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Killers return to forest treks

■ Two elephants kill handlers, one absconds with Russian tourists

By **Chutharat Plerin**

TWO bull elephants who killed their handlers in musth-induced fits of rage this past week will return to providing jungle-trekking tours to tourists after their musth periods have passed.

Wittawat Salangam, 22, was killed at the Phuchada Safari camp in Rawai on Tuesday when he went to unchain the 23-year-old bull elephant Plai Por.

Plai Por used his trunk to batter Mr Wittawat, before attempting to gore him and eventually crushing him to death against a tree.

In Phang Nga, 18-year-old bull elephant Plai Meaw trampled his handler Suk Sapmak, 60, to death at the Phuwara Tour jungle-trekking camp last Sunday. He then ran into the jungle with two Russian tourists on his back.

Plai Meaw was finally subdued with...

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Plai Por battered his handler before crushing him. Photo: Kritsada Mueanhawong

Beach Games gold rush for Thai athletes

HOSTS Thailand flexed their muscles to haul in 12 of the 14 gold medals up for grabs on Tuesday to stay atop the overall standings with 66 medals – including 27 gold – in the 4th Asian Beach Games as the *Gazette* went to print on Wednesday.

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Education visa abusers risk being deported

IMMIGRATION officers are preparing to co-ordinate with language schools throughout the island to identify students consistently failing to attend class.

Those found to be abusing their education visas will have their permits to stay revoked and be deported, the Phuket Immigration chief warned.

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Island pauses to remember road crash victims

FOR the first time, Phuket will take part in World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

Thailand is number two in the world for road fatalities with 44 road deaths per 100,000 people, the British Embassy in Bangkok noted.

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Island to remember road traffic victims

By Chutharat Plerin

PHUKET will remember victims of road traffic accidents on the island for the first time on November 25, as part of World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) Phuket office confirmed.

The event, which was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2005, is observed around the world on the third Sunday of November – this year on November 16.

“While Bangkok will hold World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims on November 16, other provinces have been allowed by the Road Safety Directing Center to choose any date before the end of the month,” said Santhawat Riweung, chief of the DDPM Phuket office.

The DDPM will also organize a road safety seminar on the day for students of Phuket Polytechnic College.

Poor awareness of safety issues was a main cause of traffic accidents among young people, Mr Santhawat said.

“Students are our main target



Drivers are urged to take the time to drive safely. Photo: Gazette file

because teenagers do not really follow road safety regulations properly. We need to train them and open their minds to the importance of road safety.”

To mark World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, the British Embassy in Bangkok has also issued a plea for all travellers in Thailand to observe

road safety traffic regulations in a bid to eliminate the deaths and casualties.

In its statement, the embassy pointed out that: “Thailand ranked number two of road fatalities in the world, with 44 road deaths per 100,000 people. Fatalities from road accidents made up 5.1 percent of Thailand’s overall deaths.”

University student killed in hit-and-run

THE driver of a cement-mixer truck who ran over a Phuket Rajabhat University student in Rassada on November 13 has surrendered to police and been charged with reckless driving causing death.

The student, Chalermchai Lakbaan, 18, died instantly when he was crushed under the truck

in front of the Phuket Cement Co Ltd site on Prachasamakkee Road at about 1:30pm, said Capt Udom Petcharat of the Phuket City Police.

Capt Udom declined to identify the driver by name, but confirmed that he was released after posting an undisclosed amount as bail.

– Kritisada Mueanhawong



The truck driver has been charged.

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Man charged for attempted rape of Australian

POLICE have charged a man for the alleged attempted rape of an Australian tourist at a resort on Koh Maphrao, an island off the east coast of Phuket.

"We have the man in custody. He surrendered to police... following the woman reporting the incident," said Capt Nucharee Longkaew of the Phuket City Police.

"The suspect has been charged with attempted rape and is now in the custody of the Phuket Provincial Court.

"I cannot reveal much about the case as it is still under investigation. We have to be fair

to both parties."

Staff at a resort on the island notified police of the incident last Wednesday morning, Capt Nucharee explained.

"Phuket City Police Superintendent Sermphan Sirikong immediately dispatched officers to investigate," she said.

"I questioned the victim last Thursday [November 6]. Initially, she did not want to talk about it, but she later agreed to talk to me.

"I returned to Phuket at about 10pm that night and applied for the arrest warrant. The

man later surrendered, and the victim gave her statement to the court."

The woman told Capt Nucharee she would leave Phuket on November 8, the day after testifying to the court.

"I don't know if the woman has returned home, but she no longer needs to be present for us to continue our investigation," Capt Nucharee said.

"We have her statement. It is now up to police to collect evidence and proceed with the case – and let the judge hand down the verdict."

– Chutharat Plerin



The man was found dead in the pond by his family.

Local killed electrofishing

A MAN was found dead in a Phuket pond on Tuesday after he was killed while electrofishing.

Suchart Chanaprasit, 36, was found dead at about 8:45am with the electric cable still in his hand, Capt Wittaya Sincharoen of the Thung Thong Police said.

"He was still gripping the electric cable he had been using to stun the fish and there were serious burn marks on his hand," Capt Wittaya said.

"We believe he was electrocuted because the cable he was using had not been properly insulated."

The 500-meter-long cable had been run to the edge of the pond from a plug socket located at the back of the property belonging to the Jungle Bungy Jump center in Kathu.

"The cable was still plugged in when we found him. He was also found with a bag of fish," Capt Wittaya said.

Mr Suchart's body was discovered by his family when they went out to search for him this morning, after he had failed to return home last night.

"I would like to reiterate that not only is it illegal, but electrofishing is a very dangerous method of fishing. Please do not try this," said Capt Wittaya.

Mr Suchart's body was transferred to Vachira Phuket Hospital.

– Kritsada Mueanhawong

Immigration to tackle education visa abuses

By Natthaphol Wittayarungrote

ANY foreigners staying in Phuket on an education visa, but not attending classes will have their permits to stay revoked and they will be deported, the Phuket Immigration chief warned this week.

"We are now keeping a close eye on people staying on education visas," said Phuket Immigration Superintendent Sunchai Chokkajaykij.

"We have to make sure that those people are actually studying, not just staying here long term on the pretense that they have enrolled in a course."

Immigration officers will co-ordinate with language schools throughout Phuket to identify any students who consistently fail to attend classes, Col Sunchai said.

"We will go after foreigners who never come to class. Those people are likely to be breaking the law," he said.

However, Col Sunchai added



Foreigners caught abusing their education visa privileges will be detained at the Phuket Immigration holding cells and deported, said Col Sunchai. Photo: Chutharat Plerin

that his office will not be enforcing a mandatory minimum number of hours that any foreign student must attend each week.

"That depends on the school offering the course," he said. "They can set up their own class timetable."

"But the schools know which people enrolled in their courses are genuine students – and which ones are not."



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More than 60 species of fish now call the lake home. Photo: Miller Photo

Setting the hook for kids' wishes

JUST days after the Phuket International Fishing Tournament (PIST) concludes in Chalong this Saturday, Exotic Fishing Thailand (EFT) will be hosting a tournament to raise funds for Make-A-Wish Foundation Thailand.

The main event is on November 25 from 8am to 6pm at the Phang Nga fishing lake – home to more than 60 different species of fish from around the world.

"I choose to support Make-A-Wish as one of my nieces is a cancer survivor, so I can relate a little to children facing this and other potentially terminal diseases," Mike Bailey from EFT said.

– Isaac Stone Simonelli

Island beefs up Ebola security

By Athip Karndee

VACHIRA Phuket Hospital has opened the first Designated Receiving Area (DRA) in Southern Thailand in response to the recent Ebola outbreak worldwide and the increasing number of visitors to the island.

The DRA is a laboratory fully-equipped to quickly and accurately diagnose patients who show symptoms of highly infectious diseases, such as the Ebola.

"This outbreak has alarmed people all over the world. We are on alert in Thailand. Even though no infected people have been found here, we cannot deny the dangers of this situation," said Dr Wanchai Sattayawutpong, deputy director of the Department of Medical Sciences in Bangkok.

Dr Wanchai cited Phuket's popularity as a tourist destination as the reason for it becoming the first southern province to open a DRA.

"According to statistical data from the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, an average of 10 million tourists come to the island each year," he said, adding that this year's Asian Beach Games alone has attracted visitors from more



The lab is the first Designated Receiving Area in Southern Thailand. It comes in response to mounting concerns about the Ebola Virus.

than 45 countries.

"We are very aware of health care on the island during this time, especially in regards to the heightened risk of infections. Setting up the DRA will enhance our ability to diagnose and treat patients."

Dr Wanchai was joined by Governor Nisit Jansomwong and Dr Kajohnsak Kaewjarus, chief of the

Phuket Provincial Public Health Office (PPHO), at the official opening of the facility on Monday.

The establishment of DRAs throughout Thailand was ordered by the Ministry of Public Health, said Dr Wanchai. By the end of this year, there will be 20 centers throughout the country.

"In 2015, there should be a

DRA in every one of Thailand's 77 provinces, as well as smaller laboratories at each airport," Dr Wanchai said.

Phuket is the third province to establish a DRA. The first two were set up in Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai.

Dr Kajohnsak confirmed to the *Gazette* on Tuesday that staff who transfer any patients suspected of carrying a highly infectious disease from the ambulance to the hospital will be wearing full personal protection outfits.

"The patient will be brought through a special entrance into the negative pressure suite in the 200 Pi ["Bicentennial"] building. The suite consists of five negative-pressure treatment rooms; one for patients in severe condition and the others for less severe cases," he said.

Fears that Ebola had reached Phuket's shores spiked last month when the body of British national Martin Clark, 68, was found in his Phuket condo on October 23 after he returned from Nigeria.

Initial laboratory tests carried out by health experts showed that Mr Clark's body exhibited no signs of the deadly Ebola virus.

Dangerous snatch-thief sells stolen gold – busted

POLICE arrested a man who caused a woman to crash her motorbike after he ripped a gold necklace off her neck on the outskirts of Phuket Town on Monday.

Pongchai Wongwan, 29, was caught walking around Koh Sireh, on the east side of Phuket Town, after selling the necklace to a gold shop for 16,200 baht.

Police caught up with Mr Pongchai just two hours after the theft by identifying him and his motorbike from witness statements, as well as a statement from the victim – Jantra Jiamnansil, 53.

Ms Jantra, who suffered extensive scratches and bruises in the fall, was rushed to Mission Hospital by a passing motorist.

"Police went to see Ms Jantra at the hospital and contacted the witness who reported the crime to us," Phuket City Police Superintendent Sermphan Sirikong said.

After bringing Mr Pongchai in for questioning, and confronting him with the witness statements and CCTV footage of him selling the necklace, he confessed to the



Mr Pongchai was arrested after causing a woman to crash her bike as he robbed her.

crime, Col Sermphan said.

"He said that he needed the money for his monthly motorbike payment and to pay his rent," said Col Sermphan.

Mr Pongchai was charged with theft and using a vehicle to flee the scene of a crime.

The necklace was recovered from the shop and returned to Ms Jantra.

– Kritsada Mueanhawong

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Traffickers snared in jungle run

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

THREE human-trafficking suspects were arrested while trying to smuggle 19 illegal Myanmar workers into Phuket last week.

