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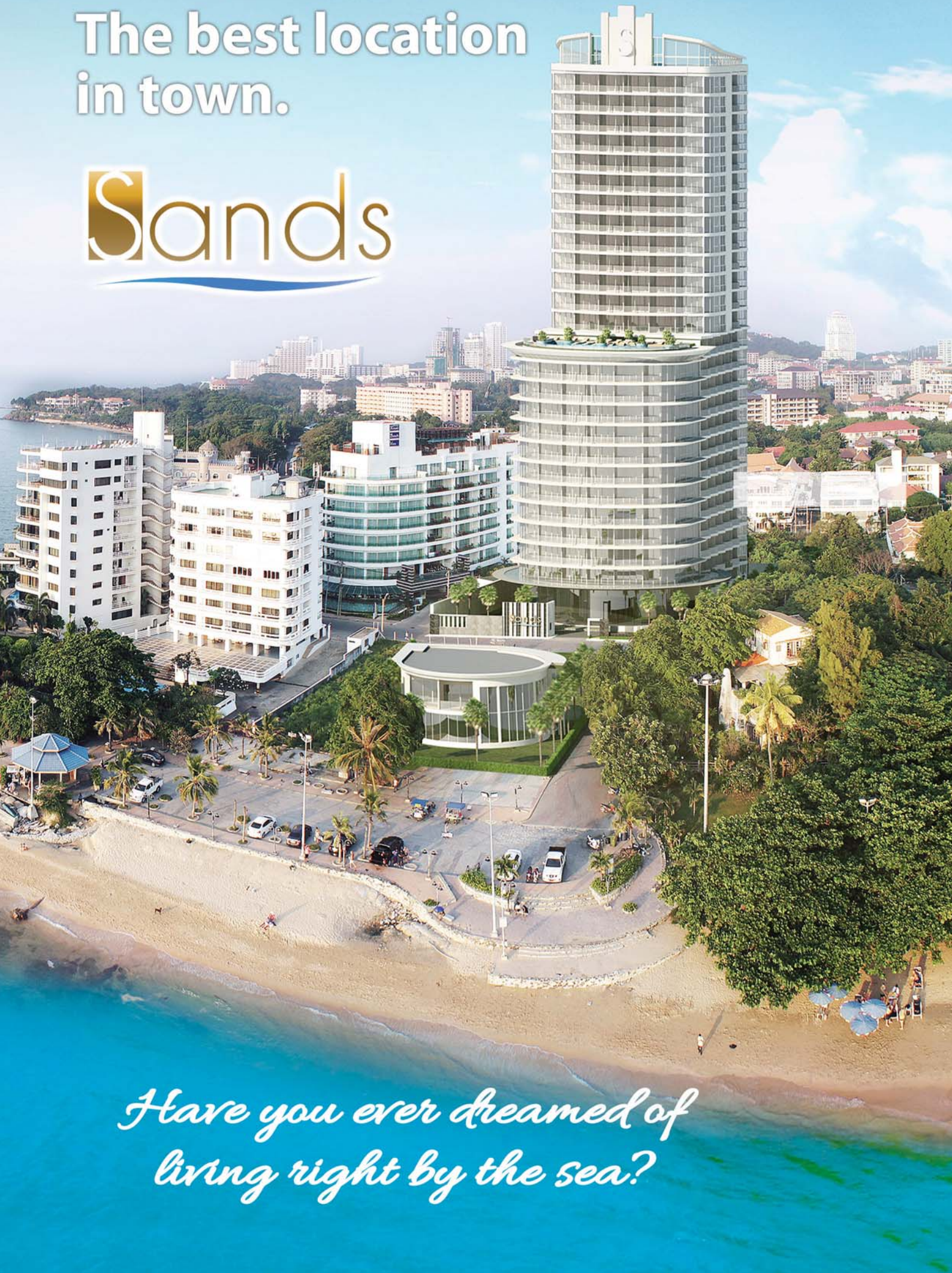
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This Month in Discover Pattaya

Hi Everyone,

Has it been hot enough for you? Good grief, even longtimers here in Pattaya have been remarking on the excessive heat, especially during Songkran this year. Well, one perfect place to cool down is at the stunning Sands sauna, where you can enjoy food and drink served to you from the nearby Sands Cafe. While you are there, you might also want to take a look at some of the best beachside living to be found just down the road at Sands Condominium!.

We've also been back to Playa on Pattaya beach road for their amazing wine dinner and at another at O'Gara's in Tara Court - very much alive and rocking again.

There's also plenty of live music to be found around Pattaya right now with some first-class entertainment to be enjoyed while you dine - or dance the night away! Check out our video at Sandbar by the Sea, where they recently had a fantastic Cubano band and where you can join in the weekly salsa lessons. You'll find it on our Pattaya Trader channel on YouTube - please subscribe to be kept up to date with all that we can discover for you.

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HOW TO SELECT AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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If you are new or currently residing in Pattaya and have children of the appropriate age, finding the absolute best international school is a top priority. Selecting the correct school for your particular needs requires more than just visiting a website and casting a cursory glance at a pamphlet or two. It involves research, asking a lot of questions, and wherever possible spending some time on campus and in the classroom. If you pay attention to the following guide, and if you do your due diligence and make thoughtful inquiries, before long you'll have more than enough information to make an informed decision on what school is best for your children to attend



An international school is a school that has either adopted a course of study that follows an international curriculum like the Cambridge International Examinations, or a national curriculum that is different from that of the nation in which the school resides.

Must-Have Features

When shopping for a school, make sure that it is internationally accredited by at least one international agency such as the Council of International Schools. This will ensure that credit can be transferred from one international school to another. The school's teaching staff and student body should also both be multinational and multilingual. And make sure that the language of instruction is suitable for your children.

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Select a school that is a member of the ISAT or International Schools Association of Thailand. An ISAT school offers a range of study programs that cater to American, British, and International Baccalaureate standards, as well as other international curricula such as Japanese, Korean, French, and Swiss. ISAT members also offer a number of different campus sizes, and a wide variety of fine arts, sporting, and extracurricular activities.

Do your homework

Don't choose a school based solely on the fact that it has an impressive name or campus make sure to look beyond its label. Make sure to have a look at the school's test scores and demographic data to see how well the students have fared in exams and following placements to university. Continue your research online and see what surfaces, both good and bad. Look for reviews made by other parents. Also, reach out through social media or if possible by talking to your co-workers and friends in regard to what school they send their children to. If possible, ask any teachers that you happen to meet where their children attend school. Also, don't be afraid to ask if they can speak candidly about the various schools in the area.

Investigate Curriculum

Thai international schools offer a number of international curricula. Individual schools offering the curriculum you're interested in may have their own advantages and disadvantages based on their teaching staff and the courses offered. Therefore, it's worth exploring what each school has to offer before making a final decision. Don't forget to also look at the clubs and social amenities offered. Also if the school has both a junior and senior department and can take your child from Kindergarten right through to International Baccalaureate examinations.

Go visit

If a school offers orientation days be sure to attend. but be advised that you should never make a hasty decision based solely on the first impression. Every school puts its best foot forward at these events, and a snap judgment could spell disaster for your child's education. Most international schools will be happy to arrange for a personalised visit when you can also attend with your children on a regular school day. This often gives a very good idea as when visiting the campus, you can get the perspective of the students who attend that school on a daily basis. This can pay handsome dividends as to whether your child feels happy with the environment and general atmosphere.

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By Kristin Mariano

Holiday Extras' latest survey has shown that more UK holidaymakers are concerned about Covid travel restrictions than they are about Covid.

Holiday Extras has been asking holidaymakers what they thought of as a holiday hassle ever since the first travel lockdown back in 2020.

They've asked 1500 qualified UK air travellers, and their latest survey found that more holidaymakers were worried about Covid travel rules than about Covid itself.



Three times in three years, Holiday Extras, known for its hassle-free travel promise, asked "next time you fly from a UK airport, what three things would you associate with a hassle-free journey?". Even during the first lockdowns of 2020 holidaymakers said that their biggest holiday hassles were not Covid but flight delays and queues at the airport. In 2020 and 2021 60% to 70% of respondents cited queues and delays as their biggest concern.

In every survey, approximately 20% of travellers mentioned extras such as airport parking, lounges, transfers and the journey to the airport as the key feature of a hassle-free trip.

In the first two surveys, 15%-20% of respondents welcomed Covid precautions as a travel benefit, with just 0-2% saying they'd rather travel without any Covid precautions. Now, in the latest survey in Jan-Feb 2022, just 9% said they thought Covid restrictions were a necessary part of a hassle-free trip while 11% thought travel precautions were a hassle they'd rather do without.

