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## RAW SEWAGE BLOOMS LAP PATONG BEACH



# Tainted tides

**Officials take decisive action against foul tides washing over tourists**

By **Saran Mitrat**

IN THE wake of a tidal wave of complaints over the seawater quality at the key west-coast beach of Patong, the Phuket Environmental Office will begin conducting water-quality tests at the famous beach on Friday, August 23, as part of a new campaign to ensure tourists are no longer

swimming in polluted water.

The tests will monitor levels of a variety of pollutants, but primarily focus on how much wastewater is discharged into the waters at Phuket's main tourist beaches, confirmed Dr Pornsri Suthanaruk, director of the Phuket-based Regional Environmental Office 15.

"We will conduct instant tests on water temperature, salinity, alkalinity and clarity. We will also conduct our own tests on dissolved oxygen [DO] readings," she explained.

Samples of beach water will be given to the Phuket Marine Biological Center (PMBC) to test for plankton, phosphorous, chloroform bacteria and hydrocarbons.

"The tests for plankton, phosphorous and chloroform bacteria will help us monitor elevated

levels of untreated wastewater being released into the sea," Dr Pornsri explained.

"The level of hydrocarbons will indicate how much oil [cooking oil, engine oil and other forms of oil] is being released," she added.

The results of each round of water-quality tests will be publicly available, Dr Pornsri assured.

"At this stage, we're not sure if the results will be posted online. We're looking into that and we will talk with the PMBC about how the data is to be published," she told the *Gazette*.

"It should take no longer than two weeks from when the samples are taken," she added.

Although as of Wednesday the PEC...

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## Patong leader faces election fraud ruling

THE Phuket Election Commission (PEC) Director signed the order for the deposition of influential Patong Mayor Pian Keesin.

However, the director was vague on the details of the election fraud complaint filed against Mayor Pian and other Patong Administrative officials.

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## Jungle-trek raids target 7 jumbo camps

OFFICIALS raided seven elephant camps on the island to take DNA samples of seven elephants suspected of having been smuggled into Thailand from Myanmar.

Officers believe the animals were brought over the border to be used in the trekking tourism industry.

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## Family pleads for arrest of Jintana killer

THE husband of executed hotel human resources director Jintana Mahattanakap asked Phuket's top cop to re-invigorate his officers' hunt for the killer, months after the case appeared to have gone cold

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# Assailant 'Rocky' beats down tailor

By Chutharat Plerin

A NEPALESE tailor was beaten bloody by alleged business acquaintance "Rocky" on the Patong beach road on August 14, Phuket Police have reported.

Responding to a call at 12:30am, police arrived at the southern end of Thaweewong Road to find Nepali Aung Aung Latt bleeding profusely from several head wounds.

"The man was covered in blood," said Lt Col Pratuang Polmana of the Patong Police.

"He had made an appointment with some associates in Chalong to talk about business. But about 10 minutes after they arrived, a fight broke out and they started to attack him with brass knuckles and pieces of wood, then ran away," Col Pratuang explained.

"Rescue workers took him to Patong Hospital," he said.

Later Mr Aung was transferred to Vachira Phuket Hospital, where, on August 21, a hospital staffer said, "Mr Aung is in our care and still receiving treatment. We have yet to set a date for him to be discharged."

The *Gazette* was contacted by a family member of Mr Latt after the incident.

"Rocky and his group attacked



Patong tailor Aung Aung Latt is recovering. Photo: Thawit Bilabdullar

him [Mr Aung]," the relative said.

The bloody duel between the two tailors started about three months ago over a business conflict derived from competing for customers, explained Mr Aung's relative.

"Mr Aung was the one who attacked first. He was arrested after

attacking 'Rocky', and they agreed for a compensation payment of 50,000 baht to be made," the relative said.

Thai-Nepal Foundation President Phanuphong Limbuprasertkul confirmed to the *Gazette* on August 17 that 'Rocky' had been arrested.

## Russian national found hanged close to south coast landmark

A RUSSIAN man was found dead on August 17, hanged from a tree near Promthep Cape.

Chalong Police received a report of the dead foreigner at about 8:30am.

"We found the body of Vladimir Slobodenyuk, 29, hanging by a length of nylon rope from a large acacia tree near the soccer field [close to the large wind turbines]," said Thada Sodarak of the Chalong Police.

"It appears he died about three hours before we arrived," Capt Thada said.

Local residents told police that Mr Slobodenyuk appeared gloomy as he conducted his usual walk



Vista of Promthep Cape. Photo: Edwin

around the Nai Harn lagoon early Saturday morning.

The body of Mr Slobodenyuk was first spotted by Rawai Municipality garbage-collectors, who immediately called the police.

"We do not suspect foul play at this stage," Capt Thada said.

— **Kritsada Mueanhawong**

## British teen dies after eating single cashew nut at family meal at mall

A BRITISH boy on holiday with his family went into shock and died after consuming a single cashew nut on the night of August 19 in Patong.

Ethan Williams, 14, was taken to Patong hospital, but died en route, Patong Hospital Director Dr Sirichai Silapa-acha said.

Doctors believe that Ethan died either from an acute allergic reaction to the cashew nut or bronchial spasms brought about by bronchostenosis, a sudden narrowing of the bronchial tubes.

At about 8:30pm on August 19, police were notified of the tragedy.

"We questioned the family, who



The 14-year-old was with visiting Phuket with family. Photo: Rajkumar Jonnala

explained they had come to enjoy a holiday in Phuket. They went to Karon Beach and then headed to Jungceylon in Patong for some shopping and dinner," Patapee Srichai of the Patong Police said.

"The family explained that they had ordered some cashew nuts as

a side-dish, and that Ethan had only eaten a single one before he went into shock," Capt Patapee said.

The family declined to have an autopsy to determine the exact cause of death, Dr Sirichai said.

— **Thawit Bilabdullar**



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# Patong election fraud

## Party town's biggest player, Pian Keesin, to face the music

By Chutharat Plerin

THE Phuket Election Commission (PEC) Director, Kittipong Thiengkunakrit, signed an order on July 29 to remove Patong Mayor Pian Keesin from office for vote fraud.

However, in talking with the *Gazette*, he was vague about the details of the complaint filed that led him to dismiss one of Phuket's most powerful politicians.

"Mayor Pian and other Patong Administrative officials are still in their positions because the order we received from the Office of the Election Commission of Thailand (OECT) in Bangkok has yet to be finalized," Mr Kittipong confirmed.

"The complaint was filed against Mayor Pian and other Patong Administrative officials on September 11 last year, just nine days after the election," Mr Kittipong stated.

The order to remove Mayor Pian and two other Patong



The order did not clarify if Mr Pian could run again. Photo: Gazette file

Municipality council members from office has been appealed, Mr Kittipong said.

The decision now rests in the hands of the Court of Appeals

Region 8, in Phuket Town.

The OECT order, posted publicly online by Kathu District Chief Veera KerdSirimongkol on August 10, mandates that Mayor Pian be

removed from office and that another election be held.

However, the order did not stipulate a date for the election to be held. It also failed to clarify whether or not Mayor Pian would be allowed to run for re-election.

Mr Kittipong explained that the order from the OECT came well after the election, though election law dictates that any complaint against electoral candidates be filed within 30 days of the election, because the provincial EC office has a full year to investigate any claim.

The election law regarding the complaints applies only to local and provincial politicians throughout Thailand, and does not apply to national politicians, he explained.

Mr Kittipong reviewed, vetted and endorsed the election results and recommended to Bangkok to declare Mr Pian the winner of the election, despite the complaint filed.

### In brief...

#### Reward offered for burglar of Democrat office

A REWARD of 5,000 baht was offered on August 21 for any information leading to the arrest of a thief who is believed to have broken into the Democrat Party Phuket office not once, but twice this month.

#### Provincial Hall adds more CCTV, tightens security

A TOTAL of four high-definition CCTV cameras have been added to the entrance and exit of the Provincial Hall complex following the bomb blast on the grounds on August 1.

As an additional safety measure, all other entrances, including those designed for pedestrians only, have been closed.

Anyone entering the complex outside of working hours, 6pm to 6am, is required to show some form of identification when passing by the cameras, Chief of Phuket Provincial Office Prajied Aksornthammakul said.

#### Teen dies in crash avoiding wide arc of u-turning car

A TEENAGER speeding south on Thepkasattri Road on August 20 died after he swerved to avoid a car making a wide u-turn.

Witnesses said that Sakarat Muanparan, 16, was riding his motorbike at high speed in the motorbike lane when the car made a u-turn. Mr Sakarat received a serious head injury, which proved fatal.

## Bullet from road rage gunfire hits Russian man

A RUSSIAN man is recovering in hospital after being shot in the back during a drive-by in Rawai on August 17.

Maksim Klocskov, 32, was shot after a bullet penetrated the trunk and then the backseat of the car he was riding in.

Mr Klocskov was rushed to Phuket International Hospital and immediately went into surgery, Chalong Police Deputy Superintendent Jumroon Plaiduang said.

"We found the Toyota Vios at the hospital with a bullet hole through the trunk. There was also a bullet exit hole in the backseat of the vehicle, as well as blood stains," Lt Col Jumroon said.

After renting the car that night and going out for pizza, Mr Klocskov's group of friends were driving along the Rawai beachfront road. Mr Klocskov was sitting alone in the backseat.

"Two youths rode by on a motorbike and then swung around and started to follow the car, we were told," said Col Jumroon.

"Mr Klocskov's friends believe the cause of the shooting might have been due to the Vios cutting the motorbike off," he added.

After the dramatic event, Mr Klocskov's friends could not recall the license plate number or color of the motorbike.

— Kritsada Mueanhawong



The bullet, shot by a youth on a motorbike, entered the trunk, then struck Mr Klocskov.

## American slashes own throat

AN AMERICAN man slashed his own throat with a broken tile at Chalong Police Station on August 14 night after allegedly causing a ruckus at a local Phuket school.

"We brought him to the police station," Chalong Police Deputy Superintendent Jumroon Plaiduang said.

Police asked the 33-year-old man for his passport and found

that his permit to stay had expired.

"He looked mentally unstable, so we detained him at the police station to allow him to calm down.

"While in our custody, the man broke a tile in his cell and used it to make three deep gashes across his throat," Lt Col Jumroon said.

The man was rushed to Vachira Phuket Hospital. Though deep, the wounds were not fatal.

— Saran Mitrarat

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# Jintana's husband pleads for justice

By Saran Mitrarat

THE husband of slain hotel human resources director Jintana Mahattanapak who was shot dead while waiting at a stoplight on her way home from work in January, has demanded that police reinvestigate their investigation into his wife's death.

The call for action comes after the case appears to have gone cold, with no progress almost seven months after the murder.

Winyoo Mahattanapak, Mrs Jintana's widower, and other relatives arrived at Phuket Provincial Police headquarters on August 16 to provide additional information to kick-start the investigation into the mystery homicide.

"There were two places that Jintana devoted her life: her work and the church," Mr Winyoo said.

He asked that police continue to work with closely those at Jintana's work place, Hilton



Winyoo Mahattanapak asked police to follow-up on old leads.

Arcadia Phuket Resort & Spa in Karon, to find the killer.

Police initially believed the motive for the slaying of Mrs Jintana, the Human Resources Director at the Hilton Arcadia, involved the dealings she had with employees caught stealing from the hotel.

"She was a strict person at work. She was straight, and so some employees at the hotel lost

their jobs. Concerning the theft, she had to fire some employees because they were found cheating their employer. This probably caused her murder," Phuket Provincial Police Deputy Commander Col Arun Kleawwatee said back in January.

The other lead Mr Winyoo asked police to follow up on was a "suspicious man" who had viewed Mrs Jintana's body at Vachira Phuket Hospital.

"The man who viewed my wife's body at the hospital and then rushed away with a nervous face needs to be found," Mr Winyoo said. "I have already sent the license plate number of the car he was in to police, and it shouldn't be too hard to capture an image of his face from hospital CCTV cameras."

Phuket Provincial Police Commander Choti Chavalviwat assured the family that the case was moving along, but cautioned that it



Maj Gen Choti assured the family that progress was being made.

might still take some time for results to start emerging.

"We are continuing to investigate the case. However, it may take a long time for our efforts to yield results because we have to go through what evidence we have very carefully," Maj Gen Choti

said. "We will present what information we have to Mrs Jintana's family and find the suspect as soon as possible."

The press was then asked to leave the room, as family members were briefed on what progress had been made.



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## Troubled water



Klong water flows across the beach into the ocean. Photos: Irfan Jamdukor

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...had yet to confirm which Phuket beaches will be regularly tested for water pollution, the officers conducting the tests will use GPS to mark the exact location the samples were collected, Dr Pornsri said.

The news follows Phuket Governor Maitri Inthasut informing a gathering of 11 honorary consuls on Tuesday that regular beach water-quality tests, to be conducted every two months, were forthcoming.

The two-hour meeting, held behind closed doors, was also attended by Dr Pornsri.

"The honorary consuls for Germany [Dirk Naumann] and for the Netherlands [Seven Smulders] voiced the strongest opinions about this issue," Dr Pornsri said.

The issue of beach-water quality hit Patong hard earlier this week when the water along the southern end of the beach turned a familiar brown, prompting local officials to track down the source of the contamination.

Panida Klinbbusa, an officer of the Maintenance Services depart-

ment of Patong Municipality, explained that the municipality would not only conduct a thorough investigation, but also seek the cooperation of – and feedback from – beach guards.

The authorities will also warn tourists not to swim in areas identified as being affected, for their own safety, she added.

"We expect that the source of the polluted water is one or more hotels releasing wastewater into the bay. If this is the case, we will send warning letters to the hotel, or hotels," Ms Panida said.

However, one source of wastewater being released into the bay is not under suspicion.

"We can confirm the polluted water is not coming from the municipality's wastewater treatment plant," Ms Panida said.

"We treat all our wastewater thoroughly before harmlessly releasing it into the sea," she said.

"Our task now is to find exactly where the polluted water is coming from," she said.

Additional reporting by Irfan Jamdukor



# Playing 'pity card' for media

## Deputy Interior Minister: Rohingya play up despair, harm Thailand's image

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

DEPUTY Interior Minister Wisarn Techathirawat says the presence of the media encourages Rohingya refugees to "act-up in front of the camera" in order to get sympathy.

Mr Wisarn was at the Phang Nga Immigration center on Monday to inspect the facility, following a Rohingya riot there earlier this month.

"The media often knows that the Rohingya are arriving even before the police do," he said.

"And when the media are present, the Rohingya cry and put on a performance designed to get sympathy. When the media are not present, they act normally, and even seem to enjoy their interaction with the officers," he said.

The "feigned pitifulness" of the Rohingya reported by the press is giving Thailand a bad name, Mr Wisarn said.

He called for special measures to be taken to find the Rohingya places to live, and said that government parties and officials must do more to respond to the needs of Rohingya refugees.

The rebellion at the Phang Nga Immigration center on August 8 occurred at the end of the Muslim fasting month, when refugees asked to be able to pray together and were refused. The men, detained in cramped conditions for months, became enraged and damaged their detention cells as they tried to break out.



Mr Wisarn expressed concern over the damage Rohingya had done to Thailand's image.

The rioting was contained, and subsequently, 261 men were transferred to police stations in Phang Nga; 24 remained at the Phang Nga Immigration center.

It later surfaced that the rebellion might

have been a pre-planned attempt to escape the facilities and leave Thailand.

"The refugees were convinced by visitors to protest and attempt to escape to another country," Phang Nga Immigration

Inspector Neti Khanboon said. Lt Col Neti was unable to confirm or deny if the visitors who allegedly incited the unrest were part of human-trafficking gangs believed to be targeting the refugees.

A visit to the Phang Nga facility in July caused Minister of Social Development and Human Security Paveena Hongsakula to declare the Rohingya's detainment there a matter of national importance.

"It's a clear human rights issue and national security threat," said , Minister of Social Development and Human Security.

"The refugees here are suffering from overcrowding here. They are crammed into only one space, and therefore we need to provide a new shelter for them," Ms Paveena said.

"Officials must keep a close eye on the situation, so to ensure that none of these refugees slip into the hands of human-trafficking gangs," she said. "The refugees must be well taken care of while they are displaced in Thailand."

From January 14 until now, Phang Nga Immigration has processed 953 Rohingya refugees, said Lt Col Neti during Mr Wisarn's inspection of the facilities.

"There is simply not enough space here for all of them, we can accommodate only 250," he said.

It has been necessary to transfer hundreds of Rohingya to other holding facilities, he said. These facilities are located in several locations across Phang Nga province, north of, and adjoining, Phuket province.

## Copper thief copped at island checkpoint

POLICE arrested a man carrying 100,000 baht worth of stolen copper wire concealed in fertilizer sacks at a routine checkpoint in Thalang on Monday.

Eakkapan Pinthong, 22, a construction worker at the Karn Keha public housing estate in Srisoonthorn, appeared nervous as he approached the checkpoint on Baan Don Road, police said.

"He was riding a motorbike without license plates, and carrying fertilizer sacks," said Thalang Police Deputy Superintendent Amnuay Kraiwutthianun.

"We searched him and found 30 bundles of copper wire hidden in



Eakkapan Pinthong (center)

the sacks," Lt Col Amnuay said.

Mr Eakkapan confessed to police that he had stolen the wire from the Karn Keha housing estate and planned to sell it.

— Thawit Bilabdullar

## Rescue workers doubling up with snake eyes



Two pythons were wrangled into the jungle, one from Patong and another in Mai Khao. Photo: Thawit Bilabdullar



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The firecracker dealer (center) and two of his customers in custody.

## Dealer signals new stock with firecrackers

A PYROTECHNIC meth-dealer who announced full stocks of *ya bah* (methamphetamine) pills with firecrackers had his bubble burst by Krabi police on August 15.

Following a tip-off, Krabi City Police raided a shack in the middle of a rubber plantation and found Songpol Nakbutr, 34, selling *ya bah* pills to two customers.

Mr Songpol got the pills from a prisoner in Nakhon Sri Thammarat, Tuksin Phochakorn, Superintendent of Krabi City Police, said.

"Mr Songpol said the prisoner called his phone and told him where the drugs would be dropped off. He didn't know the prisoner's name, and the phone number used to contact him didn't show up on his mobile," Col Tuksin said.

"Mr Songpol said that he picked up about 2,000 pills per time, and sold them for 250 to 300 baht a pill," he said. "Once he picked up a fresh batch of drugs, Mr Songpol would set off firecrackers to let his customers know that he had drugs to sell."

Mr Songpol was able to carry on his business in this fashion for about two months without the police finding out.

"We found 2,178 *ya bah* pills in the shack, and five pills on his customers, Sopon Kerdsook, 27, and Somsak Petcharak, 47.

"We charged Mr Songpol with possession of a Category 1 Drug with intent to sell, and his two customers with possession of a Category 1 Drug. All three suspects accepted the charges," Col Tuksin said.

Phuket Police encountered a similar case two weeks ago, when they arrested a drug dealer who said he bought drugs via a man also incarcerated in Nakhon Sri Thammarat prison.

— **Kritsada Mueanhawong**

# Search for phantom elephants

By Orawin Narabal

THE Phuket jungle-trekking tourism industry came under scrutiny again this week when officers from the Natural Resources and Environmental Crime Suppression Division (NREC) raided seven elephant camps in Phuket to try to determine whether or not seven elephants in particular were trafficked onto the island.

The camps raided were: Sai Yuan Elephant Camp, Sea View Elephant Camp and Kinnaree Elephant Camp, all in Rawai; an unregistered house on Soi Yodsanae in Chalong (in the hills on the way to the Big Buddha); Kalim Elephant Camp in Patong; JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa in Mai Khao; and Eco Elephant Riding in Cherno Talay.

The raids followed reports that many elephants had been smuggled across the Myanmar border into Thailand to work in the elephant-trekking tourism industry, said NREC Commander Norrasak Hemnithi.

No arrests were made in the raids in Phuket on Wednesday. The officers are still questioning the elephant camp owners, explained Pol Maj Gen Norrasak.

The elephants were technically "seized", but are still staying at their respective camps while offi-



Blood drawn from the elephants during the raids will be used as evidence.

cials continue their investigation.

"We came to Phuket to collect blood samples and DNA swabs, and check the elephants' micro-chip implants," Gen Norrasak said.

The raids were carried out with assistance from Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP) officers, the Phuket Marine Police and Phuket Tourist Police.

Gen Norrasak explained that

the Phuket raids followed his officers discovering several months ago that 69 elephant registration documents issued in Chaiphaphum Province were not issued for actual elephants.

"This meant people could use the documents for any elephants, including those illegally obtained from the wild," he said.

"The registration documents were issued by a Chaiphaphum Pro-

vincial Chief Administrative Officer, who has since retired," Gen Norrasak added.

No arrest warrant has been issued for the former-high-ranking official, and he has not been charged for forging official documents.

"We still have to collect more evidence," Gen Norrasak said.

Regardless, more evidence was not required to have the Chaiphaphum Provincial Court issue an arrest warrant for Surat Termsak and Prasong Bootchaiyaphum.

"Mr Surat is the chief of an elephant camp association in Chaiphaphum," said Gen Norrasak.

After being brought in for questioning, Mr Surat and Mr Prasong allegedly confessed to conspiring with the now-retired official by filing the registration documents for the phantom elephants for approval, Gen Norrasak explained.

The seven elephants under investigation in Phuket were sold using some of the fake registration papers, he said.

Gen Norrasak did not blame the elephant camp owners in Phuket for any wrongdoing.

"This is not the fault of the camp owners. They did not know the registration documents they were given were fake, and the process of how those registration papers were issued was not transparent," he said.

## Facebook photo helps nab Canadian

POLICE arrested a Canadian man wanted for allegedly stealing 100,000 baht in Chiang Rai after photos he posted on his Facebook page were recognized as having been taken in Patong.

Police arrested David Peter Sundstorm, 39, on August 18 after they spotted him walking out of a restaurant on Nanai Road at about 8pm, explained Patong Police Deputy Superintendent Somsak Thongklian.

Officers tracked down Mr Sundstorm after a 58-year-old British man named by police only as "Mr Anthony" presented an arrest warrant for the Canadian along with proof that he had been staying in Phuket's top party town.

"Chiang Rai Provincial Court

issued a warrant for Mr Sundstorm's arrest on June 5. The warrant was issued in relation to a complaint that Mr Sundstorm stole 100,000 baht from Mr Anthony about a year ago," said Lt Col Somsak.

"Mr Anthony figured out that Mr Sundstorm was hiding in Patong, so he reported the case to us. We checked Mr Sundstorm's Facebook page and saw he had posted several pictures of places in Patong," he said.

Police believe Mr Sundstorm had been staying in Patong for about three months before being discovered.

"We established that he was staying at a restaurant-guesthouse near Soi Nanai 2, so we went there and waited for him," Lt Col



Mr Sundstorm was found after he posted photos of Patong on Facebook.

Somsak said.

Officers moved in and arrested Mr Sundstorm after they saw him exit the restaurant and mount a motorbike.

"The man confirmed that he was Mr Sundstorm, but denied

that he stole any money," Lt Col Somsak said.