The men – all Thai nationals – were apprehended at 2am on November 16 near a checkpoint north of the island in Takuapa, Phang Nga.

The 19 illegal workers, brought from Ranong, included nine men and 10 women.

“We questioned the pick-up driver, Chem Taweewat, who told us that he stopped when he saw the checkpoint and told his two accomplices to take the workers around it on foot through the forest,” said Takuapa District Chief Mani Pianthong.

Mr Chem then picked up the workers on the other side of the checkpoint. However, they were ambushed by police when the truck got stuck in the rough jungle terrain.

“He [Mr Chem] passed through the checkpoint and then drove back into the forest to pick up the laborers, but what he didn’t know was that we were waiting for him,” said Mr Mani, adding that when the truck got stuck, it was an added bonus for police.

“We didn’t even have to chase them down,” he said.

Mr Mani declined to explain how police knew Mr Chem and his colleagues were smuggling illegal workers, citing security reasons.



The gang of human traffickers was arrested as they tried to smuggle 19 illegal Myanmar workers through a security checkpoint in Phang Nga by taking a detour through a forest.

The three traffickers and the Myanmar nationals were all taken to Takuapa Police Station for further questioning.

This was the third group of illegal immigrants arrested north of Phuket this month. On November 8, a modified trawler was apprehended off Koh Nok in Ranong carrying 80 Bangladeshi nationals and 219 Rohingya, including women and children.

On November 12, a second group of 86

Rohingya refugees believed to have been smuggled from Myanmar were taken into custody at a rubber plantation in Kuraburi, Phang Nga.

“We believe that this second group of refugees was brought here by human traffickers in a large fishing boat and were ordered to wait in the plantation until a third party took them to Malaysia,” said Kuraburi Police Acting Superintendent Winai

Kongkaew.

It is thought this second group of refugees could be from another bogus trawler – one of three that was spotted flying Thai flags off the Ranong coast earlier this month.

After questioning the 86 refugees, police discovered that a Thai human-trafficking gang had been involved in smuggling them into the country.

“From questioning the refugees, it appears that the traffickers ran away after being tipped off that we were coming to arrest them,” Lt Col Winai said.

All 86 refugees were taken to Kuraburi Community Hall for further questioning and health checkups.

“We will expand our investigations to track down and arrest the human trafficking gangs still in this area,” Col Winai said.

On Monday, Koh Lanta officials found nine Myanmar identity cards, one Myanmar house registration and two Myanmar banknotes discarded in a palm plantation near Baan Khun Samut.

“We are on the lookout for any suspicious boats and any illegal people found on land,” said Pornpoj Pandaeng, chief administrative officer at Koh Lanta’s District Office.

“We are working with officials, village headmen and the Navy, as we have been informed that Koh Lanta has become a staging point for refugees passing through.”

Police exorcize ‘ghost rat’ gang

POLICE arrested a gang of seven, mostly teenagers, last week for shoplifting at several convenience stores in the Chalong and Rawai areas over the past month.

The group, which called themselves *noo pee* (ghost rats), targeted four convenience stores: Big One Rawai branch, SuperCheap Rawai, SuperCheap Saiyuan and Tesco Lotus on Wiset Road in Rawai.

“The gang chose stores that were crowded so that they could conceal what they were doing from staffers,” Phuket Provincial Police Commander Patchara Boonyasit explained.

“Several store thefts have been called in since October 13. It was first reported that a group of people stole items from the Big One store in Rawai, followed by a few more at nearby stores over the next few weeks.”

After reviewing CCTV footage from the stores, police discovered that the same suspects were responsible for all of the robberies.

Over the month, the gang had stolen several cases of beer and cola, as well as various body care products, he added.

“Then, last night [November 12], Chalong Police were called by the staff at the SuperCheap Saiyuan branch to report that five suspicious teenagers had been hanging around,” Gen Patchara explained.

“Police went to investigate the report and identified the teenagers



The ‘ghost rat’ gang were finally caught after months of shoplifting from convenience stores in the south of the island.

as five of the seven involved in the previous thefts.”

At the scene, police placed under arrest the five teenagers, named as Anusorn Seamsorn, 19; Thanongsak Kahapana, 19; Atthaphon Poesritom, 18; Natthaphon Lunkum, 18; and Anucha Hasub, 18.

The officers then went to the homes of Surasit Seamsorn, 20, and Prakamas Narkpud, 19, to arrest them.

“All seven have been charged with committing theft at night using motor vehicles,” Gen Patchara confirmed.

Six of the suspects accepted the charges, but Ms Prakamas denied them, he added.

– Kritsada Mueanhawong

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Phuket's beaches remain umbrella free for now. Photo: Supplied

Shady beach rumor refuted

VICE Governor Chamroen Tippayapongtada on Tuesday reconfirmed to the *Gazette* that tourists are not allowed to bring their own umbrellas or sun loungers to Phuket beaches.

The confirmation from one of the island's top-ranking officials follows a news report claiming that the ban had been lifted.

"I don't know what other English-language websites are reporting, but the ban on tourists bringing their own umbrellas to the beach is still in place," Vice Governor Chamroen said.

"We are trying to get beach umbrellas back as soon as possible. To prevent ownership of the beach, umbrellas will be provided by local municipalities soon.

"However, until the official order has been announced, I can confirm that private umbrellas are not allowed."

Patong and Karon Municipality leaders also denounced rumors that tourists were allowed to bring their own umbrellas and loungers to beaches at Patong, Kata or Karon.

"Some tourists who have misunderstood the situation and tried to bring their own umbrellas to the beach. Please be aware that this is not allowed," Patong Mayor Chalermluck Kebsup said.

— *Chutharat Plerin*

Elephants kill handlers

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...tranquilizer darts and the Russian mother and daughter were safely recovered from his back about three kilometers from the camp.

Waraporn Kasetkala, manager of Phuvara Tour, expressed her sorrow over the incident.

"We are very sorry for their [Mr Suk's family's] loss and we will do what we can to help them during this time," she said.

As musth is a periodic condition in bull elephants characterized by highly aggressive behavior and accompanied by a large rise in reproductive hormones, Meaw will be kept under observation and away from tourists until it is safe for him to start trekking again.

"He is normally playful and kind. This is why we believe he must have been in musth. He will be kept under observation and will not go on any treks until we know that it is safe for him to be around tourists," said Ms Waraporn.



Plai Meaw trampled his handler before running off with two Russians (pictured) on his back. He was caught 3km from the camp. Photo: Supplied

Phuchada Safari staff declined to comment to the *Gazette* about the death Mr Wittwat.

Lt Chollada Chokdeesrijun of the Chalong Police explained that Plai Por was chained Monday afternoon after showings signs of entering musth over the weekend

and giving tourists rides that morning.

"Mr Wittawat went to unchain the animal so that it could return to giving rides on Tuesday. That was when Plai Por went into a fit of rage and killed him," Lt Chollada said.

ELEPHANTS ON LOCKDOWN

Police have ordered all elephant camps in Phuket to ensure that any elephants entering musth are chained up and prevented from working as jungle-trek elephants until the period of musth has passed.

"We ordered the camp to keep Plai Por – and any other elephants entering musth – restrained," said Chalong Superintendent Kritapas Dazinthasorn.

"This is all we can do for now. Musth is a natural phenomenon for male elephants, but we will consult the Livestock Office to learn what is the most appropriate action to take regarding this."

CARRY ON

Phuket Livestock Office Chief Weerasit Putthipairoj told the *Gazette* on Wednesday that his office had no plans to introduce any extra safety measures to prevent further fatal incidents.

Arrests made in multi-million baht drug network

PHUKET Provincial Police on Tuesday presented four suspects arrested for dealing millions of baht of drugs that were delivered from Bangkok by bus.

Presented as evidence at a press conference were more than 19,000 pills of *ya bah* (methamphetamine) and 120 grams of *ya ice* (crystal methamphetamine), as well as two illegal firearms and two cars.

Phuket Provincial Police Commander Patchara Boonyasit named the four suspects as Inrum Jaevo, 36; Sarawut Tanragun, 28; Songwut Tang-uthai, 37; and Somkid Prateepthong, 38.

All four were arrested in less than 24 hours on Monday, Maj Gen Patchara explained.

Mr Somkid confessed that the drugs were delivered from Bangkok by bus for him and his now-arrested accomplices to sell in Phuket.

The drugs were shipped to him by his supplier, who he named only as "Je Na".

Mr Somkid admitted that he had already spent time in jail on a drugs charge, where he learned about "Je Na". He was released from jail three years ago.

Gen Patchara vowed to bring down the rest of the drug network.

"We will continue our investigation until we catch this 'Je-Na' in Bangkok, and we will arrest every person who is involved in this network," he said, adding that this included at least three people who opened bank accounts that Mr Somkid paid drug funds into.

Mr Inrum and Mr Songwut were charged with possession of a Category 1 drug with intent to sell, while Mr Sarawut and Mr Somkid were both charged with possession of a Category 1 drug with intent to sell and with



The men were all arrested with large amounts of meth in their possession.

possession of an illegal firearm and corresponding ammunition.

"The number of drug cases on the island is on the rise, and we will hunt down these criminals with whatever clues we have," Gen Patchara said.

— *Natthaphol Wittayarungrote*

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AROUND THE nation

Chopper crash kills nine Thai Army officials

NINE Army officers, including a top-ranking officer, were killed in a helicopter crash on Monday evening in Phayao.

The group of nine included Maj Gen Songphol Thongjeen, a deputy commander of the Third Army Region in the North, reported *The Nation*.

Two bodies fell into a deep muddy pond and an effort to retrieve them got underway after the crash on Monday night.

The crash site in Muang district had been sealed off to protect personal belongings, weapons and confidential documents that were scattered.

The US-made UH-1 helicopter was returning from duty and lost contact with traffic control 10 minutes before villagers in tambon Tha Wong Thong reported seeing it crash at 5:30pm.

American man wanted

Warrant requested for alleged courier of human body parts to the United States

AN ARREST warrant will be issued for an American man who allegedly tried to courier human body parts to the United States. He faces charges of theft, possessing stolen items and falsely declaring types of items being posted.

Ryan Edward McPherson was also apparently captured on surveillance cameras entering Siriraj Hospital's medical museum not long before the body parts were reported missing, a police source said on Monday.

The parcels were heading for Las Vegas, reported *The Nation*.

The source said Bangkok police chief Lt Gen Srivara Ransibrahmanakul had ordered his subordinates to seek the arrest warrant.

At the time of going to press, police were also trying to acquire surveillance-camera footage implicating Mr McPherson.

Dr Udom Kachintorn, dean of Siriraj Hospital's faculty of medicine, had reported that five body parts had gone missing from a museum inside the Adulyadej Wikrom Building after Mr



Ryan Edward McPherson (black hat) has left Thailand for Cambodia. Photo: The Nation

McPherson was last seen entering the building a month ago.

"We want to find out if the body parts had been carried out in [McPherson's] backpack, or if he bribed the museum staff to take them out," the dean said.

Siriraj Hospital filed a complaint

with Bangkok Noi police on Monday and museum custodians were interviewed about the surveillance footage and the missing body parts.