David Norris, Chief Growth Officer at Holiday Extras, said:

"Short queues and flights taking off on time have always been key to a hassle-free holiday. After that, holiday extras like parking, hotels and lounges are the biggest hassle-busters. In 2020 and 2021 holidaymakers were in favour of Covid precautions when they travelled, but as we go in the 2022 holiday season it's clear travellers now see them as more of a hassle than a benefit and it's time for them to go."

Table 1 – answers to the surveys in June 2020, Nov 2020 and Jan 2022

What 3 things do you associate with a hassle-free holiday

	June 2020	Nov 2020	Jan 2022
Having Covid precautions	15.4%	17.6%	8.9%
Not having Covid precautions	0.3%	1.5%	10.7%
Easy transit with few delays	62.5%	64.6%	71.7%
(of which, queues at the airport)	33.3%	17.6%	21.1%
(of which, flight delays)	14.1%	18.8%	24.0%
Useful airport extras and facilities	21.1%	17.8%	19.4%
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Get away from it all and make an unforgettable fun-filled day out of it!

Have you been to Playa Bistro and Lounge yet? They were our cover story last month and you can still read up about them via our pattayatrader.com website on the Back Issues page. If you haven't visited this charming bistro yet I suggest you get along to Pattaya Beach Road (by Soi 1) and try some of their amazing food. I did just that at the wine dinner held in association with Vines to Vino.

The evening was a gastronomic treat with a 6 Course Dinner that included Smoked and fresh salmon tartare, Beef Carpaccio with Parmesan cheese and Rucola Salad.

Then a delicious Lobster Bisque and Beef Wellington served with Sundried Tomato and Pesto Gravy - which was quite a feat as there were 50 diners to cater for. But Kenneth, Lovely and the team at Playa were more than up to the task.

Ray was also on hand to chat to the diners about his selection of wines including a standout New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc (Clearwater Cove Marlborough) and a wonderfully full-bodied red (Italian Pirovano Primitivo).



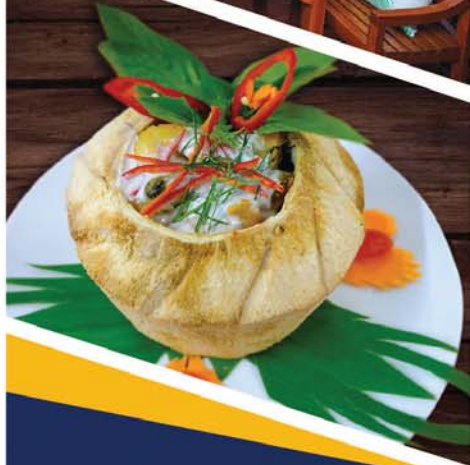
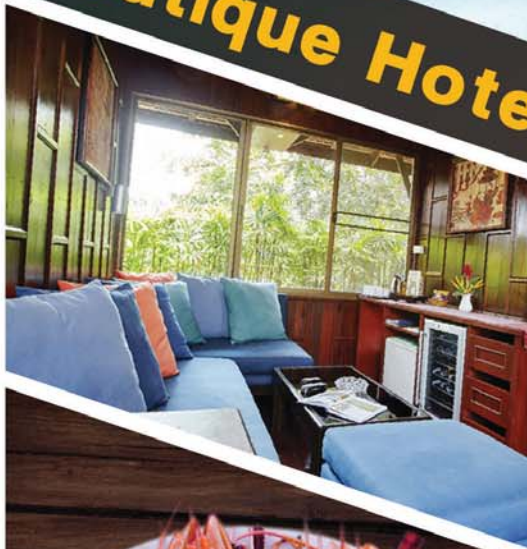
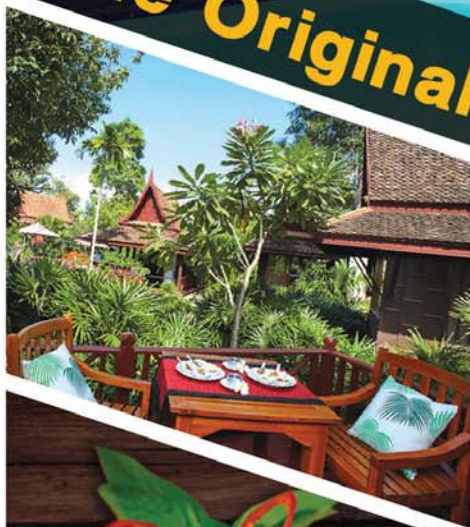
The evening was a great introduction to many of the diners who were visiting Playa for the first time. The company was varied and fun and everyone was extremely impressed at the bistro's expansive menu from the restaurant's excellent chef Kenneth Goessens.



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WINE DINNER AT O'GARAS TARA COURT

For many years now O'Gara's Bar & Grill at Tara Court in Pratumnak has been one of my favourite places in which to indulge in a really good breakfast especially when it is hot outside and cool inside. So it is good to see this popular Pratumnak pub fully back to life now with live music and events happening on a regular basis. In fact, the recent Wine Dinner held here was so very popular it sold out just a couple of days after being announced.

The popularity of this event may also be due, in no small part, to the tremendous value the ticket price held.

For a mere 1090baht diners were treated to 6 wines from VinestoVino as well as an amazing selection of food laid on by O'Gara's.



Firstly there was a magnificent buffet and what I especially noticed was that even the chicken legs were well seasoned and soft. I have encountered buffets where these have been a rather dry afterthought but not at all at this event. Everything on offer was delicious even the accompanying sauces were homemade and very tasty. Some of the diners made the mistake of believing that this was the only food for the evening and rather filled up their plates only to be amazed when more delicious ribs, lasagne and delicious high-quality meat dishes were served to them.

All this with wine as well! From Vines to Vinos the selection was varied and of excellent quality. My particular favourites were the crisp and fruity South African Rose from Rhanleigh Western Cape and the Australian Shiraz. This well-rounded smooth red from Buronga Hill Estate paired perfectly with the meat course. Another tremendous event from the Pattaya Wine Club!



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BETWEEN THE CHAO PHRAYA AND THE GRAND PALACE – AN ALTERNATIVE VIEW OF BANGKOK

By Kim Waddoup

Bangkok used to be one of the most visited cities in the world which resulted in over-crowding in most of the tourist spots around the city. With the Grand Palace, Wat Pho and Wat Arun high on most bucket lists the areas around these attractions were amongst the most crowded, especially during the day. As a result of the pandemic, Bangkok remains virtually devoid of tourists presenting wonderful opportunities to enjoy and experience specific areas, as they really are. The Chao Phraya river dissects modern Bangkok and had become known for its vast selection of tourist boats and night cruises. With most of these still not operating the river has returned to its more traditional character with ferries and boats skittling across at many places up and down the river.



On a previous visit, we had explored the deserted temples of Wat Pho and Wat Arun and were intrigued by the 'real-life of this area, without tourists and deliberately located ourselves on Maha Rat Road, between the Grand Palace/Wat Pho and the river. The road is a traditional commercial road with time-honoured businesses unchanged for many years. Scattered between however are a growing number of trendy cafés and places to stay.

Look on Booking.com or Agoda and you will find several small fashionable hotels located directly on the river including the Arun Residence Group. These look smart, friendly and comfortable, however, you will pay for the river view. Alternatively, there are some local accommodations that offer incredible value for money, comfort and almost a 'locals' experience. We chose to stay at the Chaiwat Guesthouse which offers simple but fully equipped and clean rooms on a side Soi for just THB.650/Euro.18 (at the time of stay).

The service is extremely friendly from the owners, the room is small but excellent and quiet at night. Staying at the Chaiwat Guesthouse provided us with an excellent base in exactly the location that we required with the river less than 100 meters away and the Grand Palace and Wat Pho as neighbours. There is an excellent choice of street food all around and many cafés.

