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Spinal surgery for victim in boat accident

ONE of the 35 tourists injured after a speedboat crashed into a fishing trawler was forced to undergo spinal surgery at Bangkok Hospital Phuket this week.

Ali Bouzgarrou, 67, was the last victim of the speedboat accident to be moved from the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of the OrBorJor Hospital.

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Man, 70, fights off teen attack on dark road

FRENCH national David Estermann fought off two Phuket teens after they attempted to rob his female companion at knife-point.

The men forced Mr Estermann and his friend, who were riding a motorbike, to a stop on a dark road in Rawai.

Police have arrested one of the two men and have identified the other.

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Hard line taken on sex toys at phallic shrine

KRABI officials have removed a plastic sex toy from a sacred cave where locals believe putting wooden *Palad khik* penis carvings will evoke the spirit of "Phra Nang" and ensure that a person finds true love.

Officials suspect that a tourist who doesn't understand the belief system left the large dildo at the shrine.

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Billion-baht pyramid scheme magnate caught after temple donation

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

A CHINESE man who donated 34 million baht to a Phuket temple in July has been arrested along with two other Chinese nationals for their roles in a pyramid scheme that reportedly duped people out of a total of 9 billion baht in China and Malaysia.

In making the arrests, police seized cash and assets valued at more than 240mn baht, including at least 11 land titles for properties in Phuket.

Zhang Jian, 37, and Wang Wenfang, 29, were arrested at a condo in Bangkok on Monday, while immigration police in Phuket arrested Geng Lian Bao at a home in the Land & Houses Park residential estate in Chalong the same day.

In the Bangkok arrests, police seized cash in various currencies worth nearly 1mn baht, five Phuket land sale contracts worth 22.3mn baht, two Phuket land title deeds, Ms Wang's bank account holdings and the suspects' fake Thai ID cards.

While arresting Mr Geng in Phuket, police seized 5mn baht cash in various currencies, nine land title deeds worth 200mn...

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Teen claims self-defence in beach clash with American

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

A PHUKET teenager has claimed that he hit an American on the head with a piece of wood on Karon Beach on October 25 in self-defence.

CCTV cameras captured images of Kitti Keeratiwattananusat, 18, in the area at the estimated time of the attack, making him a prime suspect.

Police asked Kata-Karon Sub-district Chief (Kamnan) Winai Chidchiew to talk to the teen's parents, who convinced Mr Kitti to surrender to the Karon Police on Monday.

"I was fishing with a relative at Nong Harn, when I saw the foreigner trying to get his bike out of the sand, but it was stuck," Mr Kitti said.

"I went to help him, but he was drunk and hit me. He then grabbed a piece of wood and came at me. So I kicked him in the arm, took the piece of wood and hit him once on the head."

Mr Kitti explained that he walked away from American Jonathan Mark Lemley, 28, convinced that he wasn't seriously injured.

Joggers found Mr Lemley unconscious on the sand with head injuries.

Mr Lemley was taken to



Phuket Provincial Commander Patchara Boonyasit (left) watches Mr Kitti re-enact the incident Tuesday morning.

Vachira Phuket Hospital.

"We will question him after he has recovered," Phuket Provincial Police Commander Patchara Boonyasit said.

Mr Kitti was charged for assault causing grievous bodily harm.

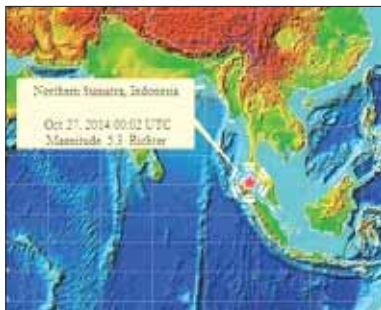
Police had Mr Kitti re-enact the incident on Tuesday morning.

Quake off Sumatra posed no tsunami threat to Phuket

AN EARTHQUAKE off northern Sumatra on Monday morning measuring 5.3 in magnitude posed no threat of a tsunami in Phuket, Group Captain Somsak Khaosuwan, director of the National Disaster Warning Center, confirmed.

"There is no need for people in Phuket to panic. The earthquake in Indonesia at 7:02am will not result in a tsunami here," he told the *Gazette*.

"The earthquake was carefully monitored and there are no indications that a tsunami has occurred. We will continue to follow developments and provide any necessary updates."



The earthquake struck off northern Sumatra, but was felt in Phuket.

Monday morning's earthquake occurred in the same tectonically-active region as the 9.1-magnitude quake that triggered the devastating 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

— Chutharat Plerin

Driver not charged in Patong hill death

THE bus driver who ran over a teen that fell from his motorbike on Patong Hill last week will face no charges, police confirmed to the *Gazette* on Wednesday.

CCTV footage showed Natthapol Ritthipan, 17, falling from his bike on the wet road while descending into Patong last Thursday.

"The bus, coming up the hill from Patong, couldn't avoid him and ran him over – killing him instantly," said Lt Col Pratuang Polmana of the Patong Police.

"The bus driver will not be charged, as the accident was not his fault."

Police declined to name the driver, again citing that he was not at fault for the accident.



Natthapol Ritthipan, 17, was run over after he fell from his motorbike on the notoriously dangerous Patong hill. Photo: Patong Police

Col Pratuang cautioned all motorists to be careful on the notoriously dangerous hill, especially when it rains.

"It's even worse when hill roads, like the one over Patong Hill, are wet," he said.

— Chutharat Plerin



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Frenchman fights off armed bag snatchers

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

A 70-YEAR-OLD French national fought off a pair of teens attempting to rob his female companion at knife-point in Phuket on October 23.

David Estermann and his friend, Aurelie Allain-Lebreton, were driving along Soi Suksan 2, a poorly lit road in Rawai, when they were forced to a stop by the two teens.

"They stopped their bike in front of us. One of them pointed the knife at Aurelie and tried to take her purse," Mr Estermann said. "But I fought him off and knocked him down."

"Then the other boy attacked me in an attempt to help his friend, but I was able to handle him too."

With Ms Allain-Lebreton screaming for help, the teen abandoned his friend and fled the scene on his motorbike. Mr Estermann suffered minor injuries to his left ear and hand during the fight.

"Mr Estermann called his friend who lives nearby and knows where I live. His friend came running to my house to inform me about what happened," Sen Sgt Maj Jittakorn Chimmate of the Chalong Police said.

Police were able to identify the teen who fled as a Phuket Town resident. The other teen was arrested at the scene.

"We went to his house [on the



David Estermann, 70, received minor injuries during the fight with the Phuket teens.

morning of October 24], but we didn't find him," Capt Kaisorn Boonprasop of the Chalong Police told the *Gazette*. "We will continue to hunt him until he faces justice."

Both teens will face charges for the armed robbery.

A similar bag-snatch attempt in 2012 – in which Australian travel agent Michelle Smith attempted to

protect her property – had a very different outcome. Ms Smith was fatally wounded and the two men were given life sentences. After the slaying, police warned tourists about the dangers of fighting back.

Earlier this year, three youths ambushed a British national and his wife as they slowed their motorbike at a speed bump in northern

Phuket. The motive for the attack was never substantiated.

The attack in September, as well as the gruesome murder of two British backpackers in Koh Tao, drove the *Gazette's* most recent reader poll, which asks: "Do you feel safe on the streets of Phuket after dark?"

To have your say in the poll, vote online.



About 25 people who came in contact with the body were put under medical surveillance.

Doctors say dead British man clear of Ebola virus

LABORATORY tests on the body of British national Martin Clark, 68, who was found dead in his Phuket condo on October 23 after returning from Nigeria, showed no signs of the deadly Ebola virus.

Dr Thiravat Hemachudha, director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training on Viral Zoonoses, said that separate tissue tests by German and Chinese equipment confirmed the results.

But the results are still in doubt as WHO's standards require a test of the suspect's blood, Dr Thiravat added.

"The foreigner was dead for a few days [before his body was found] so we are not sure about the results. I will consult with the Disease Control Department and virology experts on the matter," he said.

Mr Clark arrived in Phuket from Lagos early this month and was not identified by health officials at the airport as suspected of being infected with Ebola.

Mr Clark was visiting Nigeria after it had already been declared "Ebola free" for more than a month, said PPHO chief Kajohnsak Kaewjarus.

However, at least 25 people who inspected or assisted in moving Mr Clark's body have been placed under observation.

The 25 people on the list include Kusoldharm rescue workers, police officers, hospital staffers and members of the press.

– Kritsada Mueanhawong

Public urged not to panic over terrorist watch

A SECURITY official has urged the public not to panic after it was announced that Phuket police were on high alert due to an international terrorist who might be trying to enter Southern Thailand.

"I received an alert last night from officials who are hunting Indian national Jagtar Singh Hawara, and forwarded it to officers at my base," Deputy Secretary General Jatuporn Klampasut of the Internal Security Operations Command (ISOC) Region 4 told the

Gazette on Monday.

"I never meant to make anyone panic. We are only keeping an eye out for him, as he was last seen near the border of Thailand and Malaysia."

"It is believed that he may attempt to enter the country via Sungai Kolok, Narathiwat, and then make his way to Pakistan."

Mr Hawara was charged and incarcerated for his involvement in the assassination of former Punjab Chief Minister Beant

Singh in 1995, reported India's *The Tribune*. He and two others escaped from prison in Burail, India, in 2004.

The Thai court has already issued a warrant for Mr Hawara's arrest in the case that he does enter the Kingdom.

"If we find Mr Hawara, our officers will arrest him immediately," Col Jatuporn said.

"Please do not panic. We are watching carefully."

– Chutharat Plerin



Jagtar Singh Hawara. Photo: Supplied



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Phuket beaches ready for high season, says top brass

THE island's beaches are ready for the incoming high season, top-ranking Phuket-based officials announced on October 22.

"We are confident that we have nice, beautiful beaches to which we can welcome tourists from all over the world," said Sayan Prasongsamrej, commander of the Royal Thai Navy Third Area Command.

However, Vice Admiral Sayan noted that the beach battle has not yet been won, and that officials would continue the fight to reclaim public land.

"Authorities have taken care of much of the illegal encroachment on the island. Many of the suspects who had built illegal structures on public land are now being tried by the courts," he said.

"We have been working hard to return the beaches to the public."

Officials planned to meet on October 30 to discuss the situation regarding beach vendors, added V/Adm Sayan.

In addition to the beaches being ready, Phuket's police force



The island's beaches have been cleared of beach chairs. Photo: Gazette file

is confident that it too is prepared for the high season.

"Phuket has a police force that will do its best to take excellent care of tourists, so they can have a great time on their holidays," said Phuket Provincial Police

Commander Patchara Boonyasit.

"We are in the process of ridding the island of illegal taxis. We are continually cracking down on them, and will do so until they no longer exist."

— Chutharat Plerin

Nature

THE protective nature of a tiger at Phuket's Tiger Kingdom was blamed for the mauling of Australian tourist Paul Goodie on October 22.
The Gazette's Chutharat Plerin reports.

TIGER Kingdom staff have pointed to the protective nature of a tiger toward its trainer as the cause of the attack.

"We believe the tiger was trying to protect our staffer, so it bit Mr Goodie. Notice that it attacked him instead of the staffer, who was standing closer to the tiger's head," Tanawin Boonpang, Phuket's Tiger Kingdom supervisor, told the *Gazette* in an exclusive interview.

Mr Goodie, 49, was mauled by the tiger after he entered its cage to have his photograph taken with the animal.

"We sat with two tigers, not a problem, as we moved around we sat with another tiger. My brother-in-law was taking a few pictures. And just as we proceeded to leave, I stood up, and the tiger turned and just decided to have a go. And just took a nice chunk out of one leg, and had a go at the other leg, had a go at the stomach," Mr Goodie said from his Phuket International Hospital bed after receiving stitches for the bite wounds.

Tiger Kingdom has covered all of Mr Goodie's medical expenses.

"The staff and everything was just fantastic, they were there straight away trying to get the tiger off me. It was really good," he said.

Mr Goodie came to the facility with family members, choosing a package that allowed them to be photographed with three different sizes of tigers: very small, small and medium.

"At the third tiger cage – the one with the medium-sized one – two people in his group had already finished taking pictures with the tiger, as had Mr Goodie. However, when he was getting up, it looked like he was about to fall. Our staffer, who is supposed to stand at the head of the tiger, quickly moved to support Mr Goodie – he was afraid Mr Goodie might fall on the tiger," explained Mr Tanawin, who was near the cage at the

time. "It seems like the tiger believed Mr Goodie was attacking the staffer."

Staff quickly broke Mr Goodie free from the tiger and isolated the big cat to ensure that it didn't attack again. First aid was provided on-site as staff waited for an ambulance to arrive.

"I certainly bear no grudges to the tiger or to Tiger Kingdom because, as I said, the staff, management, everyone has been absolutely brilliant, and the hospital has been fantastic," Mr Goodie said.

The tiger is no longer available to the public, and will be retired, confirmed Mr Tanawin.

SAFETY

"It really was an accident; it could have happened at any tiger park in the world. We saved our customer and quickly had the situation under control," Mr Tanawin said.

Four times a year, Tiger Kingdom staff are trained in handling emergency situations at the facility.

"They know what to do if a tiger escapes or if it attacks a person. Their fast action on Wednesday is a tribute to this," Mr Tanawin said.

