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Bang Tao beach huts hold out

By Pimwara Choksakulpan

AFTER receiving yet another notice of eviction from the local authority, the restaurants and stalls along the beach at Bang Tao are set to stay.

Manote Panchalad, president of the Cherng Talay Tambon Administration Organization (TAO), told the *Gazette* that his officers posted notices of eviction on October 13.

The notices were posted on permanent structures at the site that were deemed illegal.

The move followed the TAO receiving an official order from the Thalang District Office to inspect the area for illegalities, Mr Manote explained.

The notices gave the beachfront operators until November 14 to vacate their premises.

However, a week before the eviction deadline, his office began seeking assistance to resolve the impasse without having to enforce the eviction orders.

"If the buildings are not vacated by November 14, we do have the legal authority to remove them, but we are trying to meet with the Thalang District Office or a higher authority to find a solution," Mr Manote said.

"This problem started many years ago, not only in front of the Laguna Beach Resort, but also in front of the Sheraton Grand Laguna Phuket and at Surin Beach," he added.

Mr Manote explained that his officers tried the same maneuver two years ago.

"But we didn't have the manpower to follow up, and so the



ABSOLUTE BEACHFRONT: Just some of the restaurants on the sand at Bang Tao Beach. Photo: Pimwara Choksakulpan

restaurant owners expanded their businesses... again," he said.

Today he finds himself in the same situation.

"We have the authority to remove the buildings, but we do not have enough officers to actually enforce it.

"On the other hand, if we do remove the buildings, villagers who have businesses there will get together and put pressure on us," he said.

"Negotiation among the TAO, the Thalang District Office and the owners of those businesses is necessary in order to find the best solution for managing Bang Tao Beach," he said on Tuesday.

The business owners seem unperturbed by the latest eviction orders.

"They warn us to remove the buildings every year, sometimes it's the TAO, sometimes the District Office, sometimes it's the Marine

Department Phuket Office, but they never enforce what they tell us to do," said tour vendor "Ko Waen".

"We don't think they will remove our businesses, because if they do, they will have to do the same all the way from the Sheraton to Surin Beach.

"Most of the owners here are local people. We just earn living and we have been here a long time. I have sold tours packages here for 10 years," he added.

Locals ramp up flood relief efforts for South

THE people of Phuket have collected more than 14 million baht in donations for people in flood affected areas of the country. Meanwhile, Patong Municipality is continuing its efforts.

The figures were announced at a press conference Tuesday, presided by Phuket Governor Tri Augkaradacha.

The province organized six donation drives, beginning on October 18. The latest, last Saturday, saw various organizations and citizens donate about 11 million baht in goods and more than three million baht in cash, which was sent to Haad Yai, Phatthalung, Nakhon Sri Thammarat and Surat Thani.

In addition to goods and cash, members

of the Phuket Village Headman's and Tambon Chief's club also traveled to Haad Yai, where they helped cook meals for victims of the flood.

Joining them were Phuket Provincial Health Office doctors and officers who assisted in medical treatment.

Separate from the provincial donation drives, Patong Municipality conducted its own.

A van carrying 15 Patong Municipality officers and a six-wheeled truck hauling donations including 20,000 bottles of water, rice, canned fish, milk and clothing, left last Saturday morning for Chian Yai District in Nakhon Sri Thammarat province.

The collection was organized by Patong



Students lend a hand packing supplies.

Municipality in cooperation with the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) in Patong.

Goods were donated over two days by hotels, private businesses and individual people at four collection points throughout the resort town.

Patong Deputy Mayor Chairat Sukhabaan, who was born in Nakhon Sri Thammarat, traveled with the donations.

"The area [Chian Yai] is like a bowl, with water running in from everywhere, especially from the mountains," he said.

"If there is flooding, sometimes the village will stay under water for months. Most of them are quite poor and the area does not receive media attention as it is rural."

"The expenses to transfer the donations are quite high, but we are happy to do this," Mr Chairat said. - *Atchaa Khamlo*

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Netherlands consulate opens for business

By Nicholas Altstadt

THE Kingdom of the Netherlands has expanded its consular services in Thailand by opening new consulates in Phuket and Chiang Mai.

Seven Smulders has been royally appointed by the Netherlands to serve as the Kingdom's honorary consul for Phuket.

The Netherlands Consulate in Phuket officially opened on October 22. It provides almost all services of a consulate except issuance of visas and passports.

The consulate also serves as the emergency contact point for both residents and Dutch travelers in the region.

Phuket, along with Phang Nga, Krabi and Surat Thani provinces, is covered by the consulate, located in the Dara Hotel on Chao Fa West Road, diagonally across from Central Festival Phuket shopping mall.

An estimated 180,000 Dutch tourists visit Thailand every year. About half of these are estimated to visit the South, including



Netherlands honorary consul for Phuket Seven Smulders

Phuket, Mr Smulders said.

"Thailand is so huge, and especially after the [2004] tsunami, the Netherlands government realized that Phuket is so far away from Bangkok, we had no representation in Chiang Mai or Phuket," Mr Smulders said.

"The government decided the time was right to open a consulate here," he added.

Mr Smulders has a master's

degree in civil law from Leiden University in The Netherlands. His career highlights include twenty years as an active director of the Netherlands Council for Trade Promotion.

He has also been serving as an honorary adviser to the Thai Convention and Exhibition Bureau's exhibition department for two years.

In addition, he is still very active in the global trade fairs and exhibition industry.

Mr Smulders, whose career has taken him to all corners of the globe, speaks five languages and has an understanding of Thai.

The Netherlands Consulate is the 18th foreign consulate to open in Phuket.

In response to the growing need for Gazette readers to contact their consular representatives on Phuket, the Gazette Guide now includes contact details for all 17 active honorary consulates on the island that co-ordinate through official meetings every three months.

11,437 pills seized in mega-bust

PHUKET Police busted a two-million-baht drug deal orchestrated by a drug kingpin working behind bars in Prachinburi.

A sting operation led to the arrests Monday of Saichon "Moe" Nison, 34, of Prachinburi and Chaowalit "Nong" Chedchupat, 25, of Bangkok.

The pair were arrested at the 999 Hotel in Phuket Town with 11,437 *ya bah* (methamphetamine) pills in their possession, police said.

On October 13, a police informant gave Phuket Police information that a "big" *ya bah* dealer had contacted him from inside prison via mobile phone to set up a drug deal.

The informant said Prachinburi Provincial Prison inmate Umpon Ratniyom, an acquaintance, asked him if he would like to buy the *ya bah*, worth about 1.5 million baht, and 200 grams of *ya ice* valued at 560,000 baht.

Mr Umpon, 47, originally



BUMPER BUST: The pills seized in the sting operation.

planned to send the two drug mules to Phuket in October, but postponed the deal.

On Monday, Ms Saichon, one of the mules, called the informant and set up a meeting in Khok Kloi, Phang Nga.

After meeting, Ms Saichon brought the informant to buy the

drugs from Mr Chaowalit, who was waiting in Phuket Town.

While Ms Saichon was leading the informant to Mr Chaowalit, police were following closely behind.

When they were sure that Mr Chaowalit, who arrived by bus from Surat Thani and was waiting in Phuket Town, police nabbed Ms Saichon.

Police made Ms Saichon take them to Mr Chaowalit's hotel, where they spotted him standing in front of his room.

When he saw the police, he bolted into the room and jumped out a window, but to no avail. He was arrested at the scene.

The pair were presented at a press conference on Tuesday chaired by Phuket Governor Tri Augkaradacha and Phuket Provincial Police Commander Pekad Tantipong.

Police said that both suspects confessed to possession of the drugs with intent to distribute.

- Atchaa Khamlo

Thai worker drowns

RELATIVES and friends watched in horror as Thai construction worker Kittisak Thongtirat was swamped by a big wave then disappeared in rough surf at Karon Beach on Monday.

Duty officer Nitikorn Rawang of Chalong Police said Mr Kittisak, 25, went swimming near the Centara Grand Beach Resort Phuket, where he was working.

"His friends and relatives warned him and tried to stop him entering the rough surf while wearing jeans, but he wouldn't listen," said Lt Nitikorn.

"People nearby and friends rushed to help him, but nobody could do anything," he added.

One man trying to help was caught in a rip current and dragged out to sea. Lifeguards were forced to launch a jet-ski to safely recover him, Lt Nitikorn said.

Lifeguards, local business folk and even the Navy joined the search, but it was not until Tuesday afternoon that Mr Kittisak's body was found about 100 meters offshore, two kilometers from where he was last seen.

Mr Kittisak had worked at the hotel for three months and enjoyed swimming in the sea, Lt Nitikorn said.

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Temple thief shooting 'self-defense' – Police

A MAN gunned down by police last week was shot in self-defense, police say.

"Police were chasing him, and the robber started shooting at the officers, so they returned fire," Phuket City Police Superintendent Wanchai Ekpornpit said.

The man was shot four times in the chest.

"He died instantly at the scene," said Col Wanchai.

No identification was found on the body. Police believe he was Burmese and working illegally as a laborer.

Officers were pursuing the man after responding to a call reporting that Koh Sireh Temple had been broken into.

The temple had recently suffered a spate of burglaries, Col Wanchai explained.

Police arrived at the scene to find the man trying to rob the donation box, he said.

When the man saw the officers, he ran into the surrounding forest, Col Wanchai said.

Police also suspect the man was involved in other criminal activities and may have been part of a gang, Col Wanchai added.

Fanelli case on hold

By Atchaa Khamlo and Stephen Fein

LEGAL proceedings against confessed killer Ronald Fanelli are on hold until the American returns to Phuket, the *Gazette* has learned.

He is currently undergoing psychiatric examination at a facility in Surat Thani

Mr Fanelli, a former US Navy officer, was sent to Suan Saranrom Hospital for examination on September 13, reportedly at his own request.

The case against him has been deferred until an evaluation report is issued and he is returned to Phuket Provincial Prison, a source at the jail told the *Gazette*.

Mr Fanelli has been charged with the murder of bar hostess Wanphen Pienjai, a 37-year-old mother of two who disappeared from the Sweethearts Bar in Kata on June 18.

The subject of police manhunt almost a month long, Mr Fanelli was arrested in a rented home in Karon on July 17.

During his confession at a press conference at Phuket City Police Station on July 18, Mr Fanelli described the killing as a "terrible, terrible mistake".

The *Gazette* left a long list of questions with Mr Fanelli during a 10-minute meeting with him at Phuket Provincial Prison in early September.



Care of the late Ms Wanphen's two children now falls to her mother Sa-ard, pictured here with Wanphen's daughter 'Farm'. Photo: Courtesy of thailandfriends.com, which is organizing a charity fundraiser for the family in January.

However, he later returned the list with the questions unanswered and a brief note saying he needed to consult his lawyer first.

Meanwhile, a group of online poker players based outside of Thailand has raised about 30,000 baht for the surviving family of Ms Wanphen.

The group hopes to increase that amount to 100,000 through a charity fundraiser scheduled for

January in Bangkok.

Bill Rini, who visited the family in September with the first installment of the money raised, wrote on his personal blogsite:

"Sa-ard [Wanphen's mother] brought down a letter sent to her by the Phuket Rotary Club granting Wanphen's children, Farm and Iang, scholarships amounting to 6,000 baht (about US\$193) a year each while they stayed in school.

"If either of the children wanted to attend university they indicated that they would review that with her when the time came.

"Amusingly, everyone there translated 'Rotary' to 'Lotary' and thought it had to do with the lottery. I had to explain what a rotary club was and everyone seemed to do that embarrassed chuckle when they realized how far off they had been."

City arson: six cars in a week

A WAVE of arson attacks has left six vehicles damaged or destroyed over the seven days.

The latest attack took place at 1am in a small soi off Phang Nga Road, in the heart of Phuket Town.

Phuket City Police duty officer Somchai Nuubun told the *Gazette* that police and Kusoldharm Foundation rescue workers were the first responders.

Equipped only with a chemical fire extinguisher, they were unable to stop the blaze as it spread and engulfed the front half of the car.

The flames were finally doused about 30 minutes later, but only



The latest vehicular victim burns. after the car was damaged beyond repair. Important documents contained in the passenger seating area were also destroyed.

Car owner Patcharin Kongpetch said she had no idea as to the motive for the attack, as she had been parking in the same spot for two years and hadn't had any disputes.

The attack was the sixth similar incident in since November 3. All six fires were started by a gasoline-doused tire being placed next to the front-left tire of the vehicle, Capt Somchai said.

Money problems and revenge were possible motives for the attacks, said police.

US consular clinics to return to Phuket

THE Consular Section of the US embassy in Bangkok has announced its staff will be in Phuket on December 17 to provide consular outreach services.

"Dates are subject to change, but we intend to stay as close to this schedule as possible," the embassy wrote in a recent release.

During the outreach session, US consular staff will provide:

- Passport renewal applications.
- Notarial services and certified copies, including income affidavits for retirees in Thailand.

• Applications for extra visa pages will be accepted, but the passports must be taken back to the US Embassy for final processing the next business day.

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Lucky ladyboy doubles the fun

A LUCKY 42-year-old ladyboy is set to marry not one, but two young men in a lavish wedding ceremony in the central Thai province of Nakhon Sawan.

Somjit Songjaeng has lived with her first husband-to-be, 22-year-old Anurut "Jack" Kraisa, for six years. Not content with one lover, she met her second fiancé, 27-year-old Sathit "Bank" Rawdyoo, at the end of last year.