Our aim during this stay was to utilise river transportation as much as possible and Bangkok offers a variety. The small, local ferries are extremely cheap. Our nearest, the Tha Tien crosses to Wat Arun for just THB.4 and a little bit further the Tha Chang ferry for THB.3.5. This takes you across to the Trok Wat Rakhang street market and further riverside cafés. The Chao Phraya River Express Boats offer incredible value for money on their long, fast 'traditional' style boats that crisscross the river in both directions. For just THB.15 we travelled from Wat Arun to Pak Kred (Nonthaburi) and back! The journey is fascinating seeing the various styles of river architecture from stilt houses, and ornate Temples to massive Government offices. The end stop at Nonthaburi is worth a short wander as it used to be a separate town, now encompassed by urban Bangkok



The larger catamarans of the Blue Line Hop On Hop Off boats are more comfortable to ride and you are still in the open air gaining the full experience of the River. Our trip from Asiatique to Wat Arun was THB.35 and we were the only people on board. The choice of ferries can be a little confusing however the staff at each of the piers that we visited were helpful and able to get us onto the right boats. Using the ferries provides a very different perspective of Bangkok and each of the piers is a hub of thriving activity. After a good night's rest in the Chaiwat Guesthouse, breakfast was very local street food followed by an excellent coffee at Kin & Koff with a view directly to the Grand Place. A short walk brought us to Tha Chang to visit the much publicised and recently opened Maha Rat Tunnel. This has been created to help the hordes of tourists cross this slightly busy intersection. No expense spared here with chilly air conditioning and even hi-tech public toilets. Unable to locate the bus that we required we relented and asked a Tuk-Tuk for his price to Wat Saket, his amazing answer; "up to you"! Normally THB.300 upwards the now affable driver agreed on THB.100 and we were off in, for us, a very rare trip in a Tuk Tuk! Yes, they are fun, yes they are a necessary Bangkok experience but, in the past, mostly outrageously expensive.

Wat Saket or The Temple of the Golden Mount is a most interesting place to visit as it is located on the only hill in otherwise flat Bangkok. Built under the reign of King Rama V is 77 meters tall at the top. The grounds are beautiful with a serenade of thousands of bells tingling in the wind. It is about 300 steps to the top and with a reasonable entrance fee of THB.50 for foreigners, it is worth visiting.

The views over Bangkok are very different, there is always a wonderful breeze and the sound of the multitude of small bells is very special. Please bear in mind that Wat Saket is a fully operating Temple and many devout Buddhists come here to pray. Tourists are accepted but please remain respectful.

Our next destination was the Pak Khlong Flower Market. The market is vast and is primarily a wholesale market with flowers on a scale that is hard to comprehend. Tourists are accepted but again when there are too many, they just crowd the busy aisles. Visiting now is an incredible experience as they are happy to see a few foreigners to alleviate the monotony of their days even when surrounded by such natural beauty.

Another great night's sleep and up early to soak up the traditional early morning atmosphere of the nearby fish market by the Tha Tien pier. This is as authentic Bangkok as it can possibly be. Little alleys with people going about their normal daily business and quite unaware of the other life just across the street in the Grand Place. We had specific parameters for this trip.

We wanted to explore an old part of Bangkok and use river transportation. We met some wonderful, friendly and genuine people. We could enjoy excellent coffee in the uncrowded cafés, savour great food and experience this very specific area of Bangkok.



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The Isla 40 premiered at last year's Cannes Yachting Festival, yet several units are already sailing around Asia following strong demand for the La Rochelle builder's new entry model.





Fountaine Pajot's seven sailing catamaran models through to the flagship Alegria 67 have names ending in 'a', including the Elba 45 and the Tanna 47 which refer to islands. For its new entry-level model, the Isla 40, the French builder settled on the generic Spanish word for island, pronounced 'iz-la'. Measuring just over 39ft overall, the Isla only had its official world premiere at last year's Cannes Yachting Festival, yet it has already sold multiple units across Asia, where owners – including a client in Japan who switched from a 48ft motor yacht – have started exploring islands, beaches and bays around the region.

“When we think of Asia, we sometimes think of big boats because of motor yachts, but you can have a very capable, fully equipped Isla 40 delivered here for €500,000 (about US\$570,000), so the pool of customers is much wider. These new owners are attracted to boats they can sail themselves without having crew while still having large social areas and privacy when needed,” says Kevin Corfa, Fountaine Pajot's Head of Asia.





“For the same amount of living space, the Isla consumes much less power because it’s a sailing yacht but also when motoring because it’s a cat. It can have a big water tank and because owners will handle more things onboard themselves, they appreciate having so much space around the engine in the technical area, making maintenance easier.”

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SPORTS UPDATE FOR MAY

By Steve Wade.

Well it certainly was an action packed April. Golfer Scotty Scheffler continued his meteoric rise to the top of the world rankings by winning the Masters at Augusta by three shots. He took the lead in the middle of the second day and never gave it up. Sam Waley-Cohen, an amateur rider in his last race, and Noble Yeats, who finished down the field in a race at the Cheltenham Festival and started at 50/1, made history at Aintree by winning the Grand National. Meanwhile Manchester City and Liverpool, scrapping it out for the Premier League championship, played out a pulsating 2-2 draw at Maine Road to leave the race for the title in the balance. Having watched quite a bit of Premier League football recently, the gap developing between these two teams and the rest is getting ridiculous. Hopefully some of the others can mount a challenge but it doesn't look like it will happen anytime soon.



There is plenty of great sporting action in May. The Formula 1 Season gets into high gear with three events, starting in Miami on Sunday the 8th, going on to Spain on the 22nd and finishing with what most people consider the jewel in the crown of the season, Monaco on the 29th. Ferrari, having had a lean time over the last decade and more, now have the lead in both the drivers and constructors championship and the world famous red cars will want to continue that through May, especially with a win at Monaco.

As is customary, the last day of the Premier League season, May 22nd sees all twenty teams in the division kicking off at the same time.

As mentioned above, the title race is between Manchester City and Liverpool and may well go to the last game of the season and so may some other issues too, like qualification for Europe and relegation. Always a great watch, let's hope nothing is settled by then and we get some great entertainment. Just for the neutral of course!

The Champions League concludes in May, with the semis being played on the 5th and the final on the 29th. Hard to know who will get to the semis at time of writing but Liverpool look booked and Real Madrid look the most likely of the others. It will be a great game whoever gets through judging by the quality on offer.

Elsewhere we have the second golf Major Championship of the season, the USPGA, being played at Southern Hills in Oklahoma from the 19th until the 22nd, a host of football leagues will be completed throughout Europe and for all you rabid motor sports fans, the Indy 500 is on the 29th alongside the Monaco Grand Prix! Whatever your sporting choice, there should be something for everyone.





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By Steve Wade

Every sports fan has his or her favourites. My own personal choices are golf, football and horseracing, with the odd major event from other sports getting the occasional look in. I had no interest in motor sports of any kind, least of all F1 racing, although I knew it was hugely popular here amongst the expat community. Recently I was wading through some of the new series that were due on the box this year, as you do, and I read that a series about F1 had been voted one of the top ten programmes that Netflix had ever produced. The fourth series had just dropped and I decided to take a look, even though as I said earlier, I had no previous interest in the subject.

What an eye opener. F1 – Drive to Survive was compulsive viewing from start to finish. It may well have helped that I knew absolutely nothing about the subject beforehand so that everything was coming to me completely fresh but nonetheless, it was exciting and entertaining stuff. Excuse me if you're an F1 fan and know much more about the sport than I do, but some things that I discovered as I was watching the show really surprised me. First of all, the number of crashes there are! Of course, these incidents only break out in prime time news if someone loses their life, that's the nature of news, but not a race goes by without one of these multi-million dollar cars crashing into the side wall of the track, usually as a result of the fiercely competitive nature of the drivers trying to overtake each other and colliding first.



One particular episode in the third series shows a crash where the car literally explodes into a ball of fire and it seems impossible that the driver can survive, but he does. He has some injuries to his feet and hands but actually walks away from the car and fully recovers afterwards. The show talks about the improvements in safety standards in the last few years and it shows, on the car itself and what the driver must have been wearing. The trickle down effect for the production cars that you and I drive must be invaluable.

Another thing that struck me was the competition to become an F1 driver in the first place.

There are only twenty spots on the grid so the opportunities are extremely limited for any potential F1 Drivers and from the many thousands that are called, very few are chosen, and once a driver gets there, they'll do whatever it takes to stay there, hence the frightening intensity of the rivalry on the track.

One thing that I have always recognised is the amount of skill and talent involved to become an F1 driver.



They also need complete dedication to the job, immense concentration, bravery and a high level of fitness to become successful and keep the place in the line up that was so hard to get in the first place. The ten teams that have only two cars each in the starting line up will waste no time in replacing a driver if he is not performing and getting the best from his own particular vehicle.

The sport has a tremendous fan base all over the world and well over 100,000 people turn up when they are allowed, at Silverstone in the UK and various other locations to watch these events over the three days of practice, qualifying and the race itself. The 2022 season is staging twenty three races worldwide and with the pandemic restrictions now lifted I'm sure the fans will flock back to watch the racing live again.

I'm sure that all you F1 fans out there have already seen the series and it has come in for some criticism for over dramatising some situations and staging certain scenes which I'm sure the seasoned fan would have noticed. For me as a newcomer to the sport, I thought it was an entertaining ride from start to finish and would thoroughly recommend it to anyone who enjoys watching competitive action.

