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'NIGHTLIFE VENUES CHECKED FOR VICTIMS'

Sex raids

Raids to target human-trafficking victims, underage sex workers

By Chutharat Plerin

POLICE vowed this week to continue raids on nightlife venues in their search for human-trafficking victims and underage sex workers following officers coming up empty-handed in a search of massage parlors in all three of Phuket's districts on Monday night.

"We had more than 300 officers checking massage parlors throughout the entire island," Phuket City Police Deputy Superintendent Khunnadet Nanongkhai told the *Gazette* on Tuesday.

"We did not find any sex-trade human-trafficking victims. The women who were at the venues were adult Thais, all legally working as masseuses."

No arrests were made at the massage parlors. However, 10 women were arrested for offering sexual services in public along Chaofa Road.

Col Khunnadet noted that cracking down on the sex trade was difficult due to the penalty being no more than 1,000 baht per offense. In contrast, human traffickers and those promoting child prostitution face much heavier penalties.



Adult Thai women hide their faces during the massage-parlor raids. Photo: Phuket City Police

"We will continue to search nightlife venues throughout the island, including karaokes, massage parlors and bars to ensure that there are no human-trafficking victims or child sex workers, and that nobody is working illegally," Col Khunnadet explained.

The police raids in Phuket on Monday night follow an investigation on January 30 in Pathum Thani that resulted in the rescue of

10 women, two of whom were minors.

The investigation, which also uncovered documents allegedly proving that bribes were paid to state officials, led national police chief Gen Somyos Pumpanmuang to threaten all provincial commanders with internal investigations should similar criminal behavior be discovered, reported *The Nation*...

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SPECIAL REPORT

Hospital denies allegations of malpractice

TOP staff at Vachira Phuket Hospital have denied allegations of malpractice and mistreatment of a 79-year-old Australian man who was allegedly tied to his hospital gurney by a male nurse and left for hours screaming in agony and in dire thirst for water.

The allegations by long-term Phuket expat Anthony Lawson – now dead from undiagnosed colon cancer – remain unanswered.

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New Zealander shot in scuffle with stepfather

A NEW Zealander, born to a Thai mother, was shot as he attempted to wrestle a handgun from his stepfather, who was allegedly drunk at the time.

Jamie Smith's stepfather was also injured by a bullet fired during the altercation.

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Dokset handed down 9 years in jail for murder

NORWEGIAN national Stein Harvard Dokset, a long-term expat, has been sentenced to nine years in prison for the killing of his ex-girlfriend Rungnapa Suktong.

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Officials paid B700mn for parkland, Isoc general told

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

A TOP-FLIGHT general from Internal Security Operations Command (Isoc) Region 4 on January 28 heard first-hand that applicants had paid 700 million baht for land titles to be issued for plots in Sirinath National Park.

Maj Gen Ronnarong Koat-damrong, who serves as deputy director-general of Isoc Region 4, heard the account in a meeting at Phuket Provincial Hall, attended by many high-ranking local officials.

The report was delivered by a legal officer from the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP), which is involved in a special investigation into suspect land titles issued for plots within the park.

The officer asked not to be publicly identified.

Sujin Jansawang, who is heading the DNP investigation into suspect parkland deeds, supported his officer.

"Many people have been involved in the suspicious issuance of land deeds for plots within Sirinath National Park," he said.

"They worked as a team with many officers involved in bribery and corruption."

Mr Sujin added that from 2012 through January 14 this year, his team of investigators had exam-



Maj Gen Ronnarong Koat-damrong at the Provincial Hall meeting.

ined deeds for 815 plots inside the park.

"We found that deeds for 313 plots had already been transferred to hotels or resorts," he said.

Titles to 16 plots covering about 244 rai had been revoked already, he added.

"And applications for titles for five plots in Tambon Sakoo [south of Phuket International Airport] covering about 415 rai have been rejected because we found that the plots were within a protected forest area," Mr Sujin said.

"We have yet to investigate about 374 plots, covering about 1,035 rai, which is worth an

estimated 30 billion baht."

Despite the seemingly good progress made by investigators, Mr Sujin called for co-operation.

"We are still encountering problems in our work," he said. "We need more co-operation from the Land Department, especially in providing details and aerial images of plots under investigation."

"We would also like a special committee to be formed comprising legal officers from the Land Department, as well as DNP officers and ISOC personnel, and more budget support to enhance our capacity to carry out these investigations."

Police lead trafficking, child sex worker raids

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...Ahead of the Phuket Town raid, the Patong Police hosted an anti-human trafficking meeting with representatives from all of the tourist town's night-entertainment venues at the Patong Police Station.

"The Phuket Provincial Police are cracking down on human trafficking on the island. Though we don't think it is a serious issue at bars in our jurisdiction, we still want to sit down with owners or their representatives," Patong Police Deputy Superintendent Akanit Dan-

pitaksat told the *Gazette* ahead of the meeting.

"We will make it clear that we will be working hard to prevent any human-trafficking victims from becoming part of the nightlife-entertainment industry, as well as cracking down on illegal workers and drugs."

Lt Col Akanit also pointed out that the meeting would be a good opportunity to touch base with bar owners to get ideas on how the police can better serve the island's premier party town.

"We will listen to their suggestions and bring the ideas to our superiors," Col Akanit said.

Taiwanese 'bank account mule' arrested

POLICE arrested a Taiwanese man who was found in the illegal possession of bankbooks and ATM cards for 12 Thai bank accounts opened by local residents.

Chen Yu-Chung, 34, was arrested after police received a tip-off from a tuk-tuk driver, who claimed he was paid 6,000 baht to open a bank account in Patong.

"The 47-year-old tuk-tuk driver, Suwaroj Kaebutr, said that he had heard of this type of thing before," said Col Sutthichai Tianpho of the Patong Police.

"He said it didn't feel right, and that he had heard of foreign criminal gangs paying local people to open bank accounts for them."

Mr Suwaroj met Mr Chen last Thursday and handed over the



Chen Yu-Chung (center) with police after his arrest in Patong. bankbook and ATM card for the account he was paid to open.

"Our officers followed Mr Chen to Aloha Villa, where he was staying. We took him into custody after he had checked out on Saturday," Col Sutthichai said.

Police found the bankbooks and ATM cards for the 12 accounts in Mr Chen's suitcase.

"Mr Chen confessed that he was

hired by people in Taiwan to come to Patong and pay local people 5,000 to 7,000 baht each to open a bank account," Col Sutthichai said.

"Mr Chen said he didn't know what bank accounts were to be used for."

He was charged under Section 269/5 of the Thai Criminal Code, which states: "Whoever uses the electronic card of another person wrongfully in a manner likely to cause detriment of another person or people, such person shall be punished with imprisonment of not more than five years, or fined not more than 100,000 baht, or both."

"He is being detained at Patong Police Station while we continue our investigation," Col Sutthichai said. - Kritsada Mueanhawong

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Two shot dead in Phuket Town gang violence

TWO teenagers are dead after a rival gang of four second-year university students gunned them down in broad daylight, along with two others, on the streets of Phuket Town on January 29.

Sakdarin Kiembuth, 17, a former student at Phuket Technical College, died at the scene.

Piaphat Jadsarng, a first-year student at Phuket Technical College, died from his injuries in hospital, after he was shot in the head.

Fellow first-year student Sathaporn Muaydee, 17, was shot once in the chest, while classmate Rapee Sombat, also 17, escaped with a minor gunshot wound to his leg.

The four victims arrived at the scene at

midday after the second-year students, who police declined to name as they are minors, called three of them to work out an argument that they had two days prior.

"The driver of the car, who is also the sole shooter, told police that he thought he saw Mr Sakdarin reaching to pull a gun out from under his shirt, so he opened fire," said Col Kraithong Chanthongbai of the Phuket City Police.

The shooter fired at the group six times, before he and the other second-year students fled in the car toward the Korjan Bridge.

"We found and arrested three of the second-year students shortly after the shooting," said Col Kraithong.

After questioning the suspects, police learned that the shooter had absconded to his home in Kathu.

"We arrested the shooter at his home, where we also found the car [used to flee the scene] and the 9mm handgun used in the attack," said Col Kraithong.

"After we took him into custody, the shooter confessed, claiming that he shot out of self-defense."

Col Kraithong said that the shooter would be charged with murder with intent, as well as illegal possession of a firearm. The other three minors in the car have yet to be charged.

- Kraitsada Mueanhawong



Dokset was sentenced last week.

Dokset gets 9 years for murder of girlfriend

NORWEGIAN national Stein Harvard Dokset, a long-term Phuket expat, has been sentenced to nine years in prison for the murder of his ex-girlfriend Rungnapa Suktong.

The sentence, which was handed down on January 29 at Phuket Provincial Court, stipulates that Mr Dokset will serve 7.5 years for murder, six months for concealing the evidence of the crime and one year for illegal possession of a firearm.

Though Mr Dokset confessed in 2012 to killing Ms Rungnapa, who was reported missing by her family in 2010, he has maintained that it was an accident brought on by a fit of jealous rage and that she hit her head as she tumbled down the stairs in his luxury villa in Kata.

However, when police raided his home, they found her mostly decomposed remains in a trash bin in the basement.

DNA tests later confirmed the remains were that of Ms Rungnapa and forensics results indicated that a skull fragment found among the remains showed signs of having been hit with a hard object.

Mr Dokset's lawyer told the Gazette that it had yet to be decided whether or not the decision would be appealed.

- Chutharat Plerin

Kiwi shot in scuffle

By Kraitsada Mueanhawong

A NEW Zealander, born to a Thai mother, was shot on January 30 in an attempt to wrestle a handgun from his stepfather, who was allegedly drunk at the time.

Jamie Smith, 30, was rushed to the new Dibuk Hospital on Chao Fa West Road after his mother called the police at about 11pm.

When police arrived at the house, they found Mr Smith's 54-year-old stepfather, Amnat Lakupa-pakavin, on the floor groaning in agony with a gunshot wound to his gut. Mr Amnat had been left behind after Mr Smith's 25-year-old full-brother, Ronnie, took Mr Smith to the hospital.

"Mr Amnat was drinking with three friends when Mr Smith and Ronnie came to see their mother," said Lt Col Jamroon Plaiduang of the Chalong Police.

"An argument broke out when Mr Amnat refused to let Mr Smith park his car in the garage. Mr Amnat then reportedly pulled out a gun and attempted to shoot Ronnie.

"Mr Smith tried to disarm his stepfather, but the gun accidentally went off during the struggle, shooting Mr Smith in the arm. A second shot hit Mr Amnat."

The .38 revolver used in the shooting was found at the scene,



New Zealand national Jamie Smith, 30, was shot in the leg when he attempted to disarm his stepfather.

Col Jamroon said.

"Mr Amnat is recovering at Vachira Phuket Hospital in Phuket Town, and so is Mr Smith, who was transferred there from Dibuk

Hospital," Col Jamroon said on January 30. "Both have non-critical injuries."

Police have yet to charge any of the three men involved in

the incident.

"We will question witnesses before deciding on whether or not to pursue criminal charges," Col Jamroon said.

Ghost rider killed in hit-and-run accident

POLICE are hunting the driver of a sedan that killed the passenger on a ghost-riding motorbike in the northbound lane of the bypass road on Monday morning.

"Anukul Polrop, the 25-year-old driver of the bike - which was travelling in the wrong direction on the road - was taken to Vachira Phuket Hospital," said Maj Rachan Panwai of the Phuket City Police.

"The 60-year-old passenger, Pairach Rungpetch, was pronounced dead at the scene."

Witnesses were unable to describe the car outside of the fact that it was a sedan, Maj Rachan said.

"However, we are now check-



The passenger on the motorbike was killed in the accident.

ing nearby CCTV to identify the car, so we can arrest the driver," Maj Rachan said.

Mr Anukul was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, while Mr Pairach was not, Maj Rachan said.

- Kraitsada Mueanhawong



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Farewell, Tony Lawson

ANTHONY Charles Ashton Lawson passed away in Phuket on January 8, 2015, at the age of 79 from complications brought on by colon cancer.

He was born in Sydney, Australia, on March 31, 1935 to Lionel Lawson, a violinist and leader of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, and Queenie Ashton, a renowned soprano radio actress.

Early in his life, Anthony sought work in the field of radio, making a name for himself as one of the best radio editors in Australia. Later, he moved to the UK, where he progressed into camera work, eventually becoming an award-winning commercial director and producer, having shot advertisements throughout Europe, the United States and Asia.

He then moved to Hong Kong to take up various positions as a creative director, and also lent his voice to numerous commercials; most notably for Cathay Pacific and Star TV.

Having always enjoyed tinkering, Anthony turned to invention, moved to Chiang Mai and created a food mixer known as ChefMaker, which saw little success due to the global shock of the September 11 attacks.

In 2002, he retired to Phuket, where he spent his final years at his home in Chalong. He is survived by two sons and a daughter.



Stressed

ALLEGATIONS of neglect and mistreatment at Vachira Phuket Hospital levelled by a long-term Phuket expat who has since died, pose grave questions about the state of public healthcare at the island's main government hospital – many questions about which remain unanswered.

Here, the *Phuket Gazette* investigates what it counts for healthcare in Phuket.

By **Voratuss Intasee**

TOP staff at Vachira Phuket Hospital have denied allegations of malpractice and mistreatment of a 79-year-old Australian man who was allegedly tied to his hospital gurney by a male nurse and left for hours screaming in agony and in dire thirst.

The allegations by long-term Phuket expat Anthony Lawson – now dead from undiagnosed colon cancer – remain unanswered despite Vachira Hospital Deputy Director S o m n u e k Jirayuth meeting with Mr Lawson's 23-year-old son, Ashton, on January 29.

Dr Jessada Chungpaibulpatana, who has served as Vachira Hospital director for the past 11 years, was unavailable to attend the meeting. Instead, leading the defense against the claims was Methavee Maneesri, head of the International Department.

THE NIGHTMARE

Mr Lawson's complaint, filed at Phuket City Police Station on his behalf by Ashton on November 27, was detailed and comprehensive.

Mr Lawson was admitted to Mission Hospital at about 10pm on November 18. He had undergone a routine hernia operation at the hospital without incident weeks earlier, but was now experiencing discomfort, difficulty getting in and out of bed and was unable to sleep.

However, he was transferred to Vachira Hospital at about midnight for a suspected pulmonary embolism, for which Mission Hospital had no resident expert. Under the advice of doctors at Vachira, Mr Lawson had a CT scan at about 3pm, after which doctors instructed him to drink a lot of water to help flush out the contrast media from the CT angiogram.