It can't hurt that Ms Somjit is a millionaire. Born in Takhlee District in Nakhon Sawan, she moved to Switzerland 25 years ago. There she fell in love with a young Swiss man named Christian who worked in a watch factory.

The couple moved back to Thailand, but after two years they began to have problems and split. Ms Somjit moved back to Switzerland and opened a restaurant – which became very successful. She returned to Takhlee and bought property, including land where she built three houses now worth 20 million baht.



She met both of her husbands-to-be in Pattaya. The wedding ceremony will begin on the morning of November 13 with Buddhist rituals at the house of the "happy triple". In the evening there will be a 50-table wedding party with food, music and a cabaret show.

Many people were afraid the unusual arrangement might cause problems, but Ms Somjit said she would be the central "go-between" who made sure everyone understood each other.

Ms Somjit is also planning on paying for her two young husbands to continue their education and improve themselves. She said she was sure that all three of them had the same heart and would live together happily ever after.

UK envoy to arrive 2012

THE UK will not have an official ambassador to Thailand and Laos until 2012, British embassy Deputy Head of Mission Daniel Pruce told the *Gazette* this week.

Mr Pruce was on a one-day visit to Phuket, his first official visit to the island, on Tuesday.

He met the Phuket governor, the provincial police chief, then visited the head of Phuket Immigration. He wrapped his visit up by speaking at a meeting of the British Business Association – Phuket.

Mr Pruce explained that former British Ambassador to Thailand and Laos, Quinton Quayle, has joined drinks giant ThaiBev's UK-based operations, but is expected to return to Thailand regularly.

"Quinton's replacement has been identified and that person has been nominated to the Thai government," he explained.

The candidate cannot be named until the Thai government has accepted the nomination, he added.

However, regardless of how soon the candidate is approved, the person will not take up the post of ambassador until about March 2012, he said.

The candidate is to undergo an



British Embassy Deputy Head of Mission Daniel Pruce

intensive 18-month Thai-language course, as well as ethics and cultural training to prepare "him" for the posting.

"Our experience through Quinton and David Fall at the embassy is that it makes an enormous difference if the ambassador speaks good Thai.

"It adds a great dimension to the effectiveness of our work," he added.

Mr Fall and Mr Quayle were known for their proficiency in Thai. Days before flying out, Mr Quayle was a guest on several Thai TV talk shows.

Much of his popularity with the Thai people stemmed from his

ability to speak fluent Thai, and from his love of football. He is a West Bromwich Albion fan.

In the interim, London-born Asif Ahmad, former Deputy Director of the Foreign Office Asia Pacific Region unit, has arrived in Thailand to carry on as chargé d'affaires as "acting ambassador".

Mr Ahmad, an economics graduate from Durham University, is a former director of the UK Trade and Investment Asia Pacific unit, which is run jointly by the Department of Trade and Industry and the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO).

On local matters, Mr Pruce said his meeting with Governor Tri Augkaradacha was positive.

"It was very interesting, in particular his vision of the future of Phuket, especially regarding transportation. We spoke about taxis, fares, standards of services and rail links, all of which are very important for Phuket," he said.

Accidents on Phuket rated highly in his talks with Phuket Provincial Police Commander Maj Gen Pekat Tantipong.

"There were some good ideas I can take back to the embassy," said Mr Pruce. The Know Before You Go campaign, posted on the FCO website, will likely boost its attention to road safety for travelers, he added. – *Phuket Gazette*

Beach clean-up by art

ART galleries across Phuket from December will stage a series of exhibitions comprising artworks made from trash collected during beach clean-ups.

The grand opening of the Marine Litters Exhibition will be at the Nakhonnai Museum, opposite the Mangosteen Resort & Spa on Saiyuan Soi 2 in Rawai, on December 1. Doors will open at 6pm.

Come January, the exhibition will move to Rawai Art Village on Wiset Road.

The collection will move to Phuket Town in February, when it will be on display at the Wua Gallery on Phang Nga Road. In March, the exhibition will move to the Room 2521 gallery on Thalang Road.

The project will involve local 25 artists. "About 30 works from about seven artists will be dis-



One of the art pieces.

played at each venue," said Thongthai Srigaroon, the project's director.

"All the works will be for sale with part of the proceeds going to the Community Hospital project on Koh Yao," he added.

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A bevy of beauties help launch the Krabi Andaman Festival 2010.

Annual festival to net Bt500m

THE annual Krabi Andaman Festival is expected to generate about 500 million baht for the local economy, officials said.

Krabi Chamber of Commerce (KCC) president Phuvadit Preechanont told the *Gazette* that more than 10,000 tourists are expected to join the festivities, which began on Friday.

The event is designed to highlight Krabi tourist attractions, local culture and cuisine.

"The activities each day have different charms that should not be missed. Activities on the first day were at Baan Koh Klang, on Prasong Canal, where the fishing village invited people to come and see their traditional lifestyle," he said.

"Activities on the second day are at Ao Thalane, home to one of the lushest mangrove forests in Krabi.

"On the third day, activities will be held at Rai Ley Beach, renowned for its romantic feel.



Traditional fishing skills on show.

Couples always come here for marriage proposals and single people come to ask for luck in love from the goddess Phra Nang."

Saturday is the final day of three days of live stage performances on Maharaj Road Soi 8, the "walking street" in the heart of Krabi Town.

Held in conjunction with the main festival is the Krabi Food Festival at Lan Pudam in Krabi Town, which will conclude on Tuesday.

- Pimwara Choksakulpan

Krabi rallies flood relief

By Robert Reynolds

THE worst flooding in decades and the ensuing images of villages being washed away in Isarn and of Haad Yai City lying under water has given the residents of Krabi a deep sense of gratitude about how lucky they were.

Apart from localized flooding, some temporary road closures and the electrical supply going on and off, the Krabi region did not sustain any major damage.

Yet many local residents could not watch the daily reports of suffering and do nothing. Inspired to help their fellow countrymen, various groups in the province offered their assistance by raising money and collecting donations of food and clothes to send to the affected areas.

On November 8, several of these groups met at the SripHong Phukaoluan Foundation Community Center to join forces.

The Scouts raised funds and contributed manpower, while the foreign expat community in Ao Nang made an outstanding contribution with generous donations to bolster the effort.

The Thraha Santisuk Founda-



Volunteers pack bags of food, water, toiletries and other necessities.



tion of Krabi also donated funds, while volunteers from the local technical college helped pack food, water and toiletries into individual emergency-relief bags to distribute to those stricken by the floods.

Donated clothes were cleaned and separated by size and style – for boys and for girls – and packed into waterproof containers for distribution.

The overall effort was overseen by Chuan Phukaoluan, former Krabi Mayor and president of the SripHong Phukaoluan Foundation.

On November 9, the first convoy of four trucks left for the stricken areas of Nakhon Sri Thammarat. On November 11, the second convoy departed for Haad Yai and Songkhla.



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Keeping Loy Krathong afloat

By Janpen Upatising

LOY Krathong is renowned as perhaps the most beautiful of all traditional Thai festivals but it seems to be losing its luster among Phuket youths..

On the night of November 21, millions of floats adorned with flowers and alight with candles will be set adrift at sea, on canals, lakes and rivers to send off any traces of bad luck from the past year.

Unlike Songkran, which marks the beginning of the Thai New Year with over-enthusiastic patrons "blessing" passers-by by pummeling with them water, Loy Krathong invokes a sense of inner peace among those who take part.

Yet, teenagers in Phuket told the *Gazette* the festival held little attraction for them. Some did not even know when the event would be held.

For Wattigorn Wonglhwaw, aged 15, the event is simply not exciting enough.

"Loy Krathong in Phuket is so quiet. It doesn't seem to have many activities to do or shows to go see," he said.

Manit Onsuntipaup, 18, said the lack of promotional buzz may be the cause.

"It's not like the Vegetarian Festival last month, which was more lively. I was told about it every day through TV and radio, but news about Loy Krathong is dead quiet.

"I still haven't heard or seen any advertisements on TV about where or how the event will be organized," he added.

Jantima Permpoonsaptavee, 15, agrees. "It's different from the Vegetarian Festival. I know when that festival is coming. I see the yellow flags with Chinese writing. But for Loy Krathong, it's not clear when it will be on."



Above: A boy makes a wish before setting his krathong afloat. Photo: Robert Pollai



Floating lanterns are now part of the festivities. Photo: Fraser Morton

At age 14, Suttikit Pikulpol likes the event, but he has to rely on someone to tell him when it will be on. "I enjoy the event, but to be honest I don't know when Loy Krathong is each year. I usually find out two or three days before the event when someone tells me," he says.

Likewise, 17-year-old Mawika Lodjeang said, "If you asked me when it is, I couldn't tell you, because the day of the event changes every year."

While many youngsters seem to be losing touch with the festival, others are happily keeping the tradition alive by enjoying the time with their families.

"I go to the festival with my parents every year at Suan Luang. It's just another cultural event, but I can spend time with my beloved family," said 14-year-old Jarupong Theeraprayoon.

Wanon Vunlime, 18, also enjoys his family time. "Mom and dad took me to Patong Beach last year. I think it is the best place to enjoy the event. It was fun," he added.

For many Westerners, one of

the marvels of Loy Krathong is that in true Thai spirit it not only centers on the family, but also extends to the community as a whole.

"People in my neighborhood usually get together a few days before the event. We help each other to make the *krathong*. It's like our community activity," said Naphat Satapoomin, 14.

"Once we have made the *krathong*, we float them into the sea at Cape Panwa. We also sit down and eat together near the pier.

Even young Naphat worries the festival might disappear, with more and more people thinking the event is not worth taking part in.

"If we don't help each other, the festival may disappear one day," she said.

Selected Events

Phuket City: Saphan Hin

November 21
5pm Loy Krathong Parade from Phuket City Hall to Saphan Hin
8pm Live folk music at Saphan Hin

Patong
(organized by Patong Municipality)
November 20
Main stage on Soi Bangla:
6pm Cultural performance by students from Thaksin University in Songkhla, followed by scholarship ceremony
7:30pm Miss Bar Beer Contest

November 21
6:30pm Parade from Prachanukhro Rd to Soi Bangla
7:30pm Music and live performances on eight stages along Patong Beach, including shadow plays, *angklung* performance, and live contemporary and traditional music

Chalong: Ladthiwaram Temple
(organized by the Chalong Tambon Administration Organization)
November 20
8:30pm Miss Noppamas beauty contest for kids

November 21
6pm Krathong-making competition
7pm Stage performances by students
8pm Miss Noppamas Contest

Chalong Pier
(organized by the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization)
November 20
7pm Live Thai country folk music

November 21
6:30am Alms offerings to Buddhist monks
8am-3pm Longtail boat races
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FHM Model committed suicide: Police

POLICE have announced an FHM model found shot dead in her luxury condominium in Bangkok last month committed suicide.

Deputy national police chief Panupong Singhara Na Ayutthaya reportedly said Sasithorn "Pik" Onmiwol, 28, shot herself after taking an overdose of sleeping pills.

The verdict represents a turnaround for the police, who previously said they believed Ms Sasithorn was murdered.

The model was found lying on her bed with a bullet wound to her head on October 11. Her boyfriend was prime suspect in the killing.

Gen Panupong said on November 8 police had thoroughly examined the crime scene and found no evidence that anyone else had been in the room.

Lt Gen Jaramporn Suramane said investigations had shown the door to the condo was locked from the inside.

DNA found on the murder weapon, a .32 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver, belonged to Ms Sasithorn. Her fingerprints were also found on the gun.

Police used 3D imaging to simulate the moments leading up to Ms Sasithorn's death, said Lt Gen Jaramporn.

Before shooting herself Ms Sasithorn had swallowed more than 10 sleeping pills, which was enough to kill her, he said.

The Nation reported that police believe the motive for the suicide was stress from romantic and financial problems, and the fact that Ms Sasithorn was an "introvert".

Police have informed Ms Sasithorn's friends and family of their findings and they had not contested them, Lt Gen Jaramporn said.

Refugees flee war zone

THOUSANDS of refugees poured into Thailand to escape fighting in Burma which erupted following the country's first elections in two decades on November 7.

On the day the country went to the polls, which critics dismissed as a sham designed to prolong military rule, ethnic Karen rebels took over key government buildings in Myawaddy on the Thai-Burma border.

Thai authorities began sending refugees back to Myawaddy November 9 after a state of quiet returned to the town, The Nation reported.

The audacious move by a rogue brigade of the Democratic Karen Buddhist Army (DKBA) provoked the Burmese army to attack with heavy artillery on Monday. At least three people were killed and 20 injured in the fighting.

A rocket-propelled grenade landed in the Thai district of Mae Sot across the Moei River, which runs along the border, reportedly injuring several people.

The Burmese army had sought to absorb ethnic armies as a Border Guard Force. While most of the DKBA agreed to the plan, Bri-

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gade 5 led by commander Na Kham Mwe refused, leading to rising tensions in Karen State.

Na Kham Mwe said he seized positions in Myawaddy to protest the elections. "I am doing this for democracy," he told reporters on the border.

The fighting caused as many as 15,000 refugees to flee into Mae Sot.

Fighting also spread further south to Payathonzu, over the border from the Three Pagodas Pass in Kanchanaburi province. DKBA troops reportedly razed government buildings, including the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Construction.

"They have documents on all the data and conspiracies planned against us in those buildings," one DKBA commander told Burmese exile news agency the Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB).

At the time of writing the re-



Fighting sent an estimated 15,000 fleeing to Mae Sot. Photo: The Nation

sults of the Burmese elections had yet to be announced. The military junta's proxy party, the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP), was widely expected to win by a landslide.