"Regardless, we placed him under arrest and sent him to Chiang Rai City Police to face legal action there," he said.

— **Thawit Bilabdullar**

## Sibling dealers in hotel face early check out

TWO drug-dealing brothers who used a hotel room in Cherno Talay to store and sell their wares were arrested on August 16.

"We received a report from an undercover agent about the brothers renting a hotel room to store drugs, and we obtained a warrant to search their house in Baan Bang Tao," Cherno Talay Police Deputy Superintendent Saad Wongwiangjan explained.

"We found Natthawut Srisamut, 25, and his brother Weerawat Srisamut, 27, in the house when we searched it," Lt Col Saad said.

"We found 18.3 grams of marijuana packed in two small plastic bags on a bed," he explained.

"The brothers confessed that they were storing *ya bah* [methamphetamine] and *ya ice* [crystal methamphetamine] in a room at the Kanita Hotel to sell to guests," Lt Col Saad said.

"Police officers took them to the hotel and searched room number 201. We found *ya bah* packed in three plastic bags, totaling 30 pills. We also found seven plastic bags packed with *ya ice*, containing 3.08 grams in total, and drug



The brothers after their arrest.

paraphernalia," he explained.

"Both brothers were charged with possession of a Category 1 drug with intent to sell," said Lt Col Saad. — **Thawit Bilabdullar**

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# Illegal loggers ravage over 100 rai of forest

Cuts in trees still fresh and sappy, but no lumberjacks found

By Thawit Bilabdullar

A RAID into the protected area of Bang Khanoon forest reserve uncovered the results of illegal logging in over 100 rai of Phuket forest.

"We found about 50 large Eaglewood trees cut down and a lot of pieces of the cut wood on the ground," Thalang Police Deputy Superintendent Amnuay Kraiwutthianun told the *Gazette*.

"The illegal lumberjacks cut down trees in an area we estimate to be more than 100 rai," Lt Col Amnuay said.

The raid was halted on the evening of August 15 when it became too dark to continue. However, Forestry officials were able to confirm that the area the trees were harvested from was well within the protected forest area.

"Some of the trees were recently cut down; we know this because the cuts were still fresh and sappy," Col Amnuay said.

The tip-off this time came from the very top, with Phuket Democrat MP Raywat Areerob



Officers point to fresh-hewn wood discovered in Bang Khanoon forest reserve in Thalang after a tip-off.

sending a report to Phuket Provincial Police Commander Choti Chavalviwat.

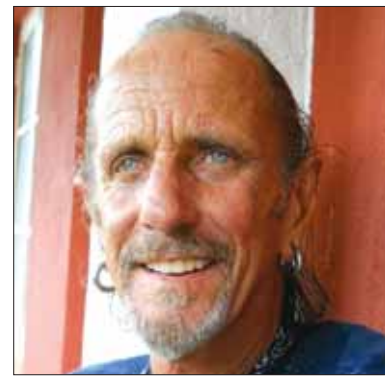
No lumbermen were found at the site, and the only Forestry

staffer working at Bang Khanoon forest reserve at the time was unable to provide any useful information, Col Amnuay said.

More forestry officers have

been ordered stationed in the area for the next couple of days.

"We seized the wood as evidence and will continue the investigation," Col Amnuay said.



'Mahout Marc' was much loved.

## Fundraiser for British expat

FRIENDS of long-term Phuket expat Marc Harrington, who died on August 11, will hold a fundraiser on August 23 to help cover hospital and funeral expenses.

Mr Harrington, from London, was admitted to Vachira Phuket Hospital on June 22 with head injuries from a motorbike accident.

He never fully recovered and succumbed to his injuries. He was 66 years old.

"He was well known and much loved by many people," one mourner told the *Gazette*.

Mr Harrington is remembered for his tireless efforts on behalf of tsunami survivors in Khao Lak, where he was nicknamed "Mahout Marc", as well as his work with Burmese refugees.

The fundraiser on August 23 will be held at The Islander bar in Rawai. The gathering of friends and memories will begin at 7pm.

— *Phuket Gazette*



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## Krabi Airport to operate 24 hours a day

KRABI International Airport will become a 24-hour facility, its director announced this week.

The move is to serve increasing numbers of visitors to Krabi and to provide some welcome relief for the overburdened Phuket International Airport.

"The number of tourists visiting our province has been going up in recent years, and the demand for flights and airport services is increasing," Airport Director Sunyaluk Kraiboot said.

The total number of high-season passengers for the 2010-2011 high season was 563,464. In the 2012-2013 season, it surpassed 857,600. Both domestic and international numbers are going up, he explained.

"The decision to keep the airport open 24 hours was made by the Minister of Transport, and it's only been announced unofficially. We don't have a start date yet," he said.

"Our current hours of operation are 6:30am to 9:30pm but we still get arrivals after that, such as charter flights, so you could say we're open 24 hours a day already."

"The new policy aims to make us more active and ready to serve private jets as well as charter flights at night," Director Sunyaluk said.

— **Orawin Narabal**



Tourist arrival figures continue to rise at Krabi International Airport. Photo: Sergey Zhatchenko

# Rawai's blanket killer wrapped up by police

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

THE killer of a man whose body was found dumped by the side of a road in Rawai last month was collared when his wife was seen using the victim's mobile phone.

The body of Anuwat Kathong, 25, was found wrapped in a blanket by the side of a road in Rawai just after midnight on July 4.

"The victim had the mobile with him when he disappeared," Phuket Provincial Police Deputy Commander Arun Kaewvatee told a press conference on August 14.

As they questioned Anuwat's friends, police settled on Isara "Dol" Phantip, 25, as a prime suspect because witnesses said his wife was using Mr Anuwat's telephone, Col Arun explained.

"He also moved from Rawai to Rassada during the investigation, and we believed he was trying to hide from us," Col Arun added.

"We found his new address, got an arrest warrant and picked him up this morning while he was walking near his soi in Rassada."

"Mr Isara confessed that he murdered Mr Anuwat over a drug deal gone bad. He said they met in Mr Anuwat's room in Rawai on July 2 to settle their conflict."

"They couldn't make up, their fight escalated, and Mr Isara hit Mr Anuwat on the head with a glass bottle, then used a piece of iron wire to strangle him," Col Arun reported.

"When Mr Anuwat was dead, he wrapped his body in a blanket and hid it behind his house. The next night at about 10pm, he bor-



Murder suspect Isara Phantip was arrested after witnesses saw his wife using the victim's mobile phone.

rowed a sidecar from his neighbor to dump the body in Soi Saiyuan 17, about two kilometers from his room, where it was discovered a few hours later.

"Mr Isara also confessed that he gave Mr Anuwat's phone to his wife and sold his gold necklace, worth about 5,000 baht, to a gold shop," Col Arun said.

"We've charged him with premeditated murder and theft," stated Col Arun.

"Because the crime involved drugs, we are now investigating the drug network," he added.



Mr Anuwat's body was found beside a Rawai road wrapped in a blanket.

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## Fish deaths baffle officials

MARINE biologists at the Phuket Marine Biological Center (PMBC) are struggling to determine what caused mass death of dozens of reef fish found at the popular dive destination of Koh Racha Yai.

Several specimens of the dead fish were collected from the dive site and brought to the PMBC earlier this month after local fishermen, villagers and divers voiced concern that they may have been poisoned, perhaps by cyanide.

"In the last week to 10 days, there have been many dead fish found at the dive sites, including tropical reef fish and some of the more 'hardy' fish like parrot fish, eels, lion fish and so on," reported Phuket diver Jana McGeachy on July 31.

PMBC staff conducted an autopsy of the sample fish brought to them.

"The autopsy results showed normal coloration of the gills and intestines of the fish, so it is



Officials are baffled over reports of dozens of reef fish found dead at a popular dive site off Koh Racha Yai island. Photo: Jana McGeachy

possible they died from natural causes or the amount of cyanide was not enough for us to detect," PMBC director Ukkrit Satapoomin told the *Gazette*.

"Nonetheless, I have notified

the Phuket office of the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources [DMCR] about the incident," Dr Ukkrit said.

DMCR Phuket office chief Thanet Munnay confirmed that he had received the report about the death of the fish from the PMBC.

"We have notified villagers, who are our network of volunteers for keeping an eye on the island, to report to us if they see anyone illegally fishing in the area, especially if they are using any chemicals to kill the fish and coral," Mr Thanet said.

"However, we have yet to receive any reports," he said.

"If we catch anyone fishing illegally, we have the necessary authority to take immediate action ourselves," Mr Thanet warned.

Reports of dead fish being found at Koh Racha Yai have since fallen off considerably, with some speculating that the dead fish had been dumped as unwanted catch.

— **Orawin Narabal**



# Unveiling the past

## HM The King's historic visit may bolster sea gypsy land rights

**By Chutharat Plerin**

DEPARTMENT of Special Investigation (DSI) officers looking to establish how long Phuket sea gypsies have been living at Rawai Beach revealed this week that they have discovered movie footage of HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej visiting the community in 1959.

The footage may prove critical to the sea gypsies' fight against court-ordered evictions based on land claims by private investors, said DSI's Consumer and Environment Protection Office chief Prawuth Wongsinil.

"The footage shows many houses in the traditional sea-gypsy style built under coconut trees, but one of the investors claims his title deed was issued in 1965, so we will ask any villagers who appeared in the footage, or their parents, if they knew about this title deed being issued," Lt Col Prawuth said.

“By law, in order for a title deed to be issued, officers must come to the site and measure the land. If any such officers had come to the site to do this, then why did none of the villagers protest it,



Footage of HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej visiting Rawai in 1959 may prove critical in the sea gypsy community's fight against eviction.

considering they claim to have been living here since long before 1965?" he asked.

Col Prawuth and fellow DSI officers arrived in Phuket on Tuesday to begin excavations at the village and to collect DNA samples. Joining the DSI team were officers from the Central Institute of Forensic Science.

Assisting them are specialists

from the Fine Arts Department  
Phuket office, who are excavating  
two sites where villagers believe  
their ancestors were buried.

To make the all-important connection to strengthen the sea gypsies' claim, forensic science officers are collecting DNA samples from every family in the village. This will result in more than 60 samples in total.

“If we find human bone fragments at these sites, we will match that DNA with the DNA database we are currently collecting,” Col Prawuth said.

"If we confirm any human bones found at the site are of sea gypsy origin, we will question the private investors as to why they are claiming the land is theirs, and, if so, why did they allow the sea gypsies to bury their dead on the land?"

Col Prawuth explained that human bones found at the village in March this year could not be used as evidence.

"They were reportedly discovered by sea gypsies in the village who stand to benefit if the bones prove to be of sea gypsy origin, and the bones were removed from their original location... As evidence, they are tainted," he noted.

Other evidence collected by officers includes aerial photographs of the area from decades ago and a register of students from Wat Sawang Arom school in Rawai.

"About 30 sea gypsy students' names appear on the school list before 1957, and some of those individuals are still alive today," Col Prawuth said.



**The tour speedboat was left high and dry.** Photo: Supplied

# Eco-tourism goes full tilt

A GROUP of tourists out to enjoy a scenic tour of Phuket's east coast received a surprise last week when the captain of the speedboat they were riding on decided to take the eco-tourism slogan "bringing you close to nature" to heart.

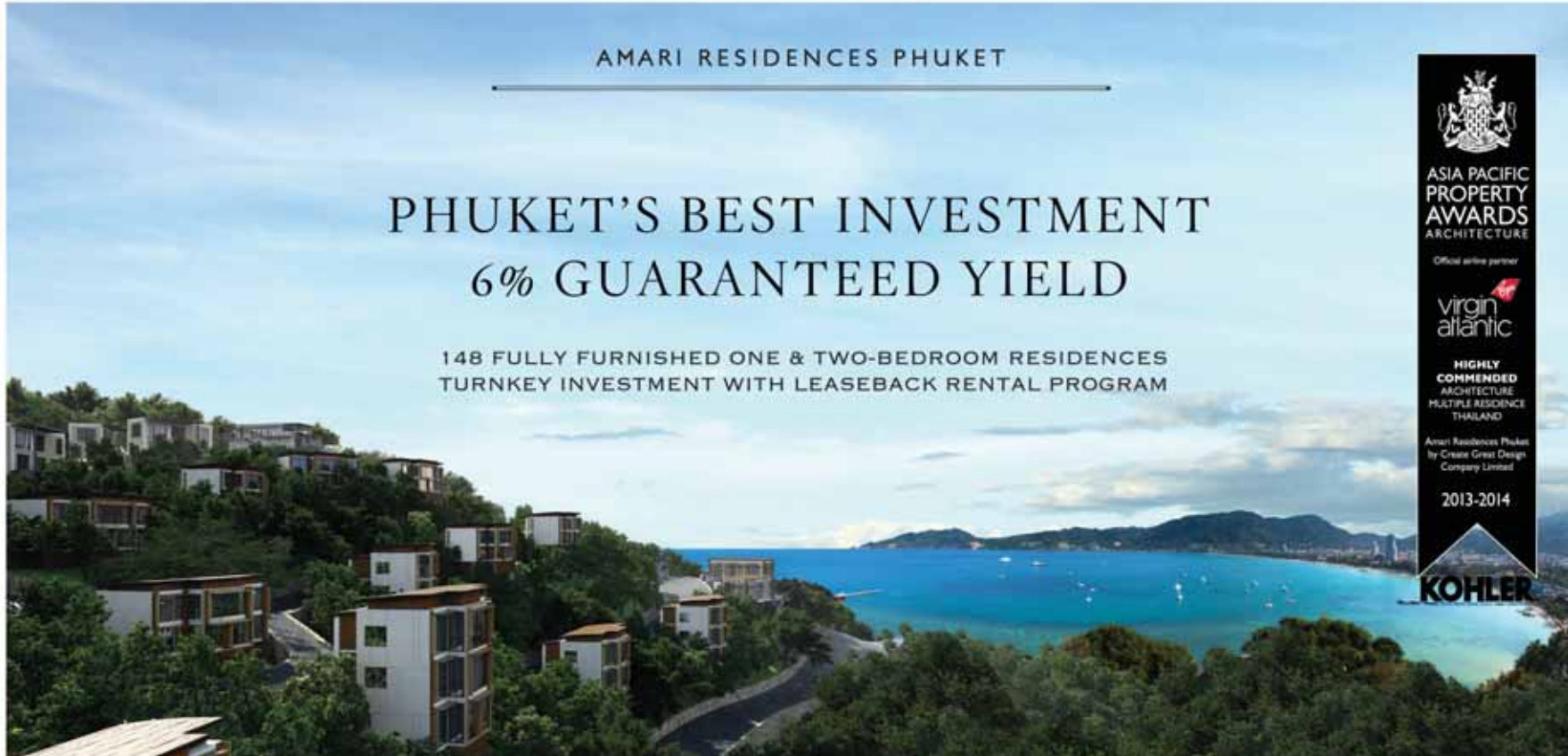
The speedboat *Panisa* ended up high and dry among the mangroves at the entrance to the canal to Royal Phuket Marina, in Koh Kaew, in an unexplained boating incident on August 16.

Two passing speedboats, one named *Peppermint*, soon rendered assistance and took the party of tourists on board so they could continue their holiday.

No injuries were reported.

One *Gazette* reader who witnessed the aftermath of the incident pointed out that the speed limit for all vessels approaching port is five knots.

Staff at the Royal Phuket Marina and the Phuket Marine Police said they were unaware of the incident. — **Phuket Gazette**



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# Royal couple's health satisfactory, says HRH Princess Chulabhorn

HRH Princess Chulabhorn Valayalaksana said the health of Their Majesties the King and Queen was "satisfactory" during a rare television interview last week.

"Their health condition is good. They are safe," said HRH Princess Chulabhorn in an interview with Vuthithorn Militachinda in a telecast on Modernine TV.

The Princess confirmed that HM the Queen had suffered a stroke last year, the first time there has been official confirmation of the widespread rumor, *The Nation* reported.

"One week after the stroke, she had recovered quickly. Now, she can walk around," she said.

On August 1, Their Majesties left Siriraj Hospital after extended stays and headed to Klai Kangwon Palace in Hua Hin, where doctors had prepared the necessary medical equipment.

The Princess firmly dismissed a rumor that the royal couple decided to leave Siriraj Hospital as political turmoil looked set to break out in Bangkok.

"It's not true," the Princess said. "His

Majesty had long wished to go to Klai Kangwon Palace."

Asked to comment on the country's situation, the Princess said: "Some things prove depressing. I offer help where I can. My parents have taught me that royals must serve the people. We will do whatever we can to ease the suffering of Thais."

She added that some changes had happened in the country because some people had changed.

"It's sad that some people are so self-interested," she said.



HRH Princess Chulabhorn Photo: The Nation



Object of warning. Photo: Frank

## Gunmen paint editor's house with bullets

GUNMEN opened fire on the house of the executive editor of *Post Today* newspaper on August 17. There were no casualties.

Pattara Khampitak said that he believed the assault stemmed from discontent among some groups over his work as a journalist, reported *The Nation*.

Officers at the scene of the crime, a 300-square wah property containing three houses, found the garage door of the first house riddled with bullet holes. A dud grenade was left hanging on the gate.

Thai Journalists Association (TJA) president Pradit Ruangdit, who visited Mr Pattara after the incident, said that he believed the attack was a threat against the Thai media. He said the TJA would issue a statement condemning the attack and call for police to find the perpetrators.

# Storm gathers against charter amendments

THE nation appears to be heading into a new period of political turbulence as the government moves to push controversial constitutional amendments through Parliament and the opposition vows to resist by taking to the streets.

Just two weeks ago an amnesty bill that would pardon people charged in relation to political protests sailed through its first reading in Parliament despite protests from the Democrat Party.

Last week, constitutional amendments that are opposed just as fiercely reached their second reading.

Some of the amendments will affect the make-up of Thailand's Senate. Under the plans, the Senate would become fully elected. The current Constitution allows one province to have one elected senator, with the rest being appointed.

The opposition Democrat Party says the move is aimed at giving the ruling Pheu Thai Party "total control" of Parliament, *The Nation* reported. Having all senators elected could give the ruling Pheu Thai Party full control of both houses.

Democrat Party Bangkok MP



Democrat MP Ongart Klampaiboon voiced his concern. Photo: The Nation



Ongart Klampaiboon said the move would greatly affect the country's political structure, since the ruling party would easily

acquire a parliamentary mandate through a majority.

"They have worked out this plan – it's a case of 'you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours'. All Pheu Thai MPs have endorsed the bill with their signatures, along with some senators, to make it look like this was the intention of all parliamentarians. From the beginning, this legislation has been an exercise in favoritism and

nepotism," Mr Ongart said.

The Democrat MP said the amendments would allow government-aligned senators to appoint or remove members of independent agencies and leave them merely serving those in power, he said.

Another proposed amendment will remove a ban on parents, spouses and children of MPs, former MPs and political office holders, former party members, and former local politicians who have been out of their posts for less than five years, from applying as senatorial candidates.

Last week, Democrat leader Abhisit Vejjajiva gave the green light for senior party MPs to join street rallies aimed at overthrowing the "Thaksin regime", so-named because Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's exiled brother Thaksin is believed to be the real power behind the government.

Mr Abhisit said the People's Army rally against the government was being held lawfully as they wanted to make social changes.

"So, it's good if we can support them," he said, referring to Democrat leaders who took to the People's Army stage last week.

## Anti-cheat hats get axed in face of heavy criticism

KASETSART University's Faculty of Agro-Industry has promised not to use the much-criticized anti-cheating hats in its exam room again, but officials insisted that the paper hats were introduced with the intent of promoting honesty, *The Nation* reported.

"Since people have criticized us, saying the hat is not appropriate, we will not use it again," faculty dean Tanaboon Sajja-anantakul said.

The hat was constructed with sheets of A4 paper to cover both sides of the student's face, in an attempt to prevent him or her from looking at a neighbor's test.

The hats were used just once,



A photo of the anti-cheat hats surfaced online. Photo: The Nation

after the students and their lecturer Nattadol Rungruangkitkrai had mutually agreed to try and prevent cheating, and hence invented the hat.

## Help homeless foreigners, begs NGO

THAILAND should change its mindset and help the growing number of homeless foreigners living in the country, a non-governmental organization working for homeless people has said.

Natee Saravari, secretary-general of the Issarachon Foundation, said there were up to 30 homeless foreigners in Chiang Mai alone, with more seen in tourist destinations like Phuket and Pattaya, *The Nation* reported.

"They walk or sit in shopping malls during the daytime, and scavenge through garbage for food at night," he said.

In some cases, these foreigners – mostly male Westerners – arrived as tourists or retirees and fell into poverty after settling

down in Thailand, often having being duped or robbed by Thai former wives or partners, Mr Natee explained.

They receive meager amounts of money from sympathetic foreigners who are aware of their plight, but there is no Thai government agency or even a policy in place to help them. When arrested or found by the police, they are mostly deported, Mr Natee said.

Mr Natee said the law and policies should be changed to cope with such cases. An ad-hoc mechanism to help such people should be established in the meantime, he said.

The need for such measures is especially pressing given the rapidly approaching Asesan



The cost can be high for foreigners lost in paradise. Photo: The Nation

Economic Community in 2015, he added.

A senior official from the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Panya Kangphorn, said a bill on assisting foreigners was awaiting parliamentary scrutiny.



# Ferry tragedy kills 52

## Typhoon mars rescue efforts, oil slick spreads over pristine waters

By Rolando Ng

THE central Philippine province of Cebu, famous among divers around the world for its clear waters and coral reefs, declared a state of calamity on Monday as an oil slick from a ferry that sank late last week spread to about 20 per cent of the coast.

The 40-year-old ferry MV *St Thomas Aquinas* was approaching Cebu late in the evening on August 16 when it was struck by a departing cargo vessel, the *Sulpicio Express 7*, leaving two huge holes in the latter's bow.

The ferry sank in minutes, about a kilometer off Cebu.

At least 52 people were killed and as of Tuesday at least 68 were still missing, officials said.

Small planes and helicopters immediately scoured the waters and coastal areas of Cebu island for survivors, officials said.

Divers found four bodies outside the sunken ferry just hours before the search was halted the next day due to foul weather brought on by the arrival of Typhoon Maring.

"During the dive, they saw bodies through the windows," said naval operations officer Cdr Noel Escalana.

The divers did not attempt to retrieve them.

"It's dangerous to enter the ship... they need special equipment and extra oxygen tanks," Cdr Escalana said.

Rescuers had no idea how many people were trapped inside the ship, lying on a seabed around 150 feet (46 meters) below sea level.

Fourteen bodies had been found in the town of Talisay, south of



The force of the impact left gaping holes in the cargo ship's bow. The ferry sank in minutes. Photo: Reuters

### AROUND THE region

Cebu City, said Imelda Sabillano, another local official.

"We don't know where these bodies came from, but we already have brought to a local morgue 31 bodies for identification," she said.

The *Sulpicio Express 7* is owned by unlisted firm Philippine Span Asia Carrier Corp, formerly known as Sulpicio Lines Inc, which owned the MV *Dona Paz*

ferry. That vessel collided with a tanker in the Sibuyan Sea in December 1987, killing 4,375 on the ferry and 11 of the tanker's 13-man crew.

