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Rainy season is back, and so are Pattaya's floods



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A lonely motorcyclist tries to make his way through flood waters on Pattaya 3rd Road. Songkran is over and the rainy season has returned. And the usual flooding problems have come back with it. Tropical storms over the past week have caused many local roads to turn into rivers with 40-60 centimeters of storm runoff disabling traffic. (Full story on page 3.)







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Pattaya officials helpless as city's garbage crisis worsens

Jetsada Homklin

Pattaya's current garbage collector won't invest in more trucks or staff, its dumps are at capacity and the budget already is busted. The city's trash crisis is getting worse and city hall appears helpless to solve it.

City council Chairman Anan Ankanawisan met with Pattaya's mayor, his top deputies, local environmental agencies and other city department heads April 27 to brainstorm ideas on what to do with the tidal wave of waste Pattaya is drowning in.

Environmental workers said the original estimate that Pattaya is generating 450 tons of garbage is wrong by as much as 30 percent now. The Khao Maikaew dumpsite is nearly off limits and the Sukhumvit Soi 3 transfer station cannot accept any more garbage.

Meanwhile, trash cans around the city are overflowing and left uncollected for days as



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the current trash collector has proven unable to keep up. Yet, at the same time, the contractor refuses to spend more on trucks or staff.

Anan said Pattaya's contract with the trash collector is finished, but admitted city hall dropped the ball and has not yet organized a new bid.

Basically, city officials acknowledge, things are bad and getting worse.

With no solutions on the table, Anan simply ordered the sanitation department to accurately calculate how much trash is piling up per day so a new online bid can be started for a new contractor and calculate a new budget to solve the problem, even though no one can say what the money will be spent on.

Floating restaurants advised against dumping trash overboard

Jetsada Homklin

Three floating restaurants have been cautioned to make sure they properly dispose of their garbage following a video showing garbage stacked up on their sterns, with some slipping overboard.

Pattaya Deputy Mayor Bandit Kunnajukr chaired an April 26 meeting on the restaurant boats popular with Asian tour groups a month after the video circulated.

Following the controversy, a recent inspection found that the Navachakprad, Piriyapong, and New Oriental were storing all their rubbish in black bags at the stern of each boat and no trash was found in the sea around them.



Pattaya Deputy Mayor Bandit Kunnajukr chairs a meeting advising three floating restaurants to make sure they properly dispose of their garbage.

Nonetheless, Bandit said, all three operators were advised that any subsequent of their licenses.

pollution could result in fines and possible revocation

Speedboats again banned from Pattaya Beach



Pattaya City Council Chairman Anan Ankanawisan toured Bali Hai's floating speedboat docks with Marine Department Director Eakaraj Kantaro and municipal police chief, Pol. Maj. Jirawat Sukontasap April 24.

Two-pet limit enforced in Plutaluang

Patcharapol Panrak

Plutaluang has started enforcing a 26-year-old law, with fines up to 5,000 baht, barring sub-district residents from owning more than two unregistered pets.

Anchalee Paengprom, director of the Public Health and Environment Department, confirmed April 26 that the 1992 Public Health Act decree against ownership of more than two cats and dogs is being vigorously enforced again in light of Chonburi being declared a "red zone" for rabies infections.

She said the department has received more than 40 complaints about dogs chasing, barking or biting people. Residents are letting their dogs loose and keeping more

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A large sign was recently erected in the Sattahip subdistrict reminding people about the law. It points out that anyone having more than two animals must take them to the Public Health

Department for a checkup and vaccinations.

So while shocked residents are up in arms, saying the local government is trying to ban their pets, they can, in fact, keep them if they are cleared for rabies and other diseases and registered.

One person the law won't daunt is local celebrity, Sawang Poltamai, 61, who keeps more than 50 dogs he rescued from the streets. He gained notoriety by having two dogs join him on his sidebar motorbike to solicit leftover food from local restaurants.

He said all his animals are safe and clean and will register any that need it.

Jetsada Homklin

Speedboat operators again were banned from loading and offloading customers on Pattaya Beach on May 1, nearly a year after they were told to dock on the sand because Bali Hai Pier couldn't handle the traffic.

Pattaya City Council Chairman Anan Ankanawisan toured Bali Hai's floating speedboat docks with Marine Department Director Eakaraj Kantaro and municipal police chief, Pol. Maj.

Jirawat Sukontasap April 24 to check on the readiness of the facilities before the May 1 "D-Day".

In February last year the army barred speedboats and tourist ferries from using Pattaya Beach, forcing them all to utilize pontoons installed at Bali Hai Pier after the military demolished the pier's speedboat ramp and kicked operators out of the parking area.

The new process quickly proved untenable as it became clear the military didn't properly calculate how many speedboats needed dock space. Criticized on social media and shamed by photos of long lines, disabled passengers unable to board boats and people falling on wobbly pontoons, the military surrendered and sent everyone back to the beach in March 2017.

The idea of relocating speedboats to the pier was quietly forgotten until Chonburi's governor visited Pattaya earlier this year and said using the beach as a loading/unloading point was unsafe and Pattaya's administrators needed to finish the job they started last year.

A city council meeting quickly was called where Chonburi Deputy Gov. Chawalit Saeng-Uthai extracted pledges from Pattaya's city and military leaders that, for safety reasons, boats would be moved back to Bali Hai as soon as possible.

Little was said publicly about the transition process, however, leaving many questions about how and where tourists will catch their boats to Koh Larn unanswered.



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Pattaya Beach restoration resumes, August completion promised

Jetsada Homklin

After a month's delay, the rebuilding of Pattaya Beach is underway again with Mayor Anan Charoenchasri vowing the long-delayed project finally will be completed by August.

Restarted in early March following a 15-month suspension, the sand-refill project at the far northern end of Pattaya Beach was halted March 20 when the Marine Department decreed that the sand brought in from Koh Rang Kwian, a small island off Pattaya's coast approximately 10 kilometers to the west of Koh Larn, didn't match Pattaya's beachfront well enough.

The entire project plan was sent back to consultants at Chulalongkorn University who twice before had recommended the wrong sand. This time, however, they maintain they made the right call.

Hauling of sand from Koh Rang Kwian has resumed with the stockpile stored in barges resting on landfill poured about a kilometer off



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shore. The sand then will be before years of costly delays hauled in to the beach as needed.

The sand is darker than that native to Pattaya, but the consultants insisted that once it was spread on the beach, the sun would bleach it to a whiteness that matches Pattaya's own sand within a few days. Contractors who have already placed the new sand on about 100 meters of the northernmost shoreline concur.

The project, budgeted in 2011 at 483-million-baht project and restarts, calls for Pattaya Beach to be widened to 35 meters from north to south, with an extra 15 meters of sand added below the waterline.

Contractors also plan to install geotextile mesh reinforcements under the sand along the waterline designed to mitigate erosion.

Anan said contractors assured him the entire job can be completed within 120 days, or by the end of August at the latest.

Plans to rebuild Pattaya Beach began in 2011 when researchers from Chulalongkorn warned that the beach would disappear within five years if nothing was done to counter erosion. Yet despite the urgent warnings, funding for the project was repeatedly delayed.

Pattaya has sporadically performed stop-gap refill projects that only extended the beach's life expectancy a few years.

In 2014, the lead consultant in Chulalongkorn's Geology Department said that in 1952 Pattaya Beach covered 96,128 sq. meters and was, on average, 35.6 meters wide. By 2011, the beach had shrunk to as little as 3.5 meters. Today it is at most five meters wide.





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Water ran a meter deep on Sukhumvit Road near the Highway Department April 27 following a second day of tropical storms. Beach and Third roads, likewise, turned into rivers with 40-60 centimeters of storm runoff disabling traffic. Roaring rapids developed along the major East Pattaya roads.

Authorities deployed pumps in seven locations to help drain the water and, after



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Plukpub Canal squatter faces mid-May demolition

Boonlua Chatree

A Plukpub Canal-area resident was given 15 days to vacate his property before Pattaya demolishes it for encroaching on public land.

Engineering D inspector Maruth Uthaiwattananon posted the 15-day notice April 27, telling the occupant of the two-story concrete home at 269/2 Moo 5 in Naklua that the city will knock down the building at his expense in mid-May.

The unidentified owner, who built the house on 80 sq. meters of canal land without a permit, will be billed 194,000 baht. If he doesn't pay, the city will auction off the remains of the house within 30 days to



A Plukpub Canal-area resident was given 15 days to vacate his property before Pattaya demolishes it for encroaching on public land.

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The demolition order originally was filed on Oct. 6, giving the homeowner 45 days to

demolish the building or leave. But he appealed to Chonburi Province, which this year denied the appeal.

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Woman busted for robbing Yemeni tourist



Teerarak Suthathiwong

A 35-year-old woman was arrested for allegedly stealing thousands of baht from a Yemeni tourist in Pattaya.

Budsaba Kantiya, 35, was captured at a dormitory on Soi Bonkai in Nongprue April 23, eight days after she allegedly fled his Pattaya Soi 13 hotel with 300 Yemini rial and about 2,500 baht in Saudi riyal from the wallet of Al Safi Saeed Al Safi Ba Wazir, 33.

The victim said he met Budsaba at a Walking Street disco around 5 a.m. April 15 and took her back to the Max Hotel. While he was in the shower, she stole his wallet, he claimed.

Police said she confessed to the charges.

Al Safi Saeed Al Safi Ba Wazir points to a photo he took on his phone of Budsaba Kantiya who he says stole money from him.

Drunk driver kills grandma in Sattahip

Patcharapol Panrak

A Sattahip woman was killed when she was hit by a drunk driver in Sattahip.

Flower vendor Prajane Sirisuk, 64, was pronounced dead at the scene of the April 21 accident on Sukhumvit Road at the Ruan Yung Thong curve.

Prajane suffered a fractured skull when she was hit by a Ford Ranger pickup driven by Pramin Posalaks, Pithisutorn.

51, who tested over the legal limit for alcohol. There was an open bottle of liquor found in his truck.

The victim's husband, Chao Sirisuk, 72, said Prajane was just getting off a baht bus when Pramin came barreling down the street at approximately 120 kilometers per hour. He tried to flee the scene, but was tackled by traffic volunteer Khamron



Pramin Posalaks tested over the legal limit for

Police academy to oversee anti-graft tool in Chonburi

The Royal Thai Police Academy will oversee implementation of a new anti-corruption process in Chonburi.

Rattana Salaithong, an analyst for the Office of the National Anti-Corruption Commission's Integrity and Transparency Assessment program briefed provincial administrators in Chonburi April 24.

The ITA is an evaluation tool for anti-corruption of Thai government agencies. The ITA framework was developed from the concept of the integrity assessment successfully used by the Korean Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission, integrated with the transparency indices of the NACC.

The assessment of integrity and transparency for anti-corruption of Thai government agencies relies on the indexes mainly relating to good governance, global ethics, Thai culture, as well as facts on corruption issues occurred in the government agencies.

Most of the integrity and transparency issues arise from personal ethics, cultural factors of the agencies, certain types of works, and the acceptance of gifts that are prone to corruption. Thus, to resolve these issues within the agencies is to make attempts to change behavior, value, and agency culture of both executives and personnel in the agencies.

The changes can be successfully achieved by emphasizing their responsibilities and participation in anticorruption within the agencies. These changes are, though difficult to achieve, considerably important for increasing the integrity and transparency of the agencies. The changes can also indirectly create allies among the government agencies for anticorruption in communities, societies, and the whole nation.

For Chonburi, the NACC has appointed the Royal Police Academy to be responsible for the inspection, using the tools and guidelines of the ITA. The Chonburi Council has already invited 150 civil servants to take part in the survey and developments are to be applied in the future. (CPRD)

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Foreign cyclist dies

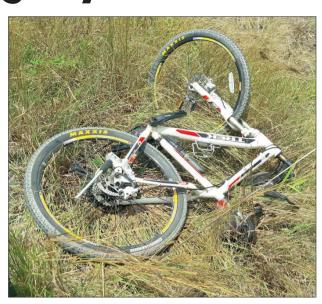
Teerarak Suthathiwong

An elderly foreigner cycling in extreme heat died after tumbling from his bike at Mabprachan Lake.

Richard Walter Moll, 67, was found wearing cycling gear and no shoes April 24, although a pair of flip-flops was found near his bike.

There appeared to be no sign of foul play, so authorities assumed Moll collapsed in the 38-degree heat and humidity and died.

Richard Walter Moll died after tumbling from his bike at Mabprachan



29 busted, massive fine threatened after Pattaya sex party

Boonlua Chatree

Police arrested 28 naked foreigners and Thais in a raid of sex party at an illegal hotel in Pattaya.

Banglamung District officials and Pattaya police stormed the Ban Tulip Hotel April 21, finding 14 couples having group sex and exchanging partners during the "swingers party" they paid 1,500 baht each to attend. Rooms were scattered with condoms, lubricant, sexual enhancement drugs and sex toys.

Middle age foreign men from Australia, Cambodia, Canada, China, Germany, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Ukraine, the United States and United Kingdom, were taken into custody, along with Thai woman and a couple Thai men.

The hotel, featuring 30 rooms and a "play zone" spread over a rai of property, has been open for five years, but was never licensed.

Pattaya police have asked



Police arrested 28 naked foreigners and Thais in a raid of sex party at an illegal hotel in Pattaya.

Banglamung District Chief Naris Niramaiwong to close the hotel and - after calculating the fines and per-day penalties for such an offense, recommend to Chonburi Province that owner, Chinese national Xeng-chai Yang, 53, be fined 18 million baht.

He also was arrested and additionally faces charges of offering sexual services, public indecency, encouraging public indecency, and operating an illegal sex business.

Staffers were forced to serve the swinging guests hot tea, clean up their mess and even join in the sex games, Naris said.

The district chief added that the hotel had openly advertised its weekend sex parties on the internet, but admitted authorities remained oblivious to it until receiving a complaint.

Aussie jailed for purse theft



Police arrested Australian Oliver Niyonsaba for allegedly stealing a purse from a woman on Walking Street.

Teerarak Suthathiwong

Police arrested an Australian man for allegedly stealing a purse from a woman on Walking Street.

Oliver Niyonsaba, 21, was charged for "stealing at night"

after being caught red-handed with the black purse containing two necklaces and a pair of sunglasses belonging to Tanyalak Nasuho, 40.

The Chaiyaphum native told police she was in the Miami Club and left her handbag on a table while she went to the restroom. She returned to find it missing and people at a neighboring table told her a foreign man took it the restroom.

Police nabbed him as he exited the toilet, the purse hidden in his belongings.

Wobbly plate causes traffic mayhem on North Road

Teerarak Suthathiwong

A steel plate laid over a construction zone on North Road caused traffic mayhem after it came loose.

The plate, placed by the Provincial Electricity Authority near Soi Phettrakul to cover a trough where power and utility lines will be submerged, became unstable and wobbly April 24, posing a danger to motorbikes and cars.

Traffic police deployed near the hazard and guided vehicles through the area without incident, but the problems caused a huge traffic backup.

Police contacted the PEA to make an urgent fix.

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Walking Street gets post-Songkran scrubbing

Pattaya sanitation workers ioined shop owners, restaurateurs and bar operators to hose down the street, scrub off powder and pick up all the trash scattered over the previous two weeks.



Construction worker gives birth in restroom

Patcharapol Panrak

A pregnant construction worker's baby was so eager to join the world her mother didn't make it to the hospital in Sattahip.

Sawang Rojana Thammasathan Foundation medics arrived at the construction workers camp on Soi Wat Thepprasarttaotan in Sattahip to find Prapaijit Intarabuth, 35, had already given birth to a baby girl in a restroom. The Udon Thani native was bloody and exhausted and the baby's umbilical cord was still attached, but both mother and child appeared healthy.

Paramedics transferred both to Queen Sirikit Naval Medical Center for a full checkup.

ing a bathroom break and called paramedics. in Sattahip.



A pregnant construction worker's baby A coworker told authorities that he dis- was so eager to join the world her covered the mother-in-distress while tak- mother didn't make it to the hospital

Pattaya police now supporting 'iLert You' app

Jetsada Homklin

Pattaya tourists and residents needing police help can now use the "Police iLert You" smartphone app to call the cops.

Chonburi police chief, Pol. Maj. Gen. Nantachart Suppamongkol and his Pattaya counterpart, Pol. Col. Apichai Kroppech, announced that Pattaya Police Station is now supporting the software.

The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology introduced iLert You to provide emergency medical assistance in August 2013, testing it first with the National Institute for Emergency Medicine, Thai Airways International, Advanced Info Service and Bangkok Hospital's network. The app became widely available in the Google and Apple app stores in 2015, but wasn't supported by Pattaya-area authorities.

Complete with singing and dancing by the Pattaya Police Band, local authorities announced the app can be used as an alternative to calling 191, a hotline that can be overloaded at times.

Using a smartphone's Global Positioning System chip, police can pinpoint where the caller and emergency are located and always have a through immigration checkpoints so they way to get back to those calling in reports.



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Police encouraged tourists to load the app on their phone immediately after passing will be protected while in Thailand.

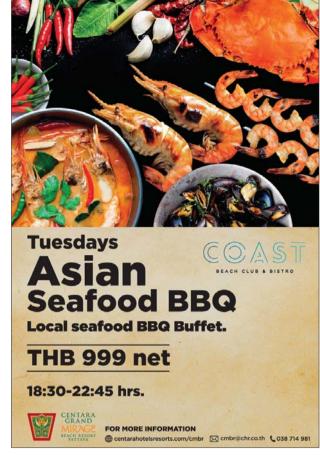
Jetsada Homklin

After the big party came the big cleanup.

Naris Petcharat, president of the Walking Street Entrepreneurs Association, led the post-Songkran scrub of the nightlife strip April 24, about two weeks after the same group swept up the street to prepare for the Thai New Year.

Pattaya sanitation workers joined shop owners, restaurateurs and bar operators to hose down the street, scrub off powder and pick up all the trash scattered over the previous two weeks.

Naris said the effort not only spruced up a key Pattaya tourist attraction, but created closer bonds between business owners.







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Sonthaya and Itthipol Kunplome appointed to key government posts



Friends and colleagues congratulate Pattaya's ex-Mayor Itthiphol Kunplome (center, right) on his appointment as an assistant to the Tourism and Sports Minister.

Boonlua Chatree

The appointment of Pattaya's former political machine to the national government sparked controversy, with both the appointers and appointees denying it has anything to do with politics.

The Cabinet on April 24 named ex-Mayor Itthiphol Kunplome an assistant to Tourism and Sports Minister Weerasak Kowsurat, and Itthiphol's elder brother Sonthaya, who once headed both the tourism and culture ministries, an advisor on political affairs to Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha.

The appointments, particularly of current Palang Chon Party boss Sonthaya, who was a cabinet member for two former governments, raised eyebrows, with junta critics calling it more proof Prayut is trying to tie up career politicians ahead of next year's anticipated election so he can remain in power.

Prayut, in comments to the national media, did nothing to dispel that notion, admitting he wants a well-connected political veteran to help him learn more about politics.

Deputy Prime Minister Wissanu Krea-ngam defended the appointments, saying neither was a political post

and both men can remain in their jobs even if the ministers or government changes.

Weerasak, however, took pains to point out he was not the one who appointed the Kunplomes and would "wait and see" how they worked out, while Pattaya's former mayor - who was replaced with junta-appointed Anan Charoenchasri after his term expired in 2015 - said he only took the job to boost Thailand and Pattaya's tourism industry.

He said the ministry is looking to reorganize the Tourism Authority of Thailand to be more efficient and better develop and renovate tourist attractions. Currently, TAT is in charge of marketing while the ministry's Department of Tourism is tasked with issuing licenses and improving tourism routes.

A revamp will see those functions merged, Itthiphol said.

The ministry also plans to appoint provincial-level tourism and sports directors while handing over sports-related attractions and events to the Sports Authority of Thailand.

Being that many of those sporting events take place in Chonburi, and with his familiarity with Pattaya's tourism and business-meeting facilities, he sees his role as a ministerial advisor only, helping Pattaya and Chonburi.

He said he doesn't want people to look at his appointment as a political step, but one that should be judged on how he helps Chonburi and the nation's tourism industry.

Marbpradu makes merit for Songkran



The Marbpradu Community organized a large merit-making ceremony during which nine monks from Boonsamphan Temple chanted and prayed.

Jetsada Homklin

The Marbpradu Community organized a large meritmaking ceremony to bring the Pattaya neighborhood prosperity for the Thai New

President Supaporn Sanphakaew presided over the belated Songkran celebration April 21 in which nine monks from Boonsamphan Temple chanted and prayed before accepting a morning

Neighbors, civil servants and current and former politicians donated cash and monk necessities to make merit and support the community organization over the next year.

Following lunch, elderly members of the community sat in a row as children

and younger neighbors gently poured water over their palms in a traditional Songkran gesture.



Marbpradu Community President Supaporn Sanphakaew accepts a donation from the local We Love Chonburi-Pattaya Group.

7 arrested in illegal hotel raids

Boonlua Chatree

Pattava-area authorities arrested seven managers or owners of hotels operating without a license.

Banglamung District Chief Naris Niramaiwong led a squad of Pattaya, Tourist and Immigration police as well as soldiers in the April 26 operation, the first of two days of raids on 10 suspected illegal guesthouses.