The polls were dismissed by many Western leaders. US President Barack Obama said the polls

were neither free nor fair and demanded the release of Suu Kyi and other political prisoners.

Japan said it was "deeply disappointed" with the elections, while British Foreign Secretary William Hague described the result as a "foregone conclusion".

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Flood toll reaches 165 as evacuations continue



Trang-Phatthalung Rd. Photo: The Nation

THE death toll from Thailand's flooding has reached 165 as officials prepare to evacuate people from parts of the South at risk from flash floods and landslides.

The Chi River in Northeastern Thailand is also at risk of bursting its banks, threatening the provinces of Maha Sarakham, Buri Ram and Roi Et.

Heavy downpours were expected in Surat Thani, Phattalung and Nakhon Sri Thammarat over the coming days, prompting prepara-

tions to evacuate several districts.

Eighteen provinces are still flooded, the Thai News Agency reported on November 7.

In Haad Yai in Songkhla, which was hit by its worst ever floods last week, authorities are struggling to remove some 10,000 tons of garbage and debris from the streets.

Songkhla Municipality faces Bt250 million in damage to public and private property and requires an equally large amount of money

in restoration costs, the town's mayor has said.

The nationwide disaster has prompted deep concern from His Majesty the King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said HM The King worried about people affected by the flooding and suggested authorities consider more flood-prevention projects along the Chao Phraya River and other waterways in the future.

Survival kits given by HM The King have been distributed to Muslim clerics and imams in Narathiwat in addition to a large amount of relief supplies already delivered to flood victims across the country.

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Pandora's box

Driving around Phuket recently I have noticed a few things that do not bode well for the future.

The first is the huge amount of traffic on the roads which seems to increase daily. As we approach another high season I am sure that traffic jams will become commonplace. Second perhaps as a result of the first, the attitude of drivers seems to have become more aggressive and risks are taken more frequently (such as running red lights and illegal U-turns). Third, the actual infrastructure of the roads which are often potholed, missing markings or poorly lit gives me further concern.

Combined with the endless construction and sheer number of trucks and cement mixers I wonder where this is all leading. Is there actually any town planning for Phuket or have the modern-day prospectors already opened Pandora's box? The *Phuket Gazette* does a good job of raising warnings but I worry no one is paying attention.

Justin Bradshaw
Chalong

You get only one chance to make a first impression

Being relatively new to Phuket and to the perilous joys of saddling a rickety Honda Click on its roads, I headed west last week to visit Patong.

After safely negotiating the roller coaster road down to the town, I suddenly found myself immersed in a dusty noisy traffic jam New Delhi would be proud of, leading me into the Bermuda Triangle of one-way systems.

BY ALL accounts, this year's Phuket Thailand Open women's beach volleyball tournament was the best, biggest and most entertaining to date.

A real boon for tourism at the tail end of the low season, the competition showcased the considerable talents of these professional athletes and culminated in an exciting day of finals matches ending with a rivetting tie-breaker for the championship.

Perhaps best of all for Phuket is the fact that three successful satellite tournaments have formed around the main competition.

The inaugural PTT Interschool Cup involved five teams of six girls each, while the hotly contested Federbrau Inter-Hotel Competition drew in eight teams from resorts around the island, with scores of drum-banging supporters turning up for the exciting finals.

Bob Selznick and pro volleyball player Yupa Phukrongploy, the partners who organized both the hotel and school competitions, have gotten great feedback from players in both competitions. They have also been asked to organize beach volleyball competitions year-round.

A year ago in this space, the *Gazette* questioned why the sport – which appears purpose-built for a resort island like Phuket – had not attracted many Thais to join the large number of foreign spectators in the stadium.

Now precisely that seems to be happening. The local Sports Authority of Thailand office plans to develop the sport in Phuket in the run-up to two large tournaments to be hosted

exasperated, I finally came to the conclusion that Patong must be landlocked and the beach was a metaphor for something else entirely.

I did eventually locate the beach, parked my bike in an

allotted space and off I strolled with my bucket and spade to play in the sand.

When I returned, much to my horror, an industrial sized chain and a parking fine were glued to my bike, stating a fine must be

paid some 3km away at the Kathu Police Station.

Nevertheless, I paid the fine and swore to not enter the town again anytime soon.

Aggravated Andrew
Phuket

Let's keep FIVB alive in Phuket

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here in 2012 and 2014. Both will feature beach volleyball (see 'First Person' on facing page).

This year's event caused a large influx of foreign tourists. Not only competitors with their families and friends came to Phuket, but also many took part in the Beach Volleyball Around-the-World (BVAW) event. The BVAW draws people who can afford to jet in from all over the world to indulge their passion for the sport: "high-quality tourists" in TAT-speak.

Unfortunately, the organizers of the event have told the *Gazette* that without better financial support from the province, next year's event might have to go to another province more willing to provide adequate funding.

This would be a terrible blow to Phuket, especially coming at a time when the sport really seems to be taking off here.

Having sensibly put sustainable tourism development as his top gubernatorial priority, we hope Phuket Governor Tri Augkaradecha and the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization will join PTT, the *Gazette* and the other proud sponsors to make what is already the world's largest world tour event even bigger and better next year.

After five years of continual development, it would be a real shame if next year's stop in the Kingdom is called the Pattaya Thailand Open.

Issues & Answers...

Abandoned Elderly

There is an old, bedridden lady who lives behind us. She has children who do not seem to look after her and cries for hours at a time night and day.

Is there a government agency that can make sure she is looked after properly?

Peter Allen
Chalong

Onura Saetiuu, a social developer at Phuket Provincial Office of Social Development and Human Security, replies:

In order to pursue a case, we will request detailed information such as the informant's name, address and telephone number to help us find the location. We also need to know where and when this incident happened.

It is also helpful if the informant knows contact information for the elderly woman's relatives.

Our officer will go to the woman's residence and examine the situation there. Sometimes we work in cooperation with local

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authorities such as Tambon Administration Organizations or local municipalities.

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The personal information of the informant will be kept as evidence, as sometimes we are given false information that is damaging to our department.

Also, we may need to contact the person to clarify information in the report.

To report any issues regarding children, women and the elderly, call our 24-hour hotline at 1300. You can also contact our provincial office between 8:30am and 4:30pm by calling 076-212-726 or 076-240414.

Change for the better

Re: *Gazette online, Phuket opinion: Making sense of the numbers game, October 31*

A good article and one which I fully support, and I believe I see a change in the reporting on your paper.

At one time it was my opinion that you were selective in the things you reported as several major crime incidents in Patong were never reported.

Whichever light one views the statistics in, one thing is sure and that is that the crime rate for serious crimes on this island is appalling.

Phil Skingsley
Phuket

Here comes the sun

Even though the roads are getting chockablock with tourists, I'm happy high season has arrived.

Planning during the monsoon season blows, especially if you're on a motorbike.

There's nothing like living on Phuket and having to deal with morbid, London-like weather for months on end! I'm definitely looking forward to not having to send last minute text messages to my friends saying I need to "rain check" our rendezvous because of the wall of water heading my way.

Most of all, I'm looking forward to days filled with sunshine, frolicking fun and spontaneous gallivants around the island on the weekends. Sundowners at Promthep, a full day at the beach, al fresco brunches, barbecues with friends... could it get any better?

Sun Lovin' Sista
Kathu

Why the haze?

What happened? The rain finally stopped and I still couldn't see the hills for the haze.

At first I thought it was mist formed by the morning sun warming the soaked earth, but that should lift by midday when temperatures have risen. But this haze has been hanging around for days.

It's too late in the year for the annual "Great Indonesian Burnoff" to hit us, so what is it?

Dave McFlintock
Phuket Town

An officer at the Thailand Meteorological Department weather station at Phuket International Airport, replies:

Haze has been covering the island for six days now because of high pressure conditions. It might take a few days, but the sky will clear. Phuket experiences haze like this every time a high pressure system covers the region. This is common at this time of year, especially when low-speed winds occur with cloudy conditions.

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International support means sporting success

FIRST PERSON

THE Sports Authority of Phuket [under the SAT] is responsible for the organization and development of youth participation in 43 different sports.

Because it is included in the Thailand National Games and the Thailand National Youth Games, beach volleyball is one sport that we are encouraging and providing young players training for.

We now have 25 kids practicing beach volleyball with a local coach and we have both three- and five-year development plans.

The first thing is that we expect to win some medals in the Thailand National Youth Games, which Phuket will host in 2012. The kids should do well in the tournament because they will have trained on real beaches and will be familiar with the settings.

But if they are to be successful in national or international competitions, I admit that a foreign coach or someone more qualified is needed to pass along knowledge and techniques to our local coach.

After hosting the Thailand National Youth Games, Phuket will host the 4th Asian Beach Games in year 2014. We also expect success in these Games, because by that time we should have more youths playing beach volleyball.

The Swatch FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour that just finished last Sunday was really advantageous for us. Our kids had the



Wirat Patee is the director of the Sports Authority of Thailand (SAT) office in Phuket. Holder of a bachelor's degree in physical education, he is currently working toward a master's degree in sports management. Here he talks about developing sports with Phuket's youth.



chance to practice in the PTT volleyball camps and the main competition helped draw attention to the sport. I sent letters to many schools asking for students to come and cheer at the competition each day. About six schools responded.

Another sport we are developing is sailing. We asked 19 local organizations to send 30 youths each to attend sailing camps at a sailing school near Sarasin Bridge. We will support them to compete in as many sailing competitions as we can, especially the King's Cup Regatta next year – we'll train them to do their best.

Phuket has an advantage due to its location. We have beaches to

practice beach sports and perfect winds and sea for sailing, but we need more support from the local community. Although Phuket hosts many international sporting events, locals pay little attention. Children, parents and teachers still focus on studies, not sports. So, I think schools should give the children a chance

One sport that Phuket youngsters are becoming very interested in is soccer. This is because FC Phuket is getting close to Division 1 and we can see match results and the team's movement in the press. There is also a Facebook following and many fans cheer the team on at Surakul Stadium and attend away games.

This has encouraged more boys to come to Phuket for the Vision Asia Program, organized by the Asian Football Confederation to develop grassroots and youth soccer across the continent.

There are four youth football clubs in the program: Kata, Kathu, Bor Rae and Cherg Talay. We aim to support these kids to pursue football as a career.



PACKING MEAT: Trussed pigs in a pickup. Photo: m.a.r.c./Flickr

Piggy in the middle

Island View

By Alexandra Andersson

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

AFTER many years of repressing my empathy for the animals in today's mass meat industry, I have finally had to give in. I am now a reluctant vegetarian.

I say reluctant because I do not disagree with the principle of humans eating animals. When you consider how integral meat eating has been to our survival as a species, electing not to eat meat seems the unnatural choice.

It is unfortunately not as unnatural as the conditions in which livestock are kept these days. Quaint farms with a balanced attitude towards animal rearing, slaughtering and eating have been replaced by factories.

Factories which, not unlike any other businesses, have the goal of producing as much product as possible, at the highest profit.

The thing the meat industry has long forgotten however, is that the product they are dealing with is alive. They will not "waste" money on its physical, emotional or mental wellbeing.

The highest density of animals are crammed into the cheapest environments, fed the cheapest food, and their health, mentally or physically, is not tended to. Don't

try and kid yourself that the vast majority of the meat in restaurants and shops has not been kept like that. There is a reason it is cheap.

Even on a purely selfish level, do you really want to ingest food that has been standing in its own feces all its life, been cannibalized or covered in abscesses?

Containing such a high volume of bodies, blood, disease and excretion in such a contained space – day in, day out – has caused bacteria and viruses to mutate and spread. Bird flu, Pfiesteria, H1N1 and foot and mouth have all been linked to these putrid production pits.

The free-range quaint little farm ideal may be making a comeback in the West, but out here I think it will be more of a challenge to seek it out.

Until I find it, my conscience will not allow me to risk being a part of the literally sickening mass-meat production scene.

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

Central Festival parking no longer gives me the chits

Last week I noticed there that are no longer any staff handing out parking chits when I enter the undercover parking at Central Festival Phuket. Is this a permanent change? Or were they just sick on that day? The empty sentry box is still there, but no more staff.

I did notice that the fine young man is still there to salute me as I drive by.

Terry Seagram
Chalong

Kanthida Khawthong, manager of the Tourist Marketing Department at Central Festival, replies:

The number of staff on duty at entrance security boxes is being reduced as we stopped using our car parking ticket system last week.

We have installed more CCTV cameras, with cameras now in place at the entry points, as well

as many more throughout the car park.

The new CCTV system is working quite well, with almost 100% efficiency.

Of course, we cannot tell you how many new CCTV cameras have been installed for security reasons, but our security personnel can see everything by zooming in.

They can now see things such as registration plates and even the drivers in the cars in much more detail.

And all this can be recorded.

The previous CCTV cameras at the security boxes could only show an overall image without any zoom capability.

Although the department store already had CCTV in the car park area and inside the mall, to improve confidence and security for our consumers, in the near future more CCTV cameras will be installed at every point in Central.

With more than 50% of the shops, all in different areas of Central, undergoing renovations, we would like our CCTV system to cover the whole place.



Photo: FIVB

Volleyball music much to shout about

I really enjoyed the Phuket Thailand Open beach volleyball competition, but I have to ask, who chose the music? It seemed like they just kept playing Village People over and over again. What's up with that?