The owners of the ferry involved in last Friday's accident said it was carrying 723 passengers, a crew of 118, and 104 20-foot containers. It had an authorized capacity of some 1,010 passengers and crew and 160 containers.

The captains of the two ships are alive but have yet to be questioned, said coast guard operations chief R/Adm Luis Tuason.

The ferry was also carrying 120,000 liters of bunker fuel,

20,000 liters of lube oil and 20,000 liters of diesel fuel when it sank. The 2GO Group said it believes only the lube oil and diesel fuel were leaking.

The oil slick had reached Cordova municipality and Lapu-Lapu City, both on Mactan island, which is home to five-star beach front resorts.

Lantao town in Cordova, known for its seafood restaurants, was surrounded by oil, said its mayor Adelino Sitoy.

The slick also covers at least 10 to 20 hectares of vulnerable mangrove plantations in Cordova, a member of a local marine watch group said. — Reuters

### In brief...

#### Indonesian energy regulator arrested for taking payoffs

INDONESIA'S anti-graft agency has arrested the head of the country's energy regulator to probe allegations he took more than US\$500,000 from an oil firm.

The arrest is a new blow to Indonesia's attempts to attract more investment from energy companies, several of which have threatened to scale back operations due to uncertainty about the investment environment.

— Reuters

#### Shan tribes appeal for basic rights

THE Shan Tribes Association of Kachin State in Myanmar has sent a letter to UN special rapporteur Tomas Ojea Quintana to look into the plight of the ethnic people, as well the prospect of peace, in the war-affected state.

Shan people, who make up two-thirds of Kachin's population, had to move to more secure towns and villages after war broke out between the military and the Kachin Independence Army in June 2011, the association said.

— Eleven Media

#### Singapore church to pay adulteress

ONE of Singapore's biggest independent churches, the Faith Community Baptist Church, has been ordered to compensate a church worker fired because of her alleged adulterous relationship.

The woman was sacked last September when the church found out she was pregnant with the child of another church employee.

— The Straits Times

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## United States says Zimbabwe vote flawed, won't lift sanctions

THE United States believes Zimbabwe's recent election was flawed and it doesn't plan to loosen sanctions against President Robert Mugabe's government until there are signs of change in the country, the State Department said on Monday, despite an endorsement of the vote by Southern African leaders.

President Mugabe, who has ruled Zimbabwe since independence from Britain in 1980, is set to be sworn in as president as early as this week, extending his 33-year rule of the country after winning the July 31 election.

## Norwegian jailed for Congo murder found dead in cell

ONE of two Norwegian men jailed in the Democratic Republic of Congo on charges of murder, espionage and conspiracy was found dead in his cell on Sunday, Norwegian and Congolese authorities said.

Tjostolv Moland had been detained along with Joshua French since the 2009 murder of their driver in Congo's jungle. The pair denied the charges. Norway has maintained that the men, both former military servicemen, were not spies.

## Guardian: Britain made us destroy Snowden material

THE British authorities forced the *Guardian* newspaper to destroy material leaked by Edward Snowden, its editor has revealed, calling it a "pointless" move that would not prevent further reporting on US and British surveillance programmes.

In a column on Tuesday, Alan Rusbridger said he had received a call from a government official a month ago who told him: "You've had your fun. Now we want the stuff back." The paper had been threatened with legal action if it did not comply.

# Egypt unrest rumbles on

By Asma Alsharif

EGYPTIAN lawyers called on Monday for an international investigation into the deaths in police custody of 37 supporters of Islamist ex-President Mohamed Mursi.

A coroner's report said the men died from suffocation after police used teargas to stop a mass escape on Sunday while a group of more than 600 suspects were being transported to the Abu Zabal prison on the outskirts of Cairo.

Photos provided by the lawyers representing the detainees show dead bodies with charred faces and limbs and others covered in bruises which the lawyers said were signs of torture. Details of the incident remain unclear, they said.

"Neutral investigation committees must be formed, not Egyptian ones... The real crisis is that the judiciary body is providing a veil to cover those who violate the law and sanction bloodshed," said Ahmed Abu Baraka, one of the lawyers representing the 600 detainees.

Security officials denied accusations of foul play during Sunday's incident.

At least 850 people have died since August 14 in clashes between security forces and supporters of Mr Mursi, who was overthrown by the army on July 3 following mass protests.

Egypt's army-backed government has accused Mr Mursi's



Police and pro-Mursi supporters struggle outside al-Fath mosque in Cairo. Photo: Reuters

## AROUND THE world

Muslim Brotherhood movement of seeking to destabilize Egypt.

Hundreds of Brotherhood supporters have been arrested in recent days in an effort to end

weeks of protests. The detainees who were killed on Sunday were among those held after security forces stormed two pro-Mursi camps in Cairo on August 14.

Mustafa Azab, the spokesman for a committee of lawyers formed to defend the detainees, said they had complained to the International Criminal Court in the Hague about the killings.

"We have submitted to the International Criminal Court reports of all the massacres and we will

submit more... We will address the United Nations and all the entities that Egypt is a member of," he said.

"We have a huge problem in the loss of neutrality among state institutions," said Mr Azab.

"They have the forensics, the police, the army, the informants and the intelligence so all the reports that the judiciary needs are in their hands," he said, adding that the lawyers had been denied any communication with the detainees.

— Reuters

## Afghanistan's circus gives children fun with a future

FLINGING sparkling clubs into the air, the girls showed off their juggling skills as the boys executed dazzling acrobatics and climbed into a four-storey human pyramid.

Afghanistan's Mobile Mini Circus (MMC) for Children would have been heretical under the Taliban, when music was banned by the Islamic fundamentalist movement and girls were forbidden from performing in public and going to school.

But today the circus, founded by Danish dance instructor David Mason to teach cooperation and creativity to children scarred by years of war, is one of few projects expanding despite a drop in international aid to Afghanistan.

"Left on the street, kids turn to

bad things, becoming suicide bombers or street thugs," said Murtaza Nowrozi, an 18-year-old juggler from the western province of Herat. "It's better for them to go to school and join programmes like this."

Mr Nowrozi found out about the circus at school, but many of the members are orphans or from refugee camps. The most talented children have been on tour to Denmark, Germany, Italy and Japan, and some have stayed on with the project to become teachers.

Mr Mason started the circus with his own money and got the first donation of US\$1,000 in 2002, the year after US-led forces invaded Afghanistan to oust the Taliban.



Afghan girls watch a Mobile Mini Circus performance. Photo: Reuters

Despite the dangers, the project has grown so popular that it now runs centers in seven provinces and has about 300 regular students. With dozens of donors and

workshops to raise money, the budget is close to US\$500,000 and its tours of 25 of the country's 34 provinces have reached nearly 3 million people.

— Reuters

## Al Qaeda chatter on attacking high-speed trains in Europe sparks concern

AL QAEDA is planning attacks on high-speed trains in Europe and the authorities in Germany have stepped up security on the country's rail system, a German newspaper reported on Monday.

The information about the planned attacks came from the United States' National Security Agency (NSA), which apparently intercepted a call between senior al Qaeda members several weeks ago, the daily said.

But the German Interior Ministry said it regularly received information about such threats and was not planning to in-

crease overall security.

"It is known that Germany, along with other Western states, is a target for jihadist terrorists so we always assess warnings on a case-by-case basis but we already have a high level of protective measures and we do not plan to step these up at the moment," spokesman Jens Teschke said at a routine government news conference.

The scandal surrounding the NSA's global electronic spying operation has become a major headache for Chancellor Angela Merkel ahead of the September 22 election.

Government snooping is a sensitive subject in Germany due to the heavy surveillance of citizens in the former communist East and under Hitler's Nazis.

Mr Bild said German authorities had tightened security on high-speed Intercity-Express routes and at stations with "invisible measures".

A spokesman for the German federal police said efforts were already commensurate with the "highly dangerous situation both at home and abroad" but said it had alerted its forces.

The newspaper report cited unnamed security experts as saying the attacks could include acts of sabotage on rail infrastructure or bombings on board trains.

A spokeswoman for German rail operator Deutsche Bahn would not comment on the Mr Bild report, but said the company was always in regular contact with the security authorities over possible threats.

Germany narrowly avoided an attack in 2006 when two suitcase bombs left on commuter trains in Cologne failed to explode.

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HI-END LIVING, LOW BUY-IN: The Height condominium will offer 301 units on 14 floors.



Phanason has broken ground on its next 'city-living' project – The Height Condominium.

# The Height: City-living condo

PHUKET developer Phanason has broken ground on its next 'city-living' project – the Height Condominium, an eye-catching medium-rise development in Phuket Town.

The 15-storey project is sure to attract wide interest among buyers and speculators in the city's ever-fluid, yet lucrative residential real estate market.

Elaborating on the project's concept, Phanason marketing manager, Cheurchan Panvikarn told the *Gazette* that The Height will be a "modern tropical condo... the tower in town designed to meet the needs of people who love the city-living lifestyle."

"With a low buy-in price, all classes of customers can afford to be a co-owner in this project – students, employees, and even tourists... We are offering high-end design, facilities and rooms with sea-views and city-views, modern-living starting at just a million baht."

As the saying goes, location is everything, and this looks to be the project's

prime selling point; the 40-meter-high condo will claim a noticeable spec on the city's rapidly changing skyline, to be erected on a prime block in what many Phuket urbanites would agree is the "true heart" of Phuket Town – just at the foot of Tor Sae Hill, off Suthat Road (Montri Road).

Just a hop and skip from Seng Ho Bookstore and Satree Phuket School, the project is just 1.4 kilometers away from Ocean Plaza and Robinson Department Store, and likewise, a stone's throw to most of the island's main government offices, markets and public parks.

When looking at the project plans, the first thing that pops out is an aesthetic layout of the building's rooftop – highlighted by a helicopter pad and

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infinity edge swimming pool, promising to afford 360 degree views of the city and a picturesque sea-view to the east.

To be developed on a plot spanning 2,920 square meters, just

under two rai, The Height condominium will offer 301 units on 14 floors (the full-function rooftop counted as the 15<sup>th</sup> storey). Units will range in size from 27 to 48 square meters, and come in three types – one-bedroom, two-bedroom and studio units. The majority of rooms will be 27sqm, starting from a million baht, while the largest rooms – 15 in all – will be a spacious 48sqm, priced from 2.2 million baht.

Amenities and security will be standard for the market, with a manned / CCTV security system, as well as a fitness center, swimming pool and car parking

which, will be available on the ground, covered parking on the ground floor of the building, as well as two floors of underground parking integrated into the plans.

Clearing of the plot, right next to the Sikh Temple, has already commenced, with the project scheduled to be completed within three years.

To lure early birds, the developer is offering some considerable sign-on incentives: Only 5,000 baht is needed to reserve a unit and monthly installments start at only 5,000 baht, with tenants to get free air-conditioning, wallpaper and furniture. Early bookings will also receive a discount of 100,000 baht, valid until the end of this month. The project is supported by Kiatnakin Bank.

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# Still fond of Phuket: Poll

Seven Phuket properties make the 'smart travellers' Asia awards list

PHUKET fell one spot to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Top 10 Holiday Destinations in Asia list of this year's "Smart Travel Asia Awards", which was based on an internet travellers' choice poll that ran from May to July.

Although Bali narrowly edged Phuket, just like last year, the Indonesian leisure hub didn't have highest honors this time, as there was a new category topper – Bangkok, the Thai capital surging to the top this year from 5<sup>th</sup> last year.

Commenting on the poll results and methodology, editor of SmartTravelAsia.com, Vijay Verghese, said: "Once we cleared the air of enthusiasts who simply love voting for their country, those following 'team orders' and a great many more tinkering incessantly – but unproductively – with proxy servers and robot voting programs, we arrived at other truths, no less important... Unlike many polls, ours is not paid for and there is no alarming nomination fee or arm-twisting for that gala dinner. This is about research, not razzamatazz."

Nonetheless, seven Phuket properties were shown "top preference" by the website's traveller user-base, in several categories as follows:

## SPA PROPERTIES

Banyan Tree Phuket got the number one rating in the Top 25 Spa Hotels & Resorts list, up



Amanpuri Phuket: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Leisure, 5<sup>th</sup> for Asian spa resorts. Photo: Silus Grok

from its 4<sup>th</sup> spot last year; the luxury Phuket property was followed by Bulgari Hotels & Resorts, Bali; Ayana Resort And Spa, Bali; and Conrad Maldives Rangali Island (last year's category topper).

Retaining its 5<sup>th</sup> spot in this category was Amanpuri, Phuket, who shared the honors with Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran (2<sup>nd</sup> last year).

Likewise, JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa retained its 11<sup>th</sup> place standing on the list, equal with Mandarin Oriental Dhara Dhevi, Chiang Mai.

Falling two spots from last year, the fourth Phuket property to make this list was Angsana Laguna Phuket, this year joint 23<sup>rd</sup>, sharing the honors with

Pangkor Laut Resort and The Farm At San Benito, Philippines.

## LEISURE PROPERTIES

Amanpuri, Phuket triumphed to 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Top 25 Leisure Hotels & Resorts list, up two spots from last year. Taking the number one spot in this category is The Nam Hai, Hoi An, Vietnam – second last year, when The Peninsula Hong Kong was on top, though this year falling to joint-3<sup>rd</sup> along with The Opposite House, Beijing.

Banyan Tree Phuket, jumped seven spots up from its 12<sup>th</sup> spot last year, up to joint-fifth this year, along with Amandari, Bali, Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor, Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Up a spot from last year, the Twinpalms Phuket Resort was rated joint-6<sup>th</sup> with Grand Hyatt Bali and Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi.

Dropping a spot from last year, the SALA Phuket Resort and Spa made this year's list joint-14<sup>th</sup> with the Centara Grand Beach Resort Samui and The Upper House Patong.

Improving four spots from last year, JW Marriott this year achieved joint-15<sup>th</sup>, side-by-side with Samode Palace, The Chedi Club at Tanah Gajah, Ubud and The royal Pita Maha Bali.

Making its debut on the list, the 6<sup>th</sup> Phuket hotel on the list is the Aleenta Resort & Spa, Phuket – Phang Nga, in 20<sup>th</sup> alongside the Intercontinental Bali Resort, One&Only Royal Mirage, Dubai,



LEISURE LOVING: Kids enjoying Phuket's Lyan beach. Photo: Maciek Klimowicz

Raffles Hotel Le Royal Phnom Penh and Sheraton Sanya Resort.

## CONFERENCE HOTELS

Moreover, two Phuket Hotels made the list for the Top 25 Conference Hotels: Angsana Laguna Phuket and JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa

Angsana, which was 17<sup>th</sup> in the category last year climbed up two spots to joint-15<sup>th</sup> this year

– level with Raffles Hotel Singapore, The Peninsula Shanghai and The Regent Taipei.

Meanwhile, JW Marriott improved four spots from 25<sup>th</sup> last year to 21<sup>st</sup> this year, on the same tier with Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur, Renaissance Harbour View Hong Kong Hotel and Wynn Macau.

Topping the category was The Fullerton Hotel Singapore, swapping places with the reigning number 1 Conference Hotel – the Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong.

## IN THE AIR

Phuket International Airport did not make the Top 10 Airports World-

wide list, although Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi was joint fifth with Dubai International Airport's Emirate's Terminal Three, while Samui Airport was 10<sup>th</sup> on the list, just like last year.

Topping the list was Singapore's Changi Airport, Hong Kong International Airport, South Korea's Incheon international Airport, Kuala Lumpur International, Malaysia and

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, Netherlands.

AirAsia and Jetstar Asia retained their number one and two spots, respectfully in the Top 10 Budget Airlines in Asia list.

Indigo jumped up to 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6<sup>th</sup> previously, while Cebu Pacific and Spice Jet were joint-4<sup>th</sup>, followed by Tiger

Airways, Thai Smile, Scoot Jet Konnect, Jin Air and VietJet Air.

Sharing the number one spot for Top 10 Airlines Worldwide were Emirates and Singapore Airlines, followed by Cathay Pacific Airways; Qatar Airways; Thai Airways International; Korean Air; Malaysia Airlines; British Airways; Virgin Atlantic; Air France, Air New Zealand, Jet Airways and Lufthansa; ANA, Etihad Airways and Qantas.

## BIG BRANDING

As for hotel branding, Shangri-La was perceived by poll participants as number one on the Top 10 Hotel Brands list, followed by Four Seasons; Grand Hyatt; Mandarin Oriental; Peninsula; Conrad, Raffles Hotels & Resorts and Ritz-Carlton; Aman Resorts, JW Marriott, Park Hyatt and W Hotels; Hilton and Sheraton; Sofitel, Taj Hotels and Westin; and Hard Rock and InterContinental Hotels.

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SALA: A good mix of oriental and modern at Mai Khao beach. Photo: Sunctu



# Passing on your condo

## Issues with transferring your condominium's title to children, your foreign wife or legal hires

PURSUANT to the current Condominium Act of Thailand, and per the common practices used at the Thai land offices, the transfer of ownership of your freehold condominium unit to your spouse or children, in whole or in part, can pose a problem to those who wish to make such a transfer.

Section 19 of the Condominium Act of Thailand states:

A foreigner can acquire ownership of a condominium unit through one of five ways, able to show sufficient proof that he/she qualifies. The five ways are:

(1) He/she shows evidence of a permit to hold residency in the Kingdom under the laws on immigration; or,

(2) He/she shows evidence of a permit to enter the kingdom under the laws on promotion of investment; or,

(3) He/she shows evidence of having a registered company under Thai laws; or,

(4) He/she shows evidence of being a holder of a promotion certificate under the laws on promotion of investment; or,

(5) He/she shows evidence of having imported foreign currency into the Kingdom

for the specific purpose of acquiring the condominium unit, or he must present evidence of withdrawal from a deposit account in a Thai Bank and which account is held in the name of person having residence abroad; or he may present evidence of withdrawal from a deposit account of foreign currency in the amount of not less than the price of the unit to be purchased.

In the situation where a deceased owner of a condominium unit bequeaths by will the freehold ownership of the unit to a foreigner, or if the foreigner inherits such unit through inheritance laws, the inheritor must meet one of the five criteria indicated above to hold permanent ownership of the unit. If the inheritor fails to meet any one of the five criteria, then they must dispose of the inherited condominium unit within one year.

In addition, any person who inherits a condominium unit through a will or otherwise must report the inheritance. Section 19 (7) of the Condominium Act proscribes that an alien or a juristic person which the law treats as an alien, except

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one prescribed under Section 19, which has acquired a condominium unit through inheritance as legitimate heir or legatee of a will or through any other means, as the case may be, shall give written notice to the competent official within 60 days from the date of ownership of the condominium unit and [if he does not qualify to own] he shall dispose of that unit within a period of not more than one year from the date of acquiring possession of the unit. If it is not disposed of within such period of time, the provisions of Section 19 (5), paragraph four, shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Simply put: The provision of Section 19 (5) paragraph four means that the Director General of the land Department shall have the authority to dispose of the condominium unit, and the provisions relating to enforcement of the disposal of land under Chapter of the Land Code and Ministerial Regulations issued under the code shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the disposal of the condominium unit.

So, you can pass on your condominium unit to your hires, but if they cannot keep ownership themselves, they would have to sell the unit within one year or show evidence of funding to re-purchase the unit as mentioned above.

Upon sale to a third party, past experiences has shown us that the transfer of funds generated from such sales can be sent out of Thailand to the



**NOT SO FAST:** Passing on your foreign owned freehold condo in Thailand to your foreign wife or children is not as simple as handing over the keys. Photo: Victor1558

legal hires without any problem.

A simple solution to these problems, that may be used in appropriate cases, is to initially register ownership of the condominium unit in mutual names (wife, children), or to use an offshore corporate identity for such purchase in place of registered ownership in a buyer's personal name.

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# Samui's tender trap

Jumping into the numbers' bed with Phuket's 'mini-me' in Thailand's other sea



**Property Watch**

By Bill Barnett

EVERYWHERE you turn these days, tourism talk inevitably winds up on the subject of the mass market. It's not unlike barreling down a dead-end street on a supercharged, high-speed bulldozer. There is no such thing as a damage control button to push. Yes, there will be collateral damage.

Meanwhile back on the broader Thailand train of thought, and particularly in regards to the other island on the opposite side of the isthmus, Samui comes into the picture. We've just finished our annual midyear research review of the island's hotel sector and the results frankly well exceeding our own expectations.

Using market-wide hotel occupancy as a gauge of good health, through the end of June island properties hit 75% occupancy, which is up 7% compared to the same six-month period in 2012. If you look towards the full-year trading figures, the high period that peaks in August is still to come so there is every reason to assume the positive vibes will be sustained.

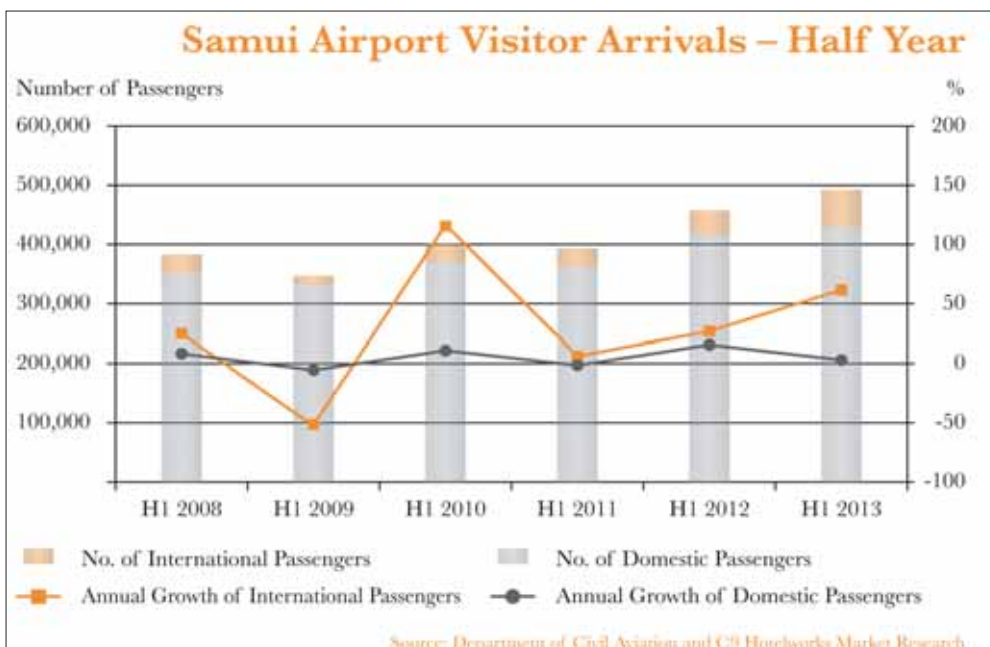
Naturally the question for those who understand the airlift issues is how are visitors getting to the destination. Unlike Phuket, where low-cost airline carriers and charter flights clog the air bridges, over in "mini-me land", Bangkok Airways is tourism's lifeblood.