The illegal resorts, seven of which are foreign-owned, were ordered to secure the proper permits and licenses to operate as hotels. City officials said the rest of their paperwork was in order and, thus, they will be allowed to continue operating as usual while they apply for licenses. Should the permits be denied – or should the owners

Banglamung District Chief Naris Niramaiwong led a squad of Pattaya, Tourist and Immigration police, as well as soldiers on two days of raids of 10 suspected illegal guesthouses.

refuse to apply for one court orders will be sought to shut down the accommodations providers.

Raided were the Central Residence on Second Road, E-Outfitting Boutique Hotel on Soi 8, the Boutique City Hotel and the Le Viman Resort. Also raided was the Cocko Resort, the Jomtien Thani Hotel on Jomtien Beach Road and Atlantis Condo on Jomtien Second Road The raids came after authorities broke up a sex party at a Chinese-owned Pattaya hotel that had been operating illegally for five

Police urge patience amid rainy-day officer shortage

Keng Na Songkhla

Pattaya police were asking for patience after only 80 officers were available to assist motorists during heavy storm flooding.

Pattaya police chief Pol. Col. Apichai Kroppech said he ordered traffic police to help locals and tourists following heavy rain April 27 where flood waters created gridlock.

However, only 80 officers were available for the entire city, meaning some areas received no assistance.



Pattaya police were asking for patience after only 80 officers were available to assist motorists during heavy storm flooding.

He asked for patience, saying volunteers and the hardest-hit areas.

officers were working in

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Duck die-off in Sriracha not bird flu

Livestock officials are investigating the mysterious death of all of a Sriracha farmer's 24 ducks.

Poj Sichanuklit of the Chonburi Livestock Department, his Sriracha office counterpart Wanchana Thongyen and Lertchai Jinpitaksakul, director of the Eastern Veterinary Research and Development Center, visited the Nongkham Sub-district home of Jamlong Sasrong April 26.

After an initial inspection, the animal experts said they did not believe the duck deaths were caused by bird flu, but, instead, by food poisoning.

Jamlong said that instead of bird seed or animal feed,



Livestock officials suspect duck deaths in Sriracha were caused by food poisoning, not bird flu.

he fed his ducks leftover food donated by local restaurants and mixed that with rice.

Livestock officials suspect

the leftovers had spoiled and the farmer poisoned his entire flock with the rotten people food. (CPRD)

Singapore PM: ASEAN growing closer to China and India



Leaders and country representatives from left to right; Malaysia's Former Deputy Prime Minister Tun Musa Hitam, Myanmar President Win Myint, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, Vietnam's Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Thailand's Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha, Brunei's Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Sen, Indonesia's President Joko Widodo, and Laos Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith, leave the stage after their group photo during the opening ceremony of the 32nd ASEAN Summit on Saturday, April 28, 2018, in Singapore. (AP Photo/Yong Teck Lim)

Annabelle Liang

Singapore (AP) - Southeast Asian countries will work more closely with new powers China and India to counter the pressure of protectionism and ensure continued growth, Singapore's prime minister said Saturday.

Addressing the summit of the 10-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said that regional economic growth was under threat because the political mood in many countries had turned against free trade. He ter territorial dispute pitting said recent trade tensions between the U.S. and China in particular are worrying.

The U.S. and China are entangled in their most consequential trade dispute since World War II. Both countries have proposed tariffs of \$50 billion on each other's products. President Donald Trump is looking to impose tariffs of up to \$100 billion more on Chinese goods.

"The global strategic balance is shifting, and so is the regional balance," Lee said. "New powers, including China and India, are growing in strength and influence. This has opened up new opportunities for ASEAN member states as we expand our cooperation with them."

He said that the group faces challenges closer to home as well, such as the Islamic State group, cybersecurity and strengthening a regional economic community.

In a statement on Saturday, ASEAN leaders affirmed the need for peace in the South China Sea, where the bloc is currently negotiating a set of rules with China to avoid conflicts arising from a bitsome members against Beijing's vast claims to the strategic waterway.

They also encouraged Myanmar and Bangladesh to press on with their "shared commitment to carry out the voluntary return" of about 700,000 Rohingya Muslims who have fled Myanmar's Rakhine state, Lee said.

Myanmar's military has been accused of instigating the persecution of the ethnic minority, which has been denied citizenship in the predominantly Buddhist country.

Lee said the leaders agreed that the refugees' return must be carried out "in a safe, secure and dignified way, without undue delay."

The leaders also welcomed a historic summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and South Korean President Moon Jae-in as a first step toward reducing tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

"It's a positive step - it's better than firing missiles and testing bombs - but how does it go? That's something which we will wait and see and which we can only hope for the best," Lee said.

To fight protectionism, said ASEAN would like to conclude negotiations this year on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, a proposed free trade agreement between ASEAN members and Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand.

In addition to Singapore, the ASEAN members are Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Brunei and the Philippines.

Harness tech for EEC, property experts tell SMEs



Jetsada Homklin

Real estate professionals said property companies can cash in on the government's Eastern Economic Corridor project if they exploit modern technology.

Pojanee Kajornpreedanon, director of the Department of Public Works and Town Planning; Vichai Virathakopan, acting director of the Real Estate Information Center; Premsorn Sriwiboonchain, president of the Real Estate and Marketing Association Chonburi; and Meesak

Chunrakchote, president of the Chonburi Real Estate Association led the April 25 panel discussion at the Holiday Inn Pattaya.

While the EEC is heavily based on transport and logistics, it has a high potential to boost other segments such as tourism and real estate, they agreed. Small- and medium-sized companies can benefit by facilitating large numbers of people and providing modern buildings, technology and other services.

SMEs should adopt "smart" information and communication technology to increase innovation, competitiveness and growth. Large firms already are doing this, the panelists noted. Smaller companies will be left behind if they don't follow.

Meesak and Vichai said such businesses will have great potential to grow under the EEC.

Conference participants also got the opportunity to harvest database information on the real estate industry in Rayong and Chonburi that covered current investments, properties and more.





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As one gets older, the choices in pleasurable hobbies becomes less, unfortunately. Tennis and squash are too physical and demand sharp eyesight. Any football code requires a greater degree of general fitness than that held by octogenarians. The older one gets, the closer one gets to Tic-Tac-Toe. (Stop groaning!)

Photography - a senior moment?

As one gets older, physical activity is important – just getting out of the house or condo is an enjoyment in itself. This is where photography is so good. Give yourself a small photo project and out you go and illustrate it.

Photography is actually an ideal pastime for seniors, because it is something that can be picked up and put down at will, it is not too physically demanding, and modern cameras can assist in the areas where age has taken some toll. And the end result is something that can give you great joy, be that award winning sunsets or just pictures of the grand-children.

Seniors do need some basics, suitable to your physical health.

To play photography you need a camera. And by that I mean a 'real' camera, not a smarty-pants phone camera. My observation is that it is very difficult for seniors to handle a cellphone, point it in the right direction and push the right button. No, get a camera, a real camera.

There are many types of camera on the market with prices from less than 5,000 baht to 100,000 baht. DSLR's are nice, but for this exercise, not 100 percent necessary. Point and shoot compact cameras are just fine (and a lot cheaper).

Get one with autofocus (AF), most do have this, but just check. There are many reasons for this, but since sharp focus is necessary for a good final print, let the camera do it for you, when sharpness in vision is something that becomes very problematical as you get older. Provided you can point the camera in the right direction, the camera will do the rest. (Eastman Kodak



used to have "You push the button – we do the rest." And that was 1888. This was because photography was too difficult in those days.)

A nice feature to have is a zoom type lens. Doesn't need to be a 20-400 zoom. A 'mini-zoom' 24-55 is fine. Zoom lenses save you having to go the distance. Is it just too much of a hassle these days to walk up to distant objects to get close-up details? Then a zoom lens will do it for you. With a zoom lens it is no problem at all to

get a close-up, a wide angle and a distant shot from the same camera position. Maybe an autofocus digital compact camera with an inbuilt zoom lens is just the camera for you. Just push a button to make the zoom bring the subject closer or farther away.

As we get older, we are also more prone to the shakes. (It's not just you!) Today's digital cameras can even compensate for the tremor, with anti-shake technology built in over the past couple of years. This makes photography for seniors

even easier.

Today's camera manufacturers have taken the fears out of flash too. Most new cameras have their own in-built flash which comes on when the light levels are too low, will set their own flash power and give you perfectly lit indoor night shots every time.

So there you have it, retirees. There are inexpensive cameras available now which can get you into photography! If you once had the 'photographic eye', then that ability is still there. All you have to do is get the equipment to let you use and enjoy it again. Look for suitable AF digital compacts with built in zoom, anti-shake technology and auto flash.

Pricewise you are looking at spending something over B. 5,000, though the range of cameras over B. 10,000 is greater. There are plenty of choices in the marketplace. Something from the major brands such as Nikon, Canon, Olympus, Samsung, Casio and Lumix for example. A hint to the family around birthday time should suffice.

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Read the FULL VERSION Online

Dear Hillary,

I arrived back in Bangkok yesterday after a 6 day break in Vietnam. Sailed through immigration and baggage collect- fantastic. Thought I would see what time the next coach was to Jomtien - 10 minutes, great. Bought ticket got on coach. Another English guy sat by me and we began chatting, Thai guy in front of us stood up and said no talking on bus, we carried on talking, he turned around again and repeated no talking, I used some old English containing the word off. Anyway, the coach departed and we carried on talking like most of the people on the coach. Before the coach had left the airport perimeter the driver pulled over and very aggressively walked down the coach shouting no talking on bus. Was it because of Songkran or has a new law been passed?

Confused expat.

Dear Confused expat,

You're confused? That makes two of us. If the demand was in English, it was directed at you. If it was in Thai, then it was for everyone else. However, were you speaking very loudly, then the bus driver probably thought you were Chinese or Indian. I think it will remain one of the world's great mysteries, sorry Petal.

Dear Hillary,

We have a lot of stray dogs in our soi, and they are getting to be a problem. Never mind soiling everywhere, they are also very aggressive. They haven't bitten anyone yet to my knowledge, but I am sure it will happen, especially with the next litter to add to the number. There is also the worry about rabies, so much so we can't take our own dog outside of our garden, so we get dog poo on our lawn as well. If I were to accidentally run over one of these dogs,

would I be breaking the law? And would I be liable to pay for vet fees and the like, if I injured one? We have contacted the city administration and they say they will look into it but nothing has happened as far as I know. The dogs are still there. What suggestions do you have for us?

Raymond

Dear Raymond,

There are 70 million people in Thailand and at three dogs per head, that's 210 million soi dogs, and you expect one little Hillary can sweep them all up like the Pied Piper of Hamlin. Impossible, my Petal. And while your running over a couple of dogs lowers the num-

ber to 208,998,000, that's not doing much for the overall problem, and yes, for many reasons, you would be expected to pay the vet's consultation fee. The best advice I can give you is to organize the neighbors to get a spaying clinic and slowly you will reduce the numbers. I have been told you can fix male dogs by banging two bricks together. I asked wasn't it very painful and was told only if you get your thumb caught between the bricks.

Dear Hillary,

She's beautiful, has her own little dress shop and wants to move in with me. What can go wrong with this arrangement? It all seems too good to be true. I had known her for two months before we went dating and it just gets better and better, we go for dinner at least three times a week. The shop doesn't make much profit so I've been happy to throw a few thousand baht into the kitty to keep her happy. Now here's the problem, I am going back to the States next month and she is telling me that she needs a regular amount of money (50K) each month that she can

rely on, and then she won't need to go and work in the bars. I sort of feel I am being pressurized here. Is 50K a reasonable amount? It looks to me like a bit expensive, and we aren't even living together.

Cliff

Dear Cliff

Don't jump off the cliff when you read my advice. You are being dressed for dinner, just like one of your thanksgiving turkeys. You are being offered nothing for 50K. Have you even seen the shop? Sometimes these "shops" are just a cover-up.

Have you stopped to wonder how she can take so much time away from the shop? When she is off gallivanting with you, who looks after the shop? Petal, you are being set up by a scheming woman. My advice? Spend your 50K (per month!) on yourself. Forget about being the Issey Mayake of Pattaya, but be the Usain Bolt instead and hoof it!

Dear Hillary.

A couple of weeks ago one of your lost sheep was all of a tizz because all the pot-bellied men were trying to hit on to his Perfect 10 girlfriend. There is an old saying, which goes, "If you love her, let her go. If she comes back nobody wanted her either!" Look at all the anxiety that comes through these pages, and it isn't necessary. Pebbles on the beach – there's lots of them.

Garry

Dear Garry

Aren't you the generous warm hearted one! You don't seem to understand that some of my readers are no longer youngsters and need sympathy and understanding. You will be old one day too, Petal.

Thai Massage







True tales from the examination couch

I have been a doctor for more years than the length of time some of the readers here have propped up a long wooden bar with a nubile hovering near their wallets. Yes, I've seen quite a few changes in the art of medicine in my time, and it is an art keeping patients happy while the treatment seems to be so slow in some cases.

Remember the five inch floppy? Not the computer one, but the one we didn't talk about 30 years ago, so secret that we didn't even refer to it by name, but used the acronym ED. That stood for (I can say it in these enlightened days) Erectile Dysfunction. Roughly explained as the inability of the penis (another word not often spoken in polite company, which I usually refer to as Willy the Wonder Wand), to get erect to carry out its number one function in a man's life.

ED caused marriages to fold as men with the affliction looked for a lady with the key to making the member remember its function. And then along came Alprostadil, and this was long before the blue diamonds.

As a GP working on the frontline of medicine you were brought up to speed on the latest developments by the detailers, and a rather breathless chappie came to see me to tell me about Alprostadil, the wonder drug that could put the lead back in any man's pencil.

One would imagine that the cheers would be heard everywhere at the bar with its attendant nubile, but there was one drawback. Alprostadil only worked by injection. And that injection was directly into the penis. Definitely cripse material.

As a medical student we were supposed to be able to get blood samples from our classmate's thumbs. That of course was someone else's thumb, but which of my fellow undergraduates would I trust with mine? Simple answer – none of them, so I spent 30 fruitless minutes chasing my thumb around the room. And that was for a thumb prick. Imagine the problems with a different prick.

What the treating GP had to do was get over the innate reluctance of patients exposing one's member, and then teach the patient how to inject the Alprostadil. To make this even more of a hit and miss, the dosage was not accurately known and we were told that the first injection should be done in the surgery and then send the patient off having guessed the dose, probably somewhere in the middle of the dosage range. In addition, the patient was to telephone the GP in the morning to report back so we could get some idea of dose and result.

My first patient in need was an Aussie welder, blue Jacky Howe singlet and all. These are the salt of the earth characters, with the blue singlet very much an Australian icon, originally worn by shearers and now adopted by the blue collar workers. "Can't do me homework Doc," he said, getting straight to the point as Aussies do. After examination and history taking, he was certainly suffering from ED. So following explanation and an embarrassed demonstration by both doctor and patient, he hared off to see if he would get a pass for his homework that evening, and with the promise to ring me in the morning.

First call was my welder, "How did you go?" said I. The reply was straight to the point, "Best root I've had in years!" (Forgive the Aussie vernacular, but that's how Australian welders talk.)

Delighted I congratulated him, but he went on a little further. "I think we should cut the dose down a little, Doc." "Why?"

"They could have picked me up by the legs this morning and ploughed the front yard with me!"

I admit I was unable to stifle my laughter, but my patient didn't worry. "When's me next injection, Doc?"

With the advent of Viagra (Sildenafil, AKA the blue diamonds) the need for Alprostadil waned, but is still used today for those ED sufferers for whom Sildenafil is not getting them a pass on their homework.

Health & Wellbeing

UN health agency: Dengue vaccine shouldn't be used widely

Maria Cheng

London (AP) - The World Health Organization says the first-ever vaccine for dengue needs to be dealt with in "a much safer way," meaning that the shot should mostly be given to people who have previously been infected with the disease.

In November, the vaccine's manufacturer, Sanofi Pasteur, said people who had

never been sickened by dengue before were at risk of developing a more serious disease after getting the shot.

After a two-day meeting this week, WHO's independent vaccines group said it now had proof the vaccine should only be used "exclusively or almost exclusively in people who have already been infected with dengue."

The U.N. health agency said a test should be developed

so doctors would be able to quickly tell if people had previously been sickened by dengue - but the group acknowledged doing that so isn't straightforward.

"We see significant obstacles in using the vaccine this way, but we are confident this also spurs the development of a rapid diagnostic test," said Dr. Joachim Hombach, executive secretary of WHO's

expert group, during a news conference Thursday.

Sanofi said last year that doctors should consider whether people might have been previously infected with dengue before deciding whether they should risk getting immunized. The company said it expected to take a 100 million euro (\$118 million) loss based on that news.

People who catch dengue more than once can be at risk

of a hemorrhagic version of the disease. The mosquitospread virus is found in tropical and sub-tropical climates across Latin and South America, Asia, Africa and elsewhere. It causes a flu-like disease that can cause joint pain, nausea, vomiting and a rash. In severe cases, dengue can result in breathing problems, hemorrhaging and organ failure.

About half the world's population is at risk of dengue; WHO estimates that about 96 million people are sickened by the viral infection every year.

Following Sanofi's announcement last year, the Philippines halted its dengue immunization program, the world's first national vaccination program for dengue. The government also demanded a refund of

more than 3 billion pesos (\$59 million) from Sanofi and is considering further legal action.

In February, the Philippines said the vaccine was potentially linked to the deaths of three people: all of them died of dengue despite having received the vaccine.

The country imposed a symbolic fine of \$2,000 on Sanofi and suspended the vaccine's approval, charging that the drugmaker broke rules on how the shot was registered and marketed.

More than 730,000 children aged 9 and above in the Philippines have received at least one dose of the dengue vaccine, usually delivered in three doses.

There is no specific treatment for dengue and there are no other licensed vaccines on the market.

US experts back marijuana-based drug for childhood seizures

Matthew Perrone

Washington (AP) - A medicine made from the marijuana plant moved one step closer to U.S. approval Thursday after federal health advisers endorsed it for the treatment of severe seizures in children with epilepsy.

If the Food and Drug Administration follows the group's recommendation, GW Pharmaceuticals' syrup would become the first drug derived from the cannabis plant to win federal approval in the U.S.

The 13-member FDA panel voted unanimously in favor of the experimental medication made from a chemical found in cannabis - one that does not get users high. The panelists backed the drug based on three studies showing that it significantly reduced seizures in children with two rare forms of childhood epilepsy.

"This is clearly a breakthrough drug for an awful disease," said panel member Dr. John Mendelson, of the Friends Research Institute in Baltimore, Maryland.

The drug carries a potential risk of liver damage, but panelists said doctors could monitor patients for any signs. More common side effects included diarrhea, vomiting, fatigue and sleep problems.

FDA regulators are due to make their decision by late June. Approval would technically limit the drug, called Epidiolex, to patients with hard-to-treat forms of epilepsy. But doctors would have the option to prescribe it for other uses and it could spur new pharmaceutical



On Thursday, April 19, 2018, a panel of Food and Drug Administration health advisers recommended approval of Epidiolex, moving the closely watched medication closer to the U.S. market. (AP Photo/Kathy Young, File)

research and interest into other cannabis-based products.

More than two dozen states allow marijuana use for a variety of ailments, but the FDA has not approved it for any medical use. The FDA has approved synthetic versions of another cannabis ingredient for other medical purposes.

Several patients and parents at Thursday's meeting spoke about the benefits of Epidiolex. Sam Vogelstein, 16, said he experienced daily seizures - at times more than 100 per day - before enrolling in a study of the drug.

"I just went to South Africa for two weeks without my parents on a school trip," said Vogelstein, who lives in Berkeley, California. "I would not have been able to do that if I had not tried this medication."

It's not yet clear why the medicine reduces seizures.

Epidiolex is essentially a pharmaceutical-grade version of cannabidiol, or CBD oil, which some parents have used for years to treat children with epilepsy. CBD is one of more than 100 chemicals found in the cannabis plant and it doesn't contain THC, the ingredient that gives marijuana its mind-altering effect.

CBD oil is currently sold online and in specialty shops across the country, though its legal status remains murky. Most producers say their oil is made from hemp, a form of cannabis that contains little THC and can be legally farmed in a number of states for clothing, food and other uses.

It's unclear how FDA approval of a CBD drug would affect products already on the market. Executives for the British drugmaker GW Pharmaceuticals say their goal is to provide a more standardized, research-backed version.

"We're not looking to impact the availability of other products on the market," GW executive Steve Schultz said before the meeting. "Our goal is to provide an additional option for patients and physicians who desire a purified version of CBD for treatment of seizures."

The company declined to comment on the price of the drug before the approval decision. Wall Street analysts estimate it could cost more than \$25,000 per year.



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Mom: Preschool's ban of the term 'best friend' is silly

Georgetown, Mass. (AP) - A Massachusetts family is looking for a new preschool for their 4-year-old daughter because her current school has barred use of the term "best friend." Christine Hartwell says her daughter, Julia, appeared sad recently when she came home from the Pentucket Workshop Preschool in Georgetown. The little girl told her mother she was upset because her teacher told her she couldn't call one of her classmates her "best friend." School officials did not comment. But, in a letter to the Hartwells they said, it had been their experience that the use of the term "best friend," even when used in a loving way, can lead some children feeling excluded. Hartwell called the ban "outrageous" and "silly." She says children should be allowed to speak from their heart.