Spike Mee
Karon

Geoffrey Rowe, Managing Director of event organizer Pentangle Promotions, replies:

We had a problem this year. We had a lot of music, but the van that was carrying a lot of our stuff down from Bangkok had an accident.

A lot of our CDs were de-

stroyed. That's why there was a lot of repetition.

We had about a dozen CDs initially, but we ended up with just three or four, so the Village People tended to get a bit overplayed this year.

Quite a few people have commented on it already.

Dusit to unveil three new sites

By Anand Singh

DUSIT International is planning to open three more hotels in the south of Thailand to handle an expected surge in tourism.

One of the hotels will join the Dusit Thani Laguna in Phuket. It will likely be a trendy hotel, possibly a D2, which is one of Dusit's newer brands.

This will make it the second Dusit-owned hotel on the island. The other two properties are planned to become luxury hotels, one speculated to be built in Samui as the Dusit Thani Samui and another as the Dusit Devarana, to be built in Phang Nga.

Dusit International representatives reaffirmed their confidence in the growth of the Thai tourism industry and anticipated an increase in the number of inbound tourists for the coming year. This should benefit hotel industries across the country.

Mr Chanin Donavanik, CEO of Dusit International, expressed exceptional confidence in Phuket tourism. He revealed a positive outlook for hotel businesses on the island in terms of occupancy rates, saying that Phuket remains highly popular with foreign and domestic tourists.

He also pointed out that the improving political climate encourages optimism.

One of Dusit International's distinguished properties, Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket has seen a rise in bookings for the fourth quarter of this year, through to next year.

Tourism growth will also be supplemented by foreign airlines' decisions to add more direct and chartered flights to the island.

According to *The Nation*, Dusit plans to finance its expansion through its new investment fund. The group is preparing to offer the four billion baht Dusit Thani Free-



MORE ON THE WAY: Dusit International is investing in three new resorts in Thailand.

hold and Leasehold Property Fund (DTCPF) by year's end, which will make it the largest hotel property fund in the Thai Stock Exchange.

DTCPF will be backed by three of the company's resorts, namely the Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket, Dusit D2 Chiang Mai and the Dusit Thani Hua-Hin.

Dusit Management Co, a subsidiary of Dusit Thani Plc, will hold 99.99% of the fund and will lease the three hotels from the fund at fixed and variable rental rates to gain confi-

dence and provide security in terms of returns to investors.

The fund's incorporation is pending approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Earlier this year Dusit International announced the successful acquisition of the Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket. Previously owned by Laguna Resorts & Hotels Plc, a local subsidiary of the Singaporean Banyan Tree Group. The resort has been under Dusit's management for 23 years.

Know the buzz words affecting your investments

INVESTMENTS come in all shapes and sizes. Over the years many Phuket expats have probably been offered investment products that are touted as "100% capital protected".

These offerings can be loosely grouped as "structured products" and are often far less secure than the name implies.

Structured products are offered to investors under many names by banks, building societies and financial advisers. They normally run for fixed terms of three months or longer and are described using words like "guaranteed", "protected" or "dynamic".

In some cases they're given complex titles such as "capital accumulator auto-call option". These reassuring titles imply a higher level of investment security. The reality is that the opposite is often the case; structured prod-

ucts often carry additional higher risks, such as "counter-party risk" which can render the investment worthless.

The counter-party is usually a bank, insurance company or financial institution which provides the "guarantee" or "protection" in return for the majority of the investors' capital being deposited within the counter-party's own fixed interest instruments.

In extreme cases counter-party's may require over 99% of an investment deposited in such instruments, leaving less than 1% to invest. This means that, effectively, 99% of your investment is invested in, and reliant upon, the solvency of the counter-party, and only 1% is invested in the underlying asset.

The returns on any structured product are dependent, to different extents, on the leveraged performance of both the underly-

Island Investor

By Bill Anderson

ing asset (often an index, such as the Dow Jones Industrial Average stock index) and, far more significantly, the guarantor's deposit vehicle.

When Lehman Brothers filed for insolvency in September 2008, investments "guaranteed" by the failed bank, most notably those promoted in the UK and Singaporean markets, were rendered worthless overnight.

Only a few years earlier structured products known as "precipice bonds" had spectacularly failed due to another risk – that of leverage – when the markets fell way beyond expectations. Investors were virtually wiped out.

Other dangers include "guaran-

tees" that aren't what they seem to be. Recent examples of this include: Guarantees issued by small subsidiaries, not carrying the full faith of the major institutions and guarantees that only cover a small part of the investment value.

Also, the use of low-cost subordinated instruments, like sub-prime or toxic notes, rather than an institution's primary debt structures, as well as the use of a remote jurisdiction whose legal structure makes enforcement of the contracts practically impossible.

The nature of many structured products means the beginning and end values are supposedly defined, but there is no investment valuation available for the period in between.

In short, not only do investors often not understand the risks or contractual nuances of what they're investing in but also, in many cases, they have no idea what it's worth at any given point between the start and the maturity of the investment.

As a result structured products have become the natural hiding place for every kind of illiquid or untraded asset whose value is im-

possible to establish, with any degree of certainty, in advance of its expected maturity date such as forestry products, traded or second-hand life insurance or endowment policies or litigation funding.

Does this mean that all of these products are a scam? No, not necessarily, but the risks become much higher when dealing in assets that are difficult to tie into any referenced valuation. In general the longer the term of these kinds of investment, the greater the risks.

The right structured notes on the right terms in relation to the right assets may have some validity but too many of the structured products currently available suit the product designers and distributors more than the investors.

Forewarned is forearmed – most structured products should be seen as predatory financial instruments, something that marks a very clear and very present danger on your investment radar.

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Phuket joins Qatar Air global network

By Alexandra Andersson

A NEW daily direct flight connecting Doha and Phuket is set to benefit the island in a number of ways.

The first Qatar Airways flight from Doha landed in Phuket on October 12, and is part of the airline's aggressive expansion strategy.

Phuket is one of nine new destinations added by the airline in the past year, with plans for adding another 120 destinations in the next three years.

"Our growth strategy is to become a global network operator," said Qatar Airways CEO Akbar Al Baker.

"In a radius of only five hours flight time from Doha, there is a population of over three billion people, and this is what we will tap.

"Doha will serve as an excellent gateway for you, connecting Phuket to key cities around the world."

According to Mr Al Baker, the increased accessibility of Phuket to the rest of the world will help boost tourism, particularly since Doha's geographical location makes it ideal for carrying

passengers from East to West.

Popular connections for the Doha – Phuket route include Western European cities like London, Stockholm, Berlin, Moscow as well as cities in Northern and Southern America.

Mr Al Baker said that they decided to add a direct Phuket route due to the success of their Bangkok – Phuket flights. Last year, they carried 200,000 passengers into Phuket, and this year they plan to increase that to 300,000.

"Phuket is a favorite destination from the Middle East and from passengers that fly with us from Europe," Mr Al Baker said.

Thailand's Ambassador to Qatar, Mr Suvat Chirapant, went on to explain that Middle Eastern tourists have increasingly been looking to Asia as a holiday destination during their harsh summer climate.

"Previously Florida was the top choice, but after 9/11 it has been harder for them to get visas there and they don't feel as comfortable going," he said.

Medical tourism is also another sector of the industry that is set to benefit from the route, Mr Al Baker said.

He added that Thailand is the number-one destination in the world for this niche clientele, with a 30% market share of the medical tourism industry, and he has been working with Mr Suvat to promote it.

The first ever medical tourism roadshow in the Middle East was held in Doha last month and the direct route will give Phuket a competitive edge over other medical tourism destinations in Asia, like Singapore and Korea.

"Medical services in Qatar are expensive, and there is a certain lack of expertise, so medical tourism is a selling point for Middle Eastern tourists," Mr Suvat said.

When asked whether the route will be popular with Thais wanting to holiday in Qatar, the ambassador was skeptical, citing the harsh climate and lack of natural attractions in Qatar as an obstacle.

"It is more of a business or MICE [meetings, incentives, conventions and exhibitions] destination, rather than for leisure and recreational tourism," he said.

Demand for the route has already proven high, with frequent bookings, Mr Al Baker said.



NEW DIRECTION: Qatar Airways CEO Akbar Al Baker is expanding the airline, and Phuket is the latest destination on the radar. Photo: Alexandra Andersson

In response to comments about layover times of up to eight hours for passengers transferring from European flights Mr Al Baker said:

"We do realize this is an issue for many of the connections. But as with everything, we cannot satisfy every passenger, so for this very reason we have increased the frequency of our flights to Bangkok, so it gives you another

convenient option."

He also added that the Kuala Lumpur pit stop that is currently part of the Doha – Phuket route will be eliminated as soon as more aircraft are available.

"When this happens I am sure there will be massive improvements in the connections between European capitals and Phuket," he added.



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Get down to Grandma's garden

MAN'S TOUCH: Restaurant owner Chef Nathee is magic in the kitchen.



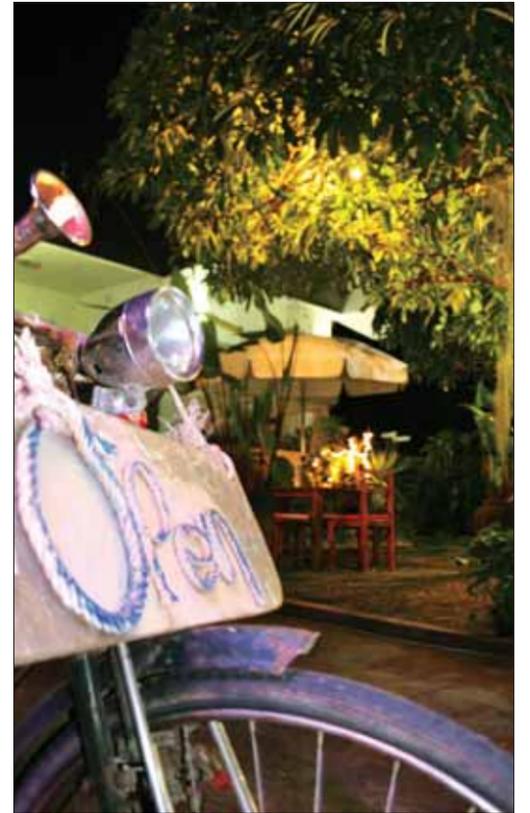
On the Menu

By Sam Wilko

THE true essence of Thailand lies in its cuisine.

You've got to doff your cap to a country that has absorbed Japanese, Chinese and its neighboring lands' culinary influences and somehow managed to mix and regurgitate (bad choice of word, I know) them as its own. This is the genius of the eminently unique and delicate *mélange* that is Thai cuisine. And don't get me started on foreign influences on the Thai language.

So, with high expectations and an overloaded Nissan truck we negotiate the once-tranquil



but now rather troubled and needlessly cable-strewn streets of Nai Harn to a highly recommended Thai dining place – Lan Yai Ma – “Grandmother’s”.

We choose to dine outside in the garden of this converted house and, even before the seating arrangements are sorted, the kids devour the complimentary bruschetta, offering me a sodden morsel of garlic bread in a heavily

prompted act of politesse. No matter – it's great to see children with an appetite for something other than processed food, although at that stage in the evening they would have gladly chewed on table mats – visiting UK social workers please take note.

Lan Yai Ma's broad-ranging menu is predominantly focused on Thai food and naturally so, seeing that Chef Nathee, hailing from near Bangkok, has gained experience in both Marriott Courtyard and Hilton kitchens. He's a hard-working and talented man.

Chicken fried rice and basil leaf chicken or locally known as *khrapouw gai* (each 60 baht) go down a treat with the kids and it's not long before they've wandered off to examine other male diners' tattoos and their female companions' gold adornments. Meanwhile *tom yam goong* and *tom yam* seafood (both 95 baht) are decidedly spicy while a Lan Yai Ma mixed salad (120 baht) is washed down by the house red – a *vino da tavola* (95 baht); I have three glasses, of different sizes, the last big enough to contain three goldfish and an underwater coral castle. No wonder I was banished from the driver's seat when we headed back home. For mains it's superbly grilled sea bass, mashed potatoes and grilled veggies (225 baht) and this is where Chef Nathee shows his true mettle as



YUMMY: Clear tom yam seafood and a kiwi soda and fish and chips (top).

the fish is almost perfect and the vegetables spot on al dente.

The atmosphere at Lan Yai Ma is best described as “polite” with couples whispering sweet nothings, groups of European diners quietly discussing, no raised voices, soft background music that deserves to stay in the background and attentive service. And, as with most upper-level privately-run restaurants, it effortlessly knocks corporate attempts to create an intimate dining ambience into a cocked hat.

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Helping the handicapped

A Dane's desire to make the island a better place for wheelchair users, for both tourists and local residents.

By Alexandra Andersson

KIRSTEN Sonder's dream of helping disabled people in Thailand began in 2002 when she met a wheelchair-bound man at a party in Denmark.

Kirsten, a healthcare worker, listened as John Busk talked about his business traveling the world, rating holiday destinations on facilities and treatment for disabled tourists.

Confined to a wheelchair since birth, John knew all too well the challenges facing disabled travelers.

"He was so passionate about

his work and his mission to help others beyond their disability and see the world," Kirsten said.

Back then, Kirsten had been holidaying in Thailand for many years, taking time off from her busy work as a carer for the disabled in Denmark.

Taking her advice, John ventured to Thailand, but his trip was blighted by the services he encountered for disabled tourists.

His experience sparked Kirsten's idea to one day operate a much-needed service for the disabled in Phuket.

Last week, that dream became a reality when she opened her new business: Phuket Handicap Tours & Solutions Co Ltd in Chalong.