Tiger Kingdom remains open from 9am to 6pm. Though no changes have been made in its safety protocol as of yet, the com-

pany is considering changing its policy on allowing customers to enter cages.

"We have done our best to ensure the safety of our customers. We usually have one staffer beside each tiger when a customer enters a cage. However, we will consider having more staff working with a single tiger if a customer is elderly or overweight – this way we can better support them," Mr Tanawin said.

WARNINGS

When customers arrive at Tiger Kingdom, they are given the opportunity to go inside a tiger's cage to be filmed or photographed.

"If they want to go inside, we have them read and sign an agreement stating that they understand that there is a risk. We also provide insurance. Then, our staff explain



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— Tanawin Boonpang, Phuket's Tiger Kingdom

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what is allowed and not allowed,” Mr Tanawin said.

Warning signs and reminders for proper conduct when dealing with a tiger are posted at the facility’s entrance and on every cage.

“There is a notification when you walk in on how to approach the tiger, no running, and information like that... and to always listen to the instructor,” Mr Goudie recalled.

The signs have pictures and are in English.

BREEDING

Tiger Kingdom breeds and raises its own tigers with the permission of the Bureau of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP), Mr Tanawin explained.

The facility has 46 tigers, but only 28 are currently on show for customers.

“The tigers are raised by people from when they are just a cub. We are sure that they are close to people and not aggressive,” Mr Tanawin said.

“When they are first born, we separate them from their mothers and feed them by hand. Then, when they are two months old, they start to meet more people so they can develop a close bond with us and think of us as friends.”

Tigers more than three years old are retired to a 200-rai property in Chaing Mai, Mr Tanawin



Business continued as usual the day after the tiger mauling at Phuket’s Tiger Kingdom; however, the offending tiger was isolated. Photo: Supplied

explained.

“If they are older than that, they are not as safe for humans to be around. However, we take care of them for the rest of their lives,” he said.

Tiger Kingdom is in the process of securing three Royal White Bengal Tigers for the park.

“We expect them to arrive by the end of the year. It takes some

time, because we do everything legally under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

COMING BACK

Mr Tanawin is encouraged that Mr Goudie is planning to return to the facility.

“I am very happy that he wants to come back and visit again. We are very comfortable with our safety precautions and would like everyone to have the opportunity to see these big cats,” Mr Tanawin said.

“They really are like cats – they play, they sleep. Some people say that we use drugs to control them, but that is simply not true.”

Though he is still waiting for his wounds to heal, Mr Goudie confirmed that he would like to return – but maybe to just observe from outside the cages this time.

“I certainly would like to go back there again at some stage, maybe not for photos, maybe just look through the cage. It might cost me my marriage if I try to go in there a second time,” he said.



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Myanmar nationals robbed of B30k by knife-wielding pair



The thieves struck in front of a SuperCheap and fled by motorbike.

POLICE are hunting a pair of armed robbers who stole 30,000 baht from two Myanmar nationals in Phuket on Wednesday afternoon.

Ye Su Or, 21, and Priew, 17, were walking into a SuperCheap when two men drove up on a motorbike and demanded the money at knifepoint.

"The couple had a lot of cash so that they could buy items from the SuperCheap and resell them at their workers' camp," Capt Pichai Wattanawalan of the Thalang Police said.

The robbers quickly fled the scene.

"We are checking CCTV in the area to see if we can spot the men and track them down," Capt Pichai said.

— **Thawit Bilabdullar**

Uninvited sex toy found disguised in sacred cave

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

KRABI officials removed a large, pink faded sex toy from a sacred cave Tuesday morning, after it was found mixed with traditional carved wooden phalluses.

The offending item, discovered in Phra Nang Cave, started local tongues wagging when a photo of it residing in the cave appeared on a foreign website.

"We believe it was left there by a tourist who doesn't really understand local beliefs," Komart Paenkerd of the Krabi Provincial Cultural Office told the *Gazette*.

"Since antiquity, it is believed by locals that putting wooden *Palad khik* penis carvings in the cave will evoke the spirit of 'Phra Nang' and ensure that you find true love.

"I would like to inform tourists

that sex toys are inappropriate as an offering. Locals worship the spirit of Phra Nang with hardwood only."

So far, only one unacceptable penis has been exposed.

"We have checked the cave and found only one offensive item. This penis was made of silicon," a Railay Beach guard informed the *Gazette*.

However, Krabi officials remain convinced that the appearance of the silicon soother was an innocent mistake.

"Some locals feel upset by this, but we believe it was a misunderstanding on the part of the person who left it there," Tourism Authority of Thailand Krabi Director Wiyada Srirangkul told the *Gazette*.

"Krabi tourism, though, is doing fine. We do not expect any serious repercussions from this

/ We do not expect any serious repercussions from this incident. /



The imposter phallus was removed from among the wooden offerings.

incident."

Ms Wiyada asked tourists to help keep a look out for those who might stick inappropriate phalluses in the wrong places.

"Please let our officers know

if you see something strange. We have also informed our local officers and locals to be vigilant – we don't want this kind of misunderstanding to happen in the future," she explained.

Juvenile croc caught harassing man's dog



Kusoldharm Foundation rescue workers were called in to capture the trouble-making crocodile and deliver it to the Phuket Fisheries Office.

A PHUKET resident was given a fright when he discovered a meter-long juvenile crocodile riling his dog in his garden Monday night.

Kusoldharm Foundation rescue workers were called to Soi Hachananiwetate, behind the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (*OrBorJor*) Hospital, at 7:30pm to deal with the troublesome reptile.

"A resident there told us his dog wouldn't stop barking. When he went to investigate he was shocked to find the baby crocodile about to attack his pet," Kusoldharm Foundation rescue worker Watchara Srikacha told the *Gazette*.

Rescue workers searched the area for more crocodiles to make sure the baby reptile's mother was not hiding nearby.

"We are concerned that the mother might have laid her eggs in a nest in the mangrove swamp behind the house," said Mr Watchara.

"If she is still in the area it could be very dangerous for local residents."

The Kusoldharm Foundation will hand over the baby croc to the Phuket Fisheries Office.

"We will continue to search the area to make sure no other crocs are hiding close to residential properties," Mr Watchara said.

— **Thawit Bilabdullar**



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Pyramid scheme

Police bust billion-baht fraud boss hiding in Phuket

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...baht, gold ornaments worth 2.2mn baht and three cars, as well as his fake Thai ID card.

Four of the deeds were for houses in Rawai and two were for hillside houses in Phuket Town.

Mr Geng was flown to Bangkok, where he and his compatriots were presented to the press on Tuesday at a conference led by national police chief Gen Somyot Pumpunmuang.

The three were wanted by Chinese and Malaysian authorities for defrauding billions of baht from "members" of a pyramid scheme branded as the multi-level marketing company YSLM, Gen Somyot explained.

Mr Zhang, founder of YSLM, had become well known as the self-branded "World's Future Richest Man" as depicted on billboards advertising his "marketing" company.

After the press conference, all three suspects were escorted to Phuket, arriving on the island at about 4:50pm. They were then led to a villa in Rawai belonging to Mr Zhang in order to open a safe kept in the house.

However, officers found little in the safe.

"There were not many items of value, just a small amount of gold. We believe that someone is holding cash for him in Bangkok," Col Saman Chainarong of the Region 8 Police said.

About 100,000 victims in China lost about 1.3 billion yuan (6bn baht) to the scheme, and a further 80,000 victims in Malaysia lost about 300 million ringgit (3bn



Mr Zhang (left) stands in Phuket International Airport next to a promotional poster of himself.

baht), Col Saman explained.

"The three fled to Thailand and used fake Thai ID cards," he said.

Mr Zhang, who also went by the name Song Miqiu, was known in Phuket as Supachai Rujjathon, the name on his fake Thai ID card. Likewise, Mr Geng went by the name Surin Sophonsuksan and Ms Wang was known as Pachuachio Saeyang.

Raids on other homes in Rawai owned by Mr Zhang uncovered three other Chinese nationals, as well as four Sri Lankans hired to guard the suspects and their properties.

The Sri Lankans – Hewa Hakuru, Herath Mudiyanse, Dhanushike Srimal, Ravindra Lingeswaran and Jayatunga

Arachchilage – were hired as bodyguards to protect the suspects during meetings with business associates, reported Phuket Immigration chief Sunchai Chokkajaykij.

"Although police have no evidence against them for any involvement in the business scheme, we revoked their visas as they were not here as tourists," he said.

Of the three Chinese nationals taken into custody – Liu Haijun, Lu Cunhua and Liu Guijun – Mr Lu and Mrs Liu Guijun have been charged with overstaying their tourist visas.

"They all will be deported," Col Sunchai said.

It was Mr Zhang's 34mn-baht

donation to a Phuket temple that led to his downfall, Col Saman explained.

"In July, Mr Zhang became a monk for a few days at Charoen Samanakij temple, which is also known as Wat Lang San as it is located behind Phuket Provincial Court," he said.

"He popped up on our radar after he donated 34 million baht to the temple. We investigated his property holdings in Phuket, and suspected they were bought with laundered money."

"We will charge them with presenting false documents to officials and using fake ID cards. Then we will hand them over to Chinese authorities."

Additional reporting by The Nation



The live M67 hand grenade was discovered by a local villager washed up in a bucket and wrapped in tape. Photo: EOD Phuket

Villagers find live grenade on the beach

A LIVE M67 hand grenade was found on Panwa Beach Tuesday morning.

Experts from Phuket's Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) unit promptly removed the war weapon from the sand and moved it to a secure location.

"We were informed about the grenade after it was found by a villager near Soi Ruamjai at about 11:30am," Lt Prachpong Keawkamjan, head of the Phuket EOD, told the *Gazette*.

No one was injured by the weapon upon discovery.

"Luckily the man who found the grenade did not mess with it," said Lt Prachpong.

The grenade was bound with tape and inside a plastic container.

"We believe it may have been discarded by fishermen, who taped it up and set it afloat in the bucket so it would not be on the boat, and it washed ashore in the bucket, or it could have been placed there by someone in the village. We are still investigating this," said Lt Prachpong.

– Chutharat Plerin



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The three Russians were arrested.

Russians busted for plundering bottles of booze

THREE Russians are sitting in Phuket Provincial Prison after a second attempt at stealing booze from a Family Mart this month.

Evgeny Balashov, 31; Nikolay Chuvilyaev, 30; and Vadim Afanasev, 31, were caught on CCTV stealing five bottles of liquor on October 1.

However, it wasn't until they returned on October 23 and attempted to steal a bottle of vodka and two bottles of tequila that they were apprehended by police.

"The men confessed to stealing the alcohol after we arrested them and showed them the CCTV footage," said Col Sutthichai Tianpho of the Patong Police.

The men face charges of theft and receiving stolen property.

— **Thawit Bilabdullar**

Ancient relics found in Krabi

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

MORE THAN 200 ancient artifacts were discovered by chance, scattered on the floor of a cave in Krabi province, across Phang Nga Bay from Phuket, on October 25.

Found by a local man in Kuan Wei Dang Cave in Khlong Thom district, south of Krabi Town, the pieces included ancient ceramics, axeheads and stone tools, thought to be more than 3,500 years old.

They were handed over to the Pru Din Na Tambon Administration Organization (*OrBorTor*) in Khlong Thom for investigation.

"There are many different ceramic pieces and some ancient stoneware with cutting edges, including a two to five-inch-long stone hatchet," said Lerthai Jullangkool, chief administrator of Pru Din Na *OrBorTor*.

"We believe the pieces could date back to 1500BC," he said, adding that only two years ago pieces of pottery and some ancient animal bones were found in Krabi.

"These artifacts are proof that there were communities of people living in this area and that they already had the skills to create



The ancient artifacts were found by a local man in Krabi and are thought to be more than 3,500 years old.

tools and weapons for hunting."

As recently as August this year, ancient human bones were unearthed along with clay pots, believed to be up to 5,000 years old, in the Khao Na Wang Mi area, north of Krabi Town.

The 15th regional office of the Fine Arts Department was set to

arrive at the local *OrBorTor* on Tuesday to clean the relics and register them as pieces of historical importance.

"We hope these pieces will lead to more finds and reveal more information about the lives of people in this ancient community," said Mr Lerthai.

Term Jansongsang, Pru Din Na *OrBorTor* president, said plans were underway to create a museum to display ancient relics found in the area.

"It would be another learning place for local students and other people wanting to know about this region's ancient history," he said.

Golfers tee up for world record golf cart journey

GOLFERS Graham Haslam and Mark Cameron are preparing to set a world record by driving an electric golf cart from Pattaya to Phuket to raise funds for local children's education charity Phuket Has Been Good To Us.

"The journey... will take approximately 24 days, travelling 1,200 kilometers through nine provinces," said Mr Haslam.

The intrepid cart drivers will raise funds by stopping to play some of Thailand's most famous golf courses. The final round will be played at Laguna Phuket.

The trek will conclude with a gala fund-raising event at the Hard Rock Cafe in Patong, where the drive will be recognized by Guinness World Records as a new world record, and the golf cart will



The record go-getters and cart.

be auctioned off to raise funds for the charity.

All proceeds will go to Phuket Has Been Good To Us, a Thai-registered charity established in the aftermath of the 2004 tsunami.

For information on how to become a sponsor, please email graham@phukethasbeengoodtous.org.

