most sophisticated, professionalized and successful doping program that sport has ever seen," - statement from US Anti-Doping Agency chief executive Travis

FOOTBALL

"I am more worried about being a good person than being the best football player in the world. When all this is over, what are you left with?" - Barcelona and Argentina forward Lionel Messi. "We're talking about a great generation of footballers. This is a great era for Spanish football,"- Spain coach Vicente del Bosque after his team won the Europea championship.

"I never got this far in my dreams," -Bubba Watson after winning the Masters in a dramatic playoff with Louis Oosthuizen. "He's not all the talent in the world to do what he's doing. And this is the way that Rory can play," -Tiger Woods about Rory Mellroy after the Northern Irishman won PGA Championship by eight shots.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

"It's amazing what a group of guys who play like a team can accomplish. I'm numb that we have won two World Series in the last three years,"- San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy after the Giants swept the Detroit Tigers 4-0 to win the Fall Classic. "I'm a little bit flabbergasted to be honest with you. I never would have thought that we would have swept the New York Yankees (to reach the World Series) and I never would have thought that the Giants would have swept us but it happened,"- Detroit

manager Jim Leyland.

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Pietersen dropped



Kevin Pietersen has just returned for England.

PROLIFIC batsman Kevin Pietersen has been left out of England's limited-overs squad for next year's New Zealand tour as part of a policy to better manage the workload of players, according to the country's cricket board.

Former skipper Pietersen, who will play in the five-match one-day international series in India next month, will not be part of the three Twenty20 internationals and three ODIs in New Zealand.

Meanwhile, James Anderson, Jonathan Trott and Graeme Swann were named in the ODI squad after being rested for the five-match series against India, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) said in a

statement.

"There are a number of players who we have decided not to select... as we look to manage their workloads effectively while ensuring we remain competitive across all formats," national selector Geoff Miller said.

"We feel this is the best way of keeping players as physically and mentally fresh as possible during a demanding 2013 and beyond." Kevin Pietersen will miss the limited-overs tour of New Zealand with Graeme Swann missing the T20 leg of the tour.

"This approach also provides an opportunity for talented young players to gain more international experience which will be important for their development and the development of England sides in the future."

All-rounder Stuart Broad will return to lead the T20 side after missing the twomatch series against India.

England will also play three tests against New Zealand during their tour which starts with the first T20 match in Auckland on February 9.

England T20 squad: Stuart Broad (captain), Jonny Bairstow, Tim Bresnan, Danny Briggs, Jos Buttler, Jade Dernbach, Steven Finn, Alex Hales, Michael Lumb, Stuart Meaker, Eoin Morgan, Samit Patel, James Tredwell and Luke Wright.

England ODI squad: Alastair Cook (captain), James Anderson, Jonny Bairstow, Ian Bell, Tim Bresnan, Stuart Broad, Jos Buttler, Steven Finn, Craig Kieswetter, Eoin Morgan, Samit Patel, Graeme Swann, James Tredwell and Jonathan Trott. - Reuters

Cincinnati Bengals Playoff bound

THE Cincinnati Bengals edged the Pittsburgh Steelers to reach the NFL playoffs, and the Indianapolis Colts joined the postseason party by capping their remarkable turnaround in pressurepacked action on Sunday.

The advancement of Cincinnati (9-6). 13-10 winners over their bitter AFC North rivals, and Indianapolis (10-5), who beat the Kansas City Chiefs 20-13, completed the playoff list in the American Football Conference, though seeding issues remained.

The Houston Texans (12-3) failed to capitalize on a chance to clinch top seeding in the AFC by losing 23-6 to the Minnesota Vikings (9-6), who stayed alive for an NFC playoff berth.

AFC North title honors went to the Baltimore Ravens (10-5), who ended a three-game losing streak by dominating the New York Giants 33-14.

Playoff hopes for the Super Bowl champion Giants (8-7) hung by a thread after losing their last two games by an aggregate score of 67-14.

