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Violent drivers' speedy return

■ All thug drivers receiving suspended sentences can return to work immediately

By **Chutharat Plerin**

EXPECT to see taxi drivers who have been convicted for their role in Phuket's taxi mafia back behind the wheel without delay, the Phuket Provincial Land Transportation Office (PLTO) confirmed on Monday.

"Anybody who was sentenced for his or her role in the taxi mafia – even individuals who ripped people off, were violent or intimidated tourists – can continue to work as a taxi driver as..."

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Criminal taxi drivers are getting folded back into the taxi queue.

SPECIAL REPORT

Island's beach 'scandal' never kept a secret

PHUKET's beaches being rented out for billions of baht for decades was never a secret and had the approval of government officials all the way up to the governor at the time, the *Gazette* has been told.

Nonetheless, Region 8 Police are now naming names in what they say was illegal profiteering off public land.

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Body with tied hands found on Surin Beach

LOCALS discovered a woman's body with her hands bond behind her back on the popular Surin Beach earlier this week.

Police believe the woman was executed about a week before her body was dumped into the sea.

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Vendors' pleas for help fall on deaf hotel ears

PATONG hotels have failed to reply to government officers' letters asking for them to help local beach vendors find employment.

The suicide of one beach vendor over what police suspect was financial distress has highlighted the struggle of those forced out of work.

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Koh Tao murders prompt Phuket security upgrade

By Chutharat Plerin

REGION 8 Police Chief Panya Mamen, who was recently promoted to the position of Assistant Commissioner-General of the Royal Thai Police, ordered all police stations under his command to investigate their options for improving tourists' safety following the slaying of two British tourists on Koh Tao last month.

"I have ordered every police station in Region 8, especially those in tourist destinations, to establish if they can install CCTV by themselves," Lt Gen Panya told the *Gazette*.

The Region 8 police chief is the commanding officer for Phuket, Krabi, Phang Nga, Ranong and Surat Thani, where British tourists David Miller and Hannah Witheridge were murdered on September 15.

Deputy Prime Minister Prawit Wongsuwan on September 26 instructed the Interior Ministry, the Royal Thai Police and the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration to install security cameras at tourist destinations around the country.

Deputy PM Prawit also gave two months for more streetlamps to be installed to deter criminals from preying on tourists.

To improve safety on Koh Tao in Surat Thani, Gen Panya revealed



Lt Gen Panya Mamen is out to improve tourist safety in Southern Thailand.

to the *Gazette* that he has requested that his superiors in Bangkok provide funds to upgrade island's police station.

"The current one is small, staffed by only eight officers," he said. "Upgrading it will see more officers stationed there, which will allow them to take better care of people on the island."

The move is being made ahead of the tourist high season.

"The high season is coming. A lot more people will come to Koh Tao," Gen Panya said. "There are

about 5,000 locals living on the island already, plus about 5,000 migrant laborers and people from other provinces.

"In peak season, there are about 10,000 tourists on any given day - that is a large number for just eight officers to look after."

While waiting for approval to upgrade the station, Gen Panya has ordered the officers on Koh Tao to boost patrols.

"A greater police presence in public will improve people's confidence in their safety," he said.

No law to prevent convicted mafia drivers' return to work

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...long as his or her sentence has been suspended," says Konlayut Jattutasri, chief of the PLTO Licensing Division.

Only those who have been sentenced and served jail time will be banned from driving a taxi, and only for three years, Mr Konlayut said today, despite having told the *Gazette* last year that applicants with criminal records would be rejected.

"The ban will start the day that they are released from custody," Mr Jattutasri said. "But it will only apply to those who had to serve their sentence behind bars."



Some of those accused by police for being part of the taxi mafia.

The only way a taxi driver can receive a life-time ban from the industry is for the court to revoke his or her license for life, the *Gazette* was told.

Aussie stabbed in late night Patong street fight with three Thai youths

POLICE are looking to press charges against an Australian tourist and a Thai teenager after both used broken bottles as weapons in a fight on the Patong beach road on September 26.

Capt Thawatchai Srimai of the Patong Police arrived at the scene at 2am with other officers to find Dwayne House, 23, on the ground in agony. He had been stabbed in the abdomen with a broken bottle.

"He had no shirt on and his friend was in a panic," Capt Thawatchai said.

Police arrested three Thai teenagers who tried to flee, including a 15-year-old who later confessed



Mr House was stabbed in the fight.

to stabbing Mr House.

"The teenager confessed, but said that the Australians were drunk and said something that made him angry while he was sit-

ting with his two friends," Capt Thawatchai said.

The teenager also alleged that Mr House smashed a bottle and stabbed one of the teen's two friends in the back first.

Both the stabbed Thai teenager and Mr House were taken to Patong Hospital for treatment, Capt Thawatchai confirmed.

"We will press charges against both of them," he said. "But we will wait until the Australian recovers before we formally charge him."

"The 15-year-old has been released. He, too, will face charges later." - **Thawit Bilabdujar**

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Body of woman with hands bound washes up on beach

POLICE are trying to identify a woman whose naked body was found washed onto a Phuket beach with her hands bound behind her back on Monday morning.

Local resident Lumyong Kunpai made the gruesome discovery on Surin Beach and quickly called the police.

"We believe that the woman was killed about a week ago and that her body was dumped into the sea in order to hide the crime," Lt Somsak Suwisan of Cherng Talay Police told the *Gazette*.

"Due to the conditions of her remains, we cannot determine whether she was Asian or

Caucasian at this stage. She could have been anywhere from 25 to 40 years old."

The torso had suffered extensive damage from exposure to the elements and animals, Lt Somsak noted.

The remains were taken to Thalang Hospital. They will be sent to the Institute of Forensic Medicine in Bangkok for further examination.

"We are treating this as a murder investigation," Lt Somsak said. "But our first priority is to issue requests to all police stations in Phuket, asking for any missing-person reports filed recently." **- Thawit Bilabdullar**



Rescue workers prepare to transport the woman's remains to Thalang Hospital.



Mr Pongchai was taken to Thalang Hospital by rescue workers.

Man saved by drinking companions

A MAN who went swimming off the east coast of Phuket on September 26 was rushed to hospital after being saved from drowning by two friends with whom he had been drinking on the beach.

Rescue workers from the Kusoldharm Foundation were called to Tala Beach in Pa Khlok at about 11:15pm.

"We arrived to see two teenagers trying to help their friend after they saved him from drowning," one rescue worker told the *Gazette*.

"We stabilized the man, Pongchai Wongjumnean, 24, at the scene and rushed him to Thalang Hospital."

Thammasat Kuenjana, 18, told rescue workers that he, Mr Pongchai and a 15-year-old friend were all laborers who lived in the area.

"They were on the beach drinking when Mr Pongchai decided to run into the sea," the rescue worker said.

"The two friends sensed that something was wrong after they realized they had not seen Mr Pongchai for a while. Luckily for Mr Pongchai, they ran into the water and pulled him out quick enough to save his life."

- Thawit Bilabdullar

Man denies rape, assault

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

A MAN has confessed to tying up a Russian tourist before having sex with her, but has denied charges of rape and assault.

Police arrested Somdet Srisai, 33, at his apartment on Patak Road on September 27, hours after the 29-year-old woman lodged a complaint with the Karon Police.

"The man was arrested and charged with sexual assault and rape. He confessed to having sex with the woman at his apartment after we found CCTV footage of him taking her back to her hotel," Karon Police Deputy Superintendent Sophon Borrirak told the *Gazette*.

"However, he claimed the sex was consensual."

The Russian woman told police she had been out drinking on Friday night with friends at a resort in Karon, but left early in the morning to return to her hotel in Patong.

"At about 4am on Saturday, she left the resort and was looking for a taxi to take her back to Patong when Mr Somdet drove by on his motorbike and offered her a lift," said Lt Col Sophon.



Somdet Srisai has denied charges of rape and assault, but has admitted to tying up the Russian woman.

"Instead of taking her back to her hotel, he took her to his apartment. At first the woman tried to resist, but she was afraid of being assaulted so she remained quiet."

Mr Somdet denied the charges. "I saw her walking drunkenly along the side of the road and offered her a lift, but I decided to take her to my place so that she

could recover. She was very beautiful - I couldn't control myself," Mr Somdet told the police.

"I tore up my bed sheet and tied her hands behind her head, so that she couldn't escape."

Mr Somdet claimed to have had consensual sex with the woman.

"I didn't think that she would lodge rape charges against me," he said.

On receiving the complaint, police were quick to act.

"After Mr Somdet was identified by neighbors in CCTV footage, we staked out his apartment and arrested him when he returned later that evening," Col Sophon confirmed.

Mr Somdet is being held in police custody at Karon Police Station, pending a court hearing.



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Chinese tourist attacked on street over suspected tour guide rivalry

POLICE are hunting four men who attacked a Chinese national on the streets of Phuket Town during the annual Vegetarian Festival on September 25.

Police believe that the men beat Guo Xing, 26 – to the ground with metal bars – under the presumption that he was an illegal Chinese tour guide. The Vegetarian Festival is renowned for drawing large crowds of Chinese tourists to Phuket every year, and tensions between Chinese tour companies and local Thai guides remain tense.

The attack took place in front of the Baan Bai Por apartment complex behind a convenience store on Chaofa Road, near Suan Luang (Rama IX, also known as King's Park), at about 5:45pm.

"Mr Guo came to Phuket to visit his brother, who works with a tour company on the island," Phuket City Police Superintendent Sermphan Sirikong told the *Gazette* this morning.

"He was hanging out with his brother in front of the building when four men rode up on motorcycles and attacked him with metal bars. The men quickly fled



Mr Guo was attacked on a busy Phuket Town street on September 25.

the scene." Mr Guo's brother ran off to escape injury, Col Sermphan said. However, the colonel declined to name the brother or confirm whether or not he worked in Phuket as a tour guide.

"The attackers ignored the pleas from Mr Guo – and from people standing nearby – to stop," Col Sermphan said.

Mr Guo was rushed to the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (PPAO) Hospital in

Rassada.

"Mr Guo is still in hospital under observation, as he suffered multiple heavy blows to the head."

Police are confident they will arrest the attackers.

"Those men were not afraid of being seen. We can identify the suspects and will get them," Col Sermphan assured.

"We believe the attack was because of a conflict about Chinese guides operating in Phuket Town." – *Kritsada Mueanhawong*

Officials

FOLLOWING reports of cash payments being requested from visa runners crossing the border at Sadao into Thailand from Malaysia, Phuket's top-ranking Army officer, Col Somchai Ponatong, has called on foreigners to report any such solicitations directly to him. Immigration officers and visa run companies have denied knowledge of the practice.

The Gazette's Chutharat Plerin reports.

REPORTS of foreigners returning from visa runs to Malaysia being asked to pay 200 baht in cash to clear immigration at the Sadao checkpoint are to be directed to the regional Army chief for Southern Thailand, the *Gazette* confirmed on Monday.

"I was doing a trip with a visa-run company to Penang, Malaysia," said one British expat, who asked not to be named.

"On the way back, two minutes before we reached the Thai-immigration side, the driver asked us to place 200 baht cash inside our passports."

CHAT ME

Col Somchai Ponatong, the highest-ranking Army officer in

Phuket, called on foreigners to report any such solicitations directly to him.

"Anyone who is told by a visa run company to pay immigration officers, or who has had money extorted from them, please report to me directly," Col Somchai told the *Gazette*.

"Sadao is beyond my authority, so I will pass any reports to my superior, Army Region 4 Commander Walit Rojanapakdee."

Col Somchai asked that people contact him via the popular Line mes-

'On the way back, two minutes before we reached the Thai-immigration side, the driver asked us to place 200 baht cash inside our passports'

saging application. "My personal Line application ID is: 'number.one,'" he said.

The call for reports of "cash for clearance" claims follows two foreigners reporting that a Phuket visa-run company van driver had asked his passengers to "put 200 baht in each of your passports" be-



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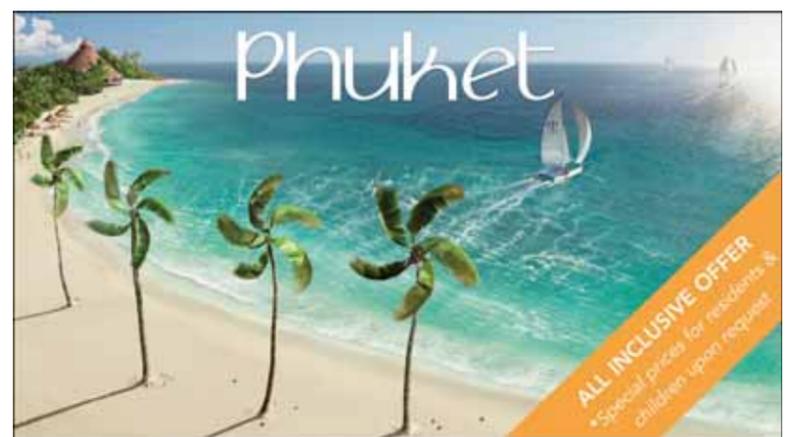
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shake off bribe claims

fore re-entering Thailand.

The payments would reportedly prevent immigration officers from asking each foreigner to prove he or she had access to at least 20,000 baht to pay for their stay in the Kingdom, as required by law.

DENIAL

Sadao Immigration Deputy Superintendent Banphot Kittivira denied the allegations.

“I have not heard anything about this. We are always strict on ensuring that officers do not take any money from tourists. However, I will look into it,” he told the *Gazette*.

Preeyapan Adithepwarangkul, owner of KBV Visa Run, said she was unaware of any cash payments to immigration officers at Sadao.

“I do not know what happened out there, but we would never support our drivers asking customers to bribe officers. There is no need to do that,” she said.

“We inform our customers to prepare either 20,000 baht cash or make sure they can prove they

have the money in their bank accounts so they can show officers at the checkpoint.”

Regardless, Ms Preeyapan said that she would raise the issue with her drivers.

“I will call them in to make sure none of them ask customers to pay bribes. There is no benefit in this for the drivers or the company,” she said.

A staffer at Thai Visa Run also assured the *Gazette* that her company did not suggest foreigners pay immigration officers any money to re-enter the country.

“We tell our customers to make sure they can prove they have 20,000 baht in the bank. Bribing officers is not our job. We cannot tell officers to do or not do anything,” she said.

NOT THE FIRST TIME

The claims follow similar reports in July alleging that immigration officers stationed at Phuket International Airport were soliciting cash from foreigners to use



The allegations were made about immigration officers at the Sadao border crossing of Thailand. Photo: Sileong

a VIP lane in order to avoid standing in long queues.

Airport Immigration Deputy Superintendent Watcharapol Kanjanakuntorn denied the claims, saying that his officers had never solicited payments from tourists.

A senior military officer who questioned Lt Col Watcharapol about the alleged practice fell silent about any progress being made in the investigation just days later.

He also declined to say whether or not his officers would be re-

viewing CCTV footage that had been taken within the immigration arrivals hall at Phuket Airport for evidence of whether or not the alleged payments had been routinely collected.

The military officer declined to be named.