Investigator Lt Col Jaturong Thongphanlertsakul announced on Monday that the US Federal Bureau of Investigation was being

asked to help in terms of the intended recipients.

Senior investigator Col Sombat Milinthajinda confirmed on Monday that Mr McPherson had left Thailand for Cambodia through the Khlong Luek border checkpoint in Sa Kaew province.

Long-awaited animal rights law passed with overwhelming vote

UNDER a newly passed law, eating live animals, feeding mammals to predators without a reason or having sex with animals will result in a year in prison, a fine of up to 20,000 baht, or both.

The National Legislative Assembly (NLA) passed the much-awaited law in an overwhelming 188:1 vote, with four abstentions, reported *The Nation*.

The 2014 Prevention of Animal Cruelty and Provision of Animal Welfare Act also outlaws beating, burning or torturing animals to death; using them in illegal activities or hard labor; detaining them in narrow enclosures; keeping aggressive species together; pitting animals against each other without authorization; deforming or disabling them; and poisoning or using chemicals to



The passage of the law was long-awaited by many. Photo: The Nation

cause injury or death.

Those failing to take care of ill animals or transporting them in unsuitable vehicles leading to death or injuries can also be charged.

The fine will be imposed on violators on a daily basis until the actions stop. Rescued animals will be taken under the care of the Livestock Development Department.

Plans to eliminate 22mn tonnes of trash underway in Thailand

THE Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment will eradicate 11 million tonnes of garbage in six provinces under a pilot project that began in August, it has been said.

The provinces – Ayutthaya, Nakhon Pathom, Pathum Thani, Saraburi, Samut Prakan and Lop Buri – were found to have the most garbage in the country, reported *The Nation*.

Ultimately, Thailand will eradicate 22mn tonnes of garbage, or 80 per cent of the total waste nationwide (28mn tonnes) in a year, said the ministry's deputy permanent secretary, Suphot

Tovichakchaikul. He said the plan also involved at least 15 power plants being equipped to turn garbage into electricity.

All the provinces have to develop and submit an action plan on waste management to the Department of Pollution Control by next month. Mr Suphot said the plans would then be proposed to the Cabinet for what is being called the "National Action Plan on Waste Management", which would be implemented next year.

"We will have a clear direction on how we can solve waste problems for both the short and long terms," he said.



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Remember, it's a long road ahead

PHUKET's yet-to-be-observed first marking of the annual World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims needs to serve not only as a memorial to those who have perished on our roads, but also as a reminder that we have a long way to go in raising road safety to something resembling acceptable international standards.

Statistics indicating a fall in the number of road-accident fatalities on the island over the past several years are encouraging. Although the trend is too short to be statistically significant, it is certainly better than a rise in road fatalities.

Equally encouraging is the fact that the annual number of road deaths has fallen despite large year-on-year increases in the number of vehicles on our roads over the same period.

Unfortunately, this is where the good news ends and grim reality rears its ugly head. As the pleas for improved road safety continue, Phuket's streets remain among the most dangerous not only in Thailand, but in the world.

The Phuket office of the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) has hit the nail on the head by making local youths the target of their safety-awareness campaign to mark the day. After all, young males on motorbikes – often drunk or otherwise under the influence – make up the single largest demographic of road accident fatalities year in, year out.

However, efforts to raise awareness of the importance of traffic-safety issues across such a thin slice of a society are unlikely to have much effect, especially in a place where reckless behavior among adults is so common.

The list of dangerous driving behaviors that pass as “standard operating procedure” here, but which would be unthinkable in most developed countries, is far too long to list.

Despite so much talk about road safety, the concept of issuing tickets or making arrests for “moving violations” remains a foreign concept. Virtually all fines are issued at fixed “traffic checkpoints”, the location and times of which are easy enough to predict even when not announced in advance, such as during the “Seven Days of Danger” campaigns deployed during holidays.

A good indication of just how bad local driving skills are is the fact that hardly anyone ever uses their horn to shame fellow road users for transgressions of driving etiquette; it is as if it were a lost cause – or they don't want to be shot.

In many ways, it strikes the *Gazette* as almost miraculous that the road-fatality rate is as low as it is considering all the mindless mayhem that takes place on our streets. Perhaps this is the silver lining of the ever-increasing traffic on the island.

The *Gazette* would like to appeal to all Phuket expats to help the cause by setting a good example when driving, rather than adopting the “when in Rome” mentality that has seen so many foreigners returned home in body bags: You have been warned.



The beach umbrella battle goes on

For over 14 years we have spent our holidays in Patong, and every year we stay for one month.

We love to stay on the beach from early morning until late in the afternoon just relaxing, enjoying the sun or reading a nice book.

When we are at home we always read the *Phuket Gazette* to stay up to date about everything that happens in Phuket.

Now we are very concerned about what we are reading, especially stories regarding that it's now impossible to rent sunbeds and umbrellas on the beach. Like I said before, we love to spend our holidays on the beach, and without sunbeds and umbrellas this is not possible.

I was wondering if you could give any more information about this situation and maybe you can tell me if during high season it will be possible to rent sunbeds and umbrellas again.

I'm very sad to say that if this situation does not change we will have to find another place to spend our holidays, and will not be returning to Phuket.

Thank you for reading my message and hope you will give us some positive news.

Jean-Pierre Harkx
Phuket

Maybe we can find a workable solution...

Re: Gazette online, Officials scramble to resolve ban on tourists bringing own beach umbrellas, November 15

It has occurred to me that the authorities, having banned organized beach umbrellas and in light of the story of the Swede with his own umbrella, may have painted themselves into a corner.

Having no umbrellas at all is, quite frankly, stupid.

Maybe the *Phuket Gazette* could ask its readers for concrete, sensible solutions to the impasse.

Obviously beaches in a tourist resort destination with no umbrel-

Letters to the Editor

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las are flawed, as all tourist beaches in the world have umbrellas. As do the swimming pools at all Phuket resorts.

There must be a workable solution that addresses both tidy beaches and tourists' needs. If it has more to do with who supplies the umbrellas than whether there are umbrellas or not, then there is another story for the *Gazette*.

Mike Rust
Belize

...after we find some common sense

Re: Gazette online, Officials scramble to resolve ban on tourists bringing own beach umbrellas, November 15

What a stupid mess this has become... completely incomprehensible.

The lack of common sense within the governing ranks here is beyond belief.

The people making decisions around here are so far out of touch with the rest of the world. They need to wake up fast.

Ling
Gazette Forum

What bus ban?

Re: Gazette online, Phuket Police call for priority for Asian Beach Games buses, November 18

“Nonetheless, the ban is still being applied to all other large vehicles during the peak traffic hours of 6am to 9am and 4pm to 7pm.”

Seems nobody has reminded the bus drivers.

I passed four grinding their way over the hill at 8:40am the other week – and there are no cops vis-

ible on either side of the hill to enforce the ban.

Mister Ree
Gazette forum

Outlaw mistreatment of majestic beasts

Re: Gazette online, Elephant north of Phuket tramples handler to death, storms into jungle with Russian tourists still atop, November 16

Having lived in Phuket and seen first hand how hard these animals are worked, and the attitude of their handlers, I'm surprised this hasn't happened before.

I believe that elephants are majestic, highly intuitive beasts and that elephant trekking should, quite simply, be outlawed.

Alexandra Antonioni
Facebook

Unwanted messages make a fortune

Re: Gazette online, Opinion: Dealing with unwanted phone messages, November 19

I had exactly the same problem with my DTAC SIM card. It took a visit to their service center in Phuket Town to stop the offending company sending three-baht SMS messages twice a day.

At the time, I was using a Thai iMobile phone, of which I'd foolishly clicked one of the pre-installed game apps. These companies must be making millions of baht every day with this type of scam!

Agogohome
Phuket Forum

Thailand, good as gold

Though the Asian Beach Games is a new event, Thailand has shown the world what amazing athletes it can produce.

With the increased focus on sports tourism, I can only imagine we are establishing a tradition.

Charles Churt
Chalong

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Say it with puppets

FIRST PERSON

WHEN I think about puppets, I think about bringing something to life. It is a toy, but it comes alive when the puppeteer uses his or her imagination to fill it up, whether they make it walk, talk or just move around.

One of the main reasons I like puppetry is because everyone can do it. We can use this art as a way to express our thoughts and feelings to the audience, and the audience will be able to fully understand exactly what it is we are trying to convey. It allows us to connect with people.

Because I love this form of art, I want to share my experience and knowledge, including the cultural history, with children – our future. This desire led me to found Phuket Marionette.

I think that schools today focus too much on academia and do not give enough importance to art. It is essential to balance our lives. Learning the arts and how to control or channel our emotions through them helps create a well-rounded person.

Introducing puppetry to children gives them a way to express themselves, their emotions, their imaginations and their thoughts. It benefits them in the long term by sharpening their minds and teaching them how to focus and concentrate on something. It also teaches them about teamwork.

The art of puppetry is precious and has value in and of itself. Puppetry is about expressing and expanding our thoughts, along with giving joy and smiles to others. I would like to think that we, puppeteers, are a media that in-



Rat Puanrak, 40, graduated with an electronic engineering degree from Ragamangala University of Technology in Nonthaburi. However, he made a career switch to the tourism industry before becoming a professional freelance photographer. He then began studying the art of puppetry and eventually founded the Phuket Marionette.

Here, he talks about how the art of puppetry can mold children and help them become well-rounded adults, as well as the importance of preserving the art for Phuket and for society as a whole.

fluences good thoughts and happiness in our audiences.

I started giving the unique art form my full attention in 2011. I was struggling to learn about and research puppetry, because most artists are quite possessive of their knowledge. Eventually, I became close with the Sema Thai Marionette Foundation in Bangkok.

At first, they were hesitant to share their knowledge, like so many others. After a while, they realized that we were on the same page – we wanted to preserve the Thai marionette. It's a part of Thailand's cultural identity and a part of our heritage that we should never forget.

After training, learning and researching for two years, I founded the Phuket Marionette in 2013.

In Phuket, it is the *ka-lae* marionette which I am trying to preserve. This art of puppetry dates back to the early days of the island, when Phuket was focused

on tin mining.

The *ka-lae* marionette is one of Thailand's oldest marionettes. It originated in China, and came to Phuket when the first group of Chinese migrants settled here. It was mainly performed during the mid-autumn festival, also known as the moon festival, as a ritual.

Because it is such a deeply-rooted belief that the art should be passed down only through bloodlines, there is always a chance that the *ka-lae* marionette could cease to exist in the future for our children and their children to see and appreciate.

Because of this, I have made a great effort to preserve this art. I was granted the rare chance to learn everything about the *ka-lae*, from creating the puppet to performing with it.

This art will not die with me; my goal is to preserve and pass on my knowledge to those of the next generation. More than preserving it and passing on the knowledge and traditions, Phuket Marionette has also made an effort to publicize *ka-lae* to everyone, not just children.

If you take the time to look into it closely, you will see how much can really be gained from the unique art of puppetry.



Phuket surfers, old and new, should share the waves. Photo: Swdreaming

Waves of kindness

PHUKET is famous and infamous for a list of commendable and questionable attributes. One thing that seems to have made it onto the list in certain circles is surfing.

