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EX-MILITARY KILLER STUNG IN ASSASSINATION PLOT

DEA brings down Rambo's international death squad in Phuket

By Orawin Narabal

THE sensational arrest of American Joseph Manuel Hunter, 48, wanted for heading an elite squad of assassins contracted to kill drug cartel kingpins, sent alarm bells ringing across Phuket this week.

Officers led by Lt Gen Preawphan Damapong, the assistant police commissioner in charge of national drug suppression, moved in and arrested Hunter at his rented home in Kathu on September 26.

Also known by the aliases Frank Robinson, Jim Riker and the nickname "Rambo", Hunter offered little resistance to his arrest, carried out by officers from Phuket Immigration and the Crime Suppression Division (CSD) in Bangkok.

The arrest at his rented home near the Loch Palm Golf Course at about 5pm came as two members of his kill squad - Timothy "Tay" Vamvakias, 42, and German national Dennis Gogel – were apprehended in Liberia, where they had travelled to commit contract killings.

Simultaneously, German national Michael Filter and Polish citizen Slawomir Soborski were arrested in Estonia, where they had gone to "provide other services" to men they believed were Colombian drug dealers but who were actually informants for the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

The team of expert-trained ex-soldiers had already provided security for an Eastern European drug cartel...

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Joseph Hunter requested his team be supplied with MP-7 submachine guns with silencers, pistols with silencers, a .308 rifle with scope and two concealment vests. Photo: Reuters

Sex shows not taking bullets for Rihanna

THE Patong Police Superintendent confirmed that officers will not target sex shows, despite Rihanna's tweets drawing international attention.

He explained that no such order had been handed down from Bangkok.

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Freediver drowns at Racha Noi

A RUSSIAN expat died freediving alone off Racha Noi Island last weekend.

A freediving expert believes that the tragic death of the well-loved PADI scuba instructor was preventable.

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No mayor in Patong,

PATONG'S Pian Keesin was suspended from office last week by the Administrative Court Region 8 in Phuket Town over vote fraud.

Deputy Mayor Chairat Sukban will fulfill duties as Acting Mayor

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Jet-ski thug is first case for new court

THE first cases heard in Phuket's tourist court, involved a jet-ski operator who attacked two tourists on Kata Beach, and they were resolved less than 36 hours after the incidents happened.

Danaichet Yomjinda, 25, who pled guilty to charges of assaulting the two men on September 27 with a "No Swimming" flagpole, was issued a 1,000-baht fine and put on probation for two years.

Both the father and son were originally identified by police as Israeli, but the son was confirmed to be an Australian national during the court hearing.

"The two assault cases, one against the father and one against the son, were transferred to the court on Saturday morning, the day after the attack.

They were tried as two separate cases," said an officer at the tourism court.

"If Mr Danaichet is caught committing a crime during his probation, he faces a penalty of three months in prison," the officer said.

The attack was motivated by damage to the jet-ski the pair had rented, Mr Danaichet - who was arrested soon afterward on the beach – told the police.



Danaichet Yomjinda, who assaulted two tourists on Kata Beach, received fast-track justice from the new tourist court. Photo: Kritsada Mueanhawong

"The 66-year-old father sustained a wound to his arm, and his son, 43, had a head injury," said Channarong Prakongkua of the Karon Police. After they were treated at Patong Hospital, the

tourists were questioned about the attack at Karon Police Station.

"We don't want any more incidents like this," Phuket Marine Chief Phuriphat Teerakulpisut said. - Kritsada Mueanhawong

Job-seeker blackens CV

AN OUT-of-town job-hunter applying for positions in Phuket's hotel industry has been arrested for stealing from hotel guestrooms.

Following a tip-off from a Patong hotel manager, police arrested Teerawat Yordying, 29, from Trang province.

'At 11:30pm, September 24, we found him in an entertainment venue area on Srisena Road in Phuket Town," said Col Somsak Tongkliang of the Patong Police.

Mr Teerawat was arrested and charged with theft.

"I've stolen goods from more than 10 guestrooms. I do not target people; I only want their property. I generally steal mobile phones and tablets because they can be easily exchanged for cash,'



Mr Teerawat at the time of his arrest. Photo: Thawit Bilabdullar

Mr Teerawat confessed to police. "I spent the money on enjoy-

ing myself in entertainment venues and with prostitutes," he added.

But Mr Teerawat maintained that he is still looking for a job, telling the police, "I do not care about what the work is. I simply want to work in a hotel."

- Thawit Bilabdullar

Armed Australian cabbie busted

ANAUSTRALIAN allegedly working illegally as a taxi driver in Patong attempted to intimidate a female taxi driver Tuesday morning with a bladed weapon and a gun.

Garry Porting was arrested later in the day by Patong Police for illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition, Kathu District Chief Veera Kerdsirimongkol said.

"Mr Porting got into an argument with a female taxi driver, who told him he could not work as a taxi driver and accused him of being a timeshare tout," Mr Veera told the Gazette.

After returning a customer to a Patong hotel, Mr Porting allegedly drove his car around searching for the woman he had argued with in



The assorted weapons the police found in Mr Porting's possession.

the morning.

"At about 3pm he saw the woman back at a taxi station, pulled his car over and got out.

He approached her wielding a bladed weapon. When he see that

she was backed by other taxi drivers, he returned to his car and got a gun. He started to approach the group, but people were yelling for police, so he retreated," Mr Veera explained. – *Chutharat Plerin*



Russian freediver drowns

Diving alone central factor in likely blackout fatality, expert says

By Isaac Stone Simonelli

A FREEDIVING expert believes that long-term Phuket expat and Russian freediver Denis Lipatov, 39, drowned off Koh Racha Noi on Saturday afternoon after freediving alone and suffering a shallow-water blackout.

Mr Lipatov, made his last descent at 3:50pm, to 25.5 meters according to his dive computer. The computer also recorded a very fast ascent, explained one of Mr Lipatov's friends.

Mr Lipatov's body was recovered at about 5:20pm and rescuers immediately started preforming CPR. However, it was too late for the PADI scuba diving instructor.

"He was a professional, but that didn't save him. No one could imagine that it could happen to him," said Elena, one of Mr Lipatov's many friends on Phuket.

However, Richard Wonka, Southeast Asia representative of the international freediving AIDA Education Commission, said such tragic accidents are avoidable by following standard freediving protocol.

"I had spoken with Denis on occasions about freediving and spearfishing," Mr Wonka said. "Though he had several years of experience, to my knowledge, he was never formally trained as a freediver."

The number one rule Mr Wonka stressed over and over again was to never freedive alone.

"A shallow-water blackout is a bad outcome to a pressure-related phenomenon that plays a role in any ascent from a freedive, which is why freediving with a buddy is so essential to safety.

"These accidents happen to very experienced freedivers who think they can freedive alone, spearfish alone or train alone. Former world record holders – extremely experienced people – have drowned like this," Mr Wonka said.

However, the sport at the competition level is very safe, he said.

"There has not been a single permanent injury sustained during a freediving competition in 20 years of the sport," he said.

Without witnesses at the scene it is hard to know exactly what happened, though the likelihood of a leg cramp leading to Mr Lipatov's death, as originally reported by police, was unlikely in such an experienced diver, Mr Wonka said.

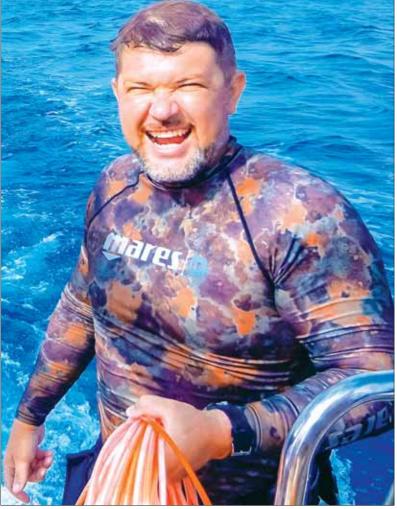
"It is very likely he suffered a shallow-water blackout," he suggested.

It also seemed unlikely to Mr Lipatov's friends that he would panic underwater or do anything that would lead to his death.

"Denis always kept calm. Never became emotional, even when everything collapsed around him, because he knew that it would just be a waste of time," Elena said.

"He practiced freediving over the last few years. He really loved it. He loved everything about the sea: diving, freediving, fish – everything," Elena said.

Mr Lipatov's wife, Olga, has contacted the Russian Embassy to secure the necessary documents to have her husband cremated after a service at Phuket's Russian Orthodox church.



Denis Lipatov was an avid spearfisherman and freediver. Photo: Supplied

"Denis and his loving wife, Olga, have been together for 12 years. It was the kind of love you can read about in books and see in the movies. He was happy with her and told her so almost every day," Elena said.

The couple worked in the tourism industry in their company, Asia Property Club. Together they provided boat charters, fishing trips, diving trips, freediving trips, tours and property rentals.

"Denis was at the peak of his life. He had so many projects and so many future plans.

"That's what makes this tragedy so overwhelming – he was so vivid, so energetic and so active," Elena said.

In brief...

One-year-old boy dies, police believe victim of abuse

POLICE believe that family member beatings led to the death of a one-year-old boy who died at Vachira Phuket Hospital on Saturday.

The child was brought to Thalang hospital by relatives on Friday night at 11pm. He was unconscious, and his face and body were covered in bruises.

"He was still breathing, but struggling, so the Thalang medical team gave him oxygen. When they were unable to stabilize him, he was transferred to Vachira Phuket Hospital, but doctors there were unable to save him," said Prakob Boonkwan of the Tah Chat Chai Police.

"We questioned his relatives, but they declined to give any information," said Lt Col Prakob.

Andaman Sea kills two Chinese in as many days

TWO Chinese tourists died in as many days early this week. Sheng Caoliang, 31, was swept out to sea after allegedly ignoring lifeguard warnings and red flags on Karon Beach. His body was recovered at Kata Beach on Wednesday.

Lin Hunhing drowned on Tuesday off Koh Racha Yai just after his day trip concluded lunch. Caught in large waves, he was unable to get back to shore. Lifeguards provided CPR after recovering him, but were unable to revive him.

Samkong underpass construction set to begin in November

CONSTRUCTION is to start on the 850-million-baht underpass at the Samkong intersection in mid-November.

The area is already being prepared for construction.

"Drivers should be aware of lane changes being made to accommodate the construction," said Phuket Highways Office Director Samak Luedwonghad.

Two female tourists attacked on way to store

TWO Chinese women on their way to a supermarket in Cherng Talay were attacked and robbed by two men on a motorbike on Tuesday night.

The women were walking together to Tesco Lotus when the two men rode toward them.

"The passenger got off the motorbike and snatched their bags, and the tourists fought to get the bags back," said Jirasak Sungwisut of the Cherng Talay Police.

"The robber picked up a piece of wood lying nearby and hit them. When the women



Yun Ren's shoulder was dislocated in the attack.

called for help, the men rode away," said Lt Jirasak

When police arrived at the scene, Yun Ren,

31, and Chen Supei, 26, had already been taken to Thalang Hospital.

Ms Yun sustained a dislocated shoulder and injuries to her hand, while Ms Chen had abrasions and scratches, said Lt Jirasak.

Police inspected the area where the women had been attacked.

"It is a dark and desolate area, but frequently used by tourists who stay nearby to get to the supermarket," he said.

"We are working on arresting the two men," Lt Jirasak added.

- Thawit Bilabdullar



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Tour groups warned of fake officials at Similans

THE Similan Islands National Park authority has warned tour operators of people posing as park officers and collecting reduced entry fees to the islands.

The imposter-officers say they can help the operator pay a reduced entrance fee by charging based on the size of the boat engine instead of the number of tourists on the vessel. However, they say that tourists will not get individual entrance tickets because the payment is a special offer, Similan Islands National Park acting chief Nat Kongkaesorn told the *Gazette*.

As park officers always charge based on the number of people on the boat, the "special offer" aroused the suspicion of the tour operators, who reported the scam to the National Park authorities.

'We are trying to find out who these charlatans are. Please contact me at 081 3109-306 or 076 4532-72 if you have information," Mr Nat said.

- Orawin Narabal

Speedboat-free zones to increase Similans' safety

By Orawin Narabal

THE Similan National Park chief vowed to establish zones to protect swimmers from speedboats as relevant parties prepare for opening day on November 1.

The swimmers will be separated from speedboats by buoys.

"This will prevent swimmers and snorkellers being hit by speedboats. We want to make sure that all visitors feel safe, and can fully enjoy their visit to the park," Seafarer Divers Administrative Manager Prapai Lidureau told the Gazette.

Another measure to be implemented at the national park this year is a limitation on the number of food venders on the islands in order to curtail refuse and protect the park's almost-pristine environment.

"We will be able to keep beaches clean since tourists will finish eating in our restaurants and therefore leave garbage inside the restaurant. This will



Separating swimmers and speedboats with buoys will increase swimmer's safety. Photo: Mathias Krumbholz

greatly reduce the amount of litter on the beaches.

'Moreover, the national park will also earn additional revenue from the tourists, which is good because the money will be used to maintain and develop the park," said Mr Prapai.

The two new measures to be implemented were the outcome of Kongkaesorn chaired the meeting.

a meeting that included representatives from diving operators and tour guide companies.

Acting Similan Park Chief Nat



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Go Eco recruits enviro-warriors



A Go Eco volunteer cleans up. Photo: Martin Edwards/Scuba Cat

THE first fifty people to contact the Go Eco Camp, which plans on certifying and training islanders in how to be active marine conservationists.

"Go Eco Camp is now open for applicants. Applications will be accepted from expats, students and locals until November," Jirayu Naragoonphithak, the project's coordinator, told the Gazette.

"The camp is for people who would like to learn about the conservation of marine resources and who are also interested in improving their swimming and diving abilities," Mr Jirayu said.

The camp plans to provide inlocal marine conservation group struction in swimming, first-aid Go Eco Phuket will earn a spot at and diving. There will also be a range of government officials, private organizations and educational institutions presenting seminars and classes.

"Our overriding goal is to bring together people who cherish Phuket's stunning marine environment and are interested in protecting it," Mr Jirayu said.

Those who would like to take part in the camp can contact Mr Jirayu on his mobile at 084 4133-619 or send a message to him on the Go Eco Phuket Facebook

- Irfarn Jamdukor

No order to close sex shows

But Patong police arrest three loris touts in three days, no special order required

By Chutharat Plerin

PATONG's chief of police has confirmed that he has yet to receive any order to launch a crackdown on lewd shows on Soi Bangla.

"As soon as we receive such an order, we are willing to do whatever the order demands," Patong Police Superintendent Chiraphat Pochanaphan told the *Gazette*.

The news follows reports of Tourism and Sports Minister Somsak Pureesrisak apparently telling at least one reporter on September 24 that he would order a crackdown on Patong's renowned "adult entertainment" shows that feature ping-pong balls and other paraphernalia.

Yet when speaking to the media at the opening of Phuket's new Tourist Court on the same day, Minister Somsak said he was aware of the tweets posted by global celebrity Rihanna that had sparked worldwide controversy over Patong's renowned shows – but would leave the matter in the hands of "the relevant authorities".



The slow loris is a protected species and may not be used for tourist photo opportunities. Photo: Saran Mitrarat

"I am aware of the news. The relevant authorities are taking care of it. I have not ordered any local officers to take action

about this," he said.

"However, I will raise the issue with Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, and if she decides we should take further action, we will. Patong is a key tourism destination. We are keeping our eyes on it," Mr Somsak assured.

Meanwhile, Col Chiraphat said that his officers rounded up yet another slow loris tout on Soi Bangla early on the morning of September 25, the third in as many days.

Pichet Pimrat, 27, from Phitsanulok, was arrested with a slow loris – a vulnerable and protected species – and a camera at about 2am, said Col Chiraphat.

"He was charged with possession of a protected species without a permit," he said.

"This is routine police work. We have not received any special order to enforce this law. Police are on the lookout for animal touts every day," Col Chiraphat said.

"With every arrest of such touts, we hand the slow lorises over to the Environmental Conservation Division at Khao Phra Thaeo Wildlife Sanctuary in Thalang. However, touts keep getting their hands on them somehow," he said.

"These people keep coming to Patong to make money, and we will keep doing our job of arresting them until they are no longer in Phuket," Col Chiraphat vowed.



Noise and dust stirred up by trucks caused the protest.

Neighbors rally against trucks

VILLAGERS on Soi Han Farang finally lost their patience with the constant stream of over-sized trucks rumbling past their homes and held a protest on September 25 to demand an end to what they view as a serious nuisance and health hazard.

The road is used many times a day by trucks bringing soil and construction materials to about half-a-dozen property-development companies in many areas such as Koh Keaw, Srisoonthorn and Pah Kok.

"Locals are concerned about their health because of all the dust raised by the trucks," said Koh Kaew Subdistrict Administrative Organization (*OrBorTor*) President Khuakiet Chitkhua.

Two months ago, they staged a similar protest. Following negotiations, trucks were only allowed to use the road between 8am and 5pm on weekdays.

In response to the most recent protest, Mr Khuakiet has banned all over-sized trucks from the road and has set aside a four-million-baht budget to fix the roadway.

- Kritsada Mueanhawong

Firework controls strict for Veg Fest

OFFICIALS agreed last week to adapt extra measures to control the use and sale of fireworks during the Vegetarian Festival which runs from October 5 to 13, with a special emphasis on keeping particularly loud and quick-to-ignite pyrotechnics off the streets.

Small red strings of firecrackers will be allowed, said Chaiwat Taephee, Phuket Provincial Chief Administrative Officer (*Palad*). But only at shrines and during parades.

Officials will be conducting sweeps to make sure that illegal firecrackers, such as "the giant egg", free-standing rockets and bah jang, which detonates quickly, are not sold or used.

"Last year, a lot of teenagers threw *bah jang* at trucks. Striking a gas truck with one of those could be calamitous," Mr Chaiwat said.

Officials are also concerned about noise, and want to make

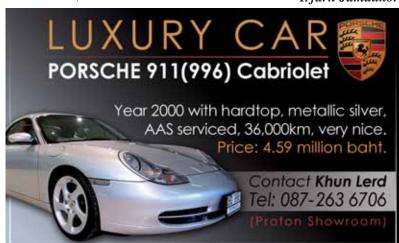


This kind of firecracker will be allowed, but only at shrines and in parades. Photo: Gazette files

sure that people are not unduly disturbed or worse yet, suffer illeffects to their health.

"Anyone selling illegal fireworks, or disturbing people by setting them off outside of prescribed areas will be warned. If we catch them a second time, we will press charges against them," Col Sermpan said.

Irfarn Jamdukor





Killing time in Phuket

SOLDIERS and other security personnel arriving on the island to enjoy R&R leave or even to retire in the sun is nothing new to Phuket, but the arrest of ex-US soldier Joseph "Rambo" Hunter this past week has raised the ugly question: Do you know who your neighbors really are?

The Gazette's Orawin Narabal reports.

JOSEPH Hunter lived the quiet life in Phuket. He did not venture out often, instead choosing to stay at his rented villa beside the Loch Palm Golf Course with the curtains closed.

Staff at the Garden Villas Baan Suan Loch Palm housing estate said his only request was that the maid clean his villa only once a week – not twice a week, like other tenants preferred – and only while he was there to keep a close eye on the cleaner.

Other than that, he was the ideal tenant.

"He always paid the rent – about 70,000 baht per month – on time. He never made loud noises or disturbed his neighbors. He always behaved and stayed quiet," an estate staffer told the *Gazette*.

"He rented the villa in April and lived alone most of the time. Sometimes a Filipino lady visited him. She is about 20 years old and stayed five to six days at a time, then went away for about two weeks and came back again. It always happened this way," another estate staffer explained.

Hunter was not a member at the neighboring golf club, nor did he use the clubhouse facilities. Despite his long career as a marksman, he was not known at any of the popular shooting ranges, either by the name Hunter or by his known aliases Frank Robinson or Jim Riker.

A security guard at the gate to the housing estate even described Hunter as an amiable fellow.

"We never spoke in depth about anything. We only smiled at each other. Sometimes I said 'Sawasdee krab' and he said 'Hi' back, but we never had a conversation," he said.

"Most of the time he rode out on one of his two big bikes and returned about 30 minutes later carrying 7-Eleven bags," the guard added.

What is known about Hunter's movements in Phuket was that he frequently visited "friends" at another house in the estate.