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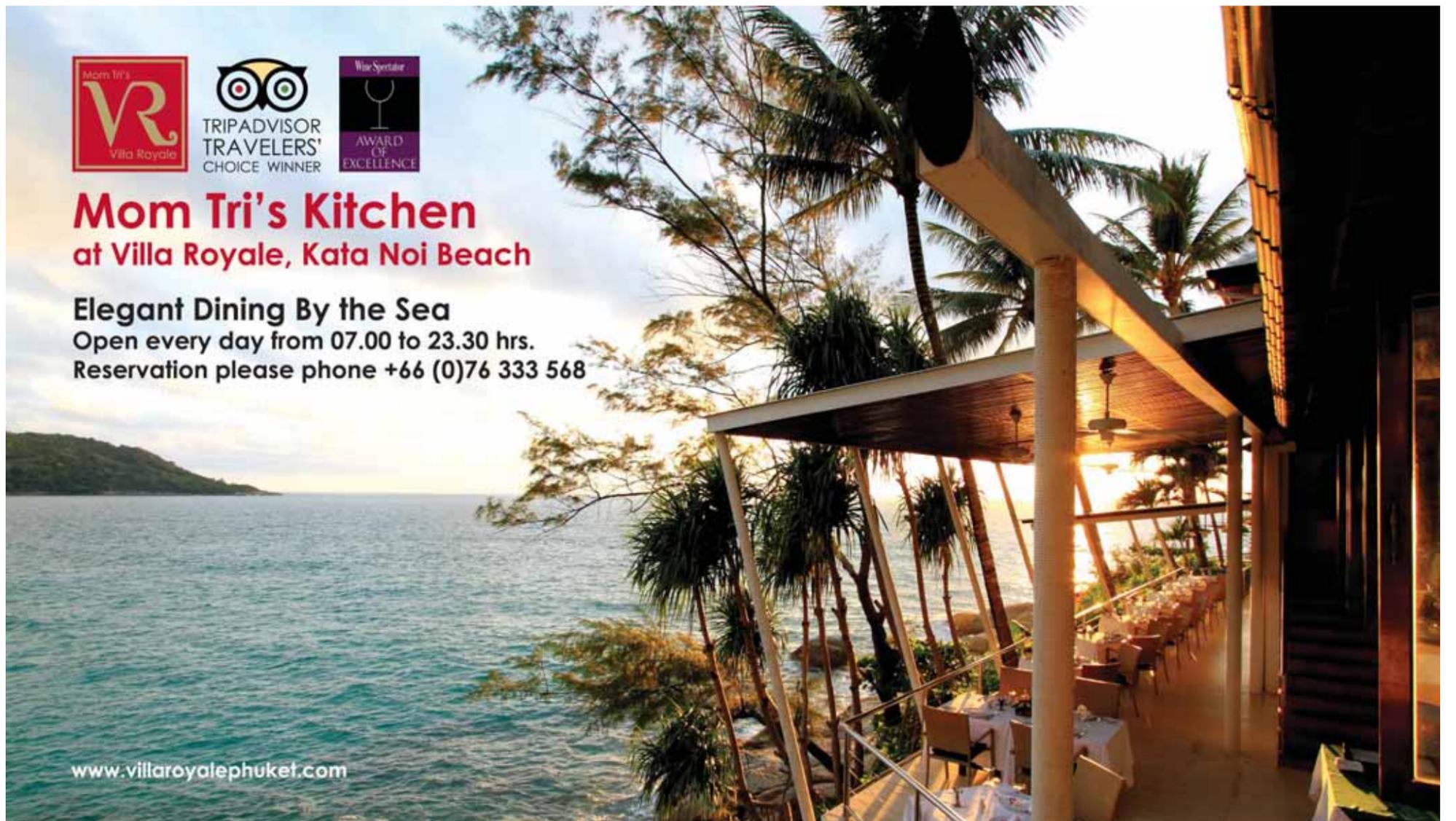
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Giant crab with monkey-face shell spooks Krabi villagers

A HUGE mud crab caught by accident in a canal has stirred a veritable pot of emotions among local villagers in the mangrove-rich Klong Prasong area south of Krabi Town.

Sompong Klongrouw, a 33-year-old local fisherman, landed the giant crab and brought it home so he could show his neighbors.

By last Friday, some locals were in a state of fearful anxiety after peeking into the barrel where Mr Sompong kept the crab, thinking that the markings on the crustacean's back, known as the cara-

pace, resembled the image of an angry monkey's face.

Others were simply in awe of the crab's size. Even Mr Sompong was impressed: "I wondered what it was, as it is the largest crab I've ever seen."

The answer came in simple terms – the giant crab is nothing more than a large version of a *Scylla Serrata*, called *Poo Thonglang* in Thai. The specimen in Mr Sompong's barrel is a male, weighing about 2.3 kilograms.

Pradit Janthong, head of the Klong Prasong Administration Organization

(*OrBorTor*), said that this type of crab used to be common in Krabi rivers in years past.

"We found one in May, but it was smaller than this. This is the biggest we've found," he explained.

Mr Pradit considered the huge crab to be a good omen.

"We believe that these crabs are getting bigger because the rivers are getting cleaner," he said. "We started a campaign a few years ago to encourage local people to help preserve our local rivers, and this could be the benefit we are receiving in return."

- *Kritsada Mueanhawong*



Mr Sompong and his spooky giant crab.

SHIFTING SANDS

Officials claim beach permits 'standard' as billion-baht contracts revealed

SPECIAL REPORT

By Chutharat Plerin

A SENIOR official at Kata-Karon Municipality this week revealed that permits issued to allow local residents to work as beach vendors were introduced at the behest of a Provincial Hall standing committee some 20 years ago.

The issue raised a storm of controversy last week when Region 8 Police Deputy Commander Paween Pongsirin publicly unveiled contracts between vendors and beachfront resorts totalling billions of baht.

Speaking exclusively to the *Gazette* this week, Weerasak Anekwongsawat said that the beach-allocation system was in use long before he arrived to take up the post of chief administrative officer (*palad*) at Karon Municipality six years ago.

"They were approved by a provincial standing committee to organize the beaches so they would be kept neat and tidy, and look good for tourists. The committee was led by the governor, the district chief and the Karon mayor at that time," he said.

Mr Weerasak explained that the municipality kept a public register of all the people who were allocated sections of beach on which they could work.

"We didn't issue permits as



'These are not small local businesses run by people who are struggling financially,' Maj Gen Paween noted.

standard procedure, but we would issue signed letters affirming the right of any person on the register," Mr Weerasak explained.

"Locals were called in to register their names, then the beach areas were divided among them. The right of operating a section of the beach was allowed to be transferred to their children or heirs, but the operators were not allowed to 'rent out' the section of the beach to a third party.

"Other than that, I do not really know many more details. I took the position [of *palad*] in 2008. By that time, the vendors had formed a group to look after each other and manage their areas on their own."

Mr Weerasak, who already faces charges for his alleged role in supporting the local taxi mafia, said that the vendors paid no monies to the municipality.

"The project was to provide

jobs for local people. They did not have to pay any money to the municipality, but now it has become a billion-baht business," he said.

"It has gone too far, and they [vendors] now claim that they had our permission."

Maj Gen Paween revealed last week that 15 people had been summonsed over the beach contracts, including Karon Mayor Tawee Thongcham, who stands accused of illegally issuing per-

mits for vendors to use public beach land.

The pricing for the "leases" were displayed at a press conference on September 25. Presented were copies of a five-year contract for 99 meters of beach costing 6.25 million baht; a three-year contract for 80m of beach costing 4.5mn baht; and a one-year contract for an undisclosed amount of beach costing 1.68mn baht.

With four rows of beach chairs along Karon Beach, which is 2.9 kilometers long, it would be possible to generate 3.8mn baht a day, or up to 1.38bn baht a year, it was explained. The slightly shorter Kata Beach would also be able to generate profits of 1.38bn baht a year.

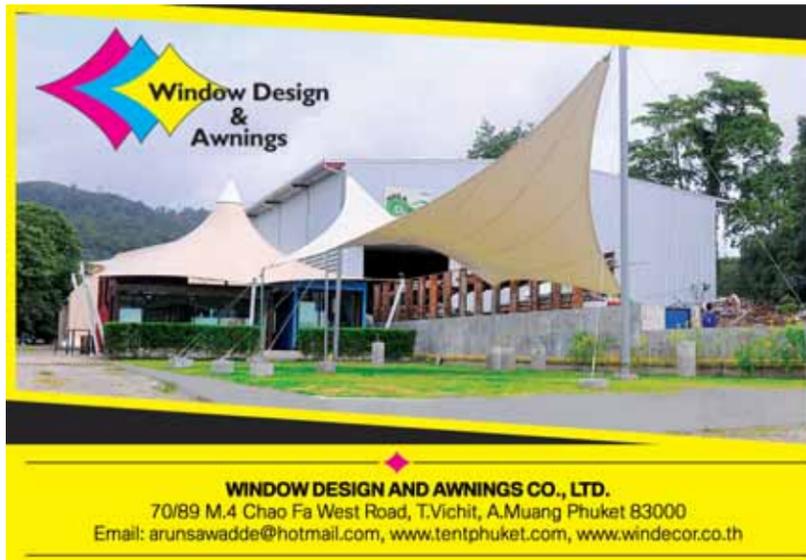
"This has been going on for decades. However, the sands belong to everyone. Nobody can own them, or rent them out," Gen Paween said.

"As you can see these are not small local businesses run by people who are struggling financially, this is big money," he said.

"We will track down those who have been illegally profiting from the beaches and they will face justice."

The beach-permit investigation will sweep up along the entire west coast, Gen Paween confirmed.

"Right now, we are taking it step by step. We started in Karon, and will move to Patong next. There are a lot more people involved – and we will get them," he said.



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Bulgarians botch skimming scam

By Thawit Bilabdullar

THREE Bulgarian men were arrested in Phuket early Monday morning for skimming ATM cards and making withdrawals from hacked accounts totalling more than 170,000 baht.

Tsvetozar Georgiev Slavchev, 44, was arrested while withdrawing money from an ATM in front of a Super Cheap convenience store at Karon Beach at 1am.

"We have CCTV recordings of Mr Slavchev making seven withdrawals from that ATM totalling 70,000 baht," said Phuket Provincial Police Deputy Superintendent Prawit Engchuan.

Valentin Guenadiev Nikolov, 42, was placed under arrest at an ATM in front of a Family Mart convenience store on the Patong beach road.

"Mr Nikolov had withdrawn about 100,000 baht from a tourist's account," Lt Col Prawit told the *Gazette*.

Officers had staked out the ATM after the tourist had shown police an automated message sent to his mobile phone by his bank, noting that a with-

drawal had been made – a withdrawal that the tourist said he knew nothing about, Col Prawit explained.

Meanwhile, Tsvetan Nestorov Yanev, 42, was arrested at an ATM in front of a 7-Eleven store in Kata-Karon.

During questioning, Mr Yanev confessed that he fitted skimming devices to ATMs in Phuket to steal ATM card data so it could be used later to make withdrawals, Col Prawit said.

"In making the arrests, officers seized 100 magnetic electronic cards and other electronic devices used to make the withdrawals," he added.

The arrests came after more than 100 people, including tourists, reported to police they were victims of ATM skimming, Col Prawit said.

"We need to know to which accounts in which countries the stolen money was transferred to and we have to investigate who else was involved in these thefts," Col Prawit told the *Gazette*.

"We are continuing our investigation and co-ordinating with banks in tracing the transactions."



Bulgarians Valentin Guenadiev Nikolov (left) and Tsvetozar Georgiev Slavchev together withdrew 170,000 baht from tourists' bank accounts.

Worker escapes unscathed after wall collapses

A MYANMAR worker escaped serious injury Tuesday night when a retaining wall at a Phuket construction site collapsed, pinning him in a hole and covering him with earth.

The accident occurred at a housing estate under construction in Baan Ao Por, near Ao Por pier, at about 9:30pm, Lt Suporn Muangkhai told the *Gazette*.

"Mr Htat, 22, as named on his Thai-issued ID card, was working in a hole when a wall beside him collapsed," he said. "Dirt spilled into the hole and trapped him there."

Fellow construction workers and Kusoldharm Foundation rescue workers who soon arrived at the scene dug for about 15 minutes to free Mr Htat.

"Fortunately, the wall did not fall on him," Lt Suporn said. "He suffered only minor injuries and was taken to Thalang Hospital for treatment."

Mr Htat will discuss accident compensation with his employer later, Lt Suporn said.

– Thawit Bilabdullar

Phuket's latest police commander takes post

THE outgoing commander of the Phuket Provincial Police told the *Gazette* on Tuesday that he had no regrets about his time in Phuket and had complete faith in his replacement.

"I did my best," said Gen Krajang Suwannarat, who left Phuket on Monday to return to his post as one of the seven deputy commanders heading Region 8 Police.

"The future of Phuket under Maj Gen Patchara Boonyasit does not worry me. I know him personally. He is a good policeman and knows his job well."

Gen Krajang arrived in Phuket on June 3, one day before the huge military-backed operation to take down the island's taxi mafia.

Gen Krajang explained to the *Gazette* that the transfer orders had yet to be promulgated, though they were expected to be upheld as the postings had been submitted by the Royal Thai Police for royal approval.

Phuket's inbound top cop, Gen Patchara, will arrive from his previous post as Provincial Police Commander in Nakhon Sri Thammarat.

According to the transfer order, he was to present himself at Phuket Provincial Police headquarters in Phuket Town Wednesday.

Phuket Provincial Police Deputy Commander Peerayuth Karajedee acted as commander until Gen Patchara arrived.

Meanwhile, Maj Gen Paween Pongsirin, who has led the historical crackdown on Phuket's taxi mafia, has been promoted from



Maj Gen Patchara Boonyasit has arrived to take up the post of Phuket Provincial Police Commander. Photo: Kom Chad Luek

commander of the Region 8 Police General Staff Division to join Gen Krajang as a deputy commander of the Region 8 Police.

The Region 8 Police will also receive a new chief as their former commander, Lt Gen Panya Mamen, has been promoted to Assistant Commissioner-General of the Royal Thai Police in Bangkok.

Gen Panya will be replaced by Maj Gen Decha Budnampeth, who previously served as deputy commander of the Royal Thai Police Central Investigation Bureau.

While serving in his new post as regional police chief, Gen Decha's long affiliation with Phuket is likely to serve him well.

Gen Decha served as Phuket Provincial Police commander in 2008, a posting he held after serving as a provincial police deputy commander in Phuket more than 10 years earlier, in 2004.

– Chutharat Plerin

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Protesters gather earlier this year against the coal plant. Photo: Gazette file

Energy officials told to come clean about Krabi coal plant

THE Koh Lanta Tourism Association has spoken out against a coal-fired power plant slated for Krabi province, east of Phuket, claiming that the authority initiating the project has been dishonest with locals.

“The Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT) held a third public hearing at Ban Klong Ruo last Sunday. We believe it was insincere, as many of the people at the meeting were strangers, not locals,” said Therapot Kasirawat, chairman of the Koh Lanta Tourism Association.

Mr Therapot also asserted that a huge brigade of military personnel present at the meeting intimidated locals from attending.

“EGAT called for a few hundred guards from the military and the police to control protesters. I

think they were trying to intimidate the locals,” he said.

“I urge the government to halt this project until EGAT starts being honest with people about it.”

The project, which would see an 870-megawatt coal-fired power plant built in Krabi’s Nua Khlong district and a coal seaport established at Ban Klong Ruo, has long been protested by Krabi locals.

“The coal plant will definitely affect tourism. It would not only harm Krabi province, but also other Andaman provinces, as they are all connected,” said Mr Therapot.

Mr Therapot called on EGAT to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and promise to take responsibility for any damages the project has on local people.

– *Kritsada Mueanhawong*

Illegal west coast beach buildings demolished

By Athip Karndee

ARMED Navy officers blocked traffic on the Nai Yang beachfront road as demolition started on two restaurants along the pristine Phuket west coast beach on September 26.

The removal of the buildings was led by Cdr Pornprom Sakultem of the Royal Thai Navy, which has its eyes on seven buildings in the area. However, five are still going through the legal process, explained Sakoo Tambon Administration Organization (*OrBorTor*) Chief Administrative Officer Sumet Suwannarat.

The clearing last Friday comes in the wake of the removal of 19 buildings on September 25 that were encroaching on public land along Mai Khao Beach.

“Everyone understood the orders, and just asked that our officers help them remove the buildings for them because they don’t have the labor to do so,” Mai



Illegal buildings were torn down on Mai Khao Beach.

Khao *OrBorTor* President Sarawut Sisakukam told the *Gazette*.

“We warned vendors ahead of time. Some of them removed items from the buildings, others did not.”

Mr Sarawut assured that the *OrBorTor* was already trying to find a way to keep those who have lost their jobs in his area from becoming unemployed.

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Eleven men were taken into custody for trawling illegally.

Krabi officials arrest crew for trawling in restricted sea area

THE crews of two fishing boats were arrested for trawling in a restricted fishing area near Koh Sriboya, east of Phuket, last Sunday morning.

The boats, *Chaitakarn 17* and *Chaitakarn 15*, had already netted 200 kilograms of fish by the time officials arrived.

“We received a report from local fisherman that the boats were fishing in waters where trawling is not allowed,” Krabi Fishery Management Center Chief Jaroenchai Srisuwan told the *Gazette*.

Trawling is prohibited within 5.4 kilometers of the Krabi mainland and within 3km of any island in the province.

The leader of the two-boat team, 51-year-old Kempetch Chaisri, confessed to officers that the number of fish that could be caught in the restricted zone made it worth the risk.

Mr Kempetch and his 10 crew

members were taken back to the Krabi Fishery Management Center so the complaint could be filed with police.

The men are expected to be charged for trawling in a restricted area, which carries a maximum penalty of a 3,000 baht fine per person.

Mr Jaroenchai confirmed that the boat would be returned to its owner.

“This is not an isolated incident. There are many boats that enter restricted fishing areas – many of which are evading officials,” he said.