Because of the teasingly short surfing season and fickle beach breaks, Thailand will never qualify as a dedicated surfing destination. However, for beginners or less-seasoned surfers whose standards for waves have yet to jade them, the Andaman's warm waters can be mighty tempting compared with, say, Japan in the middle of winter.

As the end of this year's surfing season comes into sight, conversation out on the water has ebbed toward comparing the past few seasons. One thing that everyone seems to collectively agree on with a tinge of disdain is that last year's waves were better than this year's.

The other change that has been noticed, with slightly less chagrin, is the increase in the number of surfers in the water. Phuket's breaks are pretty uncrowded compared with big-name destinations in Indonesia or Australia, but when there are only 10 people in the water, another five seem like a crowd.

The thing is – and I'd expect older surfers to vehemently disagree with me on this – everyone has an equal right to be playing on the waves. And, yes, it is playing – don't take yourself too seriously.

What some people don't realize though, is what gets surfers steaming is the ignorance of, or complete lack of deference to, etiquette. That's right, this isn't 'Nam, there are rules.

Island View

By Jeremie Schatz

Do you have an opinion to voice?
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Beginners seem to always have a herd mentality and want to be with the group out where the action is when, in fact, they should be keeping closer to shore. Surfing has a notoriously steep learning curve and it typically takes a huge investment in time just to figure out the basics.

But while they are learning, beginners are out in the water with other surfers and swimmers with a nine-foot monstrosity of a board that they have little to no control over.

If they are really getting in the way, someone will certainly inform them of their transgression, and most likely, not so politely.

It's not just beginners who get a bristly response though. Even here in Phuket, surfers will find some local attitude. The surfing scene is a bit of a contrast to other sports. Camaraderie doesn't always come easily and it takes time to establish yourself in the pecking order which usually entails a little bit of proving yourself and a bit more respect for etiquette.

It's important for the seasoned surfers to see through the cloud of frustration from dealing with beginners, and be receptive to outsiders joining the lineup at your spot. Surfing is getting more popular, resulting in more people on the water, so it's becoming increasingly important keep it light-hearted.

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

The children need a place to play safely

The rest area at Nai Harn Lagoon is a very nice place for many children and it is much visited. But all the playground toys are very old and need some loving care.

The chains on the swingers are very weak and one of the swings has fallen apart. The carousel is missing seats. One of the nice small toy houses is missing parts.

I would like to know if there are plans for maintaining the area.

Charley,
Saiyuan

Aroon Solos, Mayor of Rawai, replies:

We are supposed to have officers from Rawai Municipality



The Nai Harn playground needs some care. Photo: Sutharat Husted

check the area once a month and conduct any maintenance of the playground so that they are usable and safe for kids to play at.

However, after receiving your inquiry about this, I will be going to inspect the place myself. Thank you for notifying me about this.

I will then make arrangements for any improvements. I would like good facilities for people in the community and children's safety is one of our top priorities.

Is a solution to ghost-riding in Rawai in the works?

THE newly constructed median on Wiset Road has no breaks in it for motorists to make u-turns or access busy side streets.

This has led to a major increase in "ghost-riding" – driving against the flow of traffic – along that stretch of road (between Chalong Circle and Saiyuan Road).

People who ride motorbikes, and even some who drive cars, drive on the wrong side to get to their street. Last night, I watched 10 motorcyclists from Soi Suksan turn right against the flow of traffic to get to Rawai.

Are there plans to provide breaks at certain points?

Alistair Beveridge,
Rawai

Samak Luedwonghad, director of the Phuket Highways Office, replies:

We installed the 800-meter-long concrete median because there were many accidents that had been occurring in that area on Wiset Road.

At the moment we do not plan to change it, because creating breaks where drivers can make u-turns may make traffic congestion in the area even worse and, there's a chance it could end up causing more accidents.

I implore everyone who uses the road to please abide by traffic laws.

The laws and the median we constructed might be inconve-

nient at times, but they are there to help maintain your safety while you are driving.

However, in the future, if we see that the median is not really working or that more accidents are occurring, we might reconsider installing some breaks in it.

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

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Phuket's Asian Beach Games

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From left: Kachorn Prowsree of the Phuket Asian Beach Games Organizing Committee (PABGOC); Saksri Kerdphol, committee member of PABGOC and the International Federation of Muaythai Amateur (IFMA); Dr Sakchye Tapsuwan, president of IFMA and secretary-general of the World Muaythai Council (WMC); and Amnuay Kesbumrung, PABGOC member and president of the Muaythai Institute. Photo: Supplied

YOUR Phuket



Pakphum Intarasuwan, acting chief administrative officer at the Phuket Provincial Office was a guest of honor at the Asian Beach Games Thank you Party on November 18 Photo: Isaac Stone Simonelli

SilverFinz swim to victory

Thanyapura SilverFinz traveled to the International School Bangkok (ISB) recently to take part in the ISB Panthers swim meet where they had an outstanding competition, winning seven individual events.



From left: Thanyapura Head of Aquatics Miquel Angel Lopez Alvarado and Tanakrit "Nok" Kittiya, Phuket International Academy student from the Elite Junior Sports Academies program at ISB Bangkok. Photo: Supplied

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Oriol Montal, general manager of JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa, was present at the hotel's Gourmet Weekend, which showcased three days of food workshops from November 14-16, culminating in a Charity Dinner. Photo: Supplied

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

Letters left out: underlined.

Across: 8. COURAGE: c-our-age 9. FREELANCE: free-clean 13. LADEN: la-den 14. TRAIN: ranit 15. TOCCATA: To-C-acat 16. GODDESS: dog[rev]-de-S.S. 17. RAISE: propose 18. THETA: atthe 20. NOUNS: onsun 22. INTENT: in-tent 23. PHIPHI: hip-hip 25. SHELLAC: she'll-ac 27. DOORMAN: androom 30. TANGMO: mangot 31. RECOUP: re-coup 32. INNER: inn-E-R 35. ALERT: real-T 36. CAMEL: came-L 37. RADICAL: carlaid 39. CROATIA: actor-A.1.[rev] 41. NONET: no-catch 42. SHALE: has-le 43. STROPPING: st-R-opping 44. POURING: ringup(0)
Down: 1. BONDED: dobend 2. GRANDEES: grand-see 3. EGOTISTICAL: goalciteits 4. TRANSIENT: trainsent 5. MEATIER: maretie 5. RATCATCHER: tracechart 7. UCLA: U-C-L-a 10. FLAGON: flag-0-N 11. CARROTS: orcart 12. SALAMI: imalas[rev] 19. EXPLAIN: Ex.-plain 21. UNHINGE: hegunin 24. COOPERATION: pooraction(E) 26. LIMITATION: tilimonat(1) 28. PERMANENT: repmeant(N) 29. CODLING: cod-ling 30. TRANCE: certain 32. INDUSTRY: sundirty 33. ROLLER: roller 34. SCRAPPY: scrap-P-Y 38. CHAINS: chinas 40. OPTS: spot

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From left: Daniel Meury, general manager, Allan Zeman, chairman, Ariyah Nganwongphanich, property manager, Pascal Frei, resident manager. Photo: Supplied

Novotel Phuket Karon opening

Phuket Governor Nisit Jansomwong was guest of honor at the recent official opening of the Novotel Phuket Karon Beach Resort & Spa, the latest Novotel addition to Phuket.



From left: Uthit Limsakul, deputy director of TAT Phuket; Nisit Jansomwong, Phuket Governor; Gary Richard Murray, owner of the hotel; Jaree Wuthisanti, senior executive vice president, managing director Corporate Banking Group 1 Krung Thai Bank; Paul Stevens, vice president of Operations, Novotel Mercure Ibis, Thailand Vietnam Cambodia Lao Myanmar Philippines; Fraser Ross, general manager of the hotel. Photo: Supplied

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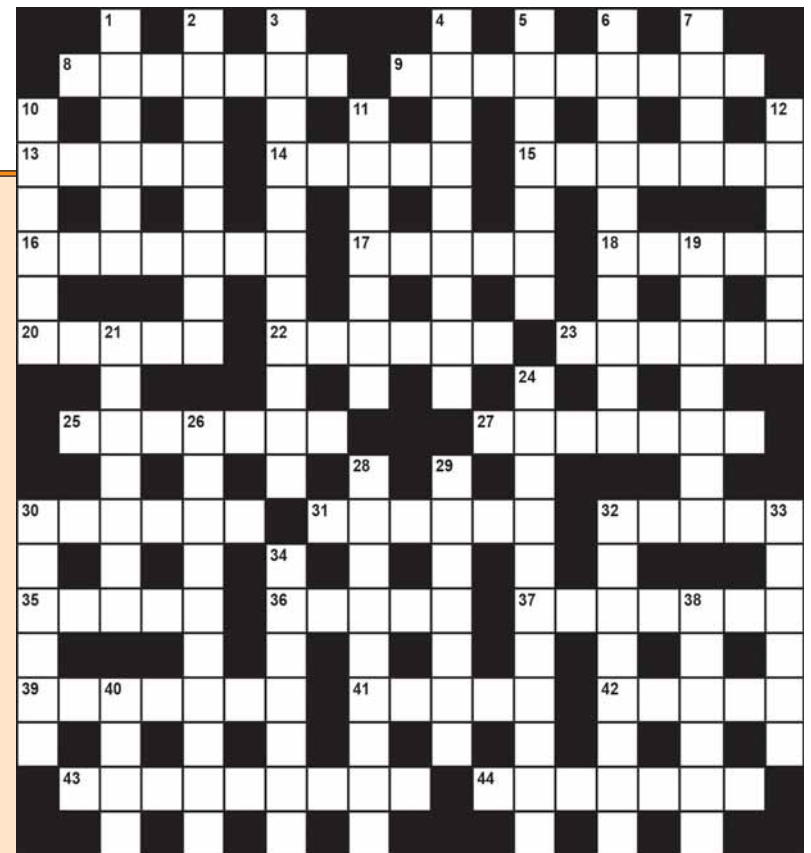
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COFFEE
break

Cryptic Crossword

Across

8. Left in strange traces of bright color (7)
 9. Understand capture (9)
 13. Tree fruit smashed on car (5)
 14. Big bird has each leg broken (5)
 15. Time all set anew for the highest (7)
 16. No thanks, hastily write down nothing at all (3,1,3)
 17. In short, diameter of part of the sub-continent (5)
 18. Change, alter, the warning (5)
 20. Ah, no, I move to an Asean capital (5)
 22. I sent a different herbal drink (6)
 23. Roughly draw the second vessel (6)
 25. Try hard to get posh fur perhaps (4,3)
 27. Friendly drink (7)
 30. Or been moved to cover (6)
 31. Rub pal carefully with tough canvas (6)
 32. Wood-nymph for Father round railway! (5)
 35. Got an unusual dance (5)
 36. Twists firms around, one left (5)
 37. I rest or wildly carouse (7)
 39. Specify lady won perhaps (3,4)
 41. Irritated us, pet, badly (5)
 42. Upset, pain almost causes sudden fear (5)
 43. I'm having a liking for the objective (9)
 44. Token dispute (7)



Down

1. Start talking to for account price (6)
 2. Jerking a change in Thai consideration (5,3)
 3. State I'd note unusual abhorrence (11)
 4. Opening out second page, reading (9)
 5. One part could be variable (7)
 6. Slack, he led badly, decisively beaten, derisively (10)
 7. Cone was broken formerly (4)
 10. A lunch arranged for for introduction of new product (6)
 11. Homeliest guest possibly left one in (6)
 12. Darn! A sharp pain! (7)
 19. East, stray maybe about turn where river meets the sea (7)
 21. Possible route between same poles for atomic particle (7)
 24. Firm, large paunch (11)
 26. Bad blood, he agitated weekly (10)
 28. Fun, I caught Raul smashed in a cable car (9)
 29. Closets can be most stifling (7)
 30. Sings the praises of old girlfriend, could be lost! (6)
 32. Fat and soaking wet (8)
 33. Run non-stop (6)
 34. Poisonous plant, i.e. no cat chewed (7)
 38. Offer new trend out East (6)
 40. University may rise above headland in Phuket (4)

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22):



If you're worried about something, don't procrastinate. Tackle it as soon as possible

so you're free and ready to take advantage of the opportunities around you. Where an important goal is concerned, a little planning could see you succeeding with ease. However, try to avoid too much splurging over the weekend, Scorpio.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21):



If a situation seems rather intense early on, take time out to reflect on your priorities and get some advice from a sage friend.