As in our own skyrocketing storyline here, international direct flights have elevated Samui's numbers with added services to Hong Kong and Singapore. The introduction of flights from Silk Air was a serious boost to the party and new routes from Kuala Lumpur and Penang has been like a kick in the pants, gaining forward momentum.

Getting inside the numbers, or shall we say



**LIFEBLOOD:** Although Bangkok Airways continues to drive tourism to Samui, new direct international flights to/from Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia are proving a boon. Photo: qsimple



**Despite Samui's reputation as an expensive destination, domestic tourists dominate arrivals.**

crawling between the sheets and getting up close and personal is always a telling exercise. The global shifting sands of travel are impacting virtually every corner of the globe. Two of the island's legacy tourism markets, namely the UK and Italy are continuing to

decline. Did anyone say Euro-crisis?

Moving over to the new players as can be expected both China and Russia are picking up the pace, as is India. Spillover from Malaysia is also rising up due to the direct flight mentioned previously. Yet with all the

talk of new things, Germany and Thailand are the top two providers of visitors to paradise. Despite all the talk of cost-conscious Thais not wanting to shell out hard-earned baht on what is deemed to be an expensive airline route, nearly 100,000 domestic travellers came in the first half of this year.

What's most impressive in the stats though, has been the ability of island hotels to drive up room rates in the upscale and luxury tiers. Despite all the chitchat about quality tourists throughout the Kingdom, clearly there are folks out there that are willing to pay more for more boutique offerings. In this case, less might be better.

Yet looming on the horizon, there remains the specter of larger mega trends as the ratio between individual travellers and groups is tilting to the latter. Likewise a 12% pick up in occupancy for the budget and economy tiers indicate that demand at the lower end is a force to be contended with.

In the great quality versus quantity debate, perhaps the most profound indicator that Samui can sustain its current trajectory is the development pipeline of new properties. This currently stands at only four new hotels and a total of 319 new rooms opening over the next two years. Anyone driving around Bangkok or Phuket is likely to spot new hotels popping up as far as the eye can see. So in terms of supply and demand fundamentals, Samui certainly gets a high five from us.

While it's not fair to compare apples to oranges or bananas to mangoes, the temptation to comment on Phuket versus Samui is a tender trap. These are, and will always be very different places.

Yes the latter has its own demons in terms of limited road infrastructure, a cap on airlift and increasing infrastructure issues. Yet talk to a growing number of voices overseas in the luxury travel world, and there is a decided twitter about the little island in the gulf.

## Lobby for a better cause: luxury living

CAPE Panwa Hotel, Phuket's first luxury hotel, recently unveiled its newly completed lobby, featuring bold colors, playful textures and a thoughtful design that nods to the building's rich history.

Awarded with a number of accolades, the Cape Panwa Hotel now boasts a luxurious presidential suite, a glamorous new lobby and 205 refreshed guest rooms, just

in time for another successful hosting of Cape Panwa Hotel Phuket Raceweek.

The newly renovated hotel is a beautiful showcase of how globally inspired design can elegantly marry Thai sensibility. Raising the bar for Phuket hospitality, Kasemkij Hotel's interior designers created a warm and graceful new back-

drop to ensure an unrivalled guest experience focused on comfort and style. As guests enter the Cape Panwa Hotel, they are greeted by pops of color, whimsical patterns and rich textures.

The vibrant ocean-themed art at the front desk features a display of over one hundred fishes wrapped in natural rope, a reflection of the building's origins and the Cape Hotel Collection's two-fish emblem. Beyond the beautiful display above the front desk, guests are treated to a harmonizing aesthetic of different shades of blue, while earth tones mixed with exotic woods and comfortable seating combine to create a vibrant experience for lounging or casual meetings.

"The renovation first began with a guest room refresh and we're thrilled that the full makeover is now complete," said Poomiphat Navanukroh, Travel Industry Group Director, Kasemkij Hotels. "The new look creates a fresh ambiance that combines comfort and style, and allows us to introduce great new features like communal lobby seat-



**EARTHLY ELEGANCE:** Cape Panwa Hotel's new lobby features bold colors, playful textures and a design that nods to the building's rich history.

ing and a seamless guest experience from check-in to check-out."

Having hosted various celebrities and dignitaries, this legendary hotel offers one of Phuket's most beautiful private beaches perfect for year round swimming, a world-class spa with internationally trained therapists, an elegant selection of sea-facing suites and pool villas equipped with luxury amenities, two

swimming pools, a fitness center, water sports and meeting facilities. Guests can choose from ten dining and bar options including Thai, Italian, continental and seafood.

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# Own your own kitchen biz

FAMOUS Danish kitchen brand, Kvik is expanding throughout Thailand and thus looking for serious Phuket partners – ideally someone who dreams to own their own successful kitchen business.

Associate, Thomas E Sorensen explained that as part of Kvik's current expansion, the company is prepared to offer a full-package business module including business academy (training), sales support, IT systems, marketing promotion and campaign.

"This is to ensure the best possible platform for our new partners. Currently we have gone from two to 11 stores in the last 12 months and another four are under construction. It is still possible to become part of the success, since we are looking for potential partners all over Thailand," he said.

A Danish Kitchen brand, for almost 30 years, Kvik has been a major player in the European market for kitchens and is about to become an option in the Asian market.

Thailand is the first country outside Denmark, Scandinavia and Europe that the company will provide its "utmost to service and help our customers to make their dreams come true."

Thomas continues. "For almost 30 years, Kvik has been a major player in the European market for kitchens and we are about to become an option in the Asian market. Kvik's business is based on strong relationships with our partners. Where we train, supply and support each of our partners with our experience and expertise that has brought us huge success across the European markets. Maintaining our core values that are targeted towards giving our

customers the best experience with our products and services."

Kvik is part of the Swedish Ballingslöv Int AB Group, a leading kitchen and bathroom specialist in Scandinavia and the United Kingdom. Kvik currently has 137 stores worldwide and has just celebrated its 11<sup>th</sup> store opening in Thailand.

"Kvik's popularity in Thailand is based on its European success, along with our great Danish design history. Thai's connect with Kvik products as they are contemporary, smart, fashionable, imported kitchens offered at a surprisingly low price," notes Thomas.

"The charm of Danish design is innovative, contemporary design, where form closely follows function. Kvik pays great interest to human lifestyle and behaviors and has designed kitchens to compliment this. Take our 'Sociable Kitchen';

with its large multifunctional work island placed in the center of the room, it becomes the beating heart of the home. Where family and friends can gather for food preparation, a good laugh or deeper conversation," he added.

As for what makes Kvik outstanding from other brands, Thomas explained: "Kvik's Danish design kitchens are designed to serve the purpose of making its customers have a greater, more enjoyable experience. Our products are of high quality and affordable for the majority, allowing everyone to own their own cool kitchen," he continues.

"We consider Thailand as the home market in Asia and we are planning to expand our business across Asia. This is the reason why we are setting up production



**KEEN FOR KITCHENS:** Thomas E Sorensen of the Kvik Family, said that the ideal partner in Phuket is someone who has always dreamed of owning their own business.

and warehouse facilities in Thailand to live up and deliver the dream kitchen to the customers faster, as our name 'Kvik' means 'fast and smart' in Danish," he concludes.

If you are interested and would like to be a part of Kvik Family, please feel free to contact Thomas via Email: [tes@kvik.com](mailto:tes@kvik.com) or mobile: 084-926 0318

## Absolute return funds

By David Mayes

THIS short article will take a look at whether absolute return funds will begin delivering again?

An absolute return fund or strategy is one which attempts – attempts being a very key word here – to deliver positive year-on-year returns regardless of

market conditions.

There are very many strategies that are employed in the attempt to generate these returns. They are called absolute because they are not relative, as many in the industry like to report their performance in comparison with some benchmark.

Trend following funds have tra-

ditionally been one of the steadiest of the absolute return strategies. Many of these funds traded through the 80s, 90s, and most the first decade of this century without having any losing years at all. When the stock markets of the world collapsed in 2008, many trend following funds had their best years ever.

Since then however, it has been a tough time and many very famous funds have not gotten back above the high water marks they made that year. Many have lost three out of the last four years.

It is interesting to note that Bill Gross, the famed bond guru, has recently publicly announced that he intends to focus his firm's strategic direction on moving away from bonds and trying to attempt to become the number one alternative investment fund house.

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**TAKING CHANCES:** An absolute return fund strategy is not a sure bet in terms of always yielding a positive year-on-year return. Photo: John D Macdonald

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# A long fall from grace

A RECENT report about the problem of “homeless foreigners” from the West becoming a burden on the Thai state (see page 10) set off an unprecedented flurry of comments on popular online blogs.

Like so many dimensions of modern life, the problem of “homelessness” has reached global proportions, as cases like the diaspora of the stateless Rohingya from Myanmar show.

Although misery is relative, the subsequent online debate about what should be done about “down and out” Westerners in Thailand clearly touched a nerve among many expatriate residents.

The reactions ranged across a broad spectrum, as one might imagine, given the wide diversity of backgrounds of those who engaged in the debate. At one end, some were quick to dismiss those who “fell through the cracks” as hopeless drunks, junkies, sex addicts – or any combination of these.

Such commentators saw the plight of the homeless as a direct result of their own lack of self-control, maturity or other behavioral shortcomings. Hence, they should be forced to lie in the bed they made for themselves with no assistance whatsoever: end of debate.

At the other end of the spectrum, some people showed a great deal of sympathy, recounting inspiring tales of their own successful struggles to pull themselves up after bad times, many pointing out the pivotal roles that Good Samaritans – both Thai and foreign – had played in helping them rebuild their lives.

While there was a great disparity of opinion about what the Thai government, as well as diplomatic missions in Thailand, should do to address such cases, there was little debate that Thailand continues to be a powerful magnet for a great many people who, failing to find happiness in their home countries, seek it here.

This influx should come as little surprise given the way the country promotes itself as an “Amazing” tourist destination and makes entry easy for western visitors through lax immigration laws – visas on arrival, no mandatory travel insurance and so on.

We live in an extraordinary age of technological advance, yet hobos, bums and the homeless remain a stubborn presence.

One fact has become increasingly self-evident: social stability depends primarily upon family and small-scale community support systems of the type that have never been adequately recreated by any economic systems, from communist to capitalist and everything in between.

Any foreigner considering a move to Thailand is warned: it is possible to find happiness and prosperity here, but the safety net that will support you during times of trouble will be the one you have set up by yourself.



## Old Town should be pedestrian only

Re: Gazette online, Phuket Opinion: Phuket Town, worthy of Unesco World Heritage status, August 18

I like to send European tourists to visit the Sino-Portuguese streets and Chinese temples in downtown Phuket, but most complain about their inability to take nice pictures of the old houses because the cars parked along the sidewalks are spoiling the pictures.

May I suggest that the Phuket City Mayor make all downtown streets pedestrian-only streets, as is done in old cities in Europe?

Asterix  
Gazette forum

### More SUDS facts

Re: Gazette online, Special Report: Sudden Death comes knocking at Phuket's door, August 18

In the early '90s there was a spate of Sudden Unexplained Death Syndrome (SUDS) occurring in Isaan construction workers in Singapore; autopsies performed at National University Hospital and Singapore General Hospital were all non-specific.

It was thought at the time that overwork coupled with alcohol and energy drinks was a possible cause, then Brugada's syndrome was recognized in 1992.

SUDS continues to be a phenomenon, primarily in men, in northeast Thailand and Laos.

Kamala Resident MD  
Gazette forum

### Find Jintana's killers

Re: Gazette online, Family of executed Phuket human resources director demand results, August 16

Let's go already. The family deserves better than this. Another unsolved murder. This was a good person and some scumbag needs to be held accountable for her death.

Khun D  
Gazette forum

### Letters to the Editor

Do you have an opinion to voice?  
Email Editor@PhuketGazette.net

### No more wild cards

Re: Gazette online, Tiger Disco: date set for trial over lethal Phuket fire, August 17

If anyone responsible for the fire gets more than a 20,000 baht fine and a one year suspended sentence, I will be very surprised.

If there is no real punishment, it means anyone can play “get out of jail free” cards to run clubs which break the law, flout safety and cut any corner required to maximize profits.

Ban these people from ever owning clubs again and jail the persons responsible for the deaths.

Skip  
Gazette forum

### Bad guys aren't cons

Re: Gazette online, Pyrotechnic meth-dealer caught red handed in Krabi, August 16

How are these prisoners getting access to phones and organizing drug deals if they're not bribing the guards?

It is about time the officials who are not corrupt, if there are any to be found in the prison system, go through Nakhon Sri Thammarat prison with a big broom and sweep out the obvious corruption that appears to occur there on a regular basis!

Ozmisty  
Gazette forum

### Slow down at sea

Re: Gazette online, Phuket speedboat brings tourists closer to nature, August 16

Yes, there is a speed limit of five knots, but, as on the roads,

nobody cares.

I have witnessed the speedboat cowboys (I refuse to call them captains) countless times speeding through that channel at almost 20 knots. This harms the mangroves and it is obviously very dangerous.

Mike  
Gazette forum

### Prab's got it right

Re: Gazette online, Mafia rule: Patong Kingpin points finger at officials, August 17

Prab, whatever you have done, your response is spot on. You are telling the world how corrupt Thailand is. If I could vote for you, you would be PM.

I agree with you; the DSI is not going to stop the payment system as long as there is no punishment of the officials.

TerryJC  
Gazette forum

### No fines for the rich

Re: Gazette online, Mayor Pian, other Patong officials snared in vote fraud probe, August 16

If found guilty, I hope they are not only removed from office but also given a jail term, and never again allowed to run for any political position.

Forget imposing fines, as for the rich and powerful they are no deterrent to committing crimes.

Skip  
Gazette forum

### Punish the foresters

Re: Gazette online, Logging raid finds over 100 rai of damage, no lumberjacks, August 16

Investigate and fire the forestry staffer and other authorities for starters. How exactly does someone clear 100-200 rai without forestry officials knowing it?

Dave Williams  
Gazette forum

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# Battling corruption

## FIRST PERSON

PHUKET is growing at a tremendous rate. New businesses are opening all the time, there is a great deal of money coming in, and a lot of people are moving here to take advantage of the economic growth. But one consequence of all this is increased corruption.

The purpose of my anti-corruption network is to free Phuket from this serious problem. This is to benefit Phuket society, but it's also important because we'll be joining the Asean Economic Community soon and we need to show outsiders that our business practices are transparent and above board.

The way to do this is first to raise awareness, then to take action.

I started doing some research last May, when I handed out questionnaires about corruption to all kinds of people of all ages, including students, government employees and local business associations.

We named 25 government departments on the survey and asked questions such as "When you did official business with this department, did you have to pay money under the table?"

We haven't finished processing the data yet, but as of today the top five categories of officials accused of being corrupt by the 500 people who answered our questionnaire are: the Police; the Land Department; local administration organizations; the Land Transport Office; and the Immigration Police, in that order.

A lot of people think that corruption doesn't concern them – they think it's other people's problem. But actually, it's all around us, affecting us whether we can see it or not. We can't just ignore it.

Because people tend to think it doesn't involve them, the first thing we have to do is raise awareness, especially among children



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Here, he talks about why Phuket needs an anti-corruption network and what motivated him to start it.

and young people. We try to help them understand that corruption is something close to them, part of their daily lives.

One example I give is this: Officials receive 100 million baht for a new road, but they only spend 80 million baht on the project, putting the other 20 million baht in their pockets, with the result that we all drive on a substandard road. Examples like this help people see how corruption is part of their lives.

In the future, when we are stronger and more established, we can start taking more direct action. For example, if the Phuket government has a big construction project, we would send someone to join the planning committee, to make sure the bidding is conducted in a fair and transparent way. Ideally, we'd also follow the construction as it progresses.

This is the power and responsibility of a civil society, and it should not be seen as something extraordinary. Government officials are spending our money – our tax money – and we should be able to check to see that it's being spent properly.

At a national level we already

have organizations that do this. I think that having our own anti-corruption network here on Phuket would be more effective; it would involve locals checking up on local activities and people.

Right now, Phuket is the only province in Thailand that has this kind of network. We started it in February this year and we have 800 members so far. We are aiming for 3,000 by the end of the year.

All of us who live in Phuket use its natural resources every day. How many of us give something back? This is the only thing I could think of doing to give back to Phuket, my hometown.

I hope that with our network, Phuket can become a model of anti-corruption, a model that other provinces can follow. I don't expect this to happen overnight; it will take a long time, probably 10 or 20 years. That's okay. Even if it doesn't happen in my lifetime, it's okay. I will feel satisfied knowing that I started Phuket moving in the right direction. I want to help create a corruption-free Phuket for my children and grandchildren. I believe you do too.

More information is available by calling 081-8912333 or emailing: dr.surin@icloud.com



We need more parks, not more gray, in Thalang. Image: Baltic Media

## Greenery for the soul

WHEN I lived on Racha Island, I could never really figure out where Thalang was.

The only time I encountered it was taking a taxi to the airport. Around Koh Kaew I'd ask the driver, "Is this Thalang?", then again at the Heroines' Monument. Finally, as we whizzed through the Ton Sai Waterfall intersection, he'd say, "This is it."

All three areas seemed interchangeable – nondescript strips of slightly grubby shops. Who would want to live there?

Now I do. My original impression remains, but I've learned that between those shops – the sand lot and the cinder-block seller, the vendors of used cars and blue-and-red metal barrels – are slivers of green, an occasional overgrown lot, and glimpses of hills.

There's space here. When I come back to Thalang from Phuket Town or Chalong or Rawai, I feel myself breathing easier.

But that space is rapidly being filled in. Where there was a grassy field across from the cashew factory, a gigantic building is going up; the field next to Tesco Lotus is soon to be a car dealership, and a long swathe of rubber trees along the road after Wat Phra Thong has been cut down to make way for some business or other.

At this pace, Thepkasattri Road from the airport turnoff to the bypass road will soon be a solid corridor of commercial enterprises.

But it shouldn't be.

## Island View

By Leslie Porterfield

Do you have an opinion to voice?  
Email Editor@PhuketGazette.net

First because – until a dedicated airport highway is built – this road is one of the first sights most tourists will have of the magical tropical island of their dreams.

But most importantly, because the people of Thalang, inhabitants of this semi-industrial landscape, need to see something beautiful every day.

Phuket Government, please buy land along Thepkasattri Road to preserve green spaces, so that as we race down the road on our daily commutes, we can rest our eyes on them for a brief second and feel uplifted.

Please make parks where we can take walks, play football and badminton, and exercise in the early morning.

The buffalo field at Heroines' Monument and the jungly patch across from the green mosque in Baan Lipon are prime locations.

And why not buy strips of land all along Thepkasattri Road – sections of rubber trees and pineapple fields – and hold them as green spaces? Businesses can go in behind these.

Do this now before the land prices in Thalang go up too much, before any more huge housing estates or big box stores arrive.

It's not too late, but it soon will be.

## Issues & Answers...

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

### Why do we need the Koh Kaew Lights?

I don't understand why there are traffic lights at the Koh Kaew intersection. Their sole purpose seems to be to allow people coming out of a small soi on the east side of Thepkasattri Road to turn right and head north.

Traffic headed north on Thepkasattri Road constantly slows down and gets backed up all the way to the bypass road because of these lights. Is there another reason why they are there?

Ant Phuket  
Phuket

**Samak Luedwonghad, Phuket Highways Office Director, replies:**

The lights are there to increase the safety of the area, not just to help motorists trying to exit the small soi.

There is a lot of traffic in the area because of the houses and schools of the Koh Kaew community, and especially during rush hours the lights help to manage all types of traffic. For example, the lights allow pedestrians to cross the road safely, and vehicles to make safe u-turns there.

For more information contact the Phuket Highways Office on 076-212179 or 076-210192.



Seeing red. Photo: Horia Varlan

### What's the M.O. at Thalang P.O.?

I have lived in the Thalang area for five years now and in that time I have become very frustrated by how long it takes to receive my mail.

Each month I usually receive my True TV magazine around the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>, but sometimes as late as the 26<sup>th</sup> or as early as the 2<sup>nd</sup>. True has assured me that their magazines are sent out in the last week of the month.

My TOT bill is issued around the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, yet I usually don't receive it until the due date – around the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

As I never receive just one piece of mail but always at least two to three pieces, I suspect that mail is held at Thalang Post Office until there is more than one piece to deliver to a specific

address. Is this true?

Swery  
Thalang

**Prachoom Kaothan of the Thalang Post Office replied:**

Yes, you are correct. We do not have enough staff to deliver mail daily to every address. We are aware of the problem and apologize for the delay.

Thalang Post Office is responsible for delivering mail in a large area, from Koh Kaew to Sarasin Bridge. Not only is the area big, but the number of houses is constantly increasing, so the volume of mail is increasing too.

In a big housing estate, it takes a long time to deliver the mail. We have tried to negotiate with the administrations of these estates to allow us to deliver mail to a cen-

tral point and have them distribute it further, but they haven't agreed to do this.

If you are expecting urgent mail, you can walk in and pick it up.

Our office is opposite Tesco Thalang. We are open Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm, and Saturday from 8:30am to noon.

We will keep looking for ways to speed up our service.

Send us your queries and we'll ask the right people to respond to them.

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Thailand's Queen of Dance Christina Aguilar (2nd right) and family were warmly welcomed by Cape Panwa Hotel Phuket General Manager Philipp S Frickhinger (2nd left), PR Manager Kulaseth Hovongratana (far right) and Cape Panwa Hotel Senior Sales Coordinator Krittiya Butlakorn (far left), during their recent stay at the hotel.