— **Phuket Gazette**

Rihanna, Beyonce, Michael Jackson clones coming soon

TRIPLE Tribute, direct from London, will arrive on the fair shores of Phuket to pay homage to the infectious music of Beyonce, Michael Jackson and Rihanna at Laguna on November 15.

"Sasha Fierce", a tribute to Beyonce, will be an up-tempo spectacular, performed by a selection of talented singers.

Next up is "Good Girl Gone Bad", a spectacular tribute to Rihanna. The high-energy set will include all her chart-topping hits.

However, the show stopper will be a tribute to Michael Jackson performed by "Signature" – featuring the magical duo Suleman



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Surgery required

Tunisian speedboat crash victim to undergo surgery for injury to spinal cord

By Natthaphol Wittayarungrote

A TUNISIAN national will undergo surgery in Phuket for severe injuries to his spinal cord during the horrific speedboat crash that killed two Korean tourists on October 19.

Ali Bouzgarrou, 67, who had been in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (*OrBorJor*) Hospital, was moved to Bangkok Hospital Phuket on October 24 for the surgery.

"He has barely been able to move his hands or legs because of the damage done to his spinal cord," a representative from *OrBorJor* Hospital, who asked not to be named, told the *Gazette*.

"He was looking better than he did when he was first admitted, and he was able to respond to us. However, he still requires surgery to repair the damage.

"He refused surgery at first, saying that he wanted to go back

to his home country to have the operation done. He ended up changing his mind after a few days."

A representative from Bangkok Hospital confirmed that Mr Bouzgarrou had been admitted, but declined to comment further.

Mr Bouzgarrou was the last victim of the speedboat accident to be moved from the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), a staffer from the Phuket Provincial Public Relations Department told the *Gazette*.

There are 19 victims who will remain under observation for at least one to two weeks before they are discharged from hospitals on Phuket, the *Gazette* was told last week.

A fishing trawler, which suffered only minor damage when it was hit by the Seastar speedboat, carried six speedboat crew members and 35 tourists of varying nationalities to safety after the collision on October 19.



Ali Bouzgarrou was moved to Bangkok Hospital Phuket on October 24, where he will undergo spinal cord surgery. Photo: Supplied

It wasn't until two days later that search and rescue divers recovered the bodies of Korean tourists Ko Min Woo, 31, and An Sun Yong, 28, from the speedboat's wreckage.

The speedboat driver, Surat Matosot, is expected to face

charges for reckless driving resulting in death. He told police after the accident that he had taken his eyes off the water to remove a black plastic bag from under his chair, and was unable to avoid hitting the fishing boat once he returned to the helm.



The bodies were returned home to Korea on October 24.

Korean tourists killed in crash returned home

THE bodies of two South Korean tourists recovered from the wreckage of a speedboat that sank in Phang Nga Bay on October 19 were flown back to Korea on October 24.

Search and rescue divers recovered the bodies of Ko Min Woo, 31, and An Sun Yong, 28, on October 21.

Two injured Koreans who survived the accident were among those returning on the flight.

"The boat company's insurance will cover expenses and the Ministry of Tourism and Sports Phuket office will also provide compensation to the families of the victims," Governor Nisit Jansomwong said.

"I would like to thank all of those who helped in the rescue mission and those officials who quickly arranged all the documentation for the victims' families – we are sorry for this tragic loss."

– Woranut Pechdee

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AROUND THE nation

Australian in Trat put on Ebola watch

TRAT Hospital has been urged by the public health office to prepare to put an Australian man under observation, who arrived in Bangkok from the Democratic Republic of Congo on October 17 and was found to have a body temperature of 36.3 degrees Celsius.

The man has lived in Trat with his wife for two years. Authorities were advised to watch him until November 5 – three weeks after he travelled out of the Congo, where he was working on an oil-drilling base, reported *The Nation*.

Department of Disease Control chief Sophon Mekthong confirmed that there is strict screening of visitors to Thailand from countries that have had an Ebola virus outbreak. So far, 2,415 people have been screened, but no cases found.

First case dismissed against British activist – three to go

By Thanaporn Promyamyai

A CRIMINAL defamation charge against British activist Andy Hall was thrown out of court Wednesday after the judge ruled the police investigation unlawful.

Mr Hall, 34, had faced up to a year in jail if convicted after Thai fruit processing giant Natural Fruit lodged the complaint against him over a report he co-authored, alleging severe labor abuses in Thailand's food industry.

The report, which investigated working conditions at a Natural Fruit factory in Southern Thailand, levelled accusations of forced and child labor, and unlawfully low wages and long hours.

It also redoubled attention on Thailand's food industry, which has in recently faced a cascade of allegations of mistreatment of its mainly migrant labor force, reported *The Nation*.

A judge at the Bangkok court said the police probe, which stemmed from an interview with



Mr Hall surrounded by his supporters on Wednesday. Photos: The Nation

television network Al Jazeera, was flawed, as it did not involve a public prosecutor from the start.

Delivering her ruling, the unnamed judge described the investigation as "unlawful" and said "the plaintiff has no legal right

to file a complaint... so the court dismisses the case."

Beaming and shaking hands with supporters who had gathered outside the court, Mr Hall on Wednesday hailed the ruling as "a real victory for migrant workers".

"The workers who have fought with me now have much more faith in the system," Mr Hall told reporters.

The case related to Mr Hall's interview with Al Jazeera over his 2013 report titled "Cheap Has a High Price", compiled for Finnish rights watchdog Finnwatch.

More serious charges await Mr Hall under the Computer Crimes Act; charges that carry up to seven years in jail for each count, and are due to be heard in court on November 17.

The fruit processor is also seeking US\$10 million damages through a civil suit, the trial for which was set to begin on Thursday, wrote Finnwatch in a statement released after the Wednesday verdict.

After the ruling, Finnwatch called for the remaining cases against the activist to be dropped, and urged Thai authorities to turn their focus to legal action against companies who "are violating labor rights".

Parents of alleged Koh Tao murderers submit petition

THE parents of two Myanmar nationals detained for allegedly murdering two young British tourists on Koh Tao last month submitted a petition on Tuesday to the Office of the Attorney General, insisting their sons had no part in the murders.

The father of one of the suspects said that he had visited and talked to his son and was very unhappy because both men strongly denied any involvement

in the case, reported *The Nation*.

Meanwhile, the Koh Samui Court on Monday approved a police request to extend the suspects' detention by another 12 days, as more time was needed to complete the investigation.

Public prosecutors have told investigators to gather more information for the third time, as police push forward with the case. The judge said the suspects could be held for up to 84 days.

Doctor postpones testimony over Brit killed in surgery

DR SOMPOP Saensiri, the owner of a Bangkok cosmetic clinic, canceled an appointment on Monday to testify to police about a 24-year-old British woman who died under general anesthesia during cosmetic surgery at his Lat Phrao clinic last week.

The preliminary autopsy on the Briton found that she died of heart and circulatory system failure. The full autopsy's results will be known within one to two weeks.

A lawyer representing the 51-year-old doctor informed police he couldn't give testimony on that day because he was busy. Police planned to inform him of an additional charge of operating the clinic beyond an authorized time, reported *The Nation*.

Dr Boonrueng Trairuangworawat, director general of the Health Service Support department, said that initial investigations found that the clinic and the doctors of SP Clinic in Soi Lardprao



Dr Sompop. Photo: The Nation

41/1 have the proper license and permits.

Dr Sompop has been charged with reckless operation that resulted in the death of another, which he denied, insisting he treated the patient according to approved medical standards. The doctor was granted bail on October 24 and the Public Health Ministry has ordered his clinic to be shut down for 60 days.

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Taxing changes will see payoffs

FIRST PERSON

I BELIEVE in Phuket. Even though, in the island's tourism industry, the demand doesn't match the supply, I believe more tourists will come. We have new markets to explore, like Africa and the Middle East, but Phuket has a lot to offer – more than it does now.

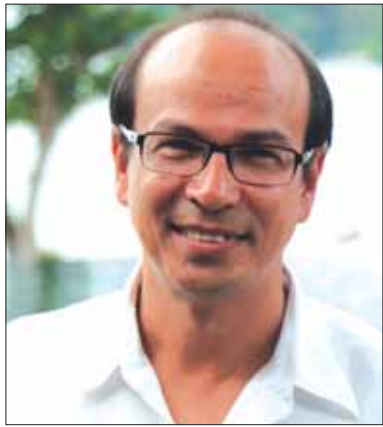
In the past, we have focused mostly on leisure tourism, but we can delve into new areas. A good example of a different kind of event is the recent Phuket Classic bodybuilding competition. Next year, there will be a music festival in Phuket. Soon enough, more things will be happening and more people will want to come as a result.

At the beginning of the year we did lose a lot of tourists, but now people are coming back. They realized that after the army took power, the situation here became more stable. Now, the new government will go abroad to explain to other countries and their people what is happening here, and how it will help Thailand. The result should be an increase in arrivals, and in order to accommodate the needs of the growing numbers of visitors, Phuket must improve.

There are many issues that need to be addressed, namely transportation, infrastructure, quality of service and language skills.

The island's expensive and ineffective transportation system

'Good service should be guaranteed whether you stay in a five-star or a two-star hotel.'



Peerawut "Chris" Kunchorn has been part of the team at the Vijitt Resort in Rawai since 2009, and is currently manager of the resort. He attended Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University in Bangkok, and also studied at the Hotel and Tourism Training Institute.

Here, he shares his views on what needs to be done to advance Phuket's tourism sector, as well as how to improve the living standards of island residents, and how the planned VAT increase will help to achieve that.

needs a lot of improvement. We have always relied on taxis instead of public transportation, which is a big sticking point for many tourists. We need the tourist attractions to be better connected to each other, which can only be achieved with better infrastructure.

We also need trained guides with good language skills and a standardized, high level of service. Good service should be guaranteed whether you stay in a five-star or a two-star hotel.

All of these issues can be resolved with the help of the central government. The government is expecting more revenue due to the increase in VAT tax to 10 per cent in October 2015. It's a significant raise and might be an issue for the Phuket hospitality industry in the beginning, but it will improve

things in the long run.

It's the goal of the current government to improve the country in many ways, and the money from the increased tax will help to achieve those goals.

Right now, Bangkok gets the greatest benefits from the government. However, I believe that part of this extra money will be used to enhance things here in Phuket. Our goal should be to make the government notice the island's needs – a place which generates a lot of revenue. This is why the Thai Hotel Association is trying to publicize our calling for the improvements that are so badly needed.

Once money is put back into the province, it will help to up the standard of living here and improve our image. It will take time, and local businesses might not be happy with the tax increase at first, but they will be once they see the positive changes it brings.



The area is put to use during the Old Town Festival. Photo: Christian Mouchet

Gathering dust

Island View

By Apple Wandee

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

AS A Phuket local who was born and raised here, and who has seen many things change over the years, I've started to wonder about the reasoning behind a few new places that have popped up – and why so much money was spent on them.

I am particularly curious about two recent developments: *Lan Navamin* (72nd Anniversary Queen Sirikit Park) and the Gold Sea Dragon statue.

Granted, when *Lan Navamin* first opened, a couple of live concert shows were put on there. But that was it. Now, there are aerobic classes in the evenings for people to take part in, but Suan Luang Park is still the main place where islanders to go exercise – and it's not that far away from *Lan Navamin*.

The same thing has happened to the Gold Sea Dragon park area, which was built several years after *Lan Navamin*. Besides the once-a-year Old Town Phuket Festival, which goes on for three days, and a few other small events, the place is mostly just a good parking spot.

Unfortunately, the area has also become a stomping ground for the used plastic bags of glue-huffers. It's hard to deny that this is a good spot for questionable groups of people who hang around at night, an area which can become dangerous.

Most of the time, I find myself driving past these places without

a second thought. I never have any reason to stop there – day or night.

A huge amount of money from the local budget was used to fund these projects. It would be nice if those places were actually improving the everyday lives of locals.

There was never any clear explanation from local government or authorities about the intended benefits of either of the places, which might have helped islanders use the areas more efficiently and more often.

I am just one of the many who want to see this island improve in an appropriate way. I wonder: Why can't these two places be turned into a community marketplace where people could rent a low-price spot to sell their products? This would make Phuket Town more interesting and lively, and it would attract more tourists to the area.

Any plan to transform these locations into places that would have positive benefits for the community would be a vast improvement on what they are being used for now. This would also better justify the large amount of money that was spent on building them.

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

Potholes plague Rawai roadway

THERE are some quite dangerous potholes and bumps in several places at the top end of Soi Naya that have been there a long time. Does the Rawai Municipality have plans to repair them any time soon?

Greg Sclater
Nai Harn



A holey road. Photo: Greg Sclater

Aroon Solos, Mayor of Rawai, replies:

Yes, we have plans to repair the road in Soi Naya, Rawai.

At the moment we are looking for a contractor to take on the project. If we are able to find one by the end of this month, we will start repairing the road next month.

Once we have a contractor, we will notify residents in the area that the road will be under construc-

tion. Some people might be inconvenienced during this time, as the road will sometimes be closed to ensure that it is fixed properly.

However, the repairs will not take long, as we will only be laying a coat of asphalt over the holes to smooth out the road.

I would like to apologize to everyone who uses Soi Naya. I will try my best to have it repaired as soon as possible.

What is the maximum interest rate?