However, though having Venus in your sign can put you in an optimistic mood, a complex domestic matter may test your patience. The new moon in your sign on Saturday urges you to re-think key plans or give yourself a glamorous makeover.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20):



A formal social event might surprise you with the sun-Saturn connection bringing a

fascinating meeting your way. Furthermore, Friday's Mercury-Mars tie-up can be great for networking, with a view to expanding your social circle. Yet, by the weekend, you could find yourself happiest in your own company or quietly chilling out.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19):



A stubborn Saturn influence suggests someone could prove to be inflexible.

Yet, if they're not receptive to what you have to say, all is not lost. You may have to re-think your strategy first, though. Meanwhile, the weekend boosts your options for fun, with a new moon inspiring you to join a club or be more socially adventurous.

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20):



Are you brooding about something? If so, get it off your chest so you can enjoy the rest

of the week. In addition, if you're seeking adventure or new experiences, it's not the same as planning for them, so think about making a start. Later, don't promise more than you can deliver. Being realistic will be your best policy, Pisces.

YOUR
horoscope
By Patrick Arundell

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20):



The first half of the week may involve a dilemma. However, with the right strategy you'll be able to sort this out in no time at all. The main thing is to ask for help – if you need it. So, don't be too proud. Later, adventure beckons, as the new moon in Sagittarius encourages you to expand your horizons and opt for new experiences.

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21):



Being patient with someone who disagrees with you may result in a breakthrough later, so it's worth keeping the peace. Though you might meet with obstacles this week, with tact and diplomacy you'll be able to navigate your way through them. Meanwhile, there's likely to be an opportunity for a fresh start as far as finances are concerned.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21):



Dealing with pressure may be part of your remit this week, but handling it well might boost your confidence. In addition, taking the time to help someone out, even if you are under duress, will reflect on you very positively. Also, the new moon in Sagittarius on Saturday can be a sign of better things to come regarding your relationships.

CANCER (June 22-July 23):



Are passions running high? Then you'll need to contain the situation with some serious conversation. Indeed, don't try to suppress your emotions, but do try to find a balance between the two. Meanwhile, health and lifestyle issues can gain importance, encouraging you to consider a new diet or exercise routine.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23):



Someone with an attitude problem may irritate you, so try to keep your feelings in check, especially early in the week when the heavens are rather charged.

Later, the focus shifts to leisure and pleasure, fun and romance. A fabulous new moon in Sagittarius can be helpful for enlivening a relationship, or expressing yourself more fulsomely.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23):



You may need to apply extra staying power regarding a project or plan that's been rather languishing. Yet, with a final burst of concentration, you can get there and feel rightly proud of the results and of yourself. Gradually, the focus will shift to home and family affairs, and if you are minded to de-clutter or tackle do-it-yourself projects, this could give you great satisfaction.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23):



By combining resources with a partner or friend, you may be able to go ahead with a pricey purchase that would have been impossible otherwise. Later, you can feel motivated to connect with someone you haven't heard from in a while. In fact, being willing to expand your social options can enhance your chances of success in general.

Stranger in a strange land

Comprehensive worldwide survey examines the expat experience

By Jeremie Schatz

ONLINE expatriate networking site InterNations recently released its first Expat Insider report, which provides insight into the experience of those who choose to live, retire or work abroad.

The report is an agglomeration of survey results from about 14,000 respondents representing 165 nationalities residing in 169 countries. The questionnaire focuses on the traits of a host country including quality of life, ease of settling, working abroad, family life, cost of living and more.

THE LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

With an estimated expatriate population exceeding 100,000, Phuket's transplants may wonder where their host country ranks in the survey results.

Where Thailand hits its highest marks, according to survey respondents, is in the cost of living category, where it occupies the number two spot between nearby number three, Vietnam, and Ecuador, which tops the list as the cheapest country for expats to relocate to.

About three-quarters of Thailand-based respondents found day-to-day life less taxing on their bank accounts compared with the global average of 35%.

Although InterNations was unable to provide respondent data specifically for the Phuket region, the tropical resort destination is notoriously expensive relative to the rest of the country.

According to the consumer price index (CPI), over the eight months

from January to September last year, the national inflation rate decreased by 0.18%, while prices in Phuket increased by 1.5%.

Land and property prices have been steadily increasing over the past decade, and new offerings in the high-end villa market as well as an ongoing boom in condominium and resort construction are driving property values up, leading to an overall increase in cost of living on the island.

The idea that Phuket fits the general stereotype of the rest of the country is increasingly becoming a common misconception among visitors, and especially expat transplants. Phuket is growing out of its reputation as a tropical island suited for shoestring budgets.

Retiree expats who landed in Phuket because they could stretch their money farther or were promised a higher quality of life for better value, may now be met with a slightly different reality.

THE REST OF THE STORY

On InterNations' list of top expat destinations, Thailand ranked 22nd overall, with Ecuador, Luxembourg and Mexico taking the top three spots, respectively. Of the 61 countries rated, Greece, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait were relegated to the bottom of the list.

The demographic landscape regarding survey respondents in Thailand shows about two-thirds being male, with an average age of 47. The survey participants hail mostly from the United States, Britain and Australia.

Of the top three professions of those expats working in the King-



The survey compiles findings reported by about 14,000 expatriates in 169 countries. Photo: Wilerson S Andrade

dom, it may be somewhat of a surprise that only 8% work as teachers/academic staff, while a quarter fill roles as employees/managers.

Contrary to the global average of 16% moving abroad to capitalize on an employment opportunity, 13% cite the reason for leaving home to reside in Thailand as simply enjoying living abroad.

And why shouldn't they, when four out of five welcome Thailand's tropical weather with open arms?

With the good comes the bad, and in the Land of Smiles expats admittedly struggle learning the language, with only 13% finding it at all easy in any way to learn. However, with three-quarters of respondents in Thailand finding the locals warm and friendly, com-

pared with the global average of 55%, there is no lack of new friends to practice Thai with.

Expats in Phuket might be surprised to learn that 16% of respondents in Thailand actually rated the public transportation

frequency of military coups – 84% felt that their personal safety was not in danger, which is just about the global average.

The Kingdom also stumbled in regard to foreigners' faith in the economy, with less than half finding any confidence in it. Respondents were also 17% less satisfied with their career prospects than their fellow expats globally.

The 197-page report is overflowing with data, not only about the countries hosting expatriate populations, but also insights into those nationalities who choose to live abroad and what their motives are for adopting the emigrant lifestyle.

To view the full report, visit: www.internations.org

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infrastructure as "excellent" – possibly indicating the number of respondents living in Bangkok.

While Thailand-based expats are four times more likely to have doubts about the country's political stability and peacefulness – and for good reason, considering the

China to purchase Thai rubber, rice

THAILAND will sign a government-to-government (G-to-G) deal with China on the sale of 2 million tons of rice and 200,000 tons of rubber.

Minister of Commerce Gen Chatchai Sarikallaya has expressed hope that the two countries will be able to sign the deal in December. He said China, during an APEC meeting between leaders of Thailand and China in Beijing, which was concluded several days ago, expressed interest in buying rice and rubber from Thailand.

The purchased rice and rubber would be delivered between 2015 and 2016, said Gen Chatchai, adding that China's COSCO Holdings would handle shipping procedures to guarantee the transparency of the transaction.

Moreover, representatives from China's state enterprises were set to visit Thailand on Wednesday to discuss investment in the Thai rubber industry, which is part of the master plan to help shore up sagging rubber prices in the long run. – NNT

Aussie businessmen to scout Thailand

THE Australian government has agreed to forge trade ties with Thailand during the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meeting in China.

According to Deputy Commerce Minister Apiradee Tantraporn, Australian Minister for Trade and Investment Andrew Robb had expressed interest in the country's economic situation and also had a plan to lead Australian businessmen to Thailand to discuss mutual trade and investment opportunities.

The Australian Trade and Investment Minister has planned to lead 300 business operators to India, and another 150 to Indonesia in the first half of next year. He will later lead another batch of investors to Thailand to talk about trade possibilities.

Ms Apiradee disclosed that trade between Thailand and Australia had doubled since the free trade agreement between the two nations took effect. – NNT




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Settling in for the long run



Finance

By Don Freeman

IT IS widely believed that history does indeed repeat itself. What was true in the past is most likely to be true today and in the future. Sure, the events and names of companies change, but general economic principles will apply.