“The boats will turn their lights off when they are fishing. It is hard to track them down and catch them in action. However, we are doing our best to put an end to trawlers fishing too close to the mainland and Krabi’s many islands.”

– *Kritsada Mueanhawong*

Patong hotels silent

Pleas to help jobless beach vendors find work go unanswered

By Natthaphol Wittayarungrote

PATONG hotels have failed to reply to government appeals to provide assistance to beach business vendors made redundant through the Phuket cleanup campaign, say officials.

"We have sent letters to many big hotels asking for their co-operation by providing space on their properties where unemployed vendors may work, but we have yet to receive any reply," Kathu District Chief Sayan Chanachaiwong said.

The news follows as the Kathu District Office winds down its project to receive complaints and suggestions from the vendors about how the situation of the workers could be improved, following their eviction from Patong Beach by the Army.

By sundown on September 26, the Kathu District Office ceased receiving feedback from the public about the predicament of the out-of-work staffers, after extending the deadline twice since late August.



Kathu District Officials visit out-of-work beach vendors at their homes to assess the situation. Photo: Kathu PR

In collating their feedback, officials visited the meager rental accommodations of many of the out-of-work vendors living in the resort town. Their rented rooms were in stark contrast to the up-scale homes of those who held the

multi-million-baht contracts to rent beach land (see page 6).

"We need to know every single problem, then we can help with what's necessary," Mr Sayan said.

"We're aware that many are facing financial problems. Some

of them have to pay for their children's education, or have debt.

"The District Office will provide letters to schools and to creditors asking for them to postpone deadlines for payments while the vendors have no income."

Laguna beach fence ruled legal after tear down

THE land at Bang Tao Beach that was fenced off, before local government officers ordered the fence to be torn down earlier this week has, been ruled to be private property, the Thalang Land Office confirmed to the *Gazette*.

Officers from the Thalang Land Office re-surveyed the area in question and confirmed that the fence had been within the boundaries marked on *Chanote* land title deed 5916, which belongs to Bangtao Development Co Ltd, a subsidiary of Laguna Resorts & Hotels PLC.

"We are confident of our boundary as we have constantly surveyed and resurveyed our lands for appraisal, project plan and land-use re-evaluation, especially those lands whose boundaries are adjacent to other people's properties or public land," said a Laguna Resorts & Hotels representative.

The fence was torn down at the order of Ma-ann Samran, president of the Cherg Talay Tambon Administration Organization (*OrBorTor*), on September 23, after he saw photos of it posted on Facebook. - *Phuket Gazette*

Suicide victim's mum presents letter asking for island beaches to be re-opened to all vendors

A LETTER presented at a ceremony commemorating a financially distressed Phuket beach vendor found dead last week, implored Thailand's leaders to return the beachfront to those who used it to make a living.

At the memorial service on Patong Beach on September 27, Jirasak Sae-Koo's mother, Pranee Piromrit, revealed the letter and explained that her son had written it before taking his own life.

Mr Jirasak, 45, was found hanged by a rope at his friend's house on September 22.

The letter expressed hope that Mr Jirasak would be the first and last example of what could happen to a struggling vendor.

Mrs Pranee noted on Saturday that her son had been under im-



Respect is paid to Mr Jirasak.

mense pressure since the beach cleanup campaign began in June.

"We have been doing this job for more than 20 years. The income supports our entire family, which is about 20 people," she said.

Though police ruled Mr Jirasak's death a suicide, Wichit Police Deputy Superintendent Ampol Chunthakul denied any knowledge of the letter.

- *Thawit Bilabdullar*

Patong tunnel project gets flyover for traffic snarls

THE Patong tunnel project, now slated to cost more than 10 billion baht, is to be accompanied by a flyover to prevent a bottleneck at the Thung Thong Intersection in Kathu, it



Patong tunnel. Graphic: EXAT

"The Ministry of Transportation assigned us to oversee the project two years ago. The final plan will be submitted to the EXAT board next month."

The final plan to be presented will be for a 3.98km stretch of road, 1.83km of which will be tunnel. The current estimated cost for the project has risen from 9.57 billion baht to 10.49bn baht. - *Kritsada Mueanhawong*

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AROUND THE nation

Thai medical school reveals Ebola antibody

A THAI medical school has successfully produced an antibody for the treatment of the deadly Ebola haemorrhagic fever.

Mahidol University's Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital was set to announce its success at a press conference on Thursday, reported *The Nation*.

This medical breakthrough marks the first time that Thailand has been able to produce such an antibody.

Though there has never been an Ebola infection in Thailand, the disease has been posing a haunting threat this year as it has claimed many lives in Africa. Many people from the Ebola-hit continent have travelled to Bangkok, which is an aviation hub.

The disease has a high mortality rate. There is no known cure.

Man sentenced to death for rape, murder of young teen

THE Criminal Court today sentenced to death State Railway of Thailand employee Wanchai Saengkhao, 22, for raping and strangling a 13-year-old girl before dumping her body from a moving train in July.

He was also charged with robbery and drug use, reported *The Nation*.

Wanchai was a cleaning attendant in the same sleeping car as his victim when he carried out the rape and murder of Kochakorn "Kaem" Pitakjumnong, whose body was discovered after she disappeared from an overnight train from Surat Thani to Bangkok on July 6.

The crime sparked outrage throughout the nation, with netizens calling for the mandatory death sentence for rape-and-murder crimes.

Police charged another State Railway employee who was on the same train with aiding Wanchai and with giving false testimony to police in a bid to help another per-



Many people supported the death penalty for Wanchai (inset), including the victim's family. Photos: The Nation

son escape punishment. The man, 19, was sent to Prachuap Khiri Khan Prison to await trial.

Despite public pressure, State Railway of Thailand Governor Prapat Chongsanguan publicly refused to resign on July 11.

He was sacked the next day.

The rape and murder of "Nong Kaem" prompted a ban of alcohol

sales at stations and on trains throughout Thailand.

The heinous crime also saw the return of "Ladies Only" compartments. The second-class women-only sleeper carriages are for accompanying children as well, explained Thanongsak Pongprasert, head of the State Railway of Thailand's routes and

schedules division.

Mr Thanongsak said that other long-term measures to be implemented included having railway police guards on all overnight trains, getting recruitment companies to ensure rail workers were qualified and making workers submit to a drug test every three months.

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Koh Tao party zone planned for security

DESIGNATED entertainment and activity areas and a special management team will be established on Koh Tao, a Tourism and Sports Ministry official said on Monday.

The scheme, dubbed the "Koh Tao Model", is a response to the unsolved murder of British backpackers David Miller and Hannah Witheridge last month.

"The island has no areas for tourists to party or hold events, so this should help prevent underestimating the problem," said Tourism and Sports Minister Kobkarn Wattanavrangkul.

Ms Kobkarn said the ministry was also considering applying the model to all resort islands in a bid to make them safer for tourists, reported *The Nation*.

In an effort to restore Koh Tao's image and tourist confidence in the destination, she said the government planned to run "mega events" there once the double-murder case had been solved. The Tourism Authority of Thailand would soon be asked to begin preparations for the events.

Ms Kobkarn visited the island, located off Surat Thani, on Sunday as part of a fact-finding trip.

After meeting local officials, she approved the establishment of a tourist police center on the island. She also met with tourism operators and tourists to gauge their opinions on the situation.

Meanwhile, the number of "prime" suspects in the killing of the two Britons has been cut to seven from a total of 20 people not already ruled out, a police



Lt Gen Panya. Photo: Saran Mittrarat

source said on Monday. DNA samples of all 20 suspects have been collected and identified, the source said.

The seven unidentified men have been barred from leaving the island, as verification of their DNA is under way, the source added.

Police are still looking for a shirtless man who was captured on surveillance camera the night of the murders.

He was seen running, with a panicked look, and has since disappeared.

Lt Gen Panya Mamen, an area police commander, said he had expected all DNA samples collected from migrant workers to have been verified by September 22.

He said police were also tracking three new male suspects who left Koh Tao on Sept 15 for Surat Thani and neighboring provinces.

"There could be good news [about these three men] soon," he said.

Tackling taxing traffic tailbacks

FIRST PERSON



Dr Agachai Sumalee, 36, is a scientist at King Mongkut's Institute of Technology and an associate professor and scientist at Hong Kong Polytechnic University. He has a PhD in Operations Research from Leeds University in England. On September 17, Dr Agachai won the ASPIRE prize for

creating an intelligent transportation system that reduces highway congestion in Bangkok.

Here, he reveals his concerns about traffic problems and discusses how important efficient transportation and traffic flow is in Phuket and around the world.

We have only 24 hours in a day to do everything we need to do. Eight to 10 of those hours are spent sleeping, which leaves us with about 14 waking hours to live our daily lives. Imagine losing three to four hours every day just trying to get from place to place – like the millions of people in Bangkok.

This equates to 30 per cent of your waking life being rendered absolutely worthless.

Traffic jams are an international problem. They are sporadic. Some locations in a city will suffer jams one day, and then other days the roads will be clear. Even the severity of the traffic jam varies from day to day and hour to hour.

We call this the variation of traffic. While studying, I became convinced that there must be some system out there that can analyze those variations.

In 2007, I began a joint project in Hong Kong under the hypothesis that computer software could report real-time traffic information and compile it in a way that would enable us to use this information to analyze road conditions.

The traffic-flow algorithms system we developed during the project were able to report real-time traffic conditions and provide predictions of what the traffic was going to be like. This makes it easy to handle any prob-

lems that might arise.

The first prototype was used on Kanjanapisek Highway in Bangkok from the end of 2011 until August 2012. The prototype was successful, and thereby able to reduce congestion.

Bangkok, however, is not the only place that is facing serious traffic problems. Phuket is facing them as well.

Phuket has many upcoming projects – approved and not yet approved – to help solve traffic problems around the island. There are underpasses being built near Central Festival and Tesco Lotus, and there is even a tunnel proposed to connect Kathu and Patong.

It is great to see Phuket make moves toward fixing serious traffic problems through projects such as underpasses, but they are only temporary solutions. In order to make permanent changes, city planning must focus on providing efficient public transport as well as improving infrastructure.

Public transport is the bedrock of many well-developed cities, like Hong Kong and Singapore – it is the main artery that drives the city's functions forward.

Low quality transportation systems impair quality of life. The need for efficient transportation is massive, and there must be some national policies put in place to permanently solve the problems and ease traffic flow.

New policies are not enough, and Phuket needs to find a way to solve the problem on a daily basis until a permanent fix can be found.



Dr Agachai (right). Photo: Supplied



Beware of the wasps' nest. Photo: Peoples Gary, US Fish and Wildlife Service

The bowed tree, and the bow saw

Island View

By Alexander Maycock

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

IN MY little piece of jungle there was a tree that had grown so verdant it had bent double with the weight of its leaves and mass of branches, so that its top-most twigs had tangled with the grass around its base.

The tree's lopsided state was also the result of a taller tree spreading its branches above and forcing the bowed tree to reach out sideways for the sun.

It was also my fault. I had long meant to prune out its upper branches, but my excuse was that I needed a new blade for my old bow saw. It seems bow saws are as much the victims of fashion as boy bands, and no hardware store on Phuket stocked the blade I needed.

However, the tangled state of the bowed tree following the recent storms quickly forced me out to buy a new one with a fancy laser-cut blade that made pruning the bowed tree quick and exciting.

As I began to cut away at the last two boughs, a wasp whisked out of the foliage and stung me on the cheek. After a little expressive cursing and some cautious peering into the leaves, I decided to move around to the second bough on the other side of the tree – at which point another wasp stung me on the end of my nose.

Twice stung, I retreated. To be

fair to the wasps, they had no idea that my true intent was to save the tree from almost certain collapse. All they perceived was a threat to their home – a small nest hanging within the tree's drooping canopy.

Wasps are as equally part of the natural life cycle of my jungle as the snakes and the scorpions. However, the bowed tree had to come down, so I waited until dusk and by nightfall the bowed tree bowed no more.

In the morning, I went to inspect my handy work. The stumpy tree looks a little silly and sad, but new growth will come soon and in a year or two, the tree will be bountifully verdant once more.

I noted also that the wasps had begun to move out of the fallen branches and build a new nest in the adjacent tree. I will leave them to thrive there because I have no quarrel with these wasps – except for the two which stung me. Those are still lying in the dirt where I squashed them – at the roots of the formerly bowed tree.

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

Wondering about maintenance fees

We live in a residential estate that requires payment of a yearly maintenance fee – though no maintenance is ever done. What are the laws regarding the payment of maintenance fees?

Can we demand to see estate management's accounting books to see who is paying and who is not, and for how many years?

What legal steps can be taken by home owners who have not paid their annual maintenance fee? And what legal steps can be taken if the estate managers have spent the money on something "else"?

Lars, Phuket

Mongkol Ruengwutchana-puech, Master of Laws,

University of New South Wales, Australia, and LL.B. (Honors) Barrister at Law Thailand, of the International Law Office, Patong Beach Co Ltd, replies:

The laws regarding maintenance fees vary from one estate to another, depending on all the facts at hand and the contents of the agreements signed.

What is more important than the laws regarding maintenance fees is the question: 'Who is responsible for maintaining common property on the estate?'

There is no straightforward answer to this. One must first learn all facts involved in the particular case.

It is best to contact a lawyer for legal advice to protect your interest. Some claims may expire in two years unless you take legal action, so the faster you talk to a lawyer, the better.

Is the hillside building code still in effect?

Some time ago the *Gazette* reported a new set of building regulations that covered what may and may not be built on hillsides in Phuket. The new regulations specifically stated what is permitted to be built on different hillside gradients.

Are these regulations still in effect in Phuket? Are they law, or just advice?

Sslam, Phuket

Kasem Sukwaree, chief of the Phuket Natural Resources and Environment Office, replies:

All the hillside regulations brought into effect by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment on July 31, 2010 are still in effect. These regula-

tions apply in all provinces. Due to their nature, they apply differently to different areas – but they do apply.

These regulations will remain in force until 2015, when the ministry will review the regulations and decide whether new rules should be introduced and others revoked. This review is conducted every five years.

The ministry does not create these regulations top-down. Instead, they seek recommendations from officials and the public throughout the country.

Our office is drafting our recommendations for the review next year. We have already held several public meetings to obtain feedback about the current regulations and what rules people

would like to see in force.

We have held several public hearings in Phuket for this already, and are currently deciding if we will hold any more. If we do, we will make a public announcement.

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Bilking billions from beaches

THE arrest of the Karon Mayor Tawee Tongcham and subsequent revelations about the nature and scale of the “beach rental” concession rackets along Phuket’s west coast is just the latest in a stunning series of graft-busting power punches made by the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) since it took power on May 22 (see page 6).

One of the most remarkable aspects of the case is the way in which the Kata-Karon Municipality and other local administrative bodies were able to set up and run these lucrative monopolies for so long with no legal precedent, or so it is now alleged.

It is understood, of course, that the alleged illegitimacy of these concessions will ultimately have to be confirmed by an Administrative Court ruling.

In contrast, it was always understood that the taxi cartels carved out their territories and maintained their tourism-killing tactics through a combination of collusion and intimidation. That they were operating illegally was never in doubt.

It was equally well understood that these cartels needed to work hand-in-glove with local municipalities through a system of payoffs to maintain that lucrative status quo.

That corruption has been rampant in these administrative bodies for years comes as no surprise, but the fact that officials had been able to operate illegal rackets on public beaches with no formal questioning of their legitimacy, comes as a real bombshell.