The "friends" were questioned by police, but later released after investigating officers were confident that the five had no idea of Hunter's chosen profession as a drug smuggler and leader of an international team of assassins.

"We have always checked prospective tenants' backgrounds carefully before letting them rent a house," said one of the management team at the estate.

"We asked to see their passport and visa, and checked with immigration to make sure they were legal and not wanted for any crimes. Now we have to be even more careful," he said.

HISTORY OF VIOLENCE

Whether a background check on Hunter would have revealed anything untoward is unlikely.

Like many other expats in Phuket, on paper, Hunter was no more alarming than any other retired servicemen who have chosen Thailand as their new home.

Hunter joined the US Army in 1983. He led air assault and airborne infantry squads, served as a sniper instructor and trained soldiers in marksmanship and tactics as a senior drill sergeant before he left the service in 2004. Despite more than two decades as a soldier, however, the highest rank he attained was sergeant first class.

Leaving the soldier's life behind likely brought its own problems. Hunter was arrested late on May 17, 2008 in his hometown



Some snipers have retiring in Phuket in their sights. What do your neighbors do for a living? Photo: US Army

Owensboro, Kentucky, after police answered a disturbance call.

When they arrived, Hunter began yelling and cussing at officers. He was arrested for disorderly conduct and booked in the county detention center, reported local news syndicate 14 WFIE.

But the charges that Hunter now faces allege that he soon embarked on a long career as "security personnel" for drug cartels, picking up "bonus work" as a contract killer on the side.

More disturbingly for most Phuket residents, though, was that Hunter revealed to undercover DEA agents that he had arranged for two female real estate agents to be killed.

Where and when those murders took place have not been disclosed by the authorities.

The question whether Hunter and his elite hit squad ever met in Phuket also remains unanswered.

COSTA DEL CRIME

The tendency of international criminals to call Phuket home seems to be growing.

Dave Allen, head of the fugitives unit at the UK's Serious Organised Crimes Agency (SOCA), says Thailand is high on the list as the destination of choice among international criminals.

"The attraction for Spain [among British criminals] is still there, as there is a huge expat British population," he told *The Guardian* earlier this year.

But some are now looking further afield: "The places we're seeing them go to now are Thailand, certainly, South Africa, and the United Arab Emirates," Mr Allen said.

Meanwhile, Jason Coghlan, the famed ex-con-cum-criminal lawyer who has long served fugitives living on Spain's Costa del Sol, is now setting up a Bangkok office.

Coghlan, a former armed robber from Manchester who served time at the British detention facility Strangeways, says that Spain is off the list as the international fugitives' ultimate getaway.

"If you're a villain on the run in Spain, you're just in a queue waiting to get nicked. What a lot of them don't realize is that the Spanish police can even trace where your emails are coming from," he said.

While such advice may encour-

age more criminals to flee to Asia, the Thai authorities are doing their best to deter undesirables from reaching these shores.

ACT OF JUSTICE

The arrest of Hunter and the five other suspects in Phuket came just one day after the Prevention and Suppression of Transnational Organized Crime Act was enacted in Thailand.

"The act came into effect very recently – on September 24 – and with this act, officers tackling transnational crime cases now have the right to conduct searches without having to wait for a court to issue a search warrant," said Deputy Commissioner General Chongrak Chutanon.

However, law-enforcement officers are still required to present their ID and documentation showing that they have reason to suspect the individual and carry out the search.

"This new Act will make our work easier and life for international criminals and fugitives more difficult, as they will have less time to flee the long hand of the law," Lt Gen Chongrak said.



Hunter becomes hunted in hitman sting

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...that had shipped 200kg of cocaine, said Preet Bharara of the US Attorney's Office, citing one of the main charges against Hunter, which is smuggling cocaine into the US.

Hunter's team had also provided counter-surveillance on a weapons deal set up by the undercover DEA officers, who later set up the bogus assassination operation that led to the multinational arrests.

Hunter unwittingly told the DEA agents that apart from providing drug-cartel security, he could expect "bonus jobs", or contract kills.

After offering options on how to commit the Liberian assassinations, including using machine guns, cyanide or a grenade, Hunter requested his team be

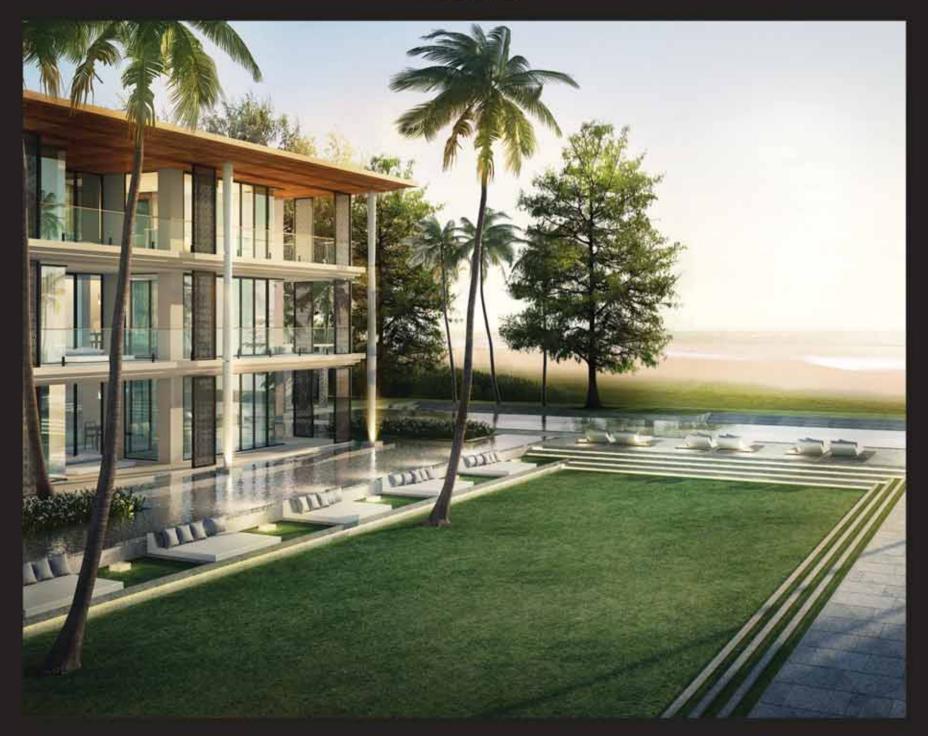
supplied with MP-7 submachine guns with silencers, pistols with silencers, a .308 rifle with scope and two concealment vests. He also asked for special latex masks that would make the team members "appear to be of a different race".

Hunter was deported by DEA officers to New York the morning after his arrest to face charges of conspiracy, attempting to import cocaine and plotting to kill a law enforcement agent.

Hunter denied the charges, but was reportedly on the verge of tears in the courtroom on Tuesday. Attorney Marlon Kirton told the federal judge that he was concerned about Hunter's mental and emotional health.

The judge said she may order an evaluation if the prison where he's being held doesn't do one. October 5 - 11, 2013 PHUKET GAZETTE 7





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Land probe launched near **Boat Lagoon**

OFFICIALS have launched an investigation into land ownership along the banks of the canal that provides access to Boat Lagoon Marina in Koh Kaew following a complaint of alleged land encroachment in the area.

The team of about 20 officers led by Phuket Vice Governor Somkiet Sangkaosuttirak arrived at the site on September 26 in response to an anonymous complaint filed in July.

After completing his inspection of the shacks lining the banks, V/Gov Somkiet ordered an investigation into the land ownership of two plots at the site.

"All illegal activities on this land encroachment, illegal buildings and illegal claims of private properties – must be stopped," he said.

"However, we should keep some of the structures for the benefit of the public. We could keep one of the pavilions, as well as the pier that was built for fishermen to use," he explained.

Wattana Thinkohkaew, the local village headman for the area, agreed with keeping some of the structures.

'We should keep some of the buildings that can help local villagers earn a living," he said.

Phuket expat Gerald Mason in urgent need of help

GERRY Mason, an enthusiastic member of the transferred him to island's darts league and a keen pool player in the Monday and Thursday leagues, recently had a horrendous car accident.

Now he urgently needs our support.

Gerry has always been public-spirited. Prior to coming to Thailand and settling down with his partner Tuanjai, he served Queen and Country with the Royal Signals Regiment.

A 'tyke' from Doncaster, he now lives in Rawai. Worlds apart. But as with so many of his friends. Phuket is his second home.

The accident, which left him with extensive facial fractures of the nose, upper jaw and cheekbone, almost killed him. It probably would have ended disastrously if several generous friends had not rallied round and

the intensive care unit at Bangkok Hospital Phuket.

His insurance does not begin to cover the cost of expert care and of reconstructive surgery. Thankfully, he is now out of dan-



Gerry Mason

ger, but the route back to health will be long. We urgently ask any and all of you who know Gerry to contribute to a fund which is being set up to help defray the huge costs of treatment. Already the bill is well in excess of 1,000,000 baht. - Patrick Campbell

Contributions can be made to:

Account name: Bangkok Hospital

Account number: 442-3-03132-9 Bank name: Bangkok Bank Public Co Ltd, Thepkrasattri Road Branch. **Destination Bank:** Bangkok Bank Public Co Ltd. Foreign Inward

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Mayor Pian suspended

By Orawin Narabal

PATONG Mayor Pian Keesin has been suspended from office by the Administrative Court Region 8 in Phuket Town over a vote fraud complaint filed against him by the Election Commission in

"We received the court order yesterday [September 26] instructing Mayor Pian to cease all activities in his capacity as Mayor of Patong," confirmed an official at Mayor Pian's office.

"He is now waiting to receive a subpoena notifying him of when to present himself to the court and to testify in the hearing concerning the complaint against him," she added.

Mayor Pian will remain suspended from office until the court hands down its verdict, the official explained.

"In the meantime, Deputy Mayor Chairat Sukban will fulfill duties as Acting Mayor," she said.

The court also suspended all - Saran Mitrarat | five members of Mayor Pian's



Mayor Pian Keesin has been suspended from office. Photo: Gazette file

Rak Patong (Love Patong) party who won Patong Council seats in Voting District 1 in the September 3 election last year.

The councilors suspended from office are Jaroern Khwanyeun, Prasarn Noochet, Prasit Phatkor, Mana Phanchalad and Narong Cheuayuan.

Mayor Pian and the five councilors stand accused of importing voters specifically to cast votes in the election.

A complaint was filed with the

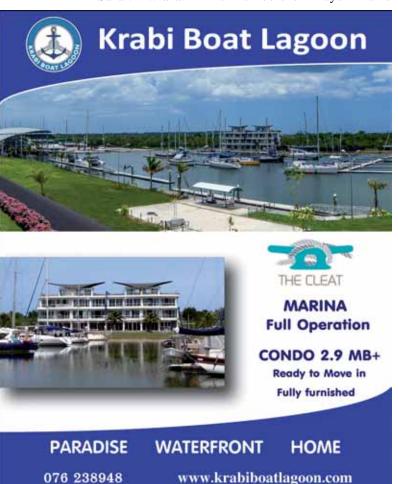
Phuket Election Commission (PEC) after discrepancies were noticed between the number of votes cast in Patong Voting District 1 and the number of voters registered in the area.

The only councilor to win – and so far, keep – a seat in Patong Voting District 1 from last year's election is Chalermsak Maneesri of the Patong Gao Na (Patong Progress) party.

Mr Chalermsak was ordered out of office as Patong Mayor in 2003 after he was found guilty of importing voters specifically to cast votes in the election.

Just one year earlier, Mr Chalermsak's brother, Surasak, was ordered out of office by the then-Interior Minister Purachai Piemsomboon, who accused Mr Surasak of bringing the office of mayor into disrepute.

Kittipong Thiengkunakrit, director of the Phuket Election Commission, has confirmed that if the court does rule against Mayor Pian, he will be allowed to run for re-election.



Football-golf not 'boaring' as wild pigs ravage greens

A SOUNDER of wild boar has settled on an 18-hole "Football Golf Course" in Chalong as their preferred dining area, but in the pigs' quest for cuisine, they've left damaging divots on the greens.

"Our course is currently under attack by wild boars, which are rampaging through it at night and ripping up our greens," said Neil Simmons of Phuket Games Zone, located in Soi Palai.

"You hardly ever see them. They come and go, and the attacks always happen at night," he said.

The sounder was first spotted about six months ago, and has since ripped large gashes in the greens at holes 7, 8 and 10.

Attempts to snare the big brown boars have been fruitless.

"They're just too clever," Mr Simmons said.



Wild boars grubbing in the green are causing football-golf players to ask for mulligans. Photo: Neil Simmons

"We borrowed a wooden-cage trap from a neighboring pig farmer, but the squealers just didn't take the bait. I also set down some rope snares, but they

avoided those too," he explained. Last week, the pig farmer's

dogs bailed up a baby pig, but some of the larger specimens seen roaming around the course have been estimated to weigh 60 to

Players are asked to notify course management if they spot any of the porkers.

In the meantime, play on the course continues.

"The damage in the rough areas hasn't been that bad, but we have had to work hard to smooth out the damage to the greens," Mr Simmons said.

The greens have been sufficiently smoothed over and no mulligans will be offered for shots that players claim were affected by an uneven surface, he added.

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Southern rubber riots produce seed money

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

RUBBER riots in recent weeks in Southern Thailand are now paying substantial dividends for plantation owners in Phuket and the rest of the nation.

Though the direct demands of the protests, which included a government subsidy for sheets of rubber were not met, the government has allocated a total of over 21 billion baht to be paid out to households legally owning rubber

"This project was launched in response to the protests in order to help rubber farmers. The objective is to improve the quality of the rubber, and at the same time make it more affordable to do so," said Parames Tongpreecha, chief of Phuket Provincial Agricultural Extension office.

It has been estimated that millions of baht were being lost in the tourism industry earlier this month in areas adjacent to the rubber plantation protests.

In Phuket, 200 households have already scored a slice of the almost 225 million allocated to



A police van was set on fire and several other vehicles damaged during the protests. Photo: Reuters

the island province.

The subsidy is being allocated to farmers for them to use for fertilizer, which will yield a higher-quality product, Mr Parames explained.

certified by the project as having the legal right to work the land that they are claiming, were given 2,520 baht per rai of rubber plantation owned for up to 25 rai.

"We expect about 4,100 farm-Those who have already been ers from Phuket to register with

us. So far, however, only 1,833 farmers have taken advantage of the subsidy," said Mr Parames.

Registration was originally planned to be closed at the end of September, but has been extended until October 15, he added.



Some of the 30 bullet casings found

Three slain at Krabi rubber research center

A FORMER Krabi village chief who owned a security company and two of his staff were gunned down at new job early on Wednesday.

The men were shot in a security box at the entrance to the Krabi Rubber Plantation Research Center in Lam Thap just after midnight.

Witnesses said the assailants arrived in a pickup truck. At least three men got out and opened fire on the small room, then went inside and started shooting again before fleeing the scene.

When police arrived, Amorn Rakbut, 52, and Sutham Pholhirun, 46, were dead. Somchai Kaewpetch died en route to hospital.

Police found 30 bullet cases believed to have come from automatic weapons, including an M16, said Lt Col Jessada Saengsuree.

"We also found two shotguns, which we think belonged to the victims," he said.

- Kritsada Mueanhawong



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In brief...

US Embassy still open in Bangkok despite shutdown

THE US Embassy in Bangkok on Tuesday announced that the embassy and the Consulate General in Chiang Mai remain open to the public as the US government began its first partial shutdown in 17 years after Congress failed to break a partisan deadlock by a midnight deadline.

The embassy issued a statement on its Facebook page; US Embassy Bangkok, saying that all consular services, including visa processing, are also open to the public.

Terms cut for team jailed for extortion, assault, abduction

THE Criminal Court in Bangkok on Monday reduced sentences for a former Border Patrol Police (BPP) Captain, Nat Chonnithiwanit, and nine ex-BPP officers for abuse of authority.

They were found guilty of abducting and detaining four narcotic suppression policemen, assaulting and forcing them to confess to drug crimes and demanding 2 million baht in ransom for their release in October 2007.

The court gave the 10 accused a 10-year jail term each, but halved the term for Mr Nat and two others for useful confessions, while the rest received further reduced jail terms of six years, eight months.

Coupons will not replace free tablet

EDUCATION Minister Chaturon Chaisang has downplayed reports that the government will offer a cash coupon worth 3,000 baht in place of a free tablet computer for each student.

He explained that the idea of the coupons was that they could be given only to those students planning to buy tablets, perhaps with specifications better suited to their needs. Other students would still get free tablet computers from the government, he said. At this stage though, he emphasized that it was "just an idea".

Court rules reds killed by Army troops in 2010 protests

A COURT has ruled that two more red-shirts who died during the 2010 protests in Bangkok were killed by soldiers.

The Criminal Court found that Charoon Chaimaen, 46, and Sayam Watanukul, 52, were hit by bullets in front of Satriwithaya school on Din Sor Road, *The Nation* reported.

Mr Charoon died at Central General Hospital at 10pm on April 10, 2010. He was hit by a high-velocity bullet that destroyed his lungs and liver.

The court ruled that the shots had been fired by soldiers, though it admitted it had not established exactly who was responsible. The Thai Army has denied its soldiers killed anyone during the protests, despite numerous investigations and court cases suggesting they had.

In August, the Criminal Court found that six unarmed people who were shot on the grounds of Wat Pathum Wanaram on May 10 were also killed by soldiers.

The six victims were among at least 90 who were killed in April and May 2010 after the United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship occupied central Bangkok in a bid to force the Abhisit Vejjajiva government to dissolve parliament.



The 2010 red-shirt riots. Photo: The Nation

Dems slam Malaysian role in Southern peace

A SENIOR opposition politician has accused Malaysia of "scheming" to benefit its own interests in its role as facilitator of peace talks between Thailand and insurgent groups in Kuala Lumpur.

Democrat Party deputy leader Thavorn Senniam said Malaysia hoped to profit from the Deep South economy if the region was granted more autonomy.

Meanwhile, Army chief Prayuth Chan-ocha has said that a "special administration zone" for the Deep South, as demanded by the Barisan Revolusi Nasional (BRN), is "not possible" because the local people don't want it.

But in a speech made at Democrat Party headquarters, Mr Thavorn said he suspected that that was precisely what the Malaysian government hoped to see in the region.

Mr Thavorn spoke about his "suspicions" that Yala, Pattani, Narathiwat, and the business district of Sadao in Songkhla, would be used as a buffer zone by Malaysia, once the region was consolidated as a special administrative area, a precondition of the BRN.

"I am afraid that Thailand is going to lose these three provinces while this government runs the country, because there are secret talks between them," he said.

Gen Prayuth said this was unthinkable. Thailand already had two special zones, Bangkok and



Soldiers in the restive Deep South are still targets for insurgents, despite peace talks. Photo: The Nation

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the tourist center of Pattaya, and these two centers needed their own administration and budgets, he said.

He said he believed the budget

for the three southernmost provinces wasn't sufficient and still needed the central government's support.

He said he'd explained this to the locals, who didn't want a special administration zone. He claimed if the insurgents laid down their weapons it would smooth the

Gen Prayuth said the project to bring "misguided" insurgent sympathizers back home had seen 900 people reporting themselves to the authorities.

They had been provided with vocations and safety while officials reviewed their arrest warrants, summonses and evidence.

Meanwhile, four special ops policemen were killed and seven others wounded in a single incident in Narathiwat last week. Their speeding truck ran over spikes placed on the road by insurgents and turned over.



Government denies role in pulling eco show

THE Government has issued a denial that it was responsible for forcing the suspension of an MCOT program about the Mae Wong Dam on the Modernine channel last week.

The program, which featured an interview with environmentalist Sasin Chalermlarp, was meant to be broadcast on Channel 9.

Mr Sasin is leading a campaign against the Mae Wong Dam project, which he claims will result in the flooding of thousands of acres of pristine forest.

The company that produced the

"Khon Khon Khon" program, Burapa TV, claims that Channel 9 asked it to film more interviews to make the piece more balanced.

The company said it was also urged to cut some parts considered provocative. It said the tape was amended accordingly, but in a way that did not tarnish the company's standpoint. However, the edited tape did not win the approval of the channel.

Government spokesman Teerat Ratanasevi said the government had had no role in suppressing the interview.



Mr Teerat (center) denied the government's role. Photo: The Nation

Srisuwan Janya, the president of Stop Global Warming Association (SGWA), said Modernine TV was trying to cover the eyes and ears of the people.

