



JANA The Face of Rotary Club Pattaya International

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Jana Keightley and her husband Tom Keightley are already very well known in Pattaya. They have long been supporters of Rotary International a global network of more than 1.4 million people whose aim is to unite and take action to create lasting change. Jana firmly believes in Rotary's motto "Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision" and she served as a secretary to the Jomtien club for over 8 years

Extremely active in all kinds of charity work and fundraising events, Jana loves helping out people in trouble, cares deeply about animals especially the soi dogs of Pattaya and has great concern for the environment.





Often involved in beach cleaning events she points out that it is important they take place during low tide when much of the dreadful plastics and unsightly rubbish can be found washed up on the shore.

Jana is also known to many because of Jana Boutiques Pattaya the yellow shop opposite Big C Extra, Pattaya Klang that has a fabulous selection of one-of-a-kind gowns for all occasions. Jana personally sources the fabrics for her customers, takes their measurements for a bespoke fit and designs individual creations so no two customers have the same outfit! Certainly, her expertise was shown by the stunning shade of Rotary Blue dress that she wore at the recent event to launch the new club.



Everyone attending the event remarked on how well it was run with an amazing buffet expertly laid on by Royal Cliff. Putting her own stamp on the entertainment Jana chose dancers from all over Thailand. They ranged from the traditional to amazingly acrobatic hip hop dancers and even exotic cabaret performers. To the delight of many the presentations and raffle prize announcements were kept brief to allow more time for the guests to take their turn dancing to Paul Jackson's band.



Guests included some members of other Rotary clubs lending Jana their support as well as the brand new members of The Rotary Club of Pattaya International. It was delightful to see that these new members were of all ages, genders, and nationalities all looking forward to joining Jana in the aim of helping others whilst having good fun! *Many thanks to Jetsada Homklin for these photographs.* 



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This Month in Discover Pattaya

Hi Everyone,

Discover Pattaya has been invited to some very distinguished events over the last few weeks. Firstly, Jana's installation at Pattaya International Rotary Club and our cover story for this edition. Then we were delighted to attend an informal gathering to welcome the British Ambassador to Pattaya and the picturesque Khao Chi Chan Festival shown above in front of the Big Buddha Hill.

The team were also busy handing out copies of the magazine at Mega Bangna's Property Sale and will also be doing so next month at the Dot Property Awards to be held at The Park Hyatt, Bangkok. It is our absolute pleasure to be able to spread the word and encourage visitors from the capital to Discover Pattaya. If you would like to be included in the magazine please contact me: at gloria@pattayatrader.com and subscribe to the Pattaya Trader YouTube channel for monthly updates. Really good to see events happening again.

Long may it continue!

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### THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR COMES TO PATTAYA

Mr Mark Gooding OBE is Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand. He started his role in July 2021 but of course, due to the pandemic was unable to get out and meet people as he would have liked. However, last month he was able to visit Pattaya for the British Chamber of Commerce Dinner at Avani Pattaya and just before held an informal reception at Courtyard By Marriott that Discover Pattaya was delighted to attend. PHOTOS BY RODNEY CHARMAN



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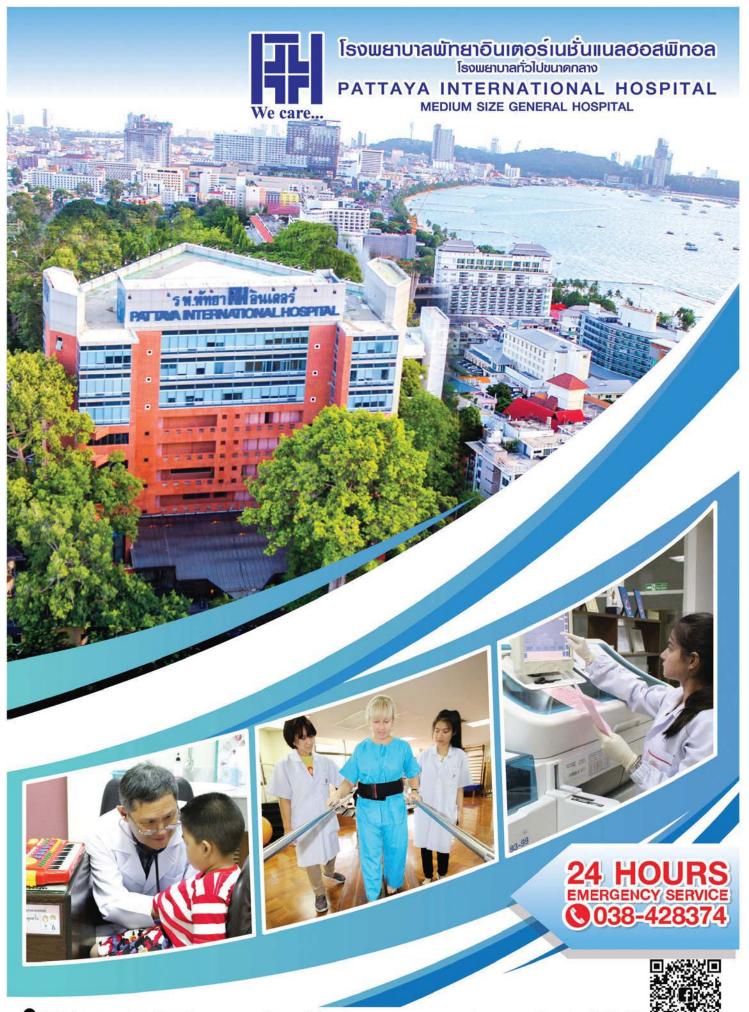


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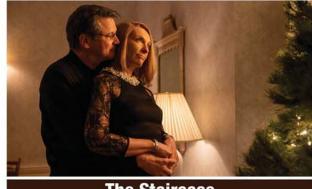




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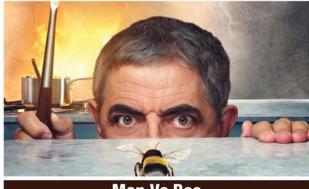


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The Summer I Turned Pretty A teenager spends every summer at a beach house with her family and gets involved in a love triangle.



A leaked sex tape creates problems for a promising politician in this Spanish drama.



## **Coming Soon to The Big Screen**



Bullet Train Karen Fukuhara, Brad Pitt, Joey King, Sandra Bullock Five assassins with common but conflicting objectives are on a

Bullet Train from Tokyo to Morioka.



Monstrous Christina Ricci, Santino Barnard. Lew Temple Colleen Camp Escaping from an abusive ex-husband a traumatized woman and her seven year old son travel to a remote sanctuary.



Idris Elba, Sharlto Copley, Iyana Halley, Leah Jeffries, Mel Jarnson A widowed husband and his two teenage daughters have to survive a man-eating lion.



Paw of Fury Michelle Yeoh, Samuel L. Jackson, Mel Brooks, Ricky Gervais

A Beagle who gets bullied by other dogs moves to a town full of Cats to search for a sensai who can teach him how to become a samurai.



#### The Burning Sea Kristine Kujath Thorp • Rolf Kristian Larsen • Anders Baasmo After an oil rig explodes Sofia sets out on a rescue mission to save her loving companion Stian. Who's trapped underwater.

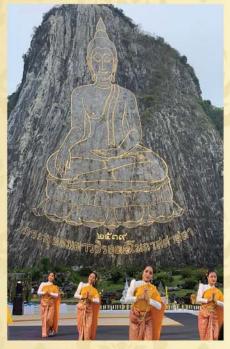


Daniel Kaluuya, OJ Haywood, Keke Palmer, Emerald Haywood When an object falls out of the sky and kills their father two siblings try to get some video evidence of the UFO responsible.

### **THE 8TH KHAO CHI CHAN FESTIVAL**



In remembrance of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, The Great and in honour of His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajiraklaochaoyuhua, the 8th Festival at Khao Chi Chan took place last month. Mr Niti Wiwatwanich, Deputy Governor of Chon Buri Province, presided over the opening ceremony and there was a lantern procession to worship the Buddha carving at the cliff face. Participants included Mrs Ampai Sakdanukulchit Sliwinski, Director of Chon Buri's Tourism and Sports Department and Vice Admiral Pongsak Puriroj, President, Khao Chi Chan Buddha Statue Foundation.







Discover Pattaya was delighted to attend and watch a beautiful performance by dancers from Chanthaburi College of Dramatic Arts. There was also an award ceremony for the winners of the lantern parade and a rare and spectacular Ramayana Khon performance: Thammamikarach (the battle episode). Due to the COVID-19 situation, this annual event had been temporarily suspended. It is wonderful to see it continuing again.



### เทศกาลแห่โคมชมพระฉายเขาชีจรรย์ครั้งที่ 8

เทศกาลแห่โคมชมพระฉายครั้งที่ 8 ได้จัดขึ้นเพื่อเฉลิมพระเกียรติพระบาท สมเด็จพระบรมชนกาธิเบศร มหาภูมิพลอดุลยเดชมหาราช บรม นาถบพิตร และ พระบาทสมเด็จพระ ปรเมนทรรามาธิบดีศรีสินทรมหา วชิราลงกรณ พระวชิรเกล้าเจ้าอยู่ หัว ซึ่งได้จัดกันมาเป็นประจำทุกปี แต่ได้งดไปชั่วคราวเนื่องด้วย สถานการณ์โควิด-19





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### Discovering Royal Cliff's New GM

I was very excited at the prospect of meeting the Royal Cliff's new General Manager Mr Douglas Glen. Having read a little about his previous appointments I knew someone who had spent over two decades working in the famous hotels of London would have some interesting tales to tell - and I was not disappointed!

The first of these iconic hotels was Claridges, well known for its connection to British Royalty. Mr Glen fondly remembers being there at the time of a British Royal Wedding. During a spectacular post-wedding party when the Ballroom had been magically transformed into an idyllic British countryside setting, who did Douglas Glen see when entering the suite? None other than prominent British and European Royalty sitting on a grass-covered mound perfectly at ease enjoying the smoked salmon sandwiches!



From Claridges, Douglas then went to the famous Grand Dame of Park Lane: Grosvenor House. At a spectacular event held in the hotel's famous ballroom there, he fondly remembers Princess Diana's sense of fun. She was seated with one of her favourite designers Bruce Oldfield (himself an orphan) being entertained by the cast of "Oliver". She requested Mr Glen come to her table and with a real sense of glee, held out her empty bowl and said "Please sir can I have some more?". This was after eating an exquisite dessert, and I can vouch for her good taste having tried a sample of some of the new desserts Douglas and his chefs are planning to introduce at Royal Cliff.

However, back to London and the continuing story of his impressive placements: The Royal Lancaster, The Hilton and the magnificent Landmark Hotel. It was during his time at the latter that Douglas became captivated by Thailand. The owner of the Landmark Group cleverly invited him to the Four Seasons, Chiang Mai and then enjoy a wonderful holiday in Phuket. As well as a well-deserved reward the purpose of this was to entice Douglas to relocate to the Kingdom as GM for The Landmark in Bangkok.

After many happy years at this appointment, a new challenge presented itself with an opportunity to work for the Carlton City Hotel n Singapore. Douglas was GM there during the pandemic when the hotel was designated a Quarantine location and during this time he made sure all the meals for the" enforced guests" were prepared in-house, sometimes up to 1,300 a day! After this valuable experience, Thailand again beckoned with a fabulous appointment as GM for Royal Cliff Hotels Group.

Douglas Glen has only been on site a couple of months but is already making his mark. Much of his management style he credits to his hero and mentor Sir Alex Ferguson who invited Douglas to Old Trafford to watch a match after which the two became firm friends. Sir Alex gave Douglas many golden pointers on management and team training,



which he has put to good use. Certainly, Douglas Glen has hospitality running through his veins. His enthusiasm is infectious as he tells of his delight at joining Royal Cliff "From what I have seen so far this beautiful well-maintained resort has marvellous sunsets, with relaxed, happy guests visiting for a seaside experience. The wonderful team includes new and experienced generations and very caring family owners. My favourite places are the Head of State Chambers Ballroom plus the stunning Sky Aquarium, I love the setting in the evenings"

With impressive upgrades, refurbishments and enhancements such as the stunning Sky Aquarium Pool, it is a very exciting time for Royal Cliff Hotel Group and its dynamic new GM!

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### Discovering the Delights of Benihana

Discover Pattaya was delighted to be invited along to Benihana and try a selection of dishes whilst meeting the management and staff.

The first Benihana opened in the US by founder Rocky Aoki had just five tables and today has grown to a global chain. The branch in Pattaya opened 25 years ago, being the second Benihana restaurant in Thailand - the first at Bangkok Riverside. Then in 2019 the Pattaya restaurant moved from the Royal Garden Plaza to the fabulous beach front setting it occupies now at the Avani Pattaya Resort and is better for it. This current location has an enviable space outside overlooking the beach, ideal for afternoon tea for two that the restaurant offers. Alternatively you might wish to enjoy one of Benihana's signature cocktails whilst people watching, or waiting for the sun to set over Pattaya Bay.



We were lucky enough to be offered the Yamato Boat, a Sushi Set that included the freshest Sashimi of Salmon and Maguro Tuna with nigiri and signature rolls. Then the Benihana Special that opened with Japanese Onion Soup and salad both delicious, the hydroponic lettuce for the salad actually being grown on site! This was followed by egg fried rice and a salmon, scallop and shrimp course. Then lobster tail and finally meat and mushroom of beautifully tender Australian prime beef striploin.



Each of the chefs at Benihana has their own personality, and our personal chef Nutto was great fun. He managed to keep everyone entertained with his amazing antics whilst still expertly cooking each dish to perfection.

The restaurant has an extensive menu which includes desserts, sushi, beverages and a signature cocktail menu from which we tried three, each of which was well prepared and tasted great. They also offer a mobile service to cater for any function or private party and within the restaurant itself are two private party rooms. The largest can accommodate up to twenty people and is beautifully arranged so that one or two chefs can cook for you, depending on the size of your party. These rooms may be booked with only 24 hours notice -a great place for a celebration!

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### DISCOVERING THE TAILGATE PARTY AT



Our American and Canadian readers will already know about Tailgate parties fun social events where food is served from or near the tailgate of a vehicle. However for the team at Discover Pattaya this was a first and what a fun event it was. Held on the delightful lawns of the Renaissance Pattaya resort and Spa this was a great way to continue the 4th of July celebrations. The first of many such themed events it was an excellent way to start!

Things got under way in the late afternoon as the hotel lawn was dressed up for a typical American get together. The American theme carried on with the choice of fantastic food a ready supply of cold "Buds" and other beverages plus a wonderful live band supplying great music to compliment the event. The lawn was beautifully lit by the hosts and as the sun set the whole scene took on a great atmosphere as the evening went on.



Did we mention that the food was fantastic? Everything from the beef nachos, crab cakes, fried chicken and hot dogs, right through to some of the tastiest ribs in barbecue sauce ever, everything was top notch. All the accompanying sauces, pickles and jalapenos were also available and delightful desserts that made the children who attended very happy indeed.

The level of service by the staff in attendance was very impressive with everyone being very well looked after for the whole evening. The Tailgate party goers also having a fun time joining in with the band and the dancing. This was certainly the ideal location for this event and the hotel management are looking to develop many more of these themed nights in the near future. So please keep an eye on the Renaissance Pattaya Resort and Spa for future events - its a great place to spend time for both you and your family

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## James Webb Telescope Update.

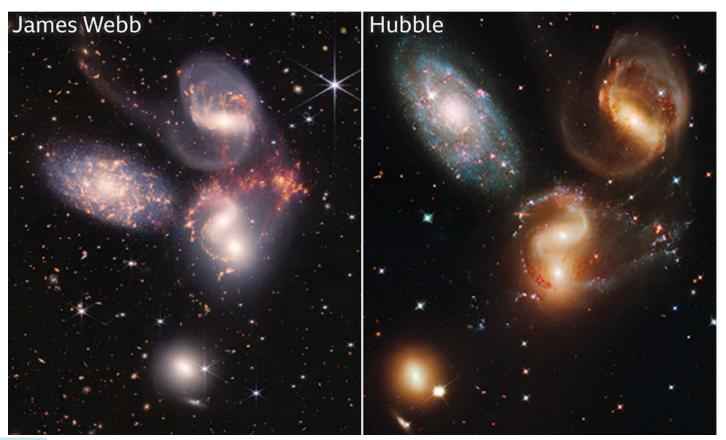
## "Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known." Carl Sagan

Back in the February issue of Discover Pattaya, we celebrated the launch of the James Webb space telescope, and its arrival at Lagrange point 2. What followed in the remaining months was a lengthy period of calibrating the mirrors and testing communication. All went smoothly until the end of May when it sustained an impact to one of its mirror segments from a small meteoroid fortunately the team at NASA was able to compensate for this. Seeing as it's too far away for a repair team to travel let's hope it remains undisturbed. At the time of writing US President Joe Biden revealed to the world the very first images sent back from the JWT.

The JWT supersedes the Hubble Telescope which was launched back in 1990, its mirror is almost three times as large, also Hubble was deployed a lot closer to the earth at 550 Km vs 1,500,000 km.

I remember the Deep field images from Hubble being astounding as we discovered even more Galaxies. With the advantages that the JWT has, we will be able to look back in time even further right back to the very start as stars formed after the big bang. The other advantage the JWT has over Hubble is that it captures images in the infrared spectrum whereas Hubble captured only in the ultraviolet.

Comparison between Webb and Hubble and just how many Galaxies now come into view.



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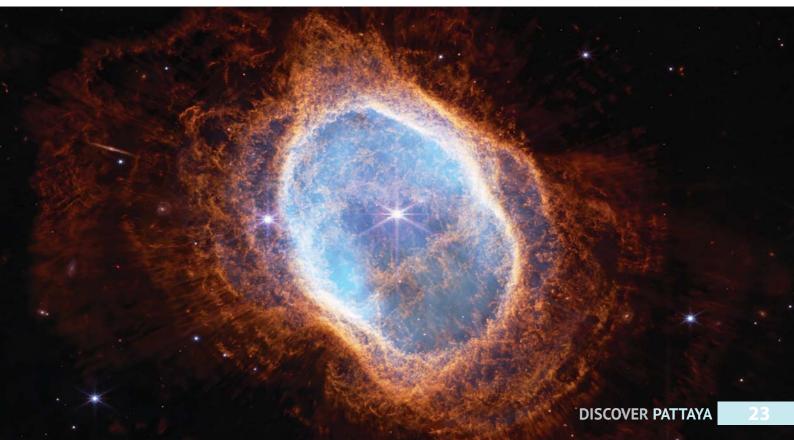


The "Cosmic Cliffs" of the Carina Nebula, now Webb reveals Stars previously obscured.

With the images being released on the internet it's advantageous to view the largest ones you can find especially if you have a 4K display or 8K for the fortunate few. In the meantime enjoy these images in the magazine.

Stay tuned to the latest news from James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) & Astronomical Discoveries on Facebook and https://www.jwst.nasa.gov/

A dying star in fine detail with a second star now in full view, we see the gas and dust around them.



## Inspiring Southern Thailand Road Trip, Part One By Kim Waddoup

Our trip to Southern Thailand was Slightly postponed due to some not so perfect weather. However, finally we packed our limited luggage into the car and took off. To get to the West side of Thailand from our location (Jomtien) we had to pass through Bangkok, the tedious part of the journey as the roads were full of traffic until we passed Hua Hin.

Our first overnight stop was at Prachuap Khiri Khan, quite an interesting beach town located on a large bay. We drove along the beach passing the imposing Wat Khao Chong Krachok and then around the bay to the very lovely Khao Ta Mong Lai Forest Park. Very small and almost intimate the park has a well cleared trail to a viewpoint over the bay and fishing fleet. It also has an excellent coffee shop!





Returning to the town we then explored to the south and discovered the Wing 5 Military Airbase. As a foreigner you just need to register to enter military establishments in Thailand but they appear to have some of the best beaches in the country and Wing 5 was no exception! Beautiful military beach

We then realised that we were at the narrowest part of Western Thailand with a road going up to the Singkhon border with Myanmar. We stayed one night in Chumphon which is a rather strange place with kilometres of unreachable beaches, two large bays and very few visitors. This was one of our first encounters with the new railway line to the South of Thailand. tremendous infrastructure is being

constructed for this project with bridges, crossings and new stations. Chumphon did not have a great deal to offer with the exception of the massive Nong Yao Tang public park to the South. Incredible facilities that appear to be deserted with the exception of the rather charming Nong Yai Wooden Bridge.

We were now in Southern Thailand and on the Isthmus of Kra at the rather extravagantly named Andaman Gateway at Kor Kod Kra looking over the river Kra Buri to Myanmar. This marks the narrowest part of the Malay Peninsula with just 53 km separating the Andaman Sea (Indian Ocean) and the Gulf of



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Thailand. The signs are crumbling, and it does not look as though anyone has visited this viewpoint for a long time. It is interesting to note that the idea of a canal through the Kra Isthmus has been in a 'feasibility study' phase for several decades. Whilst incredible costs would be involved it would save shipping lines thousands of kilometres of travel around Malaysia/Singapore.

Due to so many stops on this day we overnighted near to Ranong.We had expected more spectacular scenery from the mountainous route 4, but one rarely sees the Andaman until after Tukua Pa and then the beaches of the Khao Lak area.





Khao Lak is a very laid-back area of Southern Thailand with spectacular beaches, substantial hotels/resorts and virtually everything in between. The name Khao Lak is synonymous with the 2004 Tsunami. Much of the charm of the area at that time was in the wooden shacks that were completely swept away, leaving most of the concrete resorts that survived.

Khao Lak appears to be recovering very slowly from Covid, the beaches are spectacular and currently, mostly deserted. The beaches include Bang Niang, Nang Thong (popular with surfers), Coconut Beach/Pal Weep Beach, Sunset Beach, Khuk Khak Beach, and our personal favourite White Sand Beach which at the time of our visit had one of the very few beach restaurants fully open.

Leaving Khao Lak we choose to take the southern routes 4240, 4 and 4118 through the spectacular towering karsts towards Khao Mak and the Rajjabrapha Dam. Driving in rural Thailand is always a pleasure with unexpected sights and viewpoints.

Leaving the EGAT area we followed the road to the rather grandly named 'Ratchaphrapha Marina'. This is a rather small and quite chaotic terminal for people who have reservations but it was getting late and where to stay was the next priority. Whilst a few properties are listed relatively close to the lake the majority were some distance away. There is also great confusion with Khao Sok being the National Park and covering a vast area.

We ended up in the very charming Khao Sok Paradise Resort, quite a distance from the dam but along the beautiful route 401.

A simple breakfast was served on the balcony in the morning and we then discovered that there is quite a built-up community with many places to stay, bars and restaurants on the short road up to the entrance to the Khao Sok National Park (no vehicle access).

Definitely recommend the Khao Sok Paradise Resort and would love to return when the weather is better! However, with inclement weather forecast, we decided to head for Phuket! Our report on this amazing Southern Thailand Road Trip is continued in the article Southern Thailand Road Trip Part II



### 125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST CINEMA SHOW IN THAILAND



Back to 125 years ago, it was counted that the first cinema shows in form of Thai Entertainment as evidenced by Bangkok Time Journal Newspaper of the 9th.June 1897 issue. The newspaper reported that Mr. S.G. Makowski brought the cinema at night of 10,11 and 12 June 1897 and showed as entertainment at His Serene Highness Prince Alangkarn's Theatre. The first group of audiences comprising 600 Thais. According to Bangkok Time Journal of 11th. June 1897 issue, the audiences' reaction to the Parisian Cinematography Show in this theatre was so fascinating. It was not the film feather but the events in different shots such as the diving sport and boxing that was so realistic and impressed.

### 125 ปี การฉายภาพยนตร์ในประเทศไทย



ย้อนไปเมื่อ 125 ปีก่อน เป็นครั้งแรกในการฉายภาพยนตร์ในรูปแบบมหรสพไทย ซึ่งปรากฏเป็นหลัก ฐานในหนังสือพิมพ์รายวัน "บางกอกไตม์" ฉบับวันที่ 9 มิถุนายน 2440 ว่า นายเอส.จี.มาคอฟสกี้ เป็น ผู้นำภาพยนตร์มาฉายในคืนวันที่ 10 11 และ 12 มิถุนายน 2440 โดยจัดฉายในรูปแบบมหรสพที่โรง ละครหม่อมเจ้าอลังการ โดยมีชาวไทยกว่า 600 คน เป็นผู้ชมกลุ่มแรก หนังสือพิพม์บางกอกไตม์ ฉบับ วันที่ 11 มิถุนายน 2440 ได้บรรยายปฏิกิริยาคนดูว่า การเล่นที่เรียกว่า ปาริเซิน ซีเนมาโตรแครฟ ใน โรงละครหม่อมเจ้าอลังการน่าดูมาก ไม่ใช่ภาพยนตร์เรื่อง แต่เป็นภาพเคลื่อนไหวเป็นชอทๆ อาทิเช่น การประดาน้ำ และ การต่อยมวย อย่างเสมือนจริงและน่าชมทุกอย่าง



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### CONTROVERSY RAGES IN PROFESSIONAL GOLF

#### by Steve Wade

Anybody who follows the world of professional golf can only be extremely concerned about the full-scale battle that has erupted between the new Greg Norman led LIV tour and the PGA Tour, which is emerging as a potential threat to the future of the game.



It's difficult to know where to start to list the issues that this has brought up. The LIV golf tour is offering incredible sums of money for golfers to jump ship from the American PGA Tour and the European DP tour and that's on top of the sums being offered in the tournaments themselves. LIV have a 2 billion dollar investment backed by the Saudi Arabian public investment fund and as the head of the PGA, Jay Monahan says, if it's a dollar for dollar shoot out it's a shoot out ths current setup can't win.

The money will always win. Although the best golfers are very well

paid it is nothing compared to the life changing amounts being paid by LIV. For example Dustin Johnson's deal is worth around 125 million dollars over four years, enough to keep the next many generations of Johnson's family in clover forever.

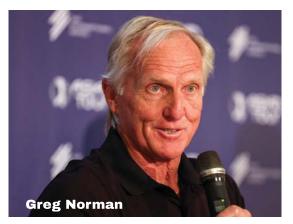