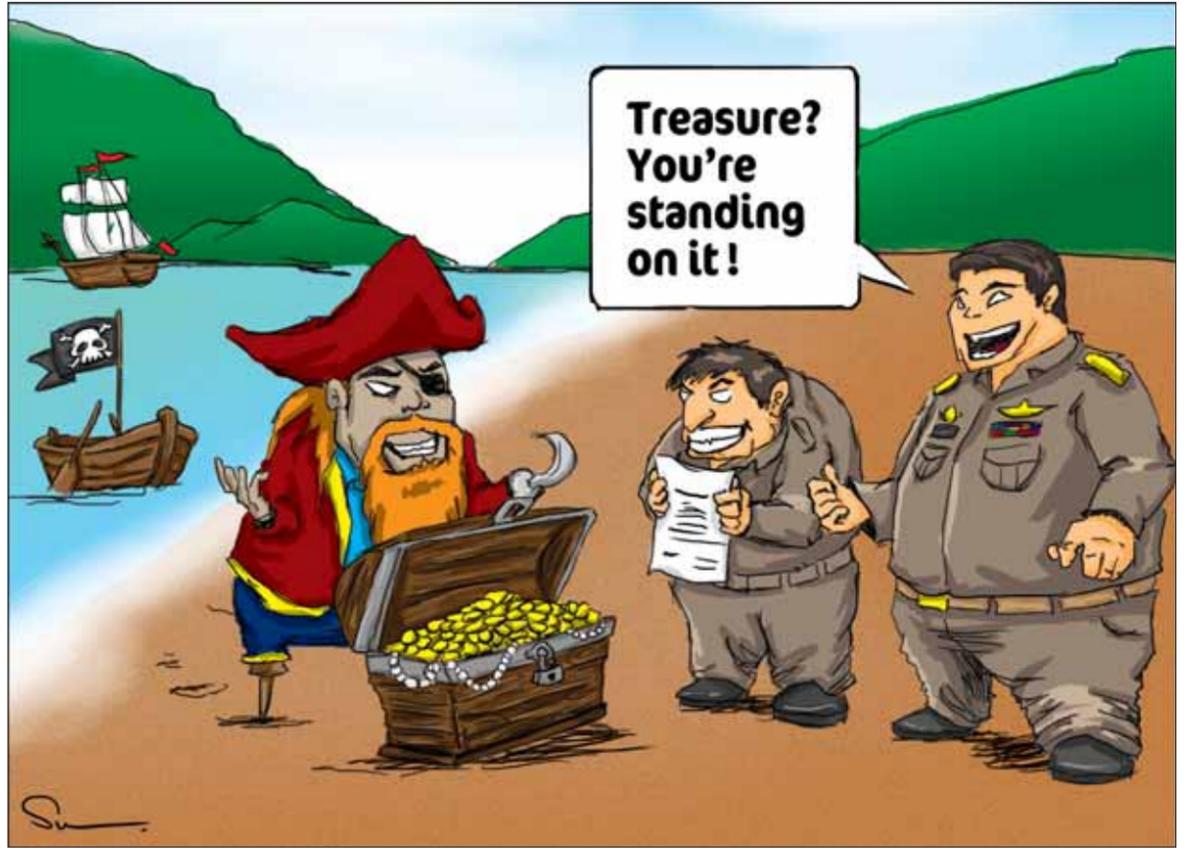
If and when such confirmation is made, we hope that those found guilty face punishment that includes lengthy prison sentences and seizure of personal assets, with the seized funds hopefully earmarked to address the myriad of negative consequences their greed has created.

This would also make it clear that Phuket’s beaches are truly public and that any encroachment upon them is illegal – even if it is being orchestrated by the very organizations that are meant to protect them.

It is not the administrative bodies alone who should come under scrutiny, however. In the Thai government hierarchy, district offices are meant to oversee local administrative bodies under their jurisdiction. Numerous other government agencies are also meant to serve as whistle-blowers when needed.

Looking forward, we have to admit that a reasonable number of sensibly-priced beach chairs and umbrellas will need to be ready for tourists to rent by the high season, starting in December.

The NCPO should work closely with stakeholders such as the recently-revived Phuket Hotels Association to ensure that this is done in a transparent way that maximizes tourist enjoyment and safety, while minimizing damage to what is left of our natural coastal environment.



Worried about tourists who like to lounge

Now the beaches are beautiful to see, but what will Phuket be able to offer to the many tourists that are coming with the aim of enjoying long days on a beach?

They need an umbrella to protect themselves from the sun and a chair where they can rest.

I have many friends in Europe that used to come to Phuket, and used to spend a lot of time during the day on the beach, but now they are seriously willing to change their plans for the next season.

What about giving some controlled permissions to a certain number of umbrella vendors, with well-defined areas, fixed fees and the obligation to keep the beaches clean?

Federico Parodi
Rawai

Who is running the show around here?

Re: Gazette online, Breaking News: Violent Phuket taxi drivers return to work, September 30

All that’s really been accomplished is to move the chairs off the beaches.

Who is in charge here, the mafia or the police? Or is it two sides of the same coin?

Angry bird
Gazette forum

How will problems ever get fixed?

Re: Gazette online, Phuket police chief says ‘no regrets’, names replacement, September 30

How is any investigation to come to completion in Thailand with all the promotions, demotions, transfers, and convictions of the police who are charged with fixing a problem?

How about all Thai Police be frozen in their current position for the next year, until some criminals

Letters to the Editor

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are brought to justice?

I have no confidence that all these transfers do anything but allow big fish to slip off the hook.

Mje
Gazette forum

Stop worrying about the wrong people

Re: Gazette online, Phuket’s billion-baht illegal beach rental scheme exposed, September 25

Apparently, officials at the municipal level made a killing, as did the owners of the chairs, but the daily workers probably did not and are now the ones without jobs.

The Night Mare
Gazette forum

...make sure the big guys are punished

Re: Gazette online, Phuket’s billion-baht illegal beach rental scheme exposed, September 25

Let’s hope they don’t get a suspended sentence and an innocuous fine.

The quoted sums will have made those involved in this criminal activity very, very wealthy.

They should be stripped of their assets and incarcerated, with the key thrown away.

Bjay
Gazette forum

Respect the ocean

Re: Gazette online, Officials catch fishing trawler working in re-

stricted fishing zone east of Phuket, September 29

Throw the book at them! Not cool.

Fishermen around the world need to start respecting the laws to help our oceans provide for future generations.

Stop being selfish and the ocean will provide for you too, fellow fishermen.

David Tuson
Facebook

ATM skimming is getting out of control

Re: Gazette online, Bulgarians busted for ATM skimming in Phuket, September 27

Well done to the police for nabbing these unpleasant suspected crooks.

If proven guilty, what sort of sentence are they likely to serve?

ATM skimming in Thailand is becoming prolific.

For decades, I have never covered my PIN when using an ATM – I’ve been lucky.

I now cover the PIN every time I use an ATM, in every country I visit.

Sharky
Gazette forum

We need more manpower on the ground

Re: Gazette online, Koh Tao murders prompt Phuket security boost, September 26

London has the most CCTVs of any city in the world and the police commissioner has admitted, it does little to deter crime.

Boots on the ground is what is needed – not eyes in the sky.

CCTV is a licence to print money but poor cameras and poor maintenance achieve nothing.

Mister Ree
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Oct 9,11, 6-10:30pm. Andaman Seafood BBQ Buffet at Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket

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Two Chefs Kata Beach are serving a large BBQ buffet with Aussie favorites like: Prawn cocktails, BBQ pork ribs, pulled pork sandwiches, chicken drum sticks, Wague-Aussie beef burgers, salt & pepper calamari, kiwi marinated Australian Ribeye, fish and chips, meat pies, Caesar salad, coleslaw, Lamingtons, Pavlova, cup cakes, Chocolate brownies and much more. All this only 695 baht, chil-

dren under 12 years 350 baht (under 3 free). Two chefs house band will entertain you till the late hours. There will be a sing along competition with the band, with some nice prices for the winners! Come for the food and stay for the fun. For more information call 076-333370 or email kata@twochefs.com

October 23. Chulalongkorn Memorial Day

Chulalongkorn Day commemorates the reign of Rama V.

Oct 31, 6-11:30pm. Halloween Party @ Two Chefs Kata center

It's time for a Halloween Party again. Two Chefs Kata are serving a large buffet with a wide range of international favorites like: Pumpkin soup, Lucifer's roast pork, salmon with devil sauce, bloody mary mussels, grilled ribeye steaks and a wide range of desserts from our in house bakery. All this only 795 baht, children under 12 years 395 baht (under 3 free). Great prices for the guests with the best dress of the evening. Two chefs house band will entertain you till the late hours. It's always more fun at Two Chefs! For more information

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November 4, 9am-4pm. PIWC presents The Melbourne Cup

The PIWC presents The Melbourne Cup, "The Race That Stops a Nation". For more information contact Maggy Wigman on 086-594 1758, email info@piwcphuket.com or visit piwc-phuket.com

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**Gazette welcomes
Governor Nisit**



The Gazette welcomes Phuket's new Governor, Nisit Jansomwong, to his post, which he officially took up on Wednesday. We look forward to working closely with Governor Nisit in tackling the key issues facing the province.

**Sansiri and Siam Commercial Bank support
the Phuket Vegetarian Festival**



From left: Apichart Chutrakul, CEO of Sansiri Public Company Limited; Pikun Srimahunt, head of Mortgage & SSME Business, Siam Commercial Bank; and Theerawut Sritularak, president of Jui Tui Tao Bo Keng Shrine.



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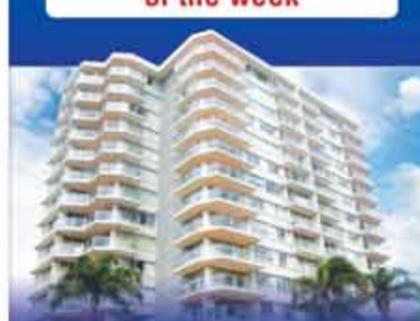


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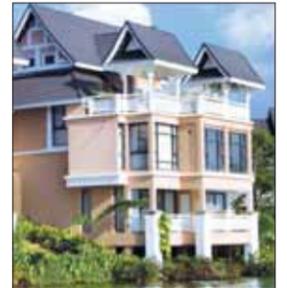
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- ▶ **Chaba Supermarket** (at the Laguna gateway) Tel: 076-325586

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- ▶ **The Network property office** (Saiyuan Rd) Tel: 076-388144

KARON

- ▶ **EuroStyle Tailors** (Luang Por Chuan Rd) Tel: 076-396911

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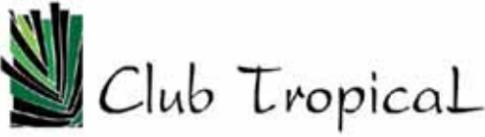
With a new senior management team now in place, we are currently recruiting experienced vacation ownership personnel for the following positions for our Kata Cold Line sales desk, due to open to the public soon.

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- Manage a team of freelance Representatives in Phuket & Krabi
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- Ensure consistent training activities for both new and experienced Reps and ensure procedures and policies are followed as set out on SLAs or divisional procedures.
- Foster and champion best practises, supporting the team with all the required knowledge, tools, and guidelines

Candidate Profile:

- Spoken and written English communication is essential
- Excellent sales skills.
- Experience of working as a Rep or Guide would be an advantage
- Pleasant personality and good interpersonal skill
- 'Can do' attitude and positive thinking
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hrth@hotelbeds.com

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Box	250 baht	<input type="checkbox"/>
Box with red headline	350 baht	<input type="checkbox"/>
Box with black background	350 baht	<input type="checkbox"/>
Box with color background	500 baht	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photo	650 baht	<input type="checkbox"/>

NUMBER OF INSERTIONS: **issue(s)**

ONLINE OPTIONS:

Web link	350 baht	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photo	500 baht	<input type="checkbox"/>

All ads in the newspaper run online automatically and free charge.

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Total cost of your classified **baht**

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.....	840 Baht
.....	980 Baht
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.....	1,400 Baht

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- Karon Beach Resort & Spa: 80 rooms
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- Amari Coral Beach: 197 rooms
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Across: 9. PROSTYLES: Pro.-styles 10. LUBRICATE: *buticlear* 12. ROLE: *lore* 13. QUINCE: quin-C-E. 14. OCTOBER: O.C.-tobe-R 15. INABILITY: *tinybail* 17. EQUALISER: *erequails* 18. ETHICAL: *thelaic* 19. CUTTER: cutter 20. STAG: S-tag 23. STRESSFUL: *lessturfs* 25. DRYASDUST: *sadstudy(R)* 26. RARE: R-are 27. GREASY: *sayreg* 29. SWINDLE: *winds-le* 32. PRAGMATIC: *agrimpaact* 34. TRUENORTH: *truthnor(E)* 35. IMPERIL: *imp-rile* 36. LAKORN: *learn(K.O.)* 37. STIR: stir 38. HARNESSED: *hedressan* 39. NONEWORSE: *wornseeno*

Down: 1. SPORTIVE: display-I've 2. WOOLGATHERER: *gotrarewhole* 3. ALLUVIAL: all-U-vial 4. ASTRAY: *tryasa* 5. FLEETEST: *flotilla-set* 6. ABSOLUTELY: A.B.'s-yellout 7. PISTOLS: *slop(1st.)* 8. HEARDARIGHT: make out-Da-just 11. ABBES: *abbess* 16. INCEST: in-C-Est. 19. COL: Co.-L 21. THUNDERSTORM: *rendhurtmost* 22. ASSIGN: as-indication 23. STRIPLIGHT: strip-light 24. FIRSTCLASS: initial-form 25. DAY: D.A.-Y 28. ACCOLADE: a-C-C.O.-deal 29. SPURRING: sp-Ur-ring 30. EXHORTED: Ex.-redhot 31. EMERGES: E-merges 33. AOPOR: *apoor* 34. TAKING: getting hold

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Banyan Tree and Angsana Celebrate 20th anniversary



Ho Kwon Ping (left), executive chairman of both the Banyan Tree Phuket and Angsana Laguna Phuket, recently attended a merit-making ceremony in celebration of the two hotels' 20th anniversary. Claire Chiang (right), senior vice president and managing director – retail operations, also took part in the event.



Activities celebrating the 20th anniversary included making donations to Cherng Talay schools.



Albert Ocasio, general manager of Angsana Laguna Phuket celebrated the 20th anniversary with his wife, Monika, at the Banyan Tree Phuket.



Banyan Tree's Got Talent Judges (from left): Poo, lead singer of Thai rock band Blackhead; Singaporean TV presenter Jamie Yeo; and Chinese singer/songwriter Hao Yun, get ready to judge the masses.

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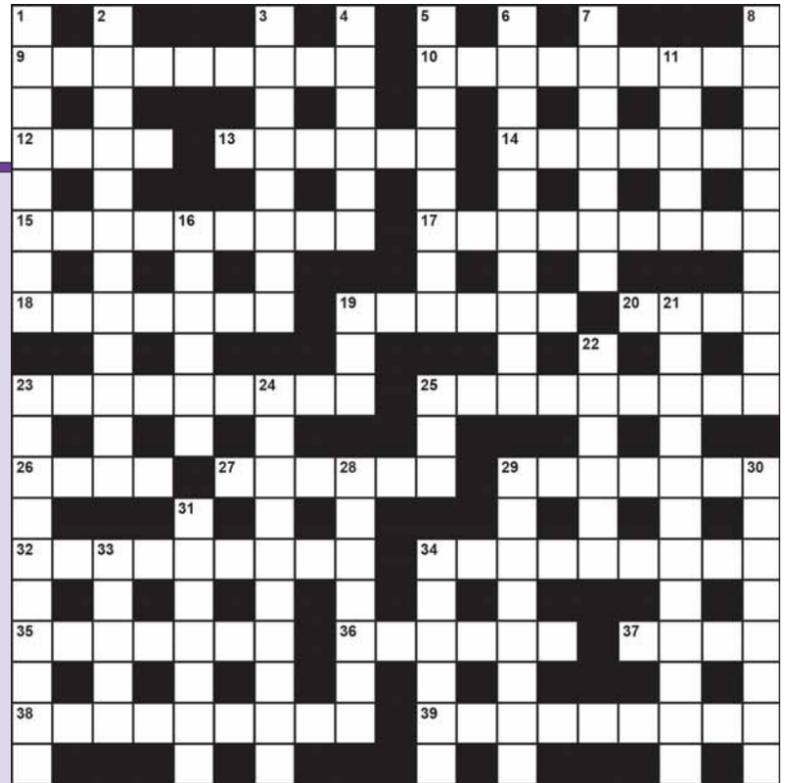
“Science may never come up with a better office communication system than the coffee break.” – Earl Wilson

COFFEE break

Cryptic Crossword

Across

- 9. Professional elegance in Greek porticos (9)
- 10. But I clear to change oil (9)
- 12. Part to play in lore (4)
- 13. One of five children, civil engineer, produces fruit (6)
- 14. The month the Officer Commanding to be right (7)
- 15. Lacking power to perform, tiny, I bail out (9)
- 17. Quails 'ere producing a goal that levels the score (9)
- 18. The laic could be principled (7)
- 19. A sharp vessel? (6)
- 20. Second, label the animal (4)
- 23. Demanding less turfs be broken up (9)
- 25. Sad study may be about right, but very boring (3,2,4)
- 26. Runs are hard to come by (4)
- 27. Say Reg could be unctuous (6)
- 29. Winds round the French to deceive (7)
- 32. A grim pact arranged for the hard-headed (9)
- 34. In truth nor moving about East as the correct direction for the pole (4,5)
- 35. Rascal could possibly rile and endanger (7)
- 36. Learn without echo about knock-out Thai soap opera (6)
- 37. Agitate in prison (4)
- 38. Hitched up, he dress an unusual way! (9)
- 39. Worn, see no change at the lowest level (4,5)