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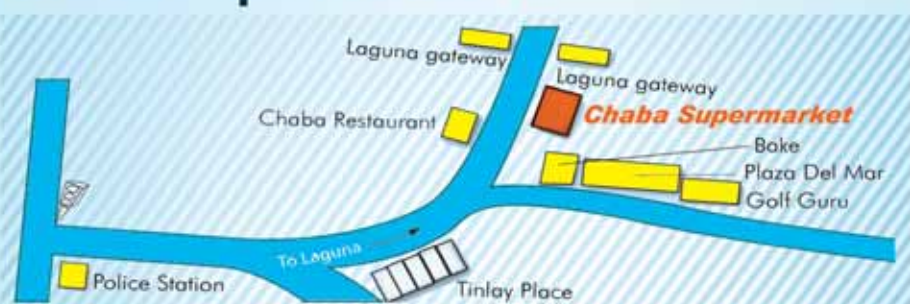
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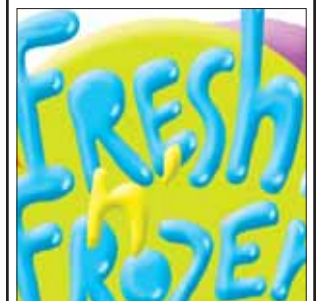
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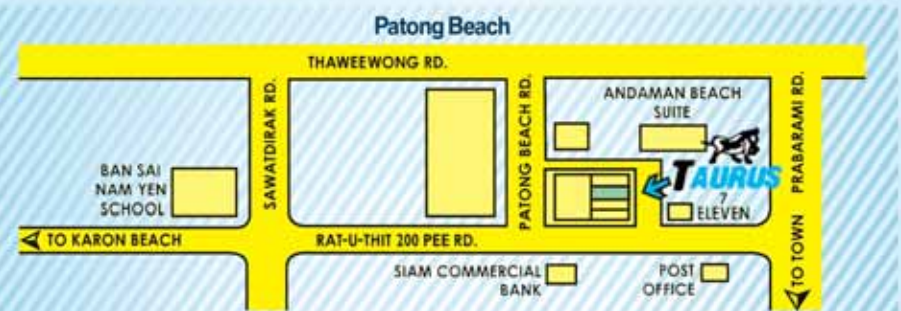
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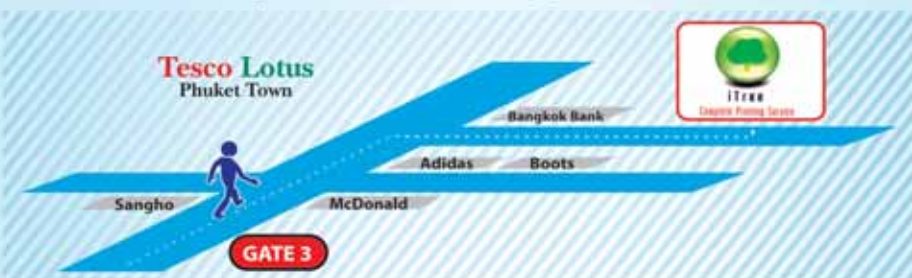
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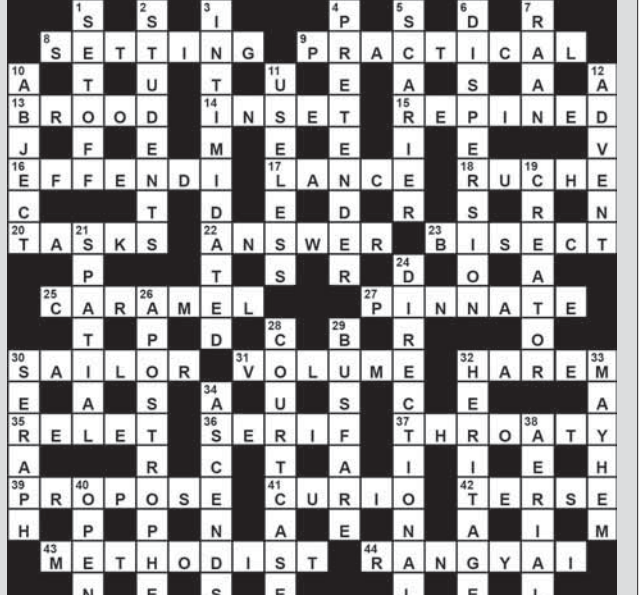
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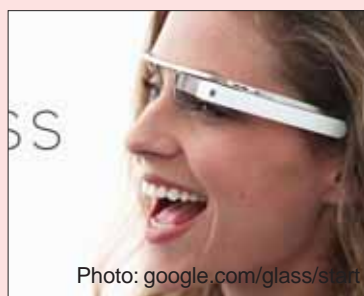


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**Google glass:** One of the most talked about gadgets of the season. This spy's dream-come-true let's you capture photos and videos of whatever you look at. It's voice controlled, let's you make voice calls and utilizes Google Translate service to help you get around foreign environments. The information is presented via built-in screen. The camera has 5 megapixels and the 16 GB memory should be enough to save all the important stuff that catches your eye. If not, it can sync with Google cloud storage too. About 48,000 baht. For more information visit google.com/glass/start



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**New MacBook Air:** An improved version of the ever popular lightweight MacBook Air comes with all day battery which keeps the computer going for up to nine hours with the 11 inch model and as long as 12 hours with the 13 inch model. New flash memory should make it up to 45% faster than the previous model. Prices start at 31,900 baht.



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**Lenovo K91 Smart TV:** The first TV from Lenovo with Android 4.0 Ice Cream Sandwich system and 55 inch screen. The set is smart enough to turn itself on at the sight of your face. And it comes with a joystick for game players. Priced at 74,000 baht. For more information visit: lenovo.com



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**HTC One Mini:** A small brother of the popular HTC One smart phone. The Mini features a 4.3 inch, 720p screen, a dual-core 1.4GHz Snapdragon processor and 16 GB of memory. HTC UltraPixel 4 Megapixel camera shoots 1080p video at 30 frames per second. The phone comes in two colors: black and grey, another runs on Android 4.2.2 (Jelly Bean) system. HTC One mini expected price is 18,300 baht.



Photo: Sony.co.th

**Sony CP-F5 and CP-F10L:** The new line of chargers comes in two sizes (CP-F5 - 5,000 mAh, CP-F10L - 10,000 mAh) and in five different colors. It will charge your phone fast and in style. You'll pay 1,790 baht for the CP-F5 model and 2,990 baht for the bigger CP-F10L. For more information visit sony.co.th



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A new app from Google play store "Lost Droid Finder". Photo: Google

## Keep an eye on your phone

A NEW app from Google will help you find your Android powered smart phone when it's lost or stolen. The app works in three modes: Panic, Predator and SIM guardian.

Panic mode will make the phone ring at maximum volume for full three minutes. The app will also inform you when music starts or stops or when someone picks up your phone.

Predator mode will point to the location and address of your mobile phone in Google maps in case you misplace it. The SIM guardian mode will inform you when your SIM card has been removed or replaced and will also show you the new SIM card's phone number so you can keep tracking your device. Dodge those phone thieves!

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## WHAT'S ON in Phuket

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**September 19, 11:30am-2pm, Phuket International Women's Club monthly lunch.**

September's lunch will be at The Holiday Inn, Patong. Always a popular venue. All are welcome but registration is essential. Members B500 and guests B650. Contact: info@phuketiw.com or Carole Dux 076-316711 or visit website: phuketiw.com

**Oct 8, 2013, 6 pm-10:30 pm, Wine List of the Year Thailand Awards 2013.**

The Wine List of the Year Thailand Awards is a National competition recognizing the efforts and expertise amongst the hotels, restaurants, cafes and wine bars in the development of wine culture in Thailand. The competition is open to all food and beverage establish-

## Phuket Vegetarian Festival October 5-13



ments with wine lists. The online registration opens in May 2013 and culminates in the announcement of Thailand's best wine list at the Awards ceremony in October. Contact Jon Hyams on 080-4718713

**October 5-13, Phuket Vegetarian Festival.**

This festival is an annual event held during the ninth lunar month of the Chinese calendar. Though the origins of the festival are unclear, it celebrates the Chinese community's belief that a strict diet of "vegetables only" will purify mind and body and constitute merit-making. Sacred rituals are performed at all Chinese temples in Phuket. The processions from each temple show strict vegetarians, known as devotees, ostensibly possessed by gods, piercing their tongues, cheeks and other parts of the anatomy with sharp implements. The devotees apparently feel no pain and show no sign of real injury.

**Oct 17, 11:30am-2pm, Phuket International Women's Club at Cape Panwa Hotel.**

Another new and fascinating location for our October lunch: the historic Panwa House at the Cape Panwa Hotel. As usual, booking is required but all are welcome. Members: 500 baht; non members and guests: 650 baht. Register at info@phuketiw.com or contact Carole Dux on 076-316711.

**Nov 13-16, 5am-6pm, Phuket International Sport Fishing Tournament 2013.**

Registration will be held on November 13 from 5pm onwards. Fishing days are 13-16 November. Prize giving party on the 16th. For more info, please see our website: phuket-international-sportfishing-tournament.com or contact Khun Uwe Schitteck on 076-282036 or email uweschitteck@yahoo.com

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Contact the Asia Superyacht Rendezvous organizers on 0-817-974100 or by email: pr-comm@asia-superyacht-rendezvous.com See the website: asia-superyacht-rendezvous.com

**February 14, 2014 Makha Bucha Day**

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# Yet more dark despair

## Books

By James Eckardt

AFTER aspiring journalist Howard W French graduated college in 1980 he joined his parents, American medical doctors, in Ivory Coast. His romance with Africa begins with a girl from Mali whom he meets in a nightclub. Intrigued by her tales of Mali's history, he sets off on an epic overland trip to Mali to see for himself. This journey comprises the first chapter of his *A Continent for the Taking* (Vintage Books, New York, 2005, 280pp). Subtitled *The Tragedy and Hope of Africa*, it's mainly the story of his four years as African correspondent for the New York Times, a stint of far too much tragedy and nearly no hope.

He does revisit Mali and has praise for its resurgent democracy (one that was crushed a few years ago, leading to an Islamic insurgency and French intervention). But he would spend most of his time as a fireman, rushing from crisis to crisis in godforsaken places like Liberia and the Congo.

One flaw does run through this generally vigorous account of bloody unrest. As a black American, French tends to fall into puerile pontificating toward his presumed white audience – ignorant and indifferent of Africa. This leads him into overblown rhetoric and outright historical errors. He accuses the explorer Henry Morton Stanley of being a sadist, loading down his native bearers with heavy chains. If he did, they never would have been able to walk so far.

But his reporting is faultless. In the last days of the Congo's despot Sese Seko Mobutu's reign, stricken with cancer and faced with an invasion force organized from Rwanda, French brilliantly describes the chaos that overwhelms the crumbling capital of Kinshasa amid "the frenetic jostling for power of Mobutu's elite, a

motley collection of bemedaled generals and sticky-fingered grabbers dominated by relatives who had been rendered fat and plodding by years of unbridled greed".

This is in contrast to the lush beauty of the country itself. By air, French reports:

"We went from forests as thick as heads of broccoli bundled tightly together to golden savannahs resembling the American Great Plains, and finally, as the earth

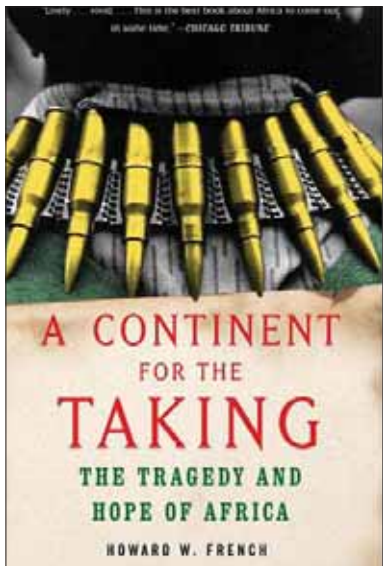
decades of Mobutu's epic misrule. French is on the plane with Bill Richardson, the American special envoy to the Congo, as he recounts his final meeting with Mobutu, telling him: "You are out. Do you want to leave with dignity or as a carcass?" Mobutu complains of disloyalty. "I said the mess you are in is not our mess," Richardson said. "You didn't govern your country."

Not that French has anything but scorn for American diplomacy. He asks: "Why were Western powers still placing most of their money on corrupt, authoritarian regimes in the iron grip of charismatic dictators?"

A prime example was Charles Taylor of Liberia and his militias of drug-addled child soldiers. French's horrifying escapades in the capital of Monrovia serve to highlight "one of Africa's most horrifying civil wars. No fewer than 150,000 out of 2.6 million Liberians had died during seven years of mayhem. A comparable toll for the United States would be the loss of nearly 21 million citizens." Meanwhile, the countryside had been devastated by looting, the surviving population dispersed by terrifying atrocities.

And how many Hutu refugees were massacred in Rwanda's invasion of the Congo will never be known. French doggedly follows their 1,000 mile flight through the jungle from the Rwandan border. Time and time again, the rebels kill them, scatter them in flight, catch up with them again and kill more. Except for French, this story remained largely unreported.

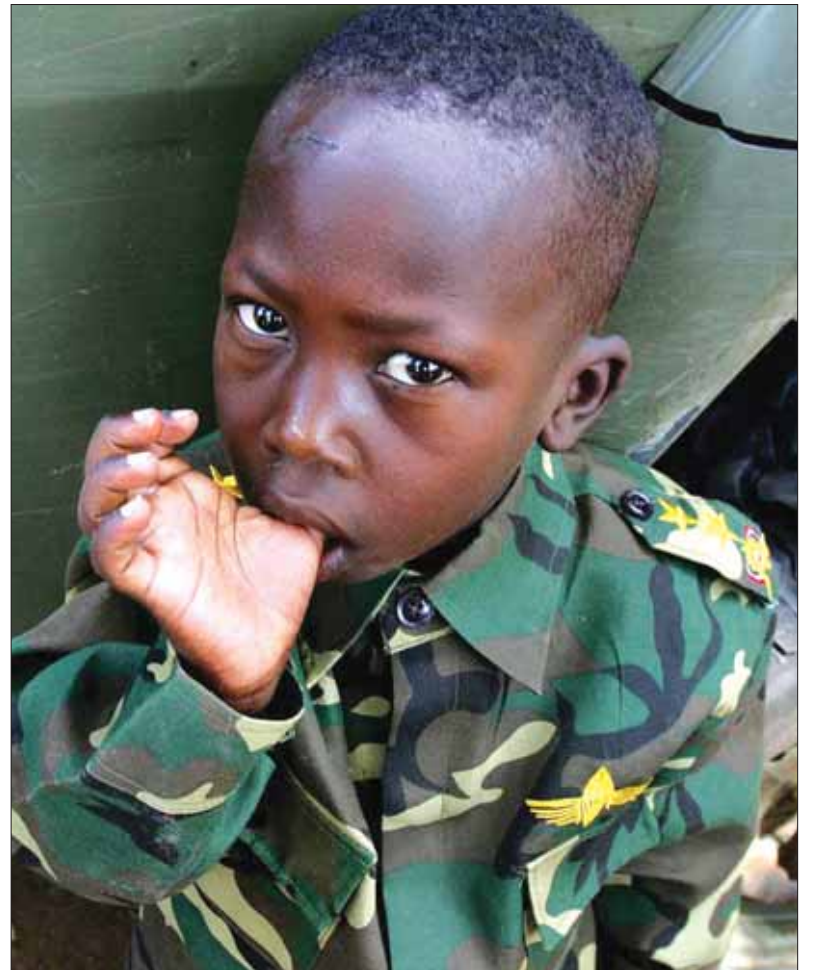
In the end, French wearies of his burden. He opts for a new assignment in Japan and is dreaming of that peaceful society as he fights his way out of Central African airports, assailed on all sides by greedy officials and pseudo-officials. French is utterly fed up and the reader sympathizes with him.



TOP: Author Howard W French  
BOTTOM: The cover of French's Book

began to rise and fold upon itself, to extraordinary mesas. Green and flat, rising sharply from the surrounding plains and neatly covered with grass, they looked as if Norse giants had conceived them for putting practice. A trancelike state of relaxation settled over me..."

The whole country is reverting to jungle, roads and railways disappearing during the three



INNOCENCE LOST: Child Soldiers have been used in brutal wars all over Africa in recent decades, leaving a terrible legacy. Photo: Hdptcar



BEAUTY: The author's love affair with Africa began when he met a woman from Mali. Photo: Hdptcar



STRUGGLE: A Congolese refugee boy stands in the classroom of an emergency school run by the UN. Photo: Hdptcar



GROWING UP FAST: A young girl carries her baby brother. Photo: Hdptcar



# Yves Baron 'Popera' gig

PHUKET'S pop and classical music fans are set for an unusual yet refreshing treat as the island welcomes Bangkok-based tenor, Yves Baron.

The French-Thai vocalist specializes in the "Popera" style, a blend of pop and classical opera music. He has performed at numerous media events, festivals and concerts in Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe and is currently a master vocal coach for the prestigious Superstar Academy and college in Bangkok. Yves Baron will be performing at the Centara Beach Resort on Saturday, August 31.

The *Gazette* had a chance to interview the musician, who goes by the stage name, "Le Tenor".

## Shela Riva: Tell us a bit about your background?

Yves Baron: I was born in Europe, but My mother is Thai and my father French; so I am a mixture of the Western and Asian worlds.

## How would you describe the style of your music?

YB: My music is a blend of pop and classical influences to create a genre we call 'Popera'. While learning classical opera I always listened to many of other types of music such as pop, rock and hip hop which all nourished my mind and soul with new ideas for my own music.

I do think that the music I choose to perform is a reflection of my personality, and I would say of my own blood. I always love to mix styles and genres; that is how I am happiest.

## Where have you performed so far?

YB: I have travelled over four continents so far and I hope it is only the beginning! There have been many festivals and beautiful nights performing for amazing people.

To my personal pride, I have been lucky enough to sing in front of HM Queen Sirikit during a Paris trip, and I have also performed at plenty of important media events with many talented musicians and wonderful celebrities.

## Where does the artist name and your album name 'Le Tenor' come from?

YB: 'Le tenor' is a bit of a connection to my French origin as 'Le' means 'The' in French. The word 'Tenor' is simply my voice range, it's a fantastic gift to hit the highest notes with full power. The 'Le Tenor' nickname was suggested here in Thailand by my good friend Sanya Souvannaphouma, a creative director of many upscale places in Bangkok. As we both met in Paris, it is a tribute to that city through my stage name.

## What will you be performing at your concert here in Phuket?

YB: I will sing a full 'popera' repertoire on August 31 with pop and classical tunes, as well as musical theater, movie soundtracks – all with a full tenor voice.

On Sunday, September 1, I will also perform for the Donnafugata wine launch at the Beachcomber. I am grateful to Centara Beach Resort, Karon for welcoming me.



**TALENTED TENOR:** The acclaimed Yves Baron will be performing his signature 'popera' songs in Phuket soon. Photo: Supplied

## Concert details

**Saturday August 31**, 8pm onwards at Luna Bar, Centara Beach resort, Karon.  
300 baht inclusive of beverage\* and choice of Cocotte Tapas

**Sunday September 1**, 7pm onwards at Donnafugata Winery, the Beachcomber, Centara Beach Resort, Karon  
1,600+ baht inclusive of five of beverages and five live cooking stations.

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# A worthy initiative

ANY initiative which includes the planting of new trees is to be welcomed. There is a plan afoot, initiated by Mr Songjit Suppakit of Phisut Technology and supported by Governor Maitri Inthasut, to connect Sirirat Road (near Le Meridian Beach Resort) to remote and spectacular Tri Trang and Freedom beaches.

The most ecologically sensitive proposal is to replace the existing footpath with a narrow road and walkway lined with *pradu* (rosewood) trees. These splendid trees, almost non-existent in the forests of Phuket because their valuable timber has long since been stolen for furniture, would light up the route with their masses of beautiful yellow flowers. Such an avenue could be called "The Botanic Road".

There are three or four main varieties of rosewood in South-east Asia: *Dalbergia nigra*, now classified as an endangered species, *D. latifolia*, and *D. sissoo* which produces a wood even harder than teak. Another variety, *oliveri*, native to Thailand, has clusters of pink flowers –presumably not what Mr Songjit has in mind. As forest trees with a canopy up to 20 meters high, they are unlikely to be suitable for



## Gardening

By Patrick Campbell

your garden, but the prospect of a sylvan lane stretching through a green landscape of hills is inviting.

This initiative conveniently takes us to the letter "D". While there is nothing else around quite as majestic or as universally known as *Dalbergia*, there are other plants worthy of mention. *Dillenia* is another Asian species which makes a broadly spreading tree, albeit not as tall as the rosewood. It has papery bark and thick, glossy, egg-shaped, deeply ribbed leaves up to a foot long. *Alata* has large, showy yellow flowers followed by red fruit: *D.indica*, which likes a shady position, has impressive white, magnolia-like flowers, with apple-like green fruit (hence the name elephant apple) about four inches in diameter, while the smaller *D.ovata* has golden blooms, and can tolerate full sun. The flesh of *D. indica* is used in India to make a kind of chutney called *chulta*. I have seen saplings for sale at the July Suphan Hin plant market, but it deserves wider recognition.

Another small fruit tree is *imocarpus longan*. The second part of the name gives it away, for this is the fruit – widely prized by Thais – that resembles a yellow-brown, smooth-skinned version of the lychee. If you are keen to try fruit trees in your garden, then this is a front-runner, a small tree with attractive large, pinnate foliage which makes it a useful shade tree. It produces racemes of yellow flowers and large bunches of sweet, juicy fruit.

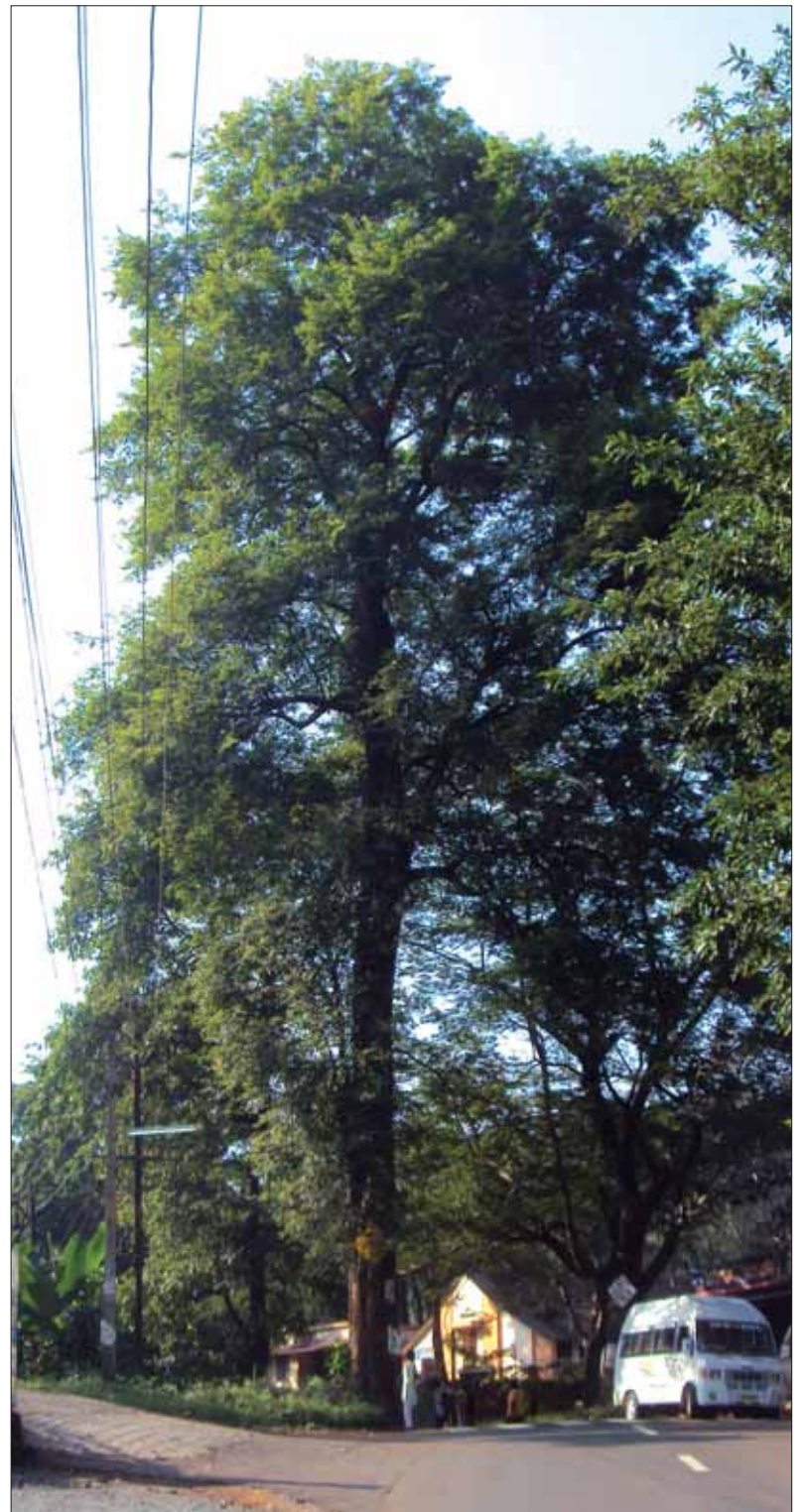
Other garden plants, for example *dracaena* and *dieffenbachia*, will already be well known to readers of these columns. Suffice to say that *dieffenbachia*, with its succulent stems, and distinctive mottled green and white leaves, remains one of the most widely available plants. Among the very best for deep shade, provided you can deliver a regular supply of moisture, it will also do well in a container placed in a dark corner.