I AM aware that by law the maximum rate of interest charged by an individual to an individual is 15 per cent per annum, although this is vastly exceeded by loan sharks, hence efforts by the government to prosecute the latter.

I do see commercial companies, such as Ayudhya Capital Auto lease, charging as much as 41 per cent for motorcycle purchase loans.

Is this legal, and if so what is the maximum rate a finance company may charge legally?

Guenter Bellach
Ban Liporn

Reaungnam Busaviro, Call Center officer of the Bank of Thailand (BOT), replies:

According to Article 654 of the Thai Commercial Code, the 15 per

cent per annum interest rates are applied to normal juristic acts done by persons or juristic persons, which are not involved with financial institutions. Financial institutions have their own laws and interest rates, according to the Interest Loan of the Financial Act 2523 B.E. These rates cannot exceed 20 per cent for credit transactions and cannot exceed 28 per cent for non-bank transactions such as AEON, and so forth.

As Ayudhya Capitol Auto lease is a hire-purchase business, it does not fit into the categories above. Currently, there are no limitations in interests rates for this type of business.

However, the contracts made by these companies are reviewed and approved by the Office of the

Consumer Protection Board, and the approved interest rates change and fluctuate according to the economy. Therefore, these interest rates are in fact legal.

When working with a hire-purchase business, it is best to shop around until you find the best deal.

For questions on matters of interest rates or money, contact BOT's Call Center at 1213.

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The power of a photograph

IT COMES as little surprise that the mauling of Australian tourist Paul Goudie at "Tiger Kingdom" in Phuket drew unprecedented interest [see pages 4-5] from readers across the globe.

Humankind's innate fear of big cats – as well as the dearth of such attacks in recent decades – makes it the kind of incident that really moves the needle in today's media.

As the American comedian Louis CK once observed, humankind does not seem to fully appreciate the luxury it enjoys for having removed itself from the food chain.

For the vast majority of the world's 7-billion-strong-and-still-growing population, the chance of being killed as prey is about as remote as being struck by a bolt of lightning or winning the grand prize in the lottery: virtually nil.

The attack on Mr Goudie serves as another stark reminder of just how quickly and dramatically our relationship with our former predators has changed. One hundred years ago, it was very much the fashion among the idle rich to go "on safari" in Africa and see what type of "big game" they could hunt down, kill and be photographed with. Other expeditions served to snatch creatures from the wild to be used as performers in circuses and other such spectacles – including as props in places like Soi Bangla.

Yet whatever the trend has been over time, there are always mishaps – such as when magician Roy Horn of the hugely-popular Siegfried & Roy act was bitten in the neck by a white tiger during a performance in Las Vegas in 2003.

The tiger has lost well over 90 per cent of its range globally. They are certainly extinct in Phuket, as well as most of Thailand, with the exception of a few wildlife preserves. They have been spared the depredations of poachers – at least for now.

Despite the worrisome situation on the ground, the desire to be photographed with these majestic creatures somehow endures.

Unfortunately, the attack on Mr Goudie is just the latest in a string of sad mishaps at privately run zoos in Thailand, many of which have developed a well-deserved reputation internationally for animal rights abuses – almost all directly driven by greed.

There is, of course, an argument that zoos, for better or worse, remain one of the tiger's last refuges as mankind's expansion and subsequent rape of the environment further encroaches on the habitats of endangered species – on land and in the sea.

If we want to continue to share the planet with them in this sad sideshow fashion, we should at least allow them some semblance of life in the wild.

There are a few zoos in this country that seem to place some value on animal welfare, such as the government-run Songkhla Zoo. Many private zoos in Phuket fall far short of the mark.



What is happening to this island?

Re: Gazette online, Jet-skis allowed on Kamala Beach, confirms Phuket Governor, October 18

We cannot rest anymore on a beach while sitting on a chair, or shield ourselves from the sun with an umbrella.

The criminality level is increasing because of all of those beach vendors left without work, the umbrella boys are not keeping the beaches clean anymore, cement is covering more and more of this once beautiful island every day and the traffic jams are causing us to spend hours and hours inside our cars.

But we do not have to give up the noisy, dangerous and polluting jet-skis?

Is the jet-ski the image of the "new" Phuket? Where is this island going?

*Federico Parodi
Rawai*

Check the captains, not just the boats

Re: Gazette online, Phuket officials conduct safety inspection after fatal speedboat crash, October 24

I applaud the safety checks. However, the real issue is the general standard of speedboat drivers once they leave the pier.

Over the last 10 years, the number of times I've witnessed reckless captaincy is considerable.

It is the effective policing and subsequent revocation of licences which would start to deter captains from driving recklessly and would result in increased safety for tourists.

*Anon
Gazette forum*

Jet-ski bans: always coming and going

Re: Gazette online, Future of

Letters to the Editor

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

Phuket's jet-ski operators to be decided next week: officials, October 24

Back in January 1998 there was going to be a ban on jet-skis.

Since then, many bans have been announced with great authority and the dates have come and gone, and still these jerks are dominating the beach scene with total impunity.

They're ripping off tourists and creating misery for others who come to Thailand to relax and unwind from their overstressed lifestyles.

I would jail all who have been involved with the rip-offs.

*Newseeker
Gazette forum*

Much respect, but beware of the gangsters

Re: Gazette online, Frenchman, 70, fights off armed robbers in Phuket, October 24

Respect. But I wouldn't do this. Many teenagers are extremely violent here in Thailand.

The risk for the attackers is minor. You will hardly ever see a policeman at night south of Chalong Circle. It's a gangsters' paradise.

*G Wurster
Gazette forum*

Beautiful beaches...

Re: Gazette online, Phuket's top brass declare beaches ready for high season, October 23

There is plenty of natural shade now and the palm trees are free. The beach has sand again to walk

on, the children can play and you can sit in the sun or shade as you please. All the drink, food, massage and wooden elephant sellers are still there. Now we have the beaches free to use again.

The beaches are what made Phuket a paradise; they were lost and people went away.

Now they are back.

*Simon
Gazette forum*

... but we still want chairs and umbrellas

Re: Gazette online, Phuket's top brass declare beaches ready for high season, October 23

We have been travelling to Thailand, mainly Phuket, for many years, bringing with us dollars that Thai people rely on for survival.

Lying on the beach with an umbrella for shade and a nice cold drink close by, has been one of our most enjoyable pastimes.

Yes, the beaches were overrun by beach chairs and umbrellas, but surely a controlled number in sections would work.

*Thailand Tania
Gazette forum*

No excuse for greed

Re: Gazette online, Phuket Opinion: Tourism meets toilet humor, October 26

Ignorance is no excuse for greed. DASTA or another relevant department needs to be trained and given sweeping powers so that greedy or corrupt officials cannot ignore their directives on conservation and protection of the environment and wildlife.

We all know this will take time to implement, but now, with the general in charge, we have our best chance at reform.

*Dumbfounded
Gazette forum*

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This event is proudly sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette* and PGTV's "Phuket Today" show, aired six times daily on True Visions – nationwide.

November 1-2, 10am-4pm. The Jungle Book Puppet Theater comes to Phuket

The Jungle Book Puppet Theater travels from London to Phuket. It will be hosted by the British International School, Headstart International School and Kajonkietsuksa International School. Tickets are available at the schools. There is limited seating, so hurry and get your tickets now!

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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,



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November 6, Loy Krathong Festival

One of the most beautiful festivals in Thailand. It is traditionally performed on the full moon of the twelfth lunar month, which usually falls in November.

A *krathong* is a banana-leaf cup containing flowers, a candle and joss sticks, which are floated in a canal or river. The idea is to worship the river goddess, and at the same time to "wash away"

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November 7-8, 9am-9pm BISP

International 7-a-side Football Tournament

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If you would like more information about the tournament, please email BISP Athletics Director Jeff LaMantia.

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November 14, 6pm-23:30 Beatles tribute night

Beatles tribute night @ Two Chefs Karon. The famous Two Chefs house band will be doing a full 20 songs set featuring the most famous Beatles classics.

A special set menu will be served at 6pm, then at 9pm the Two Chefs Beatles Tribute show will begin.

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Thanyapura welcomes Makro



Philipp Graf von Hardenberg, Thanyapura president and CEO welcomed Siam Makro's management team and staff from its Thalang branch for a day of "ice-breaking" orientation activities, including a walk-rally and gala dinner.

Helping local communities



From October 13-22, the Banyan Tree and Angsana Laguna held a 'Feeding Communities Together' initiative to celebrate its 20th anniversary and World Food Day. Guests and associates were able to contribute food items to the local community.

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Guests, from left: Linda Seah Elsey; Pim Pimlapat; Panisa Thinkaoyow; Natipat Parroquin; Rachnee Kalara.



Adam, owner of Kiss Bar in Patong.

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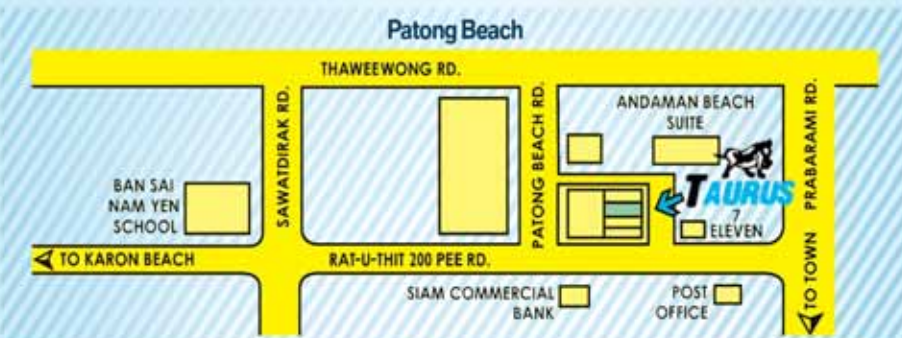
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SOLUTION TO THIS WEEK'S

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Anagrams: *italic* (indicated in clue by words 'out', 'possibly', 'strangely', 'wild', or similar).
Letters left out: underlined.

Across 9. AUSTRALIA: austr-a-L-ia 10. DEPRESSED: de-pressed 12. TIRE: entirely 13. REMOTE: far out 14. RAPTURE: truerap 15. REMITTING: emitgrin(T) 17. DISSIDENT: dinedsits 18. LANDING: landing 19. CYMBAL: clamby 20. SLAV: S-L-A-V 23. CRABAPPLE: crab-leap(P) 25. PRETENSES: teenpress 26. EAST: Ea-St. 27. SERBIA: isbare 29. SECTION: S-cite-no[rev] 32. MASTICATE: cameatits 34. INVENTION: invotein 35. AIRIEST: raiseit 36. COWARD: Co-draw[rev] 37. MUSE: M-use 38. EXTEMPORE: (P.O.)extreme 39. RETICULES: cuterless

Down 1. PASTORAL: past-oral 2. USERSMANUALS: saulssurname 3. FLEETING: lifegent 4. PATONG: gapnot 5. ADDENDUM: add-end-U-M 6. SPORTSPAGE: sports-page 7. DESPAIR: idspare 8. ADJECTIVES: jestadvice 11. SPUME: S.P-U-M-E 16. TRIBAL: tri-B-al 19. CUE: Cu-E 21. LASCIVIOUSLY: civillasyou 22. BEACON: canbe(0) 23. CREAMCAKES: seemacrack 24. PRECAUTION: pureaction 25. PLA: P.L.A. 28. BREECHES: cheersbe 29. SEVERITY: restive(Y) 30. NONSENSE: seennone 31. DILEMMA: dimmale 33. SPRAT: traps 34. INWARD: darwin

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From left: The hotel's Executive Chef Dietmar Spitzer; Anoma Wongyai, director of the Tourism Authority of Thailand, Phuket Office; Kittipan Subkoon, foundation manager to Mai Khao Marine Turtle Foundation; and the hotel's GM Oriol Montal.

Bangkok Airways opens new routes

Bangkok Airways recently organized a press trip to Chiang Mai to celebrate its four new non-stop flights from Chiang Mai to Phuket, Udon Thani and Myanmar (Mandalay and Yangon).



From left: Prajak Trakoonchundee, area manager, South and East Thailand; Pannaphorn Preechachan, chief of regional corporate communications, Southern Thailand; and Passapong Jirawattanasak, manager, Regional and International Corporate Communications.