Down

- 1. Diversion I have is playful (8)
- 2. Got rare whole move from absent minded person (4,8)
- 3. All turn small vessel left by flood (8)
- 4. Try as a move off course (6)
- 5. Flotilla set out to be the fastest (8)
- 6. Sailors yell out wildly, unreservedly (10)
- 7. Slop out, covering first the small guns (7)
- 8. Make out, father, just to have perceived correctly what was said (5,5)
- 11. Abbess not second to French clergymen (5)
- 16. Fashionable Charlie shortly established an unnatural relationship (6)
- 19. Company left pass (3)
- 21. Rend, hurt most badly in weather with lightning (7,5)
- 22. As indication to allocate (6)
- 23. Fluorescent illumination for an exotic dancer? (5,5)
- 24. Initial form top notch (5,5)
- 25. District Attorney unknown for twenty four hours (3)
- 28. A cold commanding officer, deal out honor (8)
- 29. Giving an incentive, spring covers old Mesopotamian city (8)
- 30. Encouraged old girlfriend, red hot perhaps! (8)
- 31. Comes out, note comes together (7)
- 33. A poor move in a Phuket district (5)
- 34. Getting hold of the attractive (6)

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LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23):
 Your charm and confidence increase as Venus enters your sign, encouraging you to reach out, network and make some positive new connections. You'll need to liaise with family members on an important decision though. Yet, excitement builds as a friendly connection brings options for fresh adventures and lively experiences. More than one admirer beckons too.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22):
 An innovative approach to earning money gets the week off to a good start. Thinking outside of the box could spotlight solutions that transform any angst into a savvy awareness, and encourage an upturn. Meanwhile, the Quarter Moon encourages you to balance intuition with practical know-how for best results. However, it does help to expect the unexpected.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21):
 Your social life sparkles as Venus moves in, making for warm and friendly meetings

and an increased chance of romance. However, your focus seems set on activities that can help you break free from the shackles of routine or from habits that sometimes see you in a rut. Indeed, an impulsive move over the weekend could leave you feeling exhilarated.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20):
 You can benefit from making closer and warmer connections with those who are linked with your most ambitious goals and plans, as doing so could positively impact the outcome. The midweek Quarter Moon in your sign amplifies this theme, by encouraging you to compromise when seeking solutions. Yet, there is no doubting your leadership potential.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19):
 Your connection with a significant other can lead you to travel new paths and byways, which could have a significant and positive effect on your future. Exploring together could be very rewarding at this time. Later, as Mercury shuffles backwards, this can perhaps cause delays to your professional hopes. Surprisingly, in time, you might benefit from this.

YOUR horoscope
 By Patrick Arundell

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20):
 You seem to be firing on all cylinders when it comes to moving ahead with your job or personal ambitions – as long as you can remain flexible. What's even more interesting is that your beliefs can also change, and leave you more confident about achieving results. Although red tape could hold you back at times, perseverance can reap its own rewards.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20):
 All kinds of relationships can benefit as Venus moves into Libra, as this will help you focus on the best solutions for all. This co-operative dimension could come in useful later in the week when a challenging situation may need such interpersonal skills. Meanwhile, over the weekend you can find yourself ready for fresh adventures and a slice of variety, Aries.

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21):
 You may be tempted to shy away from any diet and exercise disciplines, as Venus enters your lifestyle sector. Yet, the midweek Quarter Moon in Capricorn could be enough to pique your conscience and encourage you back on track. If you recommit to your goal at this point, you'll likely have enough staying power to succeed.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21):
 Romantic options sparkle from this week, whatever your relationship status, as do creative opportunities. Yet, you'll need to integrate work and play, relaxation and responsibility if you're going to make the most of the days ahead. Later, as Mercury enters its retro phase, keep a watchful eye on personal information and data.

CANCER (June 22-July 23):
 Entertaining, re-decorating and adding harmonious touches to your home can increase your sense of wellbeing. The wishes of others at home are also

important, especially if you're going to make lasting progress. A weekend flurry of excitement could help you succeed at a goal that has a liberating effect on you, but a generational gap can cause a clash.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23):
 A conciliatory mood can help disperse bad feelings associated with a nagging personal issue. Meanwhile, as Mercury reverts in your home zone, you may find that DIY projects or even buying or selling will be subject to delays over the coming weeks. Yet, the weekend's lively buzz gives you every chance to live in the moment, Leo.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23):
 You may feel like relaxing your budget and giving yourself more leeway to splurge. Yet, the Quarter Moon could boost your creativity in this regard, helping you to find innovative ways to get what you need without it costing the earth. Later, Mercury's retrograde in your talk and thought sector can give you a fresh perspective on an old issue.

Securing more of the market

New Villa Market at Boat Lagoon seeks to capitalize on steady yacht traffic

By Isaac Stone Simonelli

VILLA Market is set to slice off another slab of the imported groceries market in Phuket when it expands to Boat Lagoon. The new branch, set to open in early 2015, is designed to tap into the yachtie-catering market and to position itself as the go-to grocer, as development in Koh Kaew booms.

Phuket is already home to two of the three Villa Market stores with the highest spending per capita, with Laguna taking the number one position and Hua Hin keeping the Chalong branch at bay, making it the third highest out of 34 stores in Thailand.

Both the Chalong and Laguna stores, however, are "A" class Villa Markets, while the new one to open at Boat Lagoon will be classified as a "C" class at about 900 square feet (84 square meters). Current projections expect it to generate about two-thirds the revenue of the Laguna branch.

Despite being about 25 per cent smaller than the Laguna branch, the new market will still have the exact same setup and many of the same products, just fewer brands. However, there will be a shift in priority toward ready-made meals, confirmed Villa Market Area Manager Adrian Lanter.

"We want to focus more on ready meals. We plan to have a huge



Phuket's third Villa Market, to be located at the entrance to Boat Lagoon, is ready to cash in on yachties.

kitchen with the idea that we can serve all the yachts here. That's actually the main reason why we want to come to Boat Lagoon," Mr Lanter told the *Gazette*.

"We talked with some of the companies here – some of the charter companies. Many of them at the moment come to buy products at our stores. For them it [will

be] much more convenient to just order or buy it from here."

To manage the expected demand for ready-made meals and catering services, Villa Market will have a full-chef team on location.

Based on data collected from loyalty cards when the Laguna branch opened, the Chalong branch lost about 10-15 per cent

of their clientele.

Mr Lanter expects to see a similar decline at the Laguna branch, as shoppers from Boat Lagoon, Royal Phuket Marina and nearby areas make for the new location and avoid the drive to Boat Avenue.

"As the traffic gets worse and worse, people won't have to drive

up to Laguna or down to Chalong. I think from here, to drive anywhere is a headache right now, especially in high season," Mr Lanter said.

Teaming up with Villa Market, both in Chalong and the Boat Lagoon location, will be Iniala bakery, which will replace their previous baked goods provider, Baked.

"It's probably the highest quality bakery we have found on the island. The products are fantastic the setup is great."

To compliment the bakery and the market's focus on ready-made foods, a large sitting area will be provided. The final plans have yet to be confirmed. However, there will be at least 20-30 seats, confirmed Mr Lanter.

Villa Market's move comes now due to the signs of rapid growth in the Koh Kaew area, especially around the British International School.

"Five years ago there was nothing but Royal Phuket Marina and Boat Lagoon, now there is massive development," Mr Lanter said.

With a mixture of area growth, potential for tapping into the yachtie-catering market and lack of competitors in the area, Mr Lanter is confident that Villa Market's third Phuket branch will be a success.

Commerce ministry pushes for organic produce

WITH organic products currently accounting for only 1 per cent of the Thai food market, the Commerce Ministry and producers plan to promote the growth of the industry and increase its market share, following rising awareness about healthcare, the environment and a sustainable agricultural-production system.

The ministry and private businesses believe Thailand has high potential to become a center of organic farming and trading within Asean, but to achieve such a goal requires more policy support and awareness on the part of farmers, as well as consumers, to pay more attention to organic products.

Malee Choklumlerd, inspector-general at the ministry and chair of its organic-

promotion project, said the organic-product industry represented a sustainable means of agricultural production, and one which would not only promote good health for consumers, but also benefit farmers and help solve the problem of falling crop prices.

"People [globally and in the Thai market] now want healthier lives, and a better environment. Thai producers should shift to producing organic products to serve rising demand in the market. Organic growing will help increase farmers' health and returns, as those concerned about organic products have more purchasing power," she said.

She stressed that Thailand could become a hub of organic farming and trading if the right policies were in place to support the industry. The sufficiency-economy philoso-

phy of His Majesty the King is also relevant to the organic-farming production system, which should be promoted for sustainable growth, she added.

The ministry has set a target to promote Thailand as the Asean hub of organic farming and trading by 2020, with exports expected to increase by 10 per cent annually in the intervening years.

Every year from now on, the ministry plans to promote at least three new organic products on the market, said Malee.

As part of the plan to encourage more producers, the ministry will seek support from the government to provide tariff privileges for organic farmers and traders.

It also plans to set up an organic fund to provide financial support to farmers, as



The commerce ministry wants Thailand to be the Asean leader of organic produce production by 2020. Photo: Patrick Feller

well as help reduce the cost of overseas certification for farmers by encouraging them to group together in order to reduce inspection costs.

Tourist train proposed

THAILAND'S transport minister has proposed a new tourism train line to be constructed in the south.

The rail line would connect Surat Thani to the Takua Thung district, just north of Phuket.

Transport Minister Air Chief Marshal Prachin Junthong, along with other high ranking officials, visited the Baan Tha Nun community in Takua Thung District, Phang Nga province, an area of land owned by the State Railway of Thailand (SRT).

Information was gathered in order to create a formal request which was presented to the cabinet on Tuesday.

ACM Prachin stated that he was ready to present the proposed plan to the cabinet for its approval, saying the route will primarily be a tourism line but may be adapted to serve the industrial or agricultural industry in the future.

If approved, the 22-billion-baht single-track line would link

the Gulf of Thailand to the Andaman Sea. The route will also link to the now-existing Tha Nun-Phuket train route. It is estimated that approximately 17,000 passengers would commute on the route per day, lowering vehicle traffic and providing a more efficient form of transportation.

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Where greed and fear fit in

Finance

By David Mayes

THERE are two emotions that tend to cloud our collective judgments and cause major swings in the financial markets: fear and greed. They lead to the ever-repeating cycle of boom and bust and are not likely to disappear anytime soon, so gaining a good understanding of them – as well as how they can affect an investor's financial decision making – is an exercise that is well worth the time.

I myself have been the victim of these emotions when it comes to making investment decisions, and when I was an active NYSE trader on a proprietary trading desk back in the United States, these emotions ruled the place on a daily basis. If we could see how fear and greed affect our decisions, it would become much easier to see how they also affect the masses and thus, the long-term monetary cycle.

While it is true that there is a pendulum that swings between the two extremes, in the middle is a safe place where the market tends to recover and trend up slowly for three to five years, before greed reaches a high level and the trend shifts toward fear. Are we at that stage yet where greed rules in the global stock

markets? I think we are, and this leads to one of my favorite of all Wall Street adages.

Be fearful when others are greedy and be greedy when others are fearful. This strategy pays off in the long run. Considering the market is trading at high valuations with weak underlying fundamentals, the last two years of market action seem to represent classic greed. People are making money very quickly with absolute disregard to why. The fact that it is only printed money behind the bid in the market doesn't matter when greed is being fed with ever-increasing record highs on major indexes. What about the fact that economic activity does not appear to correlate with those record highs? Well, that is lost on the greedy and soon-to-be fearful.

So what should investors do to protect their portfolios? They should get ready to be greedy as soon as the fear sets in and the market is brought back down to reality. This is a very easy trade to make. They simply cash in a large portion of their stock holdings and sit on cash with a price-earnings ratio target on the market as a whole.

For an American, they should use the Russel 2000, since it is a much broader measure of the stock market than the S&P 500 and is also currently much



The pendulum swings between two extremes – fear and greed – in the middle is a safe place. Photo: Ben Ostrowsky

more overvalued. Set a trigger at a price-earnings ratio of 10 on this index. When it gets hit, it will be safe to go back into the market, despite what the talking heads on TV will be saying at that moment.

Remember, it is generally a better investment strategy to do the opposite of what the prevailing financial media suggests.

Before a crash they are always the most confident, and near the bottom they are all spouting doom and gloom despite the fact that stocks are on sale at amazing discounted prices. Why do we shop for shares differently than we do for shoes or anything else? Fear and greed, that's why. Learn to recognize them at play and your investment decisions are likely

to become immensely better.

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Nok Air's plan to keep passengers connected

NOK AIR has announced plans claiming to become the first airline in Asia to offer free high-speed in-flight Wi-Fi, aimed at appealing to younger customers and helping it reach its target of 8 million passengers this year.

Chief executive officer Patee Sarasin said its on-board high-speed Internet was just one of the initiatives Nok Air planned to add to its flights operating in Thailand and overseas. A few other Asian airlines have on-board Internet, but not the high-speed system Nok Air will use.

The system will be provided by Thaicom, using the Ku-band that is capable of delivering third-generation service at a cruising height of 10,700 meters.

The new service will be available starting next month on Nok Bussarakam, the

airline's latest Boeing 737-800 Next Generation with capacity of 189 seats, which is now operating from Bangkok to Phuket and Udon Thani.

Nok Air plans to install Wi-Fi in six aircraft over the next six months. Patee said the new service was expected to draw a lot more passengers, especially younger people and those who are heavy social-media users.

Although the airline is now running an average load factor of 90 per cent, it suffered a lot in the second quarter during the political crisis.

"Last year was a great year for us, but it got worse in 2014. However, we continue adding more services to capture the market in this tough time," Patee said.

Nok Air is confident of achieving its passenger target of 8 million this year, up from 6

million in 2013. However, net profit is expected to fall from more than 1 billion baht last year to between 300 million baht and 400mn baht because of tough competition. Nok Air has also ordered 15 new aircraft, two of which are scheduled to arrive next year.

Suphatee Suthumpun, chief executive officer of Thaicom and chairman of its executive committee, said about 3,000 aircraft worldwide had been equipped with Wi-Fi systems. Of that total, 1,720 are operating in the United States and Canada, 200 in Europe, and 80 in Asia. One-third are equipped with high-speed Internet or new-generation broadband.

She said the demand for aircraft with high-speed Wi-Fi in Asia should increase the number of planes so equipped to 3,000 within 10 years.



Nok Air introduces free high-speed Wi-Fi on flights in Thailand. Photo: Sergey Zhatchenko

Should anyone worry about air safety and security being compromised by in-flight Wi-Fi, Suphatee said it would not affect aircraft navigation systems because they operated on different frequencies.

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Organizations collaborate to promote MICE

THAILAND Convention and Exhibition Bureau (TCEB) is joining hands with the Ministry of Tourism and Sports in promoting the Meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (MICE) sector in Thailand.

According to Noppharat Methawikunlachai, the director of TCEB, the MICE industry and the tourism industry generate a combined income of 80 billion baht per year. Significantly, the two industries help distribute income throughout the various locales of Thailand, which helps spur devel-



The partnership will help support the MICE industry. Photo: Gazette file

opment in each of the locales.

Under a collaboration agreement signed with the Ministry of Tourism and Sport, the two agencies will work together in four major affairs relating to the promotion of the MICE industry. The said affairs include policy and work plan,

marketing, market communications and image-strengthening, and the boosting of the Thai MICE industry's capacity.

The agencies will also work to secure the rights to host important conventions. Personnel development will be undertaken for the purpose of feeding the demands of the MICE industry.

Mr. Noppharat further disclosed that the Tourism Authority of Thailand had already secured the rights to World Travel Market Asia and World Tourism Day 2016 events.

– *NNT*

Natural beauty

Find solace in the morning mist at The Valley rainforest retreat

By Nick Davies

A NEW rainforest weekend holiday experience with a touch of class is coming soon, just a short 15-minute drive from Sarasin Bridge. The Valley Phang Nga is a new back-to-nature retreat under development just off the main highway (Phetkasem Road) between Phuket and Phang Nga, which will feature hillside camping and cabins with stunning views, nature trails and an elevated cafe serving coffee made from morning dew harvested right in the valley.

The vast expanse of unspoilt land has a magnificent 180-degree view from the top of the hillside at the valley's edge. Further down the valley, there are nature trails with fresh water streams arched by the broad roots of towering tropical trees.