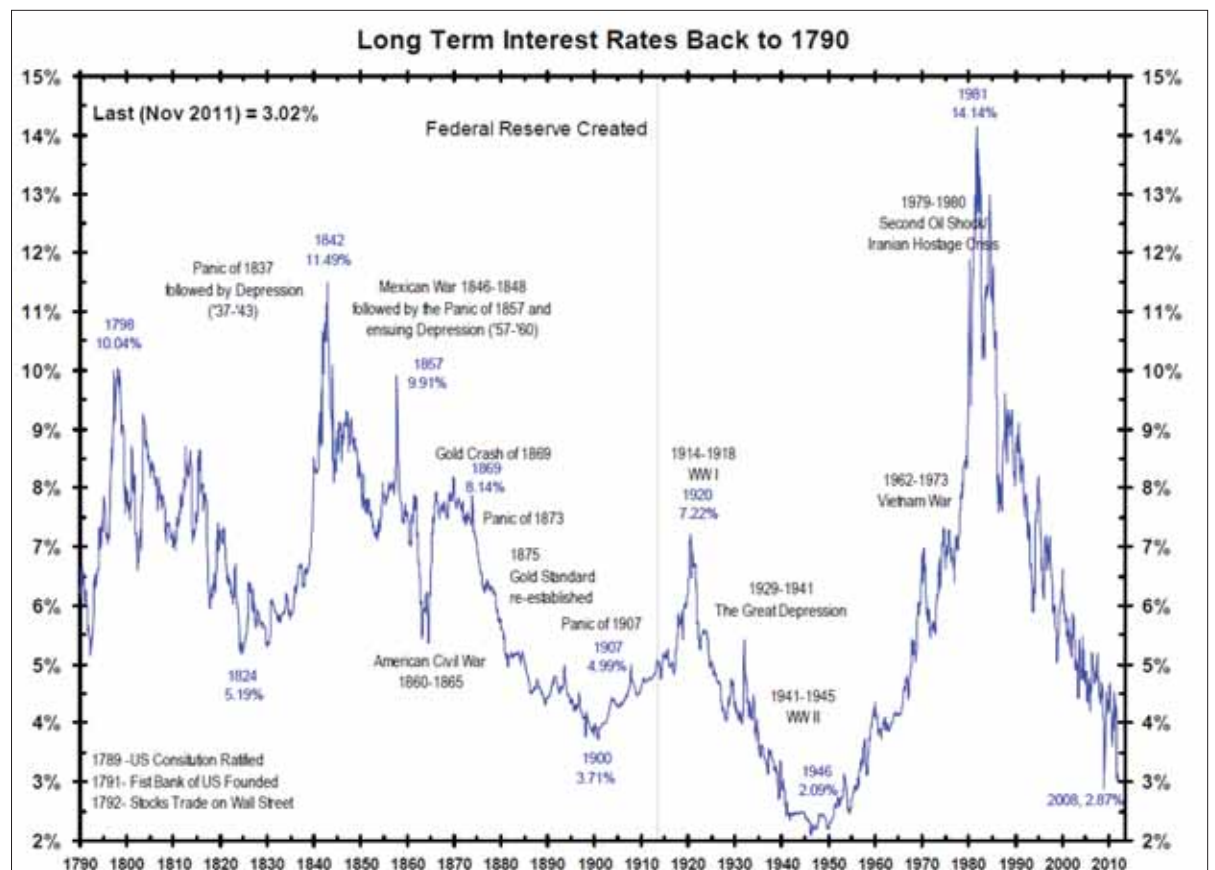
When it comes to investing, one of the most important things for investors to understand is long-term interest rates. One must remember that you can lose money by investing in bonds if you do not hold the bond until maturity. As interest rates rise, prices come down. As prices of bonds rise, interest rates come down. Bond prices and yields have what's called an inverse relationship.

For traders that understand this correlation, it can also be

applied to stocks and bonds. When investors are confident, they buy stocks and sell bonds. If there is fear in the marketplace, however, investors dump their stocks and go into bonds for safety.

Long-term interest rates are currently near their historical lows. The only time interest rates were lower was just after World War II. This came as the United States emerged as the world's greatest superpower and did not suffer the large-scale damage that Europe, Japan and Russia had. Money needed to go somewhere, and investors bought US bonds, because at the time, the US was the only place in the world where investors thought they would get their money back.

Interest rates have come down as the US Federal Reserve cut them as far as it could and instituted quantitative easing (QE) to bring long-term interest rates



down even further. However, the Fed has started scaling back

QE and has indicated that it will likely raise interest rates next year.

As indicated in the chart showing the trend of interest rates over the past two centuries (see above), when the Fed starts cutting rates, the rates keep falling. Conversely, when the Fed starts raising rates, the rates keep rising.

So it's not a question of if rates are going to rise, but when. What that means is that bond prices will come down as rates rise. This has bond fund managers like PIMCO's Bill Gross nervous. The great 25-year bull market in US Treasury bonds will finally come to an end, and it will be harder for bond fund managers to make money.

The good news for stock market investors is that there's a lot of pent-up money sitting in bonds which will be looking for a new home. What will be seen is the great migration of money out of bonds and into stocks. This is what a lot of people aren't considering and the reason why the stock market will continue going up.

There are literally trillions of dollars sitting in US bond funds. As investors reallocate their portfolios, they will reduce their bond fund holdings and boost their stock market holdings. This fact, along with the technological revolution, has me really excited about the stock market for the next 20 years.

This just leaves one critical question remaining: what are income investors to do? Besides bond funds, one strong sector that has performed quite well over the past few years for

income investors has been real estate investment trusts (REITs).

For example, the Vanguard REIT ETF has averaged 9.29% annually over the past 10 years and pays a 3.78% dividend yield according to Vanguard representative Joseph Pendergast.

The problem for REITs is that as interest rates rise, it makes it more expensive for them to borrow money and buy real estate. Since rental prices can't go up as fast, that means there's less money for REITs to distribute to their investors. This will likely reduce the returns investors get from US REITs.

The solution is for investors to look at overseas REITs, particularly in Europe and Asia. Today, markets including Japan, Australia and Europe are unlikely to raise their rates any time soon. That's why investors should consider the Vanguard REIT ETF and into the Vanguard Global ex-US REIT ETF. It offers all the protection and security of the Vanguard name, but gives investors exposure to property markets outside the US.

It's important for investors to realize that rising rates are a near-term event. In other words, investors need to start preparing for it and adjust their portfolio accordingly.

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In the heart of the valley

Patong developer to create quiet oasis in a bid to attract family holidaymakers

PROPERTY Gazette

By Maciek Klimowicz

MARK June of 2015 in your calendars. It might be the very month when Patong begins changing for the better, all due to the launch of the beach town's much anticipated Patong Bay Hill development.

"We are very happy, as everything is going according to schedule. Patong Bay Hill is expected to be completed in May 2015, and after a month of preparation and tests, it will officially open its doors in June," says Anupong Muttaraid, the chief operations manager of Harwell Properties Limited – the company that will be in charge of the new hotel's management.

Located on a beautiful 60-rai plot of land, Patong Bay Hill will have almost 400 turnkey rooms, as well as all the amenities expected from a five-star establishment, including a swimming pool, a gourmet restaurant and maid services. But there is more – the developer aims to cre-

ate a small community on site, which will turn Patong Bay Hill into a self-sustainable family holiday destination.

"We want to create a family-oriented space. In the center of the project, surrounding the pool area, there will be a shopping strip with a number of retailers, a cafe, restaurants and more. An on-site wellness center, kid's club and clubhouse will further add to guest convenience. We will also offer child-care services in our kid's club so parents can enjoy some quality time on the beach or at our wellness center," explains Mr Anupong.

"We want to create a 'holiday community', comprising not just accommodation, but everything that our guests might need."

The vision behind the project is to expand Patong's image. The town can be more than just a party destination and can welcome families and tourists in search of quality wellness. To achieve this goal, Patong Bay Hill will grant its guests direct access to a major

wellness center with spa, detox and fitness facilities, a sauna as well as health and beauty services.

"The first thing that comes to mind when you hear the name 'Patong' is the nightlife, the



Half of the units have direct swimming pool access, and guests in 150 units will have a sea view. Photos: Supplied

noise and the pollution," says Mr Anupong. "Even though we have one of the most beautiful beaches on the island, people looking to spend quality time on the beach usually go all the way to Kata and Karon."

"We want to prove that you can have quality time without having to leave Patong. We want to create a new future for Patong, one that will turn it into a family-oriented wellness center."

This goal is also reflected in the rooms' layouts, consisting of sepa-

rate bedrooms, and sofa beds for the kids. Half of the apartments will have direct access to the swimming pool, and guests in about 150 of the apartments will be able to enjoy unadulterated sea views. Ranging in size from 65-75 square meters, the rooms will be furnished and ready to move into.

All this just a few hundred meters away from Patong's chaotic center, in a lush green valley. This is what Patong's future looks like to some developers, and Patong Bay Hill is one of them.

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Expo to showcase foreign investments

By Gazette editors

IF YOU are looking to buy, sell or rent a property, then make a note on your schedule to visit the 2014 Shanghai Real Estate Expo from December 8-10, and check out the hundreds of properties on offer, all under one roof.

The three-day free exhibition, which takes place in Shanghai's financial district, will feature leading overseas developers, real estate agents and realtors, as well as banks, service providers and furniture retailers.

President of the Shanghai Real Estate Association Zhao Longjie recently met the organizers and said he was confident they would be ready to welcome the large number of local and international investors, buyers and members of the public expected to visit the Expo.

"Overseas real estate projects play a big part in the future investment plans for the people of Shanghai and China. Today, there is a growing number of affluent Chinese travelling abroad to seek out such investments," said Mr Zhao.

"We are therefore pleased to support this

exhibition, which will demonstrate to local and international investors what Chinese developers and realtors have to offer. In addition, it will provide visitors from China and abroad with the opportunity to select properties from a large number of real-estate projects – all conveniently located under one roof at the Shanghai Real Estate Expo."

Shanghai is currently one of the top destinations for agents and developers from Southeast Asia who want to exhibit their real estate projects – with the majority of them

coming from Malaysia and Thailand.

"There is a growing class of affluent mainland Chinese emigrating to other countries who are looking to secure quality real-estate property in which to invest and start a new life. It is

these buyers – along with the overseas expat population – that are driving demand for overseas property at prices considerably lower than those in many cities of China," Mr Zhao said.

The overseas property investment boom is also the result of a recent bubble in China's real estate market, which has seen housing

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The three-day exhibition will include overseas developers, realtors and more. Photo: Supplied

prices in many Chinese cities fall this year – a trend that shows no signs of reversing.

The average sales prices of new homes in 70 major Chinese cities fell 0.9% in July year on year, following a 0.5% decline in June – with many realtors wondering just how protracted the slowdown will become.

Many Chinese are now reluctant to invest in local properties and are turning to overseas properties, where they can be guaranteed a high investment return. The 2014 Shanghai Real Estate Expo is therefore

considered an invaluable opportunity for many overseas developers and agents to showcase high-quality real-estate projects to the fast-growing Chinese market.

Visit the 2014 Shanghai Real Estate Expo website at www.chinarealestateshow.com for up-to-the-minute information about the exhibitors, as well as opening times and location. Entrance to the show is free for all visitors. For more information email: info@chinarealestateshow.com

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Property firms see third quarter boost

MOST listed property firms showed renewed growth in revenue and earnings in the first nine months of this year, and now they are looking for the strong trend to continue at 10-20% this quarter compared to the third quarter.

"Demand for residences recovered in the third quarter. That boosted our presales and revenue over the estimate, so we have confidence the market will still maintain growth in the fourth quarter to drive our revenue and profit to achieve this year's target," said Thongma Vijitpongpan, president and chief executive of Pruksa Real Estate, a leading residential developer.

Pruksa saw its net profit soar by 34.9% to 4.7 billion baht and revenue by 21% to 30.37bn baht in the first nine months compared to the same period last year. Its net profit margin was 15%.

Growth was more modest at Land & Houses – 6.1% in net profit to 5.2bn baht and 6.8% in revenue to 20.53bn baht in the same period. But its net profit margin was 25%, well above the industry's average of 14-16%.

At AP (Thailand), net profits rose by 100% to 2bn baht and revenue by 47.3% to 17.41bn baht. Revenue jumped because there were condominium projects ready to be transferred to customers in the third quarter, and earnings doubled because the company successfully cut marketing and management costs by 20.3% in the third quarter from the same quarter of last year.

Net profits at Supalai exploded 163% to 2.9bn baht as revenue jumped 96% to 11.77bn baht.