Again, *dracaenas* are part of most gardening landscapes. The plant's ubiquity is illustrated by the fact that a Chalong development calls itself by the plant's name. *D. fragrans* is the most common form. It is often cut back to a bare trunk or two to encourage leaf growth from the node immediately beneath, and this form is sometimes used in interior settings. Left to its own devices, it will grow to twenty feet, wreathed in arching, strap-like, often variegated leaves all the way down its columnar form.

There are now interesting cultivars, including *victoriae* with a silver central stripe and *lindenii*, a favorite for group plantings, which has bright yellow leaves. The low-maintenance *D. reflexa* has a bushy habit and smaller, vividly striped leaves. It is one of the most robust plants I know.



**Limocarpus Longan** is a small fruit tree that produces abundant smooth lychee like fruit which are very popular in Thailand. Photo: Hoa Trai Viet Nam



**MAJ ESTIC:** This species of Rosewood tree, *Dalbergia Latifolia* might be used to line a new road in Phuket. Photo: Vinayara

## Tip of the week

### Look out for larval pests

THIS time of year sees lots of pests on your plants. Not just ants, which are always around and harm your treasures by protecting sap-sucking aphids, or the larval leaf miners which tunnel away inside tender leaves. One miner I recently discovered, a minuscule brown form, has been responsible for boring along the undersides of yellow palm fronds, cutting off the sap flow and turning the tissue gray and lifeless. Difficult to spot.

My solitary lotus has some telltale skeletal leaves, thanks to an infestation of China mark moth caterpillars. Small and hairy, they conceal themselves underneath the foliage. There are emerald green oleander Hawk



**Aphids produce a sweet nectar as a reward for the protection from predators provided by ants.** Photo: Viamoi

moth caterpillars: they started on the oleanders, but prefer to munch other shrubs in the *apocynaceae* family – *tabernaemontana* and

*adenium*. There are also monarch butterfly larvae on the Indian milkweed (*calatropis*), but this sturdy plant can cope.

## Dog of the week



FOXY was lucky enough to be rescued from the Northeast of Thailand close to the Cambodian border, where she was about to be sold to the dog meat industry and smuggled across the border.

Thankfully, Foxy was rescued by the folks at Doggie Heaven and has recovered

from her ordeal. She is still a little afraid of humans, but is becoming more relaxed and trusting every day.

She loves to be held close and thinks going for a run on the beach every morning is a real treat. She would love to find a new home with a family who are gentle and will allow her to regain trust in humans and have a normal life. If you can find a place in your home for Foxy, contact Doggie Heaven.

*Doggie Heaven helps place homeless dogs with loving families and is based in Thalung. If you would like to adopt an animal or want to make an appointment, please contact: sherin.peace@gmail.com or visit doggieheaven.net*



# Off-the-grid aquaponics

TRY saying the title of this article five times fast – you might get past the first round or two, but chances are you'll eventually have tripped up on the second word "aquaponics".

For many, particularly here in Phuket, this vaguely familiar, yet alien word sounds quite similar to the more commonly known system for growing plants, that has only recently become a buzzword on the island – hydroponics.

I'll go ahead and save you the headache of delving deep into confusing etymology and try to outline some simple definitions.

## Hydroponics vs Aquaponics

Hydroponics generally refers to the process of growing plants in a soil-less medium, be it igneous stones, clay pellets, coconut fiber (coir) or just water. Whatever the medium – if any – water is the key element in all set-ups; vital nutrients (plant food) are sucked up from the constantly circulating stream of water by a plant's root systems, and the water – sucked clean of all its nutrients – then cycles back out into some sort of reservoir or sump, where more nutrients are added, and the process can start all over again. With water constantly pumping through the system using electricity, there is no need to water the plants like when growing in soil.

Aquaponics is based on the same concept of creating an artificial environment that emulates the natural water, light and thus conversion-feeding cycles needed for a plant to thrive – only slightly more advanced. For the sake of comparison, if hydroponics was likened to a telegraph

## Home-grown

By Steven Layne

message, aquaponics would be like the latest scoop delivered on a super high-speed internet-powered 4-D TV with surround sound... Okay, maybe the step-up is not quite that extreme... Instead of buying and manually adding necessary chemical nutrients to the water cycle in a hydroponics system, an aquaponics system utilizes natural nutrients found in fish poop, which is supplied by an integral part of the system, the aquarium full of fish. It's genius in concept if you think about it. Plants need food in the form of ammonia, fish need their ammo-



Taking advantage of uncovered parking at work.

nia (the poop) removed from the aquarium regularly or they will die. Put the two needs together – add some basic hydroponics, plumbing and aquarium-maintenance, and you've got aquaponics

## Best of Both Worlds

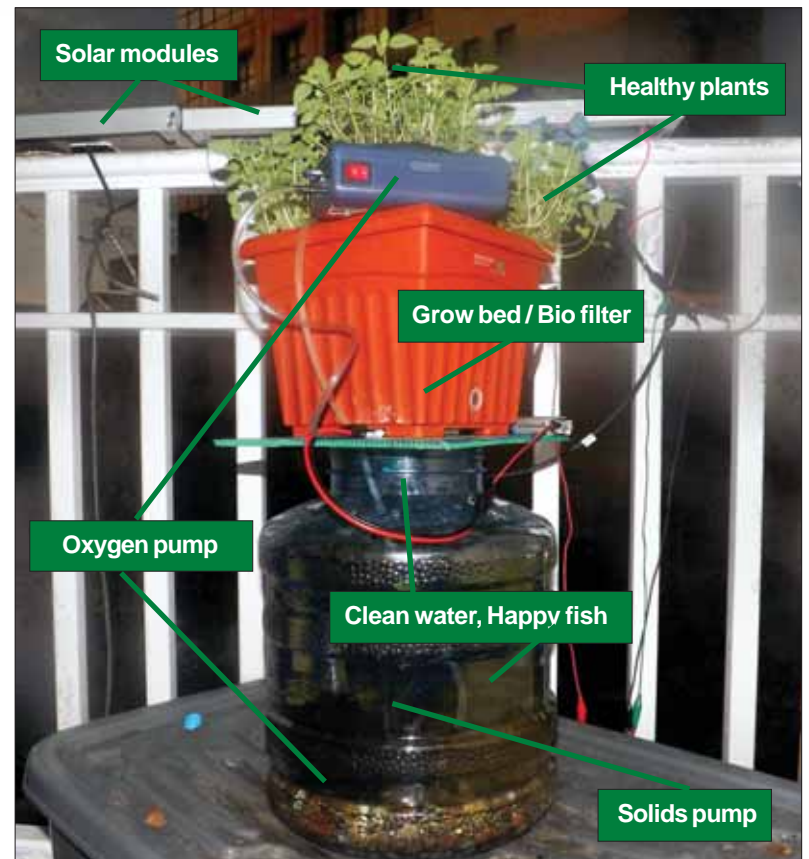
A quick search on YouTube will uncover hoards of amateur backyard aquaponics projects – some

quite impressive and even downright inspiring. Across the globe, though mostly in North America, there are folks who continue to construct simple aquaponics systems to grow everything from strawberries, carrots and mint to lettuce, basil and even cannabis; while the emphasis is usually on the plants, some have even upgraded their systems to take advantage of the best of both worlds, for example, to cultivate edible fish such as carp and catfish.

As an amateur aquaponics enthusiast, I too aspire to one day be able to cultivate an entire four-course meal, all within the confines of a small space. I'm on the right track now, having developed two working prototypes in my Phuket shoe-box condo's micro-sized kitchen balcony. Considering the space limitations, I've decided against trying to cultivate edible fish for now and just try to make sure I can keep the several guppies, suckerfish and baby turtles alive in my 20-inch aquarium. As for plants, I'm experimenting with Chia plants, as they proved an easy, instant germination, but I have some other challenges ahead of me.

## Off the Urban Grid

To say that I resent society's unchecked dependency on the almighty industries of coal and petrochemicals is an understatement. It seems impossible these days to even acquire food, whether buying or producing it, without consequently supporting and perpetuating the present age's dominant energy industries – coal and oil. The poor fall further into debt while wars continue to rage



MICRO ECOSYSTEM: The author's aquaponics prototype on a Phuket balcony.

on, and for those who think they're mostly unaffected, I say think again – all that plastic wrapping and packaging of your favorite foods and products, and all that fuel burned to power cars, TVs, cell phones, ipads, computers and air conditioners – that's all courtesy of oil, if not coal, too.

Bringing it back to aquaponics, I decided that I wasn't going to just copy the next guy, by going to the aquarium store to buy some quick-start, plug-in pumps. Anybody can do that. Rather, I wanted to design a system that doesn't depend on grid energy: Direct Current (DC) electricity channeled through solar modules was to be the key, if not for showing that this kind of thing could be done without needing to burn fossil fuels (plugging into the wall socket), then for ensuring that my fish and turtles would not be left to die when the power goes out as is quite common in Phuket.

I'm proud to say that the power has gone out twice in the last few months, and both times my aquaponic prototypes were 100% unaffected; the fish oblivious as the rest of Phuket froze in darkness.

The keys to my crude-albeit-promising prototype designs are the low voltage LED lighting, oxygen and solids pumps – all powered by DC solar-charged batteries.

Admittedly, maintaining a reliable energy supply, and particularly the process of keeping batteries sufficiently charged has been a major obstacle thus far. My condo balcony might get three hours of direct sunlight on a clear day, but on a cloudy day, forget about it – the balcony's design to minimize midday sun renders any solar charging station impractical.

So, what I do is bring a small, 10-kilogram 12-volt battery pack to work everyday, so I can passively charge it using small solar panels placed on top of my car roof, and thus taking advantage of a full day's range of sunlight – anywhere from 6-10 hours depending on the weather. Now who said uncovered parking is the end of the world?

Stay tuned for more aquaponics trials and exploitations. Meanwhile, for videos, blogs and pictures of my ongoing aquaponics experimentation, log on to [siamerican.com](http://siamerican.com)



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## Ukraine Independence Day

WITH all the Russian writing on Phuket signs and in beachside restaurants' menus, you might think that there are many Russians in Phuket...and you wouldn't be wrong. But keep in mind that not all of them are actually Russians. With some 30,532 Ukrainians having visited Thailand since the beginning of this year, chances are that the Russian family you see sunbathing on your favorite beach is actually a Ukrainian family. They might be easier to spot on Saturday when Ukraine celebrates its Independence Day. So if you lacked an excuse to raise a glass on that very day, there you go! And to make it a bit more meaningful, here's a profile of the third largest country in Europe.

Ukraine is located in Eastern Europe and share its border with seven countries – Russia, Belarus, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Moldova and the Black Sea in the south. Approximately 45 million people live in Ukraine, 77.8 per cent Ukrainians, 17.3 per cent Russian and 4.9 per cent make up other nationalities.

### Ukraine Independence Day

Ukrainians celebrate their national day on August 24 to commemorate the county's independence from the USSR. The Ukrainian Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Ukrainian parliament on August 24 1991, three months before the official dissolution of the Soviet Union. Today the celebrations consist of fireworks and concerts that are mostly concentrated in the capital – Kiev.

### Flag

The Ukrainian flag consists of two horizontal stripes, blue over yellow, representing fire and water, golden domes of churches over the Dnieper river (for a short period in the 20<sup>th</sup> century the colors on the flag were placed in the opposite order), or blue skies over fields of wheat (above). Since 2004 August 23 is celebrated in Ukraine as the day of the national flag.

### Language

The official language of Ukraine is Ukrainian, named the native language by approximately 65 per cent of the population with Russian coming second at roughly 30 per cent. Many Ukrainians use both Ukrainian and Russian in equal measure. State-controlled media use exclusively Ukrainian but private media, mostly printed press and radio, is still dominated by Russian.

### Food

Ukraine is famous for its borsch, a soup made from beetroot and 20 other ingredients. Other popular dishes are: Varenyky, dumplings similar to Polish pierogi with stuffing such as mashed potatoes with mushroom and fried onions, cabbage, minced meat or even cherries. Uzvar, a drink made from dried apples, pears and apricots.



### AUGUST 24

- 79AD Mount Vesuvius erupted burying the city of Pompeii.
- 1891 Thomas Edison patented the motion picture camera.
- 1912 Alaska became a United States territory.
- 1991 Ukraine declared Independence from Soviet Union.
- 2006 Pluto demoted from planet status to dwarf planet.

### AUGUST 25

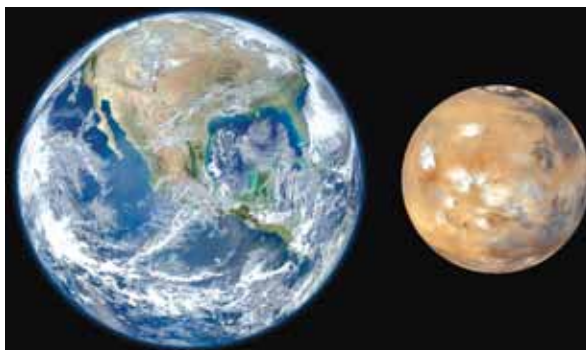
- 1609 Galileo Galilei demonstrated his first telescope.
- 1825 Uruguay declared its independence from Brazil.
- 1830 The Belgian Revolution began.
- 1944 World War II: Paris liberated by the Allies.
- 1991 The Airbus A340 aircraft made its first flight.
- 1991 Belarus gained independence from the Soviet Union



DEATH OF A CITY 79 AD Photo: coolingsights

### AUGUST 26

- 1768 Captain James Cook set sail from England on board HMS Endeavour, on his first voyage.
- 1791 John Fitch granted a United States patent for the steamboat.
- 1920 Women in the US got the right to vote with the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to United States Constitution.
- 1942 Holocaust atrocities commenced in Ukraine.



CLOSE COUZINS 2003 Photo: NASA/JPL/MSSS

### AUGUST 28

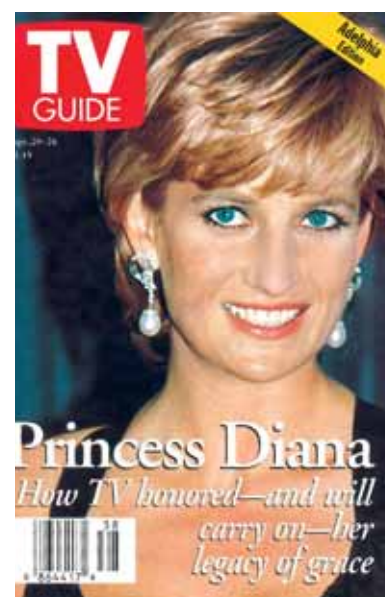
- 1789 William Herschel discovered a new moon of Saturn: Enceladus.
- 1916 World War I: Germany declared war on Romania.
- 1916 World War I: Italy declared war on Germany.
- 1990 Iraq declared Kuwait to be its newest province.
- 1996 Charles and Diana divorced.

### AUGUST 29

- 1758 The first American Indian Reservation established
- 1825 Portugal recognized the independence of Brazil.
- 1831 Michael Faraday discovered electromagnetic induction.
- 1833 Abolition of slavery in United Kingdom's empire.
- 1885 The world's first internal combustion motorcycle patented
- 1898 The Goodyear tire company founded.
- 1916 The United States passed the Philippine Autonomy Act.
- 2005 Hurricane Katrina devastated much of the US Gulf Coast

### AUGUST 27

- 1828 Uruguay formally proclaimed independence.
- 1939 Fight of the the world's first jet aircraft.
- 1991 Independence of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.
- 1991 Moldovan independence from the USSR.
- 2003 Mars closest to Earth in nearly 60,000 years.



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### AUGUST 30

- 1835 Melbourne founded.
- 1836 The city of Houston founded
- 1963 Start of the hotline between the U.S.A. and USSR
- 1984 The Space Shuttle Discovery maiden voyage.
- 1999 East Timor independence from Indonesia



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In the past ships could dock on a canal near Wat Chalong. Photo:craigcullum

# Skeletons from the past

By Anand Singh

IN 1992, a peculiar discovery was made in a village on Phuket Island. Baan Khok-Tanod, situated in Chalong sub-district in the south of Phuket, was the site of the strange discovery when a local company that owned a piece of land in the village decided to dig up the area in order to build a wall around the land. Not long after, construction had started, however, the crew had to stop abruptly after a chilling discovery was made. The heavy digging had begun to unearth several human skeletons and bones from the ground. It seemed like the construction workers had stumbled upon a mass grave and nobody really knew how long it had been there.

The site of the grave is located very close to Chalong Temple near Bang Yai canal. In the old days, Bang Yai was a large and very deep canal. In fact, it was wide enough to accommodate triple-mast ships, which could sail up the canal from the open sea, as far inland as Chalong Temple and the market nearby. For hundreds of years, the people of Chalong used Bang Yai canal for

transportation to other parts of the island and used its freshwater to irrigate their rice fields. It was a time when large canals connected the different districts of Phuket together, making it possible for people to travel from one part of the island to another.

Bang Yai canal flows into Chalong Bay, which used to be a natural harbor for merchant ships that sailed between trading towns like Malacca, Penang, Phuket, Ranong and Takua Pa. Ships on their way to these ports often had to sail past Chalong Bay and often, during the monsoon season, merchant ships would anchor within Chalong Bay and wait for favorable conditions before continuing on their journey. The district of Chalong also had a sizeable population living by the coast, which meant seafarers could buy their supplies from local villagers before setting sail again.

The skeletons found at Baan Khok Tanod were numerous, yet all buried together in one mass grave. They were buried along with several household items made of bronze, such as betel nut crushers and coins minted during the reign of King Rama V. Also found in the mass grave were several pieces of porcelain, kitchenware and glass bottles with European labels indicating that the wares were made in

England and Holland.

Such evidence has led local historians to believe that the mass grave may have been dug to bury European traders who died on the island almost a century ago. According to Prasit Chinakarn, a renowned Phuket historian, these merchants may have come to Phuket to trade in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. In the year 1912, however, a terrible smallpox epidemic spread throughout the Kingdom of Thailand. It took the lives of countless people, Thais and foreigners indiscriminately. Prasit suspected that the mass grave might have been dug to bury the dead European merchants who died during the smallpox outbreak.

He speculated that these merchants might have been travelling from Takua-Pa to Phuket when some of the crew members got sick and died on their ship on the way to Phuket.

As a result, the rest of the surviving crew may have taken a detour and sailed up Bang Yai canal to Baan Khok Tanod in order to bury their dead shipmates before setting sail elsewhere.

The betel sets and tobacco found in the grave suggests that there may have been some Thais buried in there as well. The fact that local Thais were also buried within the mass grave alongside Europeans seems to support the theory that these people may have been victims of a smallpox epidemic. Thais usually cremate their dead. However, during the smallpox epidemic of 1912, people were succumbing to the plague so fast that it was becoming difficult to cremate all of the dead bodies. In fact, the plague was so frightful that few would voluntarily go near dead bodies that had died from smallpox. Hence they were buried in



Mass grave in Chalong tells a story of Phuket's struggle with smallpox. Photo:gerlos

hastily-dug mass graves such as this one found in Baan Khok Tanod.

Smallpox was a highly infectious airborne disease with a high mortality rate. Outbreaks of smallpox used to be common throughout the history of the island. Another major outbreak of smallpox was documented again in 1943 during the Second World War, when many Japanese

soldiers were stationed in Phuket. Each time the epidemic struck, it killed masses of people in the most frightful manner. Thankfully, the awful disease has been eradicated from the island for over 50 years.

Anand Singh is an avid Phuket historian. If you have any comments or questions about the history of Phuket send an email to [as.pkt@hotmail.com](mailto:as.pkt@hotmail.com)



The Last case of smallpox in Thailand was reported in 1962. Photo:WHO

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# Superyachts meet again

## Invites now out for Asia's most prestigious yacht event

THE Asia Superyacht Rendezvous, now going into its 13<sup>th</sup> year, has begun accepting registrations for December's annual event in Phuket.

The event attracts the largest gathering of superyachts in all of Asia. Phuket, known as Asia's premier sailing destination, is the perfect home for the Rendezvous, which will take place just before the Christmas and New Year holiday period, on December 16-18. With exclusive sponsors such as FEADSHIP, Boat International Media, Asia Pacific Superyachts and Kata Rocks on board, it's an event that offers luxury, style, culture, prestige and above all, fun!

Imagine: white sand beaches, turquoise waters, sky villas that look like superyachts and world class fine dining, and you have the multi-award winning Kata Rocks in your mind. As the Host Sponsor for the Rendezvous, Kata Rocks is the latest edition to the Rendezvous family.

"The restaurant, bar and clubhouse will be employed to an exciting effect, with activities and programs that reflect the luxury and glamor of the numerous superyachts that will be moored between Kata Point and Koh Phu on the fully-moonlit nights," says Bryan Hoare Marketing and Communication Director for Kata Rocks.

The evening of most importance is no doubt the exclusive Gala Dinner, reserved for owners, captains and VIPs and held on the final day at Kata Rocks. Attendees will be treated to a mouth-watering cuisine experience, Thai cultural entertainment and a chance to dust off the disco shoes.

The crew does not need to miss out on any festivities this year, as a special Crew Party is being organized at the luxurious, yet trendy RE KA TA Beach Club on Kata Beach. The party, set to be one of the parties of the season, is sponsored by Sevenstar Yacht Transport, who is offering transportation from the Mediterranean and Americas regions to superyachts who wish to attend the event.

Apart from the final evening parties, the Rendezvous boasts various fun and activities during the three days. Starting with a cocktail party on the opening night on board one of the participating superyachts,

two days of sailing and cruising around the stunning Phuket coastline and Andaman Sea, the infamous FEADSHIP Challenge Cocktail Party and the family favorite; The Rendezvous Booty pirate treasure hunt.

Gordon Fernandes, GM of Asia Pacific Superyachts, the largest super-yacht agency in Asia and organizer/sponsor of the Rendezvous, added: "We always have a good time, but the model boat race, The Feadship Challenge, seems to get the best out of the crew and the banter is great. This is not only the biggest superyacht event in Asia; it's also the most fun!"