Excavating truth: Deadly jade trade

By Andrew R.C. Marshall and Min Zayar Oo

TIN TUN picked all night through teetering heaps of rubble to find the palm-sized lump of jade he now holds in his hand. He hopes it will make him a fortune. It's happened before.

"Last year I found a stone worth 50 million kyat," he said, trekking past the craters and slag heaps of this notorious jade-mining region in northwest Myanmar. That's about US\$50,000 – and it was more than enough money for Tin Tun, 38, to buy land and build a house in his home village.

But rare finds by small-time prospectors like Tin Tun pale next to the staggering wealth extracted on an industrial scale by Myanmar's military, the tycoons it helped enrich, and companies linked to the country where most jade ends up: China.

Almost half of all jade sales are "unofficial" – that is, spirited over the border into China with little or no formal taxation. This represents billions of dollars in lost revenues that could be spent on rebuilding a nation shattered by nearly half a century of military dictatorship.

Official statistics confirm these missing billions. Myanmar produced more than 43,000 tonnes of jade in fiscal year 2011-12 (April to March). Even valued at a conservative US\$100 per kilo, it was worth US\$4.3bn. But official exports of jade that year stood at only US\$34mn.

Official Chinese statistics only deepen the mystery. China doesn't publicly report how much jade it imports from Myanmar. But jade is included in official imports of precious stones and metals, which



SLIM PICKINGS: Tin Tun, 38, continues to search for precious stones in the hope of becoming rich. Photo: Reuters

region

in 2012 were worth US\$293mn – a figure still too small to explain where billions of dollars of Myanmar jade has gone.

Such squandered wealth symbolizes a wider challenge in Myanmar, an impoverished country whose natural resources – including oil, timber and precious metals – have long fuelled armed conflicts while enriching only powerful individuals or groups. In a rare visit to the heart of Myanmar's secretive jade-mining

industry in Hpakant, Reuters found an anarchic region where soldiers and ethnic rebels clash, and where mainland Chinese traders rub shoulders with heroin-fuelled "handpickers" who are routinely buried alive while scavenging for stones.

Myint Aung, Myanmar's Minister of Mines, did not reply to written questions from Reuters about the jade industry's missing millions and social costs.

Since a reformist government took office in March 2011, Myanmar has pinned its economic hopes on the resumption of foreign aid and investment. Some economists argue, however, that Myanmar's prosperity and unity may depend upon claiming more revenue from raw materials.

There are few reliable estimates on total jade sales that include unofficial exports. The Harvard Ash Center, which advises Myanmar's quasi-civilian government, has possibly the best figures available.

After sending researchers to the area this year, the Harvard Ash Center published a report in July that put sales of Burmese jade at about US\$8bn in 2011. That's more than double the country's revenue from natural gas and nearly a sixth of its 2011 GDP.

"Practically nothing is going to the government," David Dapice, the report's co-author, told Reuters. "What you need is a modern system of public finance in which the government collects some part of the rents from mining this stuff." - Reuters

In brief...

Java boat tragedy prompts probe into human-trafficking

INDONESIAN authorities are investigating how dozens of migrants whose boat sank two weeks ago managed to enter Indonesian waters as they attempted to reach Christmas Island in Australia.

The boat sank off West Java on September 20. The migrants, hailing from Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan and Eritrea, then drifted at sea.

As of Monday, a joint searchand-rescue team had found 64 of the migrants. "As many as 36 of them are dead, and 28 are still alive as of today [Monday]," West Java Police spokesman Martinus Sitompul said.

According to survivors, the boat was carrying at least 80 people.

- The Jakarta Post

Yahoo! loses battle for copyright news

SINGAPORE Press Holdings (SPH), publisher of the *Straits Times*, this week won a two-year legal battle against US Internet giant Yahoo! for reproduction of its news content without permission.

The lawsuit began in November 2011, when SPH applied to Singapore's High Court to stop Yahoo! from further reproducing articles from its newspapers and to pay unspecified damages for copyright infringement.

- The Straits Times

Filipino rescuers fast-track the dead

POLICE are looking into how a man killed while observing a traffic accident in Quezon City this week was rushed to a funeral home before he was declared dead.

Dalmacio Capuyan was hit by a taxi while sitting on his motorcycle and looking at a diesel tanker that had rammed a concrete barrier at about 3:45am.

- Philippine Daily Inquirer

precious stones and metals, which Myanmar's secretive jade-mining may depend upon claiming more revenue from raw materials. Gold clan caught in B9.37bn scheme

POLICE in Kuala Lumpur on Monday arrested five individuals and charged a company in connection with a gold investment scheme allegedly involved in money laundering of 937 million ringgit (9.37 billion baht).

The five arrested – all siblings – were Ng Wan Yee, 34; Ng Yee Yaw 32; Chiew Soo Ling, 49; Alex Yew Soo Hun, 37; and Tony Yao Kee Boon, 52.

They stand accused of receiving illegal proceeds from Genneva Malaysia Sdn Bhd and transferring the illicit funds to personal and company accounts through an alleged 277 counts of money laundering.

Brother and sister Ng Wan Yee and Ng Yee Yaw are directors of Ng Advantage Sdn Bhd, a com-



From left: Poh Weng, Wan Yee, Yee Yaw and Alex Yew. Photo: The Star

pany related to Genneva, which was charged with 82 counts of money laundering on Monday.

They are also the children of Genneva business adviser Datuk Ng Poh Weng, 63, who was slapped with 155 money laundering charges last Friday.

Chiew Soo Ling is the wife of

Genneva director Datuk Philip Lim Jit Meng, 56, who had been charged with making a false statement, illegal deposit-taking and money laundering.

Judge Mat Ghani Abdullah ordered the five to surrender their passports and set November 27 as the next court date. – *The Star*



In brief...

Nigerian president endeavours to heal his divided nation

PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan on October 1 promised a national dialogue to heal what his violently troubled ethnically and religiously divided nation, and urged his compatriots to unite against extremism to avoid the fate of Syria.

Mr Jonathan struck a sombre tone in a speech to mark Nigeria's 53rd year of independence.

"These may not be the best of times ... Our people are divided in many ways – ethnically, religiously, politically and materially. I cannot hide from this reality," he said.

We have a duty as Nigerians, whatever may be our differences, to always put Nigeria first."

Qatar labor abuse reports play down

QATAR and Nepal officials from early this week sought to play down reports that Nepali laborers face deadly conditions on the Gulf state's building sites, holding a news conference to say that the migrant workers were "safe and fully respected."

Britain's Guardian newspaper reported that over the summer dozens of Nepali workers had died on Qatari building sites related to the World Cup 2022.

Nepal recalled its envoy from Qatar on September 26 after she had called the nation an "open jail" for Nepalis who suffer labor abuses.

IOC warns against bigotry at Sochi

THE International Olympic Committee (IOC) will not tolerate any discrimination at the 2014 Sochi Winter Games following a new Russian anti-gay law, IOC chief Thomas Bach said on September 29.

Russia has come under fire over the law banning "gay propaganda", which could be used to prosecute anyone voicing support for homosexuals, activists say.

Italian judge orders new DNA tests on knife in Knox retrial

A JUDGE presiding over the highly publized testimony from jailed Naples mobster Luciano retrial in Italy of American student Amanda Knox on Monday ordered new DNA tests on the knife that prosecutors allege was used to kill her British roommate in 2007.

Ms Knox and her ex-boyfriend Raffaele Sollecito were found guilty in 2009 of murdering 21-year-old Meredith Kercher in the picturesque Umbrian town of Perugia. They were acquitted on appeal in 2011, but the acquittal was quashed by Italy's Supreme Court.

Neither appeared in court for the first hearing in the retrial.

Judge Alessandro Nencini will also hear new

Aviello, who previously said his brother killed the London-born Ms Kercher.

The new checks on the presumed murder weapon – a kitchen knife found in Sollecito's house – will examine a trace that was not previously tested because experts said it was too small to produce reliable results.

The court will also assess photographs of Mr Sollecito's nail-bitten fingers which the defence have presented.

Seattle-based Ms Knox, 26, told US media last month that "common sense" told her not to return to Italy.



Ms Knox appearing on the New York-based NBC TV show Today last month. Photo: Reuters

US mired in partisan crisis

Obama working to make the 'Republican crisis' tag stick

By Steve Holland

FOR President Barack Obama, the US government shutdown that rippled across the country on Tuesday is the "Republican shutdown" and he is working hard to see that the name sticks to his political opponents.

"We may not know the full impact of this Republican shutdown for some time," he said in the White House Rose Garden, with 12 Americans gathered behind him brought in to illustrate the benefits of his signature healthcare law, popularly known as "Obamacare."

What is also unknown is the full impact of the shutdown on Obama himself.

There is a recognition inside and outside of the White House that the president could eventually catch some of the public anger from a prolonged shutdown, especially if the US economy takes a hit from the idling of govern-

For now, Obama is following the model used by Democratic President Bill Clinton during the 1995 and 1996 shutdowns that he encountered: Lay the blame at the feet of Republicans.

Polls have consistently shown that Americans oppose the Republicans' strategy linking continued funding of the government with



Night falls over the Capitol Dome, as members of the Republican-controlled House of Representatives tackle a budget with the Democratic-controlled Senate on September 30, just before the shutdown. Photo: Reuters

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defunding or delaying Obamacare.

One potential flaw in the Obama strategy, said former Clinton White House press secretary Mike McCurry, is that Clinton was more

popular at that point than Mr Obama is now and the US economy was in better shape in the mid-1990s than now.

'We weren't confident that Clinton was going to avoid the blame," said Mr McCurry. "I remember day in and day out being very concerned that this was going to produce a reaction in which all sides got equal blame.

'We had no real confidence that we were actually going to come

out on the winning end of things." As for the Obama White House, Mr McCurry said: "They

have to be cautious. They can' t assume they come out at the same place as Clinton did. But if they manage their communications effectively, they come out ahead."

Pressed on why Obama does not sit down with his opponents, White House officials say that could just result in more demands.

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South Korean military parade shows off long-range missiles

Hveonmu missiles on

parade. Photo: Reuters

SOUTH Korea displayed on after the North conducted its third

and long-range missiles and vowed to boost deterrence against its unpredictable neighbor.

The Hyeonmu-2, with a range of 300 kilometers, and the Hyeonmu-3, a cruise missile with a range of more than 1,000 kilometers were put on public display for

the first time in a rare South Korean military parade.

Both of the indigenously developed missiles have been deployed. They were unveiled in February

October 1 new missiles designed nuclear test in defiance of interto target North Korea's artillery national warnings, two months

launched a long-range rocket and put an object into space.

"We must build a strong anti-North deterrence until the day the North drops its nuclear arms and makes the right choice for its people and for peace on the Korean peninsula,"

South Korean President Park Geun-hye said at the parade marking the founding of the South's armed forces 65 years ago.

A fine finish for your pool

By Mark Knowles

CURRENTLY expanding their operation in Phuket, Pebble Pools is leading the charge to bring an innovative and superior swimming pool surfacing product to the Thailand Market. Trained and certified by market-leading American company Pebble Technology Inc, Pebble Pools' staff are able to surface any pool in Thailand with a patented, fine aggregate pebble finish – which has been developed continuously for over 20 years by Pebble Technolgy.

The *Gazette* spoke to Pebble Pools manager Steve Derkland about the aesthetic and financial benefits of using their products.

"Aesthetically it's a lot prettier than tiles because you don't have the grout lines and it's also safer because it's a non slip surface," said Steve.

"You know when you look out into the ocean and it looks blue or green, that's the reflection of the sun in the water. That's what our product does, it gives your pool water a natural color. When your swimming in the water, it is a completely different experience to swimming in a tiled pool," he said.

The products used by Pebble Pools are all imported directly from the United States, where Pebble Technology sources high quality naturally tumbled stones - typically from such sites as river beds and beaches – which are then mixed with cement, water and additives in a unique formula perfected over years of research and experience.

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Once the pool shell has been prepared, the mixture is then pneumatically sprayed onto the surface to create an even and smooth finish. The product comes in a range of 10 different colors to suit the look the customer wants to achieve. The entire coating process usually takes only one day to complete and the resultant finish is likely to well-outlast tiles and other common pool surfaces. The company backs up this claim with a five-year warranty on their product.

"The inorganic dyes, which have been developed by Pebble Technology – they are the best dyes in the world – that's why we can offer the five-year warranty," says Steve.

The pebble surface not only lasts longer, but according to Steve, there are several other benefits that make it a financially sound option.

"In Thailand, the water chemistry is so hard to keep correct, because you have torrential rains, and then the heat, and if you have a tiled pool, the tile grout deteriorates and sometimes the tiles need replacing in as little as five years.

"There are pools done with this [Pebble Technology] surface that are 12 years old and look as good



See the rich blue hue that swimming pool water takes on when using the Pebble Technology surface. Photo: Supplied

as they did the day they were finished. That's what's so great about this product, once you've done it, there is no more down time. That's why it's so great for resorts," he said.

The Pebble Technology surface is now one of the most commonly used in the US market and Steve is working hard to ensure its popularity and success here in Thailand. Steve is clearly confident in

the quality of the product he is offering – and it seems that his customers agree – Pebble Pools has worked with both commercial and residential customers all over Thailand and business is booming.

"We have a full schedule, we are currently working on a large resort pool for Aspasia hotel in Karon and we are doing several private residences in Patong. Our

biggest market is in Phuket but we've got some big projects coming up in Hua Hin and we go all over Thailand."

The booming market in Phuket has led the company to expand their warehouse in Karon and begin to centralize their operation in Phuket.

For more information see the website: pebblepools.co.th

Industrial land boom on Eastern Seaboard

THE industrial-estate market in the Central region in the fourth quar-Thailand has witnessed continuous growth since the devastating floods in 2011, especially in the Eastern Seaboard area, according to a report by Colliers International Thailand. About 5,800 rai (928 hectares) of land were added in the first half of this year, said Surachet Kongcheep, associate director of the property consultancy's research department.

In addition, there are many other industrial estates with a total area of more than 10,000 rai which are under development and expected to be ready in the second half.

Most of the additions to industrial estates made in the past few years and in the first six months of 2013 are located in the Eastern Seaboard area.

The overall supply of industrial estates in Thailand is about 156,900 rai from 70 estates, with the Eastern Seaboard and Central region accounting for around 95% of the total. More than 108,900 rai, or around 69%, is in the Eastern Seaboard, and this has continued to rise, especially after the floods in ter of 2011.

More than 8,000 rai were added to the market last year and in the first half of 2013 and, in addition, some industrial estates are planned for development in the Southern Seaboard and neighboring provinces. A combined area of around 98,000 rai has received approval from the Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand (IEAT) and/or the Board of Investment (BoI) to be developed as industrial estates or as potential future projects by the government and private sectors.

The Southern Seaboard shows the largest increase with more than 38,800 rai, followed by the Eastern Seaboard with about 21,300 rai. This discrepancy is due to the fact that some planned industrial estates in the Southern Seaboard are larger than 20,000 rai.

The IEAT also plans to develop new estates in many provinces: "The IEAT is focusing more on the provinces which are on the borders. such as Kanchanaburi, to support the Dawei project [in Myanmar], and Chiang Khong in Chiang Rai

province, to support import and export from and to China via the R3A road and to Laos via the new Friendship Bridge."

In addition, the IEAT is focusing more on the area along the East-West Economic Corridor, starting at Mae Sot in Tak, and including Khon Kaen, Mukdahan and five other provinces along this route. The agency also welcomes private firms who want to invest in ventures with the IEAT to develop industrial estates for small and medium-sized enterprises in the North, Northeast and Central regions, Surachet said.

The average occupancy rate in the Central region is the highest at about 90%, followed by the Eastern Seaboard at around 86%. Most of the new industrial estates and newly expanded areas are in the Eastern Seaboard, and most investors are still focusing on this area, with the average occupancy rate in the first half higher than the same period last year.

"Most Thai and foreign investors are still confident in Thailand, so the average occupancy rate in all locations rose," he said. - The Nation



Time for a cool change



Primarily a winter destination, Niseko is green and peaceful during summer and early autumn. Photos: Bill Barnett

THERE are times when I feel like a cat on a hot tin roof, or worse yet, a mad man locked away downstairs stoking the molten flames as they climb higher and higher, with beads of sweat rolling off my cheeks like the floodgates have been thrust open on a raging river of limitless tears of joy.

A tune strikes up in my head about a tin man, which couldn't be more appropriate given we live on a tin island. It seems all this heat has gotten to me as I recall my need for a cool change just a few weeks ago. My destination was Niseko, Japan. Before we go further, some basic geography lessons are needed on this subject.

Niseko is considered to be one of Asia's premier skiing destinations and often is compared to Whistler's Canada in terms of snow quality. We are going fluffy here, though no reference to that cat up roof-side is intended.



Meanwhile back on the land of the rising sun, there is a large island named Hokkaido which is Japan's second largest island. The capital is Sapporo (known for beer and the Olympics), and a gateway New Chitose airport. In fact, Thai Airways offers direct service from Bangkok, though I chose Korean via Seoul from Phuket.

Heading to the mountains, I realize that the entire Niseko brand is a moving target as this is not just an actual geographic location but also a broader term to cover a broader area. What is unique about this destination is that over the past decade and even longer, a steady influx or expatriate mountain types from Australia, New Zealand and Canada have



helped the destination evolve into a sort of high-altitude Phuket. It's been a place where expatriate business-people have long been key movers and shakers.

Though it was in September, in the tailspin of summer, I have to say the cool weather was a welcome change from my often smelter skelter existence in South Asia. While within the broader area of say Greater Niseko, there are many distinct areas anchored by main ski slopes - Hanazano, Annupuri, Niseko Village, and Hirafu. I'd found myself in the latter at a swank hotel residential development called Vale.

Part of Niseko's learning curve is that the summer and shoulder seasons are still in the emerging phase, so lots of things are shut down during the jolly green giant time. Sure, the Hilton over in Annupuri was kind of busy, but getting around was mostly hit or miss. I managed to catch up on property matters with two of the larger players, Nisade and Niseko Real Estate. As I walked through town, one huge,

ultra-villa came into sight and as talk turned to owners, I was surprised the owners name is someone who has a similar property in Phuket.

In the lead up to the global financial crisis, the mountain destination attracted Asian investors and villa buyers from Singapore, Hong Kong and other familiar places. The sales propo-



helped Niseko evolve into a sort of high-altitude Phuket.



sition was why fly to the North America or Europe when Asia had its very own winter wonderland. Today, a good assortment of resort condos, villas and other properties have been completed, but rental yields on a broad basis remain low – in the region of 1-3% given the seasonality issue.

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When the snow falls, so will vacancy rates.

Selling prices are considerably higher than many of Southeast Asia's resort areas with per square meter pricing on upscale properties ranging US\$7000-9000. What drives this is construction costs, which are often up over \$3,000 per square meter. Labor is a key driver and construction workers often earn \$25 an hour. While foreign ownership is relatively

easy, bank financing is not. This is especially frustrated given the low cost of bank debt in the Japanese market.

Travelling to many development sites by names such as Richard Li's PCPD, Ong Beng Seng, Malaysia's YTL and even Thailand's Property Perfect,

shows the potential for forward momentum, but currently there is also a failure to launch by many of the same. As a destination, there is much promise but making the transition to year round activity requires the presence of major hotel brands, and like so many emerging locations, the existing arena is dominated by smaller real estate driven activity. Welcome the chicken and egg. I do have to say though, the dining options even in low season

are fantastic and two Michelinrated restaurants – Kamimura and Maccarina are worth making the trip just to eat.

So much to say and so little time, I found my own tin island has chilled since I left and rather pleasant. Yet the crisp mountain air, stunning vista, locally-grown produce and that Zen-like exotic appeal of Niseko are still lingering in the breeze.



PARADISE PERSPECTIVE: Each of the villa units wil have its own swimming pool. Photos: Supplied



Villas are offered in several types, starting from 90sqm up to 400-plus sqm.

Invest in Samui living

ANGTHONG Villas is a private, moderately-priced development that has recently broken ground in Lipa Noi, on the south coast of Koh Samui.

Located in a plot affording wonderful panoramic, sunset sea-views, including views of the Angthong (Islands) National Park, the development is offering units priced from 3.9 to 15 million baht, which range from two to five bedrooms and an equal number of bathrooms, plus half bath, with the each unit to have its own swimming pool.

Indeed, this will be a premier residential community in Lipa Noi, just south of Nathon, where the pace of life is slow and the tropical landscape still untroubled by crowds and commerce.