However, three hours passed and no attention from medical staff was forthcoming. With Ashton

leaving his father's bed at about 6pm that night, and now thinking that the staff had forgotten him, Mr Lawson began calling out for a nurse for water to drink and to change his IV tube. No one came.

He kept shouting out for help. Still no one came. By 9:30pm, he got out of his bed and walked to the nurse's station and asked for water, someone to change his IV tube, his prescribed sleeping pills and to inquire when his doctor would check on him.

The male nurse on duty ignored him, said Mr Lawson. Stunned by the lack of response, Mr Lawson began trudging his way out of the ward in hope of finding help.

That was when the nurse realized that his charge was apparently attempting to escape, Mr Lawson said in his complaint, adding that was when the nurse leaped to his feet and, with the assistance of three security guards, escorted him back to his bed.

To ensure that Mr Lawson wouldn't attempt to flee again, the nurse tied him to the bed with sheets, Mr Lawson alleged. Photos of the bedsheets still tied to the gurney, visible with another patient in the background, were sent to the *Gazette* on December 12 – less than a month before Mr Lawson died.

The aged Mr Lawson sustained a back spasm in his attempts to free himself, he said, leaving him in excruciating pain. Again, for hours, his calls for help, water, sleeping pills and now painkillers went unanswered.

At 11:30pm, the same male nurse finally brought him water, but force-fed Mr Lawson – whose arms were still restrained – so quickly that he began to choke.

"But the nurse just walked out of the room," he said.

A NEW DAY

By 7:30am the next day, Mr Lawson had finally freed himself

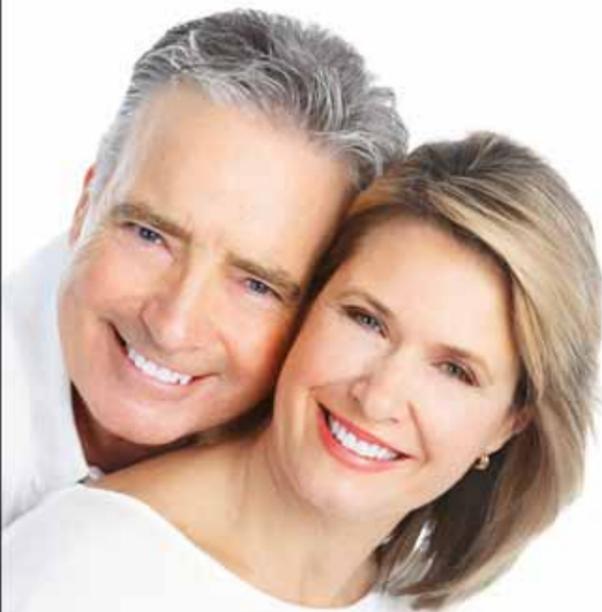


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from his binds and made a break for the exit. However, he made it only as far as the car park.

"The security guard saw me and said I was not allowed to leave yet, then escorted me back to the ward," he noted in his complaint.

A new nurse soon arrived on duty. Mr Lawson asked his new carer to call his son and ask him to come to the hospital, which he did.

Also soon to arrive at the hospital was Dr Jarutat Kanjanaphan, a specialist at Vachira since 2008, who was assigned Mr Lawson's case. Mr Lawson noted in his police complaint that Dr Jarutat, after hearing of Mr Lawson's overnight ordeal, expressed his concern that the hospital was overwhelmed with patients and agreed to write a referral for Mr Lawson to return to Mission Hospital to recover there.

And so, by midday, Mr Lawson was back at Mission Hospital, where he stayed for six days until he was discharged.

SILENT TREATMENT

Dr Jarutat was not present at the meeting last Thursday, and on Tuesday declined to comment about Mr Lawson's experience without the hospital's endorsement of whatever he might say.

At the meeting, Ms Methavee and her two assistants admitted that Mr Lawson had been restrained, but denied any wrongdoing by medical staff.

"Otherwise we would have to fire them," Ms Methavee said.

Mr Lawson was tied down for his own protection, she explained, though obliquely why bedsheets were used instead of more appropriate restraints.

Mr Ashton questioned whether or not his father was actually given the painkillers and sleeping pills that were supposedly administered. Mr Lawson himself noted in an email to the *Gazette* that his medical chart was signed off as if he had been given the pills, despite having never received them.

"If my father were given his prescribed sleeping pills, perhaps none of this would have happened," Mr Ashton pointed out.

On this, Ms Methavee, deputy director Somnuek and the two nurses fell silent, leaving the question hanging of why a 79-year-old man would need to be restrained by staff if he were given the appropriate dose of sleeping pills.



Long-term Phuket expat Tony Lawson manages a smile after his hernia operation at Mission Hospital.

At this point in the meeting, Ms Methavee shifted the focus, blaming Ashton.

"If you were there with your father, there would not have been any problems," she said.

Ms Methavee also claimed that the hospital had tried to call Mr Ashton multiple times that night, without success.

"No one called me that night," Mr Ashton said.

Ms Methavee did not present any phone records to the *Gazette* to support her claim, though Ashton provided screenshots of his phone log indicating that no calls were missed or received from the hospital that night.

NO PROBE

Officers at Phuket City Police Station this week confirmed to the *Gazette* that they did not – and will not – investigate Mr Lawson's ordeal.

Lt Pongsak, the officer who received the complaint, said that was not "the purpose" of the complaint being filed.

"When Mr Ashton came to the station and filed the complaint on his father's behalf, we were told that the complaint was being lodged in case it needed to be referred to later in a court case," he said.

Mr Lawson's subsequent death has no bearing on the decision to not investigate the complaint, Lt Pongsak acknowledged.

"It was not the intent of the complaint," he maintained.

PASSING ON

Tony Lawson died on January 8. He was cremated on January 14 in a quiet ceremony at Wat

Chalong attended by a handful of family and friends.

The official cause of death was listed as "natural causes", though Ashton confirmed that his father

finally succumbed to colon cancer.

"The death of my father shocked our entire family, as he had always been very healthy and active considering his age, with the only recent hindrance to that being the inguinal hernia he developed just over a year ago," Ashton said.

"The most tragic thing is the fact that he died believing that the severe pain he was experiencing was caused by the inhumane treatment he received at Vachira Hospital, and I find the hospital's explanation and reasoning behind what happened to be flimsy at best, considering how their explanation wasn't consistent the few times I had met with them regarding it.

"The most painful thought is that we spent so much time trying to fix his back pain with physiotherapy, since our family and various doctors all thought it was muscle tearing and strain from that incident. Perhaps if it hadn't happened, we would've suspected and diagnosed the cancer earlier, in time to have more family visit to say goodbye."



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Ms Hawryluk

Ms Hawryluk has jurisdiction in the provinces of Phuket, Krabi and Phang Nga, read a statement from the embassy.

She has lived in Phuket since 2009, and speaks intermediate Thai.

Although a Canadian, Ms Hawryluk lived in Australia from 2003 to 2006, obtaining a Juris Doctor degree from Bond University.

"Ms Hawryluk's appointment will help the Australian Government to continue delivering high-quality consular services to Australians in Phuket."

– *Phuket Gazette*

Tour guide rules rolled out

By Kongleaphy Keam

THE Ministry of Tourism and Sports (MOTS) Phuket Office is cracking the whip on tourism businesses in Phuket, conducting island-wide raids and imposing stricter requirements for tour companies.

"We checked the documents of tour companies and guides collecting incoming tour groups from Phuket International Airport, but did not find any illegal activity," Santi Pawai, director of the MOTS Phuket Office, told the *Gazette* on Tuesday, following two days of raids at the airport.

Despite finding no illegal tour guides, Mr Santi explained that a new regulation will demand that all tour companies picking up clients at the airport present a job order – providing the names of the tour guides, as well as detailed information about the tour and its guests – to military officers stationed at the airport. The new rule comes into effect on January 9.

"We have already informed tour companies that they must bring the job order to the military at the airport and receive an official stamp



Santi Pawai (center) led raids on tour companies picking up passengers at the airport this week. Photo: MOTS

approving their tour," he said.

"If a company fails to do so, its operations will be suspended for 15 days."

Mr Santi also said that all job orders must be written in Thai – no exceptions.

"A main issue we often encounter is that many tour companies

do not write their job orders in Thai, which makes it more difficult for us to verify them," he said.

Mr Santi added that raids would continue in various tourist locations throughout the island.

"Illegal tour guides have a negative effect on Thai society, especially in Phuket, which is why

our government takes the issue so seriously," Mr Santi explained.

"Tour guide jobs are reserved specifically for Thai nationals. If there are illegal, foreign tour guides, it will result in the unemployment of Thai tour guides."

Mr Santi did not give a specific date for the next set of raids.

Mandatory SIM card registration launched

A PLAN is underway for all 7-Eleven and Family Mart convenience stores throughout Phuket to register prepaid SIM cards for mobile phones at point of sale, as a convenient way for people to meet the new requirement for registration of SIM cards on or before the July 31 deadline.

The National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC) recently announced that all SIM cards in the country must be registered, including SIM cards sold to expats and tourists.

Any SIMS not registered by July 31 will be blocked from making outgoing calls or accessing data services, the NBTC warned.

Although unregistered cards will be restricted from July 31, users will still be able to receive calls.

About 110 million mobile phone SIM cards are in use in Thailand, of which around 100 million are prepaid, reports *The Nation*. Of this, only around 10.6 million are registered by users. The remaining 90 million are unregistered.

Registration began on February 1, explained Wanna Setthaphong, director of the Region 11 NBTC office based in Phuket.

"People can register their SIM cards at any official mobile phone operator's office – but not at secondhand phone shops," he said.

"Or they can register their cards at the NBTC Phuket office on Wichit Songkram Road, near Kathu Temple. Thais must present their national ID cards, and foreigners must present their passports."

Registration is hoped to take



SIM card registration has begun. Photo: Mauri Grant

only minutes, but will require the staff at mobile phone stores to register the details of each registrant by taking a photo of his or her ID card or passport.

"This is part of the NBTC's move to support the government's national security policy," Mr Wanna said. "In past years, unregistered SIMs have reportedly been used by terrorists to plant bombs, as well as for fraudulent and illegal businesses."

"We have created an online application that should make the process smoother. Staff registering users' details can download the app, which can be used to take a photo of the SIM card code and the ID card or passport presented."

"The app will then immediately send data to the NBTC's server, which is connected with the servers of the five telecom operators. The NBTC server will verify the ID card information and, if it is found to be correct, send the verified data back to the telecom operator's server, to activate the SIM card." – *Chutharat Plerin*

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Lifeguards armed with cards

Multi-language warning cards created in hope of alerting tourists to surf dangers

By Gazette editors

TO BREAK the communication barrier with non-English-speaking tourists, and hopefully save their lives, Phuket lifeguards have been issued multi-language cards that explain the dangers of the rip currents that lurk along the island's beaches and entering strong surf.

The cards are the brainchild of Simon Luttrell, a Tourist Police Volunteer who helps tourists at the airport and at hotels in the Nai Yang and Mai Khao areas.

"Every year, tourists drown on Phuket beaches," Mr Luttrell said. "From the reports of these incidents, it seems that some tourists do not understand the potential dangers of strong waves and rip currents – and some tourists choose to ignore the dangers."

From speaking with many of the lifeguards, it seems that the problems mainly occur with Chinese and Russian tourists, Mr Luttrell explained.

"In a nutshell, the Chinese



Simon Luttrell stands with a lifeguard, who is holding one of the new multi-language warning cards.

tourists don't understand the lifeguards and the Russians don't believe them. The former is a language-comprehension problem, and the latter is, frankly, a bravado

problem," he noted.

To assist the lifeguards in communicating with foreign tourists about the meaning of the red flags – "no swimming – dangerous" –

and the importance of heeding lifeguards' warnings, he designed and printed a multilingual, laminated advice card that the lifeguards can show to tourists

who are unable to understand English, or who believe they are stronger than the rip currents.

"The card stresses the importance of following the lifeguards' advice, even if the sea conditions do not appear dangerous. An image of a red flag and a swimmer with a large red cross emphasizes that tourists must not swim when the red flag is flying," he said.

He distributed the A4 card, printed in English, Russian, Chinese, Japanese and Korean, to lifeguard stations at all beaches – paid for out of his own pocket.

"If this card can reduce the number of drownings, then it is my money well spent," he said.

"The card is also available free to tour companies who provide sea trips to foreign tourists, especially those tourists who are not familiar with water activities, such as snorkelling."

Mr Luttrell invited all people who work with, or regularly encounter, tourists about to enter Phuket's surf to contact him for the free cards at 096-356 6040.

Two more unlocked homes robbed in central Phuket

POLICE are searching for a potential group of serial burglars after two Thalang homes were robbed of cash and valuables amounting to more than 100,000 baht on January 30.

"We are concerned that those responsible for these robberies are the same people who robbed another three foreigners' homes in Thalang earlier this month," said Lt Suporn Muangkhai of the Thalang Police on January 31.

"The owners of the properties have been living here for many years. They told police that they rarely lock their doors at night.

"When they woke up, they found that a number of valuables

and a lot of cash had been taken."

A British national named by police as Peter Tiehurst, 54, and Luksanawan Srisamut, 46, owners of one of the homes, said that they had been robbed of 30,000 baht in cash as well as their passports and credit cards. Also missing were two mobile phones.

Saowanee Horebore, 37, whose British husband was not home at the time, told police that an iPad Mini, her credit cards, about 1,000 baht, a purse and a pair of Ray Ban sunglasses had been stolen from her home.

"We are investigating and will track them down," said Lt Suporn.

– *Thawit Bilabdullar*

Sea gypsy denied treatment from hospital for broken leg

A 59-YEAR-OLD woman from Phuket's sea gypsy community in Rawai denied treatment at Vachira Phuket Hospital for a broken leg sparked a mass visit to Governor Nisit Jansomwong by more than 30 angry villagers on January 29.

"Pohnao Bangjark broke her left leg while collecting shellfish at Rawai Beach on January 16," sea gypsy Sanit Sae-Thua told Governor Nisit.

"She was taken to Vachira Hospital, but she was denied treatment because she couldn't present any identification."

Mr Sanit called on Gov Nisit to expedite the processing of the Thai ID applications in order to avoid any further incidents.

One phone call by Gov Nisit to



Sea gypsies gather at Provincial Hall.

Vachira Hospital Deputy Director Dr Somboon Wangtaetham appeared to have the desired effect.

"Dr Somboon has confirmed that Ms Pohnao could undergo surgery to her leg on February 3," Gov Nisit said.