The renowned Dutch luxury yacht builder Feadship has been supporting the Rendezvous since its birth 13 years ago. Attending last year's 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and one of the stars of the event was superyacht Helix, a Feadship F45 Vantage motor yacht. Helix delighted onlookers with her perfectly crafted exterior and award winning design and has since been sold to a new proud owner.

The Asia Superyacht Rendezvous is no doubt Asia's best and most fun Superyacht event. Encompassing everything from beautifully crafted, sophisticated accommodation and venues, exquisite fine dining, a networking and social schedule with all ages and interests catered for, and on a tropical island location to boot. This is one event not to be missed.

– *Phuket Gazette*

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# Sailing around Phuket in style

NEED an idea for a interesting weekend? How about taking two superyachts, punting managers of some of the finest 5-star resorts in Phuket aboard, and setting them sail around the stunning Phang Nga Bay. That's exactly what Limestone Adventures did last Saturday to show off the newest addition to their fleet – the Bilgin 98 speed boat.

The passengers, among them Chantal Fernandes (GM Kata Rocks), Marie-Helene Moreira (GM The Surin), Scot Toon (GM Paresa Resort) and Gordon Fernandes (GM Asia Pacific Superyachts) could enjoy the boat's luxurious design, a jacuzzi, some great food

provided by the Hardstand Cafe and of course stunning vistas from the fly-bridge.

The Bilgin 98 is designed to make 10 passengers comfortable which

makes it one of the biggest boats available for daily charter in Phuket. A half day trip to Phang Nga for 10 people costs 182,000 baht.

– *Phuket Gazette*



The Bilgin 98, 30m of speed sailing delight. Photos: Limestone Adventures



Up to 10 people can comfortably cruise on the Bilgin 98



# Pamper yourself with a spa

By Anthika Muangrod and  
Kanyawarat Premprasert

BEAUTY and relaxation therapies such as massage, facials, and body wraps remain popular spa treatments for those who want to relax their mind and body and melt away the stress of a busy work schedule.

Spa treatments have a huge range of benefits, which include: increased relaxation, reduced stress, relief from headaches, relief from muscle tension (including facial muscles), improved skin quality, anti-aging effects and ridding the body of toxic chemicals from cosmetics.

Most spas consist of a massage component, often including a body, foot or face massage, and a beauty component, which is all about facial and body treatments such as body wraps, salt scrubs and so on.

Body scrubs are a great way to keep your skin healthy and beautiful through exfoliation. Most scrub treatments have three main ingredients – an exfoliant, an oil and a fragrant.

Exfoliation materials can include salt, sugar, rice bran, jojoba beads, apricot kernels or coffee grounds – in short, just about anything that can rub away dead skin cells and expose a fresh layer of smooth skin.

Ideally, high quality essential oils are used to generate a pleasant fragrance. There are an enormous number of synthetic oils on the market, but true aromatherapy uses only the best pure plant extracts. If you are going to use a spa service, make sure they use a pure therapeutic grade essential oil.

A body wrap is another common treatment undertaken when you go to a spa. During the process, people are slathered with algae, seaweed, mud, clay, lotion or cream before being covered in

a plastic wrap, which is tightly wrapped around the body and left on for about 20-30 minutes. This kind of treatment helps rid the body of toxins and helps to soften the skin.

Massage is another vital component of a relaxing spa treatment and there is nothing quite like a foot massage to help you shed your stress. Foot massage is to Thailand like eating sushi to Japan – part of people's regular routine and an integral element of the country's culture.

Massage techniques in the Land of Smiles are influenced by the traditional medicine systems from all over Asia, but with a particularly strong influence coming from India and China.

The goal of massage is to stimulate your muscles, improve circulation, lessen stiffness and strain and eliminate pain. A basic foot massage consists of 21 steps and focuses on putting pressure on specific points of your feet. Some of it you can do at home. Start with putting massage oil or foot cream on your feet and legs. Next, hold

the bottom of the foot with both hands. Start rubbing the top of the foot, slowly working your way down to the sole of the foot. Apply more pressure as you get closer to the sole. Reverse slowly towards the top, reducing pressure as you go. In the next step, rub the heel of the foot, use your thumbs to make small circles with medium to heavy pressure. Massage around the entire heel. Do it again on the ball of the foot.

Next, use your thumbs to push up and down the heel. Finally, use both of your hands to rub in circular motion around the heel bone on both sides, and softly rub your fingers over the top of the bone. After that make fists and use your knuckles to push to the arch. Roll your hand back and forth



**FACIAL TREATMENT:** ingredients in most facials spa can help improve the elasticity in your face, soothe your face, firm and hydrate your skin and more. Photo: EuphoraSalonMediSpa



**FOOT MASSAGE:** There's no better way to treat a friend or loved one than to give their sore feet a wonderful foot massage. Photo: Body Kneads Day Spa.

to massage the skin gently.

Or just grab 200-300 baht and let the nearby foot massage parlor do it for you! Properly performed, a foot massage can

relieve diarrhea, headache, asthma and stress. It's surely worth the price and the perfect way to treat yourself after a long week at work.

## Meditation 101: 10 minutes best

WHEN you have your mind placed on a single object, then you have your mind retaining the memory of what it is doing. Whenever you are engaging the mind in that action of single-pointed concentration, it is from that moment on that meditation starts.

For beginners, the length of the session that is best to get quick improvements in terms of mind performance, should be no more than 10 minutes.

Training the mind can be likened to physical training – the basic principles are similar. Suppose you want to train yourself to run. At first, the coach would tell you not to overexert yourself, telling you to do paced sessions on the treadmill for say 15 or 20 minutes per hour.



**MIND MASTER:** Andrea Capellari advises beginners to pace their meditation sessions.

In here (the realm of mind training) you should pace yourself and meditate for no more than 10 minutes at a time at first.

Sure, you might be able to sit and meditate for longer than 10 minutes, but the quality of mediation will fall as the mind gets tired, and invariably mind performance will drop, and you basically don't want the mind to remember and retain low performance from low quality meditation.

Andrea Capellari is Thanyapura's Mind Trainer and leads meditation sessions for members, Mon-Thu, 10.30-11.30am and 3-4pm, and 9.30-11.30am on Fridays. Check updates: [tslc@thanyapura.com](mailto:tslc@thanyapura.com)

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# Logos Hope visits Phuket

World's largest floating book fair brings knowledge, help, and hope

By Anthika Muangrod

*Logos Hope* which docked in Phuket recently, is operated by the German charity GBA Ships, and has made over 1,400 port visits in over 150 countries and territories. During these port calls, since 1970, it has welcomed over 42 million visitors on board – bringing knowledge, help and hope to people around the world.

The book fair is on “deck four” of the ship. There are nine decks in total, and the ship is roughly half the size of the Titanic. There are more than five thousand books on topics ranging from science and technology, sports, hobbies and cookery to philosophy and children’s books, all of which are available for purchase at affordable prices.

“The place is nice, with air conditioning and [lots of] interesting books. The book I’m reading is about diving and it tells all about the diving sites and big fish. There is some really nice pictures of the fish and cool diving sites all around the world, including Phuket, the Similan Islands, and Koh Lanta,” young Phuket residents Brandon and Lolo Edouard, who were visiting *Logos Hope*, told the *Gazette*.

The head of *Logos Hope*’s literature department, based in Germany, is responsible for selecting and cataloging the books on the ship. Over the years, they have refined the list of books to contain many popular and enjoyable titles.

As many as 400 unpaid volunteers from more than 45 different nations work shoulder-to-shoulder aboard the ship, with their shared mission to bring



**KNOWLEDGE IS POWER:** The *Logos Hope*’s book fair has more than 5,000 book titles in various categories.

knowledge, help and hope to people around the world. Each year, another 200 volunteers join the crew, replacing those who have served their handed two year stint.

Dawid Jankowski, a young Polish volunteer who was on the ship when it docked in Phuket, told the *Gazette*:

“I want to do something for others. It’s in human nature to always expect that someone will do something for us, but I want to do something for others, not only [have] people doing something for me. I found this organization and I decided to join them and to travel around the world. So far, I have visited 26 countries and 48 ports in almost three years... I want others to have hope in life,”

Cat Tse, a GBA Ships media relation officer, spoke about how the ship’s mission is funded: “We are a non profit government organization. Half of our donations come from family and friends who want to support the volunteers on board. All the volunteers, including the director and captain do not have a salary. About 25 per cent of the small profit from the book fair covers the cost for

operating the ship and 25 per cent comes from individuals and partners from other organizations or companies that wants to sponsor us.”

In many ports, the *Logos Hope* sets up libraries, donates books and holds workshops on how to run a library. There’s also trainings on topics such as HIV and AIDS, first aid, hygiene and healthcare.

“We offer all sorts of education and training to those who come on board. The school for children on board follows the English education system. Training is provided according to what job category the person works in on the ship. For example, someone working in the kitchen will learn how to cook 1,500 meals per day,” said Ms Tse.

In many countries, *Logos Hope* provides significant humanitarian relief in situations of need, namely: hospitals, schools, prisons, elderly and children homes and orphanages. The help includes supplying material aid, building and renovating houses, installing water purifiers or providing general help in communities.

In less developed countries, the organization offers free dental treatment, eye testing, eye-glasses, and health check ups. In Cambodia the crew gave out 10,000 dress to underprivileged girls.

In Phuket, 30 crew members of the *Logos Hope* crew visited the Good Shepherd



“It’s in human nature to always expect that someone will do something for us, but I want to do something for others, not only [have] people doing something for me”

– Dawid Jankowski, a polish volunteer.

School to paint the whole school and help out with gardening. Other teams went to nearby small islands to provide healthcare and to teach English to children in partnership with World Vision.

“Everywhere we go, we want to help people in a practical way. Perhaps the greatest need we discover is not education or practical help, but just hope,” Lloyd Nicholas, Managing Director, *Logos Hope* concluded.



**YOUNG READERS:** Edouard brothers, Brandon and Lolo.









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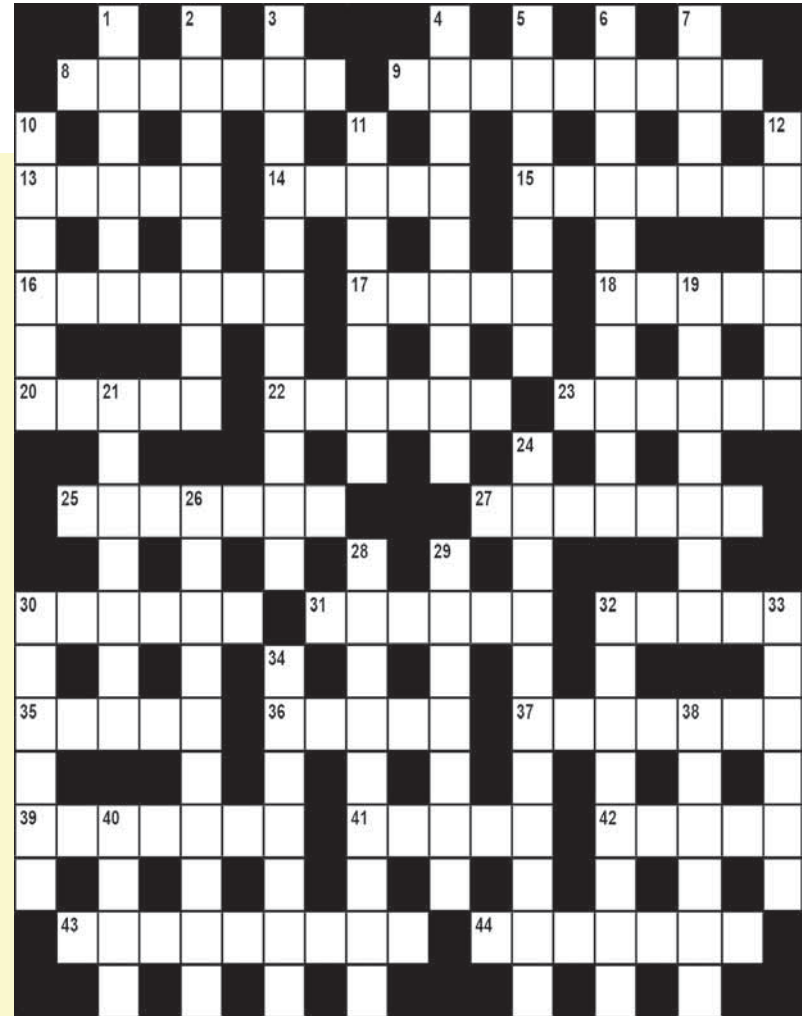
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9. Down to earth in the mysterious Arctic, pal! (9)
13. Worry about the kids (5)
14. Extra page in collection (5)
15. Was disappointed to have agent dine out (7)
16. Carefully define, covering French-Turkish official title (7)
17. Clean broken spear (5)
18. Turn cur, he is in the fold (5)
20. Tenor requests assignments (5)
22. Solution wears badly, out North (6)
23. B.C. site could be split down the middle (6)
25. Toffee in the car meal perhaps (7)
27. Fasten unusually neat leaves opposite one another (7)
30. Or ails badly as man at sea (6)
31. Sound, level book (6)
32. Wildly run miles to the female quarters (5)
35. Teller maybe left out rent again (5)
36. Fires back at end of a stroke (5)
37. Husky, try a hot concoction (7)
39. Put forward in favor of raise (7)
41. Collectors' item? Curious? Not us! (5)
42. Reset, move to the point (5)
43. Procedure first for evangelist (9)
44. Long thin, a one in a Phuket offshore island (7)

### Down:

1. Start to explode (3,3)
2. Singular stunted unruly scholars (8)
3. Intimated I would shortly be found inside, frightened (11)
4. Aspirant to render pet confused (9)



5. Racer is out of control, more terrifying! (7)
6. Is person I'd upset breaking up? (10)
7. Ran a new shop in Thailand (4)
10. Very nearly object, being wretched (6)
11. Utilize fewer, futile! (7)
12. Nowadays give free expression for arrival (6)
19. Or trace out as the designer (7)
21. A split, a disruption, happening in space (7)
24. Straight, a lion moved, indicating the way to go (11)
26. A position hopper disturbed by sign of omission (10)

28. Curry favor, almost as Eastern legal proceedings (5,4)
29. Organize fab ruse for payment of coach (3,4)
30. Phase out, outright, high ranking spiritual creature (6)
32. Ancestry different, I gather Eastern (8)
33. One month, border havoc! (6)
34. Dances about, son, and takes to the air (7)
38. A note air rises left, above the ground (6)
40. Honest peon corrupted (4)

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

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

Virgoans can be caught in the cross-fire of an argument between friends or colleagues as this month draws to a close. The last week of August is a touchy time for relationships and it would be wise to keep a low profile. If your birthday is due in the coming week, expect to be more inclined to travel during the year ahead. Finances look promising on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

Librans are advised to spend some quality time in a natural environment this weekend. There are hints that pressure in the world of work next week will be hard to ignore and starting out on Monday in a more relaxed mood will be to your advantage. The stars suggest that sharing is caring where romance is concerned. There are hints that a partner has been feeling left out of some areas of your life.

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

You need to stay on the right side of those who have influence in the world of work. The stars indicate that Scorpios who fall out of favor could be left out of important developments in the near future.

The sting in your tail can be easily activated early next week, so caution is advisable. This is a beneficial time to embark on a new exercise routine as long as you set reasonable goals.

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

The stars advise Sagittarians to catch up with overdue correspondence and tasks during the last week of August. There are hints that you may have overlooked something that can have financial implications. Romance is well-starred; those who recently became involved with a water sign should feel confident enough to let their guard down. If you are single and seeking, another fire sign is forecast to return your interest this weekend.

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

Your practical outlook comes in useful towards the end of August. The stars advise that it should be possible to wrap up a personal issue that has been dragging on for too long. In the world of work, teamwork is the way forward to success; another earth sign can relate to your way of doing business, but a water sign's skills don't match up. Hot days for love are Thursday and Friday.

## YOUR horoscope

By Isla Star

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

Aquarians are forecast to find a healthier balance between work and play during the last month of August. The cosmic climate encourages listening to concerned family and friends who want you to have more fun. In the realm of romance, jealousy can affect a relationship with another air sign. If you have been guilty of game-playing, now is the time to stop. Money matters are best starred midweek.

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

Another water sign is ready to take the credit for your achievements in the world of work. The stars suggest that Pisceans make matters clear this week – Wednesday and Thursday are the most auspicious days for honest talking. Finances are advantageous towards the end of August, with good fortune forecast to come your way. Those confused by a romantically related issue can receive direction from an earth sign friend.

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

An investment opportunity can seem too promising to turn down, but this is not an auspicious time to take risks where money is concerned. There are hints that Arians' impatience to change their financial situations can get in the way of sensible decisions being made. A friend's recent experience can help you see what not to do. Romance becomes more relaxing when you focus less on impressing that special someone.

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

A fire sign colleague's personal problems are highlighted to interfere with the flow of work this week. Tactful Taureans should be able to give some down to earth advice on Monday or Tuesday. Your powers of communication can also have positive results where potential romance is concerned. A water sign has been waiting to hear how interested you are and this weekend could be the time to let them know.

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

There are hints that you could be affected by information overload during the last week of August. Figuring out what is really important to know is forecast to test your patience. Geminis who were hoping

that a platonic relationship with another air sign could become something more romantic are likely to be disappointed. However, the stars advise that this friendship is too special to spoil. Best days for finances are Wednesday and Thursday.

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

Satisfaction should be guaranteed for Cancerians who have put a lot of effort into a work-related project recently. The stars are ready to support your path to success, with emphasis on more doors opening in the last quarter of this year. Romance is a little shaky as there are signs that living in the past is causing a rift in your present relationship. Lucky days for finances are Sunday and Monday.

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

You may be envious of a friend's spontaneity and want to tag along, but travel undertaken on the spur of the moment is not well-starred this week. The stars advise forward planning to avoid unforeseen mishaps. Many of those born under the sign of Leo will be happiest at home, particularly if this means getting closer to a new romantic air sign partner. Money matters are lucky this weekend.



# Spa speed splashes spills and spunk

WELL, F1 is back after the mid-season break. Before Hungary I asked if Lewis Hamilton could continue the trend of



**Formula 1**  
By The Digby

weekend and Monza (6-8 September) are fast tracks that demand extreme courage as well as great speed. I have

British global sporting dominance to win in Hungary. He could. I said Red Bull was looking very powerful, but Sebastian Vettel was not my favourite to win Hungary. As I predicted, Mercedes out-qualified him and Lotus outperformed him. But he still pulled further ahead in the Drivers' Championship.

What now? There has been a month's break which gave all teams a grand opportunity to prepare upgrades. And we must hope that there have been some breakthroughs to spice-up a season dominated by Red Bull. All teams have been predictably tight-lipped on that subject, so we have no clues.

As the Driver Progression Chart on this page shows, Vettel has dominated and how Kimi Raikkonen, Fernando Alonso and Lewis Hamilton have just scrapped amongst themselves for second place. Alonso and Hamilton were the most consistent, while the Iceman sometimes struggled – particularly on cool tracks.

Extrapolating the Driver Progression Chart, the season is doomed to a dreary Vettel supremacy, while the next three drivers could finish in any order. We could be back in the dreadful predictable Schumacher era when fans left in their droves.

But it does not have to be. Mercedes looks as if it may have learned how to manage tyres; Lotus may have developed ways to drive in cold weather; and Ferrari may have managed those upgrades it missed.

Mark Webber has outperformed the other "second drivers". Nico Rosberg has had flashes of greatness, but Felipe Massa has been disappointing throughout, and Romain Grosjean has been erratic. That is why the Red Bull phenomenon is even more obvious looking at the Constructors Progression Chart on this page.

The next two GPs are amongst the greatest races of the season. Spa this

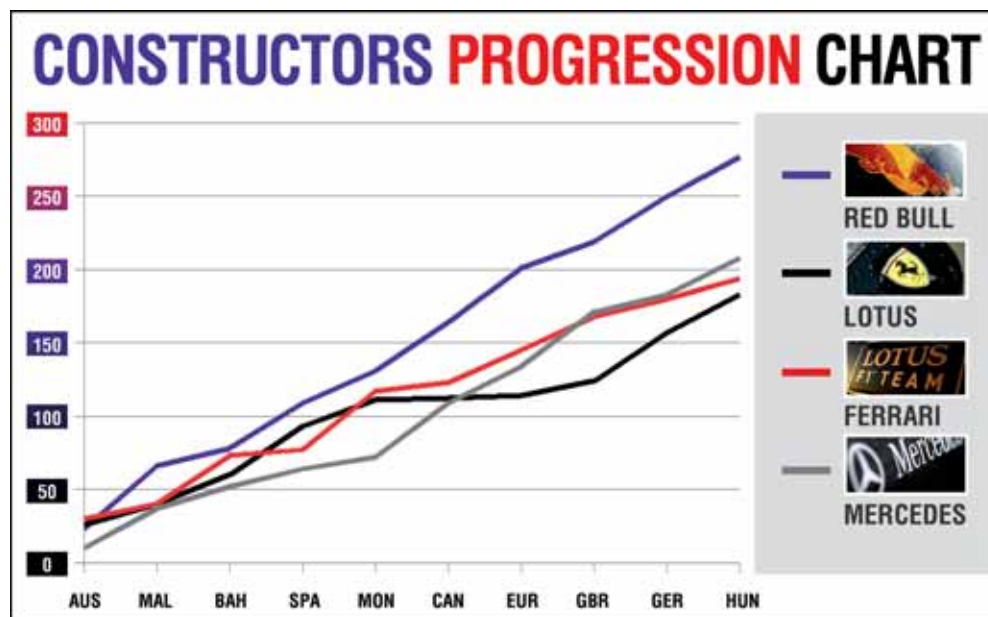
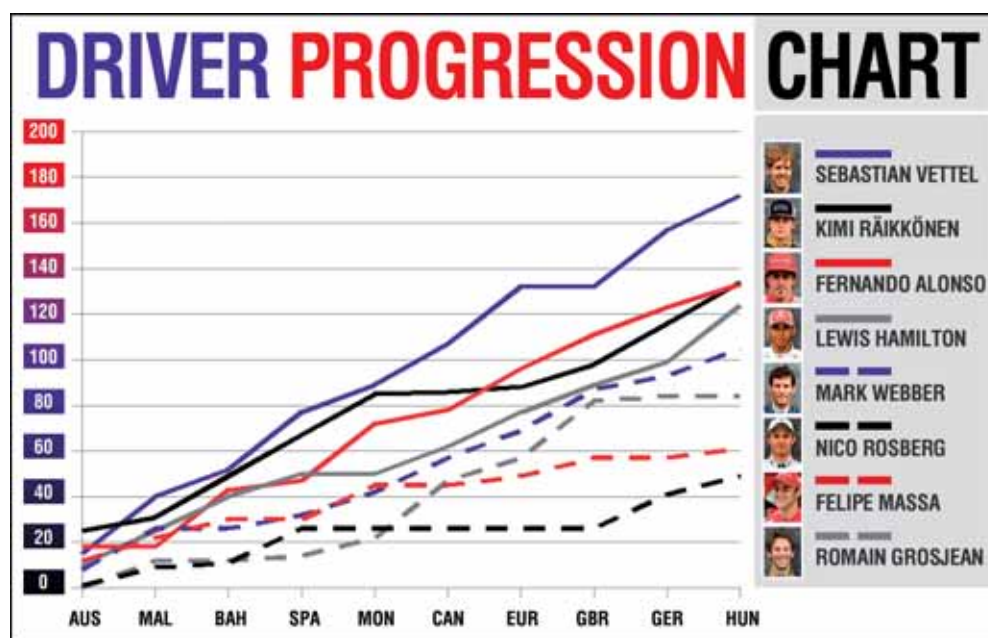
written before about the track in some detail so I won't repeat it here. Spa should favour the Red Bull cars, particularly with easy going tyres. But the entire breakaway group is drivers with those characteristics. Spa is expecting rain and that could reward the followers more than Vettel. Mercedes is likely to qualify on pole, but Red Bull may well tuck-in near the top of the order. I suspect Lotus will struggle to qualify well, but both drivers could finish well if the team allows them to do so. Ferrari has a problem – Alonso might be in contention, but on form, Massa is going to finish near the bottom of the points, if he finishes at all.