Nearby, there are Thai Government services available and a hospital for emergencies. Land plots can be purchased without a villa for investment purposes, whether in collaboration with the developer or another contractor.

These plots vary in size from 520 to 1500 square meters. The plots are offered starting at 1.4 million per rai, though most are in the range of 1.6 to 4mn baht per rai.

The villas are offered in several types, starting from 90sqm up to 400-plus sqm, priced from, 4.5 to 15mn baht. The building costs range from 22,500 baht per sqm for "Standard" construction, and a premium of 27,500 per sqm for "Deluxe" construction.

At the "River Garden" part of the development, there will be small "villa townhouses" sized 90 to 130sqm and priced starting from 3.9mn baht. This is a planned community of moderate and well

built villas with construction completion guaranteed by one year from date of contract if the developer is used for construction.

The development will be managed by Angthong Villas Homeowners Association. Each lot owner will own a share of the Association, and have of voice in the management of the Association. The association will also offer full rental services for the owners.

Freehold and leasehold structures are available depending on the eligibility of the purchaser. Under the present law, freehold ownership (of homes other than condos) is available to Thai nationals or Thai registered companies only.

For non-residents, the developer can provide 90-year leasehold ownership, comprising three successive 30-year terms. The



Samui island is one of Thailand's most popular beach destinations. The villas are located in the quiet Lip Noi area. Photo: Sebastien Bertrand

a mortgage payable to the lessee, thereby securing the lease as long as necessary. Forever? Well, laws do change.

The Villa Itself, can be in the For more info: angthongvilla.com

land subject to the lease can have name of the non-resident, while the land will be subject to the lease as described above.

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BOOMING: The Chao Phraya river-side is teeming with condominium developments. Photo: Emilio Labrador

property market ticking

THE Kingdom's property market infrastructure mega-project that has continued to grow, at 5% this year thanks to strong demand for condominiums in the vicinity of the capital's mass transit system, according to Real Estate Information Center (REIC) director-general Samma Kitsin.

Next year is also likely to witness growth of 5-10% following the government's 2 trilllion baht will drive demand for residences in the vicinity of the new masstransit routes.

Demand will expand from Bangkok's central business districts to suburban zones once the new mass-transit routes are built, reducing the population density of Bangkok, he said. According to REIC research, the

number of new condominium units sold this year will be between 70,000 and 75,000 units, up 11-19%, compared to 63,000 new units last year. Meanwhile, sales of single detached houses and townhouses would be 40,000 units this year. They match the demand for mortgage loans of 470 billion baht a year.

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Key expat financial concerns

IT'S natural to experience culture shock as an expat but the real shock will come when you consider just how complicated proper investment or financial planning becomes once you expatriate from your home country. Following are some of the key areas you will need to have a plan for and likely consult with knowledgeable experts about.

Remittance planning

If your income is largely fixed and denominated in a currency different from the currency of the country you are an expatriate in, you will need to have a plan for dealing with exchange rate fluctuations as well as the transactional cost of remitting your money to you.

In the worst case scenario where the exchange rate makes a big and sustained movement not in your favor, you may have to plan on making major cut backs on living expenses or even return home.

Inflation planning

Chances are, your home country has low inflation as well as low interest rates, but emerging markets like Thailand tend to have much higher rates of inflation that your income or investment returns will need to keep pace with while keeping risk in mind as high returns can often mean higher risk of losses.

Emergency planning

As an expat, you need to tie up cash in a much bigger emergency cash



Finance

By Don Freeman

fund than you would otherwise need to back home. This emergency cash fund should be large enough to cover things like medical emergencies where cash may need to be paid upfront or to cover repatriation to your home country should you need to return home.

You also need to keep in mind and plan for the likelihood that various social welfare entitlements like unemployment compensation or disability from your home country probably won't cover you while living abroad and you may even need to re-establish residency back home in order to qualify.

Tax planning

If you are an expat from certain countries, like the United States, where there is worldwide taxation or maintain a residence in your home country, you could face double taxation (unless there is a tax treaty in place) – meaning you need to consult with a tax expert to find out what taxes you and your investments could be liable for, as investing in various offshore investments marketed to expats as a way to lower taxes may actually not make sense.

Education planning

If you have children, you will not only need to have a plan for how to pay for their university education, you will also need to have a plan for how to pay for their international school fees up until they are ready for university.

If your employer is currently footing the bill for most international school fees, consider yourself lucky, but you better have a backup plan in the event you don't always have an employer willing to do so in the future.

Health care planning

The older you get, the harder and more expensive it will be to get good expat health insurance coverage while your home country's retirement health care scheme will likely not cover you while abroad - meaning you may need to plan on returning home after a certain age or if your health deteriorates to a certain

Retirement planning

If you are an expat working abroad, you might be paying into your adopted country's government sponsored retirement program and still be eligible for a pension back home if there is an appropriate tax treaty. If not, you will need to plan on saving and investing a considerable amount of extra money for retirement.

Estate planning

No-one likes to talk about the inevitable but planning for the inevitable becomes much more complicated if you have assets or family members who need to be



provided for both in your adopted country and back home. If your financial and family situation is complicated, you better find a lawyer or lawyers who are experts in estate planning back home and whereever you currently reside.

At the very least, make sure you have a written will and appropriate power of attorney documents kept in a safe place.

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Time: the most precious commodity

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TIME keeps on slippin, slippin, slippin... into the future. I am pretty sure I have heard that song more times in my life than I ever wanted to. I apologize if I have offended any of you out there but the song does actually point out a very good reality of our existence. Our time here is very limited and therefore time really is our greatest commodity.

Similar to our own life cycles, every bull market also has a finite lifespan and the more of

your gains that you can hold onto between bull markets, the much better off you will be in the end.

When it comes to our finances, the time value of money is the first concept they teach in almost every Finance 101 course on the planet. A pile of baht is not going to be able to buy the same amount of goods in twenty years that it does today, so the same money in

Retirement Years By David Mayes

However, if you invest those same baht at a rate above inflation, magically you can now buy more goods in twenty years than you could with your same pile today.

Recovery time from investment draw-downs is where I have seen lost time affecting people's real wealth the most, as this compounding time lost (even at low interest rates), is in fact,

This is where I think most people's positive attitude towards taking risk is stronger than it probably would be if they thoroughly understood the power of compounding. If you keep taking small steps forward you will eventually cover a lot of ground. When you have to make up lost ground, especially if you have to make up a lot of lost ground, this is time that is lost forever.

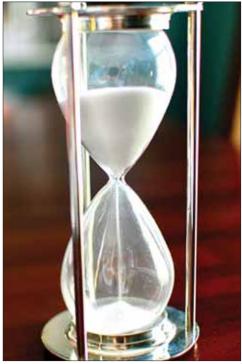
almost no investment mistake that time cannot rectify. Even if you will not heed my warnings and ride the coming stock market crash to the bottom, you can recoup it all given enough time, especially if you don't panic and sell mid-crash. This has been the pattern on Wall Street for centuries so don't beat yourself up too much. The big institutions prey on the psychology of crowd behavior.

In time, if you learn to be fearful when others are greedy and greedy when others are fearful, you can buy assets at a steep discount when everyone else is running for the doors.

One such opportunity is not that far away in my opinion. If you keep heavy in cash and investments that do well in a bear market, the less time

you will lose when this five year old bull heads for its grave.

You will also have a clear head to see that a stock market sell-off is a not a tragedy for all. Many see it as a "Super Sale" that comes around once every five years or so.



Time can rectify most financial mistakes, but time lost is lost forever. Photo: Jamiesrabbits

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The good news is that there is

In brief...

August exports about US\$20bn THE Bank of Thailand (BoT) has disclosed that the value of exports in August was US\$19.9 billion. According to Methee Supapong, senior director of the Monetary Policy Division at the Bank of Thailand, the Thai economy in August was stable as domestic consumption continued to expand, while revenue from value-added taxes also increased. However, the director said investment from the private sector shrank 4% in line with the drop in machinery, electronic equipment and auto-part imports.

Private sector: Thai exports will grow just 2% this year THE Federation of Thai Industries

(FTI) forecasts that this year's export growth rate might be just 1-2%. FTI Secretary-General Sommart Khunset said Thailand's 2013 export growth would definitely be below the Commerce Ministry's forecast of 4%.It was still unpredictable which products would drive this year's export growth as major markets, such as the US, Europe, Japan and China, had not yet fully recovered. He indicated that most Thai exporters were still suffering from the minimum wage hike and increasing costs of production. The private sector wants the government to urgently find new markets for them, especially in ASEAN and India.

Kittiratt: Taxes on luxury items will not be reduced

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Finance Minister Kittiratt Na-Ranong has said that the government will not reduce taxes for luxury items as earlier announced by the government as a plan to promote Thailand as a "Shopping Paradise".

The finance Minister said last week that such a campaign would be put on the back burner, going on to insist that entrepreneurs should adjust themselves to be able to compete in the global arena. According to him, there is no plan at the moment to reduce taxes on luxury items, explaining that the government's Visa on Arrival scheme has already been promulgated to draw in foreign visitors. — *NNT*

Mirrorless cams capture SE Asia

SALES in the region surged 24% in first seven months of 2013 amid dwindling demand for digital cameras

IN SPITE of stiff competition presented by tech gadgets such as tablets and smartphones, the mirrorless camera segment is registering growing consumer interest and has managed to buck the general downtrend of digital still cameras to turn in robust growth in sales.

Southeast Asia findings by global research firm, GfK, revealed that over 115,000 mirrorless cameras were sold since the beginning of this year; 22,000 more compared to the same period last year.

The latest GfK report for the region's key markets of Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam revealed consumer spending on mirrorless cameras totaling around US\$63.4 million.

This translates to a 3.6% rise in the segment's overall market value, contributed mainly by the positive showing in both sales volume and value from four countries.

"Smartphones have become immensely popular these days with more and more people owning one; and many people who use it to take casual shots find less of a need to own a dedicated digital camera," commented Gerard Tan, Account Director for Digital Technology at GfK Asia.

"However, there is still a market for mirrorless cameras as there are photographers who wish to capture more professional and better quality images without having to lug around a bulky DSLR camera."



BIG THINGS IN LITTLE PACKAGES: Modern consumers demand the capabilities of a DSLR but the convenience of a compact. Mirrorless technology addresses this need. Photo: kodomut

In the first seven months of this year, Malaysia's \$22.8 million mirrorless camera market was the biggest in the region, contributing 36% of the total generated sales in Southeast Asia. During this period, consumers in the country spent 32% more compared to the previous year to buy over 40,000 units. Singapore trailed behind with it garnering sales of \$16.4 million from 33,000 units sold.

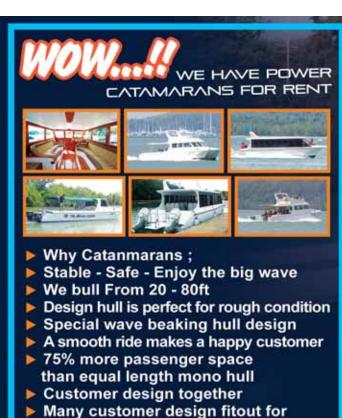
According to GfK insights, a key growth driver is the declining average price which makes it more and more affordable to own a mirrorless camera. From last year's \$660, the region's average price for the product has fallen around 16% to \$551. Across the region, the greatest price erosion came from Singapore, which registered an average price dip of nearly 34%. At \$493, it is this country where the average price for mirrorless cameras is reportedly the lowest.

"This year, we have observed more entry level models being introduced, hence widening the range of low-priced mirrorless cameras available to consumers," highlighted Tan. "This would definitely help propel take-up rate in countries that are still low in penetration such as Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines, which together made up less than 16% of the overall sales volume in the region."

"In the pipeline, we expect to see the launch of more models with new and unique features, which may include the Android interfacing and waterproof functions that will further boost sales," said Tan.

"Moreover, with the rising demand from Southeast Asia's high potential markets of Indonesia, Vietnam and Philippines, the mirrorless camera segment is likely to continue its uptrend in the coming years," he concluded.

- GfK



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Legacy of accuracy in black and white

WITH advances in information technology in recent years, much has been said about the "inevitable" demise of print media.

Few among us would deny that we are living in a time of breathtaking change in the way news is delivered, consumed and shared.

Copyright laws are becoming virtually unenforceable in our global world, and the new reality is that we can download just about every form of digital information produced with little more fear of adverse consequences than might arise from running a red light on the streets of Phuket.

As one aging social commentator comically portrayed the new status quo: "I remember a time when water was free and we had to pay for pornography."

On a more serious note, it is important to remember that all technologies can be double-edged swords.

As the great Daniel Dennett so perfectly phrased it: "We used to think that secrecy was perhaps the greatest enemy of democracy, and as long as there was no suppression or censorship, people could be trusted to make the informed decisions that would preserve our free society, but we have learned in recent years that the techniques of misinformation and misdirection have become so refined that, even in an open society, a cleverly directed flood of misinformation can overwhelm the truth, even though the truth is out there, uncensored, quietly available to anyone who can find it."

Multimedia organizations such as the *Phuket Gazette* are faced with numerous risks and challenges, many of which are not always well understood by readers. Producing accurate and informative news stories is difficult and sometimes dangerous work that involves a great deal of effort and expense.

Threats of lawsuits are an ever-present danger in Thailand, where freedom of the press laws are relatively weak. As a result, the expression "when in doubt, cut it out" is the mantra used in most newsrooms.

Some social media enthusiasts are quick to brand the print media as a tree-killing industry headed for extinction. However, the very real need for media companies to maintain accuracy might just turn out to be a saving grace for news providers.

Those who are quick to put trust in social media as their primary information source should consider the case of the "Worst Twerk Ever – Girl Catches Fire" video that recently appeared on YouTube. A few weeks after "going viral", it was revealed as a hoax.

We have certainly come a long way since the Dark Ages, when dogma, blind faith and intimidation trumped curiosity, skepticism and reason. The downside is that parents these days face a daunting challenge in teaching their kids the information literacy skills needed to thrive in this digital revolution.

Whatever those skills may be, the *Gazette* remains fully committed to serving as the oldest and most trusted source of English-language news and information in the South of Thailand.

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Rihanna wasn't the only one traumatized

I was appalled and disgusted when we visited Soi Bangla recently. I don't really care either way whether there are ping-pong shows or not.

What I do not like is the way the touts advertising these activities position themselves across the top of Soi Bangla like a human chain, making it impossible to enter the soi without having to push through them.

Even more, I dislike the way they thrust the advertising brochures to anyone and everyone who walks down the soi.

This includes men, women and children. In my opinion, it shows a complete lack of judgement and is very distasteful and offensive.

Peter Jones New Zealand

Officers, I would be happy to help

Re: Gazette online, Phuket sex show raids not coming – yet, September 26

Well well, they caught three guys with a loris in as many days. Here is a little help to catch the remaining 10 or so.

They are between the Aussie Bar and Soi Crocodile (in Soi Bangla about 150m from the police box on the beach). When they see the police coming, they hide in the soi and they put their lorises in their pouch.

That's what they've been doing for at least the past two years. Easy, no? I can provide a map, too, if you want.

Lung Manu Gazette forum

You break, you pay

Re: Gazette online, Enraged villagers protest over-sized truck nuisance, get results, September 26

Excellent news! But why should the *OrBorTor* foot the bill for those construction companies

Letters to the Editor

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that have destroyed the road and the lives of the people who live there. Make them pay – which they should have offered to do voluntarily.

> Gren Gazette forum

Screwy taxi logic

Re: Gazette online, Phuket Opinion: Hailing a new era, September 20

Khun Prasat's reasoning for increasing metered fares is somewhat skewed.

First, if it costs more to go up Phuket's hilly roads, how much does it cost to coast back down? Second, if there were no more "green plate" taxis, there'd be no higher fares to be envious of.

Yes, the island needs only metered taxis – with fares comparable to those in the rest of Thailand.

Agogohome Gazette forum

Punish jet-ski thugs to the maximum

Re: Gazette online, Kata jet-ski operator attacks Israeli tourists, September 28

If the local authorities had any sense, they would prosecute this thug to the maximum and even better get him off the beach for good.

The last thing Phuket needs are thugs killing the reputation of the island. Attacking a 66-year-old man to boot.

Of course getting rid of the jetskis entirely would be the best solution but I guess the authorities would hate to lose the payouts they are so obviously receiving.

> The Original Steve Gazette forum

More than one way to rig an election

Re: Gazette online, Patong Mayor Pian suspended, September 27

How is it possible to 'import voters' when every voter's address is clearly written on their national ID card?

Every local I know who votes has to show his or her ID card to even be allowed into the voting

It looks like the Phuket Election Commission needs to investigate themselves while they're at it.

Captain Jack Gazette forum

Focus on driving

Re: Gazette online, Phuket Opinion: The testing paradox, September 20

I am constantly awed by the lack of knowledge of operational traffic laws by most Thais. Infractions regarding passing, right of way, speed limits are endless, and driving etiquette almost unknown.

Why does the government not focus on these issues?

Etters Gazette forum

Must set speed limits in the Similans

Re: Gazette online, Similian National Park to protect swimmers from speedboats, September 26

The Similian National Park chief should enforce the boat regulation to have a limit speed at 3-5 knots within the 300-meter zone from island shores, and on snorkeling and diving areas.

Too many Rambo-like boat captains love to impress their guests at the safety expense of the snorkellers and divers there.

> Asterix Gazette forum

It's not enough just to treat wastewater

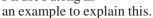
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IT'S one thing to test seawater, it's another to dispose of treated wastewater properly. On the first point, I think every local government in Phuket should be monitoring their own seawater. Right now, my department does it because we have trained staff and enough budget to do so, but technically it's not our responsibilityour job is marine research – and I can't predict how long we'll be able to continue.

It would probably cost each local government a couple million baht a year to do its own tests. Phuket makes billions of baht for the nation every year through tourism. I don't think it would be a hardship to provide the necessary budget.

We usually think of testing seawater when we hear that

untreated wastewater has been released into the sea, but it's important to realize that even treated wastewater can be harmful to the environment. It might look clean, but if we don't handle it properly, it can create problems. I'll use Patong as



Ideally, treated wastewater would never be released into the sea. It's full of nutrients and is an excellent fertilizer, and is best used for watering plants at parks and other public areas. Using it in this way also saves money on fertilizer.

It's precisely because it's such cause the force of the tide will



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Denmark University, Denmark. Here, he talks about how Patong can better handle its treated wastewater.

good fertilizer that this water creates problems in the sea – it stimulates the growth of algae and seaweed, which can end up depleting oxygen levels in the water, which can lead to all kinds of problems, including the death of marine animals.

If Patong must discharge treated wastewater into the sea.

there are ways to do it that can mitigate damage. First, the lo-

cation where the water is released is important. The farther out to sea, the better, because the nutrients are diluted more in the deep water and pose less of a danger, and currents can

help take them away from shore. Patong should install very long pipes that will deliver the water far

The waste treatment facility in

Patong. Photo: Paramee Poolsawat

Second, when the water is released at sea is important. The best time is at low tide – up to two hours before the lowest tide – becarry the water out to sea. Patong should have a system set up to release water in conjunction with

The other thing to keep in mind is that taking care of water is an ongoing process, not a one-shot deal. It's a very good thing that the Patong Municipality has its own wastewater-treatment plant. However, this won't solve their problems forever. Keeping in mind their growing population of tourists and residents, they need to regularly assess whether the plant is keeping up with their needs.

The other thing that should be ongoing and regular is testing. It doesn't matter so much how often the water is tested – every day, once a month, or every two months. The important thing is that it's tested regularly, on a schedule.

As I said, my recommendation is for each municipality to be given a budget to do their own water testing. We are always available to support them and give them advice.

Our economy depends a lot on the beauty of our environment. We need to do whatever is necessary to keep it healthy.



Keeping the glory

STANDING at the top of the tower at Khao Khad View Point, one is surrounded by a breathtaking vista. What a marvelous project it is, with footpaths meandering through the pleasant woods below – and, yet, on closer inspection, this iconic Phuket landmark is crumbling to pieces. The painted cement "boards" of the walkways below have caved in and cracked, becoming hazards for guests as the site continues its visible march to ruin.

We as a species are builders. The structures we leave behind define our civilizations, our cultures. Yet though we build marvels such as the Great Wall of China, the Pyramids of Giza, the Eiffel Tower and the Ferris Wheel – we are not caretakers.