The company reported to the Stock Exchange of Thailand that it had enough condos completed and transferred to its customers in the third quarter that they made up 70% of its revenue in that quarter.

Its marketing and management costs as a percentage of sales were reduced from 17% to only 10%.

However, some listed developers experienced a drop in the first nine months, when transfers of their residential units were delayed to their customers.

LPN Development witnessed declines of 28.2% to 1.27bn baht in net profit and 16.5% to 8.54bn baht in revenue.

Prinsiri informed the exchange that its third-quarter sales were lower than estimated, with its nine-month net profit plummeting 73% to 47 million baht and nine-month revenue dropping 11.7% to 1.5bn baht.

Earnings were also squeezed by a surge in construction, marketing and management expenses after the launch of residential projects.

"We delayed launching new condominium projects early this year, while some of our condo units could not be transferred to our customers on time. However, we have continued to maintain our revenue target for this year," Managing Director Opas Sripayak said.

– The Nation

The art of gourmet

By Maciek Klimowicz

SITTING at JW Marriott's Cafe, I look down on my plate and see a piece of art. Ingredients are elaborately piled up to form a miniature sculpture, and there are swooshes of sauce and sprinkles of spices, all resembling a contemporary painting. On top of these visual impressions, is the aroma rising to my nostrils and soon after, the explosion of flavor on my pallet. When visiting a museum or an art gallery, we often admire the skill and talent of the artist just as much as the piece itself. Great food and great chefs deserve the same respect.

I often hear complaints that Phuket lacks cultural events like art exhibitions, live music or theater performances. This might be true, but I do know of at least one form of art that does prevail on our island, and in great shape – the art of food. The recent Gourmet Weekend organized by JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa, was a perfect example.

Three days of food workshops and feasts provided Phuket gourmets with heaps of excitement. But, what exactly is a gourmet? Is it someone who enjoys great food? Well, who doesn't love great



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food? Then, is it someone who knows their flambe from their deglaze? Maybe.

What I believe is at the heart of a gourmet, though, is respect.

A visit to the kitchens of JW Marriott Cafe during the final dinner of the Gourmet Weekend was a lesson of that respect. Seeing 30 or so chefs and cooks running amok to please the 80-odd guests present at the event was an unforgettable site. Like



Peter Manifis from Perth was one of five chefs who showcased their skills at the event. Photos: Maciek Klimowicz

some mystical machine covered in grease and puffing clouds of steam, the kitchen team released one dish after another: organic prawn with yuzu miso foam from Chef Norio Nomoto of JW Marriott Bangkok; a rack of lamb topped with spicy holy basil by Chef Nooror Somany-Steppe from Blue Elephant restaurant; and warm rabbit rillettes with heirloom carrot and japaleno com-

fit, a creation of Chef Tim Butler of Eat Me restaurant in Bangkok, all cooked to perfection and delivered to our tables sprinkled with passion.

This is but the final stage of the entire, elaborate process of preparing a meal. What comes before is a work of a small army of people united by one common goal. The farmers, the butchers and the bakers who deliver the

best of ingredients, the vintners who spare no time and effort to ferment their grape juice to perfection, the chefs who spend endless hours coming up with the most creative and sophisticated recipes, and the list continues. Add to that centuries of culinary traditions, stories behind each dish, perfect timing from kitchen to table, and you might never look at your plate the same way again.

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Bounty for the balcony



Gardening

By Patrick Campbell

A FEW months ago Larry Flynn asked for suggestions in regard to potted plants for a balcony. The balcony in question was about one and a half meters wide and six meters long – the kind of setting I'm sure many other apartment dwellers here have to work with.

Moreover, the balcony was overlooked by other buildings and did not get much sunlight. Since the greenery was intended to act as a screen, it was clearly a good idea to go for plants with specific qualities; ones that could tolerate shade, were capable of rapid growth and could cope with the tight restrictions of the containers. Quite a task.

I suggested that the pots should be glazed to minimize water loss. As for the plants themselves, our reader wanted a palm or palms, but was open to ideas for other occupants of his balcony. Our reader had chosen a Macarthur palm, but in my opinion, the best one for this environment is a rhapsis or lady palm. True, it is relatively slow-growing with a maximum height of six or eight feet, but it will tolerate shade and has lovely dark fronds which can form a barrier.

Larry has come back to me

with pictures of his new garden – the plants arrived on October 12 – and a series of questions. He went to a nursery in Chalong, and after some discussion, they delivered a selection of plants.

One is a *heliconia* which has yellow foliage and looks a bit undernourished. I'm sorry to say this, but I would be reluctant to choose *heliconia* for pots. True, they are one of the fastest expanding groups of ornamental plants with spectacular hybrids, and, more importantly, they can perform in partly shaded conditions; but they have substantial root systems and grow from underground rhizomes, so are not ideal for containers.

Heliconia need rich, permanently moist soil and plenty of room to maneuver. Plants produce only one bloom per stalk, so if this one has already flowered,

then it needs to be cut back. The *costus* plant requires similar conditions, but fares better in a pot.

Another balcony shrub, not in bloom, appears to be a *bougainvillea*. These are always a good bet because they are so tough and uncomplaining and come in a wide range of colors. They will tolerate containment and grow rapidly once established.

But Larry's sister's advice to remember to water his charges every morning and evening, while perfect for the *heliconia* and



The costus plant requires rich soil and room to maneuver, but still fares well in a pot. Photo: Forest & Kim Starr

costus, will not suit the *bougainvillea*. If it is in a damp, shady environment, it will produce masses of foliage but little color. Let it dry out and only water when the soil is dry to the touch.

Among Larry's gallery of photographs is a *wrightia religiosa*, another sensible choice and always popular with Thais. It will grow up to two meters tall and produce frequent clusters of drooping, fragrant white flowers. Most important, it will accept both light shade and a confined existence. My only reservation is that it does not have a dense habit, but it will thicken up with pruning.

The most popular screening plants in Phuket are two foliage shrubs which, if allowed, will rapidly grow into small trees – witness the rows of *cristinas* and *sais* outside the Honda showrooms and flanking Muang Chao Fa Road, the new cut-through road from Chao Fa West to Kathu.

Cristinas have light-green leaves which are reddish when young and grow very quickly; *sais* are a darker green and almost as vigorous. They are much used in topiary. Larry appears to have one or the other of these on his balcony, where it should prove a useful addition. Moderate water-

ing, please. Don't worry about the holes in the leaves. Probably grasshopper nibbles.

Finally there are plants in hanging baskets. One is Spanish moss, the other, with alternate round leaves, is a *dischidia*. With small reservoirs for their roots, they will need daily spraying or watering.

Over to you, sir.

If you have a question or a garden that you would like featured, email me at: drpaccampbell@gmail.com. Further information about this gardening series and Patrick's other work can be accessed at: patrickaccampbell.wordpress.com



The wrightia religiosa is a sensible choice, and is always popular among the Thais. Photo: Pinus

Tip of the Week

What to do when big trees lose leaves

A READER recently wrote to say that a prized mature tree next to his pool had lost 80 per cent of its leaves. Photographs confirmed this condition.

Many trees are deciduous and shed foliage – as trees in Europe do in the autumn or fall – but such a heavy loss suggests that something is wrong.

The tree in question is a *pisonia alba*, sometimes called the lettuce tree on account of its bright yellowish-green leaves.

Pacific island trees, such as *pisonias*, are quite

temperamental here, but do not require masses of water, so the problem is likely to be elsewhere.

Recent heavy monsoon rains will have leached nutrients from the soil, so it may need an application of fertilizer.

An acid-loving plant, it should be given an organic feed, or a chemical one rich in phosphates.

If you opt for the latter, look for a fertilizer with a formula that emphasizes the second ingredient, for example 0:15:5.

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Big bucks for waste

More than B120mn set aside to improve island's waste problem

By Natthaphol Wittayarungrote

OFFICIALS have revealed a 127-million-baht budget to improve Phuket's environment with plans to destroy nearly one million tonnes of trash at the landfill in Saphan Hin and overhaul the island's drains.

Governor Nisit Jansomwong led a meeting at the landfill and incinerator site at Saphan Hin last week to discuss ways to relieve the overwhelmed site where trash has been accumulating for more than a decade.

"We have agreed to hire a private company to convert 1mn tonnes of trash into various types of fuel over the next three years, at 330,000 tonnes per year," said Governor Nisit.

"We have not yet determined which company we will use, but we estimate the cost to be 67mn baht per year."

The three-year plan will begin next year, with the first 67mn baht coming from the 2015 fiscal year budget, he explained. The subsequent two trash conversions for 67mn baht each will be taken out of the 2016 and 2017 fiscal year budgets, respectively.

"The million tonnes of trash that we will destroy has been there



People pick through the piles of rubbish at the Saphan Hin landfill. Photo: Gazette file

since 1992. We have never been able to get rid of it all," Prachum Suriya, chief of Phuket City Municipality's Environment Of-

fice, told the *Gazette*.

Local government officials have ramped up efforts over the past year to alleviate the island's

burgeoning waste problems.

In June, Phuket launched an initiative to ensure the separation of hazardous material from

public trash, despite not having the facilities to dispose of it properly.

In September, Phuket City Mayor Somjai Suwansupana noted the island was struggling to deal with the volume of waste generated each day.

"Right now, we are just below the limit. We receive an average of 680 tonnes of trash per day. The capacity of our incinerator facilities is 700 tonnes per day," she said.

A third incinerator is also undergoing repairs and will not be back online until next year.

At the meeting last week, officials also discussed the future improvement of the island's drainage system.

"We will set aside 60mn baht of the 2015 fiscal budget to renovate drainage systems," Gov Nisit explained.

"Pipes in Phuket City and Rassada will be connected in order to allow wastewater to flow better."

The new underground pipe will run from near the Phuket Butterfly Park on Soi Phanieng, north of Samkong, to the road in front of Vachira Phuket Hospital on Yaowarat Road in Phuket Town.

Shopping center's 'no bag' push tip of the rubbish pile

AT A meeting held at the incinerator in Saphan Hin on October 16, over 40 representatives gathered to discuss the issue of waste disposal and what type of promotional and educational programs could be implemented to make a positive contribution to recycling and to energy recovery.

One clear example already in place is a large notice on the double doors at the front of Jungceylon in Patong that challenges both the shoppers and shopkeepers to refrain from using plastic bags.

This is an excellent example of a relatively easy and direct method of raising aware-

ness in order to reach a goal of zero waste.

However, it is only a promotion and more action is needed.

Central Festival Phuket has pioneered an incentive scheme to discourage shoppers from using plastic bags, and some Tesco Lotus stores do not issue plastic bags to customers anymore – these are positive signs.

More than 800 tonnes of consumer waste is introduced to the island's collection and disposal system daily, while some waste is discarded straight into the sea, canals or



Thinking Green

By Dr Peter W Harris

onto private property. Meanwhile, approximately 5-10 per cent is recycled and some wet waste from restaurants

is sold for pig fodder; to fisheries; or is composted for organic farm use.

It is easy to expend energy on waste disposal, but a model developed by the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and the Centre for Education and Research in Environmental Strategies shows a hierarchy of waste options with disposal being the least preferred.