Playoff berths remain up for grabs in the NFC, with the East Division title and a wildcard spot still at stake.

The Seattle Seahawks grabbed one of the NFC wildcard berths with a crushing 42-13 victory over the San Francisco



GRIDIRON: Bengals' QB Andy Dalton.

49ers as quarterback Russell Wilson threw a career-high four touchdowns.

The Washington Redskins (9-6) maintained the upper hand in their quest for the NFC East title by hanging on for a 27-20 win against the Philadelphia Eagles (4-11), while the Dallas Cowboys (8-7) suffered a 34-31 overtime loss to the New Orleans Saints.

The Chicago Bears (9-6) stayed in playoff contention with a 28-13 victory over the Arizona Cardinals (5-10).

NFC North champions Green Bay Packers (11-4) maintained their strong form with a 55-7 thrashing of the Tennessee Titans as Aaron Rodgers threw for three touchdowns and 342 yards.

Tom Brady threw a pair of interceptions in the first quarter but recovered to lead the AFC East champions New England Patriots (11-4) to a 23-16 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars (2-13).

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Sport

Hopeful Hodgson

WINNING a second World Cup title in Brazil in 2014 should not be impossible for England, manager

Roy Hodgson said on Sunday.

"We're far from being favorites but you have got to shy away from 'impossible' in football," Hodgson told the BBC.

Hodgson, appointed on May 1 on a four-year contract, used Chelsea's Champions League win in the same month as an example of how unpredictable football was.

"There are plenty of events in football that you could have said were impossible but people have done it.

"It wasn't likely that Chelsea would become champions of Europe, especially having to change their manager mid-stream but they did it. That was by beating Barcelona and Bayern Munich two of the best teams in Europe. so I'd like to keep that dream alive.'

England reached the quarterfinals of the European championship this year but lost on penalties

to Italy and have failed to get past the last eight of a major tournament since Euro 1996, when they made the semi-finals on home soil.

The 1966 World Cup winners have a battle on their hands to make it to Brazil as they are second in Group H, two points behind Montenegro after four games and with six fixtures remaining in 2013.

Hodgson said that, given the amount of home-grown talent, he felt optimistic about the future and hoped that with so many players of a high standard there would be increased competition for places.

"We have a lot of quality players

 you could reel 30-40 players off the top of your head quite easily and add some of these young players who seem to have a very bright future in front of them," he said.

"I think the main problems are whether the main figures are available at the right time when you need them. Do we have enough competition in the really

important positions in the teams?"

The influx of foreign players into the Premier League had affected the careers of young English players in recent years but the current Manchester United team showed that home-grown talent was leading the way, Hodgson said.

"I know there are a lot of foreigners in the league but there are plenty of English ones. There were seven English players playing for Manchester United the other day and they're top of the Premier League." – Reuters



Grimes brothers racing year

SINCE the last update by the *Phuket* Gazette on the progress of Ben and Sam Grimes in their rookie karting race year, the boys made good progress in the second half of the season.

Clearly their mid-season driver coaching and testing sessions, together with improved fitness levels paid off and showed just how important investing time and effort outside of race weekends is.

Ben and Sam raced in four events in the last quarter – the final 2 rounds of the Thai Championship, the final round of the Malaysia AMC Championship and finally the annual Krabi Kart Championship

Ben qualified 3rd, 0.5 seconds off of pole in Round 5 of the Thai Championship and was reasonably competitive throughout the weekend. He stepped it up significantly in the final round at Saraburi International Circuit with a stunning pole position time of

1 minute 2.004 seconds on the last lap of the qualifying session, out-qualifying several drivers with years of experience in Thailand and around Asia **Pacific**

In Heat 1, Ben finished 3rd after lots of trouble on the first lap – he dropped to 8th, but

fought back to eventually finish 3rd. Unfortunately, Ben then developed carburetor problems in Heat 2, which worsened throughout the day.