And who can blame us? Who remembers "great maintainers"? It is easy to find out who founded the university you attended, but who were the janitors and the masons that kept the wood floors polished and the mortar between the stones?

Would it be unfair to blame governors and other local politicians for wanting to stand in the spotlight during their rule, doing what is so natural for our species? Can we blame them for spending billions of baht on new structures, underpasses, roads and parks, while letting the projects of their predecessors fall by the wayside? What politician doesn't want to

Island View

By Alex Stone

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

leave his or her mark? And maintenance is no way to achieve this.

In fact, it seems that maintenance is not factored into project budgets here at all. Far too often the central or provincial government coughs up absurd amounts of cash only to "complete" a project – especially while the ink is still drying after the press closes the paper – hailing the project's

But the responsibility for maintenance is handed over to the local government, which is often underfunded and more focused on the necessities - sewage treatment, garbage disposal, and electricity supply.

Worse yet are projects such as the Sea Gypsy Cultural Center; before its doors even opened, responsibility for the endeavor was shuffled and lost among several parties, with no one willing to bear the burden of maintenance.

So, is it unfair to blame them? Maybe. Do I blame them? Yes.

In Phuket, I fear those great works and towers with beautiful views will slowly decay and give way to the new and vastly more expensive projects, as governor after governor attempts to leave his

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

Two-tiered pricing at immigration?

I never have to pay at Immigration when I go to get my 90-day stamp [for reporting to Immigration], but my friend who is a Myanmar national said she pays 100 baht every time. If her husband takes her passport for her, the charge is 200 baht.

Why do Myanmar nationals have to pay for this stamp? And why can her husband take it for

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her? I thought we had to report in person.

> Bu Aloy, Pa Khlok

Phutthipong Chartwittayasit at Phuket Immigration replies:

There is no fee for any foreigner to complete their 90-day reporting at an immigration office, no matter what nationality they are.

However, foreigners must present themselves at the immigration office in person to prove they are still staying in Thailand.

Any Myanmar nationals who entered Thailand specifically to work must have their employer present to confirm that the worker still works for them.

To report information about immigration officers asking for money to pay for 90-day reporting, please call us at 076-221905.

What it takes to set up a homeschool

I'm fed up with the standard of the child is to be taught. schools here, and looking into article on the topic and learned that it is both legal and possible.

Do I need to register to require some kind of certificate for this?

> Suzanne Stoffels Phuket

Nichada Simajun, Educational Specialist, Phuket Primary Educational Service Area Office, replies:

The parent – or the person teaching the child – must have graduated from senior high school or pass a test at the nearest Educational Service Area Office where

Also, the venue where the child homeschooling. I just read an old is to be taught must be registered as a place of education.

You may register at the Phuket Educational Service Area Office homeschool my child? If so, with the following documents: where? And does a foreign parent completed application form (available at our office); map showing where the venue is located; copy of a house registration (tabien baan) for the venue; copy of the ID card or passport of the children to be taught (if available); copy of ID card or passport of the parents of the children to be

> We also need to approve your curriculum and inspect your house.

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Homeschooling can be indoors or out. Image: Jessie Wilcox Smith

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Reporters from the Phuket Gazette hand a basket to welcome new Commander of the Phuket Provincial Police. From left: Phuket Gazette reporter Saran Mitrarat; Major General Ong-art Phiwruangnont; Phuket Gazette Chief Reporter Chutharat Plerin.

FAREWELL PHUKET COMMANDER AND WELCOME **NEW COMMADER PARTY**



At the Farewell Party (from left) Major General Ong-art Phiwruangnont and Major General Choti Chavalviwat.

ANDARA RESORT & VILLAS STAFF PARTY

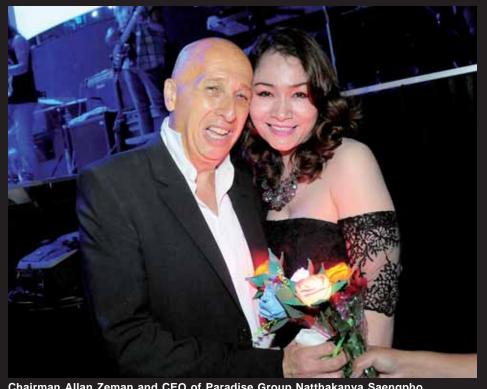
Staff from Andara Resort & Villas recently held a two-day staff party, which started with a day of sports at Kamala Football Stadium and was followed by a lavish party on the second day at H2O pub in Phukt Town.



Senior Purchaser Jantanee Chaipakdee; Management Accountant Paninee Kumsri; CEONatthakanya Saengpho; Sales Administrator Nantiya Choomanee, and Quantity Surveyor Wanwipa Onglaor.



From left: Andara GM Daniel Josef Meury; Villa Manager Pilinaj Keawbumrung; Chairman Allan Zeman; Property Manager Ariyah Nganwongphanich and Resident Manager Pascal Frei



Chairman Allan Zeman and CEO of Paradise Group Natthakanya Saengpho.

SCHOLARSHIP CHARITY FUNDATION

SKAL Phuket & South Thailand donate to the scholarship charity fund of the Phuket International Women's Club.



From left: SKAL IT Communication Director Fred Muenger; SKAL PR-Manager Pathum (Gee) Krapheenok; PIWC President Carol Dux; SKAL Vice President Brice Borin; Scholarships PIWC Wipa Tanmanatragul; Treasurer PR PIWC Sue Arnulphy; Committee PIWC Athena Cant.

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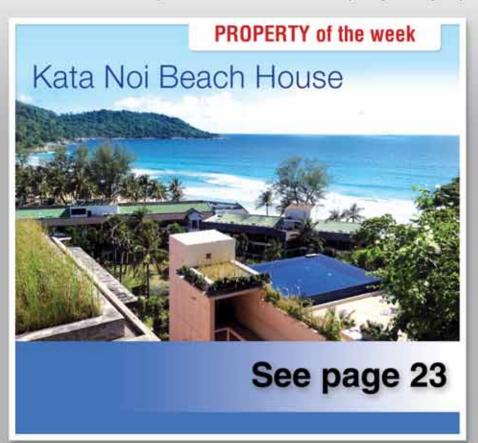
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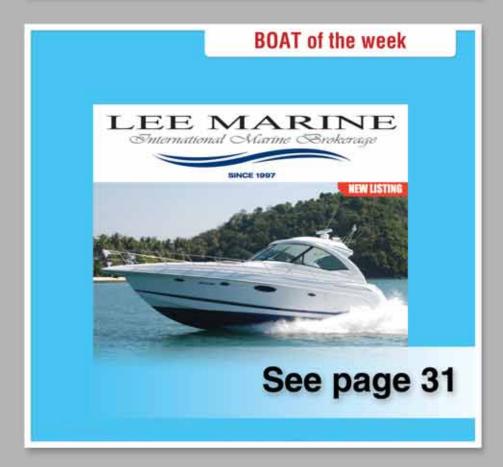
The PARADISE KOH YAO
Boutique Beach Resort & Spa

"Island hideaway near Phuket"

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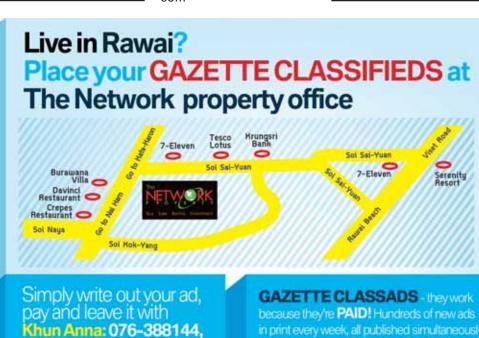
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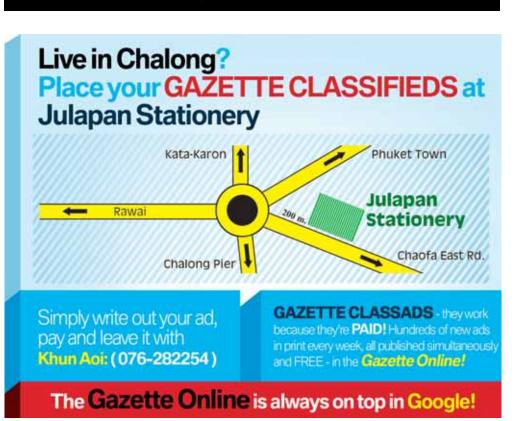
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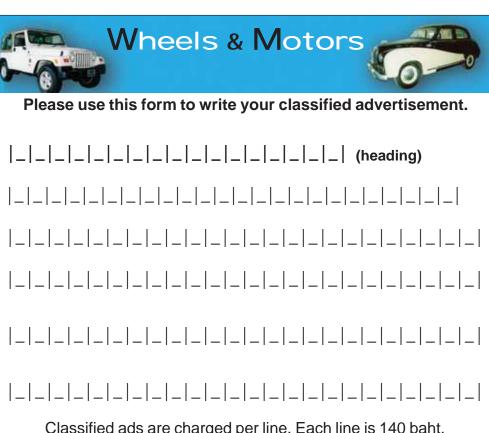
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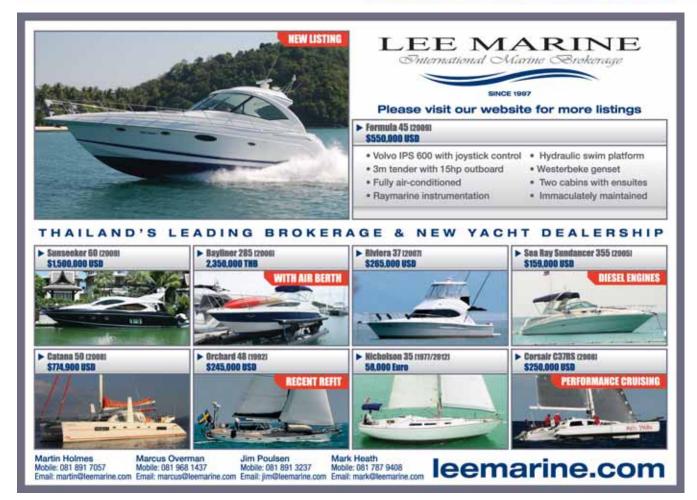


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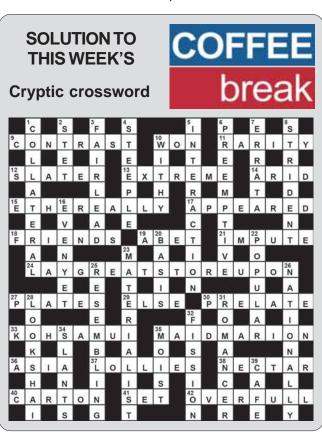
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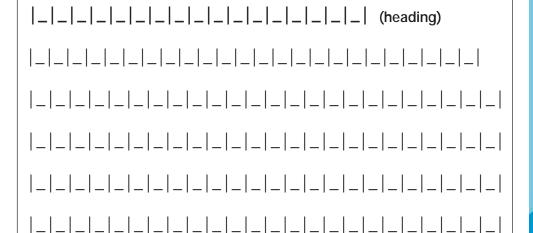
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SHARING HAPPINESS



Filling the gap

Do you know the one thing Phuket is missing? They do!

By Maciek Klimowicz

ONE basic need we share as humans, besides the bare necessities of food and shelter, is to tell and to hear stories - we all need some culture, some entertainment and fun to make our lives complete. In Phuket the shelter and food part are well taken care of but the culture part sometimes seems to be a bit forgotten. Luckily, there's a new player in town and things are about to change.

"Culture and art is something we used to enjoy in India and when we moved to Phuket, we missed it," says Sonu Kapoor, wife of Vikram Singh and co-owner of Events International, an events promotion agency set to change the entertainment landscape of Phuket. "I think that many people here are just bored, adds Vikram, "There isn't much to do here except for food and the beach. There is no entertainment, no culture here. There is booze, food, sightseeing and diving but that's about it," he explains. "Don't get us wrong, it's a nice lifestyle but music, art and culture are definitely lacking," concludes Sonu.

I find it hard not to agree with them. Having recently moved from Bangkok, I too miss the cultural scene of the metropolis - the constant supply of art exhibitions, movie festivals and live music. Where Bangkok and other big cities seem to be overflowing with cultural events, there is a gaping hole in Phuket's scene and Events International have the means, experience and motivation to fill it.

"I've done over a thousand concerts,

Malaysia and Japan. Events International has almost 30 years of experience. We were promoting music and theater events for 15 years, then we decided to make movies and we've been making movies for another 10 years," explains Vikram.

It all started with

performances by international rock band Richard Clayderman, Boney M, Jethro The Police in Mumbai, India in the early 80s. It was these gigs which Sting de- and many more. Events International



Sonu Kapoor and Vikram Singh, owners of Events International are on a mission to bring some entertainment to Phuket. Photo: Maciek Klimowicz

scribed as "one of the best moments of started as a concert promotion agency in

his life" in an interview for *Rolling Stone* India and later expanded to other Asian in India, in the Middle East, Singapore, magazine. Later came other big names: countries and other types of events

promoting Western comedy theater and musicals in Asia as well as bringing Bollywood style shows to the West. Now they are getting ready to rock Phuket.

"We're taking things slowly. We can not bring the biggest names right away, we have to explore the market first," says Vikram, "We start with a music show

to see what's the reaction. Then we'll try a children's musical 'Alice in Wonderland'. After that we will probably bring theater here. So we're doing three different things, the different repertoires: music, theater and something for children, to see what works better, what people want more and then we take it from there."

Vikram also understands that beginning in Phuket is nothing like beginning in Bombay in the 80s, where Sting and The Police had to play for an audience that had never seen rock, that had no idea how to behave towards it. "A lot of people who live in Phuket are 40 plus. Most of them lived in different places around the world and they have been exposed to arts and entertainment in the past and they might miss it, and this is the gap we're trying to fill," he explains.

"The idea is to get the community together. To expose the people who live here to arts and culture and see how they feel about it," adds Sonu.

Events International is set to begin its conquest of Phuket with a blast. ABBA FOREVER, a critically acclaimed tribute

band from Manchester, which having toured in Russia, Norway, France, Austria, Denmark, Sweden and more, will bring the evergreen hits of the legendary Swedish pop group to Phuket's Laguna on November 8.

"I came here to take a break because I have been continuously working for the last 28 years. I wanted take a rest for a year or two. But I soon realized that there was a need for entertainment here. Initially it isn't about making money, it's more like a hobby, our passion. If it takes off, great, we'll do business out of it," explains Vikran.

Knowing how hungry Phuket is for catchy tunes, dancing and the thrill of real, live music, he might just have to cut his vacation short.

"The whole show was truly magnificent", "A truly, truly exeptional show!". "Every man, woman and child was on their feet, waving and cheering!" - these are just a few of the numerous enthusiastic testimonials from concert-goers who attended the previous ABBA FOREVER shows. Make sure you get tickets for the upcoming Phuket Event. The tickets for the Laguna show will be up for sale starting October 12 at The Phuket Gazette, Laguna Phuket Hotels and Central Festival. And as the seats are limited, don't forget to pick up your ticket as soon as they go on sale!

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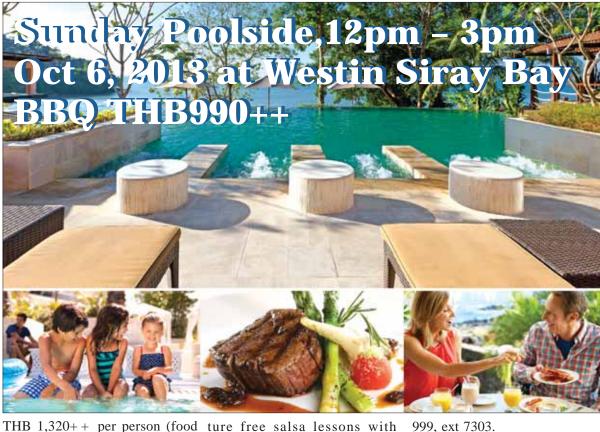
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Oct 5-13, 2013, Phuket Vegetarian Festival.

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 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, piercing their tongues, cheeks and other body parts with sharp objects. The devotees apparently feel no pain and show no sign of permanent injury.

Oct 12, 2013, 8pm-1am, Phuket Latin Night at XANA Beach Club.

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Oct 17, 2013, 11:30am-2pm, Phuket International Women's Club at Cape Panwa Hotel.

Another new and fascinating location for the 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@phuketiwc.com or contact

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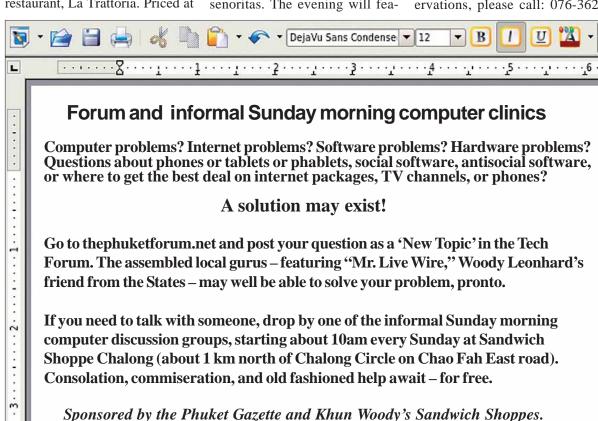
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Oct 21-26, 2013, 9:30am-4:30pm, PYSC Phuket Youth Week & Selling Regatta.

Phuket Youth Week offers young people the opportunity to learn to sail and hone crucial skills in the sport, including starting and finishing techniques, mark rounding, boat speed and general tactical skills essential to racing. Training will be offered through Topper Sail Phuket, RYA Training School and Thai National Coaches. The week will finish with a 2-day Regatta on October 25 and 26 with divisions for the Optimist, Topper, Topaz and Laser. We are also holding a beginners course on October 19 and 20. This event is sponsored by the Phuket Gazette, PGTV and 'Phuket Today'.







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BISP students clean up Koh Yao Yai



ON SATURDAY, September 21, 20 intrepid British International School Phuket (BISP) students (aged 15, 16 and 17 years) set off with four BISP teachers in tow to clean the fishing beach on Koh Yao Yai.

The effort was part of Coastal Cleanup Day, a popular environmental campaign dedicated to the improvement of beaches, coastal regions and surrounding areas, throughout the world. It purports to be the largest volunteer event in the world, and has operated for over 26 years.

Getting there was the first challenge but this was quickly solved by the Sea-Bees

diving company who very kindly offered to take the young litter pickers both to and from the island for free and even feed them breakfast and lunch.

On arrival the beach looked like a snowstorm had passed over it as polystyrene had collected under all the bushes along the tidemark, but after four hours of very hard work, the BISP students left behind a beautiful strip of white sand. All in, the group collected 63 kilograms of broken glass, 87kg of polystyrene and 94kg of mixed rubbish, including plastic bottles, paper, shoes, ropes and nets. - Phuket Gazette



Jolly students on the way to Koh Yao Yai as part of World Coastal Cleanup Day. Photos: Supplied



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Life & style House and Garden E is for euphorbia



E. candelabrum has tiny yellow flowers running along its stems. Photo: Frank Vincentz

A FAMOUSLY bitchy American actress once described a rival's performance at a Broadway opening night as "running

the whole gamut of the emotions from A to B". In describing flowering plants, yours truly, diverted in both senses of the word by garden visits and gardening queries, has fared little better, in running the alphabetical gamut from "A" to "D". The ultimate American "Zee" or English "Z" seems a long way away.

"E" however, conveniently waiting next in line, boasts some dramatic members, including the powerfully performing clan of euphorbia. A genus of some 2,000 species of annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees with a world-wide distribution, it covers a diverse range of forms and habitats from the succulent, cactus-like species of hot arid areas to the leafy perennials of temperate regions.

All, however, have one thing in common: they contain a toxic, milky sap that can irritate the skin. Often used as a purgative, this property is recognized in the name of "spurge" given to the family, from the Latin "expurgare", to purge.

Most spurges have relatively insignifi-



cant flowers, but this has not prevented some varieties from becoming popular in Thailand. Euphorbia milii is a case

in point. Thanks to careful hybridization,

this shrubby plant, also known as the crown of thorns, can now be found with clusters of bracts ranging from bright red and cerise to pink, cream or yellow. They are all the more striking because they appear near the branch tips above sparse but showy leaves. The fleshy but bare stems are heavily armored – hence the name "crown of thorns". But at least the spines are visible.