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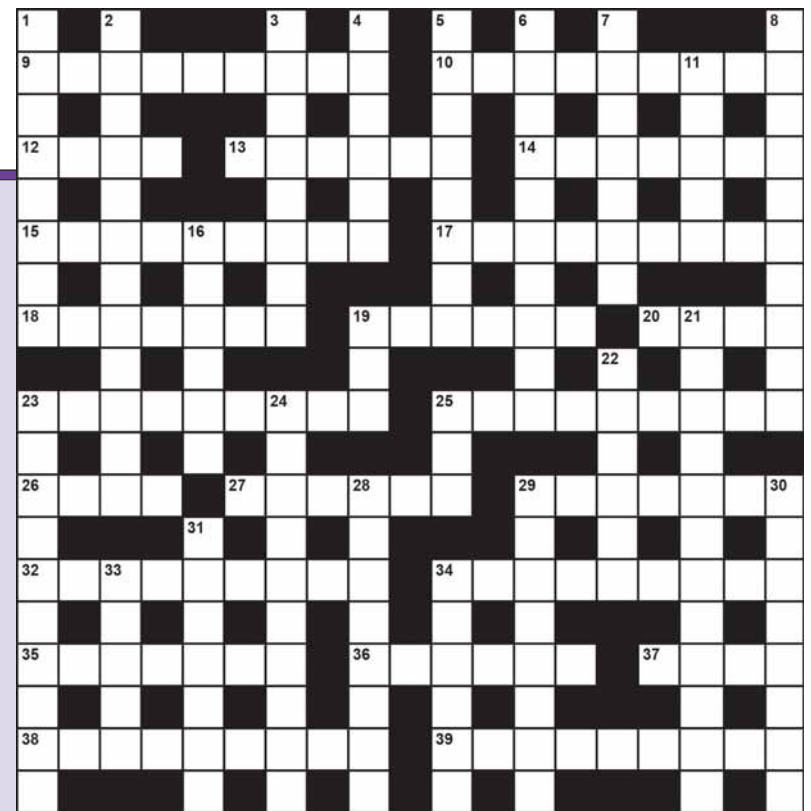
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Cryptic Crossword

Across

9. A Liberal in an Alpine country down under (9)
 10. Print medium indeed down in the dumps (9)
 12. Entirely centered on fatigue (4)
 13. Far out T.V. controller (6)
 14. True, rap can produce ecstasy (7)
 15. Sending money, emit grin, maybe about time! (9)
 17. Dined, sits, turns disagreeable (9)
 18. Touchdown in an area between two flights! (7)
 19. Clam by adaption becomes instrument (6)
 20. Soprano left audio-visual to a central European (4)
 23. Go sideways, maybe leap about park for small wild fruit (4,5)
 25. False claims in alternative teen press (9)
 26. Each street right on the map (4)
 27. Balkan country is bare, exposed (6)
 29. Son, possibly cite no backing part (7)
 32. Came at its move as champ (9)
 34. Vote in inn produced falsehood (9)
 35. Raise it carefully to be best ventilated (7)
 36. Faint-hearted Company draw back (6)
 37. Think many take advantage (4)
 38. Petty Officer in extreme



- trouble, off-hand (9)
 39. Cuter lies about ladies purses (9)

Down

1. Gone verbal portraying country life (8)
 2. Saul's surname changed for instruction guides (4,8)
 3. Life, gent, can be brief (8)
 4. Gap not opened in Phuket town (6)
 5. Add finish turn mark for rider (8)
 6. Part of paper featuring games displays messenger (10)
 7. Possibly I'd spare hopelessness (7)
 8. In jest, advice overturned by descriptive words (10)
 11. Froth as starting price uniform, mark note (5)
 16. Indigenous person in India

- born in trial (6)
 19. Prompt copper, note! (3)
 21. Civil lass you disturb lustfully (12)
 22. Signal possibly can be about nothing (6)
 23. See Ma crack making filled confectionery (5,5)
 24. Pure action can be a safety measure (10)
 25. Thai fish initially from the Port of London Authority (3)
 28. Cheers be out of order for jockeys' legwear (8)
 29. Restive about Yankee sternness (8)
 30. No new feeling? Rubbish! (8)
 31. Dim male could be in a quandary (7)
 33. Carefully traps small fish (5)
 34. Inbound to Darwin perhaps (6)

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22):



The need to explore may be hampered by a desire to be in control. A blend of energies in-

volving planets in water signs could catapult you into fresh situations, encouraging you to make use of your talents and abilities. Move beyond caution to discover new worlds of creativity and the potential for a heady romance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21):



If your world view seems topsy-turvy, you might find a to-do list helps keep you on track, particu-

larly if you need to pay bills or settle any financial matters. Meanwhile, the quarter moon in Aquarius can enhance your decision-making ability while encouraging an open mind. Later, a friend may have a special opportunity for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20):



Your social life looks like it might be busy, giving you a chance to network. This week's blend of

energies brings those people your way who may be keen to collaborate with you. It's likely you'll experience greater success when you team up with others and take them into your confidence. Meanwhile, passions could be aroused over the weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19):



A fog may settle over your mind when it comes to money and related topics. Yet, you might have

hidden resources at your disposal enabling you to make a move. Later, the quarter moon spotlights options to forge ahead with an ambitious project. Allow friends to have their say as their input can make a difference.

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20):



This week's alignment can coincide with a desire to explore your feelings and channel them

into achieving personal goals. There's an adventurous quality about your options and decisions, which you can take advantage of by moving out of your comfort zone. However, you'll want to kick back and have some fun too.

YOUR
horoscope
By Patrick Arundell

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20):



While this week's alignments are excellent for dreaming big, it might cause us to be unrealistic about our

chances for success. Whatever plans you personally have, check the facts before you make the first move as it could save you time and money. Yet, a fun weekend in good company can top off proceedings beautifully.

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21):



The company of others could be very inspiring, especially if they encourage you to follow your heart

rather than your head. With the sun and Venus linked to Neptune, you'll be tuned into other people's needs and feelings, and will be keen to help out when possible. Romance wise, a new liaison could deepen over the days ahead.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21):



Acting on a hunch concerning a work-related issue may coincide with news that's worth investigating. Don't

delay, take advantage of a golden opportunity if it intuitively feels right to you, particularly if you've been hoping for a breakthrough. Later, you can count on your friends for support whatever your plans may be.

CANCER (June 22-July 23):



A more introverted focus encourages you to look within to gain an understanding of what makes you tick. This week's influences may be like a high tide in which all kinds of ideas, spiritual intuitions and fresh perspectives can be gathered like driftwood, and used to enhance areas of your life in practical and beautiful ways.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23):



You may be inclined to go with the flow regarding finances, and more specifically, joint financial affairs.

Yet, getting to grips with your situation might serve you better, as you'll be well-placed to steer things in a positive direction. Meanwhile, Saturday's Mercury-Jupiter link could coincide with news that boosts your spirits.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23):



This week, imagination can overwhelm or enhance reason, depending on how grounded you are. Yet, the presence of Mars in Capricorn should help you distinguish fact from fantasy and enable plans to blossom along the right lines. Meanwhile, faith in an intuitive hunch could be just what's needed to make any vital decisions.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23):



Neptune's links may give you rose-tinted perspectives on key aspects of life. If you're distracted from what needs to be done, it's likely you're dreaming about something more interesting and fun. Later, you'll want to reach out and connect with those people who are in a party mood and excellent company too.

Finally a chance to dance

By Jeremie Schatz

SINCE opening its doors in 1991, Simon Cabaret has established itself as a must-see show for tourists visiting Phuket. The show draws in visitors who have equal interest in witnessing the flamboyant show, as they have in seeing the deceptively convincing ladyboy dancers. In fact, the show's website warns patrons that they will leave confused.

The cabaret's owners were not confused when they decided to expand their presence in the performing arts world by opening the Phuket Dance World Studio.

Celebrating its grand opening on September 19, the new professional-grade facility has joined the momentum gathered by Patong's Phuket Simon Cabaret, Phuket Town's Simon Star Show and a growing popularity in dance-based performance arts around the world.

"We saw that there was potential for creating a dance school and we had seen the growth of the international schools in Phuket too," explained Dance World Managing Director Pornthep Rouyrin.

With the help of Artistic and Creative Director Jarvey Dela Paz, Mr Pornthep leveraged this potential into creating the new school, which boasts three dance studios, a grand ballroom and a small studio for private lessons.

Even more notable than the shock-absorbing floors are the five internationally accredited instructors on staff at the facility.

"The good thing about us is that we have this international syllabus and our international teachers who carry the curriculum in their hands," said Mr Dela Paz.

The instructors have come from all over the world to teach classes



Dance World Managing Director Pornthep Rouyrin (right) and Creative Director Jarvey Dela Paz. Photos: Jeremie Schatz

that fit into three main categories: street dance, theater and exercise.

The bulk of the more than 100 students who are currently enrolled fall in the seven to 14-year-old range. Although students from this target age group take classes in ballet and contemporary dance, street dancing has proven to be one

of the most popular options.

"Some [successful] street dancers didn't really have this kind of opportunity to be examined and certified as professional dancers, but in this case, they can," said Mr Dela Paz.

After training Simon Cabaret dancers for 15 years, the Filipino's dream was to open a dance school, a dream which has now come to fruition.

Mr Pornthep and Mr Dela Paz have a clear

and ambitious long-term vision to one day become the Asian hub for dance and performing arts. They see the school organizing and hosting international competitions and dance camps.

"We have the man power, we have the ability, we have the capability and we have international teachers here – from the UK, Japan, the Philippines and Russia, and so it's a good start for reaching the international level," Mr Dela Paz explained.

For the time being, they have

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THA proposes limiting Phuket's tourist numbers

KITSADA Tunsakul, president of the Thai Hotels Association (THA) Southern Chapter, said the association had proposed to Tourism Minister Kobkarn Wattanavrangkul that the number of visitors to Phuket be limited in order to avoid congestion during the peak period. The idea is being pushed as one of the THA's strategies to transform the island from a mass-tourism to a high-end destination.

The number of domestic travellers is expected to grow by 10 per cent during the year-end season thanks to attractive promotions and the government's tax-deduction scheme for travel expenses.

Yuthachai Soonthronrattnavate, president of the Association of Domestic Travel, said a lot of Thais planned to travel across the country during the year-end season, especially between

December 27 and January 4. Many of them would return to their homes in other provinces, visit relatives, or simply enjoy vacations.

The association predicted that the number of travellers during the nine-day period would grow by 10 per cent when compared with the same time last year, when the travel sector was hit hard by the political chaos in Bangkok.

"Hotels in the provinces have secured advance bookings at up to 80-90 per cent," Yuthachai said.

Several key factors will drive that growth, including the newly announced tax deduction. Moreover, travel operators are offering attractive packages. They also expect good sales at a travel fair scheduled to take place at Impact Muang Thong Thani from November 6-9.

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What the future holds

Bill Gross's resignation triggers concerns about the health of the market

Finance

By David Mayes

THIS column has discussed at length the coming end of the thirty-year bull cycle in bonds, and has mentioned remarks Bill Gross made last year about the issue. Mr Gross has just made a huge move by leaving the company and fund that he came to represent personally, which raises questions as to the implications this may have for the broader bond market. The timing does not seem to be a coincidence.

For those readers unfamiliar with Mr Gross, he is regarded as the most successful bond investor of modern times. Why did he choose now to bail out on the enormous ship, the Pacific Investment Management Company (PIMCO) Total Return Fund, which he essentially built? Could he know that the immediate future holds some treacherous seas for investors to navigate, and with an unwieldy US\$2 trillion that his firm manages, there will be no way to avoid getting smashed to bits on the rocks?

Keep in mind, this is the month

the Fed will finally end its bond-buying program that has been in place since the financial crisis of 2008. For six years now, the central bank has been keeping the bond market on life support, and we are about to see what the patient is able to do on its own. It would be challenging to be at the helm of the world's largest bond fund.

What is really surprising about this move is that every other bond trader in the world is likely to interpret this move as a lack of confidence in the market by the guru who has been making

great returns from the bond market for more than thirty years. To some traders and investors, this is akin to Warren Buffet coming out and saying "sell stocks". It can only be imagined that in months to come there may be some serious fallout as institutional investors wonder if they should follow suit and get out before the crash ends up on their own track record. This kind of fear can spiral out of control and become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Of course, the markets may not need Mr Gross. Interest rates are still held low with Yellen remaining firm that the policy from the Fed will continue to be flexible



STORMY SEAS: Some interpret Bill Gross's decision as a sign of turbulence to come. Graphic: Abraham Willaerts

and dependent on what they see going on in the economy. Mr Gross may just be erring on the safe side, and we could still be a few more years away from the reckoning day that is inevitable in the bond markets. My crystal ball still refuses to give me any visions of the future, no matter how much time I spend polishing it.

If you have big bond fund holdings, now may be the time to begin to adjust your holdings and focus more on shorter duration funds. They may not be paying now, but if the longer-term market falls apart, there should be big in-flows to the shorter-term side of the yield curve. The money has to go somewhere, after all.

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BOT proposes overseeing nano-financing

THE Bank of Thailand (BOT) said "nano-financing" could provide added protection and fairness for consumers, along with better management of informal loans outside the financial institution system through the increase of clarity and transparency, as nano-finance would encourage people to offer and get loans from within the formal system.

The Finance Ministry has devised the "nano-finance" concept to help non-bank lenders to extend money to grass-roots people, or those who don't have access to capital, as commercial banks are having cost difficulty in providing such loans to micro-borrowers. It plans to submit a proposal to promote nano-financing to Deputy Prime Minister Pridiyathorn

Devakula before the end of this month.

Currently, the smallest form of loan that financial institutions can offer is "micro-finance", which has a maximum loan amount of 200,000 baht, at an interest rate of 28 per cent, while the nano-finance idea would offer 100,000-120,000 baht and the interest rate would be higher, at 30-36 per cent.

"Commercial banks have tried to extend to smaller branches but they have failed to reach customers with smaller financial needs. This has resulted in borrowers getting loans from outside the financial system where interest rates are unregulated and there is no protection of the law. Nano-finance can help ease this problem," said Chirathep Senivongs

na Ayudhya, BOT's spokesman.

"However, the nano-finance concept is not related to the reduction of debt as that is linked to demand for loans. But it can provide fairness, transparency and clarity while encouraging the advancement and long-term development of the concept of micro-loans. This will be beneficial for financial stability in the long run as grassroots people will gain more knowledge on the concept of interest rates."