Despite being a full four seconds a lap slower in the Final, Ben persevered and doggedly finished the race, a long way last. However, the determination to finish remarkably paid dividends, and after scrutineering, he was promoted to 4th place as a result of karts not finishing, two karts being underweight and one being disqualified for an engine infraction.

This proved to be vital for Ben, as the points he collected by finishing fourth elevated him to an overall 3rd place podium finish in the overall KF3/Junior Thai Championship.

A fantastic first season effort when you also add in the three podium finishes and a pole position.

Sam's improvement in speed in the second half of the season was dramatically emphasized in the last two rounds of the Thai Championship, where he qualified on the front row in both Rounds 5 and 6, narrowly missing out on pole position on both occasions to Jakkarin, the stand out Cadet driver of the year, who comfortably won this year's overall Championship after finishing runner up in last year's World Mini Rok Championship in Italy.

Sam's lack of race craft hindered him during both races.

Starting on the outside of the track proved to be his downfall and on both occasions, he got pushed wide and dropped down the or-

der. In R5. Sam was back up to 4th and challenging for a podium finish, when he was hit from behind and spun off the track and in the R6 final, he managed to battle his way back and finish

The final round of the Asia Max Challenge at Sepang in Malaysia was

great experience for both boys as they raced in larger fields against some of the best young drivers in Asia. Racing conditions were tricky, as the track switched between wet, damp and dry conditions.

Sam qualified well in 5th but was plagued with both set up and mechanical problems all weekend.

Ben qualified 23rd after a difficult qualifying session, where he was only able to get in a couple of laps in changing track conditions; Ben had battled his way up to 18th in a very crowded mid field when he was hit by another kart, which forced him to retire with a bent axle.



PACE SETTER: Ben on his way to claiming pole position in Round 6. Photos: Peter Grimes

The boys travelled to Krabi for their final race of the year, with Ben deciding to compete against the adults in the very competitive Krabi Kart Senior Open Championship and Sam stepping up to race in a Junior 125cc KF3 kart for the first time, in the Phuket Open.

Ben was disappointed in qualifying 7th out of 10, due primarily to different tyre pressures in his front tyres, but had a good first race and made up three places to finish 4th in Heat 1. Heat 2 was called off due to terrible weather and he finally finished 4th (on slick tyres) in a very damp Final.

Sam took to racing the larger, faster kart like a duck to water and dominated the weekend, qualifying on pole

and then winning Heat 1, Heat 2 and the final, where he raced for the first time in very wet conditions. He only lost the lead once briefly in the Final, but retook it the following lap and never looked back.

Reflecting back on 2012, both boys are extremely pleased with the experience they have garnered and with what they have been

31) Mali

33) Hungary

34) 50 per cent

36) A swimmer

37) Algeria

35) Guinea-Bissau

38) North Korea

39) Former Liberian

41) The Scream, by

43) Mayor of London

47) Manchester United

Edvard Munch

45) Liverpool

46) Indonesia

49) Chelsea

51) Krabi

boyfriend

53) China

48) Vidal Sassoon

50) Robin Gibb

52) Killing and

dismembering his

54) Saudi Arabia

44) Japan

42) Conrad Black

President Charles Taylor

40) Westminster Abbey

32) Osama bin Laden

able to achieve in their rookie season. At the start of the year, no-one was really expecting any pole positions or wins; the aim was to gain experience, see gradual improvement in technique and results and to generally be-

come more competitive against drivers who have been racing for several years.

2013 will be a busier year with more racing planned. In addition to competing in the Thai Championship again next year, both boys will also compete in the Malaysia AMC Series as well as a couple of Asia Pacific Invitational races. There will be a significant investment in new chassis' and engines and a tie up with a new team in Malaysia next year and the

expectations for 2013 are much higher.

Ben and Sam – as part of a school approved project - have both been busy preparing a business and sponsorship plan to support their racing objectives for 2013 and are actively looking at developing an attractive package and proposition for potential sponsors. PhuketGazette

aggregate defeat, but

reflected on the deter-

mined effort made by

his side, who con-

trolled possession but

could not find a way

past the massed Lions

"I am very proud

of my squad," said

center-back

Beaten but not broken

Sam (left) on the front of the grid.