E. splendens, which has bracts up to an inch or so across, is the variety you encounter everywhere in Phuket, especially since it adapts so well to life in a container. Indeed, potted specimens need almost no care, apart from an occasional drenching. Too much watering or too



Euphorbia milii is also known as the crown of thorns. Photo: By-Your

heavy a soil and the plants will rot.

My personal favorite, now stocked by more and more plant nurseries, is a dwarf variety which has tiny, intensely red flowers and a bushier, leafier habit. This makes it an ideal subject for a pot; placed in sun, it will

produce masses of color. There are also yellow and cream versions, though they are not as vigorous as the red variety. The best way to propagate these euphorbias is by stem cuttings. In the case of splendens, leave for a day or two to allow the cut end to dry out before inserting in sandy soil.

You would hardly associate what Thais call kistmas with the

euphorbia family, but in fact *E. pulcherrima* is the most widely grown of all shrubby *euphorbias*. A feature of indoor Christmas decorations worldwide, the poinsettia has a massive commercial market. Just go to your local garden center in December. It is associated with various Christian legends, at: drpaccampbell@gmail.com

but this slender and spineless Mexican native is mainly grown for its large and brilliant red bracts that surround the insignificant yellow flowers. Less common are yellow and pink cultivars. There is also a double variety called "Henrietta Eyke". Potted plants are often treated with dwarfing hormone, but should yours survive the rigors of the festive season, plant it outside and watch as it becomes a sizeable shrub.

Other euphorbias are much more cactus-like and often much larger. E. candelabrum, another succulent, lives up to its name and looks as though it would be more at home in the Najavo desert as backdrop to a Western. Up to 10 meters tall, it has long, fleshy, segmented stems with rows of rust-colored spines. So too E. pseudocactus, a much smaller variety that has sharply angled stems. E. trigona, which I have seen here masquerading as a house plant, has triangular branches that are dark green mottled with white, and reddish spines. Very dramatic...

If you have a question or a garden that you would like featured you can email me anytime



E. trigona. Photo: Frank Vincentz

Tip of the week

Parasitic Plants

THE vast majority of plants draw their nutrients in solution from the soil. Poor soil, like a poor diet, will produce sickly offspring.

Some plants such as orchids are epiphytes (air plants) and derive their sustenance from organic particles carried by wind or rain. Their roots are not anchored in soil.

Parasitic plants, on the other hand, feed on a living host. Thus mistletoe, whose sticky seeds are deposited by birds that wipe their bills on tree trunks, possess *haustori*a which penetrate the living tissue of the affected tree. So too dodder, a climbing plant now considered to be a member of the morning glory or convolvulus genus. A thin, wispy, yellow plant, it twines itself around the stems of adjacent plants and causes damage to herbaceous crops such as clover or potatoes. In Thailand we are familiar with the strangler fig which slowly embraces and finally destroys the host tree.



Epiphytes need no soil and draw their nutrients from the air. Photo: Cherus

Cats of the week

Feline fluff balls

WHILE we usually have a dog of the week, this week is a bit different – we have two tiny kittens up for adoption. The folks at Doggie Heaven are always keen to help out any animal in distress be it feline, canine or anything else. They recently rescued these two small kittens, which were found cold and shivering in the middle of Layen beach with no mother in sight.

These two little fluff balls are very young (only about two weeks old), very small and very hungry – so they are being fed by syringe every four hours and the team is doing their best to keep them warm and away from the dogs until they are strong enough to fend for themselves. They haven't been named yet either, so it's up to you! If you can offer these little cuties a home and you have no dogs, please contact: Sherin.peace@gmail.com



ADORABLE: Do you have room in your life to adopt one of these cute kittens?

Cottober 5 - 11, 2013 Life & style Two reasons to donate blood

PHUKET Regional Blood Center invites donate blood to celebrate "The 100th Birthall people to donate blood during the Vegetarian Festival celebrations from October 1 to 13. To make the act of giving even more worthwhile, every donor will receive a white T-Shirt – a popular garment among people participating the Vegetarian Festival.

The head of Phuket Regional Blood Center, Ms Pornthip Rattajak is concerned that blood supply in Phuket might not be sufficient to cover the needs of both of the island and nearby provinces.

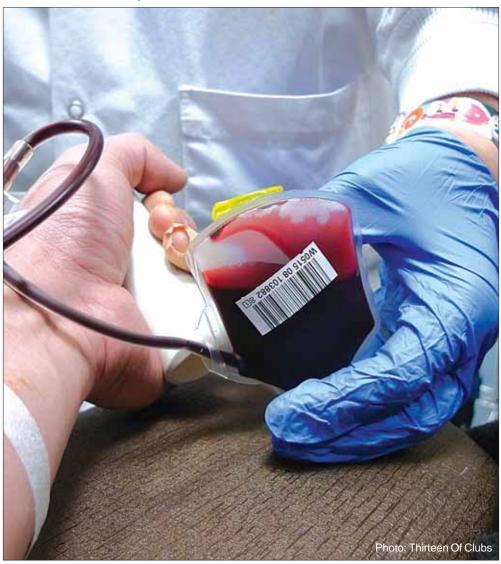
During the festival the number of accidents usually increases due to the influx of tourists to the region.

A separate call for action was issued to Thai Buddhists. They were asked to

day Anniversary of His Holiness Somdet Phra Sangkarad, the Supreme Patriarch of Thailand, on October 3, 2013." While the reason to give might be different, the award is the same - a white t-shirt and satisfaction of doing good for your fellow men and womaen in need.

Whatever your reasons, you can donate blood on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30am to 4:30pm and on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays between 9am and 3pm on Rattanakosin Road 200 years, Talard nhua sub-district, Muang district, Phuket. See the scedule to right.

For more information contact 076-2511178 ext. 2 or 081-9588854.



Phuket Regional Blood Center invites all people to donate blood during the Vegetarian Festival.

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The bug buffet

Auntika Sivasen

THAILAND'S Department of Health has concurred with a recent United Nations study, confirming that edible insects are indeed a highprotein food source, and thus may be an ideal solution in tackling world hunger and malnutrition if not turning a considerable profit for the keen investor.

Through its Thailand is one of the Asia and Pacific regional office few countries in the in Bangkok, the world to have developed UN's Food and a viable and thriving Agriculture Organization (FAO) in insect farming sector. March published a 55- page report,

entitled: Six-legged livestock: Edible insect farming, collection and marketing in Thailand.

The comprehensive study, which can be downloaded via fao.org, provides a wealth of free insight into the collection and farming, processing, marketing and trade of edible insects in Thailand one of the few countries in the world to have developed a viable and thriving insect farming

If anything, the publication seems to have reopened a can of worms for potentially lucrative business opportunities, even right here in Phuket, where there are currently no insect farms, despite

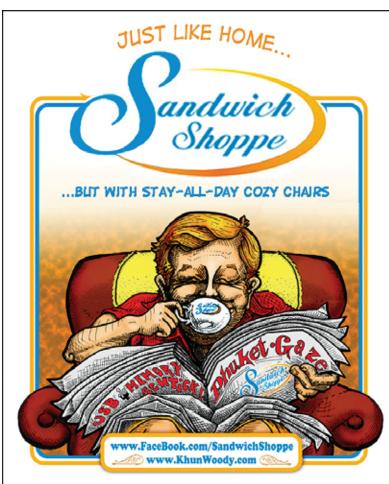
> an untapped, yet budding demand.

"In fact, Thai people have eaten insects for a long time, says Nuntaya Chongchaithet, a medical scientist from the Ministry of Public Health.

"There are many kinds of insects that can be found in the market, including Dukdae Norn Mai [Silkworm Pupa], Tuk Ka Tan Patungga [Bombay Locust], Mang Pong [Scorpion], Duang Dum [Scarab Beetle], Jing Reed [Cricket] and Mod daeng [Red Ant]," she said.



Fried tarantulas are considered a delicacy in Cambodia. Photo: Mat Connolley



Although the popularity and demand for edible insects had dwindled in the last few decades, when compared to generations past, Ms Nuntaya said: "The popularity of consuming insects in Thailand has increased in the recent 5-6 years, but at the same time, the use of chemicals for pest control has also increased.

"Thus, there has been a shortage of naturally occurring insects, which has resulted in an increased demand for breeding insects for consumption. The increased overheads of breeding insects, compared to catching them wildly, has in turn caused the market value for edible critters to rise steeply," she noted.

"Insects that we eat nowadays are mostly imported from Cambodia to Sa Kaew province and from there, distributed to other provinces in Thailand. Meanwhile, most of the insects that are bred domestically, largely in the East [of Thailand], are exported to neighboring countries.

Citing a recent Thai research report, 'The Protein and Fat in Edible Insects' conducted by the Bureau of Nutrition, Ms Nuntaya said that Dukdae Norn Mai or silkworm pupa are considered the "best quality in terms of both nutritional value and market preference."

"It [Silkworm pupa] has a high amount of amino acids, which is a component of protein. Saturated fatty acids [content] was found to be as much as 70.36% [of recommended intake value per serving] as well," she stated.

However, she pointed out that since the price of edible insects is quite high when compared to other meats that are nutritionally similar, it might not yet be viable to invest in cultivating insects for consumption.

Nonetheless, she stressed that insects, especially silkworm pupa, are high in good quality proteins, and thus e n c o u r a g e s groups and individuals who have malnutrition, and especially those

themselves, to consume more.

Ms Nuntaya expressed other reservations too, however: "Based on research, we can conclude that insects are high in protein, but high in fat as well. Edible insects are prepared by various methods, especially frying, which results in increased fat. People with high cholesterol should consider the appropriateness of consumption," she concluded.

To find out more about the local market for insects, the Gazette spoke to Mr Sak, an edible insect seller based at the Phuket Variety (Weekend) Market



A man tucks into a deep-fried giant water bug. Photo: avlxyz



Stalls of edible insects are a common sight in Thailand. Photo: akoradee

on Wirat Hongsyok Road.

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"Initially, we were losing money as insects were not very popular in Phuket, but we continued on because I believe that there are many people here who love to eat insects, but it [an insect source] was just hard to find and they didn't know we are selling, he said.

Indeed, there are only a handful of people in Phuket who are directly involved in the edible insect trade, and Mr Sak said that this is mostly due to the high investment funds needed.

"This business who can catch or find insects by requires quite a lot of money to invest and operate. So, we are the only one who are running this business at the Phuket Weekend Market.

"Others don't want to take a risk as they are not sure whether the edible insects will be popular in Phuket or not," he said.

Despite this risk, Mr Sak soon found out that he can earn a reasonable monthly income and that it was indeed worth taking the risk."

"I think this kind of business should be encouraged because even if you have to spend a lot of money up front, you can earn a satisfactory profit, finally."

Explaining his expenses, he said: "We bought these insects from a broker who sourced them from Northeast Thailand and Cambodia."

"If we had our own insect farm in Phuket, that would be great because we would no longer need to import insects from Cambodia which have a very high base cost. Considering this, an insect farm in Phuket may be a lucrative investment indeed."

To find out how easy or difficult such a venture would be to get going, the Gazette spoke to a local official.

Mr Anucha Theerapittayanon, Phuket Provincial Livestock Officer (PPLO) said: Anyone who is thinking about starting an insect farm should first seek advice from the PPLO to ensure that the operation will not disturb the neighborhood's residents.

"In the case that the farm will utilize 'temporary housing', the owner can establish it immediately without obtaining a permit from the Sub district Administrative Organization (OrBorTor), since it will not require an address number, water supply or electricity [from the grid]," he stated

"However, If the investor wants to utilize permanent housing, they will need to get drawing plans from the local government before they start building," he concluded.

World of small wonders

By Mark Knowles

FOUNDED more than 20 years ago by well known local doctor Prasit Koysiripong, Phuket Butterfly Garden and Insect World was the first tourist attraction of its kind on the island and is still thriving today. Six years ago Dr Prasit's son-in-law Jaipet Hatthakham and his wife took over the business and has been steadily improving it to keep pace with the many other attractions that have sprouted up around the island in the last 20 years.

"I was working in a hotel and my wife and I saw this business as a good opportunity to work with nature and the environment," says Jaipet.

After walking through the peaceful garden, replete with fish pond, scores of orchids and of course, thousands of brilliantly colored butterflies fluttering silently through the air, I have to agree that it must be a one of the most relaxing places to work I have ever seen.

"Our main attraction is the butterflies, we have around 20 species. All the butterflies you see here we have bred," he adds.

This hands-on approach to breeding means visitors can get a real understanding of the butterfly life-cycle. In fact students are the biggest visitors to the garden, with school groups from around the island visiting regularly. "The majority of guests are European, and the local visitors are

mostly school children, who come almost everyday."

Because of this, the butterfly garden is fantastic place to bring young children and expose them to the natural world, while providing a strong educational element. The first section visitors pass through is the insect museum, which is filled with informative exhibits detailing the evolution of insects and features extensive displays of preserved beetle, butterfly and other insect specimens all with informative plaques in both English and Thai. There are plenty of live specimens here as well and they are not for the faint-hearted. You can get up close to several types of scorpions, giant tarantulas and

After that, it's on to the garden itself, which is a real delight for both young and old, and especially for keen photographers,

cockroaches, stick insects and all

manner of creepy crawlies.

as there is no shortage of beautiful, bright butterflies to capture. Although some patience is required as your subjects are prone to flitter back and forth with little regard for where you aim your lens. However, if you are lucky, you might get a butterfly to land on you, making for a perfect photo opportunity.

Inside the garden there are the breeding stations where you can witness butterflies emerging from their pupae and resting as their wings dry before taking to the air. Every butterfly you see in the garden has been bred on-site. Some staff members have been here more than ten years developing their expertise and are more than happy to explain the process to inquisitive visitors.

"The breeding section is very popular, because you can really get up close and photograph the insects. This is great



A keeper admiring a newly emerged butterfly in the nursery. Photos: Mark Knowles

because you can't usually get so close to them in the wild," says Jaipet.

Breeding the butterflies on-site has become increasingly difficult since the early

days of the garden, when n plants used by the caterpillars and butterflies for food and breeding were easily sourced from nearby.

"The breeding part is the most challenging, because each butterfly needs a specific plant. It is becoming harder to find the correct plants. We used to find them close by, but now we have to go more then 25 kilometers to

This shortage has led Jaipet to set up a nursery in Mai Kao to increase the supply of appropriate plants but the fledgling project is going slowly due to the difficulty of getting fresh water to the site.

find them."

Nevertheless the breeding station is filled with hundreds of pupae in various stages of development. Some are just simple curled leaves sealed with silk; others are shiny, shell-like, rainbow-colored jewels.

After leaving the garden, visitors pass through a display on traditional Thai silk-making and can learn about the various processes involved in turning silkworm pupae into the much sought after silk products Thailand is famous for.

The final stop on the tour is the re-

cently renovated
Pim's Bistro and
Cafe (named after
Jaipet's daughter)
where you can sit and
enjoy a meal or a drink.
There is great coffee and
all the favorites including
juicy burgers, pastas and of course,

ice-cream.
So if you're looking for a great place to bring your kids for a fun and and

educational day out, then Phuket Butterfly Garden and Insect World should be at the top of your list.



 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{A}}$ visitor holds out some sugar syrup, hoping to attract a butterfly.



Life & style A saga of hope

Books

By James Eckardt

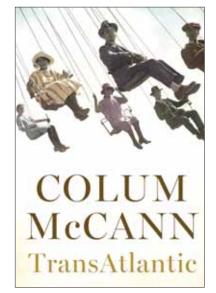
IRISH novelist Colum McCann turned New York's World Trade Center from a symbol of violence and hatred into one of hope. His Let the Great World Spin centered around tightrope artist Philippe Petite's daring 1974 walk between the twin towers and its effect upon a dozen loosely interrelated characters, including: a prostitute, a priest, and judge in the street. The novel was translated into 35 languages and won the 2009 National Book Award.

His new novel, TransAtlantic (Random House, New York, 2013, 304pp), offers a grand historical sweep of 170 years on two sides of the Atlantic, Ireland and the New World and features surprising jumps in time: 2012, 1919, 1845, 1998 1863-89, 1929, 1978 and 2011. The lives of four generations of a family are intertwined with historical figures from the black abolitionist Frederick Douglass to Senator George Mitchell, who brokered the Good Friday Accords which finally brought peace between the Protestants and Catholics of Northern Ireland. Like its predecessor, this novel is a heartfelt tribute to hope in the affairs of men.

The first chapter of the novel opens in Newfoundland with the preparations of Jack Alcott and Teddy Brown for the first transatlantic flight in a modified Vickers Vimy bomber to Ireland in 1919. Although overshadowed by the famous solo flight from Long Island to Paris of Charles Lindbergh in 1927, their challenge was much more perilous, with crude technology and a cockpit open to cold and snow.

It was that time of the century when the idea of a gentleman had almost become myth, McCann writes: "The Great War had concussed the world. The million deaths rolled off the great metal drums of the newspapers. Europe was a crucible of bones.

Covering the two aviators are local journalist Emily Ehrlich and her teenage photographer daughter Lottie. Emily entrusts Brown with a letter to a family in Cork who had helped her impoverished mother emigrate from Ireland to the United States 80 years before. Nearly a century later, this letter will prove pivotal for the fate of her granddaughter, the last surviving member of the family.



But beyond the complex plot, McCann's tale stands out for its terse, poetic prose. Nearly every page contains an arresting image, a fresh way of looking at the world. The pilot Alcock finds the Vickers Vimy so much like handling a horse, the way the plane changes over a long journey, the shift in her weight from the burn-off of petrol, the gallop of her engines, her rein-touch at the controls.

The rich Protestants Frederick Douglass meets in Ireland were melodic and well-informed, but when he asked of the hunger he had seen in the streets, they said there was always hunger in

unbearable news of sixteen Ireland. She was a country that liked to burn. The Irish heaped coals of fire upon their own heads... They burned and then poured the empty buckets down upon themselves. It had always been so.

> Heather Mitchell observes her peacemaker husband in social gatherings in Ireland: She would watch the party drift: a small pool of water, unknown to itself, shifting sideways. More and more people gathering around him. At the end of an evening she would watch him try to row himself out; that hopelessly surrounded swimmer, bashful now, ready to leave, tired, trying to pull himself up from the deep end, eager not to disappoint.

> Of the family cottage outside Belfast that plays such a large role in the story: The lake was tidal. It seemed to stretch forever to the east, rising and falling like a breathing thing. A pair of geese went across the sky, their long necks craned. They soared in over the cottage and away. They looked as if they were pulling the color out of the sky. The movement of the clouds shaped the wind. The waves came in and applauded along the shore.

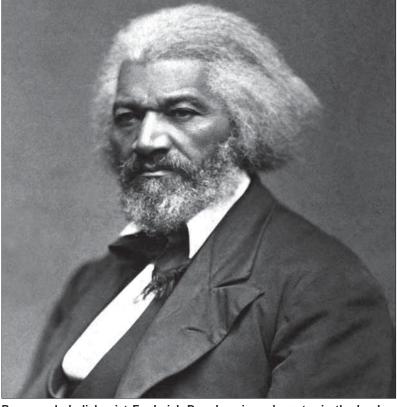
> I offer these snippets of magical prose rather than any detailed description of the plot. That should come as a surprise. It is enough to say that Trans-Atlantic is a great work of literature, one for the ages.



A vickers Vimy Bomber also features in the book. Photo: pjs2005



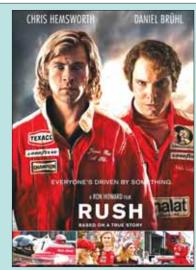
Irish author Colum McCann. Photo: David Shankbone



Renowned abolishonist Frederick Douglass is a character in the book.

October movie leases

THREE of this month's biggest releases have a decidedly macho feel. Hemsworth and Bruhl battle it out in the testosterone filled world of F1 racing, while Affleck and Timberlake face off in the high-stakes world of online gambling. Damon dons a high tech exoskeleton and takes on a mission to return equality to a decidedly unjust future world, where the rich live in a hermetic space paradise and the poor masses suffer on an overpopulated and dying earth. Can he bring equality to these two worlds? I'd say yes, heprobably can.



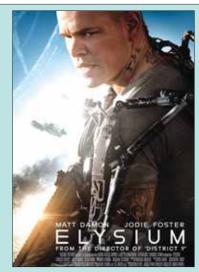
Rush

Set against the sexy and glamorous golden age of racing, Rush portrays the exhilarating true story of the charismatic Hunt and the methodically brilliant Lauda, two of the greatest rivals the world of sports has ever witnessed.