The series are very well produced with high production values and have been nominated and won awards both in Europe and the USA. So, if you're looking for something to watch at the moment and most of us always are here in Expat land, give it a try. I think it may have turned me into an F1 fan!





This lovely photo from Austhai Photography reminds us what a beautiful place we all live in. The following article by Bart Walters is a reminder of how we should be grateful for this and try to make a conscious effort to live in the present. Ed.

Space + Time = Place

“I like this place”. “That place is excellent”.

“I’ll never forget this place”.

I’ve used all of those phrases dozens of times. But what is meant by “place”? Is it just coordinates on a map or is there more to it? And how can you love a place but change your opinion each time you go there? ‘That place used to be great, but now it sucks’.

From 1979 to 1982, I lived in Las Vegas, Nevada. That’s a “place” lots of people know about and have an opinion of. I was 18 years old and stationed at Nellis Air Force Base just north of town. To be young, single and have a good job in Las Vegas was magical. I had more friends there than at any other time of my life. I got married there. I had my first son there. I missed the place the moment I shipped out.

In 2002 my business partner and I went to see a big boxing match at the MGM in Las Vegas. It was the first time I’d been there in 20 years. “What have they done to my little city” I cried. “There’s a freakin’ Eiffel Tower on Las Vegas Boulevard!” The whole city looked like it had been put on steroids and gentrified at the same time. Fremont Street (better known as “the old strip”) had been scrubbed down and covered with some kind of dome. There was a Starbucks on every corner. Tourists were pushing strollers down the strip. It was surreal. It was grotesque. I felt old. My partner didn’t know any difference. He had never been to Las Vegas before. “I love this place” he said.



I had a similar experience when I moved to Thailand. For three years I lived on the southern tip of Phuket. It was the quintessential sleepy island paradise. I swam in the Andaman Sea and drank coconut water every day. When I got tired of smoking weed with the locals at The Reggae Pub, I'd wander over the mountain to the party town of Patong. It was what passed for "nightlife" back then. Dozens of outdoor "beer bars" and a lone go-go palace with high-mileage dancers grinding away to classic rock-n-roll. It was hot, steamy, and authentic. It had a modicum of innocence.

Seven years later, I returned to Phuket. I'd call it "Paradise Lost", but "Paradise Sold Out" would be more accurate. New condos and holiday villas are gobbling up every available strip of what's left of Nai Harn and Rawai. Patong is one long strip of go-go bars full of six-foot Russian girls to please the hordes of Chinese tourists that descend like locusts from double-decker tour buses. Same beach. Same streets. Different times.

I expected it when I returned to my home town of Orlando. Dozens of novels have been written about the fact that you "can never go home". Oddly enough, my home town hasn't changed as much as I expected. I still enjoy my time there. But I mostly go to the places I remember. On Christmas Eve my brother and I were sitting on bar stools at Lee & Ricks Oyster Bar slurping down a bucket of oysters and reminiscing about all the places we used to go that don't exist anymore. And we were thankful for Lee & Ricks' perseverance. I guess that's my point. You can still find that "place" where you grew up, but you have to really look for it.

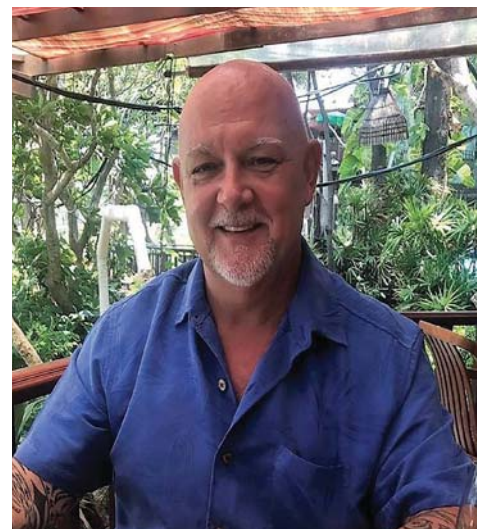
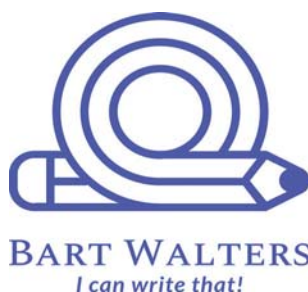
A place is just coordinates on a map unless you look at it through the lens of time. I've never been able to get a grip on Einstein's theory of relativity, but I can postulate that space plus time equals "place". The reason "you can never go home" is because time travel isn't possible ... yet. It's one long argument for living right here, right now isn't it? For being present. For paying attention to what's happening now. Mindfulness isn't some Buddhist bullshit; it is an essential tool for getting the most out of the short time we are here. You're never going to be in this space plus this time again.

I've heard people say they live "with no rear view mirror". The truth is the images you see in a rear view mirror are an illusion anyway. They no longer exist. You can go back to that space, but the time is different and that means it isn't the same "place". So, place minus time is just space. If you add people, the equation gets more complicated. When you go away for a long time, people think you are the same person you were the last time they saw you and vice versa. You haven't been part of each other's place equations, so time perceptions are not updated. You don't see each other in the "now". You see the illusion of the past.

No matter how much wiser, smarter, or more compassionate you are now, nobody gives you credit for changing (unless you got fat, people always notice that). If you hang around and add more time to the equation, then they'll eventually come around to the present. Time marching on can bring on a wave of melancholy if you aren't ready for it. Fortunately, there is hope. There is one element of life that has the power to make time stand still. The unpredictable variable of friendship.

Did you ever have a friend you haven't seen in a long time? And, for some inexplicable reason when you get together, it's as though no time had passed. You just pick up right where you left off. They know you; you know them. It doesn't matter how much time has elapsed. True friendship can transcend time and render it irrelevant. What's my point? Live now. Love now. And don't worry about bad times; they'll dissolve into illusions soon enough. And when you're feeling blue, call a friend.

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If you've been injured caused by negligent actions of another party, you should seek the help of a lawyer as soon as possible. They will evaluate your situation, review the facts of the accident, and assess your claim.

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GUSTAF REAL ESTATE WELCOMES MART TO THE TEAM

Words by Gloria photos by Ross

As Gustaf Real Estate grows and develops they are happy to welcome a new member of staff to their team. Mart joined them just a few weeks ago and is already proving to be a great asset.

Having lived in Pattaya for the last 15 years he spent much of his childhood in Germany (from the age of 8) and that is why his German is so good. It now adds to the wealth of languages the group at Gustaf has between them: English, Thai, German and Swedish.

After his compulsory Thai military service, Mart's first job was in tourism and then in the hospitality sector where his excellent English and German skills served him well. However, he felt that working in the property industry in Pattaya was better suited to him with greater opportunities in which to hone his sales and service skills.

Even though many of the property agents he meets tell him that today the industry is not as it once was, Mart still feels that there are plenty of opportunities for those willing to work hard and succeed not just for themselves but also for their clients.

Mart also has excellent knowledge and a wealth of experience across the Chon Buri area. Also a keen eye to seek out bargains and good value listings for his customers. Along with the rest of Gustaf Real Estate Agency, he loves to show prospective buyers the very best of what is available in Pattaya. Also living close to the office in Na Jomtien, he is extremely interested in how this particular part of Pattaya is blooming. With work extending along both the road and beach at the bottom of Jomtien beach road, it really feels as though the whole area will open up and become even more accessible and popular.

Mart is very appreciative of the way the staff at Gustaf are helped to develop with additional sales coaching and weekly meetings. He is also very encouraged by the way they all share their ideas and is keen to join in with his own suggestions. He also respects the company ethos of giving honest advice to both sellers and buyers so that all are able to trust the experience and service they get from this great Property agency.



However, it's not all work and no play here as the team also believe in going out for meals together and attending fun networking events like the recent Pattaya Wine Club dinners.

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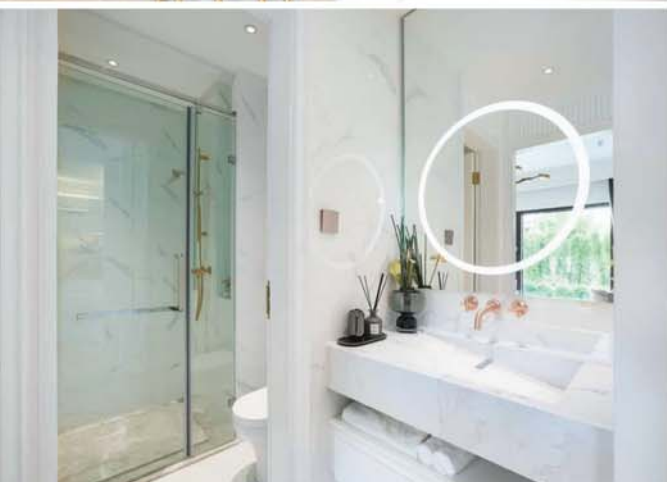
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Exports surge led to stronger Eastern Seaboard residential demand last year



By Cheyenne Hollis

An increase in EEC exports has led to greater Eastern Seaboard residential housing demand.

Eastern Seaboard residential demand was noticeably better last year with experts believing record-setting export values were the primary reason why. Factories in the Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC) weren't disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021 which helped lift the property market.

"Since the pandemic, industrial estates in Map Ta Phut have faced less impact as most of them are upstream industries like plastic pellets. Housing demand near Map Ta Phut is robust," Khun Premson Sriviboonchai, Rayong Real Estate Association President, was quoted as saying by the Bangkok Post. "Sales of both low-rise houses and condos in Rayong were better as purchasing power was boosted by overtime."

Bank of Thailand figures show that total export values rose by more than 24 per cent in 2021 when compared to 2020 totals. Additionally, a weaker Thai baht boosted the purchasing power of employees in the industrial export sector.

According to the Real Estate Information Center, stronger Eastern Seaboard residential demand has meant that the housing supply in Chon Buri, Rayong and Chachoengsao provinces fell last year. This trend is expected to continue in 2022.

Eastern Seaboard residential demand is led by domestic buyers

Eastern Seaboard residential demand has grown during the COVID-19 pandemic. It hasn't been enough to offset the loss of overseas property interest but it has helped to stabilize the residential real estate market. Findings in the Dot Property Group Report "How Has COVID-19 Impacted the Thailand Property Market?" found that demand was down five per cent between April 2020 and March 2021 when compared to the previous 12 months.

Condominiums continue to dominate the Eastern Seaboard real estate landscape, but there has been increasing interest in villas and houses among international property seekers. In the 12 months before the COVID-19 pandemic, these accounted for 28.5 per cent of total overseas residential real estate enquiries in Pattaya, Chonburi and Rayong. The figure rose to 33.4 per cent between April 2020 and March 2021 although this segment saw almost no change in domestic demand.

In terms of price, demand for 3-5 million THB condo units sunk by 24.1 per cent during the COVID-19 pandemic. This was the only segment that saw a double-digit decrease in enquiries. The 10-30 million THB condo segment was the only price point that saw an increase in demand during the pandemic.

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CINEMA PROJECTION SYSTEMS

PART 1

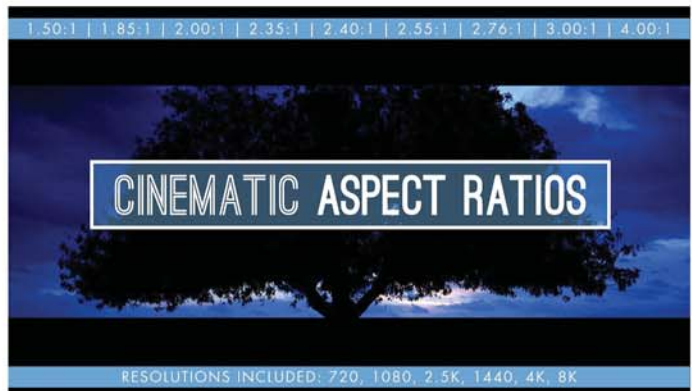
By Songpone Siriwanlert

Most of you might not observe and see that the pictures on cinema screen are different since from commercial ads, trailers, and main feather. When I was a child, I saw in the cinema at that time and had question in mind that why this movie was on full screen, but that movie was not on full screen but had a grey blank from the picture to the screen frame. I even imagined that full screen was 35 mm. film and non-full screen was 16 mm. In fact, no matter it is 35- or 16-mm. films. It's all depended on the aspect ratio of the picture projection. All cinemas at that time fixed the cinemascope screen permanently. If the movie was normal widescreen, grey areas between the edge of pictures and the screen frame were left. For the modern cinemas, masking of the grey areas by using the black blinder to cover such blank picture was used in general to make the audiences' feeling of full screen view.



If action or sci-fi that requires wide angle pictures, anamorphic widescreen shall be more suitable. Like TV screen in the past with aspect ratio of 4 : 3, if showing the 16:9 movie, the pictures were blanked on top and bottom to keep picture ratio the same as on cinema screen. Now all TV are HD with aspect ratio 16 : 9 that is no need the have any picture adjustment.

In the next issue, we will present you more details of picture aspect ratio from the past until present time that have more types of ratio.



This issue will talk about the aspect ratio of film projection, not the size of pictures. That is "length" by "width" or "width" by "height" of the pictures on screen. In general, there are 2 types of pictures namely WIDESCREEN and ANAMORPHIC WIDESCREEN. The aspect ratio of WIDESCREEN is 16 : 9 (width 16 by height 9)... ANAMORPHIC WIDESCREEN (width 2.35 by height 1). The purpose of each type is up to the kind of film maker such as drama or romantic, that focuses on dialogue and close scene, should use normal widescreen.



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ตอนที่ 1

โดย ทรงพล ศิริวรรณเลิศ

เชื่อว่าหลายท่านคงไม่สังเกต เวลาเข้าไปชมภาพยนตร์ในโรง ว่าภาพที่ฉายออกมาบนจอแต่ละชุดมีความไม่เท่ากัน ตั้งแต่หนึ่งโฆษณา หนึ่งตัวอย่าง และหนึ่งเรื่อง ซึ่งแต่ละเรื่องที่ได้ชม ภาพบนจอจะแตกต่างกัน ผมเห็นตั้งแต่เด็กแล้วและตั้งคำถามในใจว่า ทำไมหนังเรื่องนี้เต็มจอ ทำไมหนังเรื่องนั้น ไม่เต็มจอแถมยังเข้าใจผิดไปถึงว่า หนังไม่เต็มจอคือ 16 ม.ม. ถ้าเต็มจอคือ 35 ม.ม. ซึ่งที่จริง ไม่ใช่อยู่ที่ 16 หรือ 35 ม.ม. ส่วนใหญ่เป็น 35 ม.ม. ทั้งหมด เพียงแต่ว่าสโคปหรือไม่สโคป เพราะจอในโรงภาพยนตร์ในยุคนั้น เขาจะติดแบบสโคปไว้เลย พอฉายหนังไม่สโคป ก็จะเหลือพื้นที่ว่างสี่เทาอยู่ที่ขอบจอ โรงที่เขาทันสมัยหน่อย เขาก็มี masking คือแถบผ้าสีดำไว้เลื่อนบังส่วนที่แสงฉายไปไม่ถึงจนถึงขอบจอ เพื่อให้คนดูมีความรู้สึกว่หนังเต็มจอ

1.33:1
Academy Standard
NTSC Television (4x3)

1.78:1
U.S. Digital Television (16x9)

2.35:1
Anamorphic Scope
(aka Panavision/Cinemascope)



ในฉบับนี้จะเริ่มด้วยระบบภาพบนจอภาพยนตร์ ซึ่งไม่ใช่ขนาดของภาพ แต่เป็นสัดส่วนของภาพที่ปรากฏบนจอขณะฉาย นั่นคือ “ความยาว” ต่อ “ความกว้าง” ในมุมสูง ซึ่งควรจะเรียกว่า “ความกว้าง” ต่อ “ความสูง” ของภาพบนจอมากกว่า โดยทั่วไป จะมีภาพเพียง 2 แบบ คือ WIDESCREEN และ ANAMORPHIC WIDESCREEN ซึ่งสัดส่วนภาพของ WIDESCREEN (หนังจอกว้าง) คือ 16 : 9 คือความกว้าง 16 ส่วน ต่อความสูง 9 ส่วน... ANAMORPHIC WIDESCREEN (หนังจอกว้างแบบสโคป) คือ 2.35 : 1 คือความกว้าง 2.35 ส่วน ต่อความสูง 1 ส่วน ภาพจึงดูยาวออกด้านข้าง คล้ายรูปทรงของจดหมายราชการ วัตถุประสงค์ของการทำภาพแต่ละแบบแตกต่างกันไป

ขึ้นอยู่กับหนังว่าจะเป็นประเภทไหน ดราม่า เน้นภาพใกล้ ก็จอกว้าง ถ้าแนวแอคชั่นหรือไซไฟที่ต้องการภาพในมุมกว้าง ก็จอกว้างแบบสโคป บนจอทีวีก็เช่นกัน สมัยก่อนนี้เป็นทีวีจอสีเหลี่ยมเกือบจตุรัส สัดส่วนภาพ 4 : 3 ถ้าเอาหนังจอกว้างในสัดส่วน 16 : 9 มาฉาย ภาพก็จะดำบนดำล่าง เพื่อรักษาสัดส่วนภาพให้เก็บภาพได้ครบ ถ้าสโคป ก็จะมองเห็นเป็นภาพเล็กๆ ยาวๆ อยู่กลางจอ ดังนั้นเขาจึงนำภาพมาตัดขึ้นให้ดูเต็มจอ แต่ภาพด้านข้างจะหายไปหมด ปัจจุบันทีวีเป็นแบบ HD จอแบน สัดส่วนภาพ 16 : 9 จึงได้ภาพสัดส่วนเดียวกับจอภาพยนตร์แบบ widescreen แต่อาจมีดำบนดำล่างบ้างเล็กน้อยสำหรับหนังสโคป

ฉบับนี้ขอปูพื้นเพียงเท่านี้ก่อน ฉบับหน้าเราจะเจาะลึกไปถึงรายละเอียดของสัดส่วนภาพ ซึ่งมีมากกว่านี้ เริ่มตั้งแต่ยุคประวัติศาสตร์จนถึงยุคปัจจุบัน โปรดติดตาม...

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Barry Upton – The Power Of Beauty

Beauty is all around us. A definition of beauty can be the quality or combination of qualities in a person or thing such as shape, colour, form, etc., that aesthetically gives pleasure to the senses or pleasurably exalts the mind or spirit. 'A thing of beauty is a joy forever'.

We all know that beauty is in the eye of the beholder and what maybe beautiful to one person, may not be so exciting to another. However, generally, we can all agree about some forms of pleasurable images, landscapes or demeanor. The sky, the ocean, beaches, mountains, the countryside, are some of the vistas we sometimes take for granted and need to remind ourselves of how we must appreciate their positive effect on our lives day to day.



Beautiful people, however manifesting, are a bonus. To this end, I now choose projects that are not just mentally stimulating, but also visually stimulating so that whilst spending hours and days editing videos for my songs, I can achieve a great deal of pleasure from working with beautiful material.

During preparation work for the filming of videos for my latest album 'Barry's Tropical Beach Café', I sought some help from a model friend of mine of many years and someone who has graced the cover of this very magazine in the past, Opal. She gave me some filming advice and provided a 'filter' of lovely models (I think that's the collective term) to grace my recent music visuals. During our planning, we were discussing the very power that beauty provides and how influencing it can be. So, true to form, I wrote a song about it, found a stunning location and off we went with a 'selfie' of girls (another new recent collective term) to film an extra video of beauty. One version for 'YouTube' and another more revealing version for 'Only Fans' (subscription required). - I love my work.

Matching visuals to music is an art in itself and being one frame out can seriously make a difference when editing plus catching the mood of various parts of music is essential. The lyrics of a song are also a key factor in producing something of worth.

The Power Of Beauty

*From the beginning of time to right here, right now
Influencing, conspicuous, continuous
Nobody can deny such appeal anyhow
Uncontrollable, captivating, fascinating*

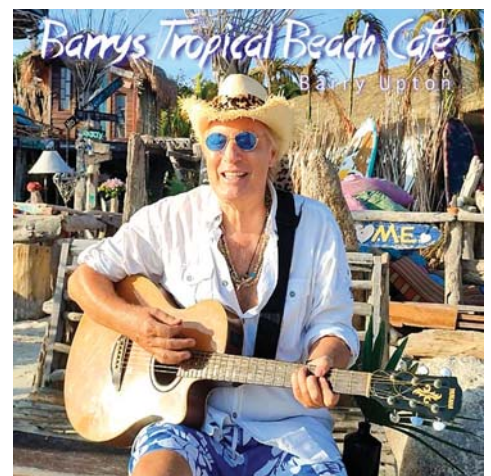
*oh oh - oh oh - yeh yeh yeh -The beholder makes the decision
oh oh-oh oh-yeh yeh yeh-Our perception's completely in our vision and that's why*

*The power of beauty - A forever mystery
The power of beauty - Always fashioning history*

*What you might think you see may not feel so real
It's a movie, entertaining, so engaging
Impossible to see which cool story to believe
Unexplainable, indescribable, so excitable*

Oh ohetc...c. Barry Upton / Cordella Music / I. Q. Music]

So, please check out Barry Upton featuring Opal & Co. and 'The Power Of Beauty' on YouTube and let's all celebrate beauty in all it's forms whether from the outside or, indeed, from the inside. Beauty really does have power. Love & peace everyone.





Travel Hacks

Do Your Homework

With the Pandemic being reclassified as Endemic in many places travelling again can seem not just a dream but a reality, whether short or long haul. However, it's obviously still important to check international border restrictions, entry requirements and local regulations before you set off. Is a pre-departure test mandatory for the country you're visiting or do you need to quarantine and show any type of documentation when you return? Also, some tour groups and accommodations require proof of vaccination and a negative COVID test, so be sure to prepare before you go.

Try rolling your clothes instead of folding them

A useful travel hack for packing is to roll your clothes. It can save an amazing amount of space and prevent wrinkling and ugly creases. You can save a bit more space by stuffing your shoes with your socks and it's a good idea to wrap your shoes in plastic bags to help protect your clothes. Also, to stop clothes from smelling place a dryer sheet in your luggage. Or you can do it yourself using cotton balls with essential oils like lemon, lavender or geranium and a touch of white vinegar.

Pack fewer heavy toiletries

If it's just a short trip of weekend away you can get miniature-sized bottles of toiletries and toothpaste from 7/11. Even on a longer holiday try not to take cumbersome bottles of grooming products and toiletries rather decant them into smaller bottles. You can also use a pill box for small items: jewellery, safety pins, bobby pins, tiny batteries, etc.

Search Flights or rooms in Incognito Mode

If you want the best chance to find the lowest prices use incognito mode especially if you are checking prices multiple times. Some websites track your browsing history and will show repeat visitors a different and higher price to cause FOMO (fear of missing out). These companies know how often you visit their site and will want to trick you into what is called impulse buying. So clear your web cache or go "incognito mode" to browse the web without storing local data that can be retrieved at a later date by the travel site or airline.



Don't waste money at the airport buying water.

Bring a bottle of water with you and when it is empty you will find plenty of places with water fountains - usually near the toilets - where you can refill it. Airports such as Hong Kong that cater for many Chinese travellers even have cold and hot water fountains you can use. Just remember to make sure your bottle is empty when you pass through security. Also if you need national currency try using an ATM or cash machine it's by far cheaper than the currency exchange bureau or any kiosk "conveniently" located near the airport luggage carousel.



Talcum powder can solve the sand problem

If after a day by the sea you seem to return with half the beach in your bag try first making sure you chuck a bottle of talcum powder in. Then before you hop into your car or walk back to your hotel sprinkle some talcum powder all over yourself to take the moisture off your skin and hair, and let the beach sand fall off easily.

Before you go create a 'financial to-do list

It is easy to forget about finances while you're away so ensure they are kept in order prior to leaving. Do a quick accounting of the direct deposits and automatic withdrawals that will occur while you are on holiday to make sure that your account balance does not go negative. This will help you avoid late fees or suspended services.

Know What's in Your Wallet

Have an inventory of your wallet or purse in case it is lost or stolen. Decide which credit and debit cards you'll be using and let your bank and credit card companies know you are going away so the withdrawals you make won't be flagged as suspicious. Copies of important credit cards, your driver's license and your passport are also a good idea. You may want to email or screenshot a copy of your passport so you have it on your phone.

Create Your Own Airline TV

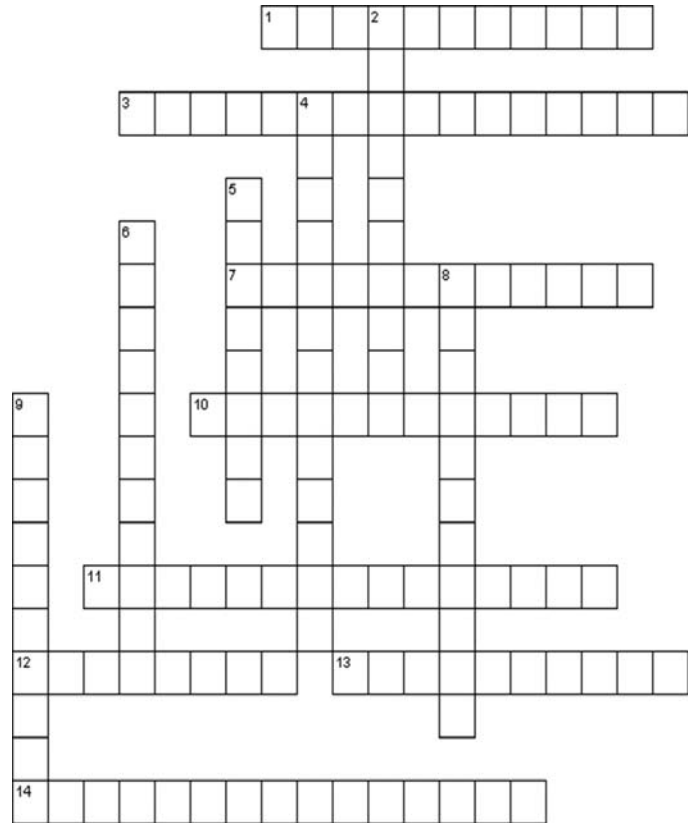
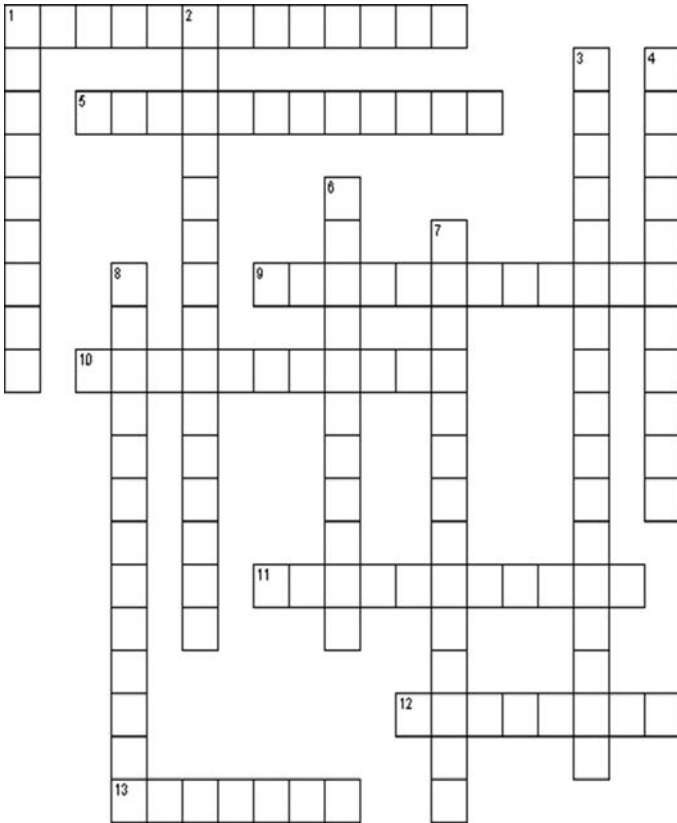
Instead of relying on the airline's selection of shows, you can create your own TV line-up. First of all, free up some storage on your device as TV shows and movies take up a lot of space. Next, download your favourites via iTunes, Amazon Prime, Netflix, YouTubeRed or other digital stores. One of the greatest advantages of downloading to your device is that you can watch your favourites even when you are offline.

Use Google Maps Offline

Also prior to your journey, you can try downloading the Google navigation map onto your phone or a tube (metro) map. This may often be helpful as you can view it later without having to rely on a WiFi signal.



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Across

1. Ewan McGregor was Mark Renton in this 1996 movie (13)
5. Bill Sullivan in the 2006 movie, The Good Shepherd (6,2,4)
9. Stanley Kowalski in the 1951 movie, A Streetcar Named Desire (6,6)
10. Scarlett O'Hara in the 1939 classic, Gone With the Wind (6,5)
11. The voice of Princess Fiona in Shrek (7,4)
12. Peter Jackson directed this 2005 monster movie (4,4)
13. Bruce Willis was John McClane in this 1988 movie (3,4)

Down

1. Ray Ferrier in the 2005 movie, War of the Worlds (3,6)
2. Director of the 2005 movie, Munich (6,9)
3. Scarlett Johansson was Charlotte in this 2003 movie (4,2,11)
4. He was Spartacus in this 1960 movie (4,7)
6. Tom Hanks starred in this 1994 movie (7,4)
7. Judge Montague Irwin in the 2006 movie, All the King's Men (7,7)
8. Director of the 2004 movie, Million Dollar Baby (5,8)



Across

1. Logan / Wolverine in the 2000 movie, X-Men (4,7)
3. Rose Sayer in the 1951 movie, The African Queen (9,7)
7. Don Vito Corleone in the 1972 movie, The Godfather (6,6)
10. Mrs Robinson in the 1967 movie, The Graduate (4,8)
11. Harry Potter actor (6,9)
12. Rusty Ryan in the 2004 movie, Ocean's Twelve (4,4)
13. 1980 movie, starring Robert De Niro as Jake La Motta (6,4)
14. Director of the 2005 movie, War of the Worlds (6,9)

Down

2. Tom Joad in the 1940 movie classic, The Grapes of Wrath (5,5)
4. Johnny Hooker (Kelly) in the 1973 movie, The Sting (6,7)
5. Robert Langdon in the 2006 movie, The Da Vinci Code (3,5)
6. Professor Adrian Hall in the 2004 movie, The Day After Tomorrow (6,5)
8. Jack Mosley in the 2006 movie, 16 Blocks (5,6)
9. Andy Dufresne in the 1994 movie, The Shawshank Redemption (3,7)

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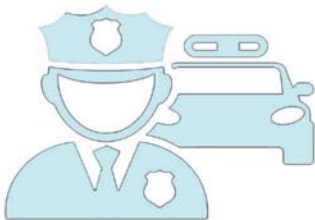
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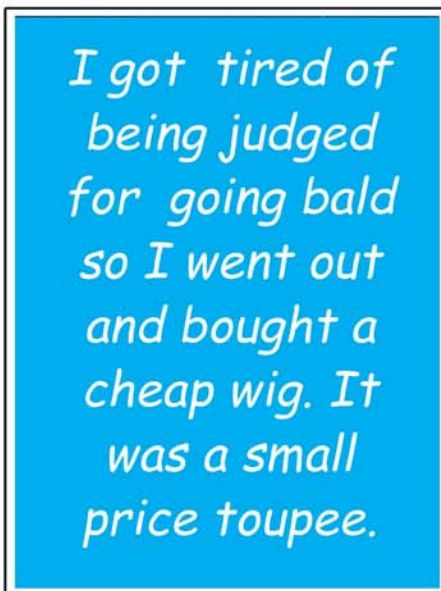
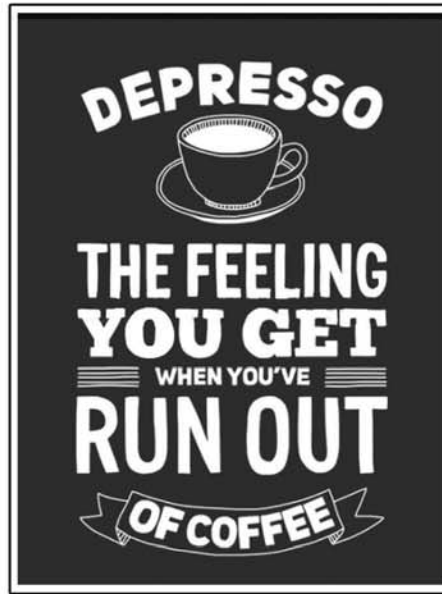
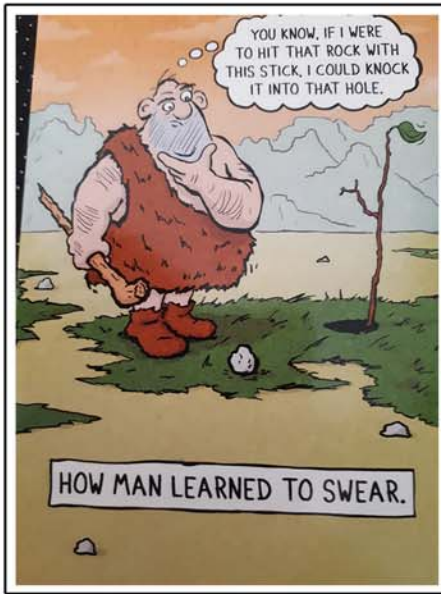
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2. Mai-bun tad	Ruler	ไม้บรรทัด
3. Din-sor	Pencil	ดินสอ
4. Pak-ka	Pen	ปากกา
5. Yung-lop	Eraser	ยางลบ
6. Kra-pow-Nak-rean	School bag	กระเป๋านักเรียน

CONVERSATION:

A: Khun mee Samute, Pak-ka le Dinsor mai (kah/krup) ? B: Mee (kah/krub) A: Mue wan Por Sue Pak-ka hai Chan B: Khun mee Kra-pow-Nak-rean mai (kah/krub) ? A: Chan mai mee Yung-lop kub dinsor (kah/krub). B: Khun mee Mai-bun tad rue plow (kah/krub) ?	คุณมีสมุด ปากกาและดินสอไหม? (คะ/ครับ) ? มี (คะ/ครับ) เมื่อวาน พ่อซื้อปากกาให้ฉัน คุณมีกระเป๋านักเรียนไหม (คะ/ครับ) ฉันไม่มียางลบกับดินสอ (คะ / ครับ) คุณมีไม้บรรทัดหรือเปล่า (คะ / ครับ)?	Do you have note book, Pen and Pencil? Yes, I have. Yesterday, my father bought me a pen. Do you have a school bag ? I don't have eraser and pencil. Do you have a ruler?
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Games

Endzone - A World Apart: Survivor Edition

After a group of terrorists blew up nuclear power plants all over the world only a few had time to get to underground shelters. The game starts 150 years after this catastrophe as you return to the surface and command the other remaining survivors. Build and upgrade your shelters with over 70 different buildings and take care of the men, women, and children as you try and survive this hostile world. There are many threats to overcome including radiation, contaminated ground, toxic rain, sandstorms, and raiders. The game has several challenging scenarios each with specific winning conditions. It's like a Fallout version of SimCity.



Vampire: The Masquerade – Swansong

Vampire: The Masquerade started as a tabletop role-playing game way back in 1991, the video games series started in 2000 with Vampire: The Masquerade Redemption. This latest instalment promises to be unlike any of the previous games with more of a branching storyline. The story changes depending on which of the three Characters you choose from. Each of them has different strengths and abilities these will influence the way you solve problems and so affect the story's outcome. Set in Boston in a World of Darkness where vampires exist and the inhabitants are unaware. The Masquerade refers to this ability to hide from humans.

Warhammer 40,000: Chaos Gate – Daemonhunters

I remember walking past some of those Games Workshop stores in the UK selling the models for Warhammer and other tabletop gaming franchises. Like Vampire the digital version started in the '90s You command a task force of Grey Knights who's task is to defeat the Nurgle who are trying to release a plague known as the Bloom. Choose from four unique classes and customize each of these warriors with different armor, weapons, and psychic abilities. The campaign spans a large sector of the galaxy, with many corrupted battle zones to overcome. The gameplay looks like they have taken a few ideas from X-Com 2 which isn't a bad thing.





Tec.Living

by Rick Click

TCL NXTWEAR AIR DISPLAY GLASSES

We are often guilty of spending large amounts of time looking down at our mobile screens, not to mention the long-term effects all this has on our posture. These glasses are the start of a new way of viewing our content. Looking just like an ordinary pair of sunglasses, except for the wire coming out they contain two micro OLED screens. They give you a dual 1080p display and connect to your laptop, phone, or tablet. Though they don't do VR or AR they do display your screens right in front of you so you can still see the world around you. If you watch a movie with these it's like viewing an equivalent 140 inch OLED TV. Combined with headphone support if the price is right they could be a good alternative to buying a traditional TV. Great for work, Gaming, or general mobile time on the go.

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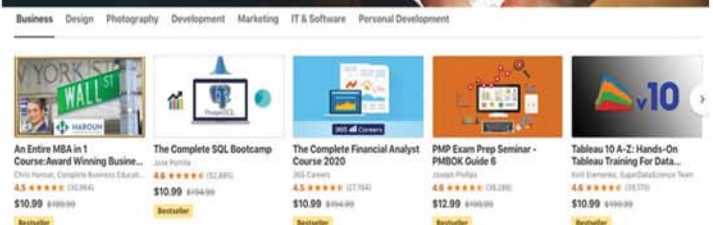


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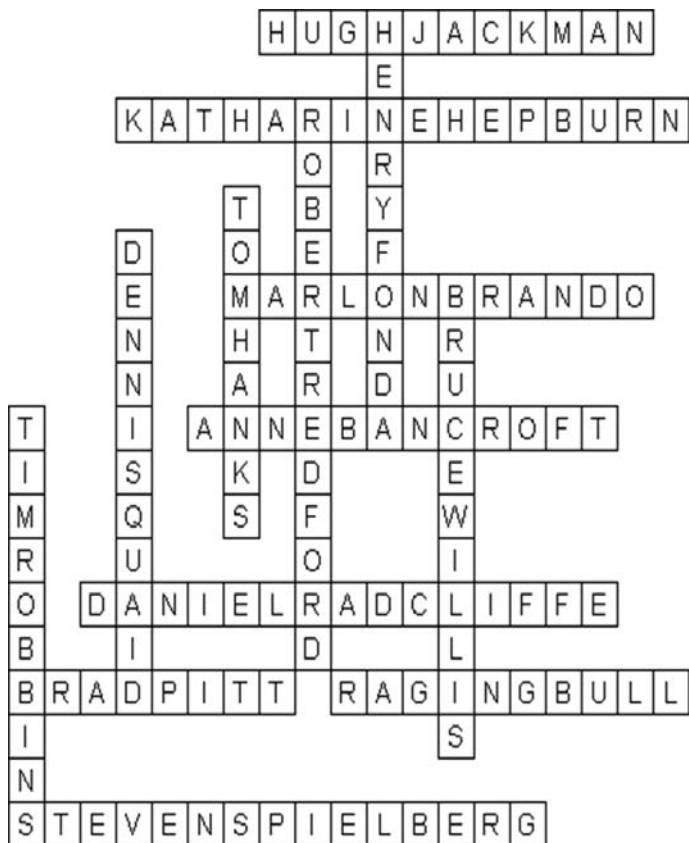
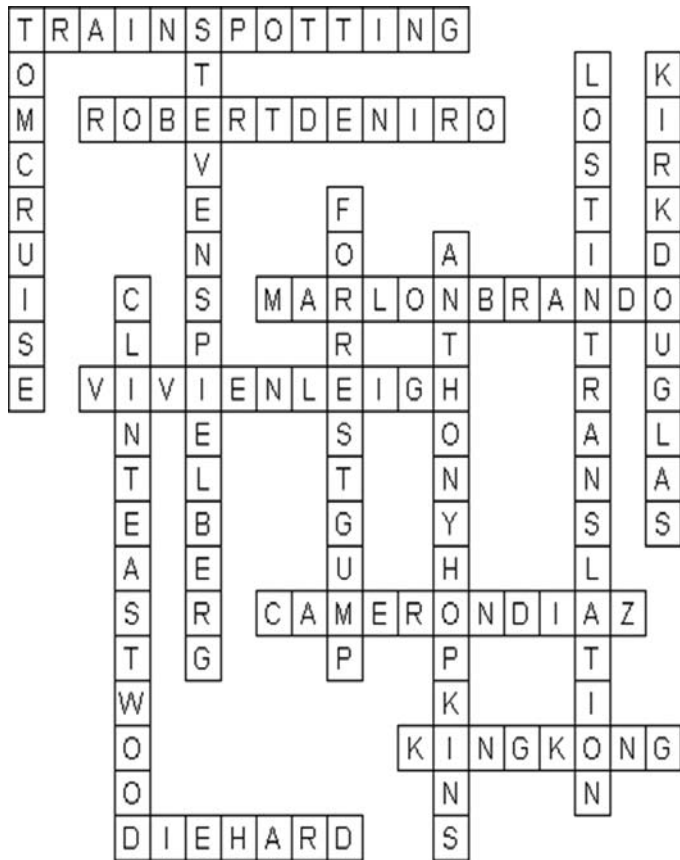
Continuing our look at how entertainment will be delivered in the near future, I noticed that Terminal 21 is offering MX4 on certain movies. This feature moves your chair in sync with the film, even releasing water blasts and scents. This chair is more aimed at gamers but it does support movies and music as well making your entertainment more thrilling and immersive. The Enki Pro comes with a haptic engine with 65,000 haptic variations giving you feedback or plus or minus one G. If you take a sharp turn during a racing game you'll not only see and hear it but also feel the force as well. A full range of motions, textures, vibrations, and even G force that shifts you in your seat.

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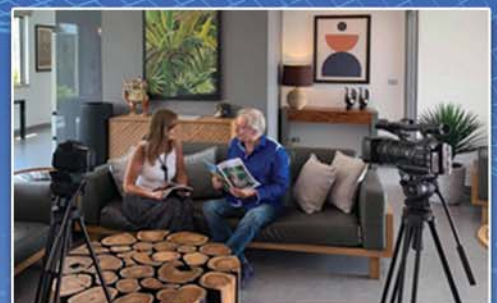
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