– *Kritsada Mueanhawong*



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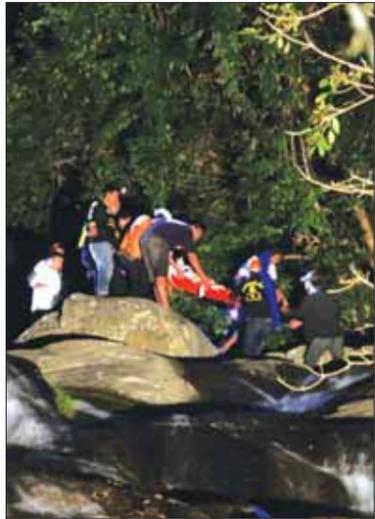


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AROUND THE nation



Rescuers retrieving the men from the waterfall. Photo: Suchat Hankij

Aussie killed after fall from a Koh Samui waterfall

ONE Australian is dead and another remains under observation in hospital after falling from Nah Muang Song Waterfall in Koh Samui last Sunday evening.

Hugh Smith, 24, was pronounced dead on arrival at Bangkok Hospital Samui after he and Benjamin Thomas Kemp, 20, plunged about 60 meters down from the waterfall.

Rescue workers spent about two hours transporting the men from the waterfall to the ambulance.

Mr Smith suffered from a head injury, broken legs and various cuts and scrapes. Mr Kemp suffered a back injury.

Warning signs noting the danger of climbing the waterfall are posted in the area. However, the warning signs are often ignored, resulting in injuries and deaths annually.

Ivory registration aims to kill trade in African tusks

A NEW law requiring people who own locally sourced ivory to register with the government is meant to separate them from people who own ivory from Africa, Nipon Chotibal, director-general of the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP), said on Tuesday.

This separation will make it easier for the DNP to crack down on those who smuggle African ivory, Mr Nipon said, adding that people who own ivory from Africa can register in a 90-day period starting from March 14, reported *The Nation*.

Owners of locally sourced ivory have until April 21 to register at the Phairoj Suwannakorn Building in the DNP's Wildlife Conservation Office compound off Phaholyothin Road in Bangkok.

Kiattisak Phimkittidej, who registered two pieces weighing 3 kilograms, said the process was short and simple and called on all those who own ivory to register.

The new law, which took effect on January 22, stipulates



Under the new law regulating ivory products in Thailand, no one can possess more than two pieces of ivory, or no more than two necklaces or four bracelets. Photo: The Nation

that nobody can possess more than two pieces of ivory, or no more than two ivory necklaces or four ivory bracelets. Also, only 12 pieces of such items are al-

lowed per household.

The law also stipulates that these items can only be inherited, not sold, traded, given away or transferred, he said. During

registration, each item is weighed, photographed with details stored in a database and stickers issued to identify the items and owners.

Former crimebuster Pongpat sentenced to six years

FORMER Central Investigation Bureau (CIB) Chief Lt Gen Pongpat Chayaphan and a former deputy were each handed six-year prison terms on January 30 on three offences linked to racketeering.

The Criminal Court initially sentenced Pongpat and former deputy CIB chief Maj Kowit Wongrunroj to 12 years in prison – five for lese majeste, five for malfeasance and two for illicitly operating a gambling den – but later halved the sentence citing their guilty plea.

There are four other policemen standing trial in two separate cases, which also involve Pongpat and Kowit as beneficiaries of a bribe-taking scheme, reported *The Nation*.

The four pleaded not guilty in a hearing on January 30, saying they would defend themselves.

In case 291/2015, Pol Maj Gen Bunsueb

Phraitheun, a former Marine Police Division commander, has been indicted for taking bribes from a Yala-based fugitive businessman and handing the money to Pongpat and Kowit.

In case 292/2015, Pol Col Wutthichart Luensukhont, Pol Snr Sgt Maj Surasak Jangao and Snr Sgt Maj Jakkarin Laothong, have been indicted for demanding money from policemen seeking to be promoted, or from those not wishing to be transferred. The three suspects were allegedly paid between 10,000 baht and 2 million baht a month, which was then forwarded to Pongpat and Kowit.

Still facing two other cases, Pongpat and Kowit were handed over to Corrections officials to begin serving their terms. The four other defendants are back in court custody to further stand trial.



Pongpat faces six years in prison. Photo: The Nation

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Thai student killed in United States

THAI officials were arranging this week to bring back the body of a female Thai student killed in Pittsburgh in the US.

Sek Wannamethee, head of the Foreign Affairs Ministry's Information Department, said on January 31 that Pittsburgh police found a man and a woman shot dead in an apartment in North Oakland on January 29, *The Nation* reported.

Police said evidence indicated that the woman, 26-year-old Mahidol scholarship recipient Chalalai Chaihirankarn, was killed by her Thai-American boyfriend, Bryan Springer, 29, before he turned the gun on himself.

Ms Chalalai was studying for a computer science doctorate degree at Carnegie Mellon University



Ms Chalalai studied at Carnegie Mellon University. Photo: CMU

(CMU) while Mr Springer, also a CMU alumni, worked as an engineer at the university's Computer Science Institute.

Sek said police suspected the apparent murder-suicide was caused by jealousy.

He said the Office of the Civil Service Commission branch in Washington relayed the tragic news to Ms Chalalai's family and Mahidol

University and told the Royal Thai Consulate General in New York to issue her death certificate.

The *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* said that two days before the bodies were found, Mr Springer bought a Glock handgun and 20 rounds of ammunition, saying he needed it for "protection".

The Iron City Armory said Mr Springer passed a background check for criminal convictions, protection-from-abuse orders and other factors that would have prohibited him buying the gun.

"According to friends, the couple's relationship was troubled. However, there did not appear to be any signs of a struggle," Pittsburgh police Major Crimes Commander RaShall Brackney said on January 30.

Tourist Police: your first call

FIRST PERSON

NO ONE can predict when or if they will become a victim of a crime. However, we can protect ourselves by not giving potential offenders the opportunity to take advantage of us.

There are three factors that lead to a criminal act occurring. We call this the crime triangle: The offender, the victim and the opportunity.

Do not put yourself in a situation where you are giving a potential offender the chance to commit a crime. When you are out with your friends at night, leave the club when your friends leave. Do not go out in the dark by yourself or walk home alone. You never know who could be waiting, and there is no way to know if a stranger on the street is a good person or a bad one.

It is always better to try to prevent a crime from happening, rather than picking up the pieces later. We want everyone who visits our island to be happy and enjoy their time here. That said, the Tourist Police are here to help no matter what. We have three stations on the island: on the beach road near Soi Bangla in Patong, at the airport and our headquarters in Phuket Town.

Think of us as your first friend. You can call our 1155 hotline at any time if you need assistance. All calls to are directed to an office staffed by police 24 hours a day. We also have 31 foreign volunteers from 17 different countries, as well as 17 Thai volunteers.

Our volunteers speak several



Maj Urumporn Kondejsumrit has been chief of the Tourist Police since 2012. He earned a Master's in Science in criminal justice for leadership from Sam Houston State University in Texas before graduating from the Royal Police Cadet Academy.

Here, Maj Urumporn advises tourists to be alert in order to avoid becoming victims of a crime, and promises that Tourist Police and their volunteers will do their best to protect them.

languages, including English, German, Spanish, Korean, French and Hindi. Soon, we will have Chinese-speaking volunteers too.

Though our volunteers take time out of their lives to help, they are not on duty all the time. We try to make sure that we have them around during normal office hours and keep their contact numbers at the ready at all times, if we require assistance outside of those times.

Do not put yourself in a situation where you are giving a potential offender the chance to commit a crime.

At night, Tourist Police and volunteers patrol Bangla Road and nearby areas in Patong, starting from 8:30pm and often staying out until 4am. Both police and volunteers are in uniform and easy to spot. I know tourists feel safer with us patrolling the area.

Along with volunteers, our Thai police officers always do their best to help tourists. Some of us work in the office, and others go out on patrol. Most of our officers can speak English, but not well. We try our best to facilitate communication with tourists. It is a challenge, but we want to make a good

impression on tourists so that they will come back to Phuket.

Please remember that if you are calling our hotline in distress our officers will do their best to understand what you are saying, but please speak clearly and slowly. If you have a Thai-speaking person to help you, this will make the process easier and more efficient. The sooner we have clear information, the faster we can get an emergency team to you.

Despite currently facing a shortage of officers – we only have 40 Tourist Police officers on the island – we will not back down from our duties.

So that tourists can find and contact us easily, we have posters and stickers displayed at the airport and at various spots on the island advertising our hotline.

We also launched the Tourist Buddy smartphone app in 2012, available in English and Thai. This has not been as popular as we had hoped, so we also focus on promoting our Tourist Police Facebook page and Tourist Police Volunteer Facebook page.

Please make us your first point of call if you are in trouble. We will assist you any way we can.



A jet-skier narrowly misses a surfer at Surin Beach.

Jet-skis hazard for everybody

THIS letter goes out to Lt Col Chatchai Sakdee of the Phuket Marine Police.

My wife and I have been visiting Thailand on our yacht on and off now for the last four years and generally love it.

There is one matter though that I would like to draw your attention to: jet-ski safety and hazards to anchored vessels, tenders and swimmers. The following has prompted me to finally write to you as I've heard you are a man of action with high regard for safety.

We are presently anchored at Patong, and this afternoon a jet-ski managed to splash saltwater over our 44-foot sail boat, down our hatches, through our windows and across our cockpit – while we were eating.

In the past, we have had near-miss accidents with jet-skis while swimming close to our anchored vessel and traveling to and from land in our tender. We have been sailing on our yacht for many years and have visited 50 countries, many of which have enacted safety policies directed toward jet-ski operations.

The best say something like: "It is unlawful to operate a vessel traveling faster than six knots within 100 meters of a moored vessel or a vessel at anchor."

This is simple to understand, logical, enforceable and takes care of all vessels, not just jet-skis.

Island View

By Chris Zingler

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

Many times we've had our morning coffee spilled by high-speed tour boats zooming close by, especially at Ao Chalong.

Various countries have different punishments for violations. Most seem to have an escalating system of fines ending in confiscation of the offending vessel to be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Another safety item specific to jet-skis that some countries have implemented is the elimination of the "rooster tail". This is the stream of water that shoots upward from the rear of the jet-ski while in motion. It creates a hazard to anyone following or crossing behind the jet-ski, as it can blind them. It serves no purpose, and the operator doesn't even realize it's there.

It also detracts from the jet-ski performance as power is wasted in the jet stream to form this "rooster tail". Not to mention, it increases fuel consumption a little bit. It is easy to disconnect or block the hose from the jet drive to the rear deck fitting with no harm to the jet-ski.

I urge you to consider this ban as other countries have done.

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

Patong's Soi Sansabai: street rights right up your alley

I AM staying in a hotel on Soi Sansabai, where it costs me 20 baht to park my motorbike on the street. The fee is not a big deal, but there are so many bikes on the street in the evening that I can't even walk safely down it.

When I asked why was this so, I was told that it was a private street and that one person owned it. Wahoo! That's a first for me. How can a person own a public street?

Is this true? And if so, is the owner liable for maintaining the street?

I figure that the owner makes

between 25,000 to 35,000 baht a day in income from parking fees. Where does this money go? Also, what deal does that person have

with the utilities companies?

But most importantly, as it is a public street, does the city have power of eminent domain?

Just curious, AR, Patong

Chalermluck Kebsup, Mayor of Patong, replies:

Soi Sansabai is on private land, but the owner allows people to use the street as if it were public.

Patong Municipality has the power of eminent domain, but it has not been applied to Soi Sansabai.

The owner maintains the right

of whether or not to allow people to enter that street, but Patong Municipality does maintain the authority to ensure that the street is safe for public use.

We know that Soi Sansabai is often congested, but it is safe to walk along, though people have to be careful.

Thank you for your comments. We will now look again into how congested the street has become to make sure that it is still safe for pedestrians. If we revise our thoughts on how safe the street is for people walking along it, we will certainly raise our concerns

with the owner.

Please note that as the street is on private land, any fees levied for parking on that street are at the owner's discretion, just like any private car park.

Any income made by doing this is the owner's concern. The same applies to the owner's relationship with utility companies. That is between the owner and the company or agency concerned.

For us at Patong Municipality, we usually collect garbage from along the street, since the owner has requested it and pays for that service.

Send us your queries and we'll ask the right people to respond to them.
Submit your issue at www.PhuketGazette.net/IssuesAnswers

Taking surf safety seriously

KUDOS to Phuket Tourist Police volunteer Simon Luttrell for providing lifeguards with multi-language warning cards to help keep foreign tourists out of the surf in dangerous conditions. His generous action, though, raises the question of why local authorities and tourism agencies did not take similar action years ago.

The cards (see page 7) address one of the key reasons why so many tourists drown at Phuket's west coast beaches every year: many are simply unaware of the dangers of the surf, especially the treacherous rip currents that form during the southwest monsoon season from May through October.

An effective, flag-based warning system has been in place for years at popular beaches and the lifeguards posted there rack up an impressive number of rescues annually, yet the death toll remains unacceptably high.

It is hard not to feel sorry for the lifeguards, who find themselves in a never-ending series of frustrating encounters with tourists who either do not understand the risks involved – or rate their aquatic abilities too highly, all too often with fatal results.

In the case of the latter – typically Russian-speaking tourists, according to lifeguards – nothing short of physical intervention, which the lifeguards do not have authority to take, can keep the overconfident swimmers from taking the plunge. To this, the *Gazette* urges the Russian honorary consul for Phuket to do more to make Russian tourists aware of the true dangers of rip currents.

The *Gazette* does, however, understand the frustration tourists must feel after they are told by lifeguards not to enter the surf. After all, what is the point of visiting a beach destination if one is not allowed to swim, body surf and otherwise enjoy the sea?

Additionally, just a few days in places like Patong and Karon can quickly condition tourists to “blow off” strangers who approach them with laminated cards touting everything from time-share opportunities to spectacles involving ping-pong balls.

The *Gazette* has long championed the idea of having commercial airlines instruct pilots of inbound flights to warn passengers of the dangers during their approach-for-landing announcements, especially during the southwest monsoon season.

Petitions to the management of two of the largest inbound carriers have thus far been unsuccessful. The reply has always been that they would only take action after an order from the Department of Civil Aviation, and that they feared getting into trouble with tourism promotion agencies if they took action.

This is one route the Russian honorary consul could pursue with inbound flights from that region. It couldn't hurt to try.

Mr Luttrell's approach to the problem is so sensible and cost-effective that it comes as a real surprise that none of the island's administrative bodies ever came up with similar approaches.