Runner Runner

Princeton grad student Richie, believing he's been swindled, travels to Costa Rica to confront online gambling tycoon Ivan Block. Richie is seduced by Block's promise of immense wealth, until he learns the disturbing truth about his benefactor.



Elvsium

In the year 2154, two classes of people exist: the very wealthy, who live on a pristine space station called Elysium, and the rest, who live on a ruined planet earth. The only man with the chance to bring equality to these worlds is Max.

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Governor Maitri sees Phuket's future in bright colors. Photos: Maciek Klimowicz

Looking back, facing forward

Governor rolls out plans of Phuket developement

More then 800 people joined the "Phuket development – Looking back and facing forward" annual event at the Satree School in Phuket Town on September 28.

The guest of honor, Phuket Governor Maitri Inthusut presented plans of Phuket development to the people gathered in the Mahogany conference hall of the school and to the local media, focusing on ten local issues including transportation development, public utilities, improvement of medical and education services, tsunami evacuation, eco development and tourism promotion.

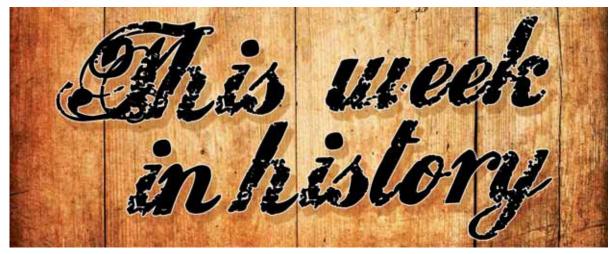


Outfits of the guests were as eye catching as the presented products.

An equally important object of the event was promotion of local products and merchandise under OTOP brand – a nationwide sustainable development initiative launched by the Thai government. Local products garments and sweets among others, were presented in a raw of intricately decorated booths inside the hall. "This event promotes OTOP products and helps Phuket tourism," explained Ms Kanisorn Keawthippanil representing OTOP.



Local to the bone – local sweets in Sino-Portuguese house shaped boxes.



OCTOBER 5

- 1864 The Indian city of Calcutta destroyed by a cyclone.
- 1910 In a revolution, the Portugal republic was declared.
- 1921 The Baseball World Series was broadcast on the radio
- 1947 The first televised White House address.
- 1962 Dr No, the first in the James Bond film series, was released.
- 1962 The Beatles' first single, "Love Me Do" was released.
- 1969 The first episode of Monty Python's Flying Circus aired.



AGENT 1962 Photo: Themeplus



AMERICAN 1723 Photo: U.S. Government

OCTOBER 6

- 1723 Benjamin Franklin arrived in Philadelphia at the age of 17.
- 1889 Thomas Edison showed his first motion picture.
- 1927 Opening of The Jazz Singer, the first prominent talking movie.
- 1973 Egypt launched an attack with Syria against Israel.
- 1976 End of the Cultural Revolution in China.
- 1976 Incident at Thammasat University in Bangkok.
- 1979 Pope John Paul II was the first pontiff to visit the White House.

OCTOBER 7

- 1826 The Granite Railway operated as the first chartered railway.
- 1912 The Helsinki Stock Exchange first transaction.
- 1919 KLM, the flag carrier of the Netherlands, was founded.
- 1933 Air France was inaugurated.
- 1949 The German Democratic Republic (East Germany) formed.
- 1987 Sikh nationalists declared independence from India.
- 1996 The Fox News Channel begun broadcasting.
- 2001 The US invasion of Afghanistan begun.



BEATLEMANIA 1962 Photo: MrBlueGenes

OCTOBER 8



DIVIDED 1949 Photo: Jwnabd

- 1860 A telegraph line between Los Angeles and San Francisco opened.
- 1932 The Indian Air Force was established.
- 1967 Che Guevara and his men were captured in Bolivia.
- 1982 Cats opened on Broadway to run for nearly 18 years. 2001 The Office of Homeland Security was established.
 - OCTOBER 9
- 1446 The hangul alphabet was published in Korea.
- 1888 The Washington Monument opened to the general public.
- 1967 Ernesto "Che" Guevara was executed.
- 1970 The Khmer Republic was proclaimed in Cambodia.
- 1980 Pope John Paul II shook hands with the Dalai Lama.
- 1981 Abolition of capital punishment in France.

OCTOBER 10

- 1846 Triton, the largest moon of the Neptune, was discovered.
- 1913 Construction of the Panama Canal ended.
- 1938 The Munich Agreement ceded the Sudetenland to Nazi Germany.
- 1942 Diplomatic relations with Australia was established.
- 1957 The Windscale fire was the world's first nuclear accident.
- 1970 Fiji became independent.

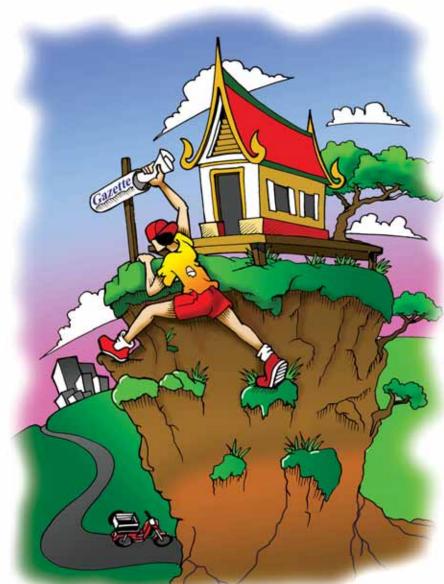
OCTOBER 11

ALPHABET 1446 Photo: Barrister

- 1811 The first steam-powered ferry begun operation
- 1852 The University of Sydney, Australia's oldest university, was inaugurated.
- 1958 NASA launched the lunar probe Pioneer 1.
- 1968 NASA launched Apollo 7, the first successful manned Apollo mission
- 1984 Kathryn D Sullivan became the first American woman to perform a space walk.
- 2000 NASA launched STS-92, the 100th Space Shuttle mission, using Space Shuttle Discovery.

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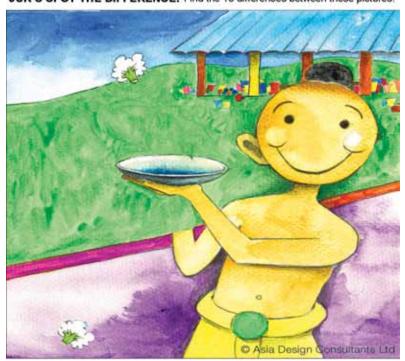
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JUK'S SPOT THE DIFFERENCE: Find the 10 differences between these pictures.



Artist and brand consultant Miguel Kirjon lives in Phuket with his partner Lin Prachakrich and publishes a series of children's books "Juk's Adventures" in 9 languages. See juksadventures.com for more information.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23):

Plans are predicted to come together for Librans, with a lucky break before the middle of October highlighted to give you a head start. If this is connected to moving on from an unsatisfactory work situation, related travel can come as a pleasant surprise. Those with a birthday in the coming week are forecast to be more content to stay at home during the year ahead. Romance is rewarding this weekend.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22):

Scorpios can feel pushed into doing something they are not completely happy about this week. The stars indicate that other water signs may try to suddenly call in a favor and it will be necessary to dig your heels in. Finances remain affected by auspicious astral conditions, with promising investments opening up before the middle of the month. Romance with an air sign is hot, but a relationship with an earth sign cools down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21):

Those Sagittarians who missed the boat where a work opportunity was concerned last month should have reason to be glad this happened. The stars suggest that making

yourself available when others are busy this week can lead to worthwhile financial gain. The cosmic climate encourages a more confident approach, especially where possible romance is concerned. Another fire sign is forecast to be impressed by your flirtation this weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20):

Where work is concerned, Capricorns should guard against allowing others to make decisions on their behalf this week. Your agreement can be taken for granted, particularly by air and fire signs. Wednesday is the most auspicious day for making it clear where you stand. In the realm of romance, there are hints that you could attach too much importance to a minor difference of opinion this weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19):

Your curiosity is forecast to be rewarded. Those born under the sign of Aguarius who have been seeking information should find out what they needed to know. The stars warn that impatience can cause you to follow up too quickly - it would be wise to take stock before taking action. Where affairs of the heart are concerned, be sure that you mean what you say to an earth sign partner this weekend.

Across:

- 9. Show difference, rant about cost outside (8)
- 10. Noisy one came first (3) 11. Could be I tarry, an uncommon thing (6)
- 12. Old building worker making up tales, right? (6)
- 13. Meet Rex, possibly the farthest out! (7)
- 14. A river I' d make dry (4) 15. Very delicately note there friend (10)
- 17. Seemed adult pages each
- showed embarrassment! (8)
- 18. Mates can be outright devils (7)
- 19. Assist in a wager (4) 21. Time up maybe to ascribe (6)
- 24. Give much importance to, O yes, a long rear putt went wrong (3,5,5,4)
- 27. Roughly staple in the illustrations (6)
- 29. Besides the Spanish points (4) 30. Papa, tell the important churchman (7)
- 33. Oh, ask different male, socially acceptable one, to holiday island Northeast of Phuket (8)
- 35. Fabled Nottingham Forest girl, or man, I' d aim to disturb (4,6) 36. As one, a large part of the earth (4)
- 37. Left round fifty pounds, that is, son, for candies (7)
- 38. Heavenly drink causes trance (6)
- 40. Carry-on box (6)
- 41. Group put down (3)
- 42. Rove around sated, bursting at the seams! (8)

Down:

- 1. Security for company left to one side (10)
- 2. Let it stand, good man,

note time (4)

- 3. Fail, dear, to take apart a boat anti-chafing device (8)
- 4. Else pet revised high church feature (7)
- 5. In time reaction spoiled reciprocal communication (11)
- 6. Intending to forestall VIP, met peer surprisingly! (10) 7. Mistakes rare, perhaps, thanks (6)
- 8. It trends to being harshly noisy (8) 10. Why it could be natural binding material (5)
- 16. Uniform however, unexpectedly up to now (4,3)
- 20. Support graduate little sister (5)
- 22. Or a pulp work is in demand (7) 23. A tail, mister, disturbed one

possessions (11) 25. Like mere bling's

only interested in valuable

- upsetting! (10)
- 26. Perhaps in NATO state which helps throughout the country (10)
- 28. Son in Thailand shook Ali badly (8)
- 31. Cameron turned into right teller of tall tales (8)
- 32. If son is causing division (7)
- 34. Inclines to points of view (6)
- 35. Most, I become wet (5) 39. Lose face in the coffee shop (4)

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

YOUR

horoscope

By Isla Star

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20):



Pisceans who have been feeling like a fish out of water at work should be relieved by a change of circumstances this week. The stars indicate that a calmer atmosphere will encourage you to be more

productive as October progresses. Your social life picks up, with friendship forecast to grow from a shared interest. Romance is steadier – an air sign is ready to share more, which can lead to commitment

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20): Home and family feature

strongly for Arians this week. The stars suggest that your hopes of relocation can be affected by an air sign's reluctance to move and you should give the situation time to calm down. Where finances are concerned, a mistake made in your favor may be tempting to overlook, but can cost more in the long run. Romance with another

fire sign is promising, but an earth

sign is already spoken for.

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21):

This is an auspicious week to float ideas around as your creativity will be at a high point until the middle of the month. Friendship falls under cloudy cosmic conditions; the stars show that faith in a water sign can be misplaced and another earth sign is too caught up in their love life to think of anything else. Spending quality time alone can help you to focus on your own romantically related issues.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21):

The astral atmosphere encourages Geminis to think more about their security this week. This is an auspicious time to address your tendency of living in the moment where finances are concerned. At the same time, there can be chances to expand your business interests in ways that may give modest profit, but demand less of your attention. A heart to heart talk with a fire sign partner is reassuring this weekend.

CANCER (June 22-July 23):

Where work is concerned, there can be some confusion this week when loyalty is put to the test. Those born under the sign of

Cancer who aren't sure what is

happening should see clarification by the middle of the month. In the meantime, it would be wise to keep important information private. In the realm of romance, a revelation can result in a radical decision concerning a relationship with another water sign.

LEO (July 24-Aug 22):



A business or work related matter that you believed to be water under the bridge

can resurface. However, this time Leos should be more in control of what is happening and the stars recommend putting your own interests first. Another fire sign is forecast to be supportive, but an earth sign cannot be counted on. Romance can blossom when you least expect it until the middle of the month.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 23):



Your emotions can ride a rollercoaster during the coming days. Where

work is concerned, this is not an auspicious time to take dramatic action as you could soon regret doing so. It would be best to tread water until the astral atmosphere calms down after Wednesday. In the realm of romance, Virgoans should stop and think before saying words in the heat of the moment this weekend. Finances are lucky on Monday.

Marathon record smashed

By Patrick Johnston

KENYAN Wilson Kipsang made the most of the notoriously flat and fast Berlin streets to smash the marathon world record by 15 seconds en route to taking the title on Sunday.

The 31-year-old Kipsang clocked a time of two hours, three minutes and 23 seconds to better the previous mark set two years ago in the same race by compatriot Patrick Makau, who was forced to pull out through injury two weeks ago.

Kipsang, who won the 2012 London Marathon and also took bronze at the Olympics, produced a storming finish to leave compatriot Eliud Kipchoge a distant second almost a minute behind.

"I'm very happy that I have won and broken the world record," Kipsang said in a televised interview after the race.

"I was really inspired by Paul Tergat when he broke the world record here 10 years ago and I'm very happy that I was in a position to break the record on the same course."

Kenyan Tergat's time of 2:04:55 at the 2003 Berlin Marathon was the first to be ratified as a world record by governing body the IAAF, who previously recognised fastest marathon times as world bests.

Makau's mark had looked safe as the leading bunch dropped more than 20 seconds off the pace after 30 kilometres but they clawed back the deficit over the next five kilometres.

With the group whittled down to three runners, Kipsang made his decisive move at the 37 km mark and held off former 5,000 metres world champion Kipchoge before pulling well clear in the final two kilometres on the fastest of the

Kipchoge's time of 2:04:05 was a personal best with Geoffrey Kipsang third

It was the ninth world record at the race - which celebrated its 40th running on Sunday - and fifth by the men in the last decade.

Despite running under cool and sunny skies, Kipsang said calmer conditions could have produced an ever quicker time.

"If I prepare very well and stay in shape then maybe," he said when asked if he could better the mark. "Today there was a lot of wind... but if the wind would have been a little bit then it (the time) would come down.'

Nevertheless, the victory boosted Kipsang's chances of winning the world marathon majors series which awards points during a two-year cycle from finishing positions in



Wilson Kipsang of Kenya after winning the 40th Berlin marathon. Photo: Reuters

the Tokyo, Boston, London, Berlin, Chicago and New York marathons.

He will move up to second behind Ethiopia's Tsegaye Kebede in the race to win a cut of the million dollar jackpot split between the men's and women's winners.

In the women's race, Kenya's Florence Kiplagat took the title after she overcame a duel with compatriot Sharon Cherop, who faded to finish 45 seconds back.

Kiplagat repeated her 2011 success in Berlin with another strong run but her time of 2:21:13 was six minutes shy of the women's world record set by Briton Paula Radcliffe a decade ago.

Germany's Irina Mikitenko was third in 2:24:54, breaking the world masters record for over 40s.

Boos, boredom, boorishness, bravado

Vettel faced the boos yet again as he collected his Monza and

Formula 1 By The Digby

Singapore trophies. This has become an unhappy routine ritual at GPs. F1 is losing the fan base that it rebuilt after the Schumacher dark age. And the "Vettel Effect" is the cause.

Red Bull Team Principal Christian Horner has said it is "unfair" to boo Vettel. Unfair it might be, but the fans are speaking, and I wonder if anyone is listening.

Vettel effectively won in Monza in one lap. He started and finished at the front in Singapore. Fernando Alonso and Kimi Raikkonen drove excellent races, but has the battle for the Championship degraded into

a skirmish for second place? And is the racing down the order all there is

to look at? Alonso even said finishing second tasted like victory. Vettel won on the fastest circuit in F1, and then again on the slowest. Red Bull looks unstoppable. Lewis Hamilton may think that the Red Bull dominance is not depressing. The fans disagree.

I suspect that the 2014 changes to the formula are ultimate cause of the horrible fiasco that 2013 now looks set to become; conceivably the worst since the Schumacher supremacy. History may say that most teams, with limited budgets, have been forced so to focus upon next season's car that the 2013

competition has been sacrificed. F1 decided to impose greener engines when that seemed a world priority. Unhappily it is being implemented in a period of much reduced financial circumstances. The depressing result of F1

demanding huge new investment in entirely new engines in a period of austerity seems to have been a swift collective intake of breath, with all except the very richest teams switching focus to next year. I am convinced Mercedes is in that position, and perhaps even Ferrari has allowed its 2013 concentration to lapse. I surmise Lotus is in financial difficulties. which is why Kimi Raikkonen jumped ship to a team that had previously shown him the door. Williams and Sauber look to be struggling. Even McLaren has a lot to improve to keep the sponsorships it needs to be in the A league. I just hope they can all step up to the mark next year.

The negative fan effect from this lack of attention on 2013 has focussed on Red Bull, even though ironically it is one team that has undoubtedly concentrated on winning this season. Partly this antipathy is "tall poppy syndrome" and partly because their deep pockets have bought them Adrian Newey, the best aerodynamic designer in the world. And partly it is because the team is perhaps perceived to have muscled Pirelli into a mid-season change to their tyre formulation to suit Red Bull cars.

It has resolved onto Vettel because of the team's determination, against the conviction of the fans, that Vettel should be seen as the sport's greatest driver; ever prepared to sacrifice a second driver to overstate Vettel. This campaign has been so passionate that Vettel seems to believe his own spin, and all this has led to him being demonized. The turning point for Vettel was the Malaysian GP where, blatantly and unsportingly, he stole the race from his popular team-mate, Mark Webber. His image went from "Nice Kid" to "Egoman" in one graceless manoeuvre. Meanwhile Alonso and Kimi are lauded as the best drivers, and gain public stature as Vettel shrinks, even though he is winning on the track. I expect to see him being booed as he wins the Championship.

Turning Vettel into a new Schumacher is bad for Vettel, bad for Red Bull, bad for sponsors and bad for F1. Michael Schumacher inflicted huge damage on the sport's fan base, but for all his faults, he was acclaimed as the best driver in F1.

Red Bull now seems to be ying to rehabilitate Vettel. After Singapore, Horner said in Singapore "He is a great kid. He has a great sense of humour. He has a big heart at the end of the day." That, I assume, is part of an attempt to manage a ruined image back to approach what it was before Malaysia. It will not work. Vettel's self-aggrandising statements after Sepang still stand on the record. And Mark Webber is departing F1. Vettel's image is not helped by Schumacher's public support. That can only increase the PR problem, except with the true believers who are not Vettel's challenge. Michael Schumacher had vociferous supporters even as so many fans were switching off; that doesn't help.

In creating the 2013 problem with a mistimed formula change, F1 is dicing with extinction. F1 will not die in 2013, but will be diminished. 2014 will then be a colossal test for the sport, and such a radical change inevitably creates an unpredictable season. So all eyes will be on the opening races. We all hope they will be wonderful. To add spice, New Jersey, Austria, Russia, and Mexico have been added to 2014 calendar. F1 is such a wonderful institution, so much buzz, glamour and precision skills. I pray it can continue; I have my tickets booked for Abu Dhabi and intend to enjoy myself.

Back in the present, the next engagement is the generally unloved Yeongyam track in Korea. It has an unusual layout. The long straights in the first sector should suit Lotus. The mix of turns in the next two sectors should suit Red Bull and perhaps Ferrari. So it's a mixed circuit. It's easy on tyres, and Pirelli has continued its disappointing harder tyre choice, upgrading to a medium compound alongside its retained supersoft. I expect two stop strategies; I expect Sebastian Vettel to win, and Kimi and Alonso to battle for second. I would dearly love to be wrong, and see a surprising race. One hopeful sign is that rain and cool weather are forecast, which could help Mercedes, who would dearly love a podium finish.

Qualifiers start on Saturday at noon. The race is on Sunday at 1pm. Join me at The Green Man to watch it on the big screen.