Egypt's mufti issues fatwa against buying Facebook 'likes'

Cairo (AP) - Egypt's top mufti has issued a fatwa, or a religious decree, saying that buying Facebook "likes" is prohibited under Islam because it's a form of fraud and deception. Grand Mufti Shawki Allam regularly issues all sorts of fatwas, usually in response to questions by Muslims seeking religious guidance in matters related to even the most trivial issues. The questions are asked of the Dar al-Ifa, the Sunni Muslim institution in charge of religious rulings, mainly based on the Muslim holy book of Quran and the sayings of the Prophet Muhammad. The mufti posted on the institution's Facebook page earlier this week that it is "religiously prohibited" to pay someone to click a "like" on a promotion. Allam says "it's deceptive," citing Muhammad's saying, "He who deceives is not of us."

Highway department apologizes for 'inappropriate message'

Seattle (AP) - Washington State's transportation department has apologized for an "inappropriate message" that appeared on one of its traffic signs. Motorist Ruslan Kozlov tells KCPQ-TV he was driving on Interstate 5 south Tuesday afternoon when he spotted the message "U Suck" on an overhead sign. The transportation department said it was "clearly a mistake" that was caused by a "training error." The agency says it's taking steps so it doesn't happen again.

WiFi network named 'remote detonator' prompts gym evacuation

Saginaw Township, Mich. (AP) - A Michigan gym patron looking for a WiFi connection found one named "remote detonator," prompting an evacuation and precautionary search of the facility by a bomb-sniffing dog. The Saginaw News reports nothing was found in the search Sunday at Planet Fitness in Saginaw Township, about 85 miles (140 kilometers) northwest of Detroit. Saginaw Township police Chief Donald Pussehl says the patron brought the WiFi connection's name to the attention of a manager, who evacuated the building and called police. The gym was closed for about three hours as police responded. Pussehl says there's "no crime or threat," so no charges are expected. He notes people often have odd names for WiFi connections. Planet Fitness says the manager was following company procedure for when there's suspicion about a safety issue.

Headless doll triggers major police operation in Germany

Berlin (AP) - An apparent headless body that prompted a major police operation in southern Germany has turned out to be a doll. Police in Baden-Wuerttemberg state say a passer-by spotted what appeared to be a clothed but headless corpse covered in blood lying by a stream in Remstal, near Stuttgart, late Monday. Officers cordoned off the suspected crime scene and firefighters were called to retrieve the body, which was lying in an inaccessible place. In a statement Tuesday, police said that only once firefighters reached the site were they able to determine that it was, in fact, a doll.



(Kohls Sueddeutsche Mediengesellschaftdpa via AP)



Crossword No 1292 M

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Answer to 1291

Across: 1 Decamps, 5 Vista, 8 Pound, 9 Reverse, 10 Overlap, 11 Dated, 12 Attire, 14 Upshot, 18 Break, 20 Elected, 22 Spaniel, 23 Usual, 24 Clyde, 25 Wrecker.

Down: 1 Diploma, 2 Cause, 3 Meddler, 4 Syrupy, 5 Vivid, 6 Stretch, 7 Amend, 13 Therapy, 15 Prelude, 16 Tiddler, 17 Yellow, 18 Basic, 19 Knife, 21 Trunk.

Ten-Minute Sudoku

An easy Sudoku puzzle that should not take long to complete.

The rules of Sudoku are simple. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Each row must contain one of each digit. So must each column and each 3x3 box.

Answer next week.

Last week's answers:

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PUZZLE

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No. 195

PUZZY-WUZZIES

1 What do the following words have in common?

HORN BACK WOOD

2 Here are the name of four species of birds with the vowels removed. What are the four birds?

VCT KTTWK GLLMT FLDFR

Answers next week

Last week's solutions

- **1** Elfishness, fleshiness.
- **2** 43. (Each of the others is 1 greater than a square.)

WORDSEARCH

The 23 words given below are hidden in the grid of letters. They run in any direction but always in a straight line. The theme is Hobbies and Pastimes.

AEROBICS BOWLING BRIDGE CAMPING CARPENTRY CHESS COOKERY CRICKET CROSSWORDS DRESSMAKING FISHING FOOTBALL FRETWORK GARDENING GOLF KARATE KNITTING ORIGAMI PAINTING PHOTOGRAPHY SWIMMING TENNIS YOGA

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Science and Technology

Archaeologists find silver treasure on German Baltic island

Kirsten Grieshaber

Berlin (AP) - Hundreds of 1,000-year-old silver coins, rings, pearls and bracelets linked to the era of Danish King Harald Gormsson have been found on the eastern German island of Ruegen in the Baltic Sea.

A single silver coin was first found in January by two amateur archaeologists, one of them a 13-year-old boy, in a field near the village of Schaprode. The state archaeology office then became involved and the entire treasure was uncovered by experts over the weekend, the Mecklenburg-West Pomerania state archaeology office said.

"It's the biggest trove of such coins in the southeastern Baltic region," the statement said.



The April 13, 2018 photo shows medieval Saxonian, Ottoman, Danish and Byzantine coins after a medieval silver treasure had been found near Schaprode on the northern German island of Ruegen in the Baltic Sea. (Stefan Sauer/dpa via AP)

The office said the two amateur archeologists were asked to keep quiet about their discovery to give professionals time to plan

invited to participate in the recovery.

"This was the (biggest) discovery of my life," hobby archaeologist Rene the dig and were then Schoen told the German



In this April 13, 2018 photo medieval jewelry and coins are displayed on a table after a medieval silver treasure had been found near Schaprode on the northern German island of Ruegen in the Baltic Sea. (Stefan Sauer/dpa via AP)

news agency dpa.

Schoen said he and 13year-old Luca Malaschnitschenko were using metal detectors on the field near Schaprode when Luca found

a little piece that he initially thought was only aluminum garbage. But when they cleaned it, they understood it was more precious.

Archaeologists said about

100 of the silver coins are probably from the reign of Harald Gormsson, better known as "Harald Bluetooth," who lived in the 10th century and introduced Christianity to Denmark.

He was one of the last Viking kings of what is now Denmark, northern Germany, southern Sweden and parts of Norway.

His nickname came from the fact he had a dead tooth that looked bluish, but it's now best known for the wireless Bluetooth technology invented by Swedish telecom company Ericsson. The company named the technology, developed to wirelessly unite computers with cellular devices, after him for his ability to unite ancient Scandinavia.

The technology logo carries the runic letters for his

How Facebook ads target you

Barbara Ortutay

New York (AP) - If you want to tailor a Facebook ad to a single user out of its universe of 2.2 billion, you could.

Trying to pitch your boutique bed and breakfast to a 44year-old "trendy mom" who lives in Seattle, leans conservative and is currently traveling in the Toronto area but hasn't booked a hotel for the night yet? Go right ahead. Interested in mail-ordering pet treats to a 32-year-old cat owner in Madison, Wisconsin who enjoys Japanese food, doesn't like pizza and has an anniversary coming up in the next two months? Not a problem.

Targeting ads, it turns out, is almost infinitely customizable - sometimes in surprising ways. The ads you might see can be tailored to you down to the most granular details - not just where you live and what websites you visited recently, but whether you've gotten engaged in the past six months, are interested in organic food or share characteristics with people who have recently bought a BMW, even if you've never expressed interest in doing so yourself.

Facebook made \$40 billion in advertising revenue last year, second only to Google when it comes to its share of the global digital advertising market. Even with a recent decision to stop working with outside data brokers to help advertisers target ads based on things like offline purchases or credit history, this number is expected to grow sharply this year.

Here are some ways advertisers can target you through Facebook:

Monitoring your Facebook activity

By now you've probably gathered that Facebook uses things like your interest, age and other demographic and geographic information to help advertisers reach you. Then there's the stuff your friends do and like - the idea being that it's a good indicator for what you might do and like. So, if you have a friend who has liked the New Yorker's Facebook page, you might see ads for the magazine on your Facebook feed.

But that's just the tip of the iceberg. Facebook and advertisers can also infer stuff about you based on things you share willingly. For example, Facebook categorizes users into an "ethnic affinity" based on what it thinks might be their ethnicity or ethnic influence. It might guess this through TV shows or music you've liked. Often, Facebook is wrong - and while it's possible to remove it, you can't change it. There is also no "ethnic affinity" option for whites.

While there are plenty of good reasons advertisers may want to target people of a particular ethnicity, this became a problem for Facebook in 2016, when ProPublica found that it let advertisers exclude specific ethnic groups from seeing their ads. When it comes to housing and employment ads, this is illegal.

In late 2017, Facebook said it was temporarily blocking advertisers' ability to target based on ethnic affinity,



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along with other things such as religious or LGBT affinity. Advertisers can still target those groups - just not exclude them. Facebook, which said it is conducting an audit of how the feature can be misused, did not say when it would lift the block.

While some advertisers want to reach large swaths of people, others like more specific targeting. As Facebook explains in a guide for advertisers, it's possible to refine an ad's audience on things like what people post on their timelines, apps they use, ads they click, demographics such as age, gender and location, and even the mobile device they use or their network connection. Based on this information, advertisers can either include or exclude categories such as homeowners, "trendy moms," people who moved recently,

conservatives, or people inter-

ested in cooking, for example.

That said, Facebook warns advertisers not to narrow their audience too much by being overly specific, which can make the ads less effective - since fewer people will see them.

Following you off **Facebook**

An ad offering called "custom audiences" lets advertisers target anyone who has already bought stuff from them or has visited their websites. They can also target anyone who has shared an email address or downloaded their app. So, if you use Netflix, you may see an ad on Facebook for a new TV show that might interest you. Or, if you gave your email address when you bought a pair of slippers from Land's End, you might get an ad for an upcoming slipper sale, since Facebook has your email address too.

Then there are "lookalike

audiences." These are people who are similar to a business's existing customer base, but are not customers themselves. This can help advertisers reach people in different countries, for example. Advertisers can use this tool by first uploading their customers' data through the "custom audiences" feature. Then, Facebook's algorithms look for people similar to them. In addition, advertisers can also install a Facebook "pixel" on their site, a piece of code that tracks what people do off of Facebook.

Dynamic ads

A new type of ad Facebook launched recently, this lets businesses target people who have already shown interest in them. It uses "retargeting" - that sometimes-annoying way that a handbag you looked on a website can follow you around the internet regardless of whether you want to buy it. Dynamic ads, though, go a step further, and know if you were just browsing or if you put that handbag in your online shopping cart, and may nudge you with a 10 percent of coupon.

As Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg explained in a recent earnings call, dynamic ads let Holiday Inn target people who searched for hotels on its website but hadn't yet booked. The ads these Facebook users saw had a video personalized to the dates and places they searched for. The result: the hotel chain got three times the return on what it spent on these ads than on their previous ad campaigns, according





Our Children

Pattaya Sports Club donates 667,990 baht to 11 charities



HHNFT Director Radchada Chomjinda (left) graciously accepts a donation from Pattaya Sports Club President Maurice Roberts and Social Welfare Chairwoman Noi Emerson.

Jetsada Homklin

The Pattaya Sports Club donated 667,990 baht to 11 charity organizations as part of its long commitment to support the community.

President Maurice Roberts and Social Welfare Chairwoman Noi Emerson presented the

donations at the PSC headquarters on Third Road April 26.

The benefactors this year were the Human Help Network Thailand (75,500 baht), Sotpattana School for the Deaf (33,250 baht), HHN Drop-In Center (100,000 baht), Pattaya Orphanage (60,000 baht), Baan Jing Jai

(10,000 baht), Father Ray Foundation (38,240 baht), Father Ray Day Care Center (38,240 baht), Good Shepherd Foundation / Fountain of Life (150,000 baht), Ban Khru Boonchu House (50,000 baht), Ban Chang Community Hospital (50,000 baht), and Mercy Ministries (50,000 baht).



Fr. Ray Foundation representative Derek Franklin (center left), receives a benevolent donation from Pattaya Sports Club President Maurice Roberts and Social Welfare Chairwoman Noi Emerson.



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Battaya Mail

Lufthansa donates 106K baht to CPDC



Airline representative Stefan Mourner from the Lufthansa Group donated 106,000 baht to the Child Protection and Development Center.

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The Lufthansa Group donated 106,000 baht the Germany-based charity.

The money will bolster HHN Thailand's sponsor HHN programs.

education fund, vocational development efforts and facilities.

The children thanked Mourner and the to the Child Protection and Development German airline by performing Lanna and Center following a six-month evaluation of Issan dances from Thailand's North and Northeast, respectively.

Airline representative Stefan Mourner pre- The Lufthansa Group announced plans in sented the donation to Radchada Chomjinda, October to study the work of the HHN, its director of the Thailand arm of Germany's facilities and its mission to support at-risk Human Help Network, which runs the CPDC, youths. Executives then recommended Drop-In Center and ASEAN Education Center. that the airline's headquarters in Germany



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Nong Plalai kindergarten students headed to Wat Nong Ket Yai



The sub-district council agreed to pay Nong Ket Yai Temple to use two buildings and five classrooms at its child development center due to continued problems securing the land to build a new kindergarten.

Warapun Jaikusol

Nong Plalai tykes will be going to school at Nong Ket Yai Temple while the subdistrict works through delays in construction of Nong Plalai Kindergarten.

The sub-district council on

April 27 agreed to pay the temple to use two buildings and five classrooms at its child development center due to continued problems securing the land to build the new kindergarten.

Nong Plalai wants to use public land in Moo 3 village,

but government red tape has tied up the acquisition.

The result is that kids born in 2012 have no place to go to school, due to full classrooms at area public schools. As a result, administrators agreed to pay the temple to use its facilities temporarily.

Business • Travel • Tourism

Tourists enjoy final day at beach before Boracay closure

Joeal Calupitan

Boracay, Philippines (AP) - Tourists are spending their final hours on Boracay, enjoying the Philippine island's famed white-sand beaches before it closes for up to six months to recover from overcrowding and development.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte described the waters off Boracay as a "cesspool" before ordering the closure. But on Wednesday, one Australian visitor said the island had one of the cleanest beaches he's seen.

"I don't really understand too much about what's going on, about the sewage problem, because when I look out there, I see one of the cleanest beaches I've ever seen in my life, and the most beautiful beaches I've ever seen in my life," said Tim Malone, 33.

"We are just waiting for the bar to open so that we can



The sun sets at the country's most famous beach resort island of Boracay, in central Aklan province, Philippines, Tuesday, April 24, 2018. (AP Photo/ Aaron Favila)

get a couple of beers before we go on to our flight, but yeah we just want to enjoy the beach for a few more hours so we got up pretty early and made sure we make the most of it."

A government study says more than 2 million tourists visited Boracay last year to enjoy its powdery beaches, spectacular sunsets and festive nightlife, generating about 56 billion pesos (\$1 billion) in revenue. But it said the tourist influx, neglected infrastructure and growth of resorts threatened to turn Boracay into a "dead island" in less than a decade.

Tourism Undersecretary Frederick Alegre hopes the

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island will be more sustainable when it resumes normal operations after a few months.

"We have to bite the bullet," Alegre said earlier this week. "We have to swallow the bitter pill, one step backward, two steps forward, because we know that it's something that has to be done now to sustain the island."

Officials have said the island can only handle 30,000 people but teems with 70,000 at any given time, including 50,000 residents and daily arrivals of about 20,000 tourists.



Children watch as a military helicopter passes by the country's most famous beach resort island Wednesday, April 25, 2018, a day before the government implements its temporary closure. (AP Photo/Aaron Favila) About 17,000 are employed in Boracay's tourist establishments, and 10,000 to 12,000 others benefit from the bustling tourism business.

Only about 47 percent of the hundreds of establishments are connected to the island's main sewerage treatment plant, with many of the rest maintaining crude septic tanks or discharging their waste directly into the sea.

A similar decision was made in Thailand, where Maya Bay on Phi Phi Leh Island in the Andaman Sea will be closed for four months starting in June.

Many Thai marine parks close for part of the year but the release of the Leonardo DiCaprio movie "The Beach" in 2000 made picturesque Maya Bay so popular it stayed open year-round. It averages 200 boats and 4,000 visitors daily, and recent surveys found the area's coral reefs and sea life damaged or gone.



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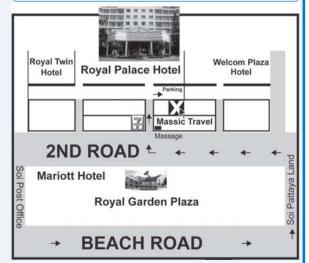
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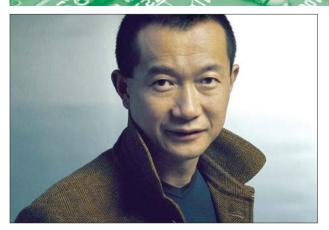


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CLASSICAL CONNECTIONS



Composer Tan Dun.

At the recent Yehudi Menuhin International Competition for Young Violinists in Switzerland, I was delighted to see a large number of brilliant young musicians from China and other parts of South East Asia. There are several Chinese stars of classical music that are already household names in the West. But I bet that in the coming years, there will be many more. Just wait and see.

There are fewer Chinese composers who are well-known in Europe and America, though you may have come across Tan Dun. Even if the name seems unfamiliar, you may well have heard his music because this Oscar-winning composer wrote the film scores for Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon and Hero.

In recent years China has embraced the Western classical tradition with unbounded enthusiasm. Today about thirty-six million Chinese children are studying piano, which must be heartening news for Chinese piano manufacturers of which there

are over three hundred. Of course, it wasn't always thus. The horrific catastrophe known as the Cultural Revolution which Mao Zedong launched in 1966 guaranteed that any form of western music wouldn't stand a chance. The whole tragic saga continued for ten years until 1976, the year of Mao's death. When violinist Isaac Stern arrived in China three years later for a series of concert appearances, there was evidently not one playable piano in Shanghai. All the instruments, including about five hundred pianos owned by the Shanghai Conservatory, had been destroyed.

Confucius believed that the study of music was "an indispensable way to train the mind." By the 1980s, the Chinese Communist Party was beginning to re-embrace Confucian ideals and western classical music came back into favour. The success of today's Chinese piano industry can be traced to the government's decision to create nationalized piano factories in every major city in China. By the early 1990s, the government was deliberately encouraging the study of music through its education policy and pouring astronomical sums into magnificent new concert halls such as the Shanghai Opera House and the National Center for the Performing Arts in Beijing.

Eastern Promise

Tan Dun (b. 1957): Concerto for Orchestra (Marco Polo). New England Conservatory Philharmonia cond. Hugh Wolff (Duration: 35:00; Video: 1080p HD)

Tan Dun was born in China and moved to New York City in the 1980s to study music at Columbia. His music invariably

fuses various musical styles. For example, at

the start of this work which was premiered in 2012, he uses multiple rapids glissandi on the trombones and strings, as well as unusual pizzicato techniques for the string players.

The composer wrote: "This piece evolved from a concerto of mine commissioned by the Berlin Philharmonic and was written with my opera Marco Polo in mind. Marco Polo took three different journeys: a geographical, musical and spiritual journey.

"In the first movement Light of Timespace, Marco Polo is making his spiritual journey through time and space. The second movement Scent of Bazaar, opens to the scent of Eastern markets with the trumpets and brass

representing the spicy flavours and powerful perfumes. With the third movement The Raga of Desert we hear Indian ragas where every note is alive and has an infinite number of expressions. For the final movement, Marco Polo makes his arrival in the Forbidden City and I was trying to imagine what kind of light, colour and sound he saw and heard there."

If at first, you find the music something of a challenge, do keep listening. It is compelling, rhythmic and sometimes enigmatic music in which the composer creates fascinating musical soundscapes.

Chen Yi (b. 1954): **Prospect Overture** for Orchestra. China National Symphony Orchestra cond. **Daniel Harding** (Duration: 09:32; Video: 480p)

Chen Yi was born in Guangzhou, formerly known as Canton and she became the first woman to earn a Master of Arts degree in composition at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing. At the age of seventeen, she was appointed

Concertmaster of the Beijing Opera Company Orchestra but later moved to New York, receiving her Doctorate at Columbia. She has since become an award-winning composer and has written a great number of successful works in which she often blends Chinese and Western elements.

BY COLIN KAYE

This work dates from 2009 and was commissioned

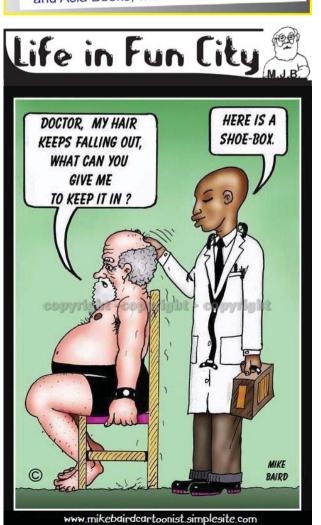
by the China National Centre for the Performing Arts in Beijing. Her musical



soundscapes are quite different from those of Tan Dun and there are many moments when distinctly tonal melodies emerge. According to the publisher, the work "is intended to reflect the eternal evolution and challenges of nature and its analogous relationship to the challenges of the human experience. The music presents the images of conflict, struggle, yearning, encouragement and triumph, to express the composer's hope for the peace in the future of the world." I have to admit that all that sounds to me ever-so-slightly pretentious. Probably better to ignore it and enjoy the invigorating music.