The Valley Phang Nga is the brainchild of the site's land owner, Torsak Jaichuen, a native of Phang Nga and Phuket-based marketing guru, who aims to turn the pristine land into the ideal weekend vacation spot for Phuketians with a variety of rainforest themed facilities and activities.

The natural rainforest surroundings and stunning sunrise views are The Valley Phang Nga's greatest assets, said Mr

Torsak, whose plans include valley cabins with clear 180-degree views across Phang Nga, giving visitors a vista of the valley below shrouded in mist as the sun rises each morning.

The misty climbs are also the inspiration behind a novel coffee experience that will be offered at Cafe de Valley, an elevated platform 21 meters above the ground under the canopy of a massive tree and jutting out over the edge of a lake with its own island.

Harvesting the morning dew to brew coffee is just one of the innovations making up the sustainable architecture of The Valley Phang Nga, which is just 27 kilometers from Phuket and 17km from the Big C shopping center in Phang Nga Town.

"We aim to preserve the natural beauty of the land and allow visitors to appreciate the surroundings in eco-friendly ways. We will use renewable energy sources and visitors can eventually get about on Segways and bicycles," said Mr Torsak.

As well as providing a new weekend escape for Phuketians and locals, Mr Torsak said The Valley Phang Nga will also serve as a venue for team building and corporate events.



The natural rainforest surroundings are The Valley's greatest assets. Photos: Supplied

"We expect to open fully by February next year, by which time there will be parking for private vehicles and tour buses and the beginnings of a rainforest shopping experience, Walk Valley. Accommodation options will include camping and air-conditioned cabins, and, of course, visitors can also enjoy the nature trails on foot," he said.

Long-term development plans for The Valley Phang Nga include two types of residences. "My Valley" will be comprised of Tuscan-style residences priced between 4 and 6 million baht on six rai, and "Villa de Valley" private pool villas next to a creek, priced from 6mn baht, also on four to six rai.

These residences will be ideal for Phuket residents, explained Mr Torsak, who welcomes interest from like-minded investors and developers with a shared vision to create the hottest new weekend getaway spot for hard-working Phuketians.

To contact Mr Torsak and find out more about The Valley Phang Nga, go and make friends on Facebook/thevalleyphangnga, which has already had 10,000 "likes" since launching last month. Alternatively, visit www.thevalleyphangnga.com, email: backtonature@thevalleyphangnga.com or call 095-798 3999.

Thai Rung shifts focus toward property market

THAI Rung Union Car has set aside more than 1 billion baht for the development of new property projects in Bangkok and other tourism destinations over the next five years, in line with its long-term strategy of balancing its business portfolio by sharply raising the contribution from real estate.

The listed company, which has operated an auto-parts manufacturing and car-assembly business for nearly 50 years, expects to triple the contribution from property from 10 per cent currently to about 30 per cent during the period.

Thai Rung, which posted 600 million baht in revenue last year, expects flat growth this year due to the slowdown of the domestic auto market, following the expiry of the previous government's first-car scheme.

Wuttichai Phaenchoke, managing director of Sinthoranee Property, the company's real-estate arm that was established seven years ago, said Thai Rung's portfolio was divided into three key areas: auto-parts manufacturing and auto assembly, which contributes 70 per cent of revenue; authorized dealerships of auto-makers Mitsubishi, Isuzu, Ford, Mazda and Lexus, which accounts for another 20 per cent; and property, which makes up the remainder.

"I'm allocating 70 per cent of my time to the development of property projects," said 44-year-old Wuttichai, who is from

the second generation of the Phaenchoke family, which founded Thai Rung in 1967.

The company's current development projects are The Trendy office building on Sukhumvit Soi 13; the Sawaddi Patong, a four-star, 150-room hotel in Phuket; and The Sea Samui, a 30-room boutique villa hotel on Koh Samui.

"We currently have a land bank of more than 500 rai [80 hectares] in four or five major locations, both in Bangkok and other tourism destinations, such as Samui, Phuket and Pattaya. Such plots can be utilized for potential development projects in the future, especially mixed-use buildings, which combine a community mall and housing units, or a condominium and hotel, for instance," he said.

Some 10 new projects will be developed in the next five years, ranging from medium-size projects requiring an average investment of about 100mn baht, to large-scale projects costing around 500mn baht each.

One such project is the 200mn-baht expansion of its Sawaddi Patong property, doubling the number of rooms to 300. This project will be implemented next year, Mr Wuttichai said.

"We are looking to develop new property projects for sale in the next couple of years, moving from our existing projects, which have been developed mainly for rent or leasing, such as hotels and office buildings," he said. — *The Nation*

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Welcoming the end of days



Last Call

By Bill Barnett

SIX feet under is not exactly a novel concept in Thailand, given the journey here into the after-life often resembles an apparition of the annual "Burning Man" rave in the Nevada desert.

It's Monday and the madness of the weekend seems to have seeped under the crack at the bottom of my office door. There is nowhere to hide and nowhere to run. Except perhaps Rawai and no one in their right mind would go looking for me there.

But what's more frightening is the entire notion of the high season looming around the corner. I have to stifle a silent scream and inhale my own personal angst over the painful trip ahead. Yes, a journey to Phuket International Airport suddenly takes on biblical proportions.

Those endless lines of Phuket traffic running from north to south and from east to west make the mere thought of the winter season disconcerting. And

yet, am I going to bite the hand that feeds me?

Paradise is after all for everyone and – despite my seeming indignation for the the holidaying hordes – to think of a winter wonderland void of tourists is a terrible thought. But couldn't they at least be a bit more invisible, or just stay in their rooms? Aircon and cable television are not bad inventions after all.

Yes, us Phuket expats – and I fully lump myself into this lot – are a dissatisfied bunch. When the market drops we strike out in anger and then when things surge, we whinge about the traffic and general chaos.

Is there any middle ground, or do the scales only tilt from feast to famine and back again?

What is very clear is that come October we will hop on a giant water slide and start the hair-raising journey down – living on the edge. But there is light at the end of the tunnel – it's called May.

In the meantime, I have to muster all the karma I have and come to terms with the notion



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There is light at the end of the tunnel of high season – it's called May. Photo: Karora

of patience. Will it be tested? Yes, absolutely.

Still, at the end of the day, pre-season angst remains a traditional rite for us here in Phuket. Like it or

not, we aren't the only ones looking for a little piece of paradise.

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Phuket a foreigner's best choice for a second home

THAILAND remains attractive for hotel investment thanks to a wide range of reasons, while Phuket is likely a foreigner's best choice for a second home, according to property and hospitality experts.

Wichit Na-Ranong, a hotel-sector veteran based in Phuket, said the hotel business on the island would continue to grow, not just because it is a famous tourist destination, but because it has become a multinational community.

"Many foreigners are looking for properties for their second homes. They are considering some other cities like Hong Kong and Singapore, but Phuket is the answer because it is very much cheaper," Mr Wichit said.

He added that foreigners were able to travel directly from Phuket to major destinations such as Hong Kong, Singapore, mainland China, South Korea, the Middle East and Malaysia.

"Apart from Bangkok, Phuket is the only city [in Thailand] that can offer great convenience in air travel and even land connectivity. This will



Wichit Na-Ranong. Photo: Gazette file

help push the growth of the hotel and property businesses," he said.

Andrew Langdon, executive vice president for Jones Lang LaSalle's (JLL) hotels and hospitality group, said the Thai hotel business remained positive and healthy.

Thailand was still one of the most attractive places for hotel investment despite setbacks caused by the coup in May, he said, adding that political problems have eased and a lot of tourists

should return to the Kingdom during the coming high season. Mr Langdon said the average daily room rate at mid and large-scale hotels had grown although occupancy rates had suffered.

"The Koh Samui hotel market is the best-performing hotel trading destination in Thailand this year," he said.

In the first six months of this year, hotel transactions throughout Asia were valued at US\$3 billion (97 bn baht). At this level, it has already exceeded the total amount of transactions by value for all of 2012.

Thai hospitality property funds remained small, with average net asset value of 2.24 bn baht, excluding the Thai Hotel Investment Fund (THIF). The THIF is the largest property fund in Thailand, representing just over half of the total asset value of all hospitality property funds in the country. With the recent establishment of real estate investment trusts (REITs), JLL expects hotel investment activity to increase.

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Colossal disappointment

WHEN I started reading Zia Haider Rahman's *In the Light of What We Know* (Farrar, Strauss and Giroux, New York,

Books

By James Eckardt

End of the Affair, the appeal of Catholicism, the limitations of Islam, English public schools, Bach's Chaconne, the

2014, 497pp), I thought I was in the presence of greatness. The novel's sweeping narrative style recalled Joseph Conrad's. There's even a Conradian narrator, like Captain Marlowe in *Lord Jim*. He is an unnamed investment banker, grandson of a Pakistani tycoon, son of a physicist, born in Princeton, educated at Oxford and a resident of upscale Kensington in London.

One day in 2008, a disheveled, bearded, worse-for-wear traveller turns up at his doorstep. This is Zafar – born in rural Bangladesh, raised in London slums by immigrant parents, but educated in Oxford too, a mathematic prodigy who far outstripped the narrator in talent. They had been friends once but Zafar hasn't been seen since 2002 in Afghanistan. What has happened to him since?

Backed by a trove of notebooks and digital recording devices, Zafar begins to tell his story to his old friend. This promises to be epic: "the story of the breaking of nations, war in the twenty-first century, marriage into the English aristocracy, and the mathematics of love."

It is nothing of the sort. After a single chapter which establishes him as an assistant UN rapporteur in Afghanistan after the fall of the Taliban, Zafar embarks upon digression after digression after digression, highly embellished over the course of 311 pages, as he pontificates endlessly upon memory, free will, class, race, religion, Western imperialism, international finance and higher mathematics.

The rickety scaffolding of a plot becomes thickly festooned with ornate curlicues of scholarly diversions complete with footnotes and four or five chunky epigrams per chapter.

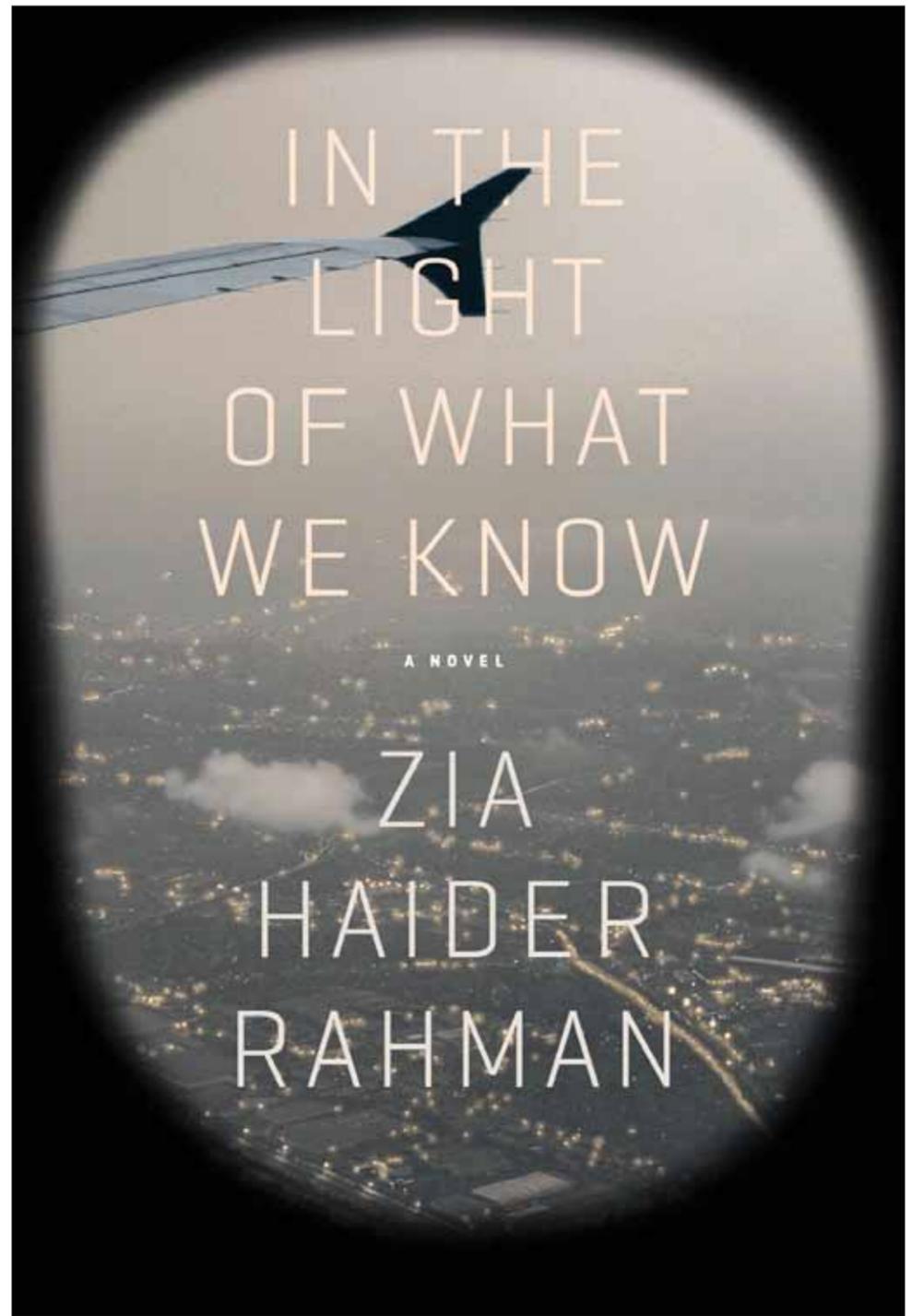
A whole chapter, for example, is devoted to the first sight of the love of Zafar's life. Tall, pale, aristocratic Emily Hampton-Wyvern is the first violinist to arrive at an Oxford chapel for the rehearsal of a string quartet. This prompts Zafar, seated in a pew, to meditate for 18 pages on Graham Greene's *The*

German composer Nathaniel Sandman-Hoffman, the Duchene smile, Brahms's Piano Concerto No 2, and epistemological concerns about personal musical judgment. In the end, all that is revealed is that Emily plays the violin with skill but no feeling.

We don't return to Afghanistan until page 359. Zafar gets in some good licks at the Western aid workers who have flooded into Kabul with the fall of the Taliban: "a band of danger junkies charged up every hour of the day with power, which they could never wield back home in their established democracies." He describes "numberless new arrivals in Kabul, would-be development wonks, skulking about the city waiting for a Western development agency to throw some meat their way, and they, like all hyenas, needed no explanation when the smell was in the air. In those days, where else could anyone want to be?"

In Kabul, too, he is reunited with heedless, untrustworthy, power-hungry Emily Hampton-Wyvern who is also working for the UN. They had lived together in London, but broke up two years earlier and he had gone on to work as a lawyer for an anti-corruption agency in Bangladesh. Now he meets Emily again in the loud, crowded official bar of the UN and meditates: "I hated Emily for the same reasons I loved her; the two feelings sprang from one well... I hated myself, too, for loving her, for loving her for that which I hated about her. It is because of this continuing state of civil war that every act of love by one part of you is an act of betrayal to another part and so it was, it had to be, that I was destroying myself by simply being with her and therefore having to take sides against myself."

Zafar turns blushing aside from how he resolves this conflict. After three months of living in the house of the narrator, he disappears. He never does reveal what he has been doing for the last six years since Afghanistan. And this reader had long stopped caring.



The novel has a promising beginning but turns out to be a huge disappointment. Photo: Gypsyworld

Farewell to Prayat Pongdam, Thailand's prince of prints

A PORTRAIT of National Artist Prayat Pongdam, is on display in front of the gilded coffin presented by His Majesty the King for his funeral this week at Wat Thepsirin in Bangkok.

The painting is by Panya Petchoo, a master of portraits and a lecturer at the Poh Chang Art Institute. He completed it soon after hearing that Prayat had died last Friday from heart failure.

Surviving Prayat, who would have turned 80 on October 28, are his wife and three sons.

The funeral held under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, drew a substantial gathering of friends, relatives, fellow artists and students. It was a virtual "reunion" of alumni from Silpakorn University, where Prayat studied under Silpa Bhirasri, the university's founder and the man regarded as "the father of Thai modern art".

One of the country's pioneer printmakers, Prayat was one of six artists chosen to illustrate His Majesty's book "Mahajanaka". His stylized rooster, owl and mother with child have appeared on postage stamps.

"He never stopped creating art," his daughter-in-law Sumontra Pongdam said. Prayat was just finishing a 2.4-by-two-meter woodblock depicting a lotus and bodhi tree when he died.