But such predictions all assume that nothing has happened since July and that is a bad assumption. Red Bull may have pulled further ahead, or others may have closed the gap.

The Hungaroring is a hot twisty low-speed track with a dirty surface and very few overtaking opportunities. Spa is the exact opposite, an exciting cold high speed circuit; one of the most challenging in the world, with long flowing curves, twisty chicanes and hairpins, steep gradients, an average speed of 230 kilometers per hour and, at 7 km, the longest lap of the year.

Pirelli has selected the medium and hard compounds. The tyres will be very stressed by high-energy loads vertically with the big compressions such as Eau Rouge and laterally at fast corners like Blanchimont. Tyre strategy will be important, because parts of the circuit will be much wetter than others. I have a feeling that the intermediate tyres will be best. There could be significant differences in tyre degradation between strategies and overtaking opportunities are many.

Set-up is critical because the high-speed corners demand down force, but the cars need to lose the drag on the long straights, especially through Eau Rouge, and coming



into the start and finish line. Looking after the tyres is very important, particularly as it's such a long lap.

There are always accidents at Spa, and the safety car could work against Red Bull in favour of Lotus Ferrari and Mercedes. I

am looking forward to it enormously!

The race is on Sunday at 7 pm and qualifying is on Saturday at the same time. Join me at The Green Man to watch it on the Big Screen, where we are hoping for a "Big Surprise".

## Grimes brothers take on tough international field

The Grimes brothers have had a fairly busy summer with their racing schedules, having took part in the Rotax Invitational Thailand race, which was held in conjunction with the fourth round of the Thailand Rotax Max Challenge at Bira International Kart Circuit, just south of the Thai capital.

The Rotax Invitation race was held for the first part of the weekend. Ben was left very disappointed after qualifying; only setting the 8<sup>th</sup> fastest time out of a small but strong field of 13 drivers from Australia to Hong Kong – his lack of pace primarily due to engine problems while Sam qualified in 10<sup>th</sup> place.

A 7<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in the heats by Ben put him 6<sup>th</sup> on the grid for the pre-final round; Sam, however, suffered mixed results in the heats; a 9<sup>th</sup> and a DNF in the heats saw him slot in 11<sup>th</sup> place for the final.

Ben finished the pre-final in 6<sup>th</sup> place after his engine's performance dropped off towards the end, and he was unable to prevent others from blasting past on the straight; Sam progressed to 9<sup>th</sup>.

The heavens opened up an hour before the finals and the race took place on a very wet track. Ben put on an impressive display and wasted no time getting past a few drivers to take 4<sup>th</sup> and on the bumper

of 3<sup>rd</sup> at the checkered flag while Sam finished a credible 7<sup>th</sup> place.

The next day saw two additional entries in the junior class, increasing the grid to 15 drivers. Ben qualified a lowly 9<sup>th</sup> after his engine problems worsened and returned to haunt him; Sam put his kart on row 6 after qualifying 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ben finished the first heat in 8<sup>th</sup> while Sam finished 9<sup>th</sup> right behind Ben.

Both boys drove sensible races in the second heat/pre-final, Ben finishing 6<sup>th</sup> overall and Sam finishing 8<sup>th</sup> overall.

This time, however, the final took place on a dry track. Ben got a rocket start and was up to 3<sup>rd</sup> by turn one and right behind the two leaders; but lost ground to the lead duo due to the usual nudging and bumping in the aggressive junior class – Ben was 3<sup>rd</sup> until the final lap but an incident and an engine performance drop-off saw Ben drop to 5<sup>th</sup> at the penultimate corner, where he ultimately finished. Sam suffered bad luck and was unable to avoid the incident, which took place at the first corner – the rest of the race was about recovering for Sam, and recover he did, finishing 9<sup>th</sup>.

However, post-race disqualifications against three drivers promoted Ben to 2<sup>nd</sup>



WET ACTION: Sam Grimes battles competitors on a wet track. Photo: Supplied

place, only behind a top Australian driver and he was also the winner of the Thailand classification, while Sam moved up to 6<sup>th</sup> place. As a result, Ben took the lead of the overall standings with a round to go before the championship leader (after round 5) gets a seat to the Rotax Grand Finals in New Orleans this November, and two rounds until the end of this year's championship.

The brothers also participated in a very high-standard club race back in the UK at Whilton Mill. After getting very limited running for practice which saw both boys

complete less than 30 laps, Ben finished 11<sup>th</sup> out of 25, even after Ben and Sam had started all the heats at the back of the grid due to it being their first race in the UK. Ben could of finished even higher as he missed the first heat which compromised his starting position in the final; although he set very quick lap times; just three-tenths off the fastest laps in the races. Sam's best finish came in heat 1; a 15<sup>th</sup> place. Sam pushed a bit too hard in the final and found himself in a ditch, which left him no chance of recovering a few places.

– Phuket Gazette



## International Sport

## Prelude to the final Test

By Patrick Campbell

THE Fourth Ashes Test was yet another roller-coaster of a game. Late on the afternoon of the fourth day, Australia, having been set an improbable target of 299 for victory, had reached 168 for two in their second innings. Warner, with a swashbuckling 71 in 131 balls, had made batting look easy. Michael Clarke, one of the two leading run-scorers in the series, was at the wicket. Anderson was looking jaded, a pale shadow of the stalwart who had spearheaded England's pace attack at Trent Bridge. On a wearing track, Swann was having one of those days. Many cricket devotees had switched off the commentary, convinced it was only a matter of time before the visitors won the match and gave themselves an outside chance of leveling the series at The Oval.

Enter Stuart Broad. In an amazing spell of fast, accurate bowling, he tore through the Australian middle order, taking six wickets for twenty runs in 45 mesmerizing deliveries. Jonathan Agnew called it "a force of

nature...one of the great spells in Ashes history." Victory was sealed and with it the series 3-1.

The Australian press has been predictably savage in its response. "No one does shameful collapses quite like Australia," wrote Wayne Smith in *The Australian*, while legend Shane Warne reflected, in an odd mixed metaphor, that the players "did not have the bottle under pressure to handle the furnace out in the middle". Coach Darren Lehmann was equally direct, saying: "That really hurts, that one," adding ominously that, of the batsmen, only Clarke and Rogers were "guaranteed" their place in the team. Captain Michael Clarke, taking a more measured view, observed: "Our bowlers are doing a fantastic job, but I don't think our batters are making enough runs - it's as simple as that."

Not that England can afford to be complacent. There are areas in which England must improve. One is the top order batting. Cook has made three painstaking fifties, but his strike rate of 35 runs per hundred balls, has been well

below his Test career strike rate of 47. Both Cook and youthful partner Joe Root should be more assertive now the urn is in the bag. Bairstow, Trott and Prior, intelligently targeted by the visitor's bowlers, all need runs before the sterner battles in Oz.

As for the attack, unlike Australia's unit - for whom Ryan Harris has been the star performer with twenty wickets - England's is too "samey". There is a crying need for two left arm bowlers, both a paceman and a spinner, to give variety. In any case, Bresnan's stress fracture means he is unlikely to tour, and Panesar has, well, blotted his copybook. In the event, the selectors have already bitten the bullet and chosen two 24 year olds in their squad of thirteen: Woakes, a fast-bowling all rounder is the likely replacement for Bresnan, but Kerrigan, a left arm spinner from Lancashire will only play if England decide to go with two slow bowlers.

The confrontation at The Oval will doubtless help concentrate the minds of both sets of selectors. Bring it on...



HOWZAT: England's Tim Bresnan celebrates taking the wicket of Australia's Shane Watson during their fourth Ashes test cricket match. Photo: Reuters



GOAL: Manchester City's David Silva (C) heads to score against Newcastle United during their English Premier League football match at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester. Photo: Reuters

## Manchester City shuts out Newcastle Utd 4-0

MANCHESTER City started their Premier League campaign in scintillating fashion on Monday with a stylish 4-0 win at home to a 10-man Newcastle United, a result that will ring alarm bells for the rest of their title rivals.

With City spending around 90 million pounds (\$141.03 million) on attacking talent for new manager Manuel Pellegrini, it was notable all the goals came from players in last season's squad - David Silva, Sergio Aguero, Yaya Toure and Samir Nasri.

Any sense of dressing room unrest last season under Roberto Mancini had evaporated as Pellegrini's charges, assisted by new boys Fernandinho and Jesus Navas, showed they had listened to his call for an attractive, attacking style of football.

"The most pleasing aspect is way the team played for 90 minutes," the Chilean told a news conference.

"We had from the beginning the attitude to play as an aggressive team, offensive team. First, always the most important thing is to win but after is the way we did it today."

Last season's runners-up took just six minutes to open the scoring with Silva heading in after Steven Taylor failed to deal with Edin Dzeko's shot across the goal.

They doubled their lead on 22 minutes when a low shot from Aguero, set up by a neat flick from Dzeko, went in off the far post.

City's job was made even easier just before the stroke of halftime

when defender Taylor was sent off after swinging an arm at Aguero and they made the man advantage count five minutes after the break with Toure's sizzling free kick.

The hosts made it four on 75 minutes when substitute Samir Nasri slotted home and could have had many more if it had not been for some excellent saves by Newcastle keeper Tim Krul as they sent a clear message of intent to their title rivals.

The main victim of Krul's dives and parries was the outstanding Dzeko, who seemed to have been given a new lease of life after some below-par showings under Mancini and the Bosnian was unlucky not to score from a host of chances he conjured.

"The new manager has come in and given us something different and given me more confidence," Dzeko, a towering figure in front of the slight and pacy trio of Aguero, Silva and Jesus Navas, told Sky Sports.

Pellegrini reckoned this would be just the start of things for the striker.

"I am sure we are going to see this season the Edin Dzeko that Manchester City bought two seasons ago, I think this is a very important player," he said.

The only blot on the day for City was the sight of captain Vincent Kompany limping off with what looked like a groin problem and Pellegrini said it was too soon to tell how long he could be sidelined.

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# Champions in Thailand

THE 2011 Masters Champion Charl Schwartzel will defend his Thailand Golf Championship crown alongside colorful PGA Tour star Rickie Fowler at this year's edition of Asia's flagship tournament scheduled for December 12-15 at the picturesque Amata Spring Country Club in Chonburi, just outside Bangkok.

The Thailand Golf Championship will once again see some of the world's top golfers competing alongside the Asian Tour's best with significant world ranking points on offer. Inaugurated in 2011, the tournament has already firmly established itself as Thailand's leading sports event and one of the biggest golf events in the region, attracting worldwide attention from media and spectators.

Currently ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the world

with 16 professional wins to his name, Schwartzel dominated a world class field to win the 2012 Thailand Golf Championship by an extraordinary 11 shots, carding just a solitary bogey over 72 holes of golf.

The South African has a tremendous track record at Amata Spring, as prior to his 2012 win he was runner-up behind Lee Westwood in the first ever Thailand Golf Championship in 2011 and he's hoping to continue his run of results at this year's tournament. "I am very much looking forward to coming back to Thailand, which is one of my favorite places anywhere in the world to visit and it's no coincidence that I tend to do well here. I love the people, the food, the culture, the climate, and of course, the golf."

"Amata Spring is a magnificent course



Charl Schwartzel is aiming to defend his Thailand Golf Championship trophy. Photo: Fast Track

and the Country Club has something about it that seems to bring out the best in me. I hope I can bring my 'A' game to the tournament again this year and defend my title. The Thai public are very knowledgeable about their golf and I look forward to seeing them out on the course in December."

Ranked number 35 in the world, 24 year old Fowler is one of the most exciting young players in the game today. After a stellar amateur career, the precocious American turned professional in 2009.

He was crowned PGA Tour Rookie of the Year in 2010, representing USA in the Ryder Cup in his debut professional season. Fowler has two professional wins to his name, the most recent being the 2012 Wells Fargo Championship where he beat former world number one, Rory McIlroy, into second place.

An edgy and larger-than-life character with a Japanese grandfather, the 2013 Thailand Golf Championship will be Fowler's first appearance in a full-field Asian Tour event.

The likeable Californian is a crowd favourite through his flamboyant dress sense and aggressive approach on the course, and he is eagerly anticipating his first visit to the Kingdom of Thailand.

"I am really excited about my first trip to Thailand as I've heard so many great things about the country. I love to travel and guys on the Tour who have played in Thailand like Bubba Watson and Hunter Mahan have told me how much they love it so I thought it was about time I came to see for myself. I'm looking forward to the food and the famous Thai hospitality and of course the wonderful golf."

"Thailand seems to have loads of big sports events and the Thailand Golf Championship is a huge event both in Asia and across the world," continued Fowler. "It's supported by many of the world's best golfers as well as the top guys from Asia so it will be fantastic for me to be part of such an exciting and high-quality event."

— *Phuket Gazette*

## Golf and more for less

IN THE golf champions coming to Thailand to compete for the ultimate trophy inspires you to play golf yourself, September is the time to do it. A special golfing package at JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa will let you try world class golf at a discounted price. The Golf Green September 2013 package for 2 persons starts at 6,750 baht and includes accommodation in a Deluxe Sala Garden View room, daily international breakfast, one round of 18-hole golf per stay for one golfer at the Jack Nicklaus-

designed Missions Hills Phuket golf course (inclusive of green, caddie and golf cart fees and round trip transfer from the resort), 15 per cent discount on food and beverage (excluding minibar) and 25 per cent discount on A la carte menu at Mandara Spa. Booking for minimum two nights and advance reservations are required.

For more information about the package log on to [jwmarriottphuketresort.com](http://jwmarriottphuketresort.com) or email [bookmarriott@marriotthotels.com](mailto:bookmarriott@marriotthotels.com)



World class golf, in a world class destination, with a world class view. Photo: JW Marriott



Prodigious rookie Rickie Fowler. Photo: Keith Allison

## Tip: increase impact, range

HAVE you ever thought about what your hands and forearms are actually doing at the moment of impact?

Try to get into the impact position, like you are about to make solid contact with the ball. Now flip your trailing wrist like you were casting a fishing pole. This is referred to as a wrist break, and it's not a move that you want to make in golf. So if you are trying to "flip" your hands through the ball at impact, this tip may help you understand the correct way

to make this happen.

If you put a wrist watch on you will be able to visualize the correct moves to make. As your leading arm approaches impact the watch face should be getting close to pointing exactly down the target line, or to the flag. Now simply rotate the watch face so it's pointed at the ground. With a club in your hands, you'll see that this move makes your trailing wrist and forearm "flip" on top of your leading wrist and forearm.

You also see that this will help to

"close" the face of your club nicely, that will both reduce your slice, and add distance. This is the correct move to be completing through impact.

Your forearms ought to be working together as well. Try to keep your forearms as close to each other as possible through the impact zone. If you can master this move, you'll find increased distance and it will do wonders for your slice.

Tip courtesy of David Nevogt, the author of "The Simple Golf Swing"

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# Young masters of the court

THANYAPURA Superkidz Tennis Cup # 1 ended on Sunday August 18 with lots of joy and happiness among 30 young tennis players aged from eight to 18.

Players gained lots of match experience before participating in the next week's key tournament hosted by Chang LTAT Junior Champion Southern Zone and the Master Championship which takes place at the end of the year in Bangkok which will see the top 16 Thai National ranking players competing for the trophy.

The Superkidz Tennis Cup # 1's three top spots go to Tinnapat Tientawach (7 points), Lerdchai Ronnarong (6 points) and Jade Sharp (6 points). Check box for full results. The announcement for the final three top scored Superkidz Tennis Cup Series players will be made in THANYAPURA superkidz Tennis Cup # 1 October. There will be 5 more tennis tournaments in this series.



Thanyapura superkidz Tennis Cup # 1 is a chance for young players to gain experience

Check out your latest score in SUPERKIDZ Tennis Cup Series at Thanyapura Facebook.

## Boys Under 8

Champion - Tinnapat Tientawach  
Runner-Up - Chanut Nookong

## Boys Under 10

Champion - Lerdchai Ronnarong  
Runner-Up - Alexander Pierron

## Boys Under 12

Champion - Thapat Paevanbul  
Runner-Up - Phoom Piyapanan

## Girls Under 10

Champion - Natasha Blum  
Runner-Up - Jomkwan Vettayawaikoon

## Girls Under 12

Champion - Nathacha Soonthareyganon  
Runner-Up - Thanrada Totarat

## Open Under 18

Champion - Jade Sharp  
Runner-Up - Severin Spiess

# Ensuring good balance

TENNIS, like a lot of things in life, is about balance. There is the balance between how much power and how much control you try to hit. We have to balance how much we train and how much we rest our body, as well as the balance of offense and defense. The most important balance however is the balance of your body on court.

Keeping our body balanced means keeping our weight distributed evenly overtop of our feet. Generally if your feet are about as wide apart as your shoulders, and your knees a little bit bent (lowering your center of gravity) you will be fairly balanced.

When you are moving to the ball you want make every step more efficient so instead of taking big steps which are hard to adjust, little steps



are better for getting you there and staying balanced.

When you are actually hitting the ball, it does not matter so much if your front foot is closer to the net or in line with your back foot, what matters is you are stable. This will allow you to be strong through the hitting zone and maintain a long contact area. This is true for forehands, backhands and especially the serve.

When you serve there is no reason you should not be balanced. You control when you serve, where you serve and how you serve. Make sure you are set before your serve and that you feel stable. Do not chase a bad ball toss and you will serve much better!

Tip by Thanyapura's Tennis Head Coach Roger Cochran: [tennis@thanyapura.com](mailto:tennis@thanyapura.com)



# Pushing the limit

OUR bodies are great at adapting to stress. It forces our muscles to work in new ways and makes us stronger. However, as our bodies adapt, our muscles learn how to work through the stress more efficiently. Sadly, our minds don't always work in quite the same way. We resist change. For an athlete, this can be their worst enemy. Good athletes have habits that help them do well but great athletes look at where they are weak and find ways to develop new habits to improve.

Once we are good at something, we tend to stick with it, even after it stops working for us. In that way, for an athlete being good at something becomes the enemy of being great. Initial success will reinforce good habits, but can shift focus away from what we need to do to sustain or build on that success. Look at the best athletes in any sport, and you'll see they are good at many different aspects of their game, not just one portion of it. Good athletes can rely too much on what has worked for them in the past. Great athletes work on their weaknesses and develop their skills. In time they become great at everything.

So do you want to be good or do you want to be great?

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# Dead lift vs hip hinge

HOW many of you have been to a gym and had a trainer tell you to do a dead lift? A dead lift is a very common exercise that has many variations, but it can allow our body to be placed in a compromising position if we do not know how to bend properly from the hip and maintain correct posture throughout the range of motion.

Unfortunately at some point in our lifetime, most humans will have lower back pain which often can be traced back to improper bending or lifting techniques.

Before starting with a dead lift it is important to be taught a simple hip-hinge movement which teaches you how to bend properly from the hip and how to correctly use your core and the stabilizer muscles around your spine. Once the hip-hinge movement has been mastered then you can slowly start to add weight or resistance. Start by

holding the weight (a dumb bell, medicine ball, or kettlebell) close to your chest as you go through the movement. After you have mastered that you can begin to let the weight hang between your legs or slowly start to incorporate a barbell.

Remember the farther away from the mid-line of your body you hold a weight or resistance, the harder it becomes and the more stress that is placed on the body, in this case the lower lumbar spine.

Don't get me wrong, I think dead lifts are one of the best exercises that anyone can do and highly recommend people start adding it to their training programs, but only after mastering the hip hinge movement first!

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The right technique can save you a lot of pain.



## Sport

# Uphill battle

## TPL promotion still possible, but is it probable?

By Steven Layne

A DISAPPOINTING road trip last week that yielded Phuket FC only a single point from two “coulda-shoulda-woulda won” matches, has set the stage for yet another uncertain season conclusion.

Under the fresh Brazilian leadership of recently appointed head coach, Stefana “Teco” Rodrigues, 7<sup>th</sup>-placed Phuket FC last Wednesday travelled to Thailand’s Eastern Seaboard to take on lowly Royal Thai Navy FC, in what few would have predicted to be a difficult match for Phuket.

But as proven time and again in the beautiful game that is football – one should never underestimate their opponents, no matter what their table standings (in this case, 16<sup>th</sup> of 18 Yamaha League One teams) and especially when playing on their home ground in front of thousands of their energized fans.

Eyes on the prize, Phuket played attacking football, and looked sure of victory, but it would be Navy to draw first blood early in the second half through a goal by their Malian forward, Souleymane Coulibaly.



IN THE AIR: Following Phuket's loss to Khon Kaen, Coach Teco (inset) has a challenging month of matches ahead of him. Photos: Phuket FC

Phuket continued to dominate possession and with all the attacking play, pushed for the equalizer.

The Islanders were denied at least two scoring opportunities by the lineman's flag, however, a fine header by Ludovick Takam in the 68<sup>th</sup> minute injected instant adrenaline into the dozens of visiting fans who'd made the long trip.

Phuket's drive for a winner was hindered 10 minutes later after the side was reduced to 10 men after

Watchara Kriaram picked up his second yellow of the match, and despite five minutes of injury time given, both sides would have to be content with a single point.

That point was enough to bump Phuket up to 6<sup>th</sup> place ahead of their following match in Isaan, against the 14<sup>th</sup> placed Khon Kaen FC last Saturday.

Some 3,000 bumble-bee-colored “T-Rex” fans put the extra pressure on a travel-weary

	YAMAHA LEAGUE ONE SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 <b>PORT LIONS vs PHUKET</b>	
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Phuket, whose passing game seemed to be off the mark.

It would be Khon Kaen's towering Argentine striker, Recio “Mattias” Eduardo to answer the prayers of the home crowd when on 41 minutes, he headed his side in front, scoring his 13<sup>th</sup> of the season.

Effectively slowing down the pace and burning the clock, Khon Kaen held on to ensure that the scoreline remained in their favor through to the final whistle.

At the time of going to press, Phuket hosted 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Airforce United (check the Gazette sports section online for results), before immediately flying back to the capital to play a Sunday night showdown on August 25 against the deadly Singtharua FC “Port Lions”.

The Islanders will return home for their final fixture of the month, next Saturday, August 31 against another struggling yet unpredictable side, Ayutthaya FC.

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