Re-establish seaside comforts

My wife and I have been visiting Thailand for the last 14 years, some years even making two trips, and are regular visitors to Phuket.

Imagine our surprise this year when visiting our favorite beach, Surin, to find no sun beds and no umbrellas.

Being a retired couple, we like the comfort of a bed and the shade of an umbrella.

Whilst we respect the right of your politicians and officials to enforce local strategies [for beach management], we also feel that, surely, it is not outside the bounds of possibility for these same politicians and officials to devise, implement and manage a licensing system that will re-establish some comfort on the beaches.

I am afraid this will be our last visit to Phuket and possibly to Thailand, as it appears to us that Thailand's interest in developing tourism has been badly tarnished by this decision.

John Cooke
England

Give them a chance to have some fun

Re: Gazette online, Government puts end to Myanmar concert plan, cites security concerns, January 30

This is typical of a Thai who has landed some cushy job, probably by default, and makes decisions to cancel events at the last minute on a security whim.

The only concern would be the invasion of Thai thugs.

Why don't they spare a minute for the organizers, who are trying to give their people some entertainment?

Give it a go.

I have lived here for 15 years and have found the Myanmar people to be friendly and hard working.

Kent
Gazette forum

Letters to the Editor

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

Thailand needs more innovative minds

Re: Gazette online, Environment: Worrying island waste, February 1

Wow, a young, industrious Thai with a vision... a rarity. Thailand needs more people like Tiwat.

Solid waste problems are staggering, particularly on Phuket, and the majority of waste is green recyclable material.

The primary method of final disposal – incineration – is not a sustainable practice, and adds to an already huge air-quality problem that results in huge long-term health issues for all Thais.

Good job, Tiwat
Gazette forum

Where's a RICO law when we need one?

Re: Gazette online, Corrupt Phuket officials paid B700mn for parkland, Isoc told, January 29

It's staggering (or not) that the Land Department has consistently refused to assist in this investigation. The lack of co-operation speaks volumes for the likelihood that large-scale corruption has taken place.

Unfortunately, due to the delays so far, those involved have probably had time to destroy evidence of any “misunderstandings”.

Name and shame the lot.

It's time for a RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) law to seize all their assets if guilty.

Mister Ree
Gazette forum

Perhaps there should be snorkelling guides

Re: Gazette online, Tourist dies during snorkelling tour off Phuket, January 26

Perhaps the TAT should make it compulsory to have at least one registered snorkelling guide per eight snorkellers, as well as have all snorkellers sign a waiver stipulating that they are healthy and able to swim at least 50 meters.

All serious dive operators do it around the world.

Asterix
Gazette forum

Get our police officers out on the streets

Re: Gazette online, Patong Police to launch emergency call box service, February 1

A police presence on the streets to deter crime is a much better answer than emergency phones.

The chances of the person who is charged with answering the calls understanding a foreign language in a time of distress is also very questionable.

The police seem to rely too much on their CCTV system to solve crimes. If there was a stronger police presence in tourist areas, maybe the number of crimes against tourists would drop.

Phil Phelan
Facebook

The real question...

Re: Gazette online, Illegal tour guide swept up in Phuket crackdown, January 30

The real question is: How many friends can you bring to that viewpoint without risking being arrested by the police?

I always take my friends there...

Claude Vedovini
Facebook

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Flipping big bikes for cash

By Maciek Klimowicz

TEN years back, the only way to buy a real motorcycle in Phuket – not one of the countless small scooters zipping around the island, but a roaring, heart-stopping chopper or sports bike – was to import it directly from abroad. Today, not only can you get a shiny new machine in one of Phuket's numerous showrooms, but a choice of well-maintained and more affordable motorcycles also awaits you in the growing secondhand big-bike business.

While Phuket's bike market is dominated by the smaller 100-125cc scooters, secondhand big bikes are quickly becoming a more stylish alternative for those who want to stand out from the crowd.

"About 80 per cent of the machines I sell are small bikes, the rest are big motorcycles", says Charin "Joe" Sriphakorn, owner of JoeMotoBike secondhand bike shop on Phuket Town's Yaowarat Road.

Joe, who has been in the motorcycle business for more than 10 years, says that big bikes attract very different types of customers than those smaller bikes and scooters.

"Small bikes are often purchased in bulk by businesses, while it's mainly private customers who buy big secondhand motorcycles," he explains, adding that the growing number of foreigners buying big bikes has helped to increase their popularity.

"Eighty per cent of customers buying big bikes from me are foreigners," says Joe.

Local Thai customers, on the other hand, prefer to buy brand new machines, he says.

"Thais prefer new big bikes, which they can easily buy with various financing options that are



About 20 per cent of the bikes Mr Charin sells at his secondhand shop are 'big bikes'.

not usually available to foreigners," he explains.

As the number of big-bike brands in Phuket grows, so does the supply of the larger secondhand bikes.

Anansit Pornsirianant from Honda Big Wing showroom in Phuket Town says that since he launched his business two years ago, the big-bike market has grown exponentially.

"More new big bikes means more secondhand bikes in the market, leading to a drop in the average market price," he says.

Honda Big Wing offers a "trade-in" program enabling their previous customers to sell their used bikes back to the company.

"Most of our customers are looking for an upgrade to a bigger model. To cater to such needs, we have created a trade-in system, in

which the customer sells his old bike back to us and then buys a new, bigger bike at a discounted price," explains Anansit.

Joe agrees that a re-conditioned secondhand big bike sold by a dealer with an official warranty at a price that is substantially cheaper than a new one also makes them an attractive buy for his customers.

"The value of a new big bike

can drop by as much as 30 per cent when it leaves the showroom, so buying secondhand is definitely an attractive option," he says.

"There is no fixed price for secondhand bikes," says Au Piyachai, owner of a recently opened secondhand bike shop in Cherg Talay. "It all depends on the market, the age of the bike, the mileage and its condition," he says.

However, while the condition of the bike affects the selling price, Au says location is also an important factor in getting the right market price – one reason why he decided to set up his dealership in Cherg Talay's Soi Pasak – a place growing in popularity with tourists and expats.

Au, who opened his shop just a few weeks ago, has already sold one 750cc machine.

"I chose this location because there are many tourists here and it's tourists and foreigners in general who are most interested in secondhand big bikes," he explains, adding that foreigners who live in Phuket often use their bikes for more than just getting around.

"They ride for fun, to travel – and big bikes are much better for that."

Joe also sees steady growth for the secondhand market.

"On average, I sell about four secondhand big bikes a month, but I certainly see that number growing," he says.

Honda Big Wing's Anansit says that while pre-owned bikes are still a small part of his business, it is a niche market waiting to be filled.

"We don't sell many secondhand big bikes yet as we are fairly new here, but there's certainly a gap in the market for them," he explains.

Thai Yarnyon Group amped for electric motorbikes in Thailand

THAI Yarnyon Group, an automotive company belonging to the Leenutaphong clan, has diversified into the electric motorcycle market with the introduction of Zero motorcycles in Thailand.

Late last year, BV Moto, a subsidiary of Thai Yarnyon, was appointed the official importer and retailer of Zero motorcycles from the United States, said company director Baromkroch Leenutaphong.

Zero made its Thailand debut at the Thailand International Motor Expo last month, attracting a large number of visitors.

Three sports models are being offered with prices ranging from 690,000 baht to 870,000 baht, along with three motocross models priced from 630,000 baht to 780,000 baht.

"We plan to introduce an additional model this year and sell a total of 30 units," Mr Baromkroch said.

"The highlight of Zero motor-



Cheap to charge: Zero motorcycles.

cycles is the instantaneous torque delivery, as well as ease of maintenance. Apart from charging from normal home AC outlets, the battery can be removed and charged independently.

"This is a long-term investment for us and although it may take many years, in five to 10 years more automobiles and motorcycles will be electrically powered," Mr Baromkroch predicted.

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If I could be 30 again

No matter how ambitious you are in life, stay young at heart, advises David

Finance

By David Mayes

IN MY last column, I wrote about what advice I would give my 20-year-old self, if I could turn back the clock and do it all again. Today, I will focus on a much more recent time frame in my life and discuss what kind of advice I would give to someone who has just turned 30. What are some of things you might want to consider as you enter this phase of your life?

First of all, don't grow up – it's a trap! Keep this advice for as long as you live. No matter how ambitious you are, if you can maintain that sense of optimism we all have – or most of us have – in our twenties, you will achieve much more in life. The worst thing that could happen to someone in their thirties is to fall into a rut that lasts until retirement.

Don't be afraid to make a career change – even if you have spent a fortune on your education. The reason is that at this point, your education is already a sunken cost. And many people discover that the career they studied hard for didn't really materialize.

If you really love what you are doing, then that's fine, but let's face it, people who are truly satisfied with their jobs are in a minority. And yet, for most of us, nothing is more terrifying than change. Just remember, if you don't take a chance now, imagine how terrifying it would be in your forties or fifties.

A second very important thing I would advise is to invest in some form of real estate. What many find surprising is that investing in something other than your primary residence will leave you better off in the long run. Most people stretch too far when investing in their primary residence, and this can become a ball and chain later in life.

Land is what appreciates most in real estate, so I am a big fan of diversifying in land when young



Never give up your dream job, but if you hate what your doing, don't be afraid to make a career change, advises David. Photo: Benjamin J DeLong

and buying in cheap plots with the potential for a high return. You can always develop the properties later. Take advantage of the low entry price now, without having to fork out to develop the land.

For most thirty-something people, developing land means taking on a certain amount of debt that is not conducive to a happy-go-lucky mindset. Of course, I am assuming that you are in a location like Southeast Asia where you can rent accommodation cheaply. If you are in a high-rent location like Europe, then my advice

would be to move to Phuket!

Saddled with a big debt, it is much more frightening to make the move from employee to business owner – the most profitable financial decision you can make, in my opinion. I am a firm believer that everyone should end up working for themselves, rather than for somebody else – especially if they want to feel that they have truly succeeded in life. Of course, you can remain an employee your whole life and still retire well off, but you will have spent your entire career enriching somebody else.

There's no doubt that my advice is based heavily on values that are important to me, but freedom and independence to make one's own choices are two things I value highly, and I think everyone should strive for these values too. My biggest fear now would be to have to answer to a "boss" again – other than my wife, of course!

The biggest financial blunder I think everyone in their thirties should avoid is to get stuck in a rut that could last a lifetime. Only you know in your own heart if you are doing what you truly love and are

most passionate about. If not, the best thing you can do financially is to try something different. Finding your true passion and calling is the best thing you can ever do for yourself financially.

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Thousands turn out for 'Laguna Market on First'

MORE than 4,000 people turned out for the launch of "Laguna Market on First" at Laguna Grove in Cherng Talay last Sunday.

The four-hour market generated an estimated 1.2 million baht, as more than 200 local vendors plied their goods.

"I am delighted to see that the market attracted both [people from] the local communities and tourists," said Ravi Chandran, managing director of Laguna Phuket.

"About 30 per cent of guests tonight are foreigners from the local expat community, as well as

tourists and hotel guests, which means the market is a success as a platform for us to continue helping and supporting local villagers."

The market showcased a taste of Phuket to guests, as well as members of the local Thai and expat communities.

Laguna Market on First will be held at Laguna Grove from 4pm to 8pm on the first of every month. The next edition is on March 1.

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Ravi Chandran, managing director of Laguna Phuket, hailed the new market a success.



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Saint Valentine's Day, also known as Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, will be celebrated throughout the island.

Many resorts and restaurants are preparing special moments for courting and married couples. Best to plan ahead and book your table long before the day arrives.

February 19, 5pm-10:15pm. Chinese New Year celebrations

Acrobats from Beijing will be performing at the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization's Year of the Goat festivities.

There will be 60 food stalls set up ahead of the 7:40pm acrobat performance at Chai Field in Phuket Town.

March 4. Makha Bucha Day

Makha Bucha Day, which falls on the full moon of the third lunar month, commemorates Buddha's ordaining of 1,250 monks who arrived unannounced from afar only nine months after the Gautama Buddha attained enlightenment.

April 6. Chakri Memorial Day

Chakri Day commemorates the origins of the ruling Chakri dynasty, founded by King Rama I, who established Bangkok as the nation's capital. HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej is the ninth monarch of the Chakri dynasty.

May 1. Labor Day

Public holiday for all commer-

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cial workers, but government offices will remain open.

May 6. Coronation Day

Coronation Day commemorates the accession to the throne of HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej on May 5, 1950.

June 1. Visakha Bucha Day

Visakha Bucha Day is observed

on the day of the full moon during the sixth lunar month, which usually falls in either May or early June.

The day commemorates three important incidents: the birth, the enlightenment and the passing away of Buddha.

Miraculously, these events fell in the same month and on the same date on the Buddhist calendar.

July 30. Arsarnha Bucha Day

This full-moon day of the eighth lunar month commemorates the Buddha's first sermon to five disciples after he attained enlightenment more than 2,500 years ago.

Evening candlelight processions will be staged in all Thai Buddhist temples throughout the island.

August 12. HM The Queen's Birthday

HM The Queen's Birthday is also Mother's Day in Thailand.

October 23. Chulalongkorn Memorial Day

Chulalongkorn Day commemorates the reign of Rama V, who is best remembered for abolishing slavery in Thailand.

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SO WHAT'S FOUR? L to R: Sasichol Thongnark, Alongkorn Phuchamchot, Julie Thammavong and Lakkana Morgan were ready to party when DJ Dan Buri began spinning 'vinyl' at Xana Beach Club.

Adventure is out there



OPEN FOR BUSINESS: L to R: Wendy Elizabeth Banks; Sakwuth Udomsrisak, owner and managing director of Phuket Adventure World; and Peter Michael Hjert enjoy the opening party for Phuket Adventure World.

Turtle time at JW Marriott



JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa's General Manager and Mai Khao Marine Turtle Foundation President Oriol Montal is joined by children from the Gecko Community School to break ground for the Marine Turtle Shelter & Education Center.

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PATONG CELEBRATES MORE CRABS: L to R: Doljai Srisroy, chef at The Crab House; Waraporn Artharn, chef; Bundit Boonnoon, GM; Krajang Chichana, head chef; and Narapong Phoneam, marketing director.