"He started on it just a few months ago," his younger son Saksayam told *The Nation*. "It's a huge woodblock depicting a tranquil landscape. He painted over top of it and was in the process of applying gold leaf to some areas."

"He was at work on more than a dozen other things," he added.

The new pieces remain at Prayat's home-studio in Thonburi's Bangkhae district and had

begun already drawing the interest of Thai art collectors. To begin with, at least, they'll be hung at Palazzo Pavone, the museum in the Northeast that his architect son Sayompoo designed.

Prayat was born in 1934 in Sing Buri province and earned his bachelor's degree in visual arts at Silpakorn University in 1957. Five years later he had a diploma from the Accademia di Belle Arti de Roma in Italy and later also accepted an honorary degree from the Accademia delle Arti del Disegno in Florence.

On his return from Europe and until his retirement in the mid-1990s, Prayat taught at Silpakorn, thereafter serving as frequent guest lecturer. His recognition as a National Artist came in 1998, a tribute to his printmaking mastery.

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Direct from Doha

By Somchai Huasalkul

EARLIER this month, Qatar Airways made the announcement that local tourism industry leaders have been waiting on for months: it will launch non-stop daily flights to Phuket International Airport from its Doha hub on October 26.

"The start of non-stop services from Doha to Phuket offers travellers from around the world access to the popular tourist destination in a reduced time, from across our expanding global network," said Qatar Airways Group CEO Akbar Al Baker in a press statement.

The airline currently serves Phuket daily via a linked service through Kuala Lumpur.

Patipat Sawasdee, commercial manager of Qatar Airways in Phuket, said that feedback has been positive in terms of forward bookings inbound, as well as from local tour operators with outbound destinations in Europe.

"We are preparing to issue promotional fares of 30 to 35 per cent below the normal price for a short period to stimulate the market," he said.

The launch of direct flights from Doha will also spell the end of the Phuket-Kuala Lumpur route, which has been so popular with visa runners since its launch in 2010.

"As a way of thanking all those who used the route, we will also be offering very cheap 'run off'. These are still in the pricing process," said Mr Patipat.

There will also be a major press event here in Phuket to coincide with the inaugural inbound flights, he added.

Mr Al Baker said the timing was perfect as the tourism high season is rapidly approaching.



The new non-stop service will facilitate shorter travel times, typically by three hours, for the growing number of tourists to Phuket as well as for those heading out of Thailand.

"With the upcoming winter holidays, this is a great opportunity for travellers from the Middle East, Europe, Africa and the Americas to plan their break with a beach vacation to Phuket. Visitor numbers to Phuket are on the rise and Qatar Airways will look to take advantage of the non-stop connections to the city in the days to come," he said.

The direct flights to Phuket will be operated with an Airbus A330 in a two class-configuration of 24 seats in Business Class and 236 in Economy.

Qatar Airways started operations in Thailand more than 14 years ago with non-stop flights link-

ing Doha to Bangkok. The carrier now serves the Thai capital three times daily and plans to increase that to four times daily starting December 16.

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Europe in particular is a growing visitor market for Phuket with the UK, Russia, Germany, France and Italy among the top five feeder markets. This makes Doha a strategic linking point for long-haul trips, thanks to the opening of the world's newest aviation hub, the state-of-the-art Hamad International Airport.

Passengers travelling from European cities to Phuket can relax, unwind and freshen up in the modern world-class facility before they connect to Phuket.

"A dedicated non-stop Phuket service will help meet the growing demand the airline has for this particular destination," added Mr Al Baker.

"Moreover, Europe is an extremely popular



Patipat Sawasdee, commercial manager of Qatar Airways in Phuket, has been working in the fields of airline sales and marketing for 10 years. He holds a master's degree from Chiang Mai University and took up his current position in Phuket three years ago. Photo: Supplied

destination for a number of Thailand-based locals as well. We are therefore very pleased to be able to continue to offer more options to those looking to travel with us and enjoy our award-winning five-star service."

Qatar Airways, which is the State of

Qatar's national airline, has seen dramatic growth in just 17 years of operation. Its fleet of 135 aircraft now service 144 key business and leisure destinations across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia Pacific, North America and South America.

Now, for something completely different, here is a little quiz to test our esteemed Up In The Air readers' jet-setting, globe-trotting and geography knowledge.

Good luck.

Goal: Match the world-renowned tourist destination with the IATA code of the major international airport that services it.

1. Eiffel Tower	●	●	a. ORY
2. Angkor Wat	●	●	b. ATH
3. Disney World	●	●	c. MCO
4. The Pyramids of Egypt	●	●	d. PHX
5. Acropolis	●	●	e. REP
6. Great Barrier Reef	●	●	f. CDG
7. Versailles	●	●	g. CNS
8. Vegas Strip	●	●	h. LAS
9. Chichen Itza	●	●	i. MID
10. Grand Canyon	●	●	j. CAI

Answers: 1-f, 2-e, 3-c, 4-j, 5-b, 6-g, 7-a, 8-h, 9-i, 10-d

KEY: CDG (Charles de Gaulle Airport); REP (Siem Reap/Angkor); MCO (Orlando International Airport); CAI (Cairo International Airport); (ATH) Eleftherios Venizelos Airport, Athens; (CNS) Cairns International Airport; (ORY) Paris-Orly Airport; (LAS) McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas; (MID) Manuel Crescencio Rejon International Airport; (PHX) Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport

RESULTS: 9-10: First class pass; 7-8: All business; 5-6: Classic coach; 3-4: Fledgling; 1-2: Infrequent flyer; 0: Complete ground slug; come up for air!

Cats purrfect for Phuket

By Chris Husted

ANYONE paying attention to the number of entries in Phuket Raceweek or the King's Cup Regatta in recent years could not have failed to notice the continually rising number of catamarans entered in the events. Cats and other multihulls are on the rise in the Andaman, and Phuket has become their haven.

"They excel in so many areas," explains Andrew de Bruin, who heads the Multihull Solutions office at Boat Lagoon Marina.

"Cats are perfect for Asia. They offer good boat speed in light winds, provide shelter and protection from the sun, and they offer additional space, more stability and comfort..."

"They are a much more pleasant way to spend time afloat. People don't get seasick on them - and, to a point, the more guests on them at the same time the better the experience is."

Leading the charge are the highly-favored sailing catamarans. "Cats are much better performers under sail these days," Andrew notes.

"The sail-area-to-displacement ratio is much better - think of a car's power-to-weight ratio - and so they can get around much quicker powered just by the wind."

Even "power cats" - catamarans powered by engines only - are growing more popular in local waters. "We have a huge range of power cats, and these are prov-

ing very popular," says Andrew.

"The power cat market is growing. Our first new boat sale in Asia was a Fountaine Pajot power cat. The difference with power cats is again their comfort, stability and space, but most of all their exceptional fuel efficiency.

"Newer designs are much better than some initial designs. The early power cats were little more than sail cats with bigger engines and a different deck bolted onto them. Now we have genuine power cat designs, which are semi-displacement vessels. Properly designed, these will cruise at 17-18 knots all day, and hit max speeds of 20-30 knots."

Although Andrew's office in Phuket represents the sole Multihull Solutions franchise for Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Vietnam

and the Philippines, the 40ft Fountaine Pajot Summerland 40 power cat sold is now based at Ao Por Marina in Pa Khlok.

"It is a beautiful boat: three cabins, an excellent flybridge and great deck space, all powered by 2 x 220hp Volvo engines," says Andrew. "As for the design, layout and finishings - it's a Fountaine Pajot, who have over 40 years experience in boatbuilding.

The owner is an avid diver, and catamarans are the ideal platform for diving, notes Andrew. "They don't roll around, which can be dangerous when getting in and out of the water," he says. "The owner made a few minor modifi-



Catamarans are leading the way as the boat of choice for cruising Phuket's waters. Photo: Multihull Solutions

Cats are perfect for Asia. They offer good boat speed in light winds, provide shelter and protection from the sun, and they offer additional space, more stability and comfort...

- Andrew de Bruin, Multihull Solutions

cations to make his boat his perfect, private dive center."

CAT CONVERSION

The promotion of multihulls over monohulls is not mere gush - Andrew himself is a convert, after sailing into the region on a 23-meter sailboat in 1997. He ended up staying in Phuket, working first as a charter skipper, then for 10 years as a broker, before teaming up with Multihull Solutions to open the company's first office in Southeast Asia.

"We see buyers coming from the private ownership sector along with the charter market. With the region being such a haven for charter fleets and all the operators

wanting new boats, we see this as an area of sales growth for us and our brands we represent," explains Andrew.

Multihull Solutions represents several outstanding brands, including Fountaine Pajot (power and sail), Catana, Privilege (power and sail), Tag and NEEL trimarans.

"We find out what our customers are looking for and fit them into the right boat that suits their needs and budget, as opposed to just selling one brand and pushing that brand onto clients whether it suits them or not," Andrew notes.

"Another very large part of the business is pre-owned sales and this is proving to be very popular in this region with more than 70

listings and six sales so far this year. With pre-owned boats, we deal with all brands valued over approximately 150,000 euros."

The future looks bright for Phuket's marine industry, and for multihulls in the region.

From an outside perspective and looking forward, Mark Elkington, managing director of Multihull Solutions in the company's native Australia, noted: "We see Southeast Asia as a huge growth area for multihulls. Phuket, because of its yachting community and the number of vessels based there for recreational use or private charter, made the island the perfect choice for a new office to get a foothold in the Asian market."



Renowned luxury explorer SuRi has made her way to BKK. Photo: Jim Raycroft

Superyacht MY SuRi in Bangkok for refit

THE renowned 63-meter MY SuRi has arrived in Bangkok for a two-month extensive refit with Yacht Solutions at Bangkok Dock.

In the world of superyachts, SuRi is unique. The vessel is one of very few purpose-built luxury exploration yachts in the world.

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gamefisher, an array of jet skis and quad skis, a sailing yacht, five road bikes, two BMW bikes, a 23-foot landing craft and coming soon... a submarine, arriving 2015.

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A volunteer removes netting from a fragile staghorn coral.

Reef cleanup circumvents dive politics

DIVE boat operators of all creeds, and all certification affiliations, banded together last weekend to clean popular Phuket dive sites and beaches ahead of the high season.

Nine boats, including one sport-fishing vessel, piled on about 200 participants and spent the day at various reefs including Anemone Reef, Shark Point, Koh Mai Thon and many others.

About 2,000 kilograms of trash, much of it discarded netting and fishing line was untangled from the corals and taken to the surface.

"We want to create an awareness for everyone who uses the local dive sites to be more environmentally friendly and set a message that dive centers and the dive community can work together on projects for the local community and the environment," explained Andy Auer, PADI Thailand West Coast Regional Manager.

It wasn't just the reefs that received a quick scrub before they were once again showcased to divers from around the world.

"Non-diving volunteers and our staff collected 64 bags of rubbish," Sea Bees Marketing Manager Simone Allene said.

The highlight of the event, however, was not just removing rubbish from the sea, but noting a decline in the amount on the reefs, PADI Instructor Examiner Robert Scammell told the *Gazette*.

— Isaac Stone Simonelli

House reefs: providing junkies their dive fix

Diving

By Isaac Stone Simonelli

MOST of us have only a few precious days a year to get a fix for our diving addictions. Of course, those in the profession spend more days in the water than out of it, but for the rest of us, it comes down to one or two diving holidays a year.

After six months of day dreaming about what you might discover once you splash in (the yet-to-be confirmed presences of pigmy seahorses in Thailand, a Chinese junk buried in the sand or a WWII mini-submarine – it's your imagination, why limit it to manta rays and nudibranchs?), the last thing you want to hear when you wake up for the big day is the thundering sound of Phuket's southwest monsoon.

Though "Green Season" diving along the Andaman coast still offers some fantastic opportunities, the chance of heavy weather is very much a reality, making it all the more important to confirm your hotel has access to a "house reef".

House reefs are rarely the jewel of a diving location. However, sometimes you just want to get wet – who cares about where you do it?

In early September, it wasn't the sound of the rain that woke me, but the wind. The shutters on my villa at Zeavola were shaking... we had a big day of diving planned: seahorse hunting, visiting the sea snake cave and exploring some of the lesser-known dive sites around Phi Phi Don.

Umbrella in hand, I trudged down to the activities center – I should have just called, but there is always the hope that being there in person will somehow change things – to confirm my fears with the activities manager, Jennifer Arbuthnot.



Even a fairly common nudibranch can steal the spotlight when you're in need of a submerged wonder.

No diving.

It was the last day before returning to Phuket, and there was no diving. The water was simply too rough for the longtails and the speedboats.

What could we do? I needed my fix. There are certain withdrawal symptoms divers get, which boil down into two major categories: impulse online shopping for diving gear you simply don't need and "diving" with Google street maps.

Neither was going to be enough. So, Jennifer offered a contingency plan: house reef.

If things cleared up, the house reef, mostly sheltered at this time of the year, could be tackled – we could squeeze in a night dive if we needed to.

The weather broke an hour before sunset – moping about in fear

that there would be no diving was obviously not necessary.

Rolling back off the longtail we splashed into the dark.

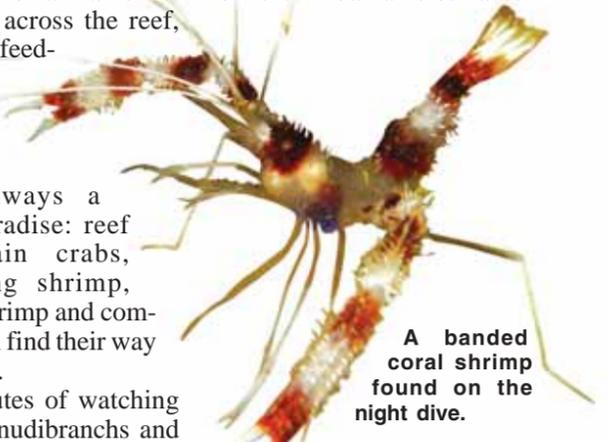
A school of razor shrimp fish bobbed vertically in a large tangle of staghorn corals, a jewelled hermit crab the size of a man's fist worked his way across the reef, ignoring elegant feeding sea feathers and prickly urchins as he went.

Night is always a crustacean's paradise: reef crabs, porcelain crabs, Durban dancing shrimp, striped boxing shrimp and commensal shrimp all find their way into the spotlight.

After 60 minutes of watching the crustaceans, nudibranchs and

others who come out to play at night, I got my fix.

It wasn't a WWII mini-submarine, but it was diving – a world of difference between returning home on a washed out day and once again seeing the wonders below the Andaman's surface.



A banded coral shrimp found on the night dive.

PADI Tec Xplor Day grants access to tech-diving world

ALL divers in Phuket and the surrounding regions are invited to get a taste of the technical diving world with the PADI "Tec Xplor Day" on October 9.

Kiwidiver, Blue Label Diving, Aquamaster and Dive Supply will have rebreathers, sidemounts and twin tank setups available for participants interested in "tech rec".

The technical diving community has a reputation around the world for being inaccessible and intimidating – whether that reputation is

deserved is neither here or there, as this event will open the doors to those who were hesitant to strap



Strap on some tech gear and see how it suits.

on something other than a single tank of air or make the plunge past 40 meters.

"We are holding the event to bring tech diving closer to the general diving community and to dispel many of the common misconceptions about tech diving by providing accurate information and allowing participants to use the equipment during 'try dives'," Andy Auer, PADI Thailand West Coast regional manager, told the *Gazette*.

The event will be held at Kata Big Rock pool and runs from 9am to 4pm. — Isaac Stone Simonelli

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Sinister sweeteners

Excuse Buster
By Craig Burton

I MOVED out of Perth some 20-odd years ago, and apart from short stints back in my hometown I haven't spent much time there since. Every time I do return though, it is incredible to see the changes the town has undergone, like the ever-increasing pace of life and city growth.

Apparently, these changes are nothing compared to Phuket. My well-established local friends have told me that the island has seen dramatic changes in recent years, one of which is the transformation of a lot of rural farm areas to modern, luxurious resorts and Western conveniences.

One change in Phuket that strikes me is the amount of convenience stores that have popped up, filled with people pushing carts packed with fake, processed and sugar-filled foods.

Don't get me wrong, I didn't escape to the island from a bubble in which these items did not exist. These types of foods line the aisles of supermarkets all over Europe and Australia. But here it seems as though sugar is everywhere.

This brings me to what I believe is the number one substance that speeds up the aging process: high fructose corn syrup (HFCS).

HFCS is a modern health plague that has infested our bodies through many processed foods, including: carbonated beverages and other sweetened drinks, baked goods, candies, canned fruits, jams and jellies, crackers, commercial salad dressings and dairy products (with added fruit).