Prevention is the key to success. This is why the promotion and action of the big stores – and the little ones – is so important. If we can reduce or eliminate, the use of plastics, then we can make a contribution.

A zero-waste project being developed in schools using this model will adopt the theme "reduce, recycle and re-use (compost)". In Kathu the amount of waste per student per day is 1.6kg. If a target reduction of 50 per cent were set, followed by the engagement of the students, teachers and parents in the project, a measurable impact on waste reduction could be achieved.

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Unwind from the inside

By Mauri Grant

PAT Thummanond, of Scottish-Thai heritage, was faced with a tough decision at the young age of 17. It was the big question that she and her classmates in Scotland had to answer before they walked out of their high school for the last time: What do I want to be when I grow up?

For Pat, the answer was easy. She wanted to be a doctor. However, there was just one tiny hiccup in her life plan.

"I was not a straight-A student, so being a doctor was out of the question," she says.

The painful solution to Pat's conundrum did not become clear until she suffered a sports injury, a twisted knee, which put her in a full-leg cast for six weeks.

“When I came out of the cast, I went to physiotherapy. That’s when the lightbulb went off. I thought, ‘Ah, combine sports and medicine and you get physiotherapy’,” explained the energetic 53-year-old.

"And that was it. That's where it began."

Pat, a physiotherapist and the only cranio-sacral therapist registered in Thailand, brings her "touch" with her wherever she goes.

Cranio-sacral therapy is all about “freeing stuck bones”, Pat explains.

"It all began within a group of osteopaths who were studying how to clear stuck bones in the head so that things could flow," she says.

"Clearing anything that is stuck in the head allows the cerebrospinal fluid to flow properly, down the spinal cord."

Soon the technique expanded to the en-

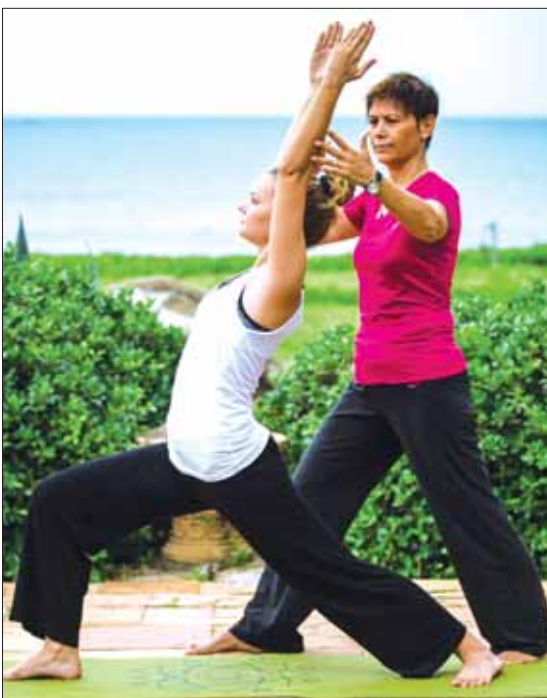
tire body. The osteopaths were then able to access the inside of the body from the outside.

Pat uses her touch to detect where tension resides inside the body. And she gets specific, pinpointing exactly which parts of your body need more attention and nurturing. It's oddly simple: she just places her hand on top of your head, and allows the body to guide her to the problem areas.

When I experienced this healing therapy, Pat stated – correctly – that I had been in an accident and suffered mild whiplash. She then explained to me what I needed to do to facilitate healing in my upper back and sent me on my way.

“My explanation is simple. My intention [when I assess someone] is to let the body tell me what is tight, what is restricted and what is not flowing on the inside. My job is to go to these areas and release them the best I can. That’s it,” she says.

"I am able to complete the body in two



Pat Thummanond (in pink). Photo: Phuket Best Group

sessions. It is like a peeling away of all the tension. A session or two twice or three times a year is like pressing a reset button on your computer – it throws out all the junk the body doesn't need."

After spending 20 years in the United States, Pat says her soul brought her home to Thailand to “spread the touch”, treating those who wished to be touched deeply.

This touch,
combined with

body listening, forms a tool more powerful than any in conventional medicine, says Pat.

“Our hands can detect tension inside the tissue much faster than a machine can. A lot of times, the machines are not calibrated – not designed – to detect restrictions in the fascial layer. I have not come across any machine that can do that,” she says.

The power of healing hands became even clearer to Pat when she was going through advanced cranio-sacral training.

“In the class, we literally worked on

each other. There were two tables, each had a group of five. One lies on the table while the other four work on your body.

“We kept changing and switching, all day and all night... Imagine having eight hands touching your body,” she laughs. “Having eight hands on you for hours on end brings out all kinds of issues... emotions.”

In case you can't wrangle four sets of well-trained hands to help work out your issues, Pat has tricks for how to tackle what she believes is one of the most serious problems which affects our health: stress.

“People forget the power of nature and how we are actually so dependent on nature to balance us. Our body takes on electrons from the ground and the earth, and those electrons balance out the free radicals inside of our bodies,” she says.

"I have realized that you get recharged very fast if you are in nature, if your bare feet touch the ground. You can get supercharged in half an hour."

For the desk jockeys, like myself, Pat has a few golden rules. First: buy a timer.

"Set it for every half an hour, and every time it goes off say, 'I'm going to move my spine,'" she says.

Then, have an exercise routine and make sure to take time for yourself every day.

“Half an hour for yourself,” Pat urges. “No phone, no television, no distractions.”

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Thai gold glory at Beach Games



Thai athletes have been top medal winners in Petanque (left), Jet-Ski, Footvolley and more. Photos: Asian Beach Games

HOSTS Thailand flexed their muscles to haul in 12 of the 14 gold medals up for grabs on Tuesday to stay atop the overall standings with 60 medals – including 25 gold – in the 4th Asian Beach Games being hotly contested in Phuket.

On Thailand's "Gold Day" the athletes made a clean sweep of both golds on offer in the beach petanque, with Wannida Rooyoo outclassing Laotian Manyvanh 13-11 to take the women's singles crown and Suranath Phudungsap claiming the men's singles title after thrashing Malaysia's Mat M Mafizuddin 13-6 in the final, *The Nation* reported.

Five golds were up for grabs in water-skiing and Thailand dominated by clinching three of them, leaving South Korea and the Philippines to take one gold apiece in the men's team cable wakeboard and men's team cable wakestake events, respectively. The hosts' three golds came from Srirasin Khamklom in the women's team cable wakeboard, Tantanasorn Chaiyabood in the women's team cable wakestake, and in the mixed cable team overall.

Thailand also swept both golds in the men's and women's team events in the beach sepak takraw competition. The men thrashed South Korea 2-0, while the women brushed off Vietnam 2-0 in the final.

Jet-ski rider Thanarwin Phakphokhai handed Thailand another

gold in the Sport GP event after collecting an aggregate 166 points, while Chok-Uthit Molee also burnished Thai pride by scoring 120 points to win the Runabout Open. Thailand also won two more golds in woodball, thanks to the men's and women's stroke team.

However, the Thai beach basketball team failed to make it to the final. The men's team beat Oman 16-9 in the quarter-finals but went down 21-16 to Qatar in the knockout semi-finals. The Thais then grabbed bronze after narrowly beating Bangladesh 17-15 in the third-place play-off.

The Thai women followed suit, losing 17-13 to powerhouse China in the semi-finals, but claiming bronze after downing Mongolia 13-7 in the third-place playoff.

In the beach volleyball, Thai title-holders Varapatsorn Radarong and Tanarattha Udomchavee went down to China's Lin Meimei and Tang Ningya 21-12, 24-26, 17-19, but Yapa Phokongploy and Usa Tenpaksee clinched their second win with a convincing 21-18, 21-15 victory over Malaysia's Luk Tech Hua and Beh Shun Thing.

As of press time Thailand was well ahead in the medal standings, with a total of 66 medals (see table below).

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CHAMPS: Thailand came out on top in woodball, seizing two gold medals.



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5	China	5	5	13	23
6	Kazakhstan	5	4	6	15
7	Republic of Korea	4	4	3	11
8	United Arab Emirates	4	3	4	11
9	Indonesia	4	2	8	14
10	Vietnam	3	6	15	24

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Muay Thai aims higher

By Khumpee Prasertphol

THE head of the two leading sports associations representing the Thai national martial art Muay Thai submitted a formal request on Tuesday for the sport to be included in the next edition of the Asian Games, to be held in Indonesia in 2018.

The ultimate goal is to see the sport included in the Olympics, explained Dr Sakchye Tapsuwan, president of the International Federation of Muaythai Amateur (IFMA) and Secretary-General of the World Muaythai Council (WMC).

Haider AHE Farman, director of the Asian Games Department at the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), received the formal request on Tuesday at an event held at the Phuket Graceland Resort & Spa in Patong.

"Today, we are here to bring a big step to the Thai sport that we are proud of and think of as the heritage and legacy of the Thai



Thailand is confident that Muay Thai will be included in the 2018 Asian Games. Photo: Asian Beach Games

people," said Dr Sakchye.

"The WMC, founded in 1995 under royal patronage of HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej, has played a pivotal role in the promotion of Muay Thai worldwide.

With more than 128 countries around the world now members of the council, our sport is now internationally recognized."

The inclusion of Muay Thai in the 1998 Asian Games as a dem-

onstration sport received good feedback, with 14 countries participating, Dr Sakchye noted, adding that Muay Thai is included in many international sporting competitions, such as the Asian

Martial Arts Games and now the Asian Beach Games.

"The possibility of the inclusion of Muay Thai into the Asian Games is very high because our sport is already recognized worldwide and included in many sports events," Dr Sakchye said.

"We have passed through the initial steps and now we are just waiting for the OCA's reply.

"Actually, Muay Thai should have been included in the Asian Games sooner than this, but the previous political conflicts in Thailand delayed our process."

Tourism and Sports Minister Kobkarn Wattanawangkul voiced her support for the bid and said that she saw no barriers impeding Muay Thai's inclusion at the next Asian Games.

"Now that Thailand is at peace, and we have great support for Muay Thai to be incorporated into the Asian Games, there should be no problems. Muay Thai should be able to go all the way," she said.



Ian Luckett (left) being presented with the bowls trophy. Photo: Supplied

Kamala lawn bowls season in full swing

THE bowls competition season kicked off in earnest on October 16 at the Kamala Lawn Bowls Club when 16 players competed for the 2014 Kamala Open Championship and the "Plate" competition for first-round losers.

Such has been the recent high standard of bowling that there was no clear favorite to lift the title, and it was predicted that any competitor could fall at any time – and so it turned out to be.

After several tight games, many going to the last end or bowl with multiple "world class" bowls being delivered to excite the spectators, two "dark horses" – or as they would prefer to be known "black cats" – Brits Ian Luckett and David Wilkie squared up for a nip and tuck final of the highest

caliber. Ian finally came through with a late surge to triumph by a score of 10-6, to be crowned this year's champion bowler of Kamala.

Triumphing in the plate competition for first-round losers was last year's champ George Sasonow.

Upcoming tournaments include "The Pryder Cup" in December, the "Champions League Pairs" in January and the "Phuket Open Singles Championships" in February.

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