He explained that each province already has operators who have local knowledge on the customers' ability to repay their loans, which is a crucial part of the loan concept, and they can be encouraged to provide loans formally by providing them with some kind of incentive. The Finance

Ministry and the BOT are currently studying the concept.

"Once we know who is providing the loan and who is receiving the loan, the improvement will be in terms of conduct where authorities can provide financial knowledge to both lenders and borrowers," Chirathep said.

Chirathep also said the central bank is not worried about the slight increase in non-performance loans and high household debt, since commercial banks have substantial reserves. The nano-finance concept actually seeks to encourage people to take loans to invest and increase their income by getting people inside the financial system where they could be educated about financing.

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Fluent guides

THE Ministry of Tourism and Sports is bolstering the pool of foreign-language speaking tour guides in Thailand in preparation for the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) next year.

The Ministry of Tourism and Sports has cooperated with the Ministry of Education in developing language skills to cater to the 25 million tourists expected to visit Thailand once the AEC takes shape.

A network of volunteer translators, mostly students studying foreign languages, has also been set up to relieve shortages. — NNT

Plan on time

THAILAND'S land-water-air transport development plan has progressed by more than 80%, according to Minister of Transport Prachin Chantong.

Mr Prachin said the ministry was summarizing details of the land-water-air transport development plan which had made much progress. It could be implemented around November, the minister added.

Four of ten electric train routes in Bangkok, — the Red, Purple, Blue and Green Lines — are expected to be completed in the next two years. — NNT

Help approved

THE cabinet has approved 58,500 million baht of emergency assistance for rubber farmers as proposed by the National Rubber Policy Committee. The first payments are expected to be made in November.

The government's main initiative is to purchase the rubber through the Rubber Estate Organization, while working with six commercial banks to offer loans to the latex business, enabling it to buy field latex from farmers. The government will help pay the 3% price difference. — NNT

Merging to stay ahead

By Somluck Srimalee

LIMITED land, rising investment costs, and high competition have forced property firms to change their business strategy from trying to grow by themselves to entering joint ventures or merging with other property firms.

Three joint ventures have been established to develop condo projects close to Bangkok's mass-transit system. Sansiri, one of the top-three listed property firms, decided to enter a joint venture with BTS Group for this purpose, while AP (Thailand) did so with Japan-based Mitsubishi Estate Group and Ananda Development with Mitsui Fudosan, another Japanese firm.

CP Land Co, meanwhile, is collaborating with Siam Piwat to develop a mixed-use project worth more than 50 billion baht on the Chao Phraya River.

Thailand's landlords have also expanded their investment in the business by backdoor listings on the Stock Exchange of Thailand.

Singha Estate Co, a property arm of Singha Corp, acquired a major stake in Rasa Property. Golden Land Property Development, owned by beverage tycoon Charoen Siriwattanabakdi, took over Krungthep Land. Property Perfect took over Thai Property, while BTS Group took a major stake in Natural Park.

"We had to take over Thai Property because we wanted to expand our business from developing homes for sale to generate income from rentals," Property Perfect

Chief Executive Officer Chainid Adhyanasakul said.

With this acquisition, the company will own two office buildings on Sukhumvit Road in Bangkok, currently owned by Thai Property.

Property Perfect will also acquire a 40-per-cent stake in Grande Asset Hotels and Property, currently held by Thai Property and its subsidiary Metro Premier Holding Co. Grande Asset owns four hotels in Bangkok, Hua Hin, and Pran Buri district of Prachuap Khiri Khan province and is developing two condominium projects under the Hyde brand.

In the property business, joint ventures can be a way to share the partners' respective strengths. Besides injections of capital, Ananda Development and AP (Thailand) are learning about technology for building homes from their Japanese partners, while Mitsui Fudosan and Mitsubishi Estate Group gain opportunities to expand investments in Thailand.

Sansiri cut its costs for acquiring land close to the mass-transit system when it established a joint venture with BTS Group; for its competitors, land prices near the transit routes have doubled over the last five years, and availability is limited.

Meanwhile, BTS Group has had little luck getting into the property-development business on its own. Five years ago, it launched a residential project under the Abstract brand and also tried to sell its Thana City project on Srinakarin Road, but the company did not



Three joint ventures have been formed to develop condos near Bangkok's BTS routes. Photo: Ilya Plekhanov

succeed. But its new joint venture partner Sansiri has a strong brand in this segment, so this is a win-win deal for both companies.

"Sansiri has proven expertise in developing residential projects along existing and future mass-transit lines, creating the ideal synergy for successful collaboration," said Chairman of BTS Group

Holdings Keeree Kanjanapas.

Sansiri President Srettha Thavisin added: "We also will get more information from BTS Group, which has a database on customers who use the mass transit system through the Rabbit card. The database will enable the company to gain insight into customer behavior."

Singha Estate, which acquired a major stake in Rasa Property, also needs the business experience of Rasa's management team while gaining a backdoor listing on the SET. This is expected to help Singha Estate raise capital to develop its residential, office and retail property projects.

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Changing with the times

By Maciek Klimowicz

IT WAS one year ago when property guru Bill Barnett wrote in the *Phuket Tattler* that, "Foreign buyers have returned to the island in big numbers and what is motivating them is not luxury pool villas but investment-oriented condominium and apartment properties that are hotel managed".

Yet, a lot has happened over the past 12 months and investors, aiming to keep up with the dynamic market situation, keep adjusting their visions for the island. BeachProjects.com, the company behind the highly anticipated BB Phuket development in Laem Hin, is one of them.

The concept for BB Phuket – planned as a combination of luxury super-villas, condominiums and poolside beach lounges along with a gourmet restaurant – has recently undergone a significant change, with the condominium part of the project transformed into a boutique hotel, called The Lodge at BB Phuket.

"Initially we placed our focus on a condominium environment for holiday homes – the same kind of project that I developed all over Europe, with great success," says Johan Hansen, Beach Project's CEO and a well-known property developer.

"Living in Thailand made me realize that the market here is different. People have

less intention to purchase their holiday homes and prefer not to invest.

"We dynamically adjust to the changing conditions. It was also the political situation and the surplus of condominiums that inspired us to come up with a new, better concept for the project."

All this gave birth to The Lodge at BB Phuket, a signature artistic hotel with individually themed rooms that enjoys a unique location on Phuket's pristine east coast. The Lodge at BB Phuket aims to seamlessly couple its individual flair with BB's personal service, and all the amenities one would expect from a world-class resort.

"We are redefining the market by highlighting the authentic aspect of Phuket. We are creating an environment that is culturally rich, fun and playful at the same time," explains Hansen.

The recent transformation of beaches on the west coast of Phuket has inspired the BB Phuket to put greater emphasis on the one-of-a-kind location of the project.

"Our location on the east side of the island, surrounded by natural beauty and a calming atmosphere, enables people to enjoy the venue for multiple reasons, rather than being tarred with the same brush in the more traditional touristy areas," says Hansen, drawing a vision of Phuket re-invented as a destination for visitors looking



The Lodge at BB Phuket was originally intended to be a condominium project, but has since been transformed into a boutique hotel with themed rooms. Photo: Supplied

for a more "personalized" holiday.

BB Phuket is scheduled for its grand opening in February 2015.

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Absolute World Group's Director of Real Estate, Stuart Coakley. Photo: Supplied

Absolute World Group appoints new director of real estate in Phuket

ABSOLUTE World Group has appointed Stuart Coakley as director of the group's real estate division.

Based at the property developer's Thailand headquarters in Phuket, Mr Coakley is tasked with overseeing the group's real-estate division and growing future real-estate strategy for the mixed-use resort developers and fractional and vacation ownership pioneers.

Mr Coakley has experience working with startups that were developed into multi-million-dollar businesses, as well as his sales background in the travel and hospitality industry and extensive managerial experience are expected to help drive Absolute Real Estate into its next stage of growth.

A former senior manager at UK-based Thomson Directories, and previously responsible for the establishment and operation of vacation ownership companies in Russia and South Africa, Mr Coakley brings a diverse skill set to Absolute Real Estate.

In his new role, his primary responsibility is to oversee Absolute World Group's agent and client relationships.

Absolute World Group offers a selection of resort properties in multiple locations in Thailand. The real estate team prides themselves on having extensive knowledge of Thai culture and lifestyle, and working closely with clients to individually showcase and select their ideal investment property in Thailand.

– *Phuket Gazette*

Innocent in paradise

Books

By James Eckardt

A FEW months ago, I wrote an ecstatic review of Rachel Kushner's second novel *The Flamethrowers*, and vowed to find her first. It was difficult, but I found it – and I'm glad I did. The same intense, luminous, dazzling, near-hallucinatory prose found in her second novel eventually comes to the fore in her first, *Telex from Cuba* (Scribner, New York, 2008, 322pp).

In the beginning, though, I was disappointed. The story opens as a conventional first-person memoir of a lost time and place: Cuba in 1952, narrated 40 years later by KC Stites, the son of the manager of United Fruit Company's vast sugar cane plantation. At age 10, Stites was living in a kid's paradise: country club, swimming pool, tennis courts, sailing yacht, idyllic fishing cove – all reserved exclusively for Americans. Stites' father even had his own private Pullman car for trips from the enclave of Preston to Havana.

The prose fireworks kick off with two other narrative strains.

Every Lederer is the preternaturally perceptive nine-year-old daughter of the new manager of an American nickel mine in nearby Nicaro. Coming from Oak Ridge, in Tennessee, she boards a steamer in Miami bound for Cuba:

"She looked out to where the sea's horizon met the watermelon sky. Already she felt closer to this mysterious place, the tropics. She pictured an island in a sea of tepid green glass, a foamy ruffle of waves lapping its shore. Beyond the shore, an endless mesh of jungle plants. The smell of ripe fruit. A forgotten lagoon surrounded by palm trees reflected in the silver mirror of the water. At the entrance to the lagoon, green vines as thick as theater drapes, waiting to be parted."

An opposing point of view is that of Christian de La Maziere, "ex-Charlemagne Division Waffen SS, minor aristocrat, memoirist, and traitor to France", who arrives in Havana immediately after



The near-hallucinatory prose of Kushner's second novel is also found in her first. Photo: Lucy Raven 2012

Fulgencio Batista's 1952 coup. He launches a career as an agent provocateur and gunrunner not only in Batista's Cuba, but also Duvalier's Haiti and Trujillo's Dominican Republic, playing both sides – government and rebels – against the middle.

He has always lived well. "La Maziere preferred the early glory days in occupied Paris, when royalists and scum roamed with pockets full of cash, Maziere among them, savoring the hushed feeling of the curfewed city at dusk, riding through the streets in a black Mercedes under the violet-blushing emptiness of the Parisian sky. What had he cared that the city was 'annexed'?"

Fidel and Raul Castro make appearances in the Sierra Maestra Mountains, as does Ernest Hemingway at Havana's Floridita Bar. The most intriguing character, though is Rachel K, daughter of a ruined German immigrant

Florida Bar. The most intriguing character, though, is Rachel K, daughter of a ruined German immigrant whose impoverished mother drops her off at age 13 into the care of the Cabaret Tokio. Ten years later, she is the star zazou dancer of the Pam Pam Room, lover first of President Prio, then his successor President Batista – also of K.C.

Stites' father and Christian de La Maziere – all the while spying for the Castro brothers.

The novel hurtles to a climax

in 1958 as the rebels burn sugar-cane fields and blockade Preston. With Batista's brutal police at his heels, La Maziere is forced to flee

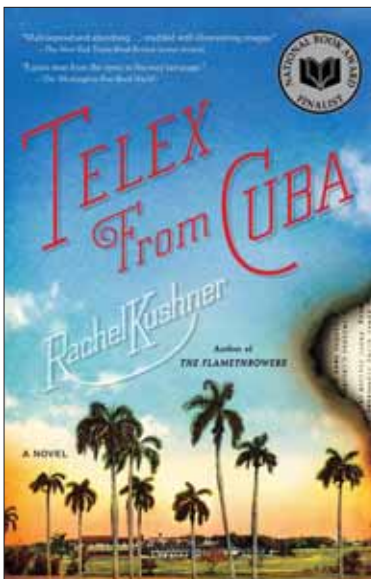
Havana for the sanctuary of a rebel camp in the mountains. Here he meets 18-year-old Commandante Del Stites, older brother of KC, who has deserted the Americans for the Cuban cause. La Maziere then deserts the Cuban cause at its very moment of triumph, as the victorious rebels celebrate.

"He knew this part of the equation, the end of an arc, the waking up, the exorcism. Purges, kangaroo courts, justice."

Many of the Americans evacuated from Preston settle in Florida. Within a year, a disillusioned Del Stites would join them. He would become a big property developer in Tampa and a powerful figure in the Republican Party.

When last seen in January 1959, La Maziere has slipped into Havana to persuade Rachel K to join him in his flight to Paris.

"Certainly his reasons for wanting to see her, for hoping she was unharmed, were selfish and narcissistic. But love was both."



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Para-normal skies above



By Somchai Huasaikul

PICTURE THIS. You are trapped in rush-hour traffic near Central Festival. It's late afternoon, the skies are clear and the temperature perfect. But you are hardly enjoying these conditions as you slowly descend into Phuket's first Bangkok-style highway underpass.