FRANKENSTEIN FOOD

HFCS is an industrial food product, far from any naturally occurring substance. It was invented in 1957 by a pair of researchers named



High fructose corn syrup has found its way into many processed foods, especially sweets. Photo: Elisa Azzali

Marshall and Kooi. These clever scientists developed an enzyme called glucose isomerase, which could rearrange the molecular structure of glucose in corn syrup and convert it into fructose. They soon realized that as more glucose inside corn syrup is converted into fructose, the syrup becomes sweeter and sweeter.

DANGERS OF EXCESS FRUCTOSE

Fructose is a component of all fruits, but it is carefully wrapped in fiber and contains many antioxidants that reduce its damaging effects. Despite fruit's ability to lessen those effects, some overweight people and those who suffer from high uric acid levels must stick to low fructose fruits – like berries and citrus – as they are more sensitive to the substance.

However, fructose intake from fruit doesn't come close to the intake from HFCS, especially in terms of sugar.



Natural honey and stevia are healthier sweetener options. Photos: Lindsey Bieda (left) and Thesupermat

The results of excess dietary fructose intake are not limited to the detrimental effects it has on blood sugar levels, metabolism, lipid profiles or liver health. Excess fructose intake, when combined with amino acids from protein, also encourages the formation of toxic advanced glycation end products (AGEs), which are known to promote aging internally. This can lead to serious diseases, like heart disease and diabetes, along with external changes to the skin.

In addition to the formation of AGEs, excess fructose intake promotes aging by dramatically

increasing insulin levels.

Dr Rosedale, who believes there are few other ways to accelerate aging faster than eating HFCS, claims that the single marker for lifespan, if there is one, would be insulin – specifically, insulin sensitivity.

Eating HFCS (plus excessive amounts of other forms of sugar and processed grains) increases your insulin levels. This is the equivalent of slamming your foot on your aging accelerator.

THE SOLUTION

Like I've said before, my golden rule for diet to remember is: if it hasn't been around for at least 10,000 years, avoid it. Now, I would like to add a clause to that golden rule: if it comes in a packet, stay away.

For all the sweet-tooths out there and for those of us who have to have just a little bit of sugar to take away the bite of our morning coffee, here are my three favorite

– and safe – sweeteners:

1. Stevia: Stevia is an herb and is widely available in Thailand. Studies have shown that Stevia has a negligible effect on blood glucose, with a glycemic index of zero, making it an attractive option for people managing diabetes and metabolic syndromes.

2. Xylitol: Xylitol is derived from hardwoods and corn cobs and has been used as a sweetening agent in food since the 1960s. It is naturally produced in the body during normal metabolic processes. It has the same sweetness as sucrose, but is much healthier. It is an ingredient in chewing gum, gum drops and hard candies. Xylitol is low in calories and does not have an unpleasant aftertaste. An added bonus is that some research has shown it inhibits tooth decay.

3. Raw organic honey: Honey is different from other forms of sugar because it has a number of health benefits. It can help increase memory, diminish signs of aging and reduce stress.

Honey contains a number of health-promoting antioxidants, as well as the vitamins thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, vitamin B-12 and biotin. Along with minerals and amino acids, honey also contains a number of live enzymes that most people don't receive enough of in their day-to-day diets.

If you can replace the foods you eat that have HFCS with healthier options like the ones listed above, you will eliminate at least one substance that could prevent you from looking younger and living longer.

Craig Burton is a nutritional expert with more than 15 years of experience at the forefront of the health and well-being field. He offers a high-level of expertise in functional training and nutrition, focusing on detoxification, food intolerance and nutrient deficiency. For more information about Craig and his services, visit thevitruvianmethod.com





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More than size matters

By Maciek Klimowicz

THIS year's edition of the Phuket Classic bodybuilding competition will see 145 contestants flex their muscles to please the audience.

The event will be held at Central Festival Phuket on October 12, from 11am to 7pm and will see 10 foreigners competing in a separate category.

"The judges will be evaluating the contestants depending on body type, weight and race. What they are looking for are beautiful, symmetrical muscles," explains Wilaiporn Wannaklang, president of the Phuket Bodybuilding Club, which is the event's organizer.

"Not only size matters, but also the shape and general elegance of movements."

According to Ms Wilaiporn, preparing for the competition demands great effort and a lot of sacrifices including a strict diet and many hours spent at the gym. This is something she knows a lot about, having herself won the first place in the 2012 World Bodybuilding & Physique Federation (WBPF) Women Bodybuilding (50kg class), the Championship at the 2010 and 2012 Thailand National Games Women's



It takes a strict diet and many hours spent at the gym for such results.

Bodybuilding Open, the 2012 Siam Classic Women's Bodybuilding Open, and first place in

into," explains Ms Wilaiporn.

She also suggests that the audience keep an eye on some of

the Women's Bodybuilding class at the Mr Thailand competition.

Although the Phuket Classic event is divided into 12 different categories, it is the "Men's Model Physique" that's the most competitive.

"It is the first step in muscle building and it is easier for people to get

into," explains Ms Wilaiporn.

the contestants, including last year's champion Pornpaisan Ruangsang-pen and Pattaya competition winner Rattapol Mookdasanit.

The Phuket Classic is the only event of its nature in Thailand supported by the World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Federation and is set to provide the audience with heaps of motivation for a more healthy, fitness-driven lifestyle as well as numerous opportunities to snap photos of and with the muscular champions.

The Phuket Gazette and PGTV's 'Phuket Today' show, the island's only nationally broadcast television program (aired daily on True Visions channels HD-79 and SD-107), are proud to sponsor this event.

Freedivers go deep in Phuket

American Katie Wierenga was ranked third among the USA female Dynamic No Fins (DNF) athletes after an outstanding performance at the We Freedive Suunto Series in Chalong on Sunday.

Wierenga covered 105 meters underwater in what many believe is the most technically difficult of the eight Association Internationale pour le Développement de l'Apeée (AIDA) freediving disciplines.

Also participating in the event at Phuket Country Home last week was fellow American Walter Johnson. Unlike Wierenga, who flew in from Chiang Mai, Johnson is a Phuket expat.

"Walter did a strong performance freedive of 85m, short of his personal best, but we believe he is now intent on keeping his white card record safe in order to win the overall series prize of new white Suunto D6i computer that will be awarded on the final competition day in December," one of the event judges, AIDA Master Instructor Sarah Whitcher, told the *Gazette*.

Three events remain in the Phuket We Freedive Suunto Series, with the next competition, dynamic with fins, getting underway at Phuket Country Home at 10am on October 26.

Those interested in the sport are invited to join in the pre-event training session on October 25, starting at 3:30pm.

— Isaac Stone Simonelli

Tennis: Warm-up for dummies

MOST of you have probably heard of the popular "Dummies" books series. Here is my "Tennis warm-up for dummies" mini-booklet.

Warming up is something you want to be good at for two reasons: first, because it's good for you; second, because it's nice to be socially accepted by your peers, and nobody likes a bad warm-up partner.

The warm-up is the time for you to get your tennis going, both physically and mentally. You don't want to pull a muscle, but you do want to find your "groove" so that you can start playing well right from the start. While you're trying to get your game going, you have to help your opponent find their rhythm as well. Not an easy task!

The purpose of the warm-up is to hit as many balls as possible in the shortest time.

Most players like to start their warm-up from around the service line. It is just like warming up your body each day. There are not many of us who wake up in the morning and immediately start jogging around the house. Start off your tennis slowly and try to find some rhythm with your practice partner during the mini-tennis time.

Mini-tennis is easy if you know how to do it. Play with a 45-degree open racket face and bump the ball softly. It is imperative that the ball bounce in front of your practice partner. Don't hit it to them or beyond them. Pretend the ball is an egg and don't break it, lots of arc over the net too – your shots should look like mini rainbows.

Believe it or not, the best tennis players often look like they are the worst mini-ten-



Take time to find rhythm and make sure your muscles are loose. Photo: www.fit4tennis.

nis players. They try to hit it back and forth with a 90-degree racket face angle from the service line. This makes the ball go into the net unless you hit it quite hard, the exact thing you don't want to do if you are trying to find rhythm and get warmed up.

For the more advanced players it should be the time for you to warm up your backspin. Open the face, create some spin, bounce it in front of your opponent. In reality, you are hitting counter dropshots back and forth.

Once you have found rhythm with mini-tennis, then it is time to move back to the baseline. From the baseline you should rally slowly, with a full follow through. For many players the full follow-through makes them swing really fast; again, not

conducive to a good warm-up, nor socially acceptable. Start out slow with arc, do your entire swing so you can "feel" your shot. Hit it right to your opponent or practice partner so they can hit it back to you. This should take a good five minutes or so: don't rush! I always hear tennis players say "Okay let's play" after a warm-up of 3 minutes. Give yourself a bit of time to find rhythm and make sure your muscles are loose.

A good warm-up will lead to a good day of tennis.

— Roger Cochrane

Tip by By Thanyapura's Tennis Head Coach, Roger Cochrane. To contact roger send an email to tennis@thanyapura.com

BISP teacher goes for gold in Kitakami, Japan

AS many as 3000 athletes from 19 different Asian countries participated in the 18th Asian Masters Athletics Championships in Kitakami, Japan, among them British International School Phuket primary teacher Michele Hossack.

The championships are held every two years and are the major athletic sporting event for

master athletes in Asia.

This year marks the first time the championships have been opened to non-Asian athletes, and five of them joined in the competition, representing Australia, Russia, Norway, Turkey and the United States.

BISP's Hossack competed in four events, the maximum number allowed, and achieved one first place

and three second places. However, as no medals were presented to non-Asian athletes, Michele had to make do with a certificate recording her time in each event.

Hossack broke the championship record in the 300m hurdles and very narrowly lost the 80m hurdles by 0.02 of a second to the top Japanese hurdler.

The championships saw many seniors competing with the oldest athlete of 104 years and many more in their 70s, 80s and 90s.

The city of Kitakami turned out in force to cheer on the athletes, and the local school children had been busy for weeks hand painting flags welcoming all thenations participating.

— Phuket Gazette



Hossack on the podium. Photo: Supplied

Doping Malaysian loses Games gold

By Julian Linden

THE banning of a Malaysian martial arts gold medallist for a doping offense overshadowed rare victories for Saudi Arabia and Singapore at the Asian Games on Tuesday.

Tai Chau Xuen was stripped of the gold she won in wushu and kicked out of the Games after testing positive for sibutramine, a banned stimulant often found in weight-loss pills.

The 22-year-old Tai became the third competitor in the last week to be expelled from the Asian Games for drugs but the first medalist.

There was no immediate reaction from her or Malaysian team officials but the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) released a statement confirming the positive test and the automatic sanctions.

"After due process according to the rules and procedures of the OCA, it has been determined that the above finding constitutes an anti-doping rules violation," the statement read.

Tai's expulsion took the gloss off of a rare triumphant day for Saudi Arabia and Singapore, who each collected gold on another day when the Chinese sporting machine continued to rumble on.

Saudi Arabia – which was heavily criticized by human

rights groups for excluding women from its team – claimed just its second gold in Incheon when Abdullah Waleed Al Sharbatly won the equestrian individual jumping event.

Al Sharbatly finished level with Japan's Satoshi Hirao after both had successive clear rounds. In the jump-off, Al Sharbatly had another clear round and got the gold when Hirao dropped a bar and incurred a penalty.

"It's a great feeling to win a medal. There's nothing better than winning the gold," said Al Sharbatly, who won a bronze medal in the team event at the 2012 London Olympics.

"I was expecting the jump-off after seeing the second round. They made the course a bit bigger than other competitions."

SINGAPORE DELIGHT

Singapore also picked up its second gold in Incheon with victory in the women's bowling team of five event.

Shayna Ng, who reeled off six strikes in a row, joined Cherie Tan, Daphne Tan, New Hui Fen and Jazreel Tan for a winning total of 6,119 pins.

South Korea finished with the silver medal in the team event but won the individual title through



Tai Chau Xuen from Malaysia (center) was stripped of her 27th SEA Games Gold Medal in wushu. Photo: Reuters

Lee Na-young.

"I'm very happy with that," she said. "But I feel sorry that we couldn't get the gold in team of five."

The host-nation also won two golds in soft tennis – which has a different scoring system and uses softer balls than regular tennis – with Kim Hyeong-jun winning the men's singles title and Kim Bomi taking out the women's singles.

Most of the other medals de-

cidated early on Tuesday were won by China, which took its already insurmountable medal haul to 250, including 118 golds, with four-and-a-half days of competition still to go.

As expected, China completed a sweep of the synchronized diving events by winning the men's 3-meter springboard and women's 10-meter platform finals.

China also won the women's team table tennis title and both

cross-country mountain bike races, Wang Zhen pedalling to victory in the men's and Shi Qinglan in the women's.

Qiang Wang of China won the women's tennis singles title, beating Luksika Kumkhum of Thailand 6-3 7-6 (7-5) while Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka upset top seed Lu Yen-hsun of Taiwan 6-2 6-2 in the men's gold medal match.

– Reuters

Sturridge won't be fit for England

LIVERPOOL striker Daniel Sturridge won't be fit to play in England's Euro 2016 qualifiers against San Marino and Estonia according to his club manager Brendan Rodgers.

He has not played since August due to a groin problem suffered in an England training session, which prompted an angry Rodgers to say the injury "could have been prevented".

Sturridge did not travel to Switzerland for Wednesday's Champions League Group B game at Basel and is doubtful for the next Premier League game at home to West Bromwich Albion.

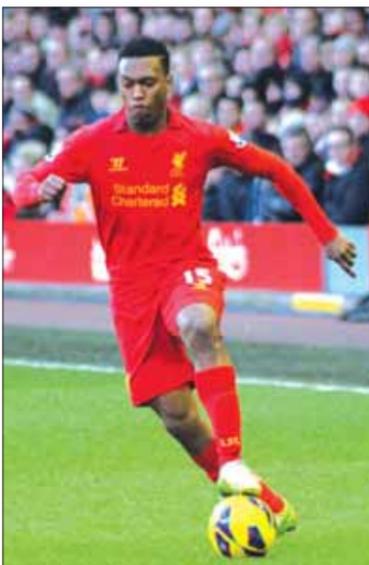
However, Rodgers was quoted by British media as saying: "Whether he is available for West Brom or not, he won't be fit."

"If you are talking about a player's availability for England they need to be fit to play and Daniel will not be fit to play."

"It's something we have stressed. My focus is on protecting Liverpool players and, at this moment, my focus is on getting him fit for Liverpool."

England host San Marino at Wembley next Thursday and travel to Estonia the following Sunday.

Liverpool French defender Mamadou Sakho is also set for a spell on the sidelines after suffer-



Daniel Sturridge. Photo: Reuters

ing a thigh injury.

"His injury came in a training session. It's unfortunate – he's just felt a pain in his thigh," Rodgers said.

"He went and had a scan on it which showed he's got a slight tear in there, which will be probably two to three weeks."

The center back also faces possible disciplinary action from the Merseyside club after he walked out of Anfield before the derby against Everton when he found out he was not in the matchday squad. He later apologized on Twitter.

– Reuters



From a little island come big dreams

By Natthaphol Wittayarungrote

PHUKET native Nitchaon "Nat" Jindapol has worked hard, and it has paid off, resulting in her standing as one of the top female badminton players in the world.

The 23-year-old began playing when she was eight years old and quickly fell in the love with the highly popular sport in Asia.

"I've been watching the Asian Games and Olympics since I was young. I looked up to those players who represented Thailand and they made me want to be part of the team. I wanted to represent Thailand," said Nitchaon.

"To be a good badminton player, first of all you have to put heart

into it, making sure that no one forces you to play."

Nitchaon knows gives advice from experience. Years of self-motivated hard work and dedication culminated in her being selected to compete in the Uber Cup Asia Zone qualifier in 2010 held in Nakhon Ratchasima – her inaugural professional appearance.

From there, she has fought her way closer to the top, attaining the glory of being the 12th ranked female badminton player in the world.

Her most coveted accomplishment so far is the Champion of Siputa Challenge 2012, which was held in Vietnam the day before her birthday.

"It was the best birthday gift I

could have hoped for, and I worked very hard to get it," she said.

With 12 championship medals to her credit, her next goal is to make it into the 2016 Summer Olympic Games to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

"To make it onto an Olympic team is my goal now. From now on, I have to work very hard to improve my performance in every upcoming competition to raise my ranking," she said.

Nitchaon has vowed to find and harness the strength within and pour her heart and soul into achieving her dreams.

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