MEET AUNT KIRT

Known as "Aunt Kirt" to her Thai friends, Kirsten has moved to the island permanently to set up her business.

She strives to not only help tourists, but Phuket residents too.

Her shop sells and rents high quality disability items. She also strives to employ as many local disabled people as possible, to set an example for other businesses.

Meeting Kirsten, you are immediately struck by her deep sense of social responsibility, which stems from her upbringing. She comes from a long line of civil servants.

"My family always taught me to think about what you can give the society you live in," she said.

SHOP AND SERVICES

Kirsten's 20-year stint working with disabled and elderly people in her homeland has given her the means she needs to make her Phuket venture a reality.

People with impaired movement are her priority, and providing a service that can make daily tasks more manageable is her mission.

She can also place large, customized orders for equipment from overseas.

Not only are many of the products unavailable elsewhere in Thailand, they are also cutting edge in terms of design.

Her service involves consultancy work with resorts and businesses in Phuket to help them improve their services for the disabled.

She also wants to help local government libraries, schools and hospitals on best practices for disabled access. The latter she will not charge for.

Two modified, disabled-friendly tour buses are on order and expected to arrive in Phuket within weeks. The buses will be used to take tourists and locals on trips to surrounding provinces.

LONG ROAD

Kirsten said opening the business has been fraught with challenges.

"There has been little support from disabled organizations in Thailand," she said.

"To some degree, superstition still stands in the way of Thailand's progress for handicapped services," she said, referring to the "wheelchair ghost" attitude that still exists in Thailand today.



WHEELCHAIR WILL: Kirsten Sonder wants to help disabled tourists and locals.

"This is the idea that if you touch somebody in a wheelchair, you will become disabled yourself. If you so much as sit in a wheelchair, the myth says that it can create bad karma that could handicap a relative," she said.

"I hope my business will go some way to reducing the stigma attached to being disabled here in Phuket," she said.

Superstition is not the only reason disabled people are marginalized in Thailand, according to Kirsten.

"You don't see disabled people out and about in Thailand because the infrastructure is not disabled-friendly, and the facilities aren't readily available," she says.

"Many places do sell wheelchairs, but they are made from materials that would not hold up when trying to maneuver sidewalks in Phuket."

Kirsten hopes her new business will provide an alternative option for disabled travelers, and locals on the island.

For more information visit www.handicaptourism.com

Phuket more handicap friendly

"IN 2008 Thailand signed a UN resolution on disabled rights, and since then there has been a marked improvement in disabled access to local government buildings."

"The Big Buddha, the Tin Mining Museum and public toilets are some leading examples."

"People behind these projects understand that when they build a new public attraction they have to consider handicapped access."

- Kirsten Sonder



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Dorinda Roseberry

DORINDA Roseberry developed many of the therapies used in Phuket's spa industry after she was recruited by the Banyan Tree Spas in 1994 to develop their signature treatments. Before her arrival on the island, there was only beach massage and a couple of simple saunas. She introduced healing therapies such as yoga, Reiki, crystal therapy and meditation to be used to complement massages, body wraps and herbal scrubs.

"I was fortunate that the Laguna Phuket owner gave me a free hand to develop a spa program that started with massage but offered many choices for improvement."

Dorinda stayed with the Banyan Tree Spas for five years as the brand expanded around Asia. By 1999, she was ready to go on her own and offer consulting for spas and healing centers around the world. She opened Roseberry Thailand and has a center for healing near Surin Beach where she continues to expand her range of therapies.

She came to understand healing therapies while still a child. Born in Fiji of a local mother and a father in the New Zealand Air Force, her parents sent her to boarding school in Auckland. Under the influence of a nun who became Dorinda's mentor, she became aware of the spirit world and began communicating with Catholic saints.

EXPAT gallery

By Bruce Stanley

"I was always drawn to spiritual energy. I joined an ashram led by a Hindu woman sometimes referred to as the Holy Spirit. I began to study the energy centers, the seven chakras located at the back of the body. At the same time, I fully enjoyed the pleasures of the party life as I believe we are meant to enjoy our bodies and should express our humanity on all levels."

In England on holiday in 1984, she became involved in London's health and therapy culture. She studied crystal healing, rebirthing and how to contact spirit mediums.

"I managed clothing shops for a few years as I wanted to study human energy, and I've always been good at management. Then I moved to work in the therapy rooms of the fitness center which joined The Sanctuary, a ladies' health club in Covent Garden. There, I worked with some of the most renowned original healers in England."

After The Sanctuary, she was given the opportunity to manage one of London's most established Turkish baths, The Porchester Spa.

"I had a fabulous time creating new spa options at The Porchester. I re-introduced *schmeising*, a traditional therapy where liquid soap is whipped onto the body, invigorating the skin."

During the early 1990s, she continued her study of healing therapies. When she was contacted by the GM of the Banyan Tree, who was recruiting a Spa Director, she immediately sensed the job was hers.

"I picked up a magazine and there was a story about life in Phuket. It was an example of how there are always signs and symbols to tell us in which direction to take our lives."

Dorinda stays busy these days caring for her four young children with her life partner at Roseberry Thailand, Nikorn Banjerdlert, who shares her talents for healing.

She still advises spas around the world on their healing menus, offering spiritual and intuitive bodywork, Tibetan energy balancing, aromatherapy, crystal healing, and more therapies to uplift and enlighten people.

"People want to go beyond massage when they go to a spa. They want to learn to expand their sense of themselves and how to contact the energies outside their own body, energies that can help them with a better life."



By PETER CHILD FOR THE PHUKET GAZETTE

About Expat Gallery

The individuals profiled in "Expat Gallery" are chosen on the basis of their contributions to Phuket, and for having made those contributions in successful partnerships with Thais. For many, the contributions have entailed significant investment, often in the mid-80s and 90s when the rules of business were, ahh, not always clear. Some are not in business at all, but all have one thing in common: if there were a *Who's Who in Phuket*, they'd be in it.

by Benz Chaengwattana

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MATE'S MOMENTO

AN AUSTRALIAN man who was duped into having a tattoo inked on his back by a friend and ended up with a 40cm penis etched in



crazy fool's newsround

his skin has filed assault charges.

The lad wasn't keen for the tattoo in the first place but succumbed to persuasion and opted for a "yin and yang" symbol with a blue dragon, according to police.

The unnamed "victim" was told to keep the design covered for a few weeks and when he eventually revealed his tattoo to his flatmate, she sighed and said, "I don't think that was what you were after".

He is now seeking AUS\$60,000

to have the phallic image removed, which was also underscored by a miss-spelled sentence referring to the man's sexual preference.

GHOSTS ON CALL

GHOSTS calling their friends on mobile phones has risen by 43%, according to reputable spiritual news sources.

Uncannily, receivers in most cases report numbers being "withheld" or "00000000000000".

PARKING MAD

BRITS spend 45 weeks of their lives looking for a parking space, according to a recent survey.

London is the worst at 182 hours a year, followed by Birmingham, Glasgow and Newcastle.



WORLD'S SMALLEST CAR

BRITISH constructor Perry Watkins drives in the world's smallest car during a presentation prior to the "Motorshow" fair in Essen, Germany on November 8. His car is only 41 inches high and has a go-kart engine. Passengers not pictured. Photo: Patrik Stollarz

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Nerdwell's rapid-deployment plan for women

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By S. TSOW

MY FRIEND Fardley Nerdwell has conceived a solution for one of the greatest problems ever to vex the mind of man. He expounded it to me just the other day:

Fardley: I have devised a rapid-deployment plan for women.

Me: Let's hear it.

Fardley: Every man has suffered from women's dilatory habits in preparing to go out. It doesn't matter what the occasion is. The male of the species will quickly throw on a shirt and trousers and be ready to go in an instant. The woman, on the other hand, has to

primp. First she has to bathe. And then she must wash her hair. Not only is shampoo required, but a veritable battalion of lotions, gels, and hair conditioners.

Me: That's true. In my experience, the whole business takes the average Thai woman at least 45 minutes.

Fardley: She then has to dry her hair, which takes another 15 minutes. But are we finished? Heavens, no. She must arrange her hair, coiffing and combing it into an infinitude of possible styles. Then she must make up her face. Applying the requisite cosmetics will take at least another half hour.

Me: You're too optimistic. Make that 45 minutes.

Fardley: And then she has to de-

cide what to wear. Inspecting the daunting collection of apparel in her wardrobe, she will spend 20 minutes choosing an appropriate garment.

Me: And shoes. Don't forget the shoes.

Fardley: In all, I calculate that it takes the average Thai woman approximately three and a half hours to get ready to go out. In the meantime, the man is downstairs, impatiently frowning at his watch, sighing, grumbling, tapping his foot, and slowly perishing from frustration.

Me: You know, Fardley, when you first met Noy, she was a simple upcountry girl who would throw on a frock, jump into her flip-flops, and be ready to go in a minute.

Fardley: That was then. Now is now. Noy has since discovered an entire universe of clothing, cosmetics, and accessories undreamed of when she was a simple farm girl. With every discovery, the length of time it takes us to leave the house has escalated exponentially. But to counter this horror, I have now come up with a rapid-deployment plan.

Me: Which is?

Fardley: The man must establish a deadline for the woman to complete her beautification procedures. I'd begin by limiting her to half an hour. As her skills improve, I would tighten that to twenty, possibly even fifteen, minutes.

Me: Ha! There isn't a woman in the world who would be ready to go in fifteen minutes. And you ignore one critical fact. It's impossible to make a Thai woman do anything she does not want to do. You may browbeat and cajole her; you may threaten, bluster, and storm; but she'll never do it if she doesn't want to.

Fardley: Ah, but you overlook the fiendishly clever means by which I propose to effect this miracle. I envisage a carrot-and-stick approach—a system of rewards and punishments that will transform the woman into a veritable whirlwind of preparatory activity. I'll use a stopwatch to time her from the moment I say, "Noy, get ready, we're going out" to the moment she steps out

the door. For every five minutes she lops off her previous score, there will be a pecuniary reward of, say, 20 baht.

Me (scornfully): No woman is going to rush her primping for a lousy 20 baht! She won't even twitch for less than 50.

Fardley (testily): The precise amount to be offered will be determined by extensive field-testing. And then, for every

five minutes she tarries beyond her previous record, I'll cut her monthly allowance by 100 baht.

Me: Have you proposed this system to Noy yet? If so, I'm surprised you're not sporting a black eye.

Fardley: I'm working up to it. Eventually Fardley did propose his plan to Noy, and she rejected it with scorn. "I am trying to be beautiful for you! You don't want me to be beautiful? You want me to be ugly?" Thus cowed, thus defeated, thus reduced to dust and ashes, Fardley had to back down. And so it will always be for any foolish man who has the temerity even to contemplate the rapid deployment of women.

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WHAT'S ON in Phuket

November 13. America Rojas at Six Senses Sanctuary

Unite mind, body and spirit through self-healing movement with America Rojas. America works for various health retreats as a wellness consultant, educator and movement therapist. Her passion for pilates has inspired her to publish *The Connection*, a book that teaches people to reach a life of balance and happiness. Private pilates classes are available at 9,000 baht for 90 minutes. 9am-6pm at Six Senses Sanctuary. Contact T: 076-371400 E: pr-naka@sixsenses.com W: sixsenses.com/SixSensesSanctuary Phuket

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November 13. PIWC party – One Night in Rio

Don't miss the Phuket International Women's Club (PIWC) annual event at the Hilton Arcadia. The

November 17-20. Phuket International Sport Fishing Tournament 2010



Registration for the annual tournament will be on November 17 from 5pm onwards. Fishing will take place over the following three days. The prize-giving party is on the 20th. This event is sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette* and PGTV. Contact Uwe Schittek on T: 076-282036, E: uweschittek@yahoo.com or visit W: phuket-international-sportfishing-tournament.com for more information.

“One Night in Rio” bash will be an evening of fun, dancing, entertainment, a Brazilian-themed buffet, cocktails and free-flowing drinks. A live band and DJ will keep the party going into the early hours. To support the PIWC's educational scholarship program there will be fantastic prizes, including flights to Brazil sponsored by Qatar Airways, artwork, hotel stays, sailing and boating trips, all of which have been donated by local Phuket businesses. This event is sponsored by *Phuket Gazette* and PGTV. This is the ideal opportunity to help local students, pick up some bargain Christmas gifts and have a great evening. Tickets are 3,000 baht per person. Contact Sue on T: 087-277 6948 or E: info@phuketiw.com for tickets.