Party like you're in Patong



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APARTMENT FOR RENT



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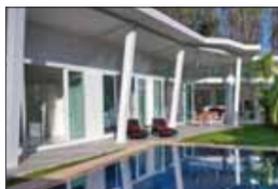
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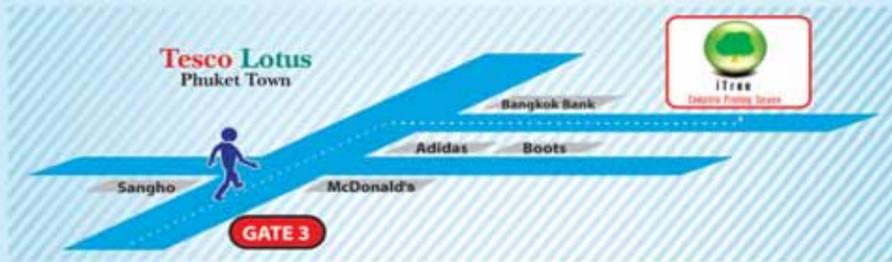
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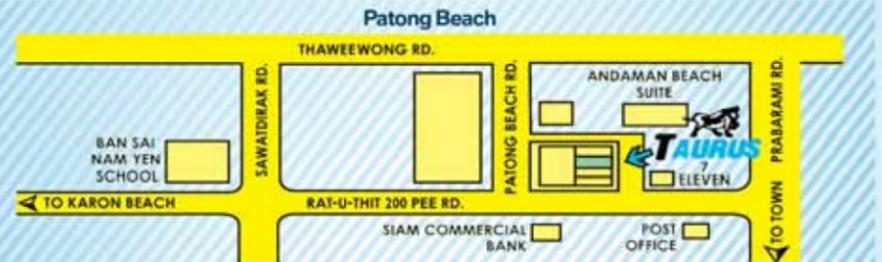
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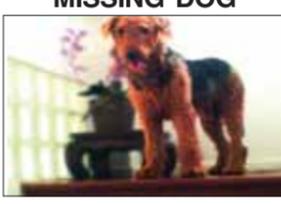
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Across:
 9. SAPANHIN: *shipanna* 10. CUE: cure 11. ODDITY: *toydid*
 12. STREAM: *master* 13. READOUT: *dear-out* 14. TANK: tank
 15. OFFPUTTING: *off-putting* 17. DISTRESS: *datesister-S* 18. ALLSUCH: *halls(U.C.)* 19. SHOT: *Sh!-to[rev]* 21. ACCEPT: *a-C.C.-pet*
 24. YOURLOCALHOSTELRY: *youcryahotelrolls* 27. PATENT: obvious
 29. EATS: *sate* 30. STEEPLY: *sleepy(T)* 33. RETAINED: retrained
 35. CORRECTION: *Co.-R-R-notice* 36. BILL: note 37. GLITTER: G-litter
 38. ATTEND: *natted* 40. CANNOT: *cantno* 41. EAR: hear
 42. OILINESS: *isinsole*

Down:
 1. TASTEFULLY: *taste-fully* 2. CARE: *race* 3. THEMATIC: *timechat*
 4. ENTRAIN: *tireann* 5. RECONDITION: *re-condition* 6. CONTESTANT: *canttestno* 7. EDITOR: *direto* 8. STANDSUP: *proves correct* 10. CHANG: *C-hang* 16. PUSTULE: *pus-T.U.-L-E* 20. HELOT: *lothe* 22. COLLECT: *get together* 23. SCREWDRIVER: *screwdriver* 25. LATENIGHTS: *late-nights*
 26. YELLOWNESS: *yesnowsell* 28. AMERICAN: *inamecar*
 31. TREVALLY: *really(TV)* 32. BRERFOX: *boxer(R.F.)* 34. AILING: *A1-ling*
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'This year we have cheeky, latin fit and butt rushing on many of our styles, as ladies any size and age realize that a full coverage pant is not always the most flattering,' Katarina tells the *Gazette*.



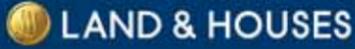
PLAYING AT NIKKI: Model Shacreya Rattanachai has a little fun on the catwalk.



SEXY ALL SUMMER: L to R: Maria Doroshenko, model; Katarina Boner, CEO and founder of Katalina Beach Life; Laura Latino, export and business development manager; and Anastasia Chernyeva, model.



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COFFEE break

Cryptic Crossword

Across

- 9. Ship Anna out to the Phuketian’s seaside pleasure ground (8)
- 10. Hint cure not right (3)
- 11. Funny toy did strange thing (6)
- 12. Brook bad master (6)
- 13. Possibly, dear, not in the computer display (7)
- 14. Army vehicle or water vessel (4)
- 15. Discouraging, not enjoying playing on the green! (3-7)
- 17. Date sisters went to pieces, son, was anguish (8)
- 18. Those similar halls arranged round University College (7)
- 19. Be quiet! Return to attempt at goal (4)
- 21. Receive a small volume pet, perhaps (6)
- 24. You cry a hotel rolls out the neighborhood watering hole (4,5,8)
- 27. Obvious license (6)
- 29. Foods sate uncomfortably (4)
- 30. Possibly sleepy, about time, as in abrupt decline (7)
- 33. Retrained, not right, kept on (8)
- 35. Company runs right, maybe notice the rectification (10)
- 36. Note of charges for a poster (4)
- 37. Grand group of puppies showed sparkle (7)
- 38. Nat, Ted, together make up the number (6)
- 40. Can’t at length produce cant. No! (6)
- 41. Not hard, hear the organ (3)
- 42. Is in sole management of smarminess (8)

Down

- 1. Liking in every respect, elegantly (10)
- 2. Feel concern, race around (4)
- 3. Relating to the subject, in time chat unrestrainedly (8)
- 4. Pull along behind, tire Ann out (7)
- 5. Overhaul in respect of stipulation (11)
- 6. Entrant can’t test, no movement! (10)
- 7. Dire, to upset the paper boss (6)
- 8. Rises and proves correct (6,2)
- 10. Many depend on the Thai elephant (5)
- 16. Discharge Trade Union Left, note bad spot (7)

- 20. Lo! The new serf (5)
- 22. Get together for a short prayer (7)
- 23. Vodka and orange, something to turn the screw! (11)
- 25. Departed times after dark for events happening late in the day (4,6)
- 26. Yes, now sell, showing cowardice (10)
- 28. I name car wrongly as coming from the US (8)
- 31. TV really displays Indo-Pacific fish (8)
- 32. Children’s story character, boxer, maybe covering right foot! (7)
- 34. First class fish is sick (6)
- 35. Provide for, react badly (5)
- 39. Harmonize color (4)

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19):

Excitement, along with inspiration, can generate a flurry of fabulous ideas, enabling you to solve problems and move ahead with a project. Meanwhile, Tuesday’s Leo full moon can encourage dramatic displays of emotion that you might find hard to rein in. The weekend though, could be something else as romance sizzles.

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

Check a tendency to overtax yourself and try to avoid overindulging too, as this week’s line-up hints that you could soon enough suffer the consequences. You might find that rather than stuffing your calendar with more things to do, it helps to reduce your schedule and to relax when possible with a view to recharging your batteries.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20):

The full moon on Tuesday can see you indulging in various pleasures, including romantically induced ones. In fact, this

theme of fun and social opportunity continues over the days ahead, and might even culminate in a weekend spectacular. Go easy though, as heightened passions could cause you to act rather too much on impulse.

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21):

The attraction of entertaining friends and family at home could be a draw early on in the week. Plus, the full moon in generous-hearted Leo has a certain romantic quality that you might want to take advantage of. In fact, you may need to fit your work around your fun as there’s so much that’s delightfully upbeat.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21):

The week ahead seems full of surprises, so get ready to have your plans disrupted on more than one occasion. Not that this is necessarily bad, as you might benefit from travelling in a new direction, even if it is one that’s unplanned or unintentional. Later, a new alliance could enrich your life in wonderful ways, as you learn things you never knew.

YOUR horoscope
By Patrick Arundell

CANCER (June 22-July 23):

The Leo full moon could tempt you to splurge, and with the best of intentions too – such as to invest in your image or a makeover. Try to budget and do your research first for best results, though. Meanwhile, a Venus-Pluto link hints at the possibility of a delightful encounter, but more especially if you’re willing to move out of your comfort zone.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23):

An exciting bit of news may make you curious to know more, or perhaps encourage you to sign up for a course or class. However, you’ll be truly in your element as the full moon on Tuesday emphasizes your charismatic and fun personality. As a result, the week brings ample opportunity for a flirtatious liaison.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23):

Your dreams may be a prominent feature that you’ll want to take note of, particularly as they might contain some pointers that are worth reflecting upon. Also watch out for creative ideas and tips on how to improve your relationships. If you are lucky enough to be loved up, a tryst could show signs of becoming even more intimate over the weekend.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23):

The week ahead sizzles with romantic opportunity, getting this month off to a fabulous start. The full moon in your social sector brings Valentine’s Day fun your way early, so if you’re invited out make the most of it. Meanwhile, a competitive streak regarding a love interest could see you keen to impress in a big way.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22):

You may find yourself in the spotlight, which could be disconcerting for someone like you, as you prefer

your privacy. However, you could rally to the challenge and also take advantage of this opportunity to showcase a skill, your fabulous wit or anything else you’d like to promote. Later in the week, a conversation might inspire intense feelings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21):

If you feel a tad exhausted at certain times this week it could be because a private worry or hang-up is affecting your outlook. It might help to discuss any problems with a good friend, as their advice can be particularly pertinent. Meanwhile, you might be tempted to promise more than you can deliver. Go easy!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20):

Cut your friends a little slack early on this week, especially if they’re not able to go out of the way for you. And don’t let these, or other minor upsets, affect your self-esteem. Meanwhile, the full moon could coincide with a financial opportunity that you’ll want to take advantage of. Be careful though, as there could be a hidden agenda at play here.

Choose unique, not common

Andaburee Phuket promotes customizable villas, first unit to be complete in 2016

PROPERTY Gazette

By Maciek Klimowicz

THE clothes we wear, the cars we drive, even the food we eat are all, to a certain extent, a way in which we express ourselves. So are the houses we live in. Make it your own, says the developer of Andaburee Phuket, a new custom-built pool villa project.

Unique and custom-made are the opposite of common and mass-produced. Andaburee Phuket comprises eight units only, available on plots of three different sizes: 130 square wah, 260 square wah and 380 square wah, priced at 18, 36 and 54 million baht, respectively. The building space ranges from 250 to 750sqm.

All villas are designed in a contemporary Balinese style and complemented by the project's



The location boasts a sea view, a view of Mission Hills Golf Course and a mountain backdrop.

natural surroundings. This, however, is where the similarities to a typical villa project end.

"Each villa's layout can be individually adjusted to suit the customer's requirements, as well as their budget," says Maneewan Tanondechakit, Andaburee's man-

aging director. "For example, if they want to have more bedrooms, more bathrooms or make individual rooms bigger, they can."

"We will provide an interior designer and a contractor for the customer. This is what makes this project unique."

Ms Maneewan believes that many customers look for something more personal and the option to customize their new house meets this need. "Each customer has different preferences and we would like to give each of them the exact thing they crave," she

explains, adding that this concept has already attracted two buyers.

However, there is more to Andaburee than the customizable villas. Take the location, for example. Set in the vicinity of Mission Hills Golf Course, each unit will offer a sea view, a view of the golf course and a mountain backdrop. What's more, the villas will be located only a 10-minute drive from Nai Yang Beach and shopping destinations such as Tesco Lotus and Makro.

The villas also come fully-furnished and equipped with theaters, WiFi and individual pools, and a dedicated security system.

Construction on the 330m-baht project, which will include an entrance road to the project, has already begun. The first unit will be completed in 2016, with the rest of the project expected to be wrapped up in three years.

For more information contact Maneewan Tanondechakit on 083 3897799, 082 8946699, or email pee_bang56@hotmail.com

Stimulus spending to affect property market demand

THE government's stimulus spending and infrastructure investment are expected to start having an impact on the economy this year, driving demand up in Bangkok's various property markets, according to Jones Lang LaSalle.

Economists anticipate interest rates staying low. While this will benefit developers in all markets that rely on lending, it will also contribute greatly to the affordability of homes for buyers.

Global oil prices have more than halved since June, thus indirectly affecting the property industry. In particular, residential and retail markets will benefit from improving household balance sheets, as energy costs absorb less consumer income.

Most developers and investors have remained well capitalized and showed an appetite to acquire existing income-generating properties or land for development.

There is also a set of challenges, particularly with regard to the economy, upon which demand in most property markets relies.

While GDP is forecast to grow by 4 per cent, uncertainty remains, due to both internal and external factors such as the fragile global economic outlook.

High household debts will continue to confine the growth of demand for mid- to low-priced condominiums and houses. While the Bangkok property market performed moderately well overall last year, all markets across the city were hit by the political turmoil in the first half. However, conditions picked up in the second half as the political situa-



Global oil prices have more than halved since June. Photo: TexasRaiser

tion started to stabilize.

Jones Lang LaSalle's Managing Director Suphin Mechuchep said the dim economic outlook continued to overshadow future prospects in the property market.

According to the company's Thailand Property Intelligence Centre, the Bangkok office market registered a net take-up of 181,700sqm in 2014, which is close to the average rate of 197,700 for the past five years, and above the 10-year average of 150,000.

The average office vacancy rate across the city fell from 10 per cent at the end of 2013 to 9.2 per cent at the end of 2014.

The high-end condo market with units starting at 150,000 baht per square metre saw no projects launched in the first half of last year, reflecting developers' high concern over political uncertainty.

As the political situation calmed down, the market saw 1,140 units introduced in the second half, similar to 2013. — *The Nation*



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Community life in Phuket



Property Watch

Desmond Hughes

AT THIS time of year when we are all thinking about our objectives for 2015, it is also time to reflect on the direct and indirect influences that affect the value of our properties in Phuket.

How can you take affirmative action to maximize any possible appreciation of your Phuket property investment?

COMMUNITY CREATION

My friends and acquaintances in Phuket are a diverse bunch, which is one of the great things about living here. Similarly, their property investment choices are diverse too.

One day a Phuket resident can find themselves drinking ice-cool champagne overlooking the Kata Beach vista from an infinity pool, and the next week they may be attending a barbecue in a simple, but well-kept local Thai-style *moo baan* or housing project.

Believe it or not, the activities of residents in a project can add value, and saleability to the properties within it.

Maintaining a vibrant and active community is an essential part of making Phuket an attractive place to live. Not many people, other than reclusive sorts, would want to relocate to an island without a sense of community.

The great things I see about community development in



Phuket residents can go from sipping champagne on a beach to attending a neighborhood BBQ. Photo: Manuel QC

Phuket include the creation of new children's clubs and events; marina-based lifestyle events; local and international school events that have a packed annual calendar schedule; the development of cricket clubs; the development of local provincial football teams and stadiums; yachting and sailing clubs; new restaurants; and then all that is related to the selling and marketing of Phuket homes.