Just before you go subterranean, however, you catch a glimpse of something soaring not too high in the sky above you. With its broad 20-meter sail it sweeps out large, lazy arches in the sky – almost as if mocking the poor gridlocked souls trapped in the traffic nightmare below.

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's somebody in a paramotor – one Phuket's fastest growing and most thrilling new sports – also known as powered paragliding.

Those who want to experience paramotoring now have an exciting new option to take to the skies

safely with the recent opening by Sky Club Asia, one of the island's first fully-certified paramotor schools and flight centers, located at Phuket AirPark in Pa Khlok.

The new facility in Phuket is Sky Club Asia's second in Thailand, following the success of its first operation at the Hua Hin Airfield in Prachuap Khiri Khan province.

Sky Club Asia is a collaboration of two parasail enthusiasts: American Mark Silverberg and his German partner Paul Derstroff. They were encouraged to open a second operation at Phuket AirPark by Pat James, who oversees safety and air-traffic control operations at the privately-run airfield.

The center is now fully operational and gearing up for the coming high season in a big way.

The partners have very different backgrounds. Mark has years of experience in art print making, while Paul holds a degree in mechanical engineering and has fifteen years of experience in marketing management for international firms. But what they share is a love of paramotoring – a sport they are now keen to introduce to Phuket. Already, the SkyClub team has brought over 500 newcomers into the sport and despite the recent launch of the Phuket facility, they are already planning to open



Sky Club Asia co-founder Paul Derstroff pilots an Xcitor Trike with a passenger on an introduction training flight. Photo: Supplied.

new centers in other parts of Asia.

Both in their mid-40s, Mark and Paul fit the typical demographic of paramotoring enthusiasts. Their firm, Sky Club (Thailand) Co Ltd, is a registered company under the US Treaty of Amity, and its paramotor school is fully licenced

by the Royal Aeronautic Sports Association of Thailand (RASAT), the organization that oversees sports aviation.

While most paramotor activities on the island used to be centered near the abandoned tin mines along Chao Fa Thani Road in Wichit, that

looks likely to change with the arrival of Sky Club Asia at the Phuket AirPark.

Phuket AirPark is in a great coastal location with a soft, grass runway that is very easy to reach – even during rush hour. The park is also gearing up to play a major support role in some of the exciting aerial competitions that will be part of the 4th Asian Beach Games here in Phuket from November 14 to 23.

The Air Sports competitions alone will have a total of 12 medals up for grabs in paragliding, as well as powered paragliding (paramotoring). The finals for both events, to be held at Chao Fa Thani on November 21, are a must-see for all local aviation enthusiasts.

“As a paramotor destination, you couldn't ask for a more ideal place than Phuket. Beautiful weather, stunning landscapes, a perfect grass runway and sea breezes,” says Paul.

“Thai people are very interested in paramotoring and generally have a very positive view of the sport. In fact, Thailand is already one of the biggest paramotoring nations in the world.”

For more information visit www.skyclubasia.com.

See Part 2 in the *Phuket Gazette* on November 29.

Etihad commences flights to Phuket

ETIHAD Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, has commenced daily non-stop flights between Abu Dhabi and Phuket, the airline's second destination in Thailand.

The inaugural flight – EY430 – departed Abu Dhabi International Airport at 8:40am local time last Sunday, and touched down at 6pm the same day at Phuket International Airport, where it was welcomed by dignitaries and airline representatives.

“The new Phuket route is a natural expansion of our Thai network and a strong addition to our portfolio of leisure destinations, which includes the Seychelles, Maldives and Sri Lanka,” said James Hogan, Etihad Airways president and chief executive officer.

“With attractive departure and arrival times and seamless connections in more than 25 cities across the GCC [Gulf Cooperation Council] and Europe, the new services will contribute greatly to the growth of tourism to the region.

“Holidaymakers from the UAE and GCC, as well as from key European markets including London, Milan, Munich and Paris, will now have enhanced travel options to the island destination and enjoy Etihad Airways' award-winning service along the way.”

The route is serviced by a two-class Airbus A330-200 with 22



Etihad's inaugural flight lands at Phuket Airport. Photo: Supplied

seats in Business Class and 240 seats in Economy Class.

The announcement of the new route was quickly followed by the news that the airline had appointed Dimitrios Karagkioulos as general manager for Thailand, based in Bangkok.

“As general manager for Thailand he will have significant responsibility for the performance of the Bangkok route – the busiest in the global network – and for our second Thai gateway, Phuket,” said Peter Baumgartner, chief commercial officer for Etihad.

Connections to Phuket from Berlin, Düsseldorf, Rome and Belgrade, are also available with Etihad Airways' European partners, Air Berlin, Alitalia and Air Serbia.

Phuket is one among 10 new routes to be launched by Etihad Airways in 2014.

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Cruising like a missile

By Chris Husted

RANGE to target: under 3,500 nautical miles. 'Aye aye, sir,' says your skipper and you're underway. With a long-range cruising capability of 2,000nm at 11 knots, or 3,500nm at 8 knots, the Princess 88 Motor Yacht defines the luxury nautical version of the "great escape".

Having a non-stop range of more than 6,400 kilometers for a single journey – about the same as many long-range intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) – raises a few eyebrows over what might be required to complete such a trip.

Worry not, even though the flybridge hot tub, hydraulic foldout saloon balcony and aft garage (no joke) are "optional extras", the 13,000 liters of fuel that can be stored on board will get you there, and the cocktail bar comes standard with an ice maker.

If you're in a hurry, and your target is closer to home, the deep-V hybrid hull and the twin engines can get the "cruiser" up to speeds of 27 to 30 knots – impressive for a boat that displaces the best part of 70 tonnes. It also means less ice will be needed for the trip.

The latest version of the luxury flybridge yacht literally wowed visitors at the Singapore Boat Show in April.

"The Princess 88 shown at Singapore is the first in Southeast Asia," explains Rico Stapel, head of Marketing & Charter at Princess Yachts South East Asia, located at Phuket's Boat Lagoon.

"No doubt, the luxury yacht was long awaited in Asia. Powerful, agile, graceful and elegant – it has no equal in long distance cruising. The boat is now based in



THE LATEST ICBM: The luxurious Princess 88 has a range of 3,500 nautical miles and a top speed of up to 30 knots. Photo: Princess Yachts South East Asia

Phuket, here at the Boat Lagoon.

"In every sense, the Princess 88 Motor Yacht bridges the gap between flybridge cruiser and superyacht, for a truly world-class, on-water experience."

Below deck, the yacht offers designs of four or five cabins, with the four-cabin option comprising a VIP-cabin in the bow of the boat, two guest cabins with a double or twin bed and a luxurious master stateroom spanning the entire 20-foot width of the hull.

Up top, the vast flybridge and huge cockpit with dining area, bar and optional jacuzzi provides plenty of space in which to dine and entertain. On the main deck,

if desired, you can install a folding balcony, separated from the passenger compartment by glass sliding doors.

"The expansive lounge and dining area is flawlessly decorated and full of light. The main control room and a well equipped galley are separated from the guest area and have a private walkway for the crew," explains Rico.

"The interior styling and detailing is exceptional with the finest fabrics and finishes adopted throughout. The expansive saloon and formal dining area are exquisitely furnished and bathed in light from large panoramic windows on either side."

The Princess name has become synonymous with all that is finest in luxury motor yacht design and as part of the Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy (LVMH) family, has become a brand of distinction around the world.

"The LVMH luxury portfolio unites many of the world's most aspirational brands, including Louis Vuitton, Christian Dior, Fendi, Moët & Chandon and Feadship: brands which have achieved iconic status through that rare combination of tradition and innovation, creativity and cutting-edge design," says Rico.

"We have been the only authorized dealer for the timeless and

prestigious Princess Yachts from the UK since 1995. We also offer premium brokerage yachts from all over Southeast Asia

"We pride ourselves on integrity, reliability and passion. Our sole mission is to provide the best possible maritime turnkey experience, from the moment one starts thinking about purchasing or hiring a yacht and every day after that.

"What better way to truly explore Phuket than from the luxury of one of our motor yachts. Our charter fleet ranges from 13 to 40m, including many brand-new and fully equipped Princess Yachts," he teases.



Phuket generated 21 billion baht in yacht tourism last year. Photo: Gazette file

Yacht tourism targeted after generating B21bn

MORE than 1,000 yacht trips stopped over in Phuket last year, staying as long as 60 days. Each tripper spent about 100,000 baht on average, generating 21 billion baht in revenue in Phuket and the surrounding region.

The impressive figures prompted event organizer Home Show Co to target the tourism sector by staging a combination of events in Bangkok from October 11-19 that were expected to draw 100mn baht in sales.

"Yachts are becoming more popular with millionaires in the region, including [those from] Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia," said Home Show director Veraded Jitsakdanont.

"They love to come to Thailand for sailing, particularly Phuket, which offers many marinas such as Yacht Haven, Royal Phuket, Boat Lagoon, Ao Po Grand Marina, and the government marina at Chalong Bay."

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Light up and float for Loy Krathong

TOURISTS and island residents don't have far to go to explore the wonders of Thailand's rich cultural heritage as one of the country's most romantic, tranquil and beautiful holidays is just around the corner.

Loy Krathong, the "Festival of Light", takes place on the full moon of the 12th lunar month of the year, falling this year on November 6. The holiday will see events, contests and *krathong* releases throughout the island.

Loy literally means "to float," while *Krathong* refers to the lotus-shaped vessels that are traditionally made of banana leaves and contain candles, *joss* sticks, small offerings of food and flowers.

Traditionally, thousands of people across the nation release the *krathong* into rivers, lakes, ponds and the sea. The offerings are made to give thanks to the goddess of water and to seek forgiveness for past misdeeds.

Young couples can be seen, especially by the water at Saphan

Hin, floating *krathong* and lighting up *khom loi* lanterns to release into the sky – an act thought by many to bring good luck and love to those who take part in the festival together.

The festival usually includes

beauty pageants, fireworks and *krathong*-making contests using materials such as banana leaves and cross-sections of banana tree trunks, coconut bark or paper.

Last year, celebrations were muted to show respect for the

passing of His Holiness the Supreme Patriarch Somdet Phra Nyanasamvara Somdet Phra Sangharaja. However, this year the festivities will be back in full swing with a plethora of activities taking place on November 6.

Patong

Wednesday – 6pm:

Performances on the main stage (near the police box at the end of Soi Bangla), cultural performance by students from Thaksin University in Songkhla, followed by the Patong Entertainment Business Association's presentation of scholarships.

Thursday – 5:30pm:

Parade from Phang Muang Sai Kor Road to the main stage. 6pm: Music and live performances on eight stages along Patong Beach, including *nang talung* shadow puppet plays, Thai and international performances, and Miss Noppamas beauty pageants for children from 7:30pm and for adults from 8:30pm. The Patong Miss Noppamas is open to all women, Thai or foreign.

For more information call Patong Municipality at 076-342078.

Cherng Talay (Laguna Grove Y-Junction in front of Laguna Phuket Beach Resort)

Thursday – 7pm-10:30pm: Concert by famous Thai folk singer Katalaeya Marasri, Traditional Thai performances, singing contest, *krathong* contest and a shadow puppet show.

Where to Loy in Phuket

Karon / Kata (In front of the municipality offices)

Thursday – Morning:

Local sports for students and local residents. 7pm: Miss Noppamas pageant and stage performances from local schools and organizations.

Chalong

(At the field opposite Ladthwanaram Temple, "Wat Tai")

Wednesday:

Miss Noppamas pageant for kids.

Thursday:

Loy Krathong parade, Miss Noppamas pageant and *krathong* contest.

Rawai / Nai Harn November 4-6:

Stage performances, Thai folk music, Miss Noppamas beauty pageant at Nai Harn Lake.

Phuket City

November 4-6:

Stage performances and vendors at Saphan Hin, from 4pm to midnight daily.

Tuesday – 6pm:

Miss Noppamas beauty pageant for kids.

Wednesday – 6pm:

Thai Folk music singing contest.

Thursday – Morning:

Krathong craft-making competition, 8pm:

Loy Krathong opening ceremony.



Celebrating the festival of lights from below



Try seeing the other side of a *krathong* this year

HIGH season officially got underway for divers two weeks ago with parties at AquaMaster and Dive Supply, but the real party this week is more of a cultural thing – Loy Krathong.

It appears that Loy Krathong could offer a truly unique night-diving experience – if you can talk someone into taking you.

While thousands stand on the banks of *klongs*, lakes and quarries, as well as on Phuket's beaches, divers wanting something different should strap on a tank.

Staying close to shore and shallow could – I know of no one who has done it – offer

Diving

By Isaac Stone Simonelli

some spectacular visuals as hundreds of *krathong* glowing with candlelight drift above you.

Phuket's *klongs* might not be the most sanitary dive locations, and even Nai Harn lagoon in its glowing glory on Loy Krathong might be worth giving a miss. However, Patong Bay – yes, I know it's also not the cleanest – could be the choice location to give the exploratory dive a try.

The bay, situated on the northern side of a headland, is mostly protected from shoreward winds, which have the tendency to beach *krathongs* by the scores.

Sitting in two meters of water in the dark, while all the glowing banana-leaf crowns remain ashore might not be the best to spend the romantic holiday. However, in Patong Bay, at least there is the chance you'll get to watch people's tributes to the water goddess drift slowly over head. And perhaps from below you can help subtly help push people's worries to sea.