November 13-15. Win FREE RPM Health Club Memberships

Royal Phuket Marina (RPM) Health Club is launching a free-entry contest at: www.facebook.com/royalphuketmarina where you can win fantastic prizes such as an RPM Health Club day pass, monthly memberships (6,420 baht value), and the grand prize of a yearly membership (39,396 baht value). “Like” this Facebook page and tag yourself in their competition/profile picture. You will get a printable day pass to bring with you to enter the gym. Next, send a picture of yourself exercising at RPM Health Club and write a review on the Facebook page. This could get you monthly/yearly memberships. RPM is open 8:30 am-11:30 pm. Contact Michael Alan Forrest for more information. T: 081-958 8199 E: michael@royalphuketmarina.com W: royalphuketmarina.com

November 13. Venerable Matthieu Ricard Talk Exhibition

Train your mind and change your brain with French academic-turned-Buddhist monk, Venerable Matthieu Ricard. He is scheduled to be talking at PIA Mind Center presenting cutting edge information from leading researchers around the world on the benefits of contemplative practices. His talk will be followed by a photo exhibition of his extraordinary portraits and landscapes which will be on sale. Proceeds from the photographs will go to the humanitarian projects of Karuna-Shechen. Event price is 500 baht per person. Accommodation packages are available upon request for anyone traveling to this event from outside of Phuket and Thailand. The talk session is from 2-5:30pm and the photo exhibition starts at 5:30pm. Contact Michelle or Weena on T: 076-336030, E: mtc@phuketinternationalacademy.com or visit W: phuketinternationalacademy.com

November 13. Roger Moore at Six Senses Sanctuary

Roger Moore from the UK, has studied numerous health, holistic-fitness and wellness techniques for more than 20 years and has worked with a variety of world-renowned healing Masters. From Taoist to Native American healers. The UK's *Tatler* magazine rated Roger as “one of the top-ten therapists worth traveling around the world for.” He uses a variety of healing methods to ensure every person receives a profound and enriching healing experience – such as personal development techniques, Reiki, intuitive healing, aquatic therapy, Chi Nei Tsang abdominal massage and Native American sweat-lodge therapy. Price per session with Roger is 9,999 baht for 60 minutes. From 9am-6pm at Six Senses Sanctuary on Koh Naka. Contact T: 076-371400, E: pr-naka@sixsenses.com or visit W: sixsenses.com/sixsensesanctuaryphuket for more information.

November 18. Free Investment Clinic – Laguna

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Photographer makes a splash for charity

ADRIANO Trapani and his mermaid-model partner Kaye Smith made a splash with local children last week with a special underwater photo shoot in Kamala.

The couples' Kompas Thailand company along with Siam Diving Enterprises are joining hands (and fins) for the launch of a children's calendar 2011, to be distributed throughout the country.

The young underwater models are children from the Phuket Has Been Good To Us educational foundation based in Kamala.

Eight students donned their newly donated rash vests, masks and snorkels on November 6 in a swimming pool at The Palms resort in Kamala.

The foundation's Finance & Relationship Manager Arati Sureddi said the children had an incredible day courtesy of the sponsors and took to the water like stars.

"This was an amazing opportunity for the foundation and we are incredibly thankful to all the sponsors without whom this would not have been possible," she said.



MASKS AT THE READY: Underwater photographer Adriano Trapani with one of the students.



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DIVING IN: Teaching fellow Will Perkins (left) holds his breath at the shoot.



SOHO ready for revelers

Club owner Viktor Nelepa (left) with, Robert Crossman from BOX Magazine – sponsor SOHO club and Kent Jenkins co-owner SOHO club.

Qatar's gala dinner do



GALA WELCOME: Phuket Provincial Administration Organization President Paiboon Upatising at the Qatar Airways gala dinner on November 4.



STAR ARRIVES: Well-loved Thai singer Viyada Kormarakul na Nakorn (white dress) also turned out for the event.

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Mövenpick brunch a must for foodies

THIS might be the best way to overindulge in Phuket – and feel glorious about it at the same time. Mövenpick Resort & Spa Karon Beach Phuket have launched their high season Gourmet Sunday + More brunch at the Pacifica restaurant.

The first lavish three-hour brunch was served poolside last Sunday, with local residents and resort guests wide-eyed over the abundant choice of fine food on display.

Diners chose from sashimi and sushi, European cheeses and cured ham platters, New Zealand and Argentinian sirloin and sumptuous wines and liquors gugged down between spoonfuls of sweet desserts.

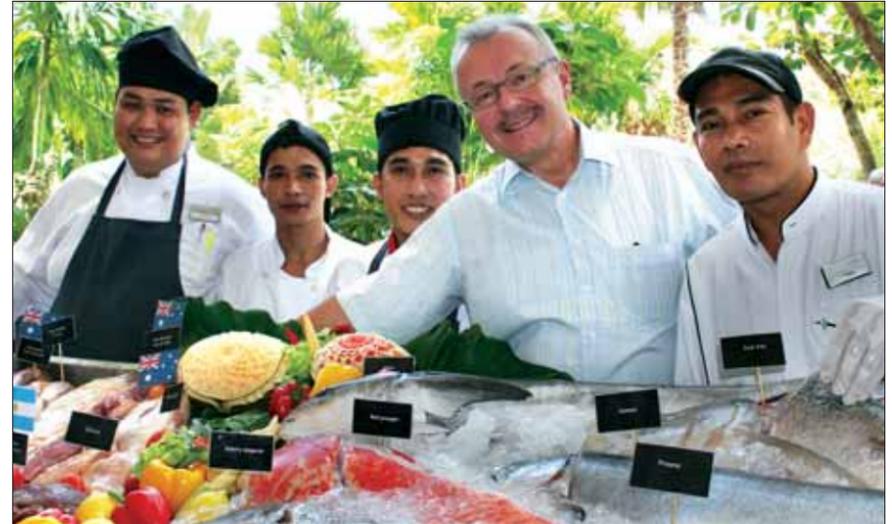
This brunch is bound to turn a few heads and whet a few appetites around the island.



SWEET TOOTH: Chutarat Manachaipornpis had a 'sweet time' at the brunch. Photo by Nicholas Altstadt



IT TAKES TWO: Director of Food and Beverage Carlos Sanchez Vizan (left) raises a toast with Executive Chef Ameer Ibrahim Al-Ali.



SERVICE WITH A SMILE: Movenpick's General Manager Hansruedi Frutiger with some of his many kitchen staff at the Karon resort last Sunday.



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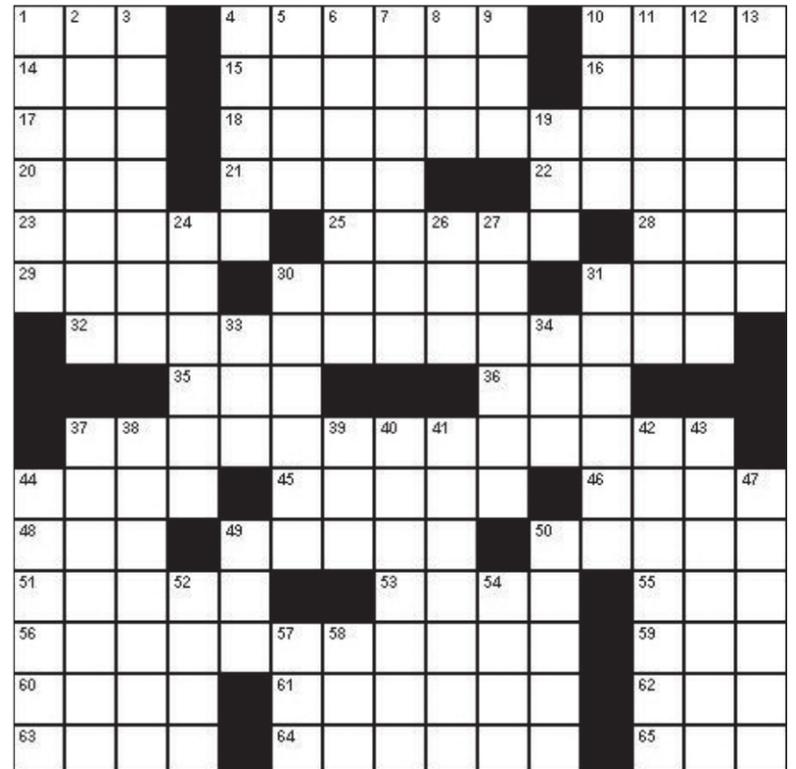
The Impossibly Possible Quiz

1. What year was the first Wimbledon Tennis Championship held?
2. What is the superhero Daredevil's real name?
3. Who was Marion Morrison?
4. Who sang the theme song for the James Bond film *The Spy Who Loved Me*?
5. Which of the seven dwarfs has a long beard, brown top, green hat and long eyelashes?
6. What is the lightest weight division in boxing?
7. What is the world's all-time top selling single with over 37 million copies sold?
8. In the TV show *The Simpsons*, which fictional place is Springfield's neighboring town?
9. What number is between 5 and 9 on a dart board?
10. What book's opening line is "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity?"
11. Name the London borough and Royal Observatory site that marks international time?
12. Ireland is known as The ___ Isle?
13. What occupation was formerly called a whitewing?
14. What is the correct name for a male rabbit?
15. What was the reason for the Tour de France not being held from 1915 to 1918?

Quiz answers on page 33

- Across**
1. Male sheep
 4. Sugar cane scraping machine
 10. Christianity's first man
 14. Hot time in Paris
 15. Dinner course
 16. Ali ___ & the 40 thieves
 17. Leg
 18. Name for this ()?
 20. ___ had it!
 21. Up and ___!
 22. For a specific purpose
 23. Simpleton
 25. Measured with a watch
 28. How was ___ know?
 29. Italian wine city
 30. Body of salt water
 31. Parody
 32. Having one color
 35. Seine contents
 36. 401(k) alternative
 37. Post traumatic stress
 44. Cheerful
 45. Friendship
 46. Finishes
 48. Baseball bat wood
 49. Cave-dwelling dwarf
 50. Sir ___ Newton
 51. Climb
 53. Hairless
 55. Nipper's company
 56. Comradeship
 59. Russian space station
 60. Antiquing agent
 61. Mournful songs
 62. And so on
 63. Moon of Jupiter
 64. Hate
 65. Coloring material

- Down**
1. Queen
 2. Throwback
 3. Souvenir
 4. Settle a loan
 5. Med school subject
 6. Strain
 7. Prime minister



8. Dusk, to Donne
9. Not EMP
10. Asleep
11. Colorful pullover garment
12. Of the absence of life
13. Symbol
19. Possessed
24. Degrees in a right angle
26. Long March leader
27. Animosity
30. Pertaining to the eyes
31. Phases
33. Bran source
34. Jackie's second

37. Thicket
38. Sorry
39. Comedian Philips
40. Hazelnut
41. On the loose
42. Without weapons
43. Appetite
44. Mischievous person
47. Rarely encountered
49. Thrice, in prescriptions
50. That is, in Latin
52. Zhivago's love
54. Falsehoods
57. Append
58. Become an ex-parrot?

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Puzzle solutions on page 33

SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): Money matters are in the spotlight for Scorpios this week. The stars suggest that you will be presented with the choice of working harder and enjoying financial rewards or opting for a more laid-back lifestyle. Those in a committed relationship are advised to listen carefully to what their partner has to say before deciding. If your birthday falls during the week ahead, expect to expand your skills in the coming year.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): Sagittarians are forecast to have a chance to repair damaged friendships this week. A water sign you fell out with last month is ready to make the first move, but you should be prepared to meet them halfway. Romance that was put on hold is set to be rekindled with positive results. A financial windfall should arrive between now and the end of November, but certain family members could expect more than their fair share.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Most Capricorns will be content to tread water this week. This is the right approach to take as the stars suggest that attempting to force results won't work. A work related dispute is forecast to be resolved by an air sign colleague, leaving you free to concentrate on more important matters. Your financial luck improves, although household repairs could cost more than anticipated. The number nine brings luck this weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Work continues to be a breeze for most Aquarians. A slight downside could arise on Wednesday or Thursday when problems with agreements are highlighted. However, the stars suggest that success will result from your ability to say the right thing at the right time. An overdue conversation with a romantic partner this weekend should help to set this relationship on a smoother path. Wear the color burgundy to encourage stronger luck with finances.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Pisceans are predicted to experience a restless week. If you are hoping to hear news relating to a legal matter, the stars suggest that this could be delayed. Those with a romantic partner away from home may learn that they will have to wait longer before being reunited. On a brighter note, a financial commitment is about to end. The number five can bring some luck this weekend.



ARIES (March 21-April 20): Keeping the lines of communication open should be a strong focus for Arians this week. Even if this involves people with completely different opinions to yours, there should still be a way to reach a satisfactory conclusion. The stars indicate that Tuesday is the most auspicious day to finalize agreements. Your luckiest days for finances are Monday and Thursday. Romance with a shy water sign is well starred this weekend.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): Taureans may suffer from over-sensitivity this week. Wednesday is highlighted to be a day when you could be vulnerable to others' comments. The stars advise giving another earth sign who is inclined towards negativity a wide berth. Your romantic outlook with a water sign is positive, but an air sign recently met is probably still caught up in a previous relationship. The number eight can bring good fortune this weekend.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Your goals are beginning to change and this will enable Geminis to make sensible plans for next year. During the second half of November you come to see that family and friends mean more than fame and fortune. However, the stars suggest that a period of financial stability is about to commence. There should be no excuses for no exercise this week – your mental energy will be sharper when physical activity increases.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): Your self discipline needs some work this week. The stars advise that a lack of attention to important matters could cause problems during the latter part of November. Monday is the best day to face up to facts and start dealing with them. Cancerians who got cold feet when faced with a possible romantic link earlier this month now have the confidence to try again. Wear the color pearl white to encourage peace of mind.

LEO (July 24-August 22): The best laid plans can fall apart this week. Those born under the sign of Leo who thought they had everything under control could be taken by surprise. Another fire sign is likely to let you down midweek, but promises

made by an earth sign will be kept. In the realm of romance, Sagittarius gives you a warm feeling this weekend, but pursuing a relationship will be hard work.

VIRGO (August 23-September 23): Virgoans are advised to consider their methods of communication this week. The astral atmosphere could prevent important messages getting across clearly and you should not simply assume that others know what you are talking about. Your financial situation starts to improve during the last half of November – it would be wise to put something to one side for the holiday season ahead. Being over-possessive in a romantic relationship starts to cause unnecessary ripples.