We should never forget those that also devote their time and money to charitable events.

This all sounds so intangible, but in terms of capital appreciation and value, it isn't really.

The value of real estate is also centered around the perception of the value of the location.

For those home buyers who actually enjoy a city lifestyle, but don't want to be squashed in, all of this matters.

When potential buyers ask agents what amenities and other events exist, the list has radically changed from the days when "30 minutes from the airport and 20

minutes from Patong" were key selling points.

DEVELOPER RESPONSIBILITY

While the activities of individuals through their own efforts are crucial, developers also have a collective responsibility in contributing to the value of a community. While some project developments may seem to be well thought out in terms of community integration, this is not always the case.

Many simply take advantage of a little niche in a high-density area without any regard for what is needed to grow the community.

With local government discussions of light-rail infrastructure in Phuket and an increased focus on trying to develop and regulate poor and dangerous transport options, developers who own large tracts of land are showing signs of being more sensitive toward the needs of future development.

My favorite example of this type of development is the marina. Marinas are a great example of developer's trying to harmonize mixed use – not only to add capital value to the sale, but also to continually increase the value of the assets as a whole.

This works through building in phases; adjusting master plans with market trends, ensuring residential phases are matched by appropriate retail and commercial development, and working out how to proportion management and renovation fees in the diverse base of users and occupiers.

Then there is the completely different but inextricably-linked matter of the marine element of use – berths; hard stand areas; safety precautions and competing with world-class marinas.

Phuket is an exciting place that continues to grow in spurts – just like my very young son – based on the number of shoes and trainers I have had to buy in just two years! We can all contribute somehow to our Phuket communities, and inevitably, the value of our real estate will go up... and up.

Sansiri shifts focus to middle and upper-income customers

RESIDENTIAL property developer Sansiri has revised its business plan to focus on the middle and upper-income market due to a decline in purchasing power among lower-income people, president Srettha Thavisin said during an interview with *The Nation* on January 28.

Mr Srettha said household debt in Thailand had risen to the extent that purchasing power to buy a home among the lower to middle-income market had dropped since the beginning of last year, with those at low end of the scale particularly affected when it came to applying for a mortgage.

"Our low-income customers faced a [rising] number of mortgage-application rejections last year, so we have had to revise our business model to focus on the middle- to upper-income market this year," he explained.

Sansiri plans to launch 17 to 19 residential projects worth 32 billion baht combined over the course of this year, with two or three of the projects being properties such as townhouses and luxury de-



Sansiri looks to the North for project development. Photo: Bjorn Erik Pedersen

tached housing located in provinces such as Phitsanulok, Chiang Mai and elsewhere in the North.

This is in line with its business plan, in which after launching low-cost condo projects in provinces outside greater Bangkok since 2012, the company will focus its effort on launching low-rises in provinces where there is demand in segments above the lower-income market, said Mr Srettha.

The developer targets pre-sales of 30bn to 32bn baht and revenue

of 35bn baht this year, he added.

The company will also increase its residential prices by 5 per cent this year, following the rise in land prices, he said.

"Although oil prices have fallen and construction-material prices are being maintained, our land costs are still high following the limited amount of land [available in Bangkok]. As a result, our new residential launches this year will be priced 5 per cent higher than last year's level," he added.

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Lazy beachside BBQ

By Maciek Klimowicz

TO LIVE on a tropical island like Phuket and not to go to the beach? It's a crime! And yet, busy schedules, early sunsets and impossible heat during the day, all seem like good excuses for not making it there. At times, it feels like we only see the beach in our friends' Facebook posts. Luckily, Sunday is here to save the day, and at Centara Grand Resort in Karon, it's a lazy one.

Each time I visit a beach in Phuket, I'm in awe. Despite all the man-made trouble – the bothersome vendors, the ban on sunloungers, the noisy jet-skis – nature prevails. The sunsets are stunning, the water mesmerizingly blue and the sand infinitely white.

Do we really need an excuse to visit?

If you do, then Lazy Sundays at Centara Grand Resort in Karon provides the perfect one. It takes place right on the edge of Karon

Beach in the resort's Beachcomber restaurant. Forget bows and ties – in fact you can even forget your t-shirt. Beachcomber is all about beach-side fun and relaxation. With a few sunbeds, a couple of tables on the edge of the sand and shade provided by spacious umbrellas, it truly is a perfect spot to unwind after a long working week. And during Lazy Sunday dining, it's even more fun.

Here, the menu is simple and focuses on turning the event into something very lovable – a beach BBQ with delicious beef and pork cuts, freshly grilled burgers and sausages, and of course, grilled seafood.

First, there's the food. It's not another brunch with table after table covered with international fare. Here, the menu is simple and focuses on turning the event into something very lovable – a beach BBQ

with delicious beef and pork cuts, freshly grilled burgers and sausages, and of course, grilled seafood.

To accompany these rich delights is a refreshing selection of salads, not to mention a choice of desserts and fresh fruits. All this, coupled with what's on offer at



Settle down at a table at the edge of the sand and enjoy a freshly grilled burger. Photo: Maciek Klimowicz

the bar, makes for a simple and enjoyable Sunday meal. And to round it all off are live tunes provided by a saxophonist and the sounds of Centara's in-house DJ.

Your ticket to the Lazy Sunday also grants you access to hotel's pools and mini water park, and

there is a perk for your children too: a kid's club that's just as fun as the water slides and artificial waterfalls outside.

Come to think of it, beach life is one of the best things about island living. Grab the opportunity, exploit it and go. Why?

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An awful waste of time

Books

By James Eckardt

IN 2002 Michel Faber published *The Crimson Petal and the White*, an extraordinary novel of shifting social strata set in a time and place when they were most rigid: the early Victorian Age in London. By dint of cunning and determination, Sugar, a prostitute from the age of 13, rises from brothel inmate to kept woman to household governess and trusted adviser to her patron. The reader roots for her through every tense step of the way.

In his new novel, *The Book of Strange New Things* (Hogarth, London, 2014, 500pp), Faber turns from historical fiction to science fiction.

The time is the future, the place is a planet

a trillion miles from Earth. The main character is Peter Leith, an English thief, drunk and drug addict who has been rescued by a nurse named Beatrice and converted to Christianity. He turns out to be a talented preacher.

Peter is living happily with Beatrice and their cat Joshua in London when he is accepted by a mysterious American corporation known as USIC to serve as a missionary to the native popula-

tion of the distant planet of Oasis. But he must leave his wife for a year.

"If there was one thing that had become clear in all the months of thought and prayer leading up to his journey to Oasis, it was that God really wanted him here. He was safe in God's hands, and so was Bea. She must be."

Faber is courageous in bucking the official state religion of this current age, atheism-agnosticism, to focus on a couple who are committed Christians.

They see "the hand of God" at work in everyday daily life – a world view that has become nearly extinct among the educated of the West.

The novel's science fiction aspect is casual and offhand. In contrast to the lush description of his Victorian novel, Faber's prose here is intentionally flat

and dull. The spacecraft that takes off on "The Jump" across light-years is barely described. Peter and three fellow passengers wake up in outer space in a windowless room and stagger about drunkenly. One spills a Coke and casually wipes a table. Shouldn't that stuff be floating around in space? Is this all a hoax?

The USIC colony is ugly and utilitarian. The technicians lead boring lives, cocooned from all

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The strange new world turned out to be dull. Photo: NASA, ESA, and the Hubble SM4 ERO Team

news of Planet Earth.

Oasis is dullness itself: flat and featureless. Rain is instantly sucked into the tundra so there are no bodies of water, no trees, no animals and no plants except for whiteflowers, which can be processed into any type of food imaginable. The whiteflowers are harvested by the natives, who live in a distant settlement, in exchange for medicine.

The natives are small, delicate and dressed in identical hooded gowns, boots and gloves, differing only in individual colors. Peter is shocked at his first encounter:

"Here was a face that was no face. Instead, it was a massive whitish-pink walnut kernel. Or

no: Even more, it resembled a placenta with two fetuses – maybe 3-month-old twins, hairless and blind – nestled head to head, knee to knee."

No eyes, no nose, no mouth. A grating language of all vowels and no consonants, rendered by an orthography that resembles Khmer. But Peter's missionary predecessor, who has mysteriously disappeared, had taught them English and *The Book of Strange New Things* – the Bible. They are eager to learn more.

Peter proceeds to build a church and live with his new parishioners, returning to the USIC base every ten days to resume communication with his wife via

an email system called The Shoot.

The news that Beatrice relates is increasingly dire: the Maldives is wiped out by floods, North Korea by a tsunami, Guatemala by volcanic eruptions. At home, food disappears from supermarket shelves, garbage is not picked up, homes are invaded by roaming bands of thugs. Beatrice loses her religious faith when children lynch Joshua the cat.

Peter decides to return home early. And that's it. End of story. No explanation for the Coca Cola that doesn't float around in the absence of gravity. I'd be hoping for an elaborate hoax, but no, the plot is presented as true. And it's dull as rain.

Thai film wins coveted award

THAI film *Vanishing Point* has won a coveted Hivos Tiger Award at the 2015 International Film Festival in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

The award was announced on January 30, with the two other winners *La Obra Del Siglo* from Cuba and *Vidophilia (And Other Viral Syndromes)* from Peru.

Each year a renowned international jury gives a Tiger Award to makers of the three best feature films at the festival. The film must be either their first or second feature film. The winners each received 15,000 euros (554,000 baht).

Vanishing Point is independent filmmaker Jakrawal Nilthamrong's first narrative feature film after he earned recognition from his short and documentary films, and video installations, including the film *Man and Gravity*, which was in the Tiger competition in 2008.

"I was here in 2007 for the first time with my thesis film, and years later I come back and stand



Mr Jakrawal. Photo: The Nation

on the stage and receive the award. But this achievement would be impossible without the help from my best friends," Mr Jakrawal said. His work has been shown in other international festivals including the Berlin International Film Festival and the Yamagata International Documentary Film Festival.

According to the film's website, *Vanishing Point* was influenced by a car accident involving the director's parents 32 years ago.

It is the story of two men who try to run away from their torment. One is a young idealistic journalist who cannot stand injustice, the other a middle-aged man who turns away from his past and lives a meaningless life as a motel owner.

Jakrawal graduated from the Faculty of Painting, Sculpture and Printing at Silpakorn University before studying at Chicago's School of Art Institute.

He was an artist in residence at the Rijksakademie Van Beeldende Kunsten in Amsterdam, and is a film lecturer at Thammasat University's Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communication.

This year four Thai short films were selected for the Tiger Awards - *Dao Indie (Auntie Maam Has Never Had a Passport)* by Sorayos Prapaphan; *Thursday* by Anocha Suwichakornpong and Sejla Kameric; *Endless, Nameless* by Pathomphon Mont Tesprateep; and *Deleted* by Nitas Sinwattanakul. – *The Nation*

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WATER: Playboy model Aleksa Slusarchi makes a splash at the relaxed-style photography workshop organized by Italian expat Adriano Trapani. Photos: Adriano Trapani

Workshop like a Bohemian

By Isaac Stone Simonelli

THERE was a Bohemian, *Rolling Stone Magazine* flare to the atmosphere when I walked into the Chalong hillside villa. The small group of photographers, the playboy model, her male counterpart and friends, sat around a long table drinking wine and digging into a feast of *farang* food – clearly not your typical photographers' workshop.

They had finished the nude shoot in Frank Couture's infinity pool, which overlooks Chalong Bay, and were on a dinner break. The sun had set and the darkness closed in tight, creating an ideal setting for strong contrasts in the next shoot: rain in the jungle.

"I'm planning to have this kind of workshop on a regular basis (once every two months), but I want to keep to a certain formula: more of a private party, where like-minded people get together with music, food, drinks and we also learn from each other," said Adriano Trapani, while Andrei Goldobenko started

setting up the lights and the rain machine. "Generally, the kind of workshops that I've attended [in the past] are on a much tighter schedule. Everything is more formal."

It is not uncommon for workshops to have more than 10 photographers allotted a short period of time, maybe three minutes each, to work with the model and shoot at the studio, Adriano explained.

"Once your time is up, it's up, while here, everyone is working together with hints and tips. Of course, there is a main photographer shooting, and he'll pass the time to another photographer [at some point]."

Ahead of the final shoot of the day, the scantily clad models relax on a couch overlooking the bay. A classic example of Parisian graffiti artist Noe Two's work dominates the wall over their shoulder, feeding into the Bohemian vibe.

Playboy model Aleksa Slusarchi, who just recently finished a shoot in Los Angeles, contacted Adriano through

ModelMayhem.com – a model, photographer and makeup artist social networking site. She and her rippling-muscled male companion, Alexander Kravchuk, were on a two-month holiday in Thailand and decided to pick up some work on the way.

"It's not exactly a workshop, how people say workshop? I do not work in workshops usually. It's more like a private shoot," Aleksa says in an undeniably adorable Ukrainian accent.

"It's not a hard atmosphere, like a 'real' working atmosphere. We have an atmosphere [here] that is really nice, like a holiday party and highly professional shoot. It's fantastic."

Aleksa's, who turned 21 on January 15, started her career in Kharkiv about five years ago. She did her first nude shoot when she was 18 years old.

Casually, Aleksa and Alexander strip down to their seemingly flawless, taut, vibrant skin and wait to be ushered into the jungle scene and the cold "rain".

Aleksa works in front of the camera alone, before she is joined by Alexander. The two stand naked, clutching each other as Andrei begins to shoot.

"I just try to feel everything that I can to make real the idea of the photographer. I try to feel what the photographer means to see in the picture. I try to feel everything he wants to see," Aleksa said. "If you can feel something you can show something."

As an observer it was hard to know exactly what is in Aleksa's mind – but it must be the right idea. The Parisian artists of the late 1700s would have no doubt been inspired by the work flashing up on the preview screen, as the photographers and models worked comfortably together.

Though there were plenty of lights and flashes, thanks to Aleksa, the concept behind the workshop isn't a flash in the pan, said Adriano.

The next round of the invite-only workshops will tackle the element of fire, as a theme delving into the classical elements begins to emerge on the calendar.



The shoot had some sexual balance by including male model Alexander Kravchuk. He took it all off for the jungle scene...

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United Japan's Shogun

Looking Back

By Anand Singh

TOKUGAWA Ieyasu was the first Shogun of a united Japan. In the year 1600, after the bloody battle of Sekigahara, Ieyasu managed to unite the warring clans of Japan under his sovereignty, ushering in a long era of peace under the Tokugawa Shogunate.