Vixtorious Sebastian at the Singapore F1 Grand Prix. Photo: Reuters

Laguna wins championship

THE final of the Outrigger T20 league took place on Sunday, September 29 at the Alan Cooke Ground (ACG) with Laguna successfully defending their T20 title against Patong. Despite the inclement weather which resulted in several delays, a closely fought contest ensued, with Laguna eventually running out winners by restricting Patong to 115-6 which was short of the 133 runs required.

After winning the toss, Laguna chose to bat first. They got off to a flying start, posting 34 runs from the first 3 overs before Manish Sadarangi (9) was dismissed. Damian Clowes (27) and Shoeib Mushtaq (35) then combined for a 61 partnership and returned to the clubhouse at the 10 over drinks break with the score on 82-1. After the break, Clowes fell at the end of the 12th over with the score on 95-2 with Mushtaq falling just two runs later. A batting collapse then followed with none of the remaining Laguna batsmen reaching double figures. The fightback by Patong resulted in Laguna failing to bat out their 20 overs, being all out for 132 in 18.2 overs. Imtiyaz Mushtaq (4 for 11) and Paddy Morton (3 for 19) were the pick of the bowlers.

Patong got off to a cautious start, with both opening batsmen being watchful. However, with their slower run rate and the threat of rain potentially shortening the match, they started to take some risks. After Paddy Morton (24) hit a six out of the ground, he attempted the same shot again next



CHAMPIONS AGAIN: Laguna team managed to defend their title against Patong despite bad weather. Photo: Supplied

ball only to hole out in the deep with the score on 43. Seemant Raju (7) then joined opener Imtiyaz Mushtaq (20), but Laguna struck on the final ball before the drinks break to send Raju back to the dressing room with the score on 54-2. With 79 runs from the remaining 60 balls, Patong were well set to launch their final assault to claim victory. However, immediately after the break, Shoeib Mushtaq took a very sharp caught and bowled to remove Mushtaq. Apart from captain

Anthony Van Blerk (27 not out), the remaining Patong batsmen also failed to reach double figures in difficult conditions. With the score on 92-6 at the end of the 17th over, Patong required a further 41 runs from just 18 balls which was always going to be a difficult equation. After their 20 overs, they had reached 118-6, 15 runs short of their target.

Earlier in the day, the Village played ICC in a play off for 3rd place. ICC batted first and posted a solid total of 145-8 from their

20 overs. In reply, the Village fell just 5 runs short managing 140-6 from their 20 overs.

ICC got off to a solid start before losing opener Shah Ullah (20) in the 5th over with the score on 41. Surender Kumar (14), Shah Nawaz, Ali Khan (30) and Iqbal Malik (15) all made contributions to help ICC reach 145-8 from their 20 overs. Pick of the bowlers were Craig Patterson (2 for 26) and Roshan Jayasuria (2 for 29).

The Village lost opener Roshan Jayasuria (0) early but Danny

Taylor (23) and Simon Wetherell (15) steadied the innings before Wetherell fell with the score on 41 in the 6th over. Captain Craig Murphy (41) and Divan Mydeen (41) the combined for an valuable 82 run partnership to give the Village a solid opportunity for victory before Mydeen fell with the score on 127-4 with 19 more runs required for victory from 14 balls. However, they could only manage a further 13 runs to post a total of 140-6.

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Got balls? Go to Vegas!

GATHER your friends, play some pool and end up in Vegas! Or to be precise, form a team of up to five players plus three substitutes, join the VNEA 8 Ball Pool League – Phuket and win a trip to Las Vegas for the Biggest Amateur Pool Championship in the world at the VNEA Las Vegas in May 2014 – an

event with over 5,000 players playing in over 43 categories on more than 250 pool tables – a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience for most pool players.

The Phuket league will be divided into northern and southern branches with up to 24 teams competing in 12 different locations. The winner of each of these two leagues will play in the final at a neutral location.

The champion team will not only win prize money and a trophy for five members of the team but also an all-expenses paid trip to Las Vegas to compete in the VINEA World Championship, an event with over half a million US dollars in Prize Money.

The league will start at the end of October and will play till the end of March next year. The

VINEA World Championship in Vegas takes place between May 22 and 31, 2014.

-Phuket Gazette

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More than 250 pool tables and half a million USD prize money awaits the winner in Vegas

Complacency kills

IN THE high tech, high speed world of fighter pilots, complacency is very deadly. A pilot that flies with predictable habits has a short life expectancy in a dogfight. Additionally, conditions of safe flight can change very rapidly, and a pilot that is complacent in checking his gauges and "situational awareness" (what was going on around him) can find himself in trouble in an instant.

With sport, the same lesson holds true..."Complacency Kills." Being complacent in training will lead to a lacklustre performance. Complacency in your preparations for training (stretching/warm-ups) will lead to an increased risk of injury. Complacency in your eating habits will lead to poor diet, and poor energy levels at training and competition. Unfortunately, these different areas are all affected by poor attention to any one of them.

Why does this happen to us? Because if something works... we tend to stick with it. Even to the point where we continue to do the same things when the benefit from the action has ceased



By Randy Simon

to help us. The reasoning is simple, if it works... keep doing it, and it will keep working. However, many times that isn't the case. But once it stops working for us, we still continue to do the action because it has become our habit, our routine.

Are there places where you can make improvements? Don't let complacency lull you into thinking you don't need to try! Make an effort, evaluate what you are doing, and make a change for the better.

Tip provided by Thanyapura's Aquatics Head Coach, Randy Simon Email: aquatics@thanyapura.com

Sport Sport Sport Sport Talking tennis with a pro

By Mark Knowles

DARRAN Ferre was recently appointed as a tennis pro by the Regent Phuket Cape Panwa where he will be launching an academy aimed at coaching young players to a high level. We spoke to Darren about his passion for tennis and his new role at the Regent.

Who is your favourite player and why? Darran Ferre: Players inspire me for different reasons, at the beginning I was a huge fan of Bjorn Borg and later was a keen follower of Andre Agassi. I had a big appreciation for Steffi Graf's game and style too. Of the current players, I like Nadal's intensity and Radwanska's artistry.

What made you so passionate about tennis to make it your career?

I began aged nine and fell in love with the idea that it's a relatively simple game to learn but so difficult to master any aspects.

Can you tell me a little bit about your experience as a player and as a teacher of tennis?

I enjoyed playing in England and attained a good level playing tournaments and leagues throughout the UK and Europe. I started teaching at quite young age and coaching tennis has allowed me to travel, meet and teach some fascinating people and also introduce tennis to many children.

What do you like most about tennis?

I really like that there are so many ways to play. It's a game that really can bring out your personality, which also makes it very interesting to teach. You simply cannot just teach everyone the same way.

What do you like least about tennis?

I enjoy watching 'slow' clay court tennis but I was brought up on fast grass so any slow surfaces are quite difficult for me. The slower surfaces simply don't suit my game as well.

If you had a few simple tips for aspiring tennis players what would they be?

Tennis is becoming more physically demanding and with the new equipment the ball is being hit harder than ever before. The key for the young is learn control, power with control is far more effective.

For the older players coming back to tennis, try the new technology, it's made the game easier and much more enjoyable for many.

Describe the Regent as a venue for people to learn tennis and who are you hoping to attract as students? The Regent has a fantastic new tiled surface which is very comfortable to play and teach on. The venue is simply perfect for me to launch a new academy which will allow more children to learn tennis.

The new academy will run Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Monday. If you would like your child to be part of this new academy then please contact me at, darran@regentphuketcapepanwa.com for more details.

Please tell us a bit more about your teaching/coaching philosophy and techniques?

It is very important when learning tennis to get the foundation right. Good control is key. With the right foundation the strokes can be learned more easily and the game simply becomes more enjoyable. Everyone is different, some like more competitive elements, some technique.

You must teach according to what motivates and produce balanced, healthy and happy players.

Tell us a bit about your star player and vour hopes for her?

I have trained Sumitra Basnyat since she was eight. Now she is 16 and is one of only 24 girls in Thailand with a world junior ranking. Over the next 18 months she will focus on ladies events with the goal of securing her WTA (women's tennis association) world ranking before she is 18.

It is tough but she shows great self motivation and she has a good chance to achieve her goals.

Why should people play tennis, what are some of the benefits?

Tennis is a game that can be played until quite late in life and is a great way to socialize and meet new people. It's also a good fun way to stay healthy. With tennis being such a high profile sport, it means you can watch the top players, follow the circuit quite easily and enjoy the grand slam tournaments. It can become a great hobby.



(Above) from left: Brice Borin (The Regent Phuket Cape Panwa's GM) Sumitra Basnyat and Darran Ferre, (Below) Darran Ferre demonstrates tennis forehand, Photo: Anthika Muangrod



Wenger is the best manager

coach in the Premier League, according to Rafa Benitez quoted in British media. ahead of his Napoli side's Champions League clash with Arsenal last Tuesday.

Arsenal's long trophy drought is well documented but the Gunners have begun the new season in scintillating fashion and lead the Premier League after six games.

Former Liverpool manager Benitez, who also had a spell in charge of Chelsea last season before taking over at Napoli, is a huge fan of the Frenchman Wenger.

Wenger is the best coach in the Premier League, then they signed good players and

ARSENE Wenger is the best at this point everything is going well for them," Benitez was

> "I think he's a great manager, great person, someone that knows the league here in England, experience in Europe and always in the top four.

> "He's doing a great job. Hopefully he can win the Champions League - but another year, not this one."



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Beach volleyball coming at month's end

THE FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour US\$75,000 plus a bonus pool, top six teams in the world rankings winning the Grand Slam in returns to Karon beach at the end of which bringing the total monies have committed to play in the Moscow. Ranked no 4 in this month. The Phuket Thailand Open available to the players to more powered by PTT, is the largest annual than US\$100,000. With over 500 beach sporting event in Southeast Asia players, teams, officials and meand draws the top beach volleyball dia making their way to Phuket to teams from around the world to the participate in the tournament, the island province.

October 29 to November 3, the tour- nomic well-being of the province. nament carries prize money of



Phuket Thailand Open powered by To be staged over six days from PTT is also contributing to the eco-

With some gaps in the calendar this year, all the top women's teams are expected to compete in Phuket. The powerhouses of beach volleyball have traditionally been Brazil, China, Germany and the USA. This year a change in the competiton finishes this year. format from a double elimination, to pool play plus single elimination in the latter stages of the competi-

Phuket Thailand Open powered by the world, and regular visi-PTT. Heading the line-up is the no tors to Thailand are the 1 team in the world rankings, the Spanish pair of Liliana and Brazilian pair of Lima and Talita. Baquerizo. They have been Playing together for the first time on the podium three times this year they have taken the sport this year. A third Brazilian by storm winning no less than five team are holding down 5th Grand Slam tournaments to date spot in the world rankings, at Shanghai, the Hague, Rome, Lilli and Seixas, while the no Long Beach and Berlin. The 6 team in the world is an-German team of Holtwick and other pair of sisters, Doris Semmler who are ranked no 2 in and Stefanie Schwaiger the world have also entered, they from Austria. have recorded four podium

Another Brazilian team, the Solgado sisters, Marie Clara and Carol who are ranked at no 3 in

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The Phuket Thailand Open powered by PTT is supported by the Sports Authority of Thailand, PTT Public Company Limited, Thai Beverage Marketing Co Ltd, Tourism Authority of Thailand, Mazda Sales (Thailand) Co Ltd, Kata tion, has seen other nations the world are back on the tour Group, Phuket Gazette, Woraburi Resort and Spa, TOT Public Company beginning to exert their influence after taking a year off and have Limited, Grand Sports, Tez Tour, O'Natural, 91.5 FM, Haad Thip Public Co., of the sport, such as Spain, Ausbeen in scintillating form in the Ltd, and Jungceylon. Umbrella sponsors of the FIVB Beach Volleyball World tria, Italy and Australia. To date the latter part of the season, recently Tour are Mikasa and Jinling Sports. Admission to the tournament is free.

Phuket United granted lifeline

By Steven Layne

SUPPORTERS of the island's professional five-a-side footy squad, Phuket United, can rest easily even if only for the time being having been reassured that the team and province will be represented in the upcoming Thailand Futsal Premier League (TFPL), set to kick off on January 25, next year.

The news was initially disseminated via an announcement posted on the club's Facebook pan page last Tuesday evening (Oct 1) by the club associate Ko Nu, confirming that former team manager, Chalermphon Gerd-sup, has been

pointed as president of the Phuket provincial futsal association.

In his new role, Mr Chalermphon, will be in charge of coordinating between Phuket's public and private sectors, in order to rally the necessary support to compete in the 16-team national league, the announcement said.

Leading up to the announcement, fans, as well as several former players and club staff members had been lingering in a state

of uncertainty and restlessness. Some went as far as to make a formal plead for former club president, Preechawut Prab Keesin to resume his position.

Their concerns became more urgent late last month when newly appointed TFPL organizers, Siam Multimedia (SMM),

announced an October 10 deadline for the 16 clubs that competed in the TFPL 2012-2013 season, to confirm their place in the upcoming season, or otherwise defer for one season.

The TFPL is the country's toptier five-a-side league, featuring the highest futsal talent in not only Thailand, but arguably the whole of Asia, and last year was the first year Phuket were represented.

Lacking a president, coach and primary financial sponsor, Phuket United were hoping that their former boss Prab, a prominent businessmen, would have threw the club another lifeline. But now, the lime-

Phuket United finished 5th out of 16 teams in the TFPL last season.

light has shifted to a new leader. Mr Chalermphon, who is hoped to live up to the club's name and unite supporters across the island. Phuket United we march on – Hoorah!

By confirming its place in the TFPL 2014 with SMM, Phuket United will be required to register and employ a minimum of 14, and maximum of 35 players, not to mention a capable coaching staff and a budget to cover game and training equipment and facilities for home matches, in addition to expenses for away

Under the backing of President Prab, two years ago the Andaman Pearl, as a semi-pro squad, won the CAT national championship (national club cup for Thai futsal), and subsequently went on last year to achieve their inaugural TFPL season goal and finish an impressive 5th place out of the 16 teams.

Aside from Thai players, Phuket United employed four skilled Bra-

zilians last season Rogerio Moreira, Jackson Santos, Jardel and Marcos.

Shortly after the season concluded in March this year, Prab who is the son of Patong mayor, Pien Keesin fans shocked when he stepped down from his post, citing that he wanted to give full focus to his role as head of the Pisona

Group, which is in the business of construction and development.

Many other teams have already commenced with training; some former Phuket United players have joined other clubs - among them, Marcos, who was reportedly signed by Si Pathum Si Saket for a mere US\$2,500 (75,000 baht).





HONCHOS: Left, Preechawut Keesin, and Chalermphon Kerdsup. Supplied



BRAZILIANT: Jackson Santos was Phuket United's top scorer last season, and second top scorer in the TFPL. Photo: Steven Layne

eigning TFPL champions and Leo Bang Seu, Samut Sakhon, this year's AFC futsal club cup winners, Chonburi Blue Wave, revealed that they will compete with a season budget of no less than 15 million baht.

Also raising the stakes, the Port Authority of Thailand's prized team, Tha Reua FC, who also recently announced plans to construct a new 2,500-seat home stadium utilizing a budget of 150 million baht. The club projects the facility to be open by 2016.

Aside from this, Surat Thani, Bangkok FC, CAT FC, Prachin Buri, Royal Navy, Samut Prakarn,

Nonthaburi, Lampang United and Ayuthaya City (who assumed their right in a deal with Samut Songkhram) have also formally expressed clear intents to compete in the upcoming season.

With the exception of powerhouse clubs like Chonburi and Tha Reua, most of the other teams now begin the uphill challenge of securing stable financial backing in order to stay above water. Indeed the bar has been raised in Thai and Asian futsal, and it shall continue to be elevated higher with time. Stay tuned for a post October 10 update.

Krabi triumph in derby

By Steven Layne

PHUKET FC fell into 11th place of the 18-team Yamaha League One (YL1) as a result of their latest defeat, 3-1 to Krabi FC in a tense "Andaman derby" match last Saturday evening in Krabi Town.

As a result, Phuket FC and the Krabi "Andaman Eagles" swapped rankings, the latter moving up to 9th place with 38 points – two more than the former – to conclude both side's 30th match of the 34-fixture season.

Drawing first blood, Krabi's Taweepong Charoenroop fulfilled his duty as team captain, converting a corner kick in the 23rd minute, his second goal of the season.

From then on, possession was evenly weighted and both keepers were made to earn their wages, challenged frequently by eager strikers from the opposition, although the score would remain in the Andaman Eagles' favor through to half time.

Phuket came out of the locker room in attacking mode in the second half, and for once looked the more determined side, eventually finding the equalizer 18 minutes into the half.

Topping off a series of corner kicks, Phuket's Japanese defender Yusuke Sato controlled the ball near the goal post with a clear opening to strike, but instead of taking the glory for himself, laid it off to a patient Ludovick Takam at the top of the box, who then pierced the back of the net for his fourth of the season.

Takam had several more close chances after that, but was only slightly off his mark each time.

Unable to make an impression, Phuket's starting Brazilian striker Luiz "Dudu" Purcino was replaced by fellow Brazilian, Cristian Alex, who also was unable to find his rhythm.

On the other side, Krabi's towering star Brazilian forward, Valci Junior wooed the crowd on a handful of possessions, characterized by fancy handling and decisive power-drives into the box, but found himself rolling on the ground



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with Phuket's final defender in close pursuit each time.

While the referee didn't at first sympathize with Junior's penalty box break-downs, the crowds' boos would soon become woohoos when the referee pointed to the penalty spot after one particular challenge late in the game.

Junior's subsequent spot kick was beautifully spun and flawlessly on target, sending the home crowd into euphoria with only two minutes left on the regulation clock.

Phuket pushed for a late equalizer but it would be Krabi to seal

the game when Aitipol Kaewkhiew scored a beautiful goal from long range.

Nine points clear of 17th place – the second and final relegation spot this season – Phuket have four tough matches remaining, two home and as many away.

Their next challenge will be this Sunday against 6th placed Gulf Saraburi. In the two teams' previous five meetings in the YL1 since the 2011 season, Phuket have not prevailed once.

Kickoff this Sunday, at Surakul Stadium, will be at 6:30pm.

YAMAHA LEAGUE ONE TABLE

	TEAM	Р	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Air Force	30	43	24	19	62
2	PTT Rayong	30	35	20	15	57
3	Port Lions	30	51	33	18	56
4	Bangkok	30	62	47	15	55
5	Korat	30	38	30	8	45
6	Saraburi	30	42	37	5	41
7	Nakhon Pathom	30	40	37	3	39
8	Trat FC	30	48	53	-9	39
9	Krabi	30	41	42	-1	38
10	BBCU FC	30	28	37	-9	38
11	Phuket	30	33	35	-2	36
12	Royal Navy	30	38	43	-5	36
13	Sriracha	30	44	45	-1	34
14	TTM FC	30	28	36	-8	34
15	Ayutthaya	30	32	39	-7	32
16	Khon Kaen	30	33	46	-13	31
17	Rayong FC	30	35	52	-17	27

Tip: inhale the negative, exhale the positive



Moaning makes sense. Photo: Supplied

IF YOU watch tennis on TV, you probably know the names of the male and female grunters. Ferrer comes to mind with his breathy moan way after he hits the ball. Djokovic only grunts when he does his running out wide, open stance splits to return the ball. I would probably be screaming if my body ever did that move, too!

The women have some famous grunters; Sharapova and Azarenka seem to be the leaders in this category. The funny thing is the other players never complain about the grunting but those of us watching

TV sometimes get exasperated. They are actually doing something that is great to do when

you play tennis, they are just doing it very loudly.

In any sporting endeavor you should always exhale on the positive work and inhale on the negative work. I remember in a physiology class, we all squeezed the handgrip dynamometer silently, then we gripped the handgrip dynamometer as we shouted. As adults, when we are under stress we hold our breath,



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thereby making everything tight!

In tennis, this translates to inhaling as you prepare exhaling as you

the racket and exhaling as you throw/swing the racket. It doesn't have to be a Sharapova shriek or an Azarenka double clutch squeal – it can be a simple exhalation.

Your exhalation should mirror the length of your swing. That means, if you are hitting from the baseline, your exhalation should start at contact and last until the follow-through is finished. If you are at the net

volleying, your exhalation will be much shorter as your volley racket movement is short.

Making that exhalation a habit will ensure that you are not tightening your muscles as you hit the ball. Next time you are rallying with a friend, experiment with exhaling at the moment of contact and see if you feel looser, have better endurance and play better tennis. Keep breathing!

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