LIBRA (September 24-October 23): Networking is forecast to be productive for Librans this week. People who could not be contacted earlier this month should now be available and discussions are forecast to lead to rapid progress. Thursday is an auspicious day to make decisions that could alter the course of your life. Your sunny mood ensures that romance blossoms – Aries is keen to find out more about you. The number seven is lucky this weekend.

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Work resumes on Istana villas

By Nicky Vermeulen

DEVELOPERS at Istana Phuket have taken on the services of their new building contractors, HatYai Nanthakorn, with work resuming on November 15 after several months of downtime to implement changes on the project.

Building on the 60-rai property in Nai Thon will resume initially on Istana Phuket's showpiece, Villa 16, which developers hope to have ready by next year's second quarter. Six villas and the concierge building are expected to follow soon after.

Full completion of the project is expected in 2013.

Hong Kong based developers Prism Estates created a buzz in the real estate market when nine of the 19 "super villas" were sold off plan before a peg had even been

driven into the ground.

The Istana Phuket villas were named as one of Thailand's top 10 luxury properties in the July 2009 issue of *Asia Property Report*.

With floor plans ranging from 1000 to 3200 square meters, prices, for what could arguably be called the island's most spectacular villas, start from US\$ 4.25 million for four-bedroom villas and rise accordingly to US\$ 6.45 million for five and six bedroomed villas up to US\$ 8.45 million for the extravagantly sized seven-bedroomed Villa 19.

Once complete, the villas will boast a number of features fusing home-buyers' lifestyle choices with eco-friendly living.

According to property guru Bill Barnett, "Luxury travelers are also seeking more socially responsible



ISTANA PHUKET: The villas have already been named as one of Thailand's Top 10 luxury properties.

resorts and villas for their special vacations where money may be no object but adhering to their eco-values is an objective."

Each villa will feature a home cinema, a designer Italian kitchen, cabinetry and wardrobes, home gymnasiums, Antonio Lupi bathrooms, finely wrought stone and timber floors, walk-in wine cellars and 16-seat dinner tables.

Besides the aforementioned

features, adding to Istana's uniqueness is the team putting the villas together. Gary Fell of world-renowned GFAB Architects is responsible for ensuring the opulence of 19 individually designed villas along with one of Asia's most innovative interior design companies A2Zen.

Together they work with GFAB and Prism Estates for space planning, furniture

selection, materials and accessory selection.

Bar Solutions, one of the premier bar consultancies in the world, designed custom cocktail stations and bars for each villa which allows catering of up to 180 guests.

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Go ahead Phuket, make my day

CLINT Eastwood has shone on the silver screen for more decades than I can remember. Etched somewhere deep in my subconscious is the memorable line, "Go ahead make my day."

Phuket is not exactly the mean streets of San Francisco, and Dirty Harry sounds better as the name of a beer bar instead of a movie.

As I type this out on a plane trip back from Hong Kong, I recount my trip.

One day earlier, I was sitting in a meeting for a new large project in greater Phuket. While the group of investors, brand gurus and designers fielded issues over an endless stream of cups of coffee, one topic stood out clear in my slightly hazy mind.

A series of collective comments by island property brokers, hoteliers and support businesses presented in summary form, all of a sudden cast a specter of darkness on what had been a sunny day. The angel of death had somehow found his way into the boardroom and taken a seat.

The message subconsciously presented was disturbing; a negative, almost end of days scenario. There was little hope for new ideas, niches, innovation or even the least hint of optimism.

It's a bit like Phuket staring into the mirror, smiling with upbeat warm vibes, but like those carnival mirrors the face staring back had no resemblance of the other.

Pessimism, doom and gloom seem to be touted from the rooftops of late, lest we forget – what a difference a day can make

A total disconnect, to say the least.

Tracing the roots to where our collective business psyche went from the light into pitch-black darkness is hard to trace.

We've had Sars, bird flu, a tsunami, political upheaval and economic plunder. And yet the destination has stood strong, grown and evolved.

Pessimism at its best can't fully explain our grand funk these days. A close friend once pointed out that people who look for only the worst in situations and launch

livid attacks on friend and foe alike are only suffering from insecurity. But

he's not Dr Phil and I'm not buying into that one.

Yet conversations, media reports and online chat rooms are filled with twisted angst foretelling our imminent demise. Tales abound of murderers roaming amongst us, a mafia that dwarfs the violent Mexican killing machine, of liars, cheats and nonstop mayhem 24/7.

My approach is to get up in the morning, glance skyward for rain or shine and proceed with some canned hope of a good day ahead. Once the two lattes kick in, things become even better.

Five years ago, everyone was buzzing, kicking it and spreading encouraging words of all things

good. Yes, a lot of hype, personal interest and BS was involved, but why sweat the small stuff?

Then someone turned off the lights in the middle of the party and only a few have found their way into the next room.

Those left behind have developed night vision and found the darkness to their liking, or they've simply forgotten the warm feeling that the sun on your face can provide.

The great debate about whether Phuket is doomed or destined to thrive will go on, and critics' endless rants of despair are part and parcel of our community, and a bit like ombudsmen gone postal. Any bartender will tell you there's flavor in the mix.

As we head into what appears to be a very good high season, danger lurks around every corner, be it political factions threatening street action or unimagined global events.

As for me, I'm here at 35,000 feet with a plane full of passengers who run the gamut from giggling, smiling tourists to unsmiling, whining and visibly unhappy travelers.

A baby nearby opens his lungs with screaming that breaks the sound barrier for a solid 10 minutes, and I make the choice to block out these short negative experiences and turn back to my laptop.

Just a few minutes later, the newly improved infant is sound asleep and dark foreboding clouds have parted into sunshine as the jet descends for landing.

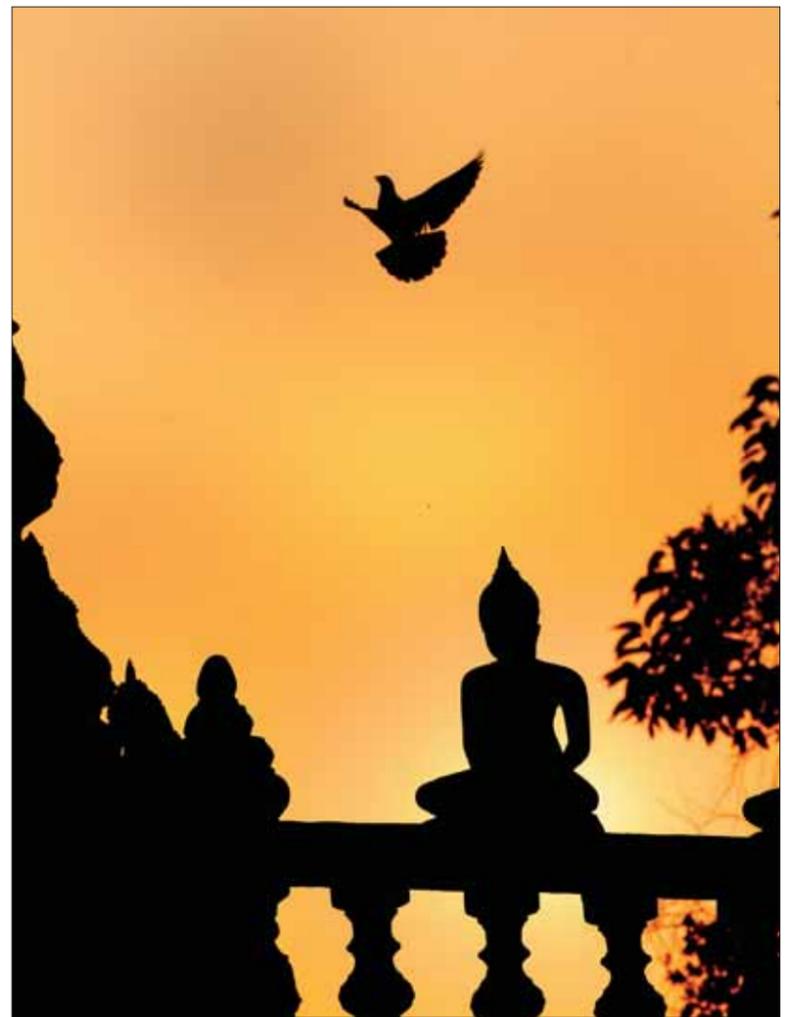
Unbuckling the seatbelt, I mutter to myself, "Okay Phuket, make my day."

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Property Watch

By Bill Barnett



NEW DAWN: High season is just over the horizon. It might be the best in a long time. Photo: Jim Welch

In brief...

Twinpalms to go 'all in'

LEADING Phuket-based hospital group Twinpalms are set to debut an all-inclusive resort concept with the launch of "club-yamu" in January.

Located at the managed Baan Yamu development on the east coast, the resort is set to tap into a family and activity concept in which rooms, food and beverage and activities are bundled into one price.

Day trips will be available to nearby Koh Rang island.

GM Olivier Gibaud says he has received positive market feedback about the project from overseas

wholesalers, especially in the growing Australian market.

Club Med remains the best known of the all-inclusive resorts, though recently new properties have been successfully launched in destinations such as the Maldives.

German tour operator TUI has seen its Robinson Club brand continue to grow in recent years.

For Twinpalms, who have successfully launched new entries such as Catch Beach Club and Bake, the innovative approach to the Phuket "same-same" hotel market is likely to turn a few heads.

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Bluepoint back on investment track

By Nicky Vermeulen

BLUEPOINT Condominium developers say following renewed investor optimism in off-plan units, construction work at the southern Patong site will begin in March next year.

“All the designs are complete, the environmental and construction permits have been awarded and the project can now be relaunched,” said Roland Bleszynski, Managing Director of Abode Developments Co Ltd. Originally launched in 2008, the owners decided to put the project on hold when the global financial crisis hit.

“We sold 13 out of 20 units off plan and all investors were refunded their investment,” said Mr Bleszynski.

As part of a relaunch promotion, developers are offering up to 30% discount on condos bought before March next year and an additional 10% discount for the first three buyers before January 2011. Off-plan prices range from 14 to 32 million baht.

Before construction work had even begun, the project won the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada’s Excellence Innovations In Architecture, which was awarded to Bluepoint Architect Paul Raff.



MAKING A POINT: Construction work on Bluepoint condos at the southern end of Patong will begin in March 2011.



Mr Raff’s homage to the front facade of the Louvre was a deciding factor in winning the award.

The Bluepoint “louvre” will use a composite product made primarily of waste sawdust from the timber industry.

Mr Raff said the project uses local, non-toxic materials and is energy efficient

“This significantly reduces energy consumption and the carbon footprint,” he added.

“Our design aim was not only to maximize the feeling of living in this gorgeous part of the world, but to do so in an environmentally

responsible way,” he said.

The unique architectural approach maximizes views over the Andaman while maintaining privacy for residents.

Condominiums will be housed within three buildings, each with three levels.

Units range from one to three bedrooms, from 107 to 240 square meters with several floor plans to choose from.

Mr Bleszynski told the *Gazette* that recent environmental zoning regulations, restricting building work between 40-80 meters above sea level will not affect the Bluepoint project.

Both freehold and leasehold units are available and in addition to three sea view homes, Bluepoint has nine landscaped rooftop garden penthouses and eight plunge pool garden homes all with sea views.

“Great thought has been given to creating a small project that is respectful to the environment,” said key investor Kjetil Horgen Øiseth.

“Landscaping has been designed for the rooftops of the three buildings to reduce cooling costs and to help the development fit into the surrounding environment,” he added.



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Crown of thorns an island favorite

This is one plant you will see everywhere on Phuket, and for good reason. The *Euphorbia milii* can add vibrance to any garden.

THE *Euphorbia milii* is the most popular flowering shrub in Thailand and well worth a mention in our Top 20 Phuket plants. It is however, sometimes snobbishly marginalized by horticulturists, and given little space in most reference books on flowering plants.

Nevertheless the crown of thorns, or the *poi-sian* in Thai, remains the container plant you are most likely to see on the island, wherever there is human habitation.

In Phuket, that means most places. Arranged in front yards, perched on front walls, or looking down from balconies, there they will be, showing off their red, cerise, or yellow clusters of blooms.

It is accurate to identify the crown of thorns as fundamentally a pot plant, and not strictly a candidate for the garden border at all.

But much of its appeal does derive from the fact that it tolerates life in a pot better than any other tropical flowering plant, that it will bloom more-or-less all year long, and that it will put up with relatively poor soil and dry conditions. Just give it plenty of sun and water occasionally.

On the other hand, the crown of thorns will thrive in a flower bed, and will almost certainly grow larger and faster in your garden than it would if constrained by a pot.

There aren't many people who try to grow it this way. After all, they don't need to. It also does well in a rockery, and it will provide a very effective barrier if grown as a hedge on account of its armor.

The crown of thorns is well named. A succulent, it produces distinctive, long, thick stems covered with two centimeter long spines.

At the top of each stem is its crowning glory: a cluster of pink,



POTTED PLIGHT: The crown of thorns is seen largely as a pot plant.

cerise or yellow blooms, encircled by a truss of attractive pale green leaves.

The leaves are a striking backdrop to the brilliantly hued flowers. A mature plant will yield a number of these floral stems, each at a different height.

The crown of thorns, which is native to Madagascar, belongs to the vast *euphorbia* family which has more than two thousand named species, including the popular variety known as the *poinsettia*.

Euphorbia millii also has Christian associations, since it has been speculated that Christ's crown of thorns came from this plant.