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DOO KReview

'Space Odyssey' robustly explores Kubrick's '2001'

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Fifty years ago, moviegoers had their minds blown by director Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey." To to envision anything offering the abundance of telling

this day some of them still aren't quite sure what it all means.

Was an alien intelligence behind the monolith? What went wrong with the computer known as HAL? Does the way station in the afterlife really look like a Louis XIV hotel suite? Did Dr. Floyd's daughter get her bush baby?

Seriously, part of Kubrick's genius and that of his co-screenwriter, Arthur C. Clarke — was not to spell out everything. thus challenging people to ponder the futuristic mythology unspooling before them. "If anyone understands it on the first viewing," Clarke said at the time, "we've failed in our intention."

Failure? Not when many consider "2001" the greatest science-fiction movie ever made and one of the landmarks of cinema,

Whether you've not seen "2001" recently or not seen it at all, do so before tackling

Michael Benson's exhaustive account of its creation. "Space Odyssey: Stanley Kubrick, Arthur C. Clarke, and the Making of a Masterpiece" is a movie wonk's dream, launching its rich narrative with the written invitation from Kubrick to Clarke in 1964 to create what Kubrick hoped would be the

first "really good" science-fiction film. Scores of books and videos about "2001" and its director have appeared over the half-century since its premiere, yet it would be difficult

> anecdotes, technical detail and keen insight that fills Benson's "Space Odyssey."

> The author explains in great detail the narrative hurdles Kubrick and Clarke faced as they tried to stay true to what might be possible in space exploration three-plus decades in the future. For example, they didn't settle on astronaut Dave Bowman's helmetless jump from spacecraft to spacecraft without assurances that a human being could actually survive several seconds in a deep-space vacuum.

While Benson gives Clarke, the movie's cast and various members of the production team their well-deserved places in the creation of "2001," the maddeningly brilliant, obsessed Kubrick remains its star. He is presented as a flawed genius, at least in the eyes of his collaborators, a man at times cold and cruel and at other moments empathetic and generous. Kubrick cultivated creative people, encouraged them and gave them

room to come up with ideas, yet he was exceedingly stingy when it came to sharing credit.

Kubrick, who died in 1999 and never saw the actual year 2001, remains as enigmatic as his movie monolith, a cinematic touchstone for future generations of filmmakers. (AP)

Arts • Entertainment • Lifestyles



Jake Coyle

Los Angeles (AP) - After 10 years of lean, threadbare, Lilliputian tales, Marvel Studios has, thank heavens, finally decided to go big.

The scale of "Avengers: Infinity War," of course, isn't a departure for Marvel. It's an apotheosis. But is it possible to supersize what is already colossal? "Infinity War," which brings together more than 30 significant characters from the Marvel Cinematic Universe and enough spandex to clothe a small nation, is a little like launching an invasion after the war was already won. Despite assured dominance, Marvel has gone nuclear.

"Infinity" is an interesting word for the Marvel machine, which sets much of its development pipeline a decade in advance. Never-ending is indeed how the superhero era of blockbusterdom sometimes feels, both to its fans and its critics. Even Steven Spielberg, who once said superheroes will eventually go the way of the western, recently signed on to produce a DC Comics film.

But the title refers to the six "infinity stones" scattered around the universe, each conveying a power of sorcery, like the time-warping one held by Doctor Strange. They are dearly sought by Thanos, the indestructible Titan warlord, who rules over much of space but would like all of it. With all the McGuffins — er, stones he can, with the snap of

In 'Avengers: Infinity War,' Marvel goes nuclear

his fingers, wipe away half of the universe's beings: a rapture to cull an overgrown herd, he envisions.

And it's, in part, the lure of finality that has made "Infinity War," directed by Anthony and Joe Russo (veterans of two "Captain America" movies), one of the year's most salivated-over movies. The preamble has been one long tease — we have seen fleeting glimpses of Thanos (Josh Brolin) since Barack Obama's first term — leading up to a battle royal that could mean the demise of some of Marvel's most famous faces.

It can be hard to know who or what to root for. Arguably the best quality — and most vital asset — of the Marvel canon is its star-making (or at least star-expanding) power. On the one hand, Chris Pratt's performance as Star-Lord in "The Guardians of the Galaxy" has been terrific and turned him into a household name. On the other hand, we've hardly seen Robert Downey Jr. outside of the Iron Man suit in the last decade. It took 18 months to shoot both parts of "Infinity War" back-to-back (the sequel is due out next summer), putting a stranglehold on some of our best movie stars, like Chris Hemsworth and Anthony Mackie. Faint cries can be heard on the street of: "Let our Ruffalo go!"

And it's really the simple pleasure of seeing so many good actors together that makes "Infinity War" — an "Ocean's Eleven" in hyper drive — work. The screenplay, by Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely, spreads the heroes around in improvised groups that create some funny dynamics. The



This image released by Marvel Studios shows, from left, Tom Holland, Robert Downey Jr., Dave Bautista, Chris Pratt and Pom Klementieff in a scene from "Avengers: Infinity War." (Marvel Studios via AP)

Guardians, who inject most of the life to "Infinity War," swoon for Hemsworth's one-eyed Thor. "He's like a pirate had a baby with an angel," says Dave Bautista's Drax. Many don't know each other, or the parameters of their shared "cinematic universe." "There's an Ant-Man AND a Spider-Man?" remarks Mark Ruffalo's Bruce Banner, a.k.a. the Hulk.

The level playing field is a chance to rebalance the Marvel pecking order, most recently upended by Chadwick Boseman and "Black Panther." Neither Chris Evans' Captain 'Cap" America nor Scarlett Johansson's Black Widow, for example, make much of an impact on "Infinity War." But Zoe Saldana, as the green-skinned Gamora, strides to the fore, as does Elizabeth Olsen's Scarlet Witch. "Infinity War" rarely, surprisingly feels as overstuffed as such a superhero smorgasbord ought to, a testament to the filmmakers' adept plate-spinning skills.

That may be because "Infinity War" doesn't really belong to the superheroes. This is Brolin's film. Already an actor who can appear chiseled from granite, his Thanos is an imposing boulder of a villain, with weary eyes and lined creases running down his massive chin. He and his adoptive daughter, Gamora, are the only characters with much of a story in "Infinity War." He's the immovable object around which the gaggle of superheroes orbits.

There may be some hint of overpopulation anxiety in Thanos' ambition and in the Russos' frighteningly overcrowded film. Its saviors repeatedly contemplate sacrifice. Previous "Avengers" chapters and the Russos' "Captain America: Civil War" expended some effort considering the Avengers' place in society and whether they should be controlled by the state. But this movie, a sensory onslaught, has little room for political subtext.

Still, I doubt such gestures of allegory are anyone's favorite part of the Marvel movies. Most come for the

characters, and I suspect "Infinity War" will deliver for most — particularly thanks to the Guardians. In such a bruisingly long showdown, the action sequences never the strongpoint of the Russos, who cut their teeth on comic ensemble like "Arrested Development" and "Community" — grow monotonous, and the interludes amid the rubble more infrequent. But if "Infinity War" is a lavish reunion tour propelled by star power, the Russos are sure to plays the hits.

The movie's ending — just one of the spoilers that divulging here would bring

action, the quips and the Thanos' fist down upon me - will be the major talking point. But for me, its power only lasts as long as a commercial break with an easy-to-see-through "to be continued." Who lives and who dies? It's hard to fret too much with an eternity of sequels and spinoffs lined up.

'Avengers: Infinity War," a Walt Disney Co. release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for "intense sequences of sci-fi violence and action throughout, language and some crude references." Running time: 149 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

Eric Idle looks at the bright side of (his own) life

New York (AP) — Eric Idle is writing a memoir, and Monty Python fans can guess the title: "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life."

"We used to be babe magnets. Now we're fridge magnets," Idle says. "I thought it was time to tell my tale before I suffer from Hamnesia, which is what happens to elderly actors."

Publishers Crown Archetype told The Associated Press that Idle's book is coming out in October. Idle is calling the publication a "Sortabiography." Crown is calling Idle "A legend in his own lunchtime."

"With anecdotes sprinkled throughout that involve close friends and luminaries such as Mick Jagger, Steve Martin, Paul Simon, Mike Nichols and many more - let alone the Pythons



Eric Idle is shown in this April 26, 2011, file photo. (AP Photo/Matt Sayles)

themselves — Idle captures a time of tremendous creative output with equal hilarity and heart," according to Crown.

Idle's previous books include "The Greedy Bastard Diary: A Comic Tour of America" and the novel "The Road to Mars."

Here we go again: ABBA records first new songs in 35 years

London (AP) — Mamma Mia! The members of ABBA announced last week that they have recorded new material for the first time in 35 years.

The Swedish pop supergroup said they had recorded two new songs, including one titled "I Still Have Faith in You."

The news was announced in an Instagram statement from Benny Andersson, Bjorn Ulvaeus, Anni-Frid Lyngstad and Agnetha Faltskog.

ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with "Waterloo" and had a sequinspangled string of hits including "Dancing Queen" and "Take a Chance on Me" before splitting up in 1982.

The band's statement said the members reunited to plan a virtual tour featuring digital avatars, and decided to go back into the studio.

ABBA said "it was like time had stood still and that we had only been away on a short holiday. An extremely joyous experience!"

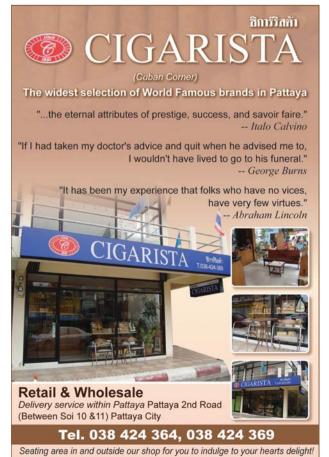


Swedish pop group Abba (from left) Benny Andersson, Anni-Frid Lyngstad, Agnetha Faltskog and Bjorn Ulvaeus are shown in this Feb. 9, 1974 file photo. (Olle Lindeborg/TT NEWS AGENCY via AP)

"I Still Have Faith In You" is due to be performed by the group's holograms in a December TV special broadcast by the BBC and NBC. There was no word on when the second track will be released.

Ulvaeus revealed earlier last month that digitally created virtual band members — "Abbatars" - would perform in a television show in 2018, followed by a tour in 2019 or 2020.

The band members have performed together just once since the 1980s, at a private party in 2016, and have long said they will never tour live together again.



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This is the third studio album that Beth Hart and Joe Bonamassa have collaborated on, the first being "Don't Explain" in 2011 and followed by "Seesaw" in 2013. Now we have this beauty "Black Coffee", released in January 2018. They are all cover albums, but don't for one second let that put you off. The duo also have a sensational live double album called "Live in Amsterdam" from 2014.

Since hitting the ground running with his debut album "A New Day Yesterday" in 2000, Joe Bonamassa has become the most prolific artist in the world of Rock music, releasing some 12 studio solo albums, four albums in collaboration with other artists, at least 15 live albums, too many compilations to count and various DVD's, plus man is only just 40.

Beth Hart/Joe Bonamassa: 'Black Coffee'

also being a full time member of bands such as Black Country Communion (4 studio albums and one live album), and one studio album each with both Rock Candy Fab Party and Bloodline. In between he has made major contributions to at least 47 other albums!



I hate to add that Bonamassa also has a very heavy tour schedule. Apart from being on the road with his own solo band, he has been working with the likes of Eric Clapton, Stephen Stills, Buddy Guy, Stevie Winwood and Warren Haynes. When does he sleep? To make it all the more miraculous there has never been a drop in quality. The



Joe Bonamassa.

By comparison Beth Hart is just a beginner, having only released 9 solo albums since her debut offering "Immortal" in 1996. But on this album they are both equals and what an album it is too. Having been living with it for a week, I would say it is the finest thing either of them has ever produced. A major statement I know for such well established artists, but please have a listen before making your own mind up.

The selection of songs covered on the album is inspired, and impressive to read even before you hear a note. Such diverse artists as Edgar Winter, Kansas Joe McCoy and Walter Vinson are all given the Hart/Bonamassa treatment.

The album starts with "Give It Everything You Got" and as the title suggests that's exactly what they do - opening up with some distorted heavy rock guitar from Bonamassa before the bass, drums and horn section come crashing in, followed by some euphoric Beth Hart vocal styling.

This album may have Hart and Bonamassa's name on the cover, but when they are



Beth Hart.

all playing together it sounds like a really closely knit band, although there is still room for Bonamassa to let fly with some incredible soloing, as on the opening track, as well as "Joy" and "Lullaby of the Leaves" to name just three jaw-dropping solos. It's probably Hart though who steals the show on most songs, purely because she is just such a good and versatile vocalist (possibly the best on the planet at the moment).

I had always thought Humble Pie with Steve Marriot did the definitive version of Ike and Tina Turner's "Black Coffee" on their album "Smokin" (1972). Not any more, these guys have nailed it and there's a great video to go with it too!

This is surely a front-runner for the album for the year and gets a praiseworthy 5 stars.

Where to next for this couple? With the rate they are going anything is

Give It Everything You've Got Damn Your Eyes Black Coffee Lullaby of the Leaves Why Don't You Do Right? Saved Sitting On Top Of The World Joy Soul On Fire

AddictedBaby I Love You

Musicians: Beth Hart - Vocals

Joe Bonamassa- Lead Guitar

Michael Rhodes- Bass Guitar

Anton Fig- Drums Reeses Wynans- Key-

Paulie Ceera- Saxophone Ron Dzuibla- saxophone Leo Thornberg – Trumpet and Trombone

Produced by Kevin Shirley Note: Written by Mott The Dog and Hells Bells who can always be found blissed out at Jameson's The Irish Pub Soi AR, North Pattaya.

Hua Hin gears up for 2018 International Jazz Festival

The annual Hua Hin International Jazz Festival 2018, which this year takes place on 18-19 May, is prominently featured on the calendar of music events in Thailand. Over the years, the event has been inspiring tourists and jazz lovers, both Thai and foreign to visit Hua Hin and enjoy some memorable live jazz performances.

This year the artist line up consists of international and local jazz artists and some other music genre performers. They will be performing on two stages: Beach Stage (main stage) and an Open Stage.

Highlight on the Beach Stage is The Sound of Siam, led by Thailand's premier saxophonist Koh Mr. Saxman; jazz-funk legends Shakatak from the UK; Dimension, a jazz-fusion band from Japan; John Di Martino, a classic jazz pianist, arranger and producer from the US; Nina



Thailand's premier saxophonist Koh Mr. Saxman. (Photo/TAT)

Van Horn jazz-blues artist from France; Swedish guitarist father-son Ulf and Eric Wakenius; Brazilian bossa nova band Veronica Nunes and Ricardo Vgt; and Austria's blond jazz



Jill Saward of British band Shakatak.

diva Simone Kopmajer.

Meanwhile, the Open Stage will present newcomers from various genres including Funktion, Sax Pack Girl, and Sincharoen Brothers.

The two-day Hua Hin International Jazz Festival will take place daily from 17.00 -24.00 Hrs. Entry is free.

For more information, visit www.huahininterjazz.com.

Springsteen 'Born to Run' manuscript heads to summer auction

Springsteen's songwriting scrawl is born to make bucks. Sotheby's said it will auction a handwritten working manuscript of "Born to Run" in June.

The presale estimate for the single sheet of notebook paper with 30 lines of writing is \$200,000 to \$300,000.

It will be offered in a books and manuscripts online auction from June 18 to June 28.

New York (AP) — Bruce It also will be exhibited in New York during that period. It's being sold by an unidentified American collector.

Sotheby's says many of the lines in this 1974 version are "apparently unpublished and unrecorded," though the chorus is "nearly perfected."

The artist tried out phrases, set off in parenthesis, with notes in the margin. His penmanship is adorned with curly-topped T's.

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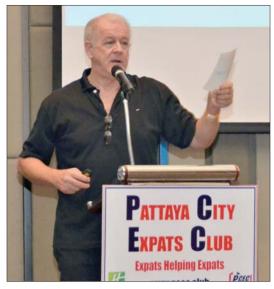
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Overcoming Will and Probate Problems



Kelvin Bamfield explains the importance of having a properly written will to avoid probate problems that cause delays and costs in settling the estate of someone who has assets in Thailand when they die.

MC Richard Silverberg inhow you would like your troduced the guest speaker, fellow member Kelvin Bamfield. Kelvin is the CEO of Thai888 Law Co. Ltd. His presentation was about Avoiding and Overcoming Will and Probate Problems in Thailand. Kelvin started by describing his company's location and organization. It has been 12 months since PCEC Member Lawrie McLaughlin departed from us. As Kelvin handled Lawrie's estate, he dedicated his talk to Lawrie's memory.

Kelvin has lived in Thailand for over 18 years. He holds Australian Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates from the University of Technology, the University of Sydney, and several other organizations. After 8 years of retirement in Thailand, Kelvin returned

body and assets handled should something happen to you. In your will, you state who you are, what assets you have, and who they should go to. Do you want a cremation, burial, repatriation, ashes in the sea etc.? If you do not have a will then things might get very messy with many more court proceedings as the law considers you intestate and sets out to whom, in priority order, your assets will be given.

Kelvin outlined ways to plan for probate and ways that minimized many legal issues and delays. Three recent probate case studies were examined in detail. Kelvin noted that he had permission from the next of kin to include them in his public presentation.



Member Darrel Vaught, one of the organizers for the monthly Club Dinner, announces to PCEC members and guests where and when the next dinner will take place and asks them to put their name on the signup sheet if they plan to attend.

to the work place to act as the CEO for Jeab Supaporn, the owner / director of Thai888 Law Company. Thai 888 Law has grown and now has 2 offices in the View Talay 5 D Building, and 9 staff (lawyers, notaries and paralegals).

A will is insurance to ensure your wishes are carried out to the letter of the law. The will instructs the executor

As people travel through life they create an identity and accumulate assets & debts e.g. bank accounts, loans, mortgage, pension plans, and life/property insurance. These assets & debts must all be addressed by the court. If you die in Thailand, the first order of business is to obtain the death certificate. You must



Member Roger Fox interviews Kelvin Bamfield after his presentation to the PCEC. The video can be seen at: https:/ /www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-O1jAHFK7c&t=2s.



MC Richard Silverberg introduces Kelvin Bamfield to the PCEC's members and guests and notes his topic will be of great interest for expat retirees planning on living out their lives in Thailand.

also notify the deceased's embassy who will, if necessary contact your next of kin.

Thai law is that the will and the executor must go to a Thai court. Probate is the legal process whereby a will is "proved" in a court and accepted as a valid public document that this is the true last testament of the deceased. The granting of probate is the first step in the legal process of administering the estate of a deceased person, resolving all claims and distributing the deceased person's property/assets under a will. If the will is not in Thai, it must be translated to That so the court will accept it.

He noted that if you have a properly drawn will naming an executor, it will make the process simpler and, thus, less costly. It will also help to ensure that your assets go to the individuals and in the amounts you wish. Kelvin also strongly suggested that if you have assets in Thailand and in your home or other countries, that you do a separate will for each country and that they cover only the assets you own in that country.

One of his case studies had to do with making a proper will in general as it dealt with his own mother's will with probate in Australia. He noted there were several deficiencies, especially in there being more than one document and they having different dates.

Another case study, dealt with a handwritten will, which is legally valid in Thailand. However, if any part is "typed" and not handwritten, it must then have the signatures of two witnesses. In the case study, the will did require two witnesses, but there was only one. Thus, the court ruled it was invalid and the deceased died intestate. Thus, probate became a lengthier process.

The third case study dealt with a US Citizen who died in Thailand with no will. He was also hiding assets all over the world from the IRS and had two passports and two identities. But he had no "black book" with codes (e.g., passwords), addresses, or other information to trace the assets. Consequently, he has land and other assets that as executor, he Kelvin, cannot touch so they can be distributed to his heirs. Kelvin strongly suggested that you have this type of information written somewhere and placed where it is secure but can be located when you die.

After answering many questions from members and guests, MC Richard Silverberg then brought everyone up to date on current events. This was followed by the "Open Forum" portion of the meeting, where questions are asked and answered and comments made about expat living in Thailand. For more information on the Club and their activities, visit www.pcec.club.

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Summit offers South Koreans rare insight into Kim Jong Un

Hyung-Jin Kim

Goyang, South Korea (AP) - A day after the leaders of the two Koreas met for a summit along their shared border, the emotional, memorable, even funny scenes from their time together are both a bitter reminder of the countries' seven decades of division and an insight into the mysterious character of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

A look at some of the scenes that South Koreans are talking about amid the afterglow of one of the most unusual moments in recent inter-Korean history:

Kim crossing the border

Kim became the first North Korean leader to set foot onto South Korean land since the 1950-53 Korean War when he stepped into the southern side of the border village of Panmunjom to meet with South Korean President Moon Jae-in on Friday.



