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Tony has for many years been a Pattaya personality recognisable because of his gyms and nightclubs but when Covid struck, both the fitness and hospitality industries were very hard hit. It forced Tony to look for a new way to combine his passions of music and sport. So moving out of the town centre, he looked for the ideal location to do just that.



As the years passed he grew to prefer a calmer more family-orientated lifestyle and during the lockdown, this amazing adventure playground was loved by Tony's four children. But now as we emerge from the pandemic, he is opening it to the public and for those of us, like Tony who have missed travelling there are even some fun photo areas featuring London, New York and Egypt - as shown on our cover with Tony and his son.



Tony gave Discover Pattaya the full tour which you can see on our Pattaya Trader YouTube channel and we also attended a fantastic party to celebrate the opening with live music and an excellent barbecue.

It is clear that with this venture Tony is still able to remind us "You gotta work out" only now we can do so in the most delightful location. Its family-friendly atmosphere makes it an ideal place to bring the kids and there really is something for every member of the family.



For the golfers, there's pitch and put and a 250-metre driving range. There are also both outdoor and indoor gyms, a grass tennis court, football pitch, skateboard park, zip line and basketball court. With the well-trained staff, visitors can indulge in boxing, yoga training and horse riding, or simply enjoy great Thai food whilst watching the children run around in the marvellous playground areas.



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This Month in Discover Pattaya

Hi Everyone,

This issue rather reminds me of that hilarious film "Planes, Trains and Automobiles", as we seem to have almost every mode of transportation covered in the following pages. Starting with a retrospective on Thai Trains, there's Kim's road trip across Southern Thailand, a local success story from Yacht Style and plenty of racing and driving information in our motoring section. Finally, air travel news with a report that China is easing restrictions for International Covid flight suspensions.

For those not wishing to travel too far, there's a world of fun to be had with a visit to the Goodlife Health and Entertainment Complex just outside Pattaya city centre, and a report from the capital with the glamorous Dot Property review.

Enjoy!

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Discovering Easy ABC

The Easy ABC Language school opened back in 2008 and was officially certified as a Language School by the Thai Ministry of Education. Its owner, Wolfgang Payer, received the ASEAN AWARDS 2016 by the Thai government for his outstanding achievements.

If you're travelling from South Pattaya towards Jomtien beach you will see the yellow Easy ABC sign on the left-hand side, just before you reach the traffic lights for Pratumnak. Being on a regular bus route makes travelling to the school very convenient and extremely inexpensive.



Once inside the light, bright building there are modern, air-conditioned classrooms over 6 floors. Fully equipped with televisions, DVD players, and whiteboards. There are of course also PCs with wireless internet. There are even private seminar rooms available if you want to learn with a group of friends or for companies wishing to train their staff.

As the name suggests, it really is easy to enrol in an English, German, Russian, Computer or Thai course with a member of the excellent teaching staff. They offer group and individual courses, or if you are far away just take part in an online (LIVE) lesson.

Education visa

An Education visa for all ages is also possible for students wishing to learn the language and stay in the Kingdom for a couple of years. This of course is ideal for those not working or too young (under 50) to apply for a retirement visa. No minimum bank balance is required. All the necessary paperwork and immigration procedures are overseen to ensure this process really is as easy as ABC.

So why not go discover Easy ABC for yourself - check out their website <https://easy-abc-th.com/> Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/easyabcpattaya> phone +66 (0) 38 25 19 52 or email at info@easy-abc-th.com

Alternatively, if you're in the area just pop in and have a look around. The address is: 391/127 Moo 10, Thappraya Road, Soi 11, Pattaya Chonburi 20150 and they are open Monday-Friday 9:30 - 18:00 Saturdays 9:00 - 16:00



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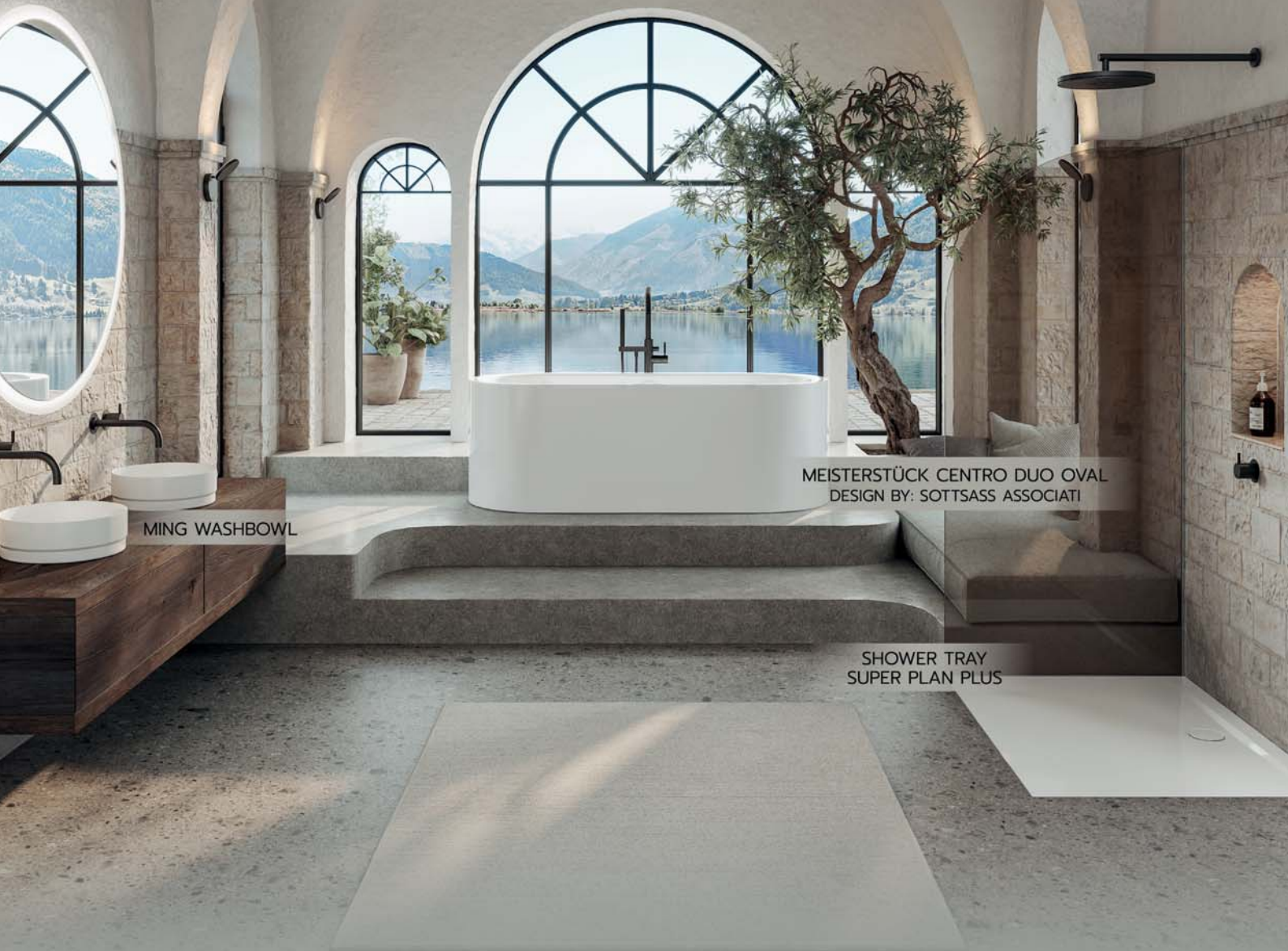
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Pantheon (Season 1)

After receiving messages from someone claiming to be her dead father a young woman tries to uncover the truth.



The Handmaid's Tale (Season 5)

After killing Commander Waterford June must face the consequences.



Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power (season 1)

Prequel to the Hobbit and Lord of the Rings is based on the books by J.R.Tolkien.



The Good Fight (Season 6)

A legal drama set a year after the event of the last season following Diane Lockhart after she loses her employment.



Monarch (Season 1)

The Roman family have dominated the country music scene but their reign is in jeopardy.



Coming Soon to The Big Screen



The Reef: Stalked

Teresa Liane, Tim Ross, Ann Truong

Friends on a diving and Kayaking holiday fight for their lives against a great white shark.



The Woman King

Viola Davis, Lashana Lynch, Sheila Atim, Hero Fiennes Tiffin

Based on the true story of the Dahomey Amazons in 18th century Africa.



Triangles of Sadness

Harris Dickinson, Charlbi Dean, Woody Harrelson, Dolly de Leon.

A cleaning lady and two models find themselves stranded on a desert island with a group of billionaires.



Moloch

Alexandre Willaume, Sallie Harmsen, Markoesa Hamer

After being attacked by a stranger a Dutch Woman becomes convinced she is being hunted by an ancient evil.



Ticket to Paradise

George Clooney, Julia Roberts, Kaitlyn Dever.

A divorced couple journeys to Bali to stop their daughter from making a catastrophic mistake.



Secret Headquarters

Owen Wilson, Michael Peña, Jesse Williams

Young Charlie Kincaid stumbles upon a superhero's secret headquarters.

Discovering Galleria Benetti



In a beautiful light airy space at Movenpick Residences, you will find Galleria Benetti, a welcome addition to Pattaya that I was absolutely delighted to go check out

The reason for the visit was an exhibition entitled BFF(Best Friends Forever) showing works from the legendary Andy Warhol and his artistic buddies Jean-Michel Basquiat and Keith Haring.



JEAN-MICHEL BASQUIAT



The exhibition included some stunning original works such as a striking piece by Jean-Michel Basquiat entitled Radiology (valued at 1.8 billion baht). Extremely well-informed curators were on hand to let me know that when he was 7 Jean-Michel was involved in a car accident that resulted in him spending a very long time in hospital which is why many of his works have medical themes.



Keith Haring also a pop artist of the 1980s was inspired by New York's graffiti subculture with chalk outlines of figures, dogs, and other stylized images on black advertising spaces.



Then of course the most famous of all Andy Warhol's works amazingly include some fabulous silkscreens that were the inspiration for a workshop held on site and really enjoyed by young and old alike.



There will be further exhibitions coming so please watch this space.
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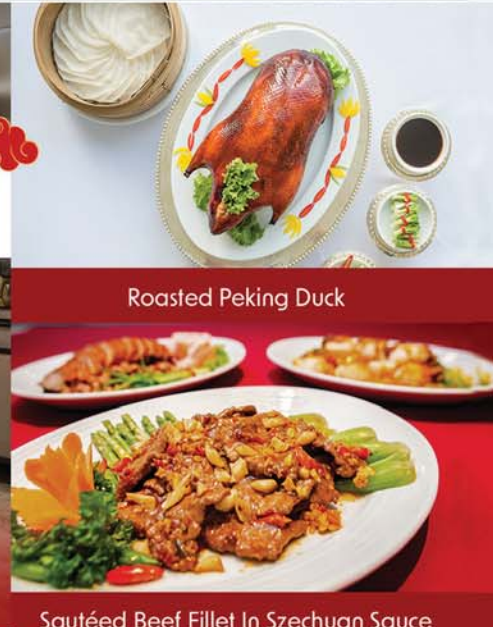
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Discover Pattaya paid a visit to one of the best loved and well known pub restaurants in the city, namely the Sportsman, situated on Soi 13 off Beach Road in Pattaya. Dave Bowers, the owner of the establishment for the last twenty years, was our host for the evening and he brought us right up to date on how the Sportsman survived the pandemic and the hard work that the team and Dave himself put in to make sure that the business got through the difficult times to now look forward to better times ahead.

Dave himself first came to Pattaya as early as 1990 and gained valuable experience on the ups and downs of running a licensed bar in the city before getting involved with The Sportsman when it opened on Valentine's day 1997, Since then he has been able to fine tune this bar/restaurant into one of the most popular in the city frequented by expats, regular visitors and holidaymakers alike.

Coming up to date, The Sportsman offers specials on virtually every day of the week, ranging from drinks specials on various pints including Guinness, Tiger, Heineken and Thatchers Cider to a great all you can eat Pizza and Pasta buffet on Friday for a price of only 249 Baht plus a 2 for 1 cocktail offer.

My personal favourite is the burger, chips and bottle of San Miguel on Wednesday at the great value price of only 195 Baht.



The Sportsman also runs a weekly quiz night which is always very well attended and they also provide top quality outside catering for private functions under the banner of Party Food Pattaya. This service comes highly recommended by its many patrons.

Before I go I must mention the staff here. Anyone who has a business in Thailand will understand how difficult it can be to have well trained friendly staff, but the people who work here really are excellent. They are very efficient and make a very positive contribution to the congenial atmosphere. All down to Dave's hard work I'm sure - he told me! Anyone who appreciates good quality food, good service and good company will enjoy The Sportsman Pub and Restaurant.

Of course, we cannot talk about The Sportsman without mentioning the famous Sunday Carvery. Priced at 450 Baht, this all you can eat three course feast is extremely popular in Pattaya as the quality is exceptional and consistent. Having visited several times myself, I can vouch for it! Served from 12.30 pm until 8.30 pm, if you give it a try make sure to take your appetite with you.

As the name of the bar would indicate, there are several TVs dotted around the place, showing every available sport for the customers. Dave and his staff are always on hand if you want to request something they are not already showing - you only have to ask.



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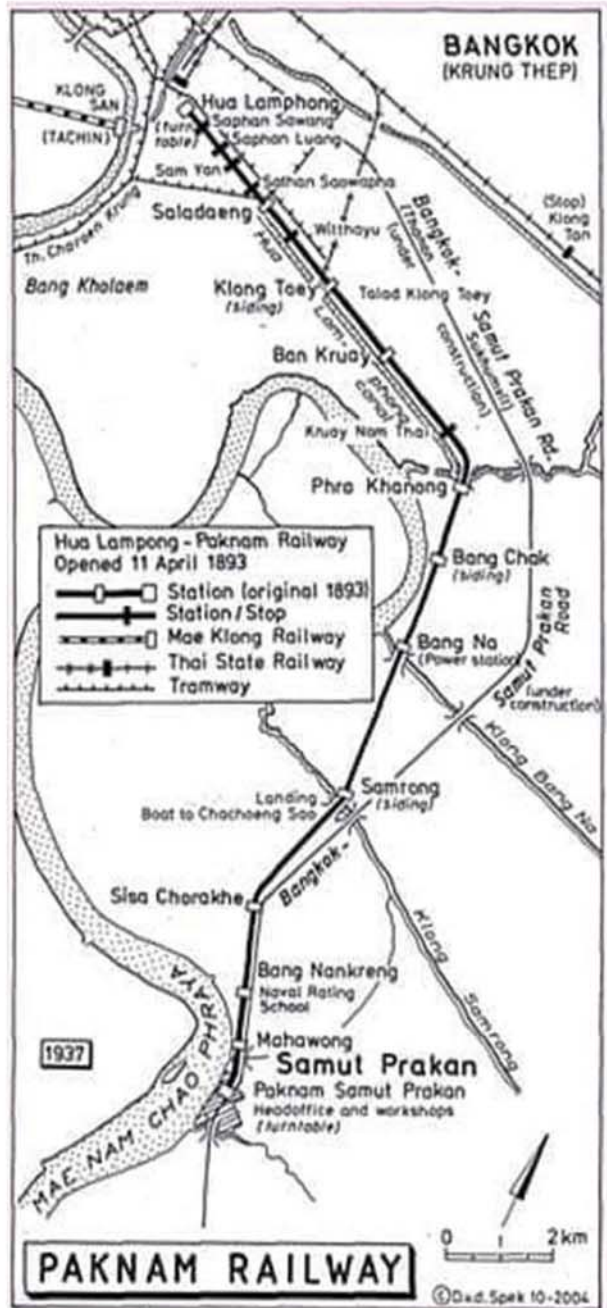
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PAK NAM (SAMUTPRAKARN) RAILROAD

This railway from Bangkok to Samutprakarn route was established in 1913 in the reign of King Chulalongkorn, King Rama V with the distance of 21.3 Kilometers. This railroad was built up three years before Bangkok to Ayutthaya route by The Royal Railway Enterprise. Railway to Pak Nam (Samutprakarn) was operated by Pak Nam Train limited capital company which was a Danish enterprise. King Chulalongkorn presided over the opening ceremony and took a premiere ride with other royal family members on 11 April 1913. This was counted as the first railroad of Thailand. Even though it was the first route, there was a dispute from other opinion that it was not a train but tram. As there was no steam locomotive and the passenger compartments were forced to move by electric. Some people recognized the route of Bangkok to Ayutthaya 3 years later as the first railroad of Thailand as the steam locomotive provided the force to move passenger compartments.



This route from Bangkok to Pak Nam passed 12 railway stations with the concession of 50 years. At the end of contract, the Royal Railway Enterprise took over its operation. Eventually, Field Marshall Sarit Thanaracht, the prime minister at the time, terminated this route on 1 January 1960 and replaced by motor roads which nowadays are Rama IV road and new road on the abandoned rail track. At present, sky train from Bangkok to Samutprakarn has modernized the old railroad with much more speed to commute.

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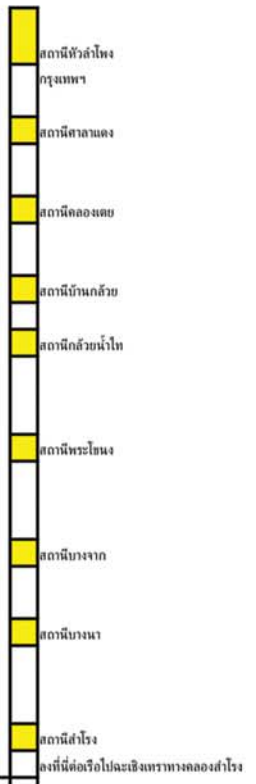
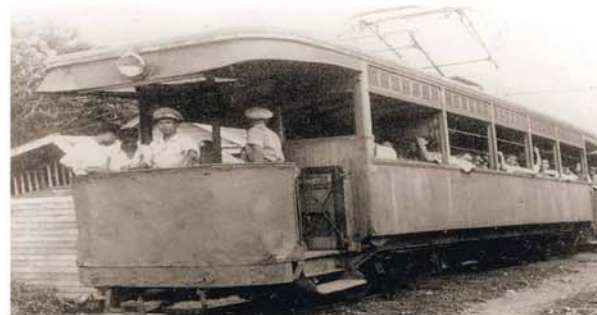


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Inspiring Southern Thailand Road Trip

Part Two

By Kim Waddoup

This is the second part of our Inspiring Southern Thailand Road Trip: Phuket, Phang Nga and Krabi, If you missed Part One you can still read it at pattayatrader.com Back Issues August edition.

Rawai Beach, Phuket

You either love or hate Phuket and I am still not sure where I stand. The island does have some really beautiful beaches and there is some charm amongst the crass commercialism if you can find it! We explored most of the island and were most impressed with Rawai Beach and Phuket Old Town. Rawai has a laid-back, relaxed atmosphere and a lovely beach with some excellent eateries and 'character' cafés.



Phuket Old Town

Phuket Old Town is the absolute opposite of the rest of the Island. The Chino-Portuguese architecture has survived and old, established businesses are side-by-side with modern, chic boutiques and trendy coffee shops. However, in the busiest parts of Phuket at almost every meter there is someone trying to sell you a taxi, a boat trip or a ping-pong show. So from Phuket, we crossed the Sarasin Bridge generally heading for Krabi. We stopped at the Tree Cups coffee house and whilst enjoying an espresso from the branches could see some of the enormous limestone karst formations that the Phang Nga area is so famous for. Going on to the Samet Nangshe Viewpoint we had to park the car, pay THB.80 to be taken up by a 4wd pickup to the viewpoint.

Phang Nga – what an amazing sight

This area is magnificent and we enjoyed an amazing long-tail boat tour of Phang Na before resuming our journey following Route 4 to Krabi. In the old town by the river, it is lovely to walk along the embankment where there are many food stalls and small restaurants. Also worth a visit is Wat Tham Suea temple also known as the Tiger Cave Temple which is a revered meditation centre with significant archaeological and historical importance. The highlight of the temple is the outlook which is 309 meters above the entrance area. There are 1260 steps and, as a word of warning, many are not of equal heights and are uneven creating quite a challenge.



The Tiger Temple in Krabi

We then drove out of Krabi to find the lovely small community of Nong Thale. Whilst boasting some up-market hotels including the impressive Sofitel it is generally a very small, laid-back community directly on Klong Muang beach.

I attended a conference at the lovely Elements Resort some years ago, and have fond memories of a deserted beach with 2-3 bars and restaurants on the beach. Sadly, the rustic Jamaica Bar & Restaurant did not survive Covid and is a ruin, however, the down-to-earth Rueng Thong Restaurant remains directly on the beach.

Klong Muang Beach

We overnighted at the very charming Viangviman Luxury Resort which enjoys a quiet, rural location. Beautifully constructed of teak, the chalets are traditional, tastefully furnished and comfortable with all amenities. The resort offers two large villas with private pools and I could imagine that these could prove to be quite noisy when occupied by families or small groups. We had avoided Ao Nang so far, but now it was time to have a look. It is a mass tourism resort that enjoys a laid-back atmosphere with the normal plethora of bars, restaurants (offering every type of food from the same kitchen), and souvenir stands. For many, this may be the Thai dream that they are looking for, but for me, it has sadly become very unoriginal.



Ao Nang beach is a lovely beach with views over to the islands and is naturally popular with longtail boat excursions. Walking through the town every 3rd shop is selling boat trips but nothing like as pushy as we had experienced in Phuket. At the end of Ao Nang beach is the main departure point for boats to the islands and further destinations. It is also where you will find Hatnopptharathara Beach which is a lovely walk around the headland on a sandy beach. At low tide, sandy islands appear and you can walk out to the nearby rocks. We did also discover the charming Baan Ton Mai treehouse cafe, which is well worth a visit.

The charming Baan Tom Mai treehouse cafe

We decided to give Ao Nang a try for one night and stayed in the Vacation Village Phra Nang Inn. This must be one of the original hotels here and enjoys a prime position on the beach. It is an older hotel but comfortable, has full facilities and we even booked an additional night!

All Road Trips must come to an end and as the West/South of Thailand is relatively narrow we had little choice but to start to retrace our route north.



The first part of the journey was a pleasant surprise on the glorious Route 44, a relatively new road that is mostly in a straight line through extensive Palm Oil plantations. With a brief overnight stay on the beach near Prachuap Kiri Kahn, we returned to Pattaya through Bangkok.

Kim Waddoup enjoyed a lifetime in the tourism business and is an active 'Silver-Ager' living in Thailand. He writes for his age group with high varied articles covering subjects relevant to retirees living in or visiting Thailand. Any questions or comments on this post feel free to contact him directly at kim@meanderingtales.com

Discovering Dr. Nicha at Nicha Clinic

Dr Nicha comes from a medical family. Her father is Dr Thepthai who we wrote about in our June issue of Discover Pattaya in the article "When did you last have your teeth professionally cleaned?" (if you missed this you can still read it online via our website pattayatrader.com) However, Dr Nicha's area of expertise is not in dentistry but in the aesthetic field of dermatology, cosmetology, health and nutrition.

Known to many in Pattaya, she was part of the management at the cosmetic department in Bangkok Pattaya Hospital and has had her own clinic here for over 10 years. It was previously located near Central Festival but is now opposite Apus Condominium behind Big C Extra. However, if you are passing by and would like to see the Dr remember that it is advisable always to make an appointment as she is an extremely busy lady with a further 2 clinics in Bangkok.

Dr Nicha has a very good manner. She is friendly gentle and takes great care to explain the procedures to her patients. She also looks extremely youthful which is an excellent recommendation for her services.



The other point that will strike you as you enter the light, bright airy clinic, is the fact that on every available shelf or wall space there is a certificate. These have been awarded to Dr Nicha on completion of many specialist treatments not just for beauty such as lasers for rejuvenation and anti-ageing but also for medical procedures such as PRP for sports injuries, allergy and vitamin deficiency checks. It is also interesting that she sees not only females but also many male patients who now make up about 60% of all visitors to the clinic. Her staff are also exceptionally well trained with very good English most of them have been with her for at least 8 years and she even has a Russian translator.

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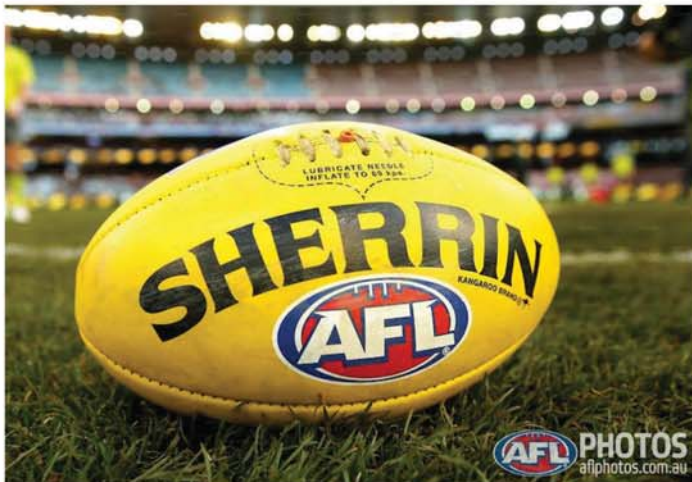
By Steve Wade.

The English premier league is well under way at time of writing and Manchester United, having suffered an appalling start to the season with two defeats to Brentford and Brighton, got their recovery started with a deserved 2-1 victory against Liverpool. The Merseysiders themselves have had an indifferent start with only two points gained from a possible nine. Even Manchester City, after two bloodless wins, were made to come back from 3-1 down at a resurgent Newcastle to eventually secure a point with a 3-3 draw. They still look the most likely winners of the league at this point with only Arsenal, having won three from three so far, looking to mount a challenge to the existing status quo.



Some interesting fixtures coming up this month include West Ham, bottom of the league without a point to their name so far, facing Spurs at home and Chelsea away in consecutive London derbies on the 1st and 4th. Everton host Liverpool at Goodison Park in the first Merseyside derby on the 3rd, Manchester United host Arsenal on the 4th and an improving Spurs go to the Etihad to take on Manchester City on the 10th.

Formula 1 fans have two races to look forward to this month, with the Dutch Grand Prix set for the 4th of the month and the iconic Italian version set for Monza on the 11th. The current situation between Russia and Ukraine has led to the cancellation of the Russian race, which was due to take place towards the end of September.



The big one for our Australian friends in Pattaya, and everywhere else I should think, are the AFL finals, which culminate in the Grand Final being held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on the 24th. The final is going back to kicking off at 2.30pm local time, which will make for a great Saturday evening's viewing for our Aussie friends in the city, given the time difference. I think the sports bars can look forward to an influx of customers from down under on that evening!

On the golfing front the PGA Tour goes very quiet but the DP World tour, covering Europe, has some really interesting events. These include the BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth from the 8th until the 11th, the opens from both Italy and France and finally the Alfred Dunhill links championship from Scotland. Good to see some quality golf from Europe where you don't have to stay up half the night to watch it.





THAILAND SMILES AGAIN

Simpson Marine's Howard Prime reveals how the yachting scene in Thailand is rebounding, with the company's Pattaya office recently hosting the Asia premiere of the Fairline Squadron 68 and launching its Sailing Academy with a fleet of Beneteau First sports models.

It was great to be back on the docks when Simpson Marine exhibited at the Thailand Yacht Show Pattaya the first Asian boat show in two years. We were delighted to have such an impressive line-up, the biggest at the show by far, featuring no less than 12 vessels of all sizes including the Asia premiere of the 'reinvented' Fairline Squadron 68 and the Thailand premiere of the Aquila 28 Molokai. Hosting an Asian premiere in Pattaya gives a clear indication of the market activity. What's more, six yachts on display were available for purchase, both new and brokerage. This helped to further engage customers with our staff actively following up on enquiries. We also wrote contracts at the show for two units of the brand-new Lagoon 51sailing catamaran. It's going to be a busy year!

PATTAYA LEADS RECOVERY

The pandemic has had a huge impact on our business, like many others, starting from when the borders were closed and the country couldn't welcome anyone in. This brought the charter business to a standstill for a long time and impacted the usually vibrant international market in Phuket. However, the Pattaya market bloomed, as it has become a safe getaway for Bangkok residents. During this period, they've been able to discover the joys and freedom of a yachting lifestyle and the great benefits in exploring their home shores which are, as many know, world-class and internationally renowned among yachting enthusiasts.

With Pattaya establishing itself as a busy sales and charter centre, and Thailand opening to international travellers and businesses earlier this year, we've observed a healthy and steady interest in both yacht purchases and charters, which are continuing to grow as a post-pandemic trend. Marine tourism is coming back and our Central Agency charter fleet – comprising 15 exclusively managed yachts including luxury catamarans, motor yachts and superyachts – and many other selections are now operating at full capacity. We've never had such a full-order book for forthcoming seasons as we do now.





Tourists have been longing to come back to the 'Land of Smiles' and enjoy its famous hospitality, amazing culture and beautiful nature. However, even though Thailand residents can now travel freely, there's still a certain discomfort and anxiety about long-haul travel. Many still prefer short regional trips over longer international flights, so they keep enjoying the Gulf of Thailand on their yachts or go to the Phuket region to embark on longer trips around Phang Nga Bay and beyond.

PROMOTING SAILING

In Pattaya, Simpson Marine has now expanded its team and has a brand-new sales office as well as a separate office for our new Simpson Marine Sailing Academy and Yacht Charter operation. Our Pattaya branch now offers a comprehensive range of services to our clients from Bangkok and the north of Thailand.

We created the Simpson Marine Sailing Academy to help establish and consolidate the local yachting market from a grassroots level. The Academy offers sailing courses at all levels, from beginner to advanced and even has a professional racing curriculum.

We have a team of instructors and a fleet of eight Beneteau First boats, comprising five 14s, two 18s and a 27. Everything is set up to welcome students for enrolment. TYS Pattaya was the perfect time to officially launch the Academy and we're happy to see many people apply for the short trials.

We're also presenting the programmes to local schools and welcoming all potential students to attend our 'try-out' days. We want to show both Thais and expats what a fantastic lifestyle sailing offers and Pattaya has great cruising and racing areas on its doorstep.

EXCITING TIMES AHEAD!



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FORMULA 1 – RED BULL AND VERSTAPPEN SET THE PACE

by Steve Wade



We are just over halfway through the 2022 Formula 1 season and some very familiar names are showing the way in both the driver and constructor championships. In the drivers table the supremely talented Max Verstappen has already notched up eight victories this year and given his style of driving the fact that he has two other podium finishes to his credit, and has only missed three all season, says a lot about the consistency of both himself and the car he drives. He has a commanding lead in the table but given the circumstances and the fact that he is being chased by his team mate Sergio Perez in the other Red Bull, George Russell and Lewis Hamilton in the improving Mercedes and both Ferrari drivers, the season may not be done and dusted quite yet.

The Mercedes performance this season has been particularly interesting. Both drivers had a dreadful start to the year with both of them only securing one third place each in the first five races of the season. There has however been a significant improvement in the car's performance since then, with Hamilton in particular showing great resilience to get onto the podium in each of the last five races.



Hamilton, after significant technical changes to the car before the start of the campaign, deemed the car “undrivable” after only the second Grand Prix of the season in Saudi Arabia, so things must have improved quite considerably since then. There are some encouraging noises coming from the Mercedes camp about what they are expecting from the cars over the remaining races of the season and the fight for both titles may not be over yet.



'I REFUSE TO LET THIS DEFINE MY CAREER'



Ferrari, represented by Charles Leclerc and Carlos Sainz, took advantage of the slow start from Mercedes and won two of the first three races this year. Since then, with the Verstappen/Red Bull winning machine in top gear and the improving Mercedes alongside on the grid, they have found things much more competitive, but still managed back to back wins in July at the British and Austrian circuits. The car remains competitive but the team still has some way to go to recapture its glory days, especially given the consistency of the competition.

With nine legs of the twenty two race season to go, it is highly likely that Verstappen will finish with his second drivers championship after his breakthrough win last year and Red Bull, led by the relentless Christian Horner, will secure the constructors title.

If, however, something does go wrong, both Mercedes and Ferrari will be there to pick up the pieces.



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DRIVING – AND SURVIVING – IN PATTAYA

by Steve Wade

I think everyone is aware of the very poor record that Thailand has in relation to how many accidents, and deaths, there are on the roads every year and the latest set of figures that have been released only confirm it.

Driving in this country can be a hair raising experience, especially for the new arrival. I have been in Pattaya for over ten years and having driven both cars and bikes for all that time, I have a few observations that may help the newcomers on our roads among you to avoid a few pitfalls along the way.

Around three quarters of all fatalities happen on motorbikes. As in most South East Asian countries, the motorbike is used by the vast majority of people for obvious economic reasons, hence the heavily skewed figures. In spite of this it is my much preferred way of getting around in the city, mainly because you can judge more or less what time it will take to get to any given destination. If you're using a car or truck in Pattaya, a journey can take 15 minutes one day and an hour the next, depending on the time of day and especially the time of year. After the recent pandemic we have yet to see the return of hundreds of coaches clogging up the roads but if they return this coming high season, you'll see what I mean.

Firstly, keep your eyes open, for everything. You do get used to driving here and it does feel fairly safe to get around after a while. At least in the city. Pattaya doesn't quite have the manic traffic of Bangkok, but has enough not to really allow the lunatic speeds which are the main cause of most accidents, along with alcohol, in the provinces. Just expect anything to happen and the road sense you'll need here will come to you with more experience.

You should certainly keep an eye out for one of my personal favourites, the overtaking bike on your outside when you're already indicating to go right. It goes like this. You're driving along and are due to take the next right turn. You move to the right and indicate to do so. As you're slowing down to either turn right or stop altogether and wait for the oncoming traffic to clear a lunatic food delivery driver will overtake at great speed on your right. It's now only luck that will decide if you turn right as he arrives and you both get sent to a better place. I know it sounds insane, but before you turn check your rear view mirror for this, just in case.

A recent fun addition for both drivers and pedestrians is the crossing that half the drivers on the road ignore and don't stop for. Let's forget for the moment the crossings that are just put down at any busy intersection, where the traffic never actually stops completely, leaving the hapless pedestrian doing some sort of involuntary break dance in the road to avoid the oncoming vehicles, and concentrate on the crossing where a button is pushed and the traffic is told to stop

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on a single road. If you are the first to arrive here as the light goes red you have a dilemma, especially on a bike. You want to stop to allow the person to cross, but you are also aware that there is every chance that the vehicle coming up behind you will ignore the signal and go straight through. If there is a space to pass then no problem, except for the people half way across, but if there isn't, then you could well be in the way. Again, when coming to one of these crossings and having to stop, keep a sharp lookout in both mirrors for anything coming up at speed behind you.

I would not want to put you off driving in the city. To me one of the great things about Thailand is the ability to ride a motorcycle every day and use it as my first mode of transport. It is still a very cheap and effective way to get around and adds a great deal to life here, whether just visiting or in the long term.



Don't drink and drive. It is one of the great curses that the country has to deal with and is the main cause of the appalling figures that we see year after year, and they certainly don't want us adding to them.

You will get used to the way things are done here and you'll see some strange sights too. My own personal record is seeing five people on one bike but I have heard reports of more! Watch out for loaded trucks too. You won't believe how inventive the locals are at getting the seemingly impossible on the back of their vehicles. Most of all take care when you're out on the road. Keep your eyes open, your mirrors clean and stay safe.



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What does "Foreigner Quota" mean?

A condominium building can only sell 49% of the total space of all units within a condominium building to foreigners and register the ownership under their names. This means that in any condominium project, Thai nationals must own at least 51% of the units by area. Therefore, a foreign buyer must first check the current ratio of foreign ownership in a condominium with the Juristic Person.

What is a Foreign Exchange Transaction Certificate? Why is it necessary?

A Foreign Exchange Transaction Certificate (Thor Thor Sam) is a legal document issued by banks upon receipt of foreign currency into your bank account in Thailand. This certificate can be requested from the bank when remitting funds to Thailand for the purpose of purchasing a condominium unit. It is Thailand Government's condition that the money used to pay for the purchase price must originate from an offshore source in the form of foreign currency. You have to present this certificate to the Land Office where the ownership registration shall take place. Otherwise, you cannot register the property under your name.

Is it possible to transfer the money directly to the account of the Developer or my Lawyer?

This shall be possible. Your name must appear as the sender and the money came from your own bank account. It is important that your name shows at one end of the transaction.

How can I be sure that the Property I will buy is not a scam?

You can consult a legal advisor on how to check all the papers for validity. We recommend to perform a Due Diligence procedure to confirm all material facts of the property.

What should the Sale and Purchase Agreement Cover?

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Can I legally rent out my Condominium Unit?

You can legally rent out your unit unless restricted in the bylaws of the condominium. Just make sure that you are settling all the corresponding taxes and there is no business intentions. Only when you engage this as a business, then you should comply with the requirements of the Foreign Business and Foreign Employment Act.



DOT PROPERTY THAILAND AWARDS 2022

Yet again the Pattaya Trader & Discover Pattaya were delighted to be Dot Property's media partners for their Thailand Awards. This year it was back to its spectacular best at the Park Hyatt Bangkok without the COVID restrictions of 2021.

The awards and speeches were expertly managed to move along nicely whilst the entertainment, meal and after party were fabulous.

Congratulations to Dot Property and all the winners! The full list of awards and winners will be published in next month's edition.





For a full review by Gloria and Barry please see the Pattaya Trader YouTube channel.

Congratulations to Michael and his Winning Team From



Michael and his team were delighted to be awarded "Best Affordable Condominium Interior Design Eastern Seaboard" for The Ivy Jomtien Beach by Daniel Binks Development Co. The architect, designer and Pattaya based sales team all went on stage together to be presented their trophy at the recent Dot Property Awards held at the Park Hyatt Hotel, Bangkok last month.

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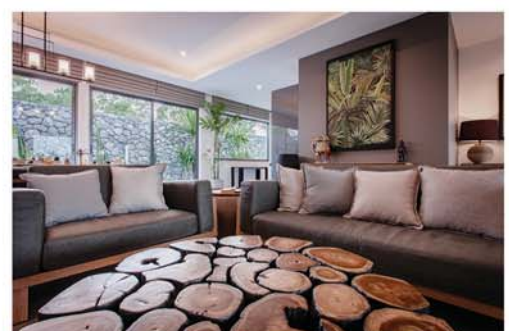
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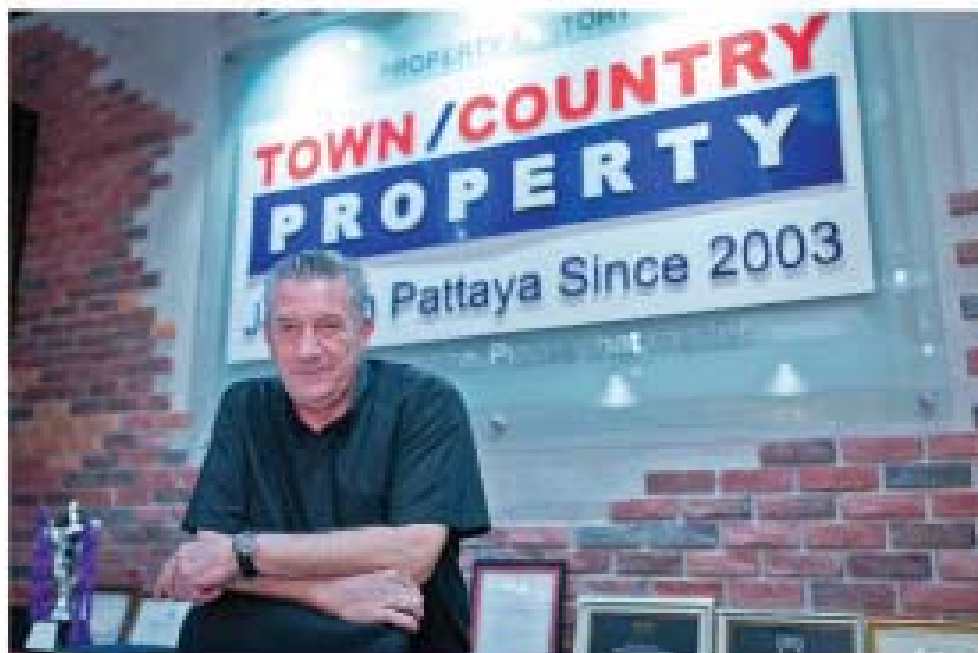


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We bid a sad farewell to John Farr “The Dancing Agent”

by Gloria Jones

The whole team at Discover Pattaya and Pattaya Trader was shocked and saddened by the recent passing of John Farr a local property agent with an excellent reputation in Pattaya. He arrived here on the 21st May 2006 and a few years later started Pattaya Estates Rentals ably helped by Khun Nida.

For those who knew him as the man to kick start the dancing wherever there was a live band, it will come as no surprise that one of John’s reasons for settling in Pattaya was its lively entertainment and music scene. When I had the pleasure of interviewing him a few years ago he told me that his favourite venues were: Sandbar by the sea, Hemingways Jomtien and La Taverna in Bang Saray.

His favourite music Rock and Roll and his favourite artist (when visiting Pattaya) Jerry Carlson. Others who were sure to get him moving: Jayon’s Soulmates, Power Jam Band, Barry Upton and The Paul Jackson Band.



I will personally have very fond memories of John tearing up the dance floor one evening to the strains of “Johnny be Good” at the then “Linda’s Restaurant” on Thappraya Road. No matter there was little space available for dancing, no matter that no one else in the restaurant was dancing, the rhythm had grabbed John and he “was off”. A blur of straw hat, Hawaiian shirt, shorts and sandals, he traversed the room with an energy that most of us could only marvel at and before long we had joined him as his enthusiasm was infectious.

You are fondly remembered Mr Farr and will be sadly missed - may you RIP (but not too much).



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Rent 9,000 Baht

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Offered on one-year lease with fibre-optic Internet included

Price 1,200,000 Baht

Rent 7,000 Baht

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Price 4,200,000 Baht

Studio for Sale or Rent



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Rent 8,000 Baht

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Price 4,000,000 Baht

Rent 15,000 Baht

One-bedroom Condo for Sale or Rent



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2 air-cons, microwave, electronic safe, washing machine. 2 flat-screen TVs, 2 DVD players, home theatre. Foreign ownership, offered on a minimum one year lease.

Price 4,000,000 Baht

Rent 16,000 Baht



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CHINA EASES RESTRICTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL COVID FLIGHT SUSPENSIONS

By Megha Paul

China shortened the length of suspensions for inbound airline flights that carry passengers infected with Covid-19, the latest sign the nation may be ready to ease virus-control measures for international travellers.

Authorities changed the so-called circuit-breaker mechanism for airline bans, cutting to one week the period that incoming flights will be suspended if they carry five Covid-positive passengers, or 4% of the total, according to a statement posted on the website of the Civil Aviation Administration of China. Flights that arrive with 8% of passengers infected will be halted for two weeks.



The change, starting now, is aimed at promoting personnel exchanges between China and foreign countries, and foreign exchange and cooperation, while “scientifically and accurately” achieving epidemic prevention and control, according to the statement.

In June, China reduced quarantine times for inbound travellers by half, its biggest shift in a Covid-19 policy that has left the world’s second-largest economy isolated as it continues to try and eliminate the virus.



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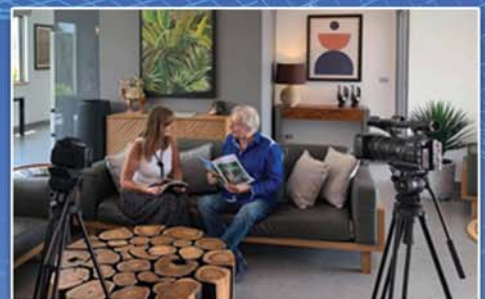
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Rotary Club of Pattaya International's Beach Cleaning

Last month Jana of Rotary Club Pattaya International was featured in our cover story. If you missed this you can still read the online magazine via our website pattayatrader.com Back Issues Page.

Jana and Tom Keightley are both passionate about local charity work visiting the poor and in need, helping Soi Dogs and helping clean our local environment with events such as beach cleaning. Jana explained that whilst we may think the beaches much cleaner since the pandemic it is essential to look at them during low tide when much of the plastic and other waste is washed up on the shore.

Therefore the group started their collection at 7 am to be sure to get as much rubbish and plastic waste as possible. If you would like to know more about future beach cleaning activities or how to join Rotary get in touch with Jana by contacting



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BARRY UPTON – 25th ANNIVERSARY

In '96, I was travelling back and forth to Nashville U.S.A. writing and producing country rock songs with them ending up on various U.K. Line Dancing albums which were selling like hot cakes due to the sudden enthusiasm of fans of the growing Line Dance scene. As a country rock genre fan myself (I always liked a good twangy guitar), it was a joy to be creating vibrant New Country as it was then labelled.

So, I was then asked to be a judge on the U.K. National Line Dance Championships where I witnessed the D.J./organizer playing a few pop songs on occasion and witnessing young kids line dancing to them. A few people had suggested I write a pop line dancing anthem and seeing those kids suddenly sprung me into action. So, after coming up with the title 5,6,7,8 (because that is how dance choreography is always counted in), together with said organizer of the championships, Steve and his lovely wife, choreographer Rodeo Ruth, we placed an ad in the entertainers 'Stage' magazine and auditioned for members of a prospective three girl and two boy pop band who could sing but also dance well. STEPS was the obvious name as we wanted young kids to copy the dance.

After a year of personal changes and rejections from major record labels, finally a very good independent pop label (who had the Backstreet Boys and Britanny Spears on their roster) came on board and signed us. It was early November '97 by the time the record was released and went on to spend 17 weeks in the U.K. top twenty and also charted around the world including a few number ones. The next few singles were also hits and the first album STEP ONE stayed in the U.K. top twenty albums for over a year. Who could have thunk it eh? I was completely flabbergasted. Now, after countless further albums, singles and major concert tours, the original line up I formed is still together and currently on a 25th anniversary festival tour.



My song 5,6,7,8 has become a worldwide party classic over the years and is now, I hear, on the school curriculum in the Phillipines.

Earlier on this year, I was watching some Latino style bands at local music venue Sandbar and suddenly realized that Salsa choreographers, when teaching, also count in 5,6,7,8.

So, right at this moment I am putting together a Latino version of my hit with a commercial international flavour plus a few other new original songs in the same Cuban style.

This will be my 25th anniversary celebration contribution and, who knows, may just refresh the always welcome royalty income.

I'm hoping to release the song and video in early November this year, exactly 25 years after it was first released.

In the meantime I have videos of the recent output from my last five albums available to view on a dedicated YouTube channel FAB BAZ MUSIC TV. Please take a look, 'Like', 'Share', 'Subscribe' and ring the bell icon which means you can get notified when new material is uploaded.

Also, my autobiography, which includes stories with a former band of which I was a member, Brotherhood Of Man, plus the full STEPS account and a whole host of other tales, is available here on the Pattaya Trader website.



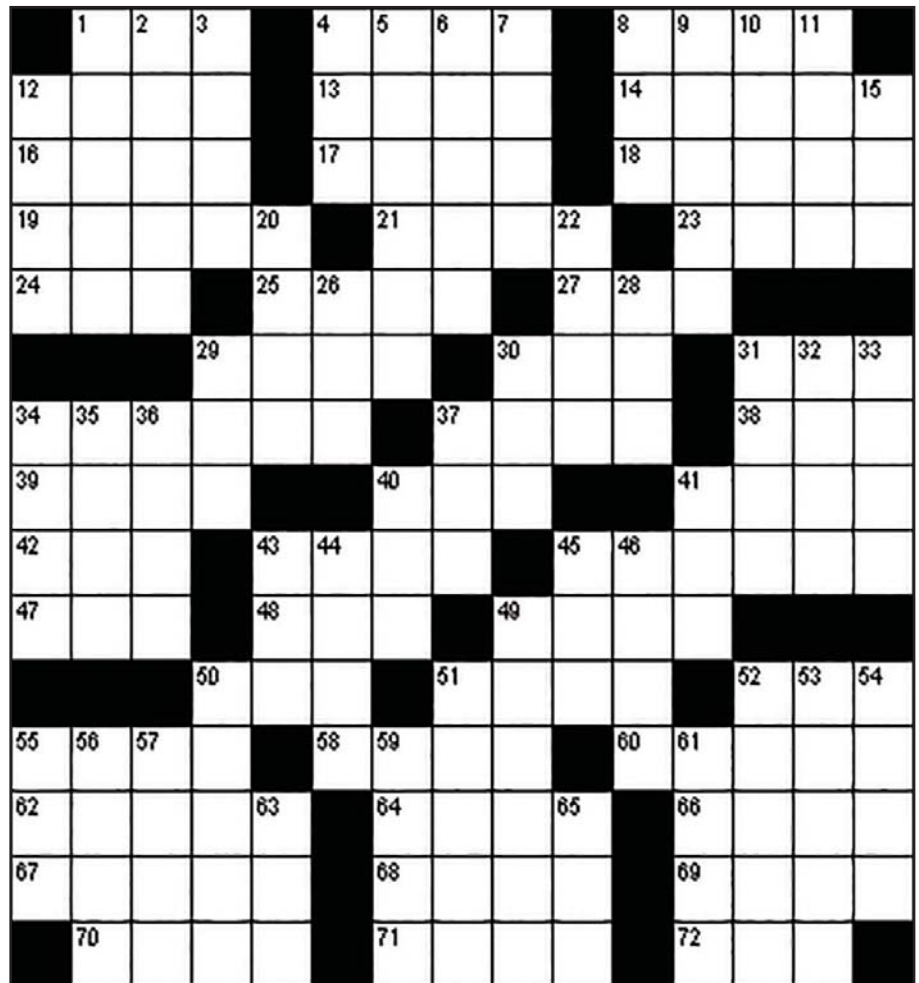
CROSS WORD SEPTMBER 2022

Across

1. Snakelike fish
4. Assist in crime
8. Particle
12. Imitate
13. Fruit
14. Pulsate
16. Bad time for Julius
17. Border
18. Wipe out
19. Laconic
21. Sediment
23. Additional to or different from
24. Attempt
25. Slightly open
27. Cut down
29. Form of transport
30. Vitality
31. Fuss
34. Study of plants
37. Bill of fare
38. Napkin
39. Quartz used in cameos
40. Used to control a horse
41. As well
42. High mountain
43. Fraud
45. Each
47. Cereal grass seeds
48. Paddle
49. Aromatic herb
50. Fitting
51. Champion
52. Droop
55. Tablet
58. Aspersion
60. Languish
62. Residence
64. In the middle
66. Halo
67. Defamation
68. Shade of blue
69. Pack tightly
70. Medieval land worker
71. Hinge joint
72. Conifer

Down

1. Type of duck
2. Mineral used as an abrasive
3. Not as great
4. Simian
5. Pandemonium
6. Avid
7. Woody plant
33. Woodwind instrument
34. Male hog
35. Merely
36. Variety
37. Coalesce
40. Saloon
41. Be unwell
43. Jump
44. Annual grass seeds
45. Melody
46. Gambit
49. Infer
50. Tree with conelike fruit
51. Person
52. Fry quickly in fat
53. Pointer
54. Chew
55. Buddy
56. Wading bird
57. Part of the ear
59. Long and thin
61. Facile
63. Mischievous fairy
65. Staining substance



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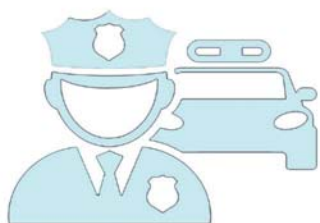
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Grooming Hacks

Contrary to popular belief men generally do care about their looks although many lack a basic grooming routine to take care of their skin and hair. If this sounds like you, here are some simple hacks that don't take much time and will definitely help.

Look after your beard

Growing a beard might save you time shaving but if left unmaintained can leave you looking like a down and out. So make sure to get it regularly trimmed and in between you can use your hair styling products to keep it looking good and in control.

Use a blow dryer on your razor

Blow drying your razor immediately after use will lengthen its lifespan considerably. Whenever you use a razor it picks up water, dead skin, grime and hair. If you simply throw it back onto the shelf, all that gunk will start rust. Use conditioner if you run out of shaving cream.

Wet shaving is an art and gets the closest results and whatever brand of razor you use a good shaving soap with a brush or some shaving cream will definitely help. If however, you run out of supplies conditioner can be used as a good standby.



walk around with bits of paper on your face and that is by rubbing a little lip balm on the cut that will seal it and prevent it from bleeding.

Visit your Barber More Often

With so many inexpensive barbers and hair salons in Thailand, there really is no excuse for not going regularly for a haircut. Whilst for some that might mean a monthly appointment others with locks that may need more attention may have to go more frequently.

Put ice on your face first thing in the morning to beat puffiness or if you feel hungover.

Ice is a good anti-inflammatory if you wake up with a puffy face or are feeling rather delicate from the night before. You can reach for a bag of frozen peas or an ice pack to place on your face.

Alternatively, rub ice cubes around your eyes or add them to a bowl of water and then push your face right in there.

Use lip balm on nicks

No matter how hard you try, sometimes you can end up cutting yourself whilst shaving. Quite often that may lead to reaching for a piece of toilet paper on the cut to soak up the blood. There is a more discreet and effective way to treat these cuts - especially if you don't want to

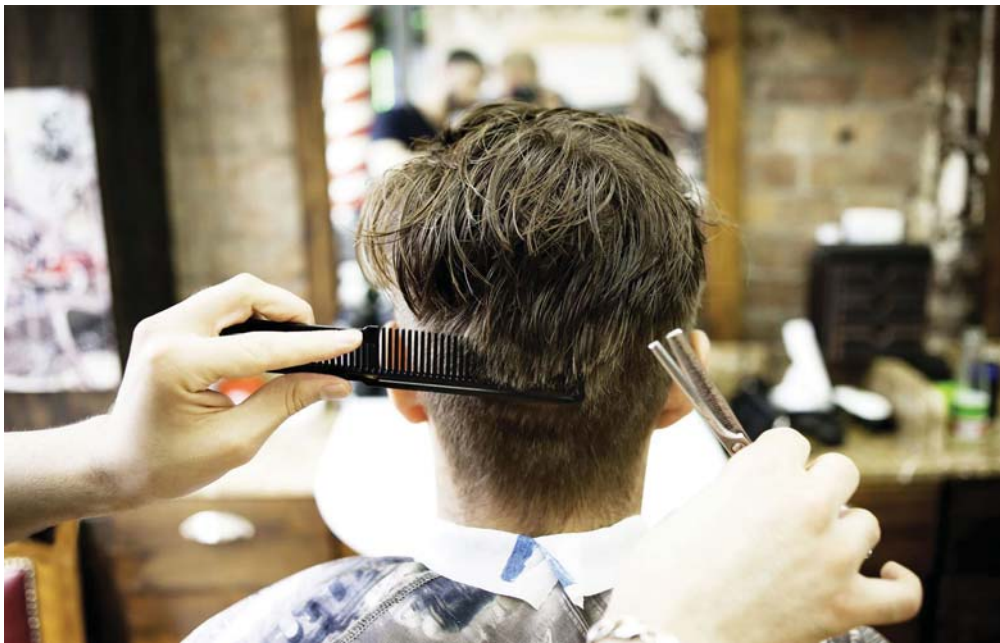


No need to shampoo hair every day

Excessive shampoo use will strip hair of important natural oils and can leave the scalp irritated and dry. Try using shampoo every other day and if you have an important event to attend freshly washed hair can be difficult to style. Instead, wash your hair a day prior to the event date and this will help control frizz and stop you from having to use tonnes of hair products. If you have an oily scalp then using baby powder is a good idea.

CLEAR YOUR EARS WITH OLIVE OIL, NOT COTTON BUDS

Cotton buds can actually cause problems if forced down your ear especially when pushed too close to the eardrum. Olive oil, however, if dispensed a couple of drops at a time will lubricate your ears and loosen wax so it falls out of its own accord.



Use your toothbrush and toothpaste

A toothbrush and toothpaste can be used for other things than dental hygiene for example to exfoliate lips. By simply rubbing a toothbrush across the lips particles of dry dead skin can be removed to leave them feeling fresh and clean. Likewise, toothpaste can be used on the skin when a pimple threatens to break out. By putting a little toothpaste on the offending spot overnight it will dry up and be far easier to remove.

Take Cold Showers

Hot showers are great to ease the aches and pains after a hard day's work but there are many benefits to taking cold showers.

A cold shower can reinvigorate your skin and doesn't dehydrate it as much as a hot one. Cold showers can also help to increase circulation leaving you feeling revitalized. Cold water can also relax muscles after a workout and improve your immune system by causing the body to release adrenaline and anti-inflammatories that can lower the inflammation response to infections.





Games

The Lord of the Rings: Gollum

The game travels through the world of middle earth from Gollum's perspective and you make use of his ability to sneak and climb through Cirth Ungolm Barad-dur tower, Mirkwood amongst others. As you progress you will be faced with different choices when his dual personality suggests different ways of achieving the same objective.

If you play this on the PS5 the game takes advantage of the Dual Sense's haptic feedback so that resistance increases when Gollum gets tired or strained.

The game takes place in the years between when he acquires the one ring and before the events of Lord of the Rings.



Splatoon 3

The third-person multiplayer paint spraying shooter is back for the Nintendo Switch. You shoot coloured ink from a weapon with various methods of dispersal. This edition has more dynamic moves added along with new stages and an expanded arsenal.

Splatlands has a new city called Splitsville populated by Octolings and Inklings and Turf Wars rage.

Its four player teams. There is a story mode called return of the mammalians along with a Salmon Run where you team up to take on Salmonid bosses in co-op mode.



Fortnite Chapter 3 Season 4

Released by Epic Games in 2017 Fortnite shipped with three distinct game modes all using the same graphics engine and gameplay. It's the Battle Royale free to play mode that I see played everywhere in Thailand with up to 100 players fighting to be the last one standing.

Fortnite Chapters contain a story and each has its own vibe this time Season 4 is centered around summer recreation and relaxation.

The Reality tree has spread its roots through out the Island and is responsible for many map changes along with the Zero point. Season 4 will run until December and lead into Chapter 4.





Tec.Living

by Rick Click

SAMSUNG M8 SMART MONITOR

Apple always did have the most attractive looking kit so it's not a surprise that Samsung has blatantly copied the iMac's design. What isn't copied is the price tag which is more in the affordable range. If you are pushed for space or don't want to buy a new TV and monitor this all in one could be your answer. It has all the capabilities of a smart TV with Netflix, YouTube, and a host of other streaming platform apps. What's cool is it has DEX so you can connect your smartphone and even use it as a computer. With a built-in speaker a 4K display and a webcam what more do you need?



TAG HEUER CONNECTED CALIBRE E4

I guess smartwatches will just keep getting smarter until one day they rule the world. All joking aside trouble with most smartwatches is that they look just like that and are not an attractive conventional design. The Tag Heuer Connected Calibre E4 looks like other Tag models but has the capabilities of a smartwatch. This is the third generation of the TAG connected so improvements have been made to previous generations with improved fitness tracking, better software, and a more refined look. Battery life is up to 6 hours. So own the most luxurious Android Wear smartwatch on the market.

App of the month. Duolingo ABC

Agree with it or not but mobile phone users are getting younger and younger, the average starting age in the UK is 11 years old. It's up to the parents to determine when they should start, not naming names but I often see youngsters given mobiles to pacify them. If we can't avoid this then maybe an app that teaches them to read would be useful.

This free app has 700 lessons mostly interactive to engage kids and teach them to read. Fear not there are no ads to spoil things and it even works when you're offline. These fun little games can help younger kids read or at least keep them entertained.

the most fun way to learn to read



effective learning through play

Kids improved literacy scores by **28% in 9 weeks**



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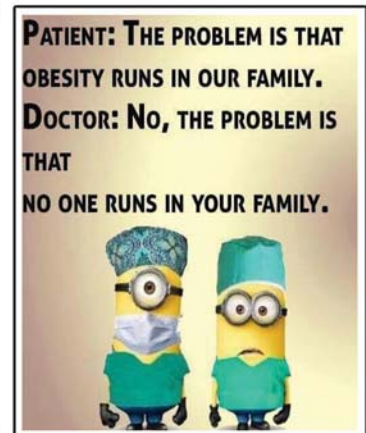
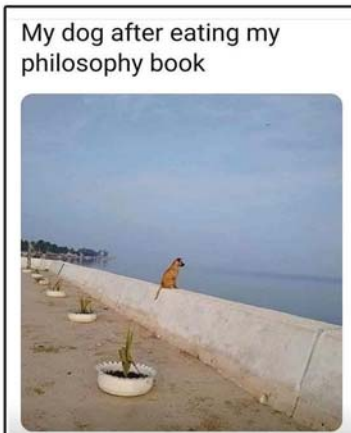
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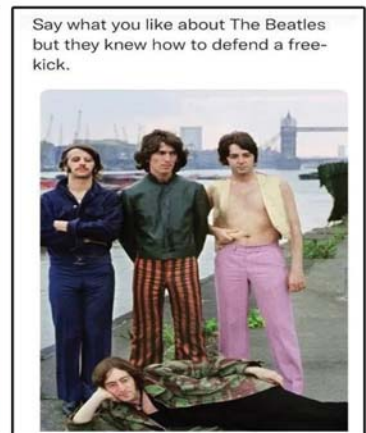
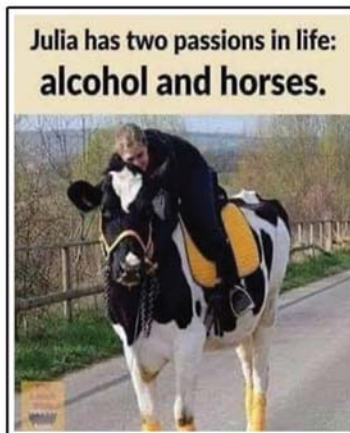
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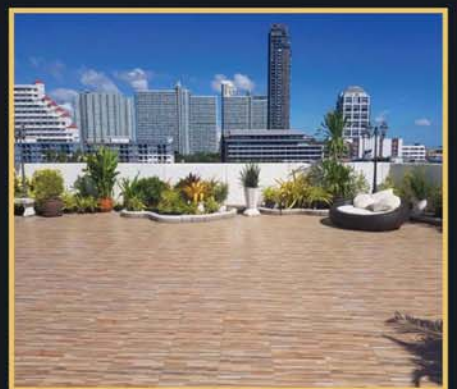
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