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CAMPS STRUGGLE WITHOUT TOURISM INCOME The camps are still home to 246 **Tanyaluk Sakoot** reporter2@classactmedia.co.th

our months after the lockdown began, preventing any tourists from entering the country, concerns are rising for the welfare of elephants across the island as some camps are now relying on donations in order to keep their pachyderms fed.

Manas Thepparuk, Chief of the Phuket office of the Department of Livestock Development (DLD), told The Phuket News this week that his adult female Tang Mo, who had been office had conducted inspections of the 34 elephant camps ("Pang" in Thai) in Phuket.

elephants, whose owners all depend on some form of tourism for income to feed and care for the elephants, Mr

"The elephants for now are all well kept and healthy, but some of the camps are already relying on donations from charities such as the Save Elephant Foundation in order to feed their elephants," he said.

The Save Elephant Foundation was Phuket last week to take into care kept at Phuket Zoo since she was 2 years old after being transported from Isarn (Northeast Thailand).

"This is the first time in twenty years that Tang Mo had to get on a truck. We were worried that this would be difficult, but she went on willingly," the foundation reported.

Tang Mo arrived safely at the foundation's Elephant Nature Park in Chiang Mai on Aug 12, World Elephant Day, and is now eating healthily.

However, Tang Mo for now remains separated from young elephant San Mueang, also kept by the zoo. "For San Mueang, we will return for him as soon as possible," the Save Elephant Foundation reported.

Yet concerns remain for the el-

ephants still on the island, especially with the simple ability of feeding them.

"We are not too concerned about the elephants in camps in Phang Nga, as there is plenty of the right grass and fruit available in Phang Nga to feed elephants there," Mr Manas said.

"But for the elephants in Phuket, we are coordinating with the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation [DNP] and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment [MNRE] to allow elephant owners to cut grass in specific [protected] areas in order to feed their elephants," he added.

"For now, most owners still have...

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...food for their elephants, but they will need help soon. They will need help because they have no income, as their major source of income comes from tourists. I am worried because many owners need to use the money they have just to pay rent for the areas where they keep their elephants," Mr Manas explained.

TREE TOPS

Renowned UK artist Goldie has created an exclusive graffiti-inspired T-shirt to help raise funds to feed elephants at Tree Tops Elephant Reserve in Phuket during the COVID pandemic.

"Tree Tops has collaborated with Drum n Bass legend, DJ, music pioneer and producer, graffiti artist, actor, and animal lover, Goldie (MBE), who has generously created an awesome graffiti inspired design, signed by Goldie himself, to raise funds to feed our el-



Renowned UK artist Goldie has created a graffiti-inspired design, signed by Goldie himself, to raise funds to feed the elephants. Photo: Tree Tops Elephant Reserve

ephants," said a release from Tree Tops Elephant Reserve announcing the campaign.

"By purchasing a Goldie T-shirt, Hoodie or Sweater, the money raised will go directly to buying the daily food supply for our seven elephants for the next six months (or more).

All garments are ethically sourced and printed with vegan inks, the announcement added.

The fund-raising garments are being sold through Wild & Grey clothing, a clothing brand launched by Tree Tops Co-Founder, Louise Rogerson, who blended her career in fashion and love of elephants to raise funds to save elephants globally.

Tree Tops opened in October 2019 and is the first ethical elephant sanctuary in the south of Phuket, located in the hills of Chalong on the western side of the Klong Kratha reservoir.

"We closed in March and rely solely on tourism for our revenue," said the announcement.

of funding to feed and care for our seven elephants: Nam Gaew, Fah Sai, Lam Poon, Boon Song, Tong Tip, Nam

realistically looking at 2021 before tourists will return to Phuket and even then, we are unsure of visitor numbers. Therefore, we are planning a minimum of six months to one year to stay afloat," it added.

Feeding the elephants costs just under B1,000 a day per elephant, Louise said, noting that a minimum of B200,000 a month is needed to feed the seven elephants.

In comparison, the Wild & Grey T-shirts cost £20 (about B813), Sweatshirts £26 (just over B1,000) and Hoodies cost £34 (about B1,380).

WORLD ELEPHANT DAY

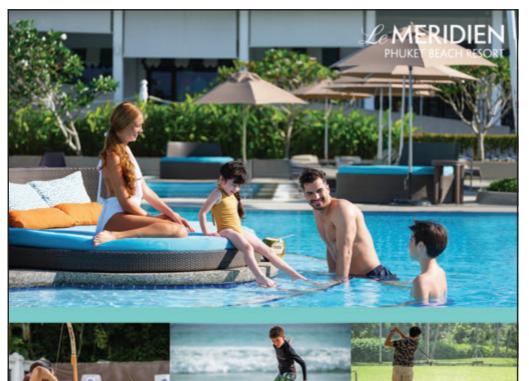
The call for support to help elephants survive the economic crisis brought on by "We are urgently in need the COVID pandemic came as World Elephant Day was recognised around the globe on Aug 12.