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, left, and South Korean President Moon Jae-in cross the military demarcation line at the border village of Panmunjom. (Korea Summit Press Pool via AP, File)

The image that lingers is of Kim stepping across the ankle-high concrete slab that forms the military demarcation line at Panmunjom and shaking hands with Moon, both leaders broadly smiling. Kim then took Moon's hand and led him back across the borderline into the North, where they posed for a ceremonial photo together before returning to the South.

Moon, whose parents were refugees from North Korea during the war, visited the North's Diamond Mountain resort in 2004 to meet his aunt during a temporary reunion between war-separated families.

Kim short of breath

After their meeting at the borderline, Kim and Moon moved to a small plaza to inspect an honor guard before walking together for a couple of minutes to the Peace House, the venue for the summit. Despite the relative short bout of exercise, live TV footage showed that an obese Kim was panting heavily through his mouth, his shoulders heaving a bit, as he signed a guestbook.

South Korean media quickly speculated that Kim, 34, is about 170 centimeters (5 feet 8 inches) tall and weighs 130 kilograms (287 pounds), and likely suffers from diabetes,



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, left, and South Korean President Moon Jae-in raise their hands after signing the Panmunjom Declaration. (Korea Summit Press Pool via AP, File)

high blood pressure and hyperlipidemia.

In 2014, Kim disappeared from the public eye for about five weeks, triggering a frenzy of speculation about his health. When he resumed his public activities, he walked with a cane. Kim's father and grandfather both died of heart ailments.

Kim's security

When Kim returned to the northern side of Panmunjom in a black Mercedes limousine for lunch after a morning meeting with Moon, a dozen bodyguards, all wearing black suits and blue ties, surrounded the vehicle and jogged beside it as it made its way to the North.

The men - all tall, their hair cropped short - are likely from the North's secret service.

Later Friday, as Kim returned to the South, the car moved at a faster speed and the men kept pace, running fast as they enveloped the leader. When Kim rolled

Her proximity to her brother during most of the summit events Friday added credence to speculation that she's virtually the No.2 in the North. Kim sent his sister to South Korea in February to attend the opening ceremony of the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics, making her the first member of the North's ruling family to visit the

Private chats

Another striking moment came when Kim and Moon chatted while strolling slowly to a footbridge in Panmunjom, where a rusty signboard marking the military demarcation line stands. There they sat, engaging in about 30 minutes of private conversation. It wasn't clear what the leaders talked about. The chirping of birds was all that could be heard on the live TV footage.

When they returned to the Peace House, they chatted again, but their conversation was largely inaudible.

Joint announcement

The two leaders' close body language was also on display. They held each other's hands and raised them into the air and hugged each other after signing their names on what they called the Panmunjom Declaration, a joint statement following their summit. They also stood at a podium together



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un signs a guestbook next to his sister Kim Yo Jong, right, inside the Peace House. (Korea Summit Press Pool via AP, File)

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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, left, and South

Korean President Moon Jae-in, right, walk together

through an honor guard at the border village of

Panmunjom. (Korea Summit Press Pool via AP, File)

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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, left, and South Korean President Moon Jae-in talk as they walk on a footbridge. (Korea Summit Press Pool via AP, File)

back to the North after a farewell ceremony Friday night, the bodyguards reappeared and ran alongside his

A North Korean security worker was also seen spraying disinfectant on the chair and table to be used by Kim at the Peace House while another used a headphone and a black, square-shaped piece of equipment to check for explosives, according to South Korean media reports.

Kim's sister

Kim's younger sister, Kim Yo Jong, took a prominent role in the summit. She handed her brother a pen when he signed the guestbook, and took his gloves after he shoveled dirt on a ceremonial tree and a bouquet of flowers that he'd been handed at the border. During the meeting with Moon, she sat next to her brother, scribbling notes.

South since the end of the Korean War.

Kim acknowledged his sister's popularity in South Korea when he joked to Moon during their talks that she has become a "star in the South," causing her face to turn red, according to Moon's spokesman, Yoon Young-chan.

outside the Peace House and jointly announced the deal in front of officials and pool reporters.

The declaration has lots of accords on improving inter-Korean ties and exchange programs, but lacks any major progress in a U.S.-led international effort to end the North Korean nuclear standoff.

Intoxicated Kim

During a dinner banquet, Kim appeared a little drunk, his face red, his eyes unfocused. He didn't wear his horn-rimmed glasses as what appeared to be champagne was placed on the table before him. Kim's wife, Ri Sol Ju, and Moon's wife, Kim Jungsook, also joined the banquet.

Kim is a big fan of French wine and once drank 10 bottles of Bordeaux in one night, according to media reports citing the Kim family's former sushi chef.

Photos taken on April 27, 2018.



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, second from left, holds a glass with his wife Ri Sol Ju, left, South Korean President Moon Jae-in and Moon's wife Kim Jung-sook, right, during a dinner banquet. (Korea Summit Press Pool via AP. File)

For fans of British Royals, a sightseeing itinerary

Michelle Locke

London (AP) - You got up in the wee hours to watch Prince William and Kate Middleton tie the knot in 2011. (And, if you're of a certain age, ditto for Charles and Diana way back in 1981.)

You binge-watched "The Crown" on Netflix and are anxiously awaiting the show's next season.

This year, with the nuptials of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in the offing, perhaps you're ready to visit England and enjoy some real-life crowning moments.

From Windsor to windowshopping, here are some



Britain's Prince Harry and his fiancée Meghan Markle pose for photographers during a photocall in the grounds of Kensington Palace. (AP Photo/ Matt Dunham, File)



The Queen's Gold State Coach in the Royal Mews in Buckingham Palace, in London. (AP Photo/ Richard Lewis, File)

tips on where to get that regal feeling.

Take the Rei(G)Ns

Buckingham Palace is a must-see for devotees of "The Crown" - even though the series isn't actually filmed there. In the summer, part of the palace is open to the public; tickets sell out fast so book ahead. Almost any time of year, you can visit the Queen's Gallery, a small but thoughtfully curated selection of art from the royal collection.

From February to November, visit the Royal Mews, which houses stables, the carriage house and garage. You'll likely see horses, as well as glittering carriages. The standout is the huge, gilded Gold State Coach used at every coronation since George IV in 1821. You can even sit for a photo in a replica of the landau favored by Queen Victoria and imagine yourself trotting past crowds of adoring subjects, waving regally of

Planning to visit lots of attractions? Consider a multi-venue option like the London Pass.

Wander Windsor

Windsor Castle has been home to British royals for 900 years. That history continues when Harry and Meghan wed there at St. George's Chapel.

There's a lot to see, from ornate formal rooms to the miniature perfection of Queen Mary's Dolls' House to the rather stout suit of armor worn by Henry VIII. The castle closes at 5:15 p.m. in summer, an hour earlier in winter. After exiting, you can line up for (free) admission to Evensong at St. George's Chapel, a mostly sung service that sometimes features visiting choirs. Ask the guides where to stand and when to get in line.

The castle will be closed May 18-19 for the wedding and some apartments are closed other times of the year; details at https:// www.royalcollection.org.uk/ visit/windsorcastle

Windsor Castle is about 25 miles (about 40 kilometers) from London and easy to reach. By train, head from Paddington to Slough and change at Slough for the Windsor & Eton Central train, which delivers you within steps of the castle.

Feel like a Princess

Back in London, Kensington Palace feels surprisingly home-like for a palace. This is the official residence of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, aka William and Kate, and Prince Harry. The grounds include the sunken garden where the latest royal engagement was announced. This was



Leaders of Commonwealth countries arrive and walk past the round tower at Windsor Castle for the second day of the Commonwealth Heads of Government 2018 for a behind closed doors meeting in Windsor, England. (AP Photo/Frank Augstein, File)



The Fortnum & Mason store in London, also bearing the Royal Coat of Arms above, declaring by appointment to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. (AP Photo/Sang Tan, File)

also home to Diana, Princess of Wales. An exhibit of some of her iconic outfits is on display through Jan. 6. It's popular so buy tickets ahead: https://ticketslive. hrp.org.uk/hrp/b2c/index. cfm/calendar/eventCode/ **KDHF**

Don't miss having a cup of tea in the cafe, with outdoor seating overlooking the gardens and free Wi-Fi.

From the palace, you can walk to the Princess Diana Memorial Fountain in Hyde Park, a lovely and serene spot. Friendly notices advise that it's perfectly OK to sit on the side of the fountain and dip your feet.



Queen Elizabeth II leaves Buckingham Palace with Prince Charles to travel to parliament for her speech at the official State Opening of Parliament in London. (AP Photo/Frank Augstein, File)

(Window) shop 'til you drop

Bond Street, which runs through Mayfair from Oxford Street to Piccadilly Circus, is an excellent place to windowshop, teeming with high-end shops, including Asprey's, jewelers to the royal family since Queen Victoria. The Piccadilly entrance is around the corner from Burlington Arcade, a covered shopping alley featuring a number of luxury boutiques. Across the street from the arcade's Piccadilly entrance is Fortnum & Mason, fabled supplier of gourmet food hampers (the young Prince Charles gets one in the boarding school episode of "The Crown"). You can look at samples and plan a

palatial picnic, see luxury goods on upper floors, including Launer handbags favored by the queen. Get a casual bite in The Parlour or spring for lavish afternoon tea in the Diamond Jubilee Tea Room.

Etcetera

Westminster Abbey is packed with modern royal history. It was the site of Queen Elizabeth II's wedding and her coronation, the first ever to be televised, as well as William and Kate's wedding. You'll find the tombs of many noble and notable figures here, including Queen Elizabeth I and Mary Queen of Scots. Don't miss the coronation chair, which has been used in coronation ceremonies since the 14th century.

St. Paul's Cathedral, worth

visiting in its own right, has a royal wedding tie-in as well. Charles and Diana were married here, and she swept the 25-foot (8-meter) train of her wedding dress up steps redcarpeted for the occasion.

The Tower of London isn't exactly the home of fairytale romance. This is where two famous royal wives, Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard, met their ends. But it is home to the Crown Jewels, including the 530-carat Cullinan 1 diamond, set in the Sovereign's Scepter with Cross that's been used in every coronation since Charles II in 1661. The most oftenasked question from visitors, according to the official website, is "Are they real?" The answer: "Yes, they are!"

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Centara Pattaya Hotel and Centara Nova Hotel & Spa Pattaya jointly marked their seventh anniversaries with the celebration of the Thai traditional "Songkran" New Year. The activities featured symbolic Buddhist traditions including a merit-making ceremony and offering of alms to monks. To bid the old year adieu, staff members also received blessings from the monks and paid respectful tribute to their elders with the act of pouring scented water through the palms of senior staff and management executives. Jonas Sjöstedt (centre), General Manager of both the hotels, presided over the Buddhist ceremony and led the management team and staff in celebrating the hotels' seventh anniversary by paying respects to the four-faced Brahma image and spirit house, and food offerings were presented to nine monks during the traditional ceremony.



Kantary Bay Hotel, Rayong Resident Manager Plabplung Yimmueng (2nd left), Front Office Manager Pattarawut Tongarm (right), and Banquet Coordinator Surapun Pookpanid (left) greet Thai actor Nam Rapeepat and well known-comedian Kotee Aramboy during their stay at the hotel.



Gerd Steeb (left), President, Director and Advisor to the board of Centara Hotels & Resorts, was an honoured guest at the Songkran water pouring ceremony held for the management and staff at Centara Grand Mirage Beach Resort Pattaya last month.



The management and staff of **Dusit Thani Pattaya** joined Pattaya City's post-Songkran celebration – known as 'Wan Lai' – held on Pattaya Beach Road, which was closed for the occasion. The hotel set up a special booth where staff and guests dressed in vibrant costumes enjoyed a day of water-splashing fun. The hotel's general manager, Neoh Kean Boon, raised lots of smiles by turning up in a Robin costume.



Trat Airport in collaboration with **Bangkok Hospital Trat** set up a mobile medical unit at Moom Sa-Ngop temple to provide free basic medical check-ups for people who live around Trat airport and in Trat city. Trat Airport officials not only helped provide an area for a mobile medical unit, but also supported food and beverages for doctors, nurses and others involved.



In keeping with the longstanding policy of the **Sunshine Group & Resorts** to support hotel staff and their families by contributing scholarships and funds for the education expenses of their children, Sunshine Hotels & Resorts Group President Sunt Supornsahasrungsri (2nd left), along with Group Executive Directors Thanet Supornsahasrungsri (left), Thana Supornsahasrungsri (2nd right), and Rassmiman Supornsahasrungsri (right) presided over the Scholarships Presentation Ceremony for 2018. This year the benevolent family awarded 112 scholarships worth 243,000 baht to children of hotel staff employed in the eight hotels and resorts of the Sunshine Group.



Adrian Flaherty (right), GM-Golf at **Pattana Golf Club & Resort** presents trophies to the 3rd round winners of the Pattana Golf Challenge which is played over four rounds. The winners of each round will play in the final round on September 24, 2017. The top prize is a golf package to Dubai and a spot in the Pro Am - MENA Golf Tournament 2018. The fourth and final round will be played on September 17. Golfers can get more information by calling Tel. 038 318 999 or email: golfbooking@pattana.co.th

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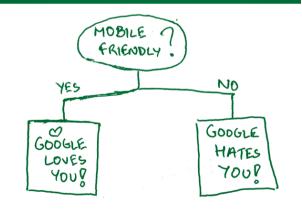
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PSC Golf from the Pattaya Links Golf Society

Monday, April 23, Mt. Shadow -**Stableford**

1st Paul Chesney (22) 35pts 2nd Derek Phillips (23) 32pts 3rd Barry Oats (25) 32pts

With Songkran over, a more seasonal sized Links field visit Mountain Shadow on Monday to play a stableford competition on a course which appeared a bit jaded after a hot and dry spell. Fairways were hard and allowed some run but the greens were a little inconsistent, making good scores difficult to come by.

The moderate sized field allowed only one flight and saw a meagre five golfers return scores of thirty or more, with Barry Oats's 32 points taking third place, the Aussie senior losing the runner-up slot to Derek Phillips on countback. The winner was Paul Chesney for whom



Derek Phillips (left) with Phil Davies.

the course has mixed memories, being his first LoS golf experience some six months ago and some genuine efforts since attempting to put that first round behind him. This day he took revenge with an excellent 35 points for the win and the honour of wearing the green jacket.

Consolation prizes went to Phil "PJ" Mitchell for the best front nine (17 points) on his final round this trip and Tip Briney for his best back nine of 17 points.

Wednesday, April 25, Green Valley -**Stableford**

1st Phil Davies (13) 40pts 2nd Derek Phillips (23) 38pts 3rd Tip Briney (22) 38pts

4th Brian Talbot (14) 37pts The golfers looked forward to a visit to Green Valley on Wednesday and found on arrival that the greens had been cored and sanded a



Paul Chesney (right) with "wig" wearer Martin Patch.

week before. Putting was to be a bit of a lottery therefore, on the course which otherwise was in excellent condition. With the removal of quite a number of trees around the course the track now has a more open and airy feel, and the latest routing is almost the same as the original design.

Scores showed Brian Talbot in fourth place with 37 points, one point behind Tip Briney and Derek Philips on 38 but separated by Derek's better back nine. The winner was Phil Davies whose game

is either right on or stuttering. This day was his though, as another forty point return saw him don his own Green Jacket back at Links Bar.

Consolation prizes went to Nigel Harrison for his best front nine of 19 points and Bill Copeland for his best back nine of 17 points.

Friday, April 27, Phoenix - Stableford

1st Derek Phillips (23) 47pts 2nd Peter Henshaw (30) 37pts 3rd Dom Downey (11) 36pts The society visited nearby Phoenix on Friday to play a

Mackintosh & Fox strike

stableford competition on the Lakes and Ocean nines in one flight. Group numbers are holding up well despite the departure of many friends and supporters for their own national summers.

Phoenix was in quite good condition and presented a good opportunity for golfers to produce some more than respectable scores. An all Irish leaderboard saw third place occupied by Dom Downey, his 36 points coming from the best (shared) gross of the day, 83 shots. In second was Peter Henshaw, recording one point better on 37.

The winner with a staggering 47 points was Derek Phillips whose sumptuous round was by far his best ever and came on a day when everything fell into place. He claims the course was made for his game and few can argue with that. Certainly his golfing renaissance, which began in Khon Kaen at Songkran, has set him new targets for the rest of his stay.

Consolation prizes went to Brian Talbot for his best front nine of 18 points and Lee Rodman for his best back nine of 21 points.

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Mashi hits the ground running

PSC Golf from The Growling Swan

Monday, April 23, Crystal Bay -**Stableford**

1st Mashi Kaneta (15) 38pts 2nd Peter Bailey (15) 36pts 3rd Bill Steinmann (13) 34pts Near Pins: Bill Steinmann, Mashi Kaneta, John Coetzee, Keith Buchanan

Long Putts: Rudv Reganess, Anthony J Cook A medium size field ventured out to take on the challenge of Crystal Bay. Our prior information seemed to be incorrect as the course was in good condition, the only complaints that surfaced were to do with the lack of staff in the change rooms and the bar area.

With the numbers that we had we were playing one division with 3 places. It was Mashi that took the chocolates on the day, finishing with 38points that put him 2 in front of the pack. Second past the post was Peter Bailey, a late inclusion for the



Gordon Clegg, Mashi Kaneta & Keith Buchanan.

day but happy to be there. By all reports Bill Steinmann should have been the winner but his putting let him

Friday, April 27, Pleasant Valley -Monthly Mug/Stroke

With only eleven golfers it was a small field that took to having a crack at April's

Monthly Mug. It was that man Mashi again that shone thru with a very tidy score of net 69. He is in good form at the moment. Runner up with a net score of 73 was Keith Buchanan. They were queuing up for third while near pins went to Gordon Clegg and JJ Harney (2) and long putt awards to Colin Stielow and Keith Buchanan.

at PAGS Monthly The Pattaya Amateur Golf Series for April had a decreased number of participants with

87 taking part, including a solitary lady.

Burapha A & B nines were the combination of the day, with the course playing at its full scorecard length, and in overall fine condition. The weather conditions deteriorated about midday, with heavy rain and plenty of electrical activity in the skies above the course. Most players waited out the rain, and were rewarded with some satisfactory to outstanding scores.

There was no winner in the Ladies Flight as the 1 lady failed to finish due to the weather. The C Flight winner for handicaps 21+ was Todd Fox (38) with the aforementioned day's outstanding score of 45 points. Stephen Watkins (27) played well to record 40 points, while Bengt Almstrom picked up third spot with his 37.

B Flight for handicaps 13-20 was won by Phil Barber (15) with a solid 39 points, ahead of 2 players on 36. Pierre Zbinden (20) had the better back 9 of 18 points to claim the silver while Bjorn Noren (15) had to be satisfied with the bronze medal position after signing for 17 points on the back 9.

The A Flight for players for 0–12 saw Kevin Mackintosh (5) show some great form to shoot a 1-under par score of 71 to win Low Gross and top spot in the flight with a



Kevin Mackintosh -A Flight & Low Gross winner.

spectacular 42 points. Pelle Petterson (12) played well to sign for 39 points, while Steve Truelove (12) picked up the low spot on the podium with 37 points, to go with his Long Putt on A4.

Honourable mentions go to Mark Johnson with his 3 technical awards and Andre Coetzee with 2.

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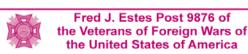
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The Hawk swoops to victory

Monday, April 23, **Phoenix - Stableford**

This week we had over 120 golfers from the UK, Australia, Denmark, America, South Africa, Japan and Korea compete in the daily TRGG competitions and the friendships that are forged never ceases to amaze me.

Monday, April 23, Silky Oak -**Stableford**

1st Richard Talbot (17) 36pts 2nd Graham Brown (12) 34pts 3rd Kerry Langlands (10) 34pts

The greens at Silky Oaks are in the worst condition I've ever seen them. They appear to have some sort of disease and were extremely slow. Three and four putting was the order of the day except for R.C. Talbot who posted a fine score of 37 points to take first prize and also improve on his number one position as "Golfer of the Year" Taking second and third place were Graham Brown and Kerry Langlands respectively.



Don Hawkins.

Tuesday, April 24, St. Andrews -**Stableford**

1st Neil Bramley (9) 35pts 2nd Paul Durkan (8) 34pts 3rdBarry Sowman (8) 34pts St Andrews is in magnificent condition, which is amazing as this and Silky Oak literally run adjacent to each other. The greens were an absolute pleasure to play on; a simple putting stroke was all that was required instead of smacking the ball to the hole.

Neil Bramley, a right handed player with a left hander's grip, took full advantage of the course conditions to



Brendan Abbott.

post his first win in over thirty games. His 35 points was just enough to edge his way home from Paul Durkan and Barry Sowman, both with 34 points.

Wednesday, April 25, Khao Kheow - Stroke **Division 1**

1st Gary Brocket (12) net 75 2nd Christian Boysen (8) net

3rd Graham Brown (12) net 76

Division 2

1st New Boysen (21) net 79 2nd Billy Allan (17) net 81 3rd Derek Hutcheson (14)

The last Wednesday of the

month is our monthly medal competition and the chosen course was Khao Kheow.

Family loyalties were stretched to the limit as Christian Boysen and his partner New Boysen battled it out for first place but unbeknownst to them another rival was on the horizon. Gary Brocket was finishing strongly and it took a count back to the last hole on the back nine to determine that Gary was the winner.