Gardening

By Green Sleeves

Hybridized in recent years, it is still typically cerise, or salmon pink. But yellow, cream, and now a white form, are becoming more widespread.

Moreover, there is a variety which has tiny, luminous, scarlet flowers peeping from a dense bush of small, brilliant leaves.

While the common deciduous variety does suffer from leaf drop, this one is less prone to shed its leaves.

Slow growing, it takes readily to a pot, and is much prized by Thai gardeners. It has been known to grow to a half a meter bush, or more and will bloom all year long.

In terms of propagation, *Euphorbias* do produce seeds reluctantly. But the preferred method of renewal is by cuttings or air layering.

Air layering needs patience and skill: striking cuttings does not. But it is important to realize that these cuttings will not take if put straight into a potting medium. They will just go rotten.

Instead, place them in warm water for a few minutes, then let them dry out naturally for a day or two. The cut end will form a callous. Now is the time to immerse them in soil. They will almost certainly take.

The crown of thorn is particularly strong on visual appeal, and unbeatable on ease of cultivation and adaptability. It is the most good-natured of tropical plants. Apart from the odd monarch caterpillar, it is resistant to pests and disease. The only downside is however, that it needs careful handling because of its vicious spines and toxic latex.

In our Top 20 list, it is a must for inclusion.

If you have a garden that you would like to be featured, please email pcampbell45@gmail.com



BUDDING GARDENER: Panumas Tungmun with his crown of thorns at his home in Koh Keaw. Photos: Alexandra Andersson

Tip of the week

Understanding biodiversity

THERE are about 260,000 plant species worldwide. Because the earth's climate has never been constant, they have needed to change, adapt and evolve in order to survive.

Their extraordinary diversity is closely linked to soil conditions, terrain and climate.

Thus almost no tropical plants will survive frost: in Andalusia a few years ago, one night of unseasonable freezing temperatures destroyed entire plantations of avocados.

Desert plants such as cacti will rot if given too much wa-

ter; cool climate shrubs and trees may need an extended period of chilling in order to produce flowers or fruit later on.

Though plants from the rain forest require filtered shade, most of our garden plants have to cope with intense sunlight: they may reduce the amount of exposed foliage by tilting their leaves upwards, or produce reddish new growth that contains pigments to screen ultra-violet light.

Coastal plants often have waxy leaves which resist salt spray.

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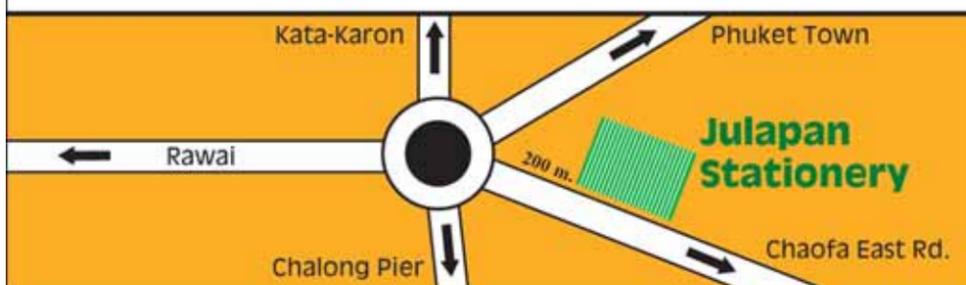
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Impossibly Possible Quiz answers:
 1. 1887 2. Matt Murdock 3. John Wayne 4. Nobody does it better by Carly Simon 5. Bashful 6. Strawweight, 46.36kg 7. Elton John, Candle in the Wind, 1997 8. Shelbyville 9. 12 10. A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens 11. Greenwich 12. Emerald 13. Street sweeper 14. Buck 15. World War I

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BIS Under-9 (A) team. Photo: Michael Weinstein

BIS footy comp

ALMOST 700 footballers were in action at BIS last week for the school's ninth international football tournament – the largest of its kind in Asia with 74 teams taking part.

Local schools BIS Phuket, Youth Football Home (YFH), Watsuan School (Patong), QSI, Headstart and Phuket International Academy battled it out against teams from all over Asia.

The (YFH) boy's won the Over-15s section. Flying the flag for the hosts were the BIS Over-15 girls' A team. They beat BIS Vietnam 1-0 in the final to claim gold.

The BIS Under-13 boys' A team came close, reaching the final but had to settle for silver after being beaten 2-1 by Tanglin Trust School, Singapore. For more on this year's tournament visit www.bisphuket.ac.th.

Team Udorn shine at charity Pro-Am

By Alexandra Andersson

TEAM Udorn scooped the first Phuket Property Dot Com Pro-Am Invitational at the Blue Canyon Country Club last week.

A field of 30 touring golf professionals joined 90 amateurs from Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong to raise over 500,000 baht for the Phuket Has Been Good To Us foundation.

The first-ever charity golf Pro-Am on Phuket was deemed a success by all involved.

Thai Team Udorn notched up 92 points, led by Thai golf pro Udorn Duangdecha.

Simon Yates and his team were second (89 points), closely followed by Corey Harris and his team in third (88 points). Players used the stableford scoring system.

The lowest score of the day was shared with pros Keith Horne and Scott Barr, each carding a five-under par 67. Amateur Betina Lorenz produced the lowest female gross score.



TROUSER POWER: Udorn Duangdecha's team won the competition in style.

Fellow Team Udorn member, amateur Khun Watcharatorn, carded 70, the lowest male gross score, beating a number of the pros on the day.

"It's great to come and play charity events like this and give

something back," pro golfer Keith Horne said.

"Everyone had fun and we are pleased to announce that we will make it an annual event," said Peter Bolton Co-Founder of Phuket Property Dot Com.

Iron world champ ready to fend off the rest

THE world's most successful Ironman athlete of recent years, Australian Craig Alexander will contest the Ironman 70.3 Asia-Pacific Championship at Laguna Phuket on December 5.

Alexander is the latest addition to a stellar line-up of elite professional triathletes heading to the island.

As Ironman World Champion for the past two years, Alexander is set to face-off against fellow Ironman 70.3 world champion Michael Raelert of Germany and a host of top pros, including five-time Ironman champion Luke McKenzie of



Australia, Italian Massimo Cigana, Tim O'Donnell of the USA and Paul Amey of Great Britain.

One of the most respected triathletes amongst his peers and a favorite of fans worldwide, Alexander – known to many as "Crowie" – has proven himself the most versatile swimmer, runner and biker across all distances of triathlon.

His back-to-back victories in the grueling Hawaiian Ironman put him in the elite company of only three others who have won the Ironman World Championship two years in a row.

Winner of the Laguna Phuket Triathlon (LPT) in 2002 and 2004,

Alexander is relishing a return to the island to compete for the US\$75,000 Ironman 70.3 prize purse.

"I am really looking forward to returning to Phuket after a few years away to race the inaugural Ironman 70.3 Asia Pacific Championship," he said. "This will certainly be a unique race in an amazing country."

The Ironman 70.3 Asia-Pacific

Championship will be contested at Laguna Phuket just a week after the 17th LPT on November 28.

The Phuket Ironman 70.3 course has a 1.9 kilometer swim, an extended 90km bike ride and a 21.1km run.

For further information visit: www.lagunaphukettriathlon.com or www.ironmanphuket.com

FC Phuket's Bangkok bout ends in deadlock

FC PHUKET drew 1-1 with Bangkok FC in the Division Two "Champions League" last Saturday, their first match since midfielder Camara Ahmed suffered a heart attack during play a week earlier.

FC Phuket supporters at the match wore white t-shirts bearing the stricken midfielder's image. About 5,400 baht raised through shirt sales will go towards his growing medical costs.

Teenage striker Adisak Kraisorng gave FC Phuket the lead with a simple finish after 31 minutes, following a deflection off Bangkok FC goalkeeper Bayongon Bunde.

About 50 FC Phuket fans who had made the trip to Bangkok were hoping the defense could hold out to give the team a vital win away from home, but it was not to be.

Jirat Kinkkrodklang, later named man of the match, grabbed a brilliant equalizer for the home side after 72 minutes. The draw gave the first point of the competition to Bangkok FC, who are last in the six-team group.

In other results, Samut Prakarn FC beat Loei City 2-1, and Chainat FC drew 2-2 with Rayong FC to leave Group A wide open. The Southern Sea Kirin are now in third, after a convincing home win and three draws on the road.

FC Phuket's next match, against fourth-place Loei City on Saturday is crucial. Kick-off time at Surakul Stadium is 6pm.

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US take FIVB gold

By Somchai Huasaikul

AMERICAN volleyball star Kerri Walsh won her 39th career FIVB world tour gold medal, part of a historic day in the Phuket Thailand Open, played on Karon beach last weekend.

Along with partner Nicole Branagh, the US side defeated surprise opponents Marta Menegatti and Valeria Rosso of Italy, 21-23, 21-14, 15-11.

Carolina and Maria Clara Salgado of Brazil won the bronze medal by defeating Sanne Keizer and Marlene Van Iersel of Holland, 21-17, 21-14.

The title gives Walsh sole possession of the lead in overall tour wins.

She had been tied at 38 with former partner Misty May-Treanor, since the end of 2008.

Walsh partnered with Branagh for the third time last week. Two of their events have produced wins, having also won in Dubai in 2008.

She missed the entire 2009 season and all but two events this year

while giving birth to two boys in the past two years.

The fourth-seeded Americans became just the fourth women's team to win a Swatch FIVB World Tour gold medal after winning five elimination matches. They had lost in the second round to Elsa Baquerizo and Liliana Fernandez Steiner of Spain, but then swept six straight opponents before the title match.

In the gold medal tiebreaker set to 15 points, the USA led just 5-4 when they went on a 6-2 run to gain control at 11-6.

Surprise finalists Menegatti and Rosso, the first Italian team to ever compete in a gold medal match, seemed to have the crowd on their side.

The 16th-seeded duo became partners during the week preceding last week's tournament in Sanya, China, due to an injury to Menegatti's regular partner, Greta Cicolari.

"We really came here to win gold; it was not enough to just be here," Rosso said. "We made it this far due to our service game,

but today we weren't serving very well. I feel like we both grew up a lot here."

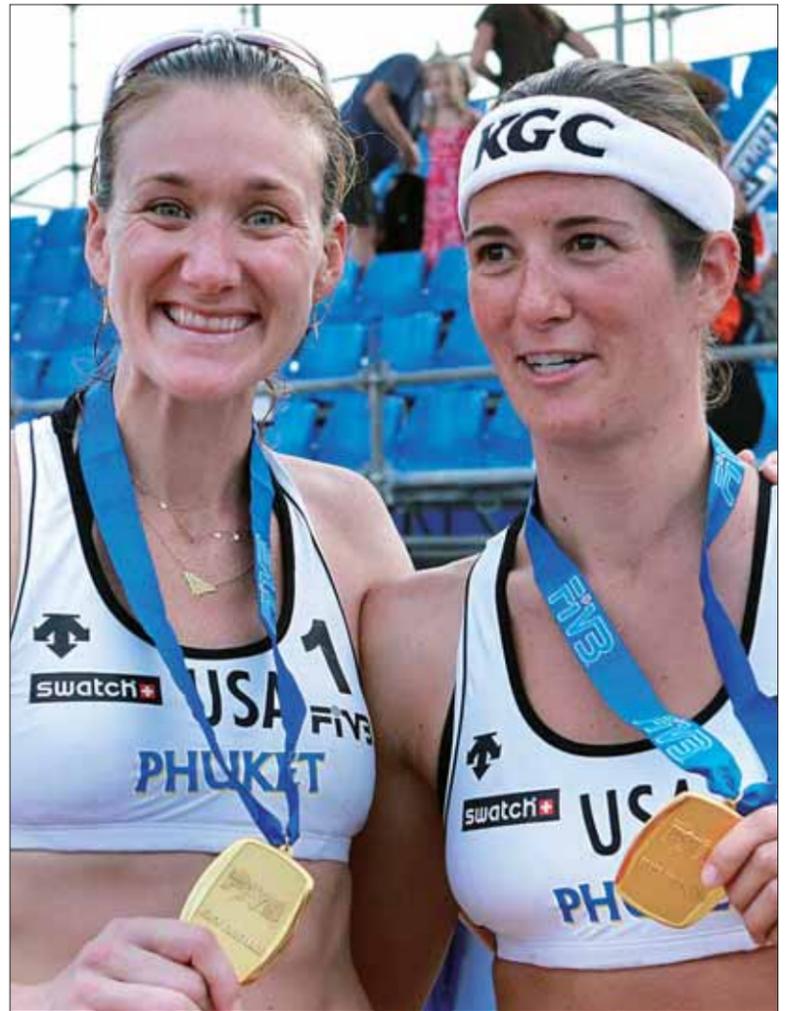
The Brazilian Salgado sisters defeated the top-seeded team in Phuket and suffered just one loss in the tournament, but the semifinal defeat at the hands of the Italians prevented them from playing for the gold medal.

Instead, the eighth-seeded team finished the season with a bronze medal.

In the five-year history of events in Phuket, the Americans have won the last four, with Walsh also winning in 2007 with May-Treanor and Jen Kessy and April Ross claiming the titles in 2008 and 2009.

In the Federbrau Beach Volleyball Hotel Challenge, Le Meridien took the gold, while the Hilton Arcadia Resort and Spa took silver and the JW Marriott took bronze.

In the school tournament British International finished in first, SOS Children's village came second and another BIS team came 3rd.



GOLDEN SMILES: US champs Kerri Walsh and Nicole Branagh. Photo: Apinun Saithong

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