DESPITE his disappointment at seeing his side beaten by Singapore in the AFF Suzuki Cup final on Saturday, Thailand captain Panupong his side had battled in an attempt to over-

Cup in Bangkok.

Wongsa was still proud of the way that come a two-goal Singapore's forward M Kamal on the attack. Singapore's forward M Kamal on the attack. The 29-year-old. "It

The Thais entered the final as favorites to end a decade-long drought in the competition, and Kirati Keawsombat's bullet header just before half-time in the return match gave the War Elephants and their fans hope that they could become the first side ever to come from behind to win the final of the tournament, but they could not find a decisive second goal, which would have given them a fourth title and a first since 2002.

Along with the rest of his teammates, Panupong appeared drained and disappointed as he left Supachalasai stadium after the 3-2



was a big problem for us that we lost the deficit in the second leg of the AFF Suzuki first match 3-1 and we had to win by two goals today. If we had held the score to

> 1-1 or 2-1, I think that we would have won. "But that's football. We played well and we showed to our fans that we could play to our style of football."

> With the AFC Asian Cup qualifiers kicking off in February, there will be little time for rest for the Thai squad before they are back in action.

"It was disappointing that we didn't win here but now our target is to go to the finals of the Asian Cup in 2015," said Panupong. - Phuket Gazette

Answers to the 2012 Super quiz (on page 42) 93) Jimmy Savile 30) Hat Yai

Sam at the Krabi Open.

1) Iran

2) Spain 3) Germany

4) Novak Djokovic

5) Costa Concordia

6) Cairo 7) Declared bankrupt

8) The United States

and Israel 9) Yahoo!

10) Royal Bank of

Scotland

11) Facebook 12) Her 60th

13) Malév Hungarian

Airlines

14) Greece 15) Harry Redknapp

16) Whitney Houston

17) Egypt

18) Germany

19) Davy Jones

20) New England

Patriots 21) Encyclopædia

Britannica 22) Saint Laurence

23) Mali

24) Wales 25) The iPad 3

26) East Timor

27) John Demianiuk

28) Tonga 29) Earl Scruggs

O'Toole's heart

55) Electric vehicles 56) Rodney King 57) North Korea and Cuba

58) Yitzhak Shamir

59)Lonesome George 60) Radovan Karad•ic 62) Gangnam Style 63) Bradley Wiggins

64) Andy Murray

65) Higgs Boson 66) Be stripped of a title

for failing a drug test

67) Indonesian 68) The Dark Knight

Rises 69) Ernest Borgnine

70) Sally Ride 71) Gore Vidal

72) Syria 73) Snoop Lion

74) Curiosity 75) The 8th Prime

Minister of Malta 76) Pussy Riot

77) Neil Armstrong 78) Hungary

79) The banana spider 80) Max Bygraves

81) Tony Scott 82) Veiled female news

presenters 83) Iran 84) Chinese patriotism

85) Sun Myung Moon 86) Sid Watkins

87) Andy Williams

88) Herbert Lom 89) Innocence of Muslims

90) Taliban corpses

91) Europe 92) Cambodia

111) Yasser Arafat 112) HRT 113) India

Mumbai attacks

114) 2Day FM

115) HSBC

116) Dave Brubeck

94) Felix Baumgartner

97) George McGovern

98) Lance Armstrong

99) Hurricane Sandy

100) The West Indies

101) The Detroit Tigers

102) He is a hermaphrodite

103) Joe Biden and Paul

105) Typhoon Bopha,

known as "Pablo" in

106) Larry Hagman

107) Buriram United

109) Sebastian Vettel

110) The surviving

gunman in the 2008

104) The Coptic

Orthodox Church

the Philippines

108) Spain

95) A samurai sword

96) Yash Chopra

117) Brazilian architect

118) Patrick Moore

119) Ravi Shankar

120) Cocaine abuse

121) Connecticut



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