Thursday, April 26, Phoenix Gold -**Stableford**

Division 1

1st Don Hawkins (16) 45pts 2nd Paul Durkan (8) 42pts 3rd David Booth (16) 39pts Division 2

1st Shigeki Toyoshima (18) 43pts

2nd Gordon Vallance (21) 39pts 3rd Andrew Rich (22) 38pts Don Hawkins or "The Hawk" as he likes to be known scored the best round of the week with a massive 45 points at Phoenix. There must have been something in the drinking water as Shigeki

Toyoshima's 43 points took first place in division two, however 38 points in division one didn't even rate a mention and 37 in division two was only good enough for 5th place.

Friday, April 27, Burapha -**Stableford**

Division 1

1st Ted Senior (15) 40pts 2nd Se-Jun Park (11) 36pts

3rd Greg Bates (14) 36pts Division 2

1st Brendan Abbott (21) 40pts

2nd Nino Dinardo (19) 34pts

3rd Mitch Ikeda (22) 34pts Two forty pointers took first places in both divisions at Burapha with Father Ted Senior continuing his great form to take top spot in division one and his counterpart Father Brendan Abbott lifted the chalice in division two.

Parish leads the pack

PSC Golf from the Tropical Golf Group



From left, John Davis, Brian Parish, Dave Cooper and Barry Elphick.

Friday, April 27, Pattana - Stableford

A small, post Songkran, field of 12 signed up for the outing to Pattana. With all hoping for a full, non rain delayed round, off we set on the relatively quick trip up the 331.

After a quick check-in, the locker room sheet showed only 25 players ahead of us so it was out to our assigned tee, C-1, and off we went, with the A nine to follow and this was welcome news to most since we would avoid the challenge of "B-1.

The weather was on the hot side but with enough cloud to break up the blazing sun and the course was found in very good condition, with the fairways in fine shape, the rough cut to a reasonable height and the greens running reasonably true.

With no hold ups all groups were finished in good time and, after a stop in the restaurant while the scorecards were collected, we were soon headed back to Pattaya.

Leading the way today was Brian Parish (H/cap 12) with a fine 40 points. Brian was followed by Barry Elphick (28) with 38 points, John Davis (14) took third with 37 points and Dave Cooper (25) completed the podium in fourth, taking a 3-way count back on 35 points over Walter Baechli and Mashi Kaneta.

The best 9's for non-winners went to Walter Baechli and Dick Warberg.

Poopay bags the medal

PSC Golf from The Billabong Golf Bar



Miss Poopay (left) receives her medal from Brian Chapman.

Monday, April 23, Phoenix Gold -**Stableford**

We had just a small field of 12 golfers on a very hot day at Phoenix Gold. We played Lakes and Ocean and both nines are in great shape, the greens were a bit tricky on the Lakes but you get used to that eventually.

The scoring was not too bad apart from one or two golfers who hit the wall on the last few holes. Bob Pearce took third spot with a fine 37 points while there was a count back for the top two places on 38 points, with Peter Jeucken just edging George Barrie for the honours.

There were two '2's, coming from Paul Greenaway and George Barrie, George slam dunking his approach shot on the 3rd hole on the Lakes side for the second eagle in his golfing career.

Wednesday, April 25, Green Valley -

A medal comp today sponsored by Brian Chapman, of Haven Consultants. It was a hot humid day and much of the round was accompa nied by thunder but we were lucky to escape the rain. The greens had been heavily tined and sanded which made putting interesting but these things must be done if we want good greens later on.

The scores for both the ladies and their male counterparts were remarkable when considering the condition of the greens. Miss Tan could have had a better result had she not had a quadruple bogie on the 10th for a 68, losing out to Miss Sasicha on



Williams Macey (left) with Brian Chapman and Thiery Petrement.

the same score to occupy third place. Miss On moved up a gear on the turn, improving the back nine by 5 shots to record a 67 but 2 shots behind the eventual winner Miss Poopay, who had two double bogies in her 65.

The men's scores were equal to those of the ladies with three finishing on 68. Occasional golfer, Brian Chapman, did not perform too well on the par 5s to miss out to Thiery Petrement who had a triple bogey on the 10th to fall behind Peter Thomas on the back nine for second place. The winner, Williams Macey, admitted to receiving some help from the holes in the greens to claim the medal with a 67.

It was a surprise to see only three '2's, these going to Am North, Lynn and Auke Engelkes.

Friday, April 27, Phoenix Gold -**Scramble**

The monthly scramble held at the Phoenix was played on the Lakes and Ocean loops on a hot day. The course was in great condition but he had a depleted field today with only 7 teams competing.

As is usual in this format, putting is the answer to having a good score and also making no bogies. Well that was what transpired today with the bridesmaids from last month, namely the Valley Hackers, led by Ed Horricks scoring a net 58.2, almost exactly the same score as last month. They were beaten by 0.9 of a shot by the defending champions Sasicha, Paul Greenaway, Greig Ritchie and Bob Philp.

Thatchers Cider Monday Pool League

Results & Standings April 23 (week 15)

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Team	P	\mathbf{W}	D	\mathbf{L}	+/-	Pts.
Moonies Kitchen	15	12	0	3	55	36
Thirsty Beaver	15	12	0	3	49	36
Diva Sports Bar	15	11	0	4	47	33
Honeypot	15	10	0	5	18	30
Khao Noi Sports	15	9	0	6	17	27
Black Moonies	15	8	0	7	35	24
Diva Devils	15	8	0	7	15	24
Pride	15	7	0	8	-19	21
Honeybees	15	5	0	10	-28	15
Leks Bar	15	4	0	11	-21	12
Full Moon	15	4	0	11	-33	12
GB Bar	15	0	0	15	-135	0
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Evans above all at Pattana

The Jomtien Golf Society

Monday, April 23, Pattana G.C. -**Stableford**

We were playing the A and B nines today with the cut set at 6-17 and 18+ in the two divisions. The greens here were slightly slower on the A course but very slick on the back nine.

Nik Evans returned the best score of the day, winning division 1 with 36 points. Martin Grimoldby was second on 35 and Paul Butler was on the podium again, this time in third with 33 points.

Rick Assi topped division 2 with 34 points, one ahead of Alan Bissell while Andre Van De Laan pipped Steve Harris on a back-six countback of 10/8 to take third place with 28 points overall and 14 each on the back

Near pins went to (Div 1) Paul Butler, Bob Poole and Dennis Scougall, and (Div 2) Rick Assi, Alan Bissell and Steve Harris.

With a few '2's rollovers in division 2, Steve Harris was a happy chappy with a birdie on B3 and in division 1 there were two rollovers to Plutaluang.

Wednesday, April 25, Plutaluang -**Stableford**

We always play two or three rounds on the North and West nines and then one game on the East and South course and that is where we were today. It was a tough test of golf with the greens so slow it was unbelievable.

We had a different cut from Monday with 14-17 in division 1 and 18+ in division 2 and an amazing 33 points



Nik Evans, Martin Grimoldby and Steve Harris.

was the highest score of the day, with Dennis Scougall winning division 1. The Khao Yai boy, Tim Hake, was second with 29 points and Paul Butler third with 27.

Theo Bahrt with 31 points won division 2, with Gil Phillips second one point behind and with a measly 25 points Leo Adam was third. Near pins were claimed by

(Div 1) Paul Butler, Tim Hake (2) and Dennis Scougall, and (Div 2) Peter Davies, David Phillips, Gil Phillips and Allan Robartson.

More rollovers in division 1 in the '2's but in division 2 Gil Phillips birdied the 5th on the East course.

Friday, April 27, Eastern Star -**Stableford**

The forecast here today was not too promising but all groups survived before the horrendous storm started just on our way home back to Jomtien.

The majority of the fairways had been holitized so 'pick clean and place' came into play on the fairways and fringes.

Two 37 scores came in with Dave Stockman recorded one of those to win division 1, one ahead of Mikael Andersson in second on 36. Peter Seil took third with 35 points and in fourth place was Frank Kelly with 32.

Alan Bissell was the winner in division 2, with Tony Thorne second six points behind on 31 and Theo Bahrt beat Glyn Evans on a 16/14 back-nine count-back after they both came in with 30 points.

Near pins went to (Div 1) Mikael Andersson, Dave Stockman and Pete Sumner, and (Div 2) Colin Aspinall and Theo Bahrt.

No '2's today in either division so four rollovers here next Friday.

We had some very sad news for Jomtien golfers today as we heard of the passing away of Fred Temminick.

Mabprachan Thursday Pool League

Results & Standings April 26 (week 22)

Team	P	\mathbf{W}	D	L	\mathbf{F}	\mathbf{A}	+/-	Pts
Honeypot	22	21	0	1	243	87	156	42
Black Moonies	22	17	0	5	204	126	78	34
Moonies Kitchen	21	16	0	5	208	107	101	32
Diva Sport	22	16	0	6	202	128	74	32
GB Bar	22	15	0	7	193	137	56	30
Blue Moose	22	13	0	9	191	139	52	26
Maya Bar	22	13	0	9	179	151	28	26
Blue Moonies	22	12	0	10	186	144	42	24
Mucky Duck	22	12	0	10	182	148	34	24
Pride	22	12	0	10	175	155	20	24
Mary Lou's	22	12	0	10	165	165	0	24
Old Bill CID	22	10	0	12	170	160	10	20
Diva Angels	22	10	0	12	159	171	-12	20
Moonies Magnet	22	9	0	13	153	177	-24	18
Niftys	22	5	0	17	111	219	-108	10
Ponderosa	22	2	0	20	90	240	-150	4
Rose and Crown	21	2	0	19	78	237	-159	4
Loft Resort	22	0	0	22	66	264	-198	0
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Results: Blue Moonies 12 - 3 GB Bar, Blue Moose 12 - 3 Loft Resort, Diva Angels 6 - 9 Black Moonies, Moonies Magnet 6 - 9 Diva Sport, Niftys 3 - 12 Maya Bar, Old Bill CID 8 - 7 Honeypot, Ponderosa/Bye 3 - 12 Mucky Duck, Pride 8 - 7 Mary Lou's

Hitchens hot on the greens

The Tara Court Golf Society

Sunday, April 22, Green Valley -**Stableford**

As the greens at Green Valley had just been cored and sanded we asked the 12 players which course they wanted to play today. The majority still wanted to play Green Valley and while there were a few bumps and jumps on the greens it was the same for everyone. The fairways are still in excellent condition and the greens should bounce back quickly.

The greens did not worry the winner Craig Hitchens (H/cap 15) with 28 putts for the round and 39 points overall. In second came Donal McGuigan (20) with 35 points, third went to Declan Kelly (12) with 34 and fourth to Pat Carty (23) on 33.

Tuesday, April 24, Pattavia - Stableford

Twelve players arrived at Pattavia today and were

On Tuesday we went to

rumbles of thunder in the

distance. The course was in

good condition but we didn't

have very good scores and

the trees were big obstacles

Stephen Ford was the winner

today with 33 stableford

The near pins went to



Declan Kelly.

greeted with a special price of 1150 baht all up as the golf course was having greens maintenance done. More courses should be doing the same thing this time of year.

The greens had been cored and sanded about a week ago, so while a bit bumpy they still played Ok. The fairways and bunkers were in great shape however.

We got off to a good start with the pace very quick until we caught up on the 9th

Rees rules at Pattavia

PSC Golf from Siam Country Resort Pattaya



Craig Hitchens.

with a group of 6 players and a few more groups of 6 in front of them and had a 3 hour back nine. Management did apologize but said it was a tournament.

Today's winner was Craig Robson (H/cap 9) with 37 points and he also had the only 2 for the day, making for a good payday. Second place went to Michael Williams (12) on 36 points, Craig Hitchens (15) was third with 34 and the final place was occupied by Shaun Merriman (12) on 33.

Thursday, April 26, **Burapha - Stableford**

We were back at Burapha today for our first of many games here this year. Like before we found the course in magnificent condition and it is great to be back.

Today we played the A and B nines and we were lucky as our last group were on the last hole when the rain came and although they got a bit wet as least we all got finished.

We had some very good scores today with Declan Kelly (12) coming out the winner with an excellent 39 points. Ted Morris (20) took the second place with 38 and Daryl Burkett (13) got third with 36. We had two players with 33 points and here Russell Gilroy (17) won the count back to take fourth place and Bernie Stafford (18) had to settle for fifth.



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points while second was Jonathan Pratt with 31.

Paddy Devereux, Brian Chapman and Sam Gettinby.

Thursday, April 26, Pattavia - Stableford

Pattavia was our venue on Thursday and although we were afraid for the rain we were lucky and kept dry. The course was in very good condition, the greens were slow but most of us could handle that.

Today we had good scores and Stan Rees was the winner with 43 points. Sam Gettinby played his last game before leaving for the European summer and came



From left, Jonathan Pratt, Stan Rees and Sam Gettinby.

second with 41 points, beating Jonathan Pratt on a

The near pins were claimed by Dave Smith, Stan Rees, Paddy Devereux and Sam Gettinby.

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Parker tops the charts

PSC Golf from The Bunker Boys

Monday, April 23, Crystal Bay -**Stableford**

1st Peter Allen (31) 34pts 2nd Geoff Cox (18) 32pts 3rd Les Hall (25) 30pts

A reasonable field for the low season of eleven turned up to play at the Crystal Bay course. The weather was once again hot and humid and dark clouds on the horizon thankfully stayed away.

The course, particularly the C nine, is showing a lot of wear with many bare patches on the fairways and greens, the B nine was much better. It may be time to reopen the A nine which has been closed for over a year.

Unusually for this course scoring was low with only two players managing to top thirty points. Top of the heap today was Peter Allen with a score of thirty-four points while Geoff Cox was second with a score of thirtytwo. Geoff missed at least six putts from within eighteen inches and really should have scored much better. Les Hall rounded out the winner's list with thirty points.

Near pins went to Michael Brett, Geoff Cox, and two to Colin Greig.



Geoff Parker.

health hazards e.g. snakes, angry birds etc but today Neil Carter encountered a new one on his way from the eight green to the ninth tee when he got stung by an angry bee, some people will use any excuse for a low score.

Wednesday, April 25, Treasure Hill -**Stableford**

1st Les Cobban (7) 37pts 2nd Jimmy Carr (18) 36pts 3rd Geoff Parker (14) 35pts

Treasure Hill is a challenging course by any measure, today was something else. By the time our lead group approached the first green Golf courses are full of the rain was tumbling down and when it came time to putt the green was waterlogged.

The rain abated for a short time only to return with renewed intensity. Simultaneous lightning strikes and thunder claps meant that the center of the storm was right above us. After a scary period in a small shelter all braved the elements and returned to the clubhouse where it was expected that the game would be abandoned. Fairways and greens were flooded and many trees were split asunder by lightning strikes, bunkers were washed out or filled with water.

After about forty minutes the rain stopped, fairways and greens drained rapidly and play was resumed. Naturally the pick, clean and place rule was applied and by the end of play the course was in such remarkably good condition it was unnecessary.

The star of the day was Les Cobban with a score of thirty-seven, not only did Les win he also took three near pins as well. Second place went to Jimmy Carr with thirty-six points while Geoff Parker brought up the rear with thirty-five points. The remaining near pin went to Peter Allen.

Friday April 27, Pleasant Valley -**Stableford**

1st Geoff Parker (14) 39pts 2nd Colin Greig (8) 35pts 3rd Jimmy Carr (18) 32pts

Pleasant Valley is a course that has come a long way from the days some people disparagingly referred to it as 'unpleasant valley'. Today the course was in superb condition, with lush well grassed fairways and greens that ran true and were very good for putting. The sand in the bunkers was a bit compacted due to recent heavy rain so it was unavoidable.

The day was oppressively hot and humid but the rain that threatened all day never eventuated. Speed of play was excellent and the round was completed in less than three and a half hours. Pick, clean and place rule was applied due to the recent downpours.

Geoff Parker was the shining light today with a very good score of thirty-nine points; Geoff is now showing signs of recapturing his best golfing form again and showing greater consistency. Playing his last game for the time being, Colin Greig took second place with thirty-five, while Jimmy Carr took third with thirty-two.

Near pins went to Colin Greig and Geoff Parker with





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Former ski jumper Roglic wins Tour of Romandie

Geneva (AP) — Primoz Roglic won the Tour of Romandie title last Sunday, giving the Slovenian former ski jumper his second stagerace victory in April.

Roglic protected his lead over Egan Bernal — in a stage won by sprint specialist Pascal Ackermann of Germany — to add the Romandie title to his Tour of the Basque Country win.

Riding for the LottoNL-Jumbo team, Roglic ended the six-day race eight seconds ahead of Colombia's Bernal.

Defending champion Richie Porte of Australia stayed third, trailing Roglic by 35 seconds.

At the end of Sunday's 182kilometer (113-mile) ride into Geneva, Ackermann got a



Primoz Roglic from Slovenia (right) poses while wearing the yellow jersey before the final stage of the 72th Tour de Romandie cycling race in Mont-sur-Rolle, Switzerland, Sunday, April 29. (Jean-Christophe Bott/Keystone via AP)

corner. He eased to the stage of Italy had the same time in win over Michael Morkov

perfect lead round the final of Denmark. Roberto Ferrari

Celtic clinch Scottish league title by thrashing Rangers

Glasgow, Scotland (AP) Celtic clinched a seventh straight Scottish league title in the sweetest way imaginable last Sunday by thrashing fierce Glasgow rivals Rangers.

A 5-0 win moved Brendan Rodgers' side one victory away from an unprecedented second straight domestic treble. Having already won the Scottish League Cup, Celtic are in the final of the Scottish Cup against Motherwell.

Celtic wrapped up the Scottish Premiership with three games to spare thanks to a double from Odsonne Edouard — a striker on loan from Paris Saint-Germain as well as goals by James Forrest, Tom Rogic and Callum McGregor at Celtic Park.

Celtic's biggest win over Rangers was 7-1 in 1957 and it could have easily been beaten, such was the home side's dominance.

"This will live with us for the rest of our lives," Celtic captain Scott Brown said. "To do it in the style we did



Celtic's Odsonne Edouard celebrates scoring his side's first goal during the Scottish Premiership soccer match against Rangers at Celtic Park, in Glasgow, Sunday April 29. (Jane Barlow/PA via AP)

is just amazing."

Liverpool great Steven Gerrard has been heavily linked with becoming coach of Rangers, for what would be his first senior managerial role. He might think twice after this latest Old Firm match that further highlighted the gulf between the rivals.

Rodgers is now unbeaten in 11 games against Rangers since he took over in

2016 — with nine wins and two draws.

"The league is tougher this year," Rodgers said, "but it shows the level the players are at: League cup, title and one game away from the treble.

"We're hungry and want to consistently win. The players are doing that and there's a great mentality shown by

Hamilton wins action-packed **Azerbaijan Grand Prix**

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After a start in cool, windy conditions that made it hard to get enough grip, the safety car was out almost immediately on lap 1 as several cars collided in the middle of the pack.

Sergei Sirotkin ran into the back of Perez, causing contact between several other cars. That in turn left Sirotkin out of the race and Fernando Alonso limping back to the pits with two punctures.

The drama continued at the next turn, where Raikkonen's Ocon into the wall and out of the race. Raikkonen needed to pit for a new nose and his chances of a podium finish appeared over.

Renault's Carlos Sainz and Nico Hulkenberg briefly stormed past both Red Bulls into fourth and fifth, but Sainz lost his spot when he pitted, while Hulkenberg's race ended with a slide into the wall on lap 11.

Vettel was fourth after failing to retake third spot from

aggressive lunge at Force Sainz climbed back into India's Esteban Ocon plunged fifth thanks to the turmoil ahead of him, claiming Renault's best finish since Vitaly Petrov was fifth in Canada in 2011. Charles Leclerc was a career-best sixth for Sauber.

The McLarens of Alonso and Stoffel Vandoorne were seventh and ninth, sandwiching Lance Stroll's Williams.

Tenth place for Brendon Hartley in the Toro Rosso was the best result by a New Zealander in F1 since Chris Amon took his final career points in Spain in 1976.

Haye fighting to save career in rematch with Bellew

Steve Douglas

Liverpool (AP) - Former world heavyweight champion David Haye is 37, has fought just three times in six years, and has an unfortunate knack of picking up injuries in and out of the ring.

Yet the British fighter thinks he should still be in the conversation for world heavyweight titles, that he can "achieve the very best in the division."

Tony Bellew scoffs at that notion.

"David is not back to win world titles, he's back to try to rob the bank," Bellew said ahead of this weekend's all-British rematch against Haye. "He wants to fight little fatties like me."

Haye certainly looked like a boxer on his way out of the fighting game when he fell through the ropes — bloodied, battered and with only one functioning leg — in an 11th-round loss to Bellew in March 2017.

Known for his impressive physique, athleticism, speed and explosiveness, Haye appeared a spent force that night at the O2 Arena despite being clearly hampered by an Achilles injury sustained in the sixth round. He openly acknowledges underestimating Bellew, a cruiserweight, and thinking he could just turn up and knock him out.

"The last fight was a cracker everyone enjoyed it, apart



Tony Bellew (left) and David Haye pose together during the press conference at the Echo Arena, Liverpool, England, Monday April 30. (Anthony Devlin/PA via AP)

from me," Haye said. "I'm round not so much." going to do what I tried to do last time, but failed miserably."

So, Haye has kept a lower profile this time round. He has dispensed with the trash talk and cheap shots. There've been no punches thrown in news conferences like in November 2016.

"Last time round I was a bit angry," Haye said, "this time

Haye said he has never been in better shape, that his bodily feels "eerily nice" like a car having a major service, with "new tires, new clutch, oil change, it's had everything revamped."

The proof will come back at the O2 on Saturday, when he tries to avenge the third loss of his 31-fight professional career.

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Nadal takes 11th Barcelona title, unbeaten in 46 sets on clay

Barcelona, Spain (AP) — Rafael Nadal continues to make winning on clay look all too easy.

Nadal extended his dominance on the surface with a 6-2, 6-1 win over 19-year-old Greek Stefanos Tsitsipas last Sunday to win his 11th Barcelona Open title.

Nadal, who also won his 11th Monte Carlos Masters title the previous week, was never seriously challenged on his way to a 19th straight victory on clay.

The top-ranked Spaniard has won 46 straight sets on clay, extending his own record. He hasn't lost on clay since facing Dominic Thiem in Rome last year.

"It's very difficult to describe how to win 11 titles at one tournament," Nadal said. "To win 11 Monte Carlos and 11 Barcelonas is something I couldn't imagine doing. I'm just enjoying every week and the fact I'm playing in a tournament that I enjoy so much means a lot to me.'

It was the 77th title overall for Nadal, tying him with John McEnroe for fourth best in the Open Era. Only Jimmy Connors, Roger Federer and Ivan Lendl are ahead.



Spain's Rafael Nadal poses with his trophy after winning the Barcelona Open Tennis Tournament final in Barcelona, Spain, Sunday, April 29. (AP Photo/Manu Fernandez)

Nadal, who won his 400th lingering right hip injury semifinal, needed the victory in Barcelona to secure his No. 1 ranking.

"It's hard for anybody to imagine all the feelings and emotions I have when I play here," Nadal said. "Hopefully I can keep coming back for many more years to come."

After the win, Nadal dived into a pool at the venue along with some of the tournament's ball boys and ball girls.

Nadal was out of action earlier this year because of a

match on clay in Saturday's sustained in the Australian Open quarterfinals. He returned to help Spain defeat Germany in the Davis Cup quarterfinals and then went on to win in Monte Carlo.

"I've had two fantastic weeks but we were coming off difficult months because of the injuries," Nadal said.

The 63rd-ranked Tsitsipas was trying to become the first Greek to win an ATP Tour title. He was the first Greek to make it to an ATP final since Nicholas Kalogeropoulos in 1973.

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A new era dawns for Pattaya Rugby Festival

Jim Howard

Expectations are building as we approach the 2018 edition of the Chris Kays Memorial Rugby Tournament, and this year promises to be the best yet. Some enormous changes will be witnessed this year as host club the Pattaya Panthers has been granted the honour of officially opening the new facilities at the new campus of the Rugby School Thailand, in Khao Mai Keao.

The eighteenth staging of the tournament will kick off at 10:00 am at the Rugby School Thailand on Saturday 5th May and wrap up on Sunday 6th May. The tournament is a variation of the usual long form of the Kong, who will be joined by game as the teams will comprise only 10 players per side and each game will be played over two halves of just seven minutes so there will be plenty of action. Entrance to the school is free and spectators can avail themselves of a tour of the facilities to see how modern education is conducted.

The combatants will be assembling on 4th May and attending a welcome reception at The Retox roof garden in Soi Lengkee on Friday evening and many old friendships will be revived before battle commences early on Saturday. We will be welcoming 5 overseas teams including the Hong Kong Scottish from Hong the Tequila Mocking Birds, these world renowned tourists are the touring arm of the Typhoons also from Hong Kong and have entered two teams, and the Hong Kong University Rainbows. There will also be a new team from Cambodia, The Shiny Rahus.

In addition, the entire expat rugby community and all the usual local suspects from Thailand will be there. Royal Thai Police will be making a welcome return as reigning champions and are determined to retain the title but their old rivals the Phuket Vagabonds are certain to make it a hotly contested tournament with the Southerners also in the mix.



Rugby School Thailand in Khao Mai Keao will host the Chris Kays Memorial Rugby Tournament for the first time on May 5-6.

There will be a total of 24

games in the initial round robin

stages of the main tournament

on Saturday, followed by rest

and recreation, maybe a stroll

along Beach Road and then

early to bed with hot cocoa and

biscuits on Saturday night!

The knockout stages of the

Chris Kays Memorial Tour-

nament 2018 will commence at

approximately 09:30 am on Sunday morning and will con-

clude with the Cup Final at

around 17:00 to be followed

by the now famous presen-

tation ceremony around the

pool at Rugby School.

12 year olds selected to represent Thailand at Football for Friendship programme

Ittipolchana Kaewsawad and Preechayan Piyachatiwongs, 12 year old football enthusiasts from Bangkok, have been selected as Thailand's representatives at the global Football For Friendship (F4F) social programme. The F4F programme, supported by Gazprom and FIFA aims at developing youth football and a healthy lifestyle. Thailand joins the programme for the first time and will participate alongside 210 other countries and regions.

Ittipolchana will join young footballers from around the world in Moscow in June 2018. The children will be part of 32 international teams and play against each other in the Gazprom Football For Friendship international championship. The friendly tournament aims to bring children together from around the world and celebrate the unifying spirit of football.

Preechayan will act as the young journalist and report on all the local and global



Ittipolchana Kaewsawad.

activities of the F4F programme as part of the international children's press center. He will also spread awareness on the Nine Values (friendship, equality, fairness, health, peace, devotion, victory, traditions and honour) of the F4F programme.

The sixth season of the programme will conclude with a visit by the participating children to the opening ceremony and the first match of the FIFA World Cup 2018.

Speaking on the selection



Preechayan Piyachatiwongs.

of the young ambassadors by the Football Association of Thailand, International Relations Officer Parkpoom Potivetgul said, "This is a wonderful opportunity for Ittipolchana and Preechayan to build ties of friendship among children from around the world through the beautiful game of football. We wish our young ambassadors all the best and look forward to their contribution in promoting the key values of the programme, in Russia, as well as in Thailand.'

Please do come and support your local heroes and have some fun and great craic at the same time, there will be lots of diversions to keep the little ones happy while the adults enjoy some great rugby and good food and cold beer. We do hope to see many of you

there please drop by and say hello to us at the organiser's tent. With the venue being in perfect condition we have no doubt that this will be a spectacular tournament.

For more information, visit website: www.pattaya panthers.com.





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Stafford stars at Green Valley

PSC Golf from The Outback Golf Bar

Friday, April 27, Green Valley -**Stableford**

This was a day which will oo down as one where we thankfully missed the rain and got in just before the downpours. Judging by the talk, the greens was terrible (having been cored and sanded the previous week), but the scores suggested otherwise.

With only 21 players, nearly half the field played better than handicap and in joint third place were Andy Makara and Pierre Zbinden with fantastic net 67s. In second place, David Atkinson played one of his gross, first place overall and



John Stafford (centre) with golfing pals at Green Valley.

best rounds with an unbelievable net 65. Yet even that wasn't good enough to win, and Joihn Stafford walked away with both the low

the "yellow jersey" for a spot in September's final with an outstanding net 62. There were six '2's recorded

so not much of a payout for those involved.



Fiji's Paula Dranisinukula (right) holds on to the ball while tackled by South Africa's Zain Davids and Werner Kok, during an HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series 2018 semi-final match on Sunday, April 29, in Singapore. (AP Photo/ Wong Maye-E)



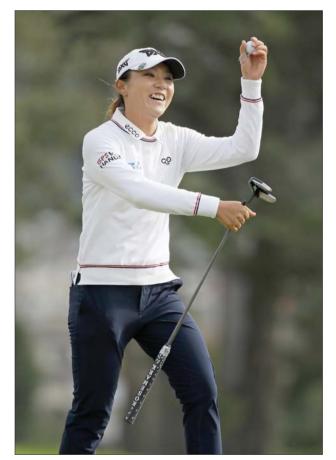
Nashville Predators left wing Filip Forsberg (left) battles Winnipeg Jets center Mark Scheifele for the puck during the third period in Game 1 of an NHL hockey second-round playoff series Friday, April 27, in Nashville, Tenn. (AP Photo/Mark Humphrey)



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (left) drives to the basket against Indiana Pacers' Myles Turner in Game 7 of an NBA basketball first-round playoff series, Sunday, April 29, in Cleveland. (AP Photo/Tony Dejak)



The pelaton rides between rapeseed flowers during the final stage of the 72th Tour de Romandie UCI ProTour cycling race in Bottens, Switzerland, Sunday, April 29. (Valentin Flauraud/Keystone via AP)



Lydia Ko, of New Zealand, reacts after making a birdie on the 15th green of the Lake Merced Golf Club during the final round of the LPGA Mediheal Championship golf tournament Sunday, April 29, in Daly City, Calif. Ko won the tournament. (AP Photo/Eric Risberg)



German driver Sebastian Vettel steers his Ferrari during the second practice session at the Baku Formula One city circuit, in Baku, Azerbaijan, Friday, April 27. (AP Photo/Luca Bruno)



Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta returns the ball in his semifinal match against Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece during the Barcelona Open Tennis Tournament in Barcelona, Spain, Saturday, April 28. (AP Photo/ Manu Fernandez)



MG ZS

Much ink being used all over the world to discuss whether the MG ZS crossover is a "real" MG or not. I can fix that. Quite simply, it is just another small SUV wearing an iconic badge in the center of the grille.

For people such as myself, the MG ZS is not an "MG". Forget all the tommy-twaddle of shared DNA. Human beings have DNA passed down through generations. Cars do not.

MG enthusiasts such as myself have problems calling the new line-up of MG's from SAIC and CP anything even vaguely resembling an MG. As to my own bona fides, I present the fact that I have owned several MG's from T-Types to the last MGB which I raced for the factory. The name MG had a certain mystique about it, and even though they were not particularly fast, the owners were always well represented at club level motoring events. MG made sporting motor cars.

The engine and transmission of this offering from SAIC and CP Group is a 1.0 liter Netblue turbocharged threecylinder petrol engine, producing 82 kW of power at 5200 rpm and 160 Nm of torque from 1,800 to 4,700rpm.

One tester wrote that these outputs translate to lack-luster performance. Stick the boot in and progression is less than rapid. Off-the-line pace is reasonable, but the powertrain runs out of puff at speeds above 60 km/h. It is also one noisy unit, requiring plenty of revs to get going, particularly given that peak power doesn't come on steam until near the redline.

The slogan of the MG Car Company was Safety Fast. The ZS may be safe, but it certainly isn't fast.

Lots of goodies if you are

Westfield for sale



MG ZS.

actively looking for two-tone 17-inch alloy wheels, power windows and side mirrors, roof rails, chrome trim, dusksensing halogen headlights, LED daytime running lights, front and rear foglights, 3D-effect tail-lights and a space-saver spare wheel.

All the usual electronic gizmo's with a six-speaker Yamaha 3D sound system, Bluetooth and USB connectivity, an 8.0-inch touchscreen infotainment system, Apple CarPlay support, manual airconditioning, a monochrome digital instrument cluster, a leather steering wheel, synthetic Knight Black leather upholstery with contrast stitching and satin-chrome trim feature.

Specifications are 4,314 mm long, 1,809 mm wide, 1,644 mm tall with a 2,585 mm wheelbase, making it larger than several of its competitors but then you are left with the wheezy underpowered engine trying to get some performance to drag 1,245 kg around by the front wheels.

The Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP) awarded the ZS a four-star safety rating in December 2017. A result of 10.46 out of 16 in the frontal offset crash test at 64 km/h meant the MG was ineligible for the maximum

However, safety features in the MG do extend to six airbags, anti-skid brakes with electronic brake force distribution, electronic stability control, hill start assist, cruise control, rear parking sensors, a reversing camera and tyre pressure monitoring. Nothing breathtaking in all that lot.

Is it really an MG? Not if looked at in the historical overall scheme of things, and quite frankly should not be compared to the memory of the MG TC. I believe it would be better to just call it an SAIC and be done with it.

Rivals (not all available in Thailand).

Mazda CX-3 Maxx FWD: One of the more stylish offerings in this segment, the CX-3 does not put a premium on safety. However, its smaller dimensions mean the second row is cramped and boot space is lacking.

Mitsubishi ASX LS FWD: It might be getting long in the tooth, but the ASX continues to sell like hotcakes. Value and practicality remain strong points, but a noisy powertrain and stiff ride hurt

Nissan Qashqai ST FWD: A runaway success for the Japanese brand, the Qashqai is still on top of its game. A premium interior, oodles of safety kit and sharp steering are countered by a gutless engine and frustrating CVT.

desires of the driver almost

Selling price 990,000 baht,

though Richy will haggle if

you are an enthusiast. If I had

he money spare, it would be

in my garage by this evening

and not in yours or his.

defies description.

Is Endurance Racing the way to go?

The Bira Circuit, Bang Saen and the Chang International circuit at Buriram are not strangers to Endurance races.

After a 4 hour race at the Bira circuit in Thailand in 2007, the organizers extended it to a 6 hour race at the same circuit this year. Since then, Endurance races have featured on the calendar each year.

Having numerous drivers had many advantages for everyone. For the entrant, it meant that the cost of running in an endurance event could be split between many, making it easier to finance an entry into an endurance event, remembering that one endurance event can equal the number of laps some sprint race cars do all year. The now reasonable cost per individual driver was also good for the racers who now had the opportunity to experience endurance racing at a very attainable cost, and in fact, many were able to interest personal sponsors to cover the cost of getting them a seat for the event.

For long distance racing, it isn't how ultimately fast you can go, it is how fast you can go without over-stressing the car. The trick is to find the 95 percent where nothing is being stressed, lap times are only slightly slower and both car and driver remain fresh.

I honestly believe that endurance racing has an enormous future in Asia. Overseas, endurance racing has been part of the racing calendars for many years, be that 4 Hours, 6 Hours, 1,000 km, 12 Hours or 24 Hours. However, it needs much forward planning by the promoters, including rigid adherence to the dates of the events. If the racing fraternity knows that there will be an endurance event in mid January in Thailand, then



Endurance Racing.

arrangements can be made months ahead to come here to compete.

With an international formula adopted, then entries are expected from other SE Asian countries. From Malaysia in particular, which already has an endurance event run at Sepang each year, so has endurance-prepared vehicles ready to compete.

Deficiencies in preparation led to two common problems being cracking wheels and broken wheel studs, and in both instances this can come back to over-tightening of the wheel nuts. In endurance racing in particular, any team that does not use a torque (tension) wrench to tighten wheel nuts is asking for problems. Having crew men jumping on a bar slipped over a wheel brace is not the way to go! One year at the Bathurst 1000 km endurance race in Australia, all the Alfa-Romeo team cars cracked wheels. The cause? Wishing to have the cars looking pristine, they spray painted the wheels before the event, but did not clean the paint from the seats in the wheels for the wheel nuts. From the resultant fretting caused by the stresses of cornering lap after lap, the nuts became loose and the studs or wheels consequently broke.

The degree of preparation for an endurance race is also more exacting than for sprint racing. If the engine pumps out a bit of oil over a 20 lap race, that doesn't matter. But over 40 laps this can lead to oil starvation and eventual mechanical failure, as well as all the extra time spent in the pits checking and topping up the oil.

Sprint racing tends to be just for the driver, whilst endurance racing is much more a 'team' event. Not just a team of drivers, but a team of mechanics and a team (and sometimes also a pit) manager. Endurance racing expands the number of people involved in motor sport, and the winning teams are those which can bring together their entire group of members to work as one. Increased numbers are good for our motor sport, and I applaud all those who are trying to provide endurance events in Asia. Asian has its own 24 hour event. We should get behind it.



Autotrivia Quiz

Last week I asked you to identify a British car which began manufacture in 1959. Enormously popular. Blistering top speed of 120 km/h. No locks, no boot lid and no real windows. Enough clues! An easy one with it being the Bug-eyed Sprite. Nippy and fun without being 'fast'. Yesterday's equivalent to the Westfield sports on sale this week.

So to this week. This man won nine world championships, a feat not equaled since. His record is just outstanding, look him up. He died in April this year. Who was he?

meeting, be the first correct answer to email gmail.com. Good luck!



Bug-Eye Sprite.

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Natter Nosh and Noggin

The Pattaya car club meets to discuss their pet motoring the Jameson's specials, Soi AR next to Nova Park. The next meeting is on Monday May 14 at Jameson's at 7 p.m. A totally informal meeting of like-minded souls

at Jameson's Irish Pub on (and motorcycling) loves washed down with a few and hates (plus lies and outright exaggerations). Come The Car Club nights are along and meet the guys only on the second Monday who have a common interest of the month (not every in cars and bikes, and enjoy second Monday)!

beers. Always a fun night.

Westfield Sports car.

Here is a very rare opportunity to own a truly 'Fun' automobile. Richy Rhodes has a 2 liter Westfield (a Lotus S7/Caterham clone). There are only two in Thailand. He has owned this one for only a few years, but has reluctantly

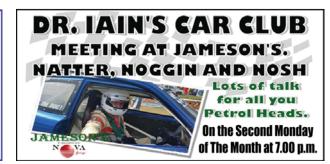
realized that he doesn't have the time to drive and enjoy it.

I have actually driven this car on a test day at the Bira circuit and driving it is Fun, with a capital F. The enjoyment in driving a vehicle which is responsive to the



Next meeting 7th of June, 5.30pm.

More details: Jo 092-753 9309 www.classic-car-friends-pattaya.com



Fr. Legaspi brings healing touch to Pattaya



Father Corsie Legaspi (left) and Father Michael celebrate holy mass.

Elfi Seitz

A man walked into Church of the Assumption on crutches. He left waving them over his head, convinced he could walk again because of the healing touch of a visiting Roman Catholic priest.

Catholic healer Rev. Corsie Legaspi from the Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Rosario, Cavite in the Philippines made his semiannual pilgrimage to Pattaya



Parishioners with everything from cancerous tumors to sore limbs turned out, looking for a miracle.

Parishioners with everything from cancerous tumors to sore limbs turned out, looking for a miracle. They all waited to be touched by the holy priest, with two who claimed they couldn't walk before the mass, again moving under their own power.

Others claimed their frozen shoulders thawed, injured legs and hips healed and cancerous lumps disappeared. Some of the healed fainted into the arms of assistants standing by.

Fr. Legaspi said he obtained his ability in 1975 after a Charismatics prayer meeting healing ceremonies.

when people collapsed after he touched them during prayer. He says after a subsequent lengthy prayer his mother, terminally ill with lung cancer, awoke from her comatose state to walk again. Fr. Legaspi has traveled the world ever since hosting



He arrived with the help of crutches - when he left he swung them above his

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Pascal's Points to Ponder

White asparagus in Pattaya, a seasonal culinary highlight

Large parts of Europe celebrate the first appearance of white asparagus in the springtime. There are even entire festivals to mark the season.

White asparagus is grown underground. Growers cover the spears in mounded dirt or black plastic tunnels to avoid exposure to light. As a result, the plants do not produce chlorophyll and therefore don't turn green.

White asparagus is also considered to be slightly milder in flavor and a bit more tender than green asparagus. One of the traditional ways is to eat them is with your fingers, dipping them in hollandaise sauce.

There are green and sometimes even white asparagus from the north of Thailand available. These asparagus are not of the same quality



White Asparagus at Casa Pascal.

too soft. Some places serve white asparagus from Chile. They are somewhere between their Thai and their European cousins. They are a little bit bigger and firmer in texture than Thai, and thinner and less flavorful than European asparagus.

Just because we live in Thailand doesn't mean we have to miss out on the like those from Europe. They European variety. At Casa are small and thin. Their Pascal, we celebrate asparagus taste is bland and the texture season each spring with

imported giant white asparagus from Europe. We serve them traditionally with either Hollandaise, Mayonnaise, or Vinaigrette. We prepare them a variety of ways. Some of the year's favorite dishes are the asparagus with foie gras and asparagus with parma

Visit us and find out why we have become well known for asparagus in Pattaya.

With culinary regards, Pascal Schnyder



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Events

The next meeting of the Pattaya City Expats Club (PCEC) will be held on Sunday, May 6. Stefan Sanchez, Associate of the Royal Academy of Music, who is currently the Director of Grand Opera Thailand will be the presenter. The program starts at 10:30 a.m. with a buffet breakfast available from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on the 4th floor of the Holiday Inn's Executive Tower, located behind the Holiday Inn's Bay Tower on Beach Road.

This year's annual Chris Kays Pattaya Rugby Festival will be held at the Rugby School Thailand, located at Khao Mai Kheow in East Pattaya from May 5-6. Five overseas teams will compete against the best that Thai amateur rugby has to offer at 10's style rugby in a round-robin format. There will be lots of diversions to keep the little ones happy while the adults can enjoy some great rugby, good food and cold beer. The tournament kicks off at 10am on Saturday May 5. Spectators are welcome and admission is free of charge. For more information and directions to the venue, check website: www.pattayapanthers.com.

A Joint Chambers Eastern Seaboard networking evening will be held at the Movenpick Siam Hotel in Pattaya on Friday, May 18 from 6.00 p.m. – 9 p.m. (last drinks at 8.30 p.m.). Entrance cost is THB 500 on the door for members and THB 1000 for non-members. Admission includes free-flow drinks and finger food. For more information send email to greg@bccthai.com.

The Amazing Pattaya Seafood Festival 2018 takes place along Pattaya Beach Road from May 4-8. More than 200 street-stalls and food trucks will be in attendance to serve up an abundance of seafood fare to suit all tastes, accompanied by music and entertainment from some of Thailand's biggest artists and stars. For more information, check out webpage: www.facebook .com/amazingpattaya seafoodfestival.

The spectacular 2018 Pattaya Înternational Fireworks Festival will be held from June 8-9 at Central Pattaya Beach. Starting at 6 p.m. each evening, competing countries will put on short individual displays on the first day while longer 45 minute performances will take place on the second day. Vendors along the Beach Road will provide a multitude of food and refreshments for onlookers.

The Pattaya Bikini Beach Race 2018 will take place on Saturday, May 19 at Central Festival Pattaya Beach. Race distances are 3km and 9km and admission fees are 700 & 800 baht. For more information, go to Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ CentralfestivalBikiniBeachRace or call 082-563-1291

The Pattaya International Ladies Club invites you to a Black & White Party at the Centara Grand Mirage Beach Resort Pattaya on June 23 beginning at 19.00 hrs. Enjoy a bubbly reception, buffet, disco, raffle prizes and a free flow of wine, beer and soft drinks: Price 1500 baht per person. Dress code Black & White. Email: specialeventspilc @gmail.com.

YWCA Pattaya Center will hold the 6th Charity Walk-Run on Pattaya Beach on Saturday, June 16 with runners competing for Her Royal Highness Princess Somsawalee's Cups. The races cover distances of 1.5km, 3km, 6km and 10km and admission cost is 400 baht. Proceeds from the event will go towards charitable projects chosen by the YWCA. To register, visit website: https://race.thai.run/

A Farmers' Market takes place every 2nd Saturday of the month at the Holiday Inn hotel on Pattaya Beach Road from 10.30 am - 3.30 p.m. Products range from wellness items, jewelry, freshly prepared food, organic vegetables



and fruits. The next market will be held May 12.

A stamp market is held every Sunday from 10.00 a.m. till 3.00 p.m.at Rahnpintang Moe Kata Restaurant, Panji Place, on Soi Ponphraphanimit 7 (200m from the Bangkok Highway underpass). Here can you exchange stamps from the whole world. Call 089 091 3418 for more information and directions.

Dining

Benihana Terrace Bar offers a 'Shushi High Tea' with fresh sushi and nigiri, California rolls and Temaki, all served with beautiful sea views. High tea served daily from 2pm – 5pm. Price: THB 750++ per set (for two). Benihana is located at the AVANI Pattaya Resort & **Spa**. Call 038 412 120.

Every Wednesday during the month of May you can enjoy a delicious seafood Buffet dinner from 18.00-21.00 pm at the Persimmon restaurant, Pattana Golf Club & Resort, priced at just 399 baht net per person. For further information or reservations, call 038 318 999 Ext 11230 or Email: restaurant @pattana.co.th.

Tuesdays are Asian Seafood BBQ days at Coast Beach Club and Grill, located at the Centara Grand Mirage Beach Resort Pattaya. Enjoy a wide offering of delicious local seafood cuisine for just THB 1099++ per person. Seafood BBQ served every Tuesday from 6.30pm – 10.45pm. For more information or reservations, call 038 714 981.

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Siam@Siam Design Hotel Pattaya enhances its seafood buffet with a Thai marketplace theme: live stations offer traditional Thai cuisine in a unique atmosphere and include Thai salad, papaya salad, lemongrass & shrimp salad. Thai noodle served with beef/chicken and meat ball, pad Thai, fishcake served with chili-pickled cucumber and Thai dessert of mango with sticky rice, luk chub, woon bai toey, tup tim krob and more. All you can eat only at THB 400 net per person and enjoy a special welcome drink from the antique jar. Promotion daily from 12pm - 2.30pm. For more information and reservations call 038 930 600 or email to fbsec@

siamatpattaya.com. The **Thai Garden Terrace Restaurant** offers nightly dining presentations with different themed "all you

while watching the sunset.

The Bay Grill & Buffet at The Bay is open daily from Big Fish restaurant at

Thai Garden.

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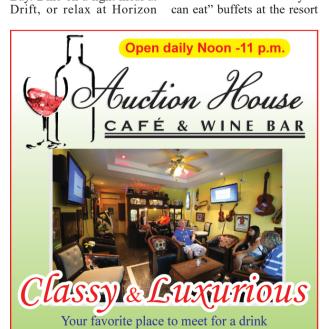
options including slow roast soft pork stuffed with garlic and coriander, and served with an onion and red wine sauce, vegetables and a choice of potato at only 395 baht or delicious fresh from the sea, jumbo tiger prawns served with a cream, parmesan and Malibu sauce, and vegetables or a choice of potato at only 495 baht. Special promotions include two set menus plus a bottle of wine for only 1,295 baht or order a two course meal between 6-7 PM and get a free glass of red or white or rosé wine or 250 baht off a house bottle of wine at 545 baht. For more information or reservations, call 038 250394 or visit website: www.yupins.com.



Delicious menu options at Yupin's Restaurant.

Linda's Restaurant is large with seating for 200 people, with a covered al fresco verandah outside for those who wish to smoke. Inside, in air-conditioned

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11.00 pm. Pattaya Soi 1, Pattaya City, Chonburi Tel. 038 428 987, 038 423 284, 038 429 869



Siam@Siam and some Siamese Fighting Fish

A relatively new, and very lively Pattaya Hotel is the Siam@Siam, which prides itself on being 'different'. Go to the website and you are met with, "Step into an underwater world of vibrant colors and eccentric detail. Siam@Siam Design Hotel Pattaya, a refreshing escape yet a provocative immersion! Wow! The copywriter certainly knew how to get your attention!



siam@siam sign.

I have written before about the impression that you get as you enter the foyer. It reminds me of standing in a MOCA (Museum of Contemporary Art) and wondering at what the imagination of human beings could produce. The more you looked at the big

fish on the wall, the more XYZ as well, and now I'm fantastic it all is.

Siam@Siam is on Second Road just past Soi 3 on your left and opposite Central Marina. The large statue of Matcha-nu in the forecourt will catch your eye (It isn't Hanuman as it has a fish's tail), and drive in to the building where there is secure parking.

We were invited for their Thai Lunch Buffet at their Seafood Restaurant, called the Big Fish, on the sixth floor, where one side is dedicated to the buffet food, and in the middle there is an island bar. Step out of the lift and you are hit with a blaze of color, many colors and a predominately "fish" décor.

Now, since this is a buffet, my advice is always the same take your time and don't immediately load your plate with your favorite, as otherwise you will find yourself saying "I didn't know they had

too full!"

Here is an (incomplete) list of dishes on offer. Traditional Pad Thai, Chicken in Pandan, Noodle soup, Vegetables with chilli dip, Prawns, Mussels and Squid on ice, then a row of clay pots, with more Thai favorites as

The live cooking stations were manned by friendly staff who all looked as if they were enjoying the chance to present their special dishes to the foreign faces. The way the Pad Thai was prepared on the large circular hot plate was keeping the lady very busy. Another had a diaphragm



Pad Thai will only take a minute.

Red curry prawns, Sweet and sour fish, Steamed mixed vegetables, Pork in chilli sauce, Masaman beef curry, Fried rice and Steamed rice. Salads include Lemongrass and shrimp salad, Papaya salad, plus Fish cake served with chilli-pickled cucumber. There is also a choice of many different Thai desserts, for me a little sweet, though the sticky rice and mango was very popular.

over boiling water to make a steamer where thin pockets of steamed rice were made and wrapped around small sweetmeats.

I began with a plate of Pad Thai with prawns, and followed that up with a plate of Beef Masaman, which was excellent with all the ingredients such as peanuts and potatoes as well as hearty beef chunks, and not too spicy.



Chicken in Pandan.

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Madame also chose the Masaman, but added stir-fried vegetables as well, and then a couple of helpings of Thai desserts. (Always good on the tooth, is Madame.)

As the buffet does not include alcohol, we drank apple juice which was a welcome change for middle of the day dining.

This is a perfect place to take overseas visitors to allow them to experience Thai style cuisine, and see the food prepared at the live cooking stations. Even though it is a buffet, the very helpful

staff will bring your selections to your table. At B. 400, including soft drinks, it is also very inexpensive. By the way, the fish don't fight, nor do we eat Siamese fighting fish (Betta splendens), although they are quite aggressive.

Thai Lunch Buffet, Siam@Siam, 390 Moo 9, Pattaya Sai 2 Road, opposite Central Marina, Buffet from 12 Noon to 2.30 p.m. tel +66 (0)38930600, fax +66(0)38427627, email rsvn@siamatsiam .com, secure parking

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Longan for dessert.







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comfort, there are comfortable chairs and decent sized tables, with white starched napery. The menu is large and covers northern European items, Scandinavian dishes and several pages covering Thai cuisine. Linda's Restaurant, 315/177-180 Moo 12, opposite the Jomtien Complex. Thappraya Road, Jomtien. Open seven days from 7.30 a.m. until late. Tel: Reservations: 038 252 726, www.lindasrestaurant.com, street-side parking. Email linda@lindasrestaurant.com GPS 12.901655 N 100.869.

Jameson's Irish Pub offers daily food specials from Mon-Sat as well as fabulous Sunday roast dinners with all the trimmings, priced from 340 baht – 400 baht. Jameson's Irish Pub is located on Soi Sukrudee (Soi A.R.) in Central Pattaya. Call 038 361 874 for more information or visit www.jamesons-pattaya.com.



Great menu options at Jameson's.

Yamato Restaurant located on Soi Yamato has been around for more than 35 vears and the soi was named after its oldest tenant. Just look for the Japanese characters on the blinds outside. You cannot miss it. The menu is pictorial, which is a must when trying a different cuisine/language. This is a restaurant to take a few people with you. The prices are certainly not over the top, and the quality is superb. Yamato Japanese restaurant, 219/51 Soi Yamato (13/1), close to Beach Road end, telephone 038 429 685 or 038 421 618. Open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for lunch and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. for dinner. On street parking (or do some shopping in the Avenue or Royal Garden Plaza).

The legendary Somsakdi **Restaurant** has been in operation in Pattaya for almost 40 years. Proprietor and Chef Somsakdi is still cooking and running his amazing restaurant at 78 years of age. The menu is probably the largest in Pattaya, with 374 individual items. Each dish is in Thai with an English explanation underneath. Rather than be swamped by choices, let Somsakdi guide you. After all, who knows his dishes better than he? Somsakdi Restaurant, Pattaya Soi 1, tel. 038 428 987, 038 423 284, 038 429 869, limited parking plus on-street parking in the soi. Hours 11 a.m. until 11 p.m., seven days.

Spa & Hotel **Promotions**

The new Sawasdee ritual at Spa Cenvaree in Centara Grand Mirage Beach Resort Pattaya uses traditional Siamese massage with modern aromatherapy techniques and the uplifting properties of lime, lemongrass and plai for a completely refreshing

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Entertainment

An evening of Grand Opera will take place at 6pm on Saturday, May 19 in the Jakatheppimarn Room, **Diana** Garden Resort, North Pattaya. The evening will feature singers from Grand Opera Thailand: Tae Miyata, Bussayapat Soprano; Aunchittikul, Mezzo Soprano; Stefan Sanchez, Baritone; and Pitchaya Kemansinjki, Bass, singing works from Opera and Broadway. Tickets cost 500 baht and 300 baht for students and are available from the Pattaya Orphanage or by emailing judithpcec@gmail.com.

Hard Rock Cafe Pattaya is calling for the most talented guitarists to compete in this year's Guitar Battle 2018 at Hard Rock Cafe Pattaya on Saturday, May 26. If you are a guitarist, this is your chance to enter the most rockin' guitar competition in Thailand. To apply, simply go to this link https://goo.gl/GZzpYs and complete the application form. Applications are open until May 12.

Linda's restaurant on Thappraya Road now holds Latin night every Saturday. Bring your dancing shoes and friends and enjoy dinner and dancing. Don't worry if you are new to salsa, Virginia Sorensen and her team

on the floor. For more information and reservations call Linda at: Tel: 038 252 726, Mobile: 0878 130 115.

Enjoy great music from Thomas Reimer, one of the most famous European Jazz guitarists, playing live every evening (except Tuesday) from 6.00 p.m. - 10 p.m. at the Sugar Hut restaurant on Thappraya Road, call 038 364 186 for details.

Community Services

The North Star Library on Sukhumvit Road, north Pattaya holds regular Thai language classes Mon - Fri from 10.30 a.m. till 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m. Cost of admission is 100 baht per session for library members and 200 baht for non-members. Private lessons are also available for 200 baht per hour. In addition, the library also holds Yoga training every Tuesday from 1 - 2 p.m. at the Father Ray Foundation. Cost is 1200 baht for 6 sessions (first session free). For more information, call 081 575 4854 or email wan_nujan@yahoo.com

Groups & Associations

Post 12146 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the **United States of America** (Ban Chang – U-Tapao, Thailand) meets the second Saturday of each month at 13:00 on the second floor of the Camel Pub in Ban Chang. If you are interested, please contact Membership Chairman Dan Morgan at banchangvfw 12146membership@gmail.com

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urday of every month from 2 p.m. at the Tropical Bar on Soi Khao Noi (Watboonsampan near the Temple entrance) in East Pattaya. You do not need to have served in the Armed Forces to become a member and can join in the many social events arranged throughout the year. The Legion's primary aim is the care and welfare of those who have served and/or their dependents. For general enquiries send email to secretary@rblthailand .org, www.rblthailand.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous: The Pattaya Group meets Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. All meetings are closed (alcoholics only) and are held at Soi Skaw Beach (off Pattaya 2nd Rd). Contact Carl 08-456-31-671. The Good Morning Pattaya Group meets 9 a.m. every morning. All meetings are 'open': contact 084 564 8479. The Jomtien Group meets every day at noon at Jomtien Long Stay Hotel: Contact, Andrew 086 107 6631. The Scandinavian Group meets on Tuesdays and Fridays 6 p.m. at the Norwegian Seaman's Church, Thappraya Road Soi 7: contact Hans 085 135 7755 or Rune (Rayong) 089 754 9515. 10.30 a.m. meetings every day at Satree Pattana Centre on Soi Skaw Beach off Second Road. Call 084 564 8479.

The Samaritans of Thailand English Help Line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide support to the expatriate community. English-speaking staff, trained in crisis intervention will provide active, nonjudgmental and empathetic listening services on the phone. All calls will be handled on an anonymous basis and are free of charge. (02)713-6791.

Overeaters Anonymous -The 'Up to You' group meets Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the housing area just behind Pan Pan Restaurant in Jomtien on Thappraya Road. Call Steve at 038-364-207(h) or 089-250-1359 (cell) for directions or more information.

Narcotics Anonymous -Hotline: 082 811 2686. 3 English speaking meetings in Pattaya near Central Festival and 2 in Jomtien each week. Also regular Thai speaking meetings at 12 noon every Sunday, and Persian Farsi speaking meetings at 5.30 pm on Thursdays. Please call the Hotline for details.

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Gazpacho (Spanish Cold Soup)

The hot season is almost on us. Hot soup? No thank you. Cold soup, now you're talking! My favorite is called Gazpacho, a famous Spanish soup which is served cold. The use of your blender makes this a very easy soup to make, but do not over blend. The soup should have a thick consistency. You can also substitute red and yellow bell peppers for green if you wish.

Cooking method

Using the blender: first chop up the garlic, then add the cucumber and bell peppers (capsicum), adding tomato juice as needed to liquefy. Finally add the tomatoes and the rest of the juice. If you want elegance, press through a sieve. If you're going for heartiness, just leave it the way it is, which is the traditional way. Mix in the olive oil and vinegar. Now refrigerate overnight.

When ready to serve, pour into bowls and garnish with salad vegetables as you see fit: minced or notched and sliced cucumber; thin green bell pepper slices; chopped coriander; and croutons and finally a goodly sprinkle of pepper.

Ingredients	Serves 4
Tomatoes canned	1 kg
(or 8 large fresh tomatoes, pe	eeled)
Cucumber peeled and chopp	ed 1
Green bell pepper cored and	chopped 1
Onion chopped	1
Garlic	1 clove
Olive oil	2 tbspns
Vinegar white	4 tbspns
Ground black pepper	garnish





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Dolphins still search for lost form

Pattaya United's worrying mid-season slump continued with a disappointing 3-1 away loss to Police Tero FC last Sunday night at the Boonyachinda Stadium in Bangkok.

The hosts took the lead on the half hour mark when Brazilian striker Marcao tapped in from close range after the Pattaya defence failed to deal with a dangerous left-wing cross.

United hit back early in the second half after frontman Lukian was upended in the Tero area and the same player calmly slotted the ball home from the penalty spot to level the scores at 1-1.

It appeared the visitor were on course for a valuable point until second half substitute Inyin was sent off in the 68th minute for what appeared to be a fairly innocuous challenge.

Down to 10 men Pattaya rarely threatened after this setback but they hung on resolutely until the 82nd minute, when Tero's Myanmar forward Aung Thu



Tero goalkeeper Nont Muangngam punches the ball clear as he is challenged by Pattaya United's Chayawat Srinawong (13) during the first half of a Thai League 1 fixture between Pattaya United and Police Tero at the Boonyachinda Stadium in Bangkok, Sunday, April 29. (Photo courtesy Pattaya United FC)

cleverly evaded 2 United defenders before firing a fierce shot into the top corner of the goal past goalkeeper Khammai.

The contest was effectively sealed in the first minute of stoppage time after Tossakai found himself in space and skillfully lifted the ball over Khammai for his team's third goal of the game.

Pattaya have now garnered just four points from their last five League 1 matches and currently lie in thirteenth place in the table, just two points above the relegation zone but still only five below third placed Port FC. United's next game is on Saturday, May 5 at home against Sukhothai FC. Kick-off is scheduled for 6pm.

A new era dawns for Pattaya Rugby Festival



The eighteenth staging of the Chris Kays Memorial Rugby Tournament will take place at Rugby School Thailand in Khao Mai Keao from May 5-6. For a full preview turn to page 29.

Hamilton wins action-packed **Azerbaijan Grand Prix**

James Ellingworth

Baku, Azerbaijan (AP) — Luck shone on Lewis Hamilton as he returned to the top of the Formula One drivers' championship last Sunday with victory at the Azerbaijan Grand Prix.

With Sebastian Vettel and Ferrari clearly faster than Hamilton and his Mercedes, it took a crash, a mistimed lunge and a puncture to elevate Hamilton to the top spot in Baku.

Vettel led for much of the race, but was stuck in second behind Hamilton's Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas when a crash between the two Red Bulls brought out the safety car.

On the restart, Vettel lunged for the lead but could not keep his car on the racing line at the exit of the next corner and instead lost places. Soon afterward, Bottas' right-rear tire picked up a puncture, ending his race and elevating Hamilton to first.

"Very mixed emotions from today," Hamilton said. He was late to the podium celebrations because he went to speak with Bottas, who "deserved" the win. "I wouldn't have got by him in those laps if he hadn't had that tire blowout," Hamilton added.

Despite taking the standings lead for the first time this season, Hamilton said the win didn't mark a turning point in the fight with Vettel and Ferrari.

"I think Ferrari still have the upper hand," he said. "This year, they've really outperformed us most of the time.



British driver Lewis Hamilton steers his Mercedes during the Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix, at the city circuit, in Baku, Azerbaijan, Sunday, April 29. (AP Photo/Luca Bruno)

We've been able to just hold onto them in the race, but our qualifying pace isn't up to theirs."

Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen claimed second place after having dropped to 14th following an early collision, but said he wasn't satisfied with his drive and he had struggled to get the best out of the Ferrari.

Sergio Perez overtook Vettel after his mistake on the restart, and held off the four-time world champion to claim third place. It was his and Force India's first podium since 2016.

race." Perez said. "The last two laps, they were the best two laps of my life."

The two Red Bulls driven by Max Verstappen and Daniel Ricciardo battled all race for fourth place. After several dramatic nearmisses, they collided on lap 40 when Ricciardo — the winner of the last race in China — ran into the back of Verstappen under braking

at the first corner, sending them both off the track.

Bottas had been left in the lead when first Hamilton, then Vettel, stopped for fresh tires. He would have had to stop soon but for the Red Bull crash, which allowed Bottas to pit and keep the lead.

Romain Grosjean crashed under the safety car on lap 42, sliding into the wall while weaving in an attempt to heat up his tires. That delayed the restart, and when it came Vettel charged down the inside of Bottas but couldn't slow enough to "It was a rollercoaster of a make the corner and went onto a runoff area.

> Hamilton leads Vettel by four points, followed by Raikkonen and Bottas. Ricciardo's second retirement this season leaves him fourth, 33 points off the lead. The Australian has said he could leave Red Bull next season in search of a car capable of challenging for the title.

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