Oh, if it turns out to be a rubbish dive, shoot me an email, I'd love to hear about it.



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Is OJ a murderer?



Excuse Buster

By Craig Burton

DO YOU like to start the day here on our tropical island paradise with a glass of orange juice? Before you reach for a glass, here is some food for thought.

New research contends that a glass of fruit juice increases the core blood pressure. Oh and, yes, it makes you fat. Researchers from Swinburne University in Australia recently released a study observing that people who had a daily glass of juice had significantly higher blood pressure.

Moreover, according to an article published in *Diabetes Care* called "Intake of fruit, vegetables, and fruit juices and risk of diabetes in women", women who drink a glass of juice daily are 18 per cent more likely to develop type II diabetes.

FROM TREE TO TABLE

We all know that orange juice starts life as an orange on a sun-bathed tree – an image that, for many of us, represents the embodiment of a healthy lifestyle. So, what happens to it between the day the orange is picked and the day it ends up as juice in your refrigerator?

Well, first, it gets squeezed. After that, things start to go horribly wrong. The juice itself contains almost no fiber, without which the huge amount of natural inflammatory sugar (fructose) in oranges is released into your bloodstream, at a very quick rate.

That sends your body into crisis (especially if not consumed with food), and provokes an insulin response – the fructose will be stored as fat if the liver or muscles don't store it for short-term use. It can also help to fatigue your pan-

creas (which secretes insulin) to the point where you become susceptible to type II diabetes.

High blood-sugar levels are also directly and indirectly linked to health issues such as fungal infections, tooth decay, osteoporosis, ADHD, heart disease and chronic inflammation.

After it's been squeezed, the juice is pasteurized (cooked) to increase its shelf life, and "from concentrate" juice then has the water evaporated from it by using vacuum and heat processing techniques before it's frozen and shipped.

This pasteurization process destroys most of the vitamins and minerals, and denatures all of the vital enzymes, making your juice nutritionally degraded, and leaving you with just sugar and water.

"Not from concentrate" juice is also commonly pasteurized, as is organic juice. Freshly squeezed, unpasteurized juice is nutritionally richer, but still lacks the fiber needed to control your blood-sugar levels appropriately.

Most people know about acid erosion and tooth enamel, but the hidden cost to your teeth from uncontrolled sugar levels is paid with the amount of calcium and other minerals required to help control blood-glucose levels. When these minerals are controlling your blood glucose they aren't helping your teeth, which leads to decay from the inside out.

IS IT REALLY SO BAD?

You'll find some people who say that fruit juice is still a good way of getting vitamins and fluids into your body, but to many of us in the wellness field, this is nonsense.

Those people are patronizing you, assuming that if you don't drink juice you won't have the brains to figure out how else to get your vitamins and fluids. As a



Orange juices becomes deadly as soon as the orange is first squeezed. Photo: Pikiwikisrael

result, they end up giving out half-baked and confusing advice.

When you need fluids, drink water. When you need vitamins, eat lots of varied and raw vegetables, or drink vegetable juice.

Apple juice, grape juice, and many others are also guilty of the same crimes as orange juice,

despite advertisements urging you to believe they're healthy.

So, don't be fooled. Just because an ad shows a healthy, fit, happy young couple drinking juice in a stylish kitchen, with morning sun pouring through the window, it doesn't mean the juice is responsible for it.

Craig Burton is a nutritional expert with more than 15 years of experience. 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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Only a whisper of wind

Sailors struggle to make headway in calm conditions



The course was shortened to accommodate the less-than-ideal conditions.

By Bob Mott

SAILORS last week were once again tested by contrary winds and complicated tidal flows during Ao Chalong Yacht Club's (ACYC) Sunday race series. One of the slowest downwind spinnaker starts got the fleet of six boats off on an in-harbor course of three windward leewards.

Rounding marks for Race 7 Series 2 included a yellow buoy off the Rawai Mosque and the Banit Safe Water Mark. Club race officer Alan Carwardine called the finish-boat finisher David Rucker to advise of a shortened course and to finish the two competing monohulls at the Banit channel marker. Also calling it quits there was *Nina* whose crew struggled in the light conditions.

There were no major tussles on the day apart from an interesting bit of competition between *Nina* and the 27-foot Catalina *Aqua* that had no right to be that far up the fleet, but somehow managed to do so, giving both crews someone to work against. At one point, *Aqua* was so close that the Salsa music playing on their stereo prompted *Nina*'s foredeck crew to dance to the music on *Nina*'s bow nets. *Aqua* was probably lucky to be there at all considering her rescue in severe weather by the Thai Navy some years back.

It was a hot, slow and tough day for all including the front-runners *Hurricane* who led from beginning to end, followed by *Adrenaline* and *Galeforce*. It can be a hard day in paradise some-



Sansiri is maintaining second place in the Monohull division of the ACYC Sunday race series. Photos: Bob Mott

times! With only two more races in the series, positions are tight with *Hurricane* in the lead and *Nina* in second with *Adrenaline* holding down third overall in multihulls. In the Monohull division *Aqua* is enjoying first place

with *Sansiri* right behind her.

Hurricane and *Adrenaline* will both miss one of the remaining races due to their commitments to race in the Raja Muda Regatta in Malaysia and the Kings Cup Regatta in Phuket, which will have

an impact on their final results.

Next race is on November 9. Anyone interested in joining as crew, please be at the club at 10:30 for the skippers briefing. No skills required. www.acyc.asia. Don't forget the Sunday Roast.

Freedivers go the distance in Dynamic with Fins event

FREEDIVERS slipped on a variety of fins from mermaid tails – monofins – to traditional freediving fins to put up some long horizontal dives at the We Freedive Suunto Series at Phuket Country Home last Sunday.

The Dynamic with Fins (DYN) event which allows divers to use fins, but not their arms, saw a non-ranked pre-event dive of 136 meters by Pete Botman from the Netherlands.

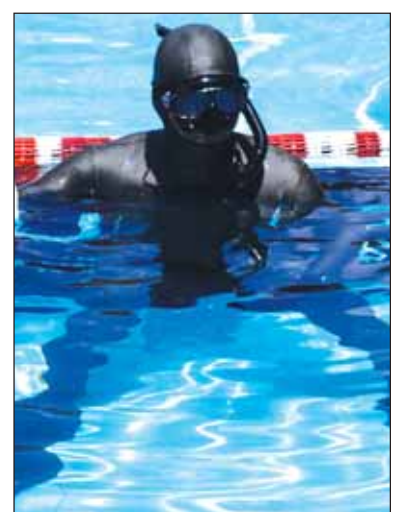
Two of the competitors received white cards – clean, legal dives as determined by Association Internationale pour le Développement de l'Apnée (AIDA) standards.

American Walter Johnson covered 104m and Melanie Long from the UK kicked her way to a 75m finish.

Vladimir Botko from Slovakia covered the longest distance during the competition – 107m. However, Vladimir breached the surface during the dive and received a yellow card and a five point penalty.

"The penalty was applied because he was not swimming underwater toward the end of his dive, but at the surface – and that doesn't count as diving," AIDA judge Richard Wonka told the *Gazette*.

However, it was Melanie who was on pace for some larger scores down the line.



Divers were permitted to use fins, but not their arms.

"Melanie has a whole lot more in her. She has been taking it slowly, as she wants to first do an advanced course to make sure her training is effective and safe before going into the longer dives," Richard said.

"She definitely has the potential to set a few new UK records."

There are two more days left in the Suunto series: November 30 and December 21.

The event in November will be static apnea, while the December final event will see competitors showing off their skills in three disciplines: DYN, dynamic no fins and static apnea.

– Isaac Stone Simonelli

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F1 teams in financial straits

By Alan Baldwin

TALK of financial crisis in Formula One is nothing new, but the absence of back-markers Caterham and Marussia from this week's US Grand Prix after they went into administration has concentrated minds.

For the first time since 2005, there will be only nine teams in the paddock and some of them are competing in straitened circumstances.

It is a long-standing joke that the best way to make a small fortune in Formula One is to start with a large one, but securing even a basic budget is proving increasingly difficult in a sport that burns through cash at eye-watering speed.

Sauber have made no secret of their problems while Force India owner Vijay Mallya continues to make headlines after being declared a "willful defaulter" last month by state-run lender United Bank of India.

Speculation has also swirled around Lotus, who have had serious financial problems.

The signs of trouble have been there for years, with regular warnings and calls for cost caps along the way. The plight of Caterham and Marussia, who are both hoping to find a buyer, comes as no surprise.

"It seems that the chickens have come home to roost," Max Mosley, the former president of the governing International Automobile Federation, told the *Times* newspaper on Monday.

Mosley helped three new teams into the sport at the start of the 2010 season, after a manufacturer exodus, with a promise of



Formula One teams such as Marussia can often find it difficult to maintain budgets in the expensive sport. Photo: Maxim Shemetov/Reuters

budget caps and regulation tweaks to ensure they could compete on a level playing field.

The US\$64.55 million [2.1 billion baht] annual budget cap never happened, with the big teams refusing to countenance such a measure, and by the end of the 2010 season Mosley spelled out the risks implicit in that rejection.

"For 2011, you need US\$100mn [3.2bn baht], with 30 or 40mn [973mn to 1.3bn] from Bernie Ecclestone and perhaps 20 to

25mn [649 to 811mn baht] from sponsors or the drivers," he declared at the time.

"I'd say six teams are wondering where the rest is coming from. It's quite possible we will lose two or three teams."

The Briton's words would have been just as valid now.

"The budget cap was absolutely the right thing to do," he said on Monday. "Clearly no sport can survive properly when some teams are spending four and five times more

than the smallest. There cannot be proper competition that way."

Caterham, which started life as Lotus Racing under Malaysian entrepreneur Tony Fernandes, was supposedly sold in July and went into administration last week amid a paper storm of accusations and counter-claims.

Marussia, which made its debut in 2010 as Virgin Racing, followed on Monday for financial reasons. Spanish-based HRT folded at the end of 2012. — Reuters

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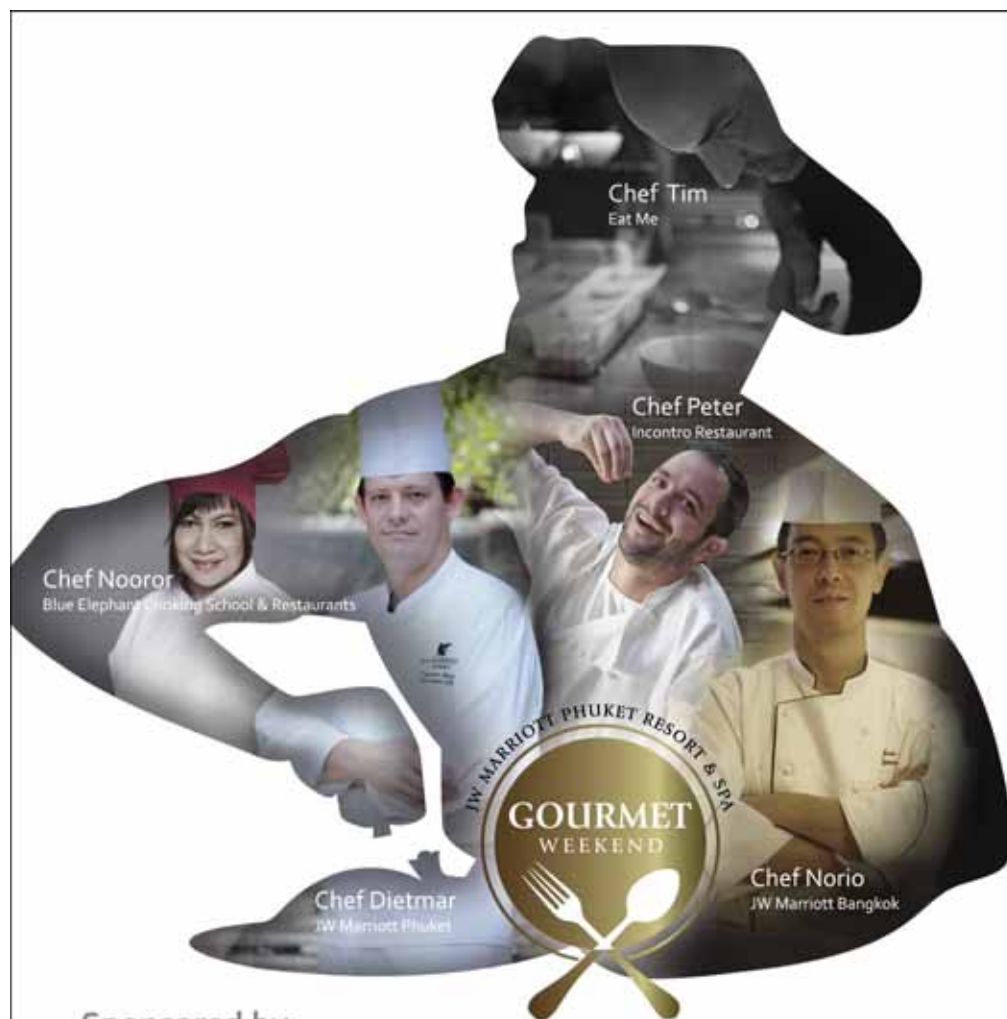
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