A year earlier, in 1599, a visiting envoy from the Kingdom of Pattani presented Ieyasu with a letter from Queen Raja Ijau, who was the ruler of Pattani. Pattani during that time was a thriving independent kingdom, enjoying a period of peace and prosperity known as the golden era of the "Four Queens".

The letter, however, stated that the ruler of Pattani was King Shitsuridanarigui. The Pattani sultanate had intentionally disguised the gender of their ruler in their dealings with the Japanese.

Tokugawa Ieyasu wrote an official reply to the Pattani "king" with his own court name of Minamoto Ieyasu. When the letter from Pattani arrived at the Japanese court, Ieyasu was acting as the head of a council that ruled after the death of Toyotomi Hideyoshi, a leader of one of the warring Japanese clans. His letter to the Queen of Pattani explained the situation in Japan during that time, stating that the previous ruler of his clan, Hideyoshi had suddenly passed away in August.

He thanked the ruler of Pattani for the lavish gifts she had sent through her envoys, including the "gifts of your country's birds and products". Ieyasu also expressed that he wanted to strengthen trade ties with Pattani and that he believed the traffic of merchant vessels between Japan and the sultanate of Pattani will become more frequent.

Ieyasu concluded by wishing



Tokugawa Ieyasu was the first Shogun of a united Japan. Photo: Wikimedia Commons

that the two countries, although distant, could develop a firm friendship. In return for the gifts that were generously sent, Ieyasu gave the envoys two suits of Japanese armor that were to be given to the ruler of Pattani.

The second mission from Pattani arrived after Ieyasu has already consolidated his power over all of Japan. On September 15, 1600, Tokugawa Ieyasu decisively defeated his last opponent, Ishida Mitsunari, at the Battle of Sekigahara. Two years later, in 1602, a second mission from Pattani arrived. This time, Queen

Raja Ijau addressed Ieyasu as King Lin In Lin of Pattani.

Ieyasu's reply was to assure the ruler of Pattani that the clan wars that had plagued Japan for years were over, and the country was now maintained in a peaceful state. According to Ieyasu, from now on, many merchants would be sailing with precious merchandise to the shores of Japan and they should be able to do so without anxiety or worry, for supervision was strict along both land and sea routes.

On February 12, 1603, the Imperial Court accepted Tokugawa Ieyasu's de facto rule over Japan.

Ieyasu ascended to power as Shogun and established his seat of power at Edo, present day Tokyo.

By 1605, the new Shogun had issued trade licences to various merchants in Japan, allowing them to sail to foreign lands to trade. From July 1604 till January 1605, 11 trade licences were issued for voyages to Siam. Of these 11, four were for Siam, four were for the Sultanate of Pattani, two were for Songkhla and the remaining licences were for trade expeditions to Hoi-an.

In August 1606, another envoy from Pattani arrived at the

Japanese court. By this time, Ieyasu had retired from the position as Shogun. The Imperial Court appointed his son, Tokugawa Hidetada as Shogun. Instead, Ieyasu took on the title of Ogosho, literally meaning "influential figure".

Ieyasu still received the envoys from Pattani but this time, his reply letter to the ruler of Pattani was not as delightful as before. Ieyasu explained that in recent years, the traffic in trade between Pattani and Japan had increased, however, the crimes committed against Japanese merchant ships greatly worried the Ogosho. Japanese traders had suffered from plunder, pillaging and riot in Pattani, according to Ieyasu.

Apparently Japanese merchants experienced treachery in Pattani, despite purchasing more goods than they were able to load. Japanese traders were being subjected to acts of murder and arson and the incidents culminated in Japanese retaliations of their own. Angered over such barbaric treatment by the locals of Pattani, Japanese merchants rioted on several occasions. It is said that Japanese merchants twice set the city of Pattani ablaze.

Ieyasu's letter in the year 1606 was unapologetic about such news. He also vowed to sentence those responsible to the severest possible penalties. After this incident, there was no further diplomatic exchange between Pattani and Japan. Pattani was excluded from all further commercial links with Japan.

Even though Japan fell out with the Sultanate of Pattani, the country continued its close trade ties with the Kingdom of Siam, which the Japanese called Shamuro. In fact, after the fallout with Pattani, trade between Japan and Siam seemed to gain momentum as more trade licences were issued for Japanese merchants visiting Siam.

Phitsanulok museum offers peek into lives of rural forebears

POTS, some fashioned from metal, others fired from clay, share kitchen space with large earthen jars and stoves in a kitchen where more than a century ago, Thai ancestors cooked rice, scraped vegetables from their smallholdings and, on occasion, prepared a small animal trapped for the pot.

This modest bamboo cottage covered with thatch is just one of the scattering of buildings that make up the Sgt-Major Thawee Folk Museum in downtown Phitsanulok, a privately-owned facility that looks back at the lifestyles of Thais who once ploughed the land in the Central Plains and North. The folk museum has recently received help from the National Discovery Museum Institute and today offers visitors much more than just a visual treat, but also the sounds of the past.

Long before the digital age was even a distant dream, the Siamese people combined their strengths to carry out self-sufficient farming and home-based manual work in

order to survive. How they did this is showcased through a remarkable collection of tools used by villagers long ago.

The tools include coconut graters fashioned from wood to resemble rabbits and other shapes, trapping devices, and lamps and pottery, few of them ever seen in today's world. They come to life through touch-screen monitors that blend perfectly with the design, as well as through signs that once pulled, unleash a soundtrack that takes visitors back more than 100 years.

Not that long ago, the museum was on its last legs, crippled by financial problems.

The Folk Museum was opened at its present site in 1990 by its namesake, Sgt-



One of the exhibits. Photo: The Nation

Major Dr Thawee Buranakhet. Thawee started collecting as a 10 year old. He accumulated everything from inherited Buddha amulets to pottery, kitchenware, household items, farming tools, irons, cowbells and trapping devices, buying them off villagers and secondhand vendors.

Eventually, the museum was born.

In 1983, the Cultural Promotion Department – or the Office of the National Culture Commission as it was known then – recognized Thawee for his achievement in founding the museum. The honor served to make the collection better known, but did little to offset his expenses.

With more than 10,000 exhibits now on

show, Thawee, now 82, feels it is vital to preserve this heritage for future generations.

Fortunately, the National Discovery Museum Institute stepped in, signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Thawee to help develop it.

Institute Director Rames Promyen says the institute will support four aspects of the development, namely physical, exhibitions, marketing and promotion, and sustainable development.

"It's not only growth of the museum in terms of visitors that's important, it's how the institute can help enhance the learning process to strengthen management. Eventually, the owner will be able to move forward by himself," he says.

– *The Nation*

The Sgt Maj Thawee Folk Museum is open from 8:30am to 4:30pm Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is 50 baht (20 baht for children). For more information, call (055) 212 749 and (055) 301 668.

Capricorn dancers

By Isaac Stone Simonelli

WITH a handful of girls dancing in bikinis on the deck as Jimmy Rougerie wails on the tenor saxophone and the sounds of the modern *meringue tipico* music roll off the wooden deck of the sailing yacht *Capricorn*, it is difficult to imagine Somali pirates laying siege to the vessel just a handful of years ago – but every boat has its history.

The date was March 2011, and the 28-meter boat was departing Djibouti in the western Gulf of Aden to begin its journey through the Arabian Sea on its way to Phuket.

Under the protection of one private security firm, Naval Guards Ltd – at the height of pirate activity off the east coast of Africa – the boat was being shadowed by 42m escort vessel *Marshal-5*.



They say that it isn't the size of the boat, but the motion of the waves that counts, and though SY *Capricorn* is on the larger side for a gulet, it is the rhythm that sets the Sea Lounge Club apart from most other charter tours.

“After a fierce exchange of gunfire between the pirates and the escort vessel, there were no injuries reported on either side, and only minor damage to the vessels themselves.

“With a clear firepower advantage, however, the Naval Guards quickly gained control of the situation and the pirates gave up.”

The wooden decks of the multimasted Turkish *gulet* (pronounced “goo-let”) and the fine mahogany wood interior show no signs of the attack, or the sheer panic that the crew must have experienced.

Instead, as the Bodrum-inspired schooner makes her way out into Phang Nga Bay for a day trip to James Bond Island, she exudes the essence of the luxurious island lifestyle that has been steadily becoming more widely accessible through Phuket’s charter businesses.

Both vessels were attacked simultaneously by Somali pirates on March 3.

“Reacting quickly, *Capricorn*’s crew fled to previously rehearsed hiding spots on the yacht, buying them valuable time as their protectors fought off the pirates,” reported Rob Almeida of Captain Maritime & Offshore News.

The Sea Lounge Club based on board the *gulet* is a merger between the yachting lifestyle and the northern Phuket beach club jam. The huge space on the aft deck has plenty of room for guests to take a break from the sun as they pop open a bottle of bubbly and stretch out on oversized cushions. The forward deck provides ample space for lounging patrons to soak up the sun, as well as plenty of room to dance.

E-commerce website pushes charters to Chinese market

GLAMOUR-SALES, a Hong Kong-based lifestyle flash-sales website, announced that it has partnered with Castlemain to offer an exclusive sale of luxury yacht packages for the Chinese New Year.

Though the *New York Times* blogger Vanessa Friedman saw this type of bargain-hunting website as being a flash in the pan, it appears that the chance of getting discounts on high-end luxury items is a real draw for the Chinese market – a lesson learned the hard way by Neiman Marcus Group Inc, which ditched its 44 per cent stake in Glamour-Sales last year, following the purchase two years prior for US\$28 million.

“Chinese consumers are going online to get a good deal. If there’s

no motivation on price, you can’t convert them,” Olivier Chouvet, co-founder and chief executive of Glamour-Sales, which is buying the stake back after Neiman Marcus’ failed attempt to push the luxury items at full price.

The Year of the Goat charter sales by the site gives buyers a choice from one of four world-class yachts for a chartered excursion.

“We continue to broaden our offerings and differentiate ourselves by providing our members with ultra-luxury, lifestyle experiences. Elite Chinese consumers are looking for increasingly unique, exclusive and life-enriching experiences at home and abroad,” said Thibault Villet, co-founder and CEO of Glamour-Sales.

– *Phuket Gazette*



Capricorn, a Turkish gulet, has ample deck space on which to lounge and dance as the live band gets going.

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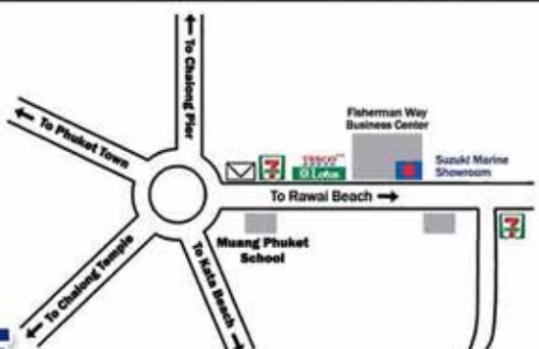
In line with the work of Tatico Henriquez, considered the godfather of modern *meringue tipico*, drummer-DJ Frank Natri delivers some strong, electronic Caribbean beats as Jimmy rifts along on the saxophone.

And it is the music that sets the vibe, lulling some into a blissful state of peace as they gaze out across the bay, while seducing

others to their feet – dancing the day away.

Though *Capricorn* is available for private charters, those wanting to join the Sea Lounge Club for an afternoon on the water can book a place for 5,950 baht.

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Charging up willpower



Excuse Buster

By Krix Luther

IT'S A new year and a new opportunity for a new you, so let's wipe that slate clean and start afresh. It's just like we said to ourselves last year... and the year before that... and probably the one before that, too.

For those of us who fall off the wagon: what is it that stops us from reaching our fitness goals? Moreover, what stops us from achieving our new year's resolutions, or success in general?

We all kind of know the answer already. It's a matter of willpower. You want to do the right thing, you want to go to the gym and you want to eat healthy foods, but it's so easy to quickly grab a takeaway, or say "I'll go to the gym tomorrow" or "I'll do it later".

What most people fail to realize is that they haven't given up because they're lazy and didn't go to the gym, and it's not that they didn't want it enough so they opted to grab fast food instead of cooking a wholesome meal.

It's because willpower is a limited resource, like the battery on a mobile phone. Each morning the battery is fully charged, and as the day goes on it starts to run down as you do things like resisting the urge to check Facebook when you should be working.

The same goes for exercising willpower: grabbing a *somtam* salad when you fancy French fries, or holding your tongue when your boss blames you for



It's a new year and an opportunity for a new you – start by exercising your willpower. Photo: Mike Baird

his own mistakes, or even keeping your road rage in check when someone cuts you off in traffic.

Limited resources must be managed, yet we fail to see that to stay on track and do the right thing our willpower is one of those resources. Many of us jump head first into the deep end of diet and new fitness regimes, as though our supply of willpower were endless.

We lose our willpower not because we think about it, but because we neglect to think about it. We don't appreciate that it can come

and go, but it does exactly that.

Everyday events can hack away at your battery life of willpower if you aren't careful to manage it. When it comes to the important decisions of the day, the life left in your battery of willpower will help you make the right decision.

Luckily, willpower is a renewable energy. So every morning when you wake up with a charged battery – how full it is will depend on your quality of sleep – you should start with your most important and hardest tasks first.

For example, if your new year's resolution is to get in shape and get fit, you will find it a lot easier to get out of bed earlier so you can go to the gym before work than you would going to the gym after a full day's work.

Another perk? The quality of your work will be better.

Krix Luther is a fully qualified personal trainer with a decade of experience specializing in strength and conditioning. For information, visit thevitruvianmethod.com



Impressing someone wears on willpower. Photo: Ding Yui Shan

What types of actions drain willpower?

WE CAN too easily go from "where there's a will, there's a way" to "No will... no way."

If you aren't careful to preserve your willpower, you can hack away at all of its much needed, yet limited, supply for the day.

Beware of a draining willpower battery when doing simple things such as the following:

- ◆ Filtering distractions
- ◆ Trying to impress other people
- ◆ Resisting temptation
- ◆ Coping with fear
- ◆ Suppressing emotion
- ◆ Doing things that you don't like
- ◆ Restraining aggression
- ◆ Suppressing impulses

Superfood moringa: The tree of life

AS WE continue our superfood series, I should tell you about moringa – the tree of life.

This is not a title to be taken lightly. This nutrient-dense plant is one of the most powerful natural multi-vitamins around. It's a true superfood with a nutritional breakdown that includes: 92 nutrients, 46 antioxidants, 36 anti-inflammatories, 18 amino acids, 9 essential amino acids and 13 essential vitamins and minerals.

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The high-iron content also makes moringa ideal for vegans, vegetarians and those with iron-deficiencies



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Vitamin A is needed for normal production of red blood cells and iron contributes to normal formation of red blood cells and hemoglobin, the substance in red blood cells that transports oxygen through the body.

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There are a few ways in which moringa can be consumed.

The leaves are a great addition to a salad. In regards to adding the leaves to cooked dishes, take caution, as excessive heat destroys some of the vitamins, and all of the enzymes.

The powder form has a spinach-like taste, so it is ideal for mixing into green smoothies or juices.

Moringa pods and seeds, however, will retain most of their nutrients, even if they are cooked.

We are blessed here in Phuket, as it is an ideal place find moringa.

I know many people who have it growing in their backyards. You will also be able to find it in health foods stores as a loose powder or tea. Some local markets may even have the fresh leaves available.

– Craig Burton

Stroking for Phuket best

Dutch national coach targets more gold for Olympian Ranomi

By Maciek Klimowicz

THE Dutch national swimming team recently returned to Phuket for the third time to stay and train at the Thanyapura sports center. Among them was Ranomi Kromowidjojo, 50m and 100m freestyle Olympic champion, looking to improve her stroke and secure Olympic victory at the 2016 Games in Rio.

Yet, challenges lay ahead for the young Olympian, just 24 this year, said Patrick Pearson, Kromowidjojo's personal trainer and head coach of Dutch national training center in Eindhoven.

Pearson joined the national team in June 2013, less than one year after Kromowidjojo scored two gold medals and one silver at the Summer Olympics in London, and six years since her first Olympic gold, for 4x100m freestyle at the Games in Beijing.

"Ranomi had a pretty tough time having become two-time Olympic champion," Pearson told the *Gazette*.

"In the first years, she found it difficult to motivate herself."

Two years later, Kromowidjojo is on the way back to the top of her sport, and with the Rio games drawing near, her motivation is peaking.

"She worked a lot on herself and on her goals, and now she



Dutch national swimming head coach Patrick Pearson is looking to get the best out of Olympic gold medalist Ranomi Kromowidjojo in Phuket. Photo: Maciek Klimowicz

knows that she simply likes swimming and that the main thing that counts are the Olympics," Pearson said.

Motivation, however, is not everything. The Olympian has to outdo herself each time, and previous records are simply not enough for the next games.

"From a physiological perspective, she's as good as she was in 2012 when she was scoring medals in London," Pearson explained.

"But for the next Summer Olympics, she has to be better. And we see there is space left for improvement."

Kromowidjojo's performance

analysis takes place during her weekly training session at the training center in Eindhoven, where the swimmer spends as many as 26 hours a week with her coach.

However, though the national center is very well equipped, the team has to travel abroad during

the winter, in search of sun and conditions to train outdoors.

"When we want some sun, which provides Vitamin D, a crucial element in staying fit, we need to leave Europe and travel south," Pearson explained.

"Here in Phuket, we have these accommodations and facilities, the very good pools with starting blocks just like the ones we have at home, great food and the whole Thanyapura team working for us. That's what keeps us coming back here."

The team's visits to Phuket, the latest of which was three-weeks long and ended on January 30, are not holidays. The intensive daily training routine runs from Monday to Saturday, leaving just one day for down time, often including a visit to the beach or one of Phuket's tourist attractions.

"The training camp is always different than training at home," Pearson noted. "We have a small group; but it still includes a lot of support physiotherapists, doctors and so on, and we have a lot of social control over each other."

Kromowidjojo, however, needs no additional incentive. With the Summer Olympics just 18 months away and 16 of her colleagues on the Dutch swimming team eager to take her place on the podium, she has all the motivation she needs to give her best, again.

Phuket FC season opens in Trat

PHUKET FC will open their 2015 campaign in the Yamaha Division 1 national football league against Trat on Valentine's Day, February 14, with the modest goal of surviving the hotly contested division.

"It is challenging to have new players join the squad and getting the whole team playing well," a realistic Songyod "Coach Daeng" Klinseesuk told the *Gazette* on Wednesday.

"However, I think we are doing well and I look forward to seeing our players out on the field following our tactics and game plans."

The season opener is expected to help the team iron any wrinkles, he added.

"Regardless, their football skills are sure to make every game fun and entertaining, and most likely memorable," he said.

Coach Daeng noted that Phuket FC's "Ronins" finished a respectable 11th in the league table last year, and credited the fans for

assisting the team in achieving that result.

"We wish for this year to be a good one for us," he said.

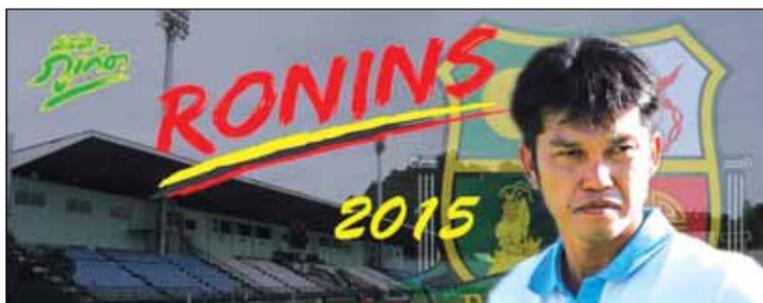
"We are thankful to all supporters and hope they continue cheering and supporting us. It means a lot to us."

The Ronins will play 38 matches this season, four more than last year, as two teams have been dropped from the Thai Premier League to join Division 1, bringing the total number of clubs competing in Division 1 to 20.

The Phuket side will play their first home match on February 22, when they take on BBCU at Surakul Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7pm.

The regular season will see at least three breaks in scheduled matches for international fixtures and cup ties, but will close on December 12, when Phuket FC play at home against Trat FC at Surakul Stadium.

- Chutharat Plerin



Phuket FC Match Schedule (Feb-April)

Feb 14 – Trat FC; Away, kickoff 6pm

Feb 22 – BBCU; Home, 7pm

Mar 1 – Sukhothai, Away, 6pm

Mar 7 – PTT Rayong; Home, 7pm

Mar 11 – Honda Thailand; Away, 6pm

April 4 – Pattaya United; Home, 7pm

April 8 – Air Force Central; Away, 6pm

April 22 – Samut Songkhram FC; Home, 7pm

April 26 – Chiang Mai FC; Home, 7pm

April 29 – Prachuap FC; Away, 6pm

BIS youth soccer camp open to all

TIME is running out to register for the 3rd BISP Football Camp, to be held on February 16-18, with the deadline for entries falling on February 10.

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"Players will participate in a football program of seven and a half hours of high-intensity training in two periods a day – morning and afternoon sessions – so that they can instantly apply new techniques in game related exercises," Candido explained.

For more information, email jcandido@bisphuket.ac.th



Candido

Dejection sets in Seattle as Pats steal Super Bowl

By Eric M. Johnson and Victoria Cavaliere

THE football-crazed city of Seattle was in a state of stunned sadness on Sunday after a wrenching Super Bowl defeat to the New England Patriots, a loss magnified by the sense that victory was literally ripped away at the last second.

As a jubilant Boston celebrated Sunday's heart-stopping 28-24 win over the defending champions, crestfallen Seahawks fans were left replaying in their minds the final moments of a game that seemed theirs to win.

With under a minute left and Seattle driving toward the go-ahead touchdown, Russell Wilson's low-zipped pass to Ricardo Lockette on the one-yard line was intercepted. Armchair quarterbacks were left wondering why the ball was not simply handed to powerhouse running back Marshawn Lynch, known as "Beast Mode".

"The last call, I just don't know what they were thinking," 27-year-old chef Forrest Temko said



Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (right) is embraced by wide receiver Julian Edelman after defeating the Seahawks in the Super Bowl. Photo: Reuters

outside a Seattle bar after the defeat. "They should have just given it to Beast Mode."

The Seahawks' air of despair is well understood in New England. Patriots quarterback Tom

Brady and coach Bill Belichick may have won their fourth Super Bowl together, but the two could be 6-0 in Super Bowls save for a pair of miracle plays.

"We've had a couple of tough

losses in this game," Brady said. "This one came down to the end and this time we made the plays.

"It was just an incredible play. A championship play."

A steady rain compounded the misery for Seattle residents returning to work on Monday, many looking sapped, although a handful still sported Seahawks apparel.

Flags honoring the passionate "12th" man fan base and team posters still clung to downtown office buildings and storefront windows, although there was an air of dejection at times in some offices, including online commerce giant Amazon and planemaker Boeing, employees said.

"You fight so hard to get to the point where you can win it all. There are no words for it. Utter disbelief," said longtime fan Michael Thomas, 30.

Seattle police took a playful swipe at fans of the Denver Broncos, the team Seattle clobbered in last year's Super Bowl, saying on its Twitter feed: "And now we all know what it's like to be a @Broncos fan." **- Reuters**



Sepp Blatter. Photo: Reuters

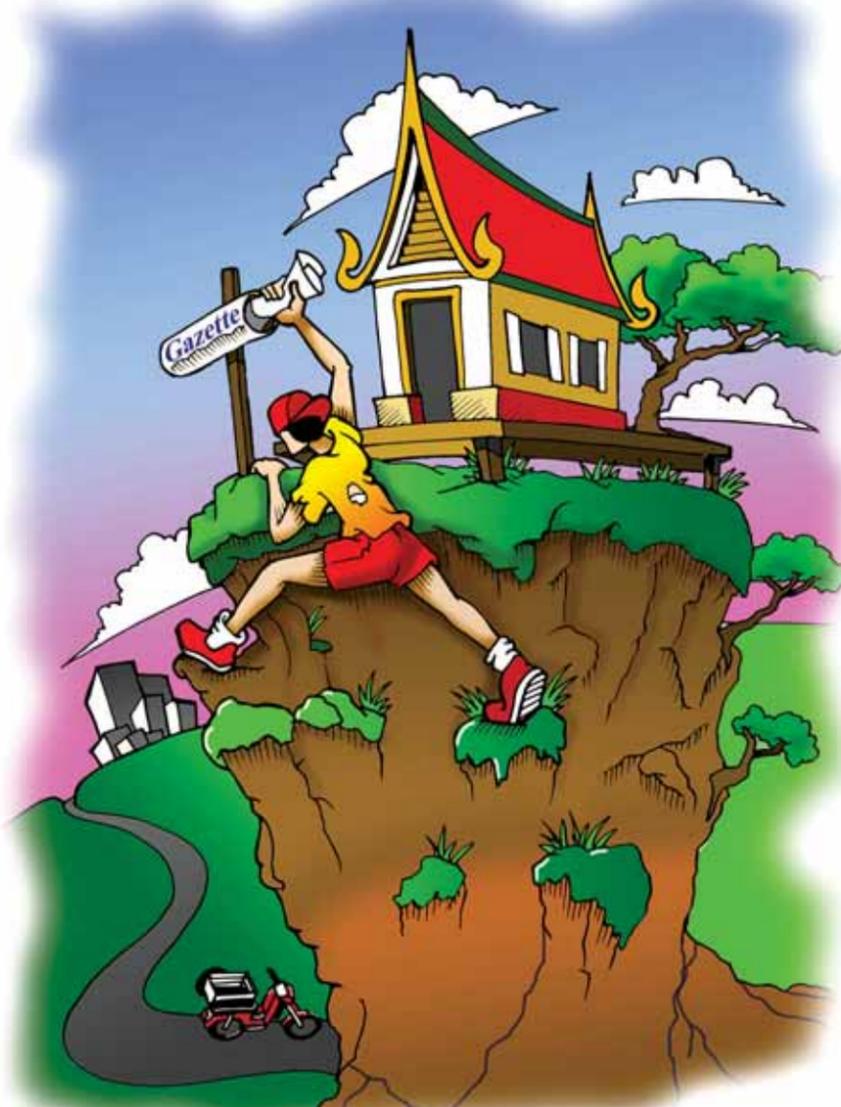
Blatter booed at Asian Cup grand final

FIFA chief Sepp Blatter, who is looking to win a fifth term as president of the world's governing body for football in May, was roundly jeered when he was introduced to the crowd at the trophy ceremony after Australia beat South Korea 2-1 in extra time last Saturday.

Many Australian soccer fans are still unhappy that their government-funded bid to host the 2022 World Cup earned just one vote and lost out to Qatar, whose campaign has been dogged by controversy.

Blatter gave an interview with TV station SBS during his time Down Under and said Australia should not be put off having another go at bidding.

"This should not mean that they should not come back and try again," he said. **- Reuters**



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REVENGE

England looks for Six Nations payback in Cardiff opener

ENGLAND have named flyhalf Danny Cipriani in a 25-man squad for the Six Nations opener against Wales in Cardiff (kickoff 3:05am Saturday, Phuket), where the squad will be looking for revenge over the 30-3 record defeat last year.

Joining the fray will be England number eight Nick Easter, who returns for the first time since the 2011 World Cup.

The 27-year-old Cipriani, who has not been included since last summer's tour of New Zealand, and Easter, 36, who last featured in the World Cup quarter-final defeat by France, are set to start on the bench at the Millennium Stadium.

A quartet of British and Irish Lions – Dan Cole, Tom Croft, Tom Youngs and prop Mako Vunipola – are also in English head coach Stuart Lancaster's party, while center Jonathan Joseph returns for the first time since the 2013 Argentina tour.

England will go into the tournament are without six injured players, with David Wilson, Joe Launchbury, Courtney Lawes, Tom Wood, Ben Morgan and Owen Farrell all sidelined, but Lancaster believes he has brought in quality players to replace those who are missing out.

After the tourney opener, all rugby fans' eyes will be on the Irish as they mount their potentially history-making defense of the title on Saturday (kickoff 9:30pm, local time), with scrumhalf Conor Murray fit to take on Italy in Rome.

With halfback Johnny Sexton ruled out with an injured disc in his neck, Murray's role becomes critical in the Irish campaign as his partnership with Sexton has been key to Ireland's rise to third in the world rankings following victories over South Africa and Australia in November.

Injuries also vex the Irish squad's selection, as backup

scrumhalf Eoin Reddan was to resume training only on Tuesday and Kieran Marmion of Connacht still waiting in the wings.

The remarkably durable number eight Jamie Heaslip is a minor doubt for the trip to Rome, and Leinster teammates Sean O'Brien and Cian Healy have finally returned to the squad after both spent long spells out with injuries.

In the third match of the weekend, France will take on Scotland in Paris on Saturday, with the kickoff at midnight, local time.



England will be looking for Six Nations retribution against Wales. Photo: Reuters



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