"Whilst we should be

Sook, and Nam Phet. We are celebrating how incredible and magnificent elephants are, the sad reality during COVID is that many elephants and elephant camps are struggling financially in Phuket and throughout Thailand. The situation is very serious, particularly with the latest news that we won't likely see tourists until 2021," said Louise.

> "World Elephant Day gives us a moment to think about every elephant both in Thailand and globally. Every elephant confined in a zoo, poached and killed for their ivory, forced to perform in a circus, every baby elephant taken from its mother. Humans are the only threat to elephants and it is devastating to see the global population declining.

"Our mission at Tree Tops is to educate our visitors about how magnificent elephants are and why they need to be protected," Louise said.



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Kuwaiti man dies after big bike hits streetlight

A KUWAITI MAN DIED AFTER THE 'big bike' motorbike he was riding struck a roadside streetlight pole on Phra Phuket Kaew Rd, Kathu, early Monday morning (Aug 17).

Lt Pheerawat Yodtor of the Kathu Police was called to the scene, the curve just east of the Sikor Intersection, at 00:45am.

Police together with Kusoldharm rescue workers arrived to find a heavily damaged black Kawasaki Z900 motorbike, registered in Phuket, on the road.

Nearby was the body of Kuwaiti national Yaser I K A Kamal, who had suffered fatal head trauma, Lt Pheerawat noted in his report.

Police did not find a helmet at the scene, he added. There were no witnesses to the accident.

Lt Pheerawat also marked in his report.

Local residents said they heard the sound



Police and rescue workers at the scene early Monday morning. Photo: Eakkapop Thongtub

of the collision and came out to investigate, and called the police.

Police have yet to confirm whether Mr Yaser was staying in the country on a tourist visa, though police have confirmed that he rented the motorbike to take part in the 'Bike Night' event held in Patong, Lt Pheerawat said.

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Travel bubble trial to begin

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Royal Thai Army Deputy Commander-in-Chief Gen Natthapol Nakpanit, who also serves as the chairman of the ad hoc committee to consider easing the enforcement of measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, under Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA), has said that travel bubbles to Phuket may begin as early as the beginning of next month with a small test group arriving via Bangkok.

Gen Natthapol broke the news after a meeting at Phuket Provincial Hall last Thursday (Aug 13), where he was joined by Dr Walairat Chaifoo, Director of the Division of Epidemiology at the Ministry of Public Health's Department of Disease Control.

The pair were in Phuket to hear first hand from people on the island the current state of Phuket's readiness to receive tourists.

Gen Natthapol explained that to open Phuket to travel bubbles, whereby tourists are kept isolated from the general population by strict control



Royal Thai Army Deputy Commander-in-Chief Gen Natthapol Nakpanit conducts an inspection of Phuket airport during his visit. *Photo: AoT Phuket*

measures, the most important aspect was that Phuket International Airport applied the same health practices as Suvarnabhumi Airport in Bangkok.

However, he added, "Those coming from abroad must be checked at places recognised as state quarantine [venues], not at the airport, in order to prevent congestion."

Dr Walairat explained that

the airport must have special areas designated for such arrivals and they must be picked up and directly taken to their nominated state quarantine venues.

"At the quarantine venues, the tourists will be allowed to stay only one person per room, unless they come as a family. That will be up to the officers' discretion. The arrivals will be tested for COVID two times during the 14 days' quarantine," Dr Walairat added.

"The areas where they can go must be limited and clearly separated from other tourists so that hotels can also be open to receive other guests," she said.

Gen Natthapol also clearly pointed out that in order for travel bubbles to Phuket to be approved that screening of Thais and foreigners arriving at the airport must be in place, and the province must have an adequate system to quickly identify people infected with COVID-19.

Effective and sufficient Alternative Local State Quarantine (ALSQ) venues must be available and approved by the Ministry of Public Health, and tourism areas where the tourists may visit must be clearly defined so that anti-COVID-19 measures can be enforced.

"They must be relatively closed areas where access is limited to certain areas," he said. "Once we can evaluate the effectiveness of the initial areas, we can then expand the practices to other areas."

Asked whether the travel bubbles will start on Sept 1, Gen Natthaphol said, "We have to consider that again. We may start by letting small groups of foreigners come, as I believe that it is easy for officers to control them.

"The pilot group must be less than 100 people in order to test our process and relevant officers' readiness. We have to think of the feelings of those who are still concerned about the pandemic," he added.

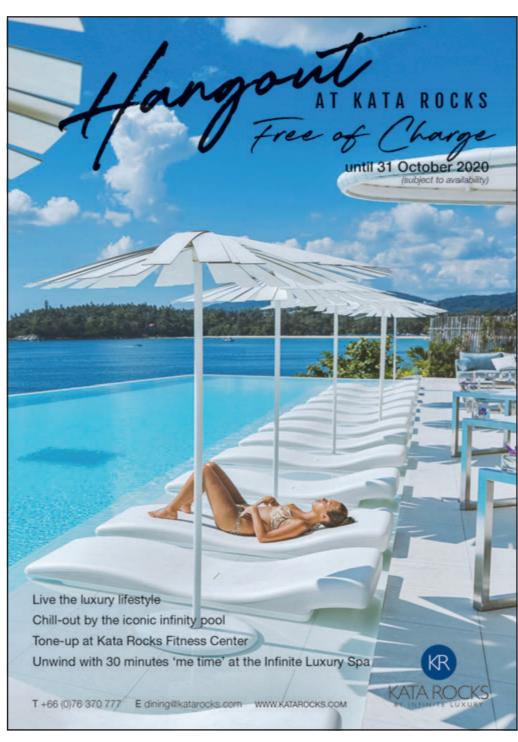
"The first pilot group can come next week in order to test the prepared process and officers, as at this stage Phuket already has alternative local state quarantine (ALSQ) places which are ready to welcome them. Hotel operators will be able to review their establishments and readiness to join the project," Gen Natthaphol said.

"A pilot group, of around five people, must be cleared in Bangkok first and then brought to Phuket. Then officers will practice the processes that they have prepared.

"The pilot group could be international students who study in Phuket, as they have to come to Phuket anyway. After this meeting, I have to go back and see who else could be in our pilot group," he added

However, Gen Natthaphol maintained that at this stage any new arrivals must be cleared for entry to the country in Bangkok first.

Gen Natthaphol also repeated the government's stance that travel bubbles will not be launched until the government is satisfied that the proper precautions are in place.





















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Officials mediate B1bn in debt relief

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huket officials last week hosted a mass mediation session between debtors and banks and other financial institutions in the hope of preventing legal action being taken against local business owners and other people in Phuket left without any form of income due to the COVID-19 economic crisis.

The event, organised by the Legal Execution Office and held at Phuket Rajabhat University on Aug 13, saw major lending companies and institutions present to discuss terms of restructuring loans. Among them were Toyota Leasing (Thailand) Co Ltd, Krungthai Card PLC, Sukhumvit Asset Management Co Ltd and Siam Commercial Bank, and even representatives from the Student Loan Fund (KorYorSor).

Duangchun Suksaeng, Director of the Phuket Legal Execution Office, explained that a total of 1,021 people with unpaid loans were invited to the event.

Together, those invited had outstanding loans totalling B1,012,999,742.70, she said.

The mass mediation event was aimed at preventing people in debt having legal action

More than 1.000 people were invited to the debt relief mediation, altogether involving a total of more than B1 billion in outstanding loans. Photo: PR Phuket taken against them for not making loan repayments, Ms

Duangchun said. Most of the people invited to join the event already had court orders against them, she added.

Phuket Vice Governor Supoj Rotreuang Na Nongkhai pointed out that the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic has had a great impact on people's lives, leaving them without any way to pay debts.

V/Gov Supoj noted that some of the people with outstanding loans already were in financial trouble before the COVID-19 crisis, but the pandemic had only made their problems worse.

"People's incomes have disappeared, making it impossible to pay their debts, whether they be home loan installments, car loans or credit cards," he said, after speaking with several people attending the event to restructure their outstanding debts.

"Therefore it is necessary to mediate the terms of the loans so these people's properties are not seized. This especially applies to outstanding student loans," V/Gov Supoi said.

50 tour van and taxi drivers massed at Saphan Hin, on the tourism industry for at least

outskirts of Phuket Town, Monday morning (Aug 17) to call for delayed loan repayments for their vehicles as they are unable to make repayments due to the current economic crisis.

The drivers gathered at 9am to represent their plea and a petition of more than 700 signatures of Phuket tour vehicle drivers calling for help in delaying their outstanding loan repayments.

Narong Chutong, one of the leading representatives of the group, explained that the petition includes the signatures of 709 drivers and tour operators in Phuket.

The petition is addressed to the finance division of Toyota (Thailand), Mr Narong said.

The petition asks for Toyota Regardless, more than to delay all repayments due for vehicles used in Phuket's

three months, but hopefully up to one year, with no increase in interest due.

The group was to hold talks with Toyota executives later on Monday in the hope of the drivers avoiding having their vehicles repossessed, Mr Narong said.

"We are all suffering because of the impact of COV-ID-19. There are no tourists, no work and therefore no income, making it impossible to make loan repayments for our vehicles," he said.

"The repayments due for each vehicle is about B19-20,000 per month," he added.

"If today's talks are not effective, the group will meet again to find a solution to the problem," Mr Narong said on Monday.

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Festivals to lure tourists

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he three-day 'Bike Night' event in Patong concluded last Saturday night (Aug 15), with event organisers praising the 'big bike' event as a success in getting Phuket's domestic tourism push underway.

The event drew some 500 bikers to Patong, it was explained at the closing ceremony, led by Patong Mayor Chalermluck Kebsup and Phuket Governor Narong Woonciew, and joined by Patong businessman Preechawude Prab Keesin.

The event also saw Bangla Rd, better known for its nightlife, closed to traffic with local food stalls opened all along the 330-metre long street, where they will remain for the coming month under the 'Patong Never Give Up' campaign to revive tourism in the beach resort town.

Meanwhile, the Phuket Tastival Seafood & Gastronomy festival began last Friday at Saphan Hin, on the outskirts of Phuket Town. The event, held to promote quality food and local Phuket



Phuket Governor Narong (left) and Patong Mayor Chalermluck walk along Bangla Rd, where food stalls will remain for one month. *Photo: Patong Municipality*

dishes at cheap prices, began last Saturday and continued through Monday (Aug 17). The festival will be held on six consecutive weekends at various locations around the island.

Deputy Prime Minister Jurin Laksanawisit led the opening ceremony, and joined a cooking demonstration with President of Phuket

Thai Chef's Association tourists to come. We have a Weerawat Chotitantikul. series of events to be held in

"I believe that after the COVID-19 crisis, everything will get better, and Phuket will be great again like before with even more tourists," the Deputy PM said.

Governor Narong added, "I want to confirm that Phuket is ready to welcome all tourists. We want a lot more

tourists to come. We have a series of events to be held in the coming months, such as sports competitions and the Phuket Vegetarian Festival in October."

The Phuket Tastival & Seafood Gastronomy festival also will be held at: Aug 22-23 at Rawai Pier in Rawai; Aug 29-30 at Loma Park in Patong; Sept 5-6 at Palai

Pier in Chalong; Sept 12-13 at Queen Sirikit Park in the Phuket Town; and Sept 19-20 at Laguna Grove in Cherng Talay.

The season of festivals is set to continue, with Mayor Chalermluck confirming that the "Phuket Carnival", held each year to mark the opening of Phuket's tourism high season, will be held from Nov 1-5. The carnival will definitely go ahead, with a B5 million budget allocated for the event, Mayor Chalermluck told *The Phuket News*.

The full schedule of events and the live entertainment to be provided has yet to be confirmed. "We will know more by the end of this month," she said.

"The Thailand Convention & Exhibition Bureau (TCEB) will help us to upgrade Patong Carnival to be a more effective event with their support of about B500,000 to a B1mn," she added.

Mayor Chalermluck assured that the COVID-19 protection measures will be in force at all aspects of the carnival, which range from a plethora of small food stalls along the streets and at traditional areas where live events

are held, such as Loma Park.

With the ban on international tourists from entering the country still in effect and the We Travel Together domestic tourism campaign underway, the carnival this year will be aimed at attracting Thai tourists. Likewise, much of the attractions to be highlighted will be good local food at cheap prices, Mayor Chalermluck said.

Fewer people are expected to join the event this year, but Mayor Chalermluck held faith that the number of Thai visitors coming to Phuket to enjoy the carnival would be substantial.

"I have no doubt that domestic tourists will come to Phuket for the carnival, but the number of people joining the event will be less than in recent years as foreign tourists will not be able come to enjoy the carnival while enjoying their holiday here," she said.

Other events scheduled to help bring more tourists to Phuket in the coming months are the Patong Surfing Contest at Kalim Beach (Sept 13-15); the Vegetarian Festival (Oct 17-26); the Phukethon (Nov 14-15); and the Laguna Triathlon (Nov 22).









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The Theatre's Resurrection



THE PLAY'S THE THING!

Joel Adams

ood news! There are signs of a new springtime for the theatre. I was contacted out of the blue by Pepper's Bar in Laguna and asked if we would perform an interactive murder mystery in late August. We are excited about future interactive events at Pepper's and other venues as things hopefully open up more and more.

Interactive theatre is becoming increasingly popular around the world as people look for something more active than conventional theatre, and we are ready to supply that here in Phuket. Today, let's take a look at the history and styles of interactive theatre.

Traditional theatre creates what is called a fourth wall between the actors and the audience that separates them both physically and verbally. However, playwrights for hundreds of years have delighted in breaking the fourth wall. Shakespeare did it. Thornton Wilder did it. And sometimes the audience can influence the direction of a play by their actions or words as in Peter Pan, The Seesaw Tree and other plays.

There are plays where the wall is totally broken and the audience becomes part of the play, taking roles either assigned or chosen. They may become or hold props, make sound effects, offer suggestions as in improv comedy, and more. There are so many ways interactive theatre can happen, but suffice it to say, the interactivity can be used to increase the comedy and fun, or it can be used to explore serious issues and get community input on how best to solve problems. Interactive theatre is fast becoming one of the most popular and vital forms of theatre today.



At the time this article was sent to print, we were to do something new for us at Pepper's on August 20. Our former murder mysteries were rehearsed and prepared before the evening, but this time those who choose to act roles in the mystery, a cowboy mystery performed around a poker tournament set in a saloon in the Wild West, were to be given only a character bio and costume and character suggestions before the evening. Theatrix actors were to play a number of roles, and the remainder of the roles were to be filled by members of Pepper's clientele. On the evening, they were handed assignments they had to accomplish before the murder; after the crime, they were to receive another paper for what they had do to help find out whodunnit.

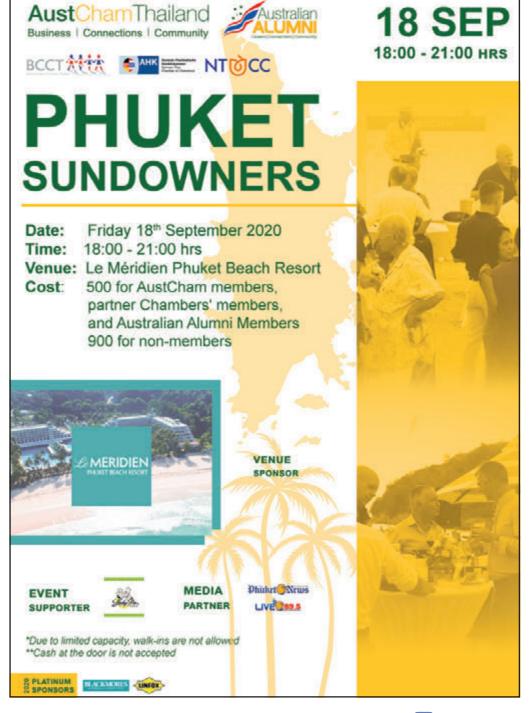
When the evening started, none of the actors were to know who the victim or the perpetrator were, which makes for a lot of fun and adds reality and tangible suspense to the situation. This was the first time we had tried this kind of interactive theatre and were really looking forward to it.

Also, if you or your kids are interested in acting classes on many different subjects either in-person or online, please contact me. We have something for everyone, including a course designed to help non-native English speakers improve their English through drama games, activities, and projects.

Bye for now. Talk to you again soon with more of the history of interactive theatre.

Joel Adams is building a vibrant theatre community right here in Phuket. You can contact him at theatrixphuket@gmail.com or by phone on 093 6490066. Facebook: Theatrix Group





Give us a kiss!



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og kisses are a bit like
Marmite. Folks either love
'em, or hate 'em. Some folks
will go all in to seek out a
sloppy dog kiss, whilst others
think it's disgusting, such is
life. However, most dog owners attribute a fair amount of
meaning to such dog licks, suggesting
they are giving us "affectionate kisses!"
But how true is this...?

There are a number of reasons why dogs lick us. It certainly could mean that our dogs want to show affection, but it could also be that you simply taste nice, or that your dog has some manner of compulsive disorder. You might also notice particular triggers with your dogs licking you, such as wearing a particular sweet scented lotion (maybe sunscreen), or if you're very sweaty (after your morning run).

As a general rule, dog kisses aren't anything to really worry about, but it's worth keeping an eye out to see if there is an underlying health issue. So if the licking appears compulsive, excessive or even self destructive (ie/ excessive licking and chewing paws), then it's time to check with a behaviourist and your vet.

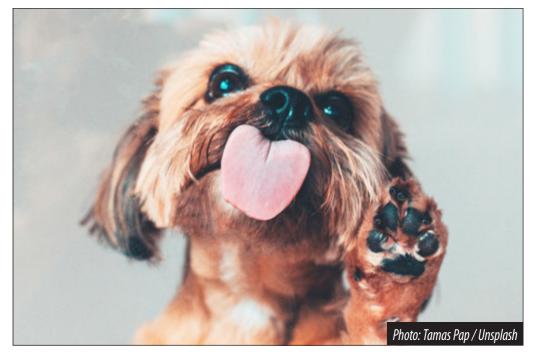
When analysing our dogs intentions, it best to look at the full context

of the licking, including other signals our dogs may be displaying that we're not noticing. For starters, who initiated the contact? Does your dog come to you, or you go to them? Does the dog have an 'out', a way to move away, or are they being held, and inhibited from moving away?

In instances where the option of flight has been removed, the dog's kisses may be more of an appeasement tactic to hopefully 'make you go away', rather than the affectionate kiss we're after. If your dog appears more tense, is turning away or showing more of the white of their eye, then these are signals that, in this instance at least, they are not enjoying the kisses and attention as much as you are.

The hard part for many of us dog lovers, is that putting our faces right up to a dog's face, can be seen as incredibly invasive, rude and potentially aggressive to the dog. It's one thing to do so with your own dog because they know you, there is an existing bond and level of trust in your actions. But as 'friendly' as your friend's dog may be, it can be quite dangerous to go nose to nose. Most dog nips and bites (particularly on children) have come from this exact situation. The initial licks may appear to us to be kisses, but are the dogs way of saying 'please leave me alone', and when we don't heed those signs, and especially if the dog has not way out, then things can escalate.

So, if you would like to have a close



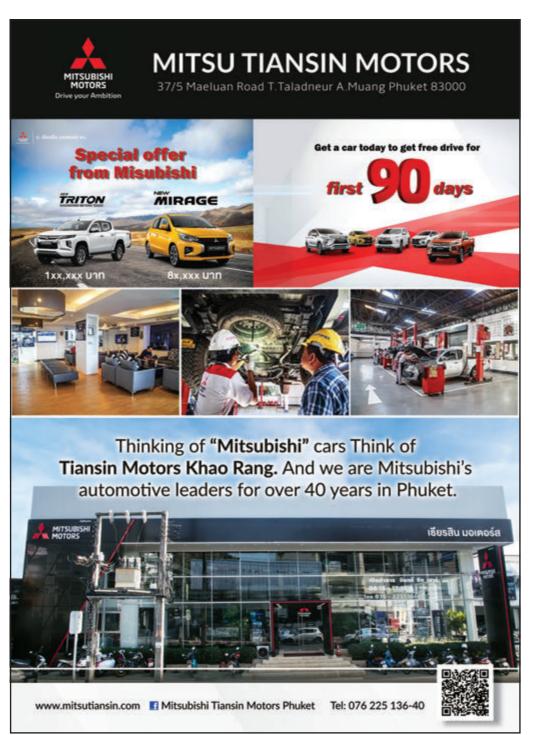
moment with your dog, invite them to do so with you, and if they want to come up to your face, they will – but if not, respect it when they say 'no'. Obviously we want our dogs to be comfortable, so it's important to be thoughtful of how we physically show emotions to our dogs, so that our dogs don't feel pressured to appease us through kisses.

If you have a dog that tends to freely dish out licks and kisses to all and sundry, and you want to curb the behaviour, then you need to be proactive about it. If you see your dog approaching and know he's about to lick you, then ask him to sit first as he approaches. You can then redirect his affection and energy to another channel, such as chewing a toy. Stuffed Kongs are awesome, but even a favourite teddy can help redirect your dog's needs.

Some basic level of control and guidance over your dog, such as a solid place to stay, can also assist as it creates distance between you (or your guests) and your dog, which removes the ability for your dog to lick people in the first place.

If you are having a hard time redirecting your dog or discouraging licking behaviour, then feel free to drop us a line. Remember that lip licking, or tongue flicks are generally signs of stress.

If you would like some more information on canine training, or behavioural issues, then please to contact us on 091 654 1960, email info@k9pointacademy.com, or check our website www.k9pointacademy.com. CPA is accredited with the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT), and as an American Kennel Club (AKC) Evaluator.





- 1. Who was the lead singer of the UK band Radiohead?
- 2. Which is the only city that is located on two continents?
- 3. Who invented the pop-up toaster?
- 4. The original version of Monopoly was based on the streets of which American city?
- 5. Which organ in the human body produces insulin? Answers below, centre

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Crossword by Myles Mellor & Sally York

Across

1. Book part 5. "Cut it out!"

10. Five-time U.S.

Open champ 14. Almond

15. Auspices

16. All-night party 17. Gardening guy?

20. Boreal forest 21. Old Germans

and aahs

25. Dentist's direction 6. "A rat!" 26. "Blue ____'

30. Opens 33. Brilliance

Medium

34. Denials 35. Eerie gift

38. Romantic guy?

42. Haw partner 43. Ricelike pasta 44. Diminished by

45. More lively 47. Sportscaster

Musburger 48. Ski trail

51. "Get _ 53. Profound

56. Contradict 60. 1991 Tinka Menkes film

28. Hypothetical 64. Took advantage of

65. Zeno, notably 66. Assortment

2. Genuine

7. "Give it _

10. Free

8. Sort carefully

11. Radioactive

element

12. A plant of the

rose family

13. Shield figure

19. Engine sound

18. Rabbitlike

rodent

23. Driven

27. Yearn

24. Big bore

woman

9. To be, to Brutus

4. Film maker

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strength 67. Sea slitherers 31. Earlier

68. Old Roman port 32. Wednesday 69. Don't believe it tree?

35. Coastal raptor Down 36. Bowl over 1. Affranchise

37. "Check this out!"

29. Symbol of

39. "___ any drop to drink." -5. Chocolate source Coleridge 40. Insignia

41. Cause of

inflation?

45. Mounts

46. ___ Station

48. Arouse

49. Sign on a plane facility

50. Brace 52. Banana variant

54. C-worthy 55. New newts

57. Come into view

58. Deeply 26. "Little Women"

59. Cut, maybe 61. "i" lid

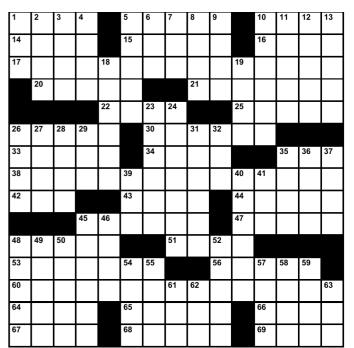
62. "Rocky ____

63. Scale note

Answers to this week's Pop Quiz:

form of matter

1. Thom Yorke; 2) Istanbul; 3) Charles Strite (from lowa, US);
4) Atlantic City, New Jersey; 5) Pancreas



Solutions to last week's puzzles:

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Aug 21, 1770

James Cook formally claims eastern Australia for Great Britain, naming it New South Wales.

Aug 22, 1910

Korea is annexed by Japan with the signing of the Japan-Korea Treaty of 1910, beginning a period of Japanese rule of Korea that lasted until the end of World War II.

Aug 23, 1973

A bank robbery gone wrong in Stockholm, Sweden, turns into a hostage crisis; over the next five days the hostages begin to sympathise with their captors, leading to the term "Stockholm syndrome".

Aug 24, 79 AD

Mount Vesuvius erupts. The cities of Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Stabiae are buried in volcanic ash (note: this traditional date has been challenged, and many scholars believe that the event occurred on October 24).

Aug 25, 1875

Captain Matthew Webb at age 27 becomes the first person to swim across the English Channel, travelling from Dover, England, to Calais, France, in 22 hours. He later dies at age 35 attempting to swim through the Whirlpool Rapids on the Niagara River below Niagara Falls.

Aug 26, 1498

The first Europeans and firearms arrive in Japan.

Aug 27, 1883

Eruption of Krakatoa: Four enormous explosions destroy the island of Krakatoa and cause years of climate change.

Source: Wikipedia





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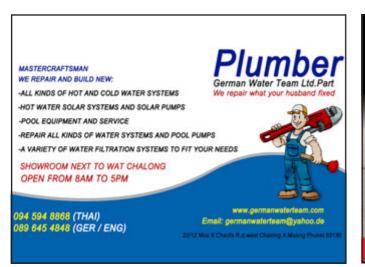
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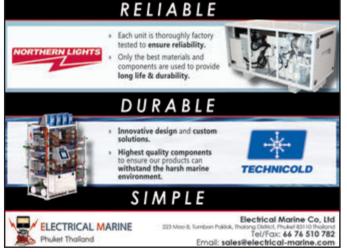
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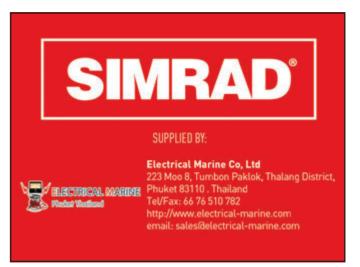
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Hamilton's Spanish conquest

Briton's dominance continues as more records fall and are in sight

FORMULA ONE

Michael Lamonato

ewis Hamilton broke the record for most podium finishes with a dominant victory at the Spanish Grand Prix last Sunday (Aug 16).

Hamilton led the race from pole to flag for his 156th appearance on the rostrum, breaking the record set by Michael Schumacher in 2012.

It was also the 88th victory of Hamilton's career, taking him to within three of Schumacher's record 91 wins.

A perfect start was all it took for Hamilton to seal the deal. Though Max Verstappen jumped to second and intimated a challenge early, Red Bull Racing's forecast race pace never materialised.

Meanwhile Valtteri Bottas dropped two positions off the line and never recovered the lost time.

Hamilton's drive was also perfectly judged, the Briton expertly managing his tyres in the warm weather without sacrificing pace to control the grand prix and extend his championship lead over Verstappen to 37 points.

"I was just in a daze out there, it felt really good," Hamilton said. "I didn't even know it was the last lap in the end, that's how zoned in I was – I was ready to keep going!" Verstappen snatching sec-



ond place off the line came at the expense of Bottas, who started alongside Hamilton on the front row but got bogged down at lights out, falling to fourth behind the Dutchman and Racing Point's Lance Stroll

By the time he fought his way past the Canadian on lap five he'd lost more than three seconds to Hamilton and had taken the best out of his tyres, leaving him unable to close in time for the first pit stops.

Hamilton, Verstappen and Bottas held position after the first pit stops, but despite Hamilton being able to sprint away to a more than 10-second lead in the middle stint, Bottas couldn't make an impression on the Dutchman for second place.

Progress for Racing Point

Mercedes rolled the dice in the final stops, giving Bottas the faster soft tyre after Red Bull Racing gave its driver

Hamilton, Verstappen a new set of mediums, but even this wasn't enough to help the Finn close the gap, and Verstappen was able to secure second place.

"I think to be able to split [Mercedes] today was very good for us," he said. "We clearly didn't have the pace like Lewis, so I'm very happy with second.

"The start was crucial to get by Valtteri, and from then on I was just trying to do my race."

Bottas had the cold consolation of securing a point for fastest lap, but without a win since the first round of the season he sits third in the drivers standings and 43 points off

"I think the start was the tricky point," he said. "The start was not good enough.

title leader Hamilton.

"Then the first stint obviously I had to push hard and make some ground, and I struggled with tyre life.

"But in the end I think

the start was the bad thing."

Racing Point recorded its best finish of the season, with Lance Stroll leading Sergio Perez home to fourth and fifth.

Perez took the flag first, making it to the end of the race having made one stop fewer than Stroll, but a fivesecond penalty for ignoring blue flags while being lapped by Hamilton lost the Mexican a place to his teammate.

Carlos Sainz finished sixth for McLaren, the Spaniard benefitting from a failed strategy gamble by Red Bull Racing's Alex Albon.

Albon was running sixth ahead of Sainz early in the race when the team stopped him early for the hard compound to try to make it to the end, but the tyre was too slow to make an impact, allowing Sainz to slip past with a conventional two-stop strategy and dropping the Thai to eighth.

Sebastian Vettel slipped past Albon for seventh, the German's best finish since the Hungarian Grand Prix.

He was Ferrari's only point scorer after teammate Charles Leclerc retired with a power unit problem, the Monegasque's engine switching itself off after he ran over the kerbs at the final chicane.

Pierre Gasly finished ninth for AlphaTauri ahead of Lando Norris in the second McLaren in tenth for the final point of the race.

De Bruyne EPL top dog

FOOTBALL

MANCHESTER CITY midfielder Kevin De Bruyne was named the Premier League Player of the Season last Sunday (Aug 16).

In doing so he became the third Belgian to land the award, joining previous winners Eden Hazard and De Bruyne's former teammate Vincent Kompany.

De Bruyne, 29, had a hugely impressive campaign, scoring a personal best 13 league goals and providing 20 assists. The latter equalled the record for most assists in a season, set in 2002-03 by Arsenal striker Thierry Henry.

De Bruyne edged out fellow nominees Jordan Henderson, Sadio Mane and Trent Alexander-Arnold of



Midfield maestro De Bruyne. *Photo: AFP*

Liverpool, Burnley goalkeeper Nick Pope, Southampton striker Danny Ings and Leicester City's Jamie Vardy to win the award.

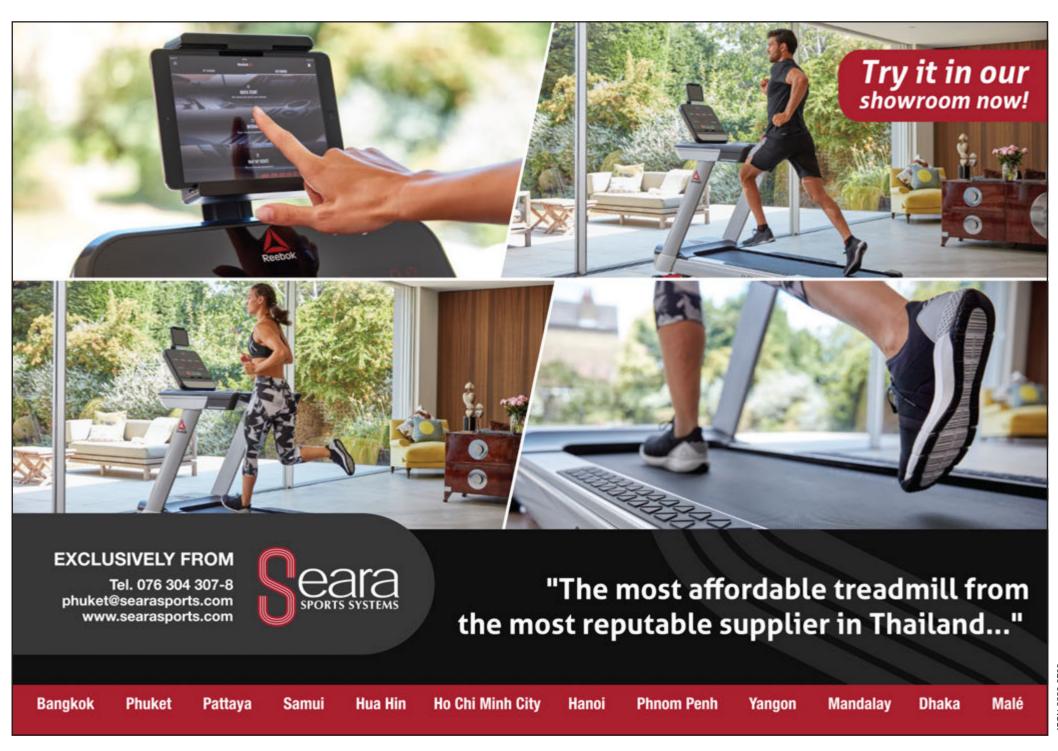
Club captains from all 20 Premier League clubs, a panel of football experts and votes from the public via the EA Sports website determined the winner.

The Young Player Award went to Alexander-Arnold with Jurgen Klopp winning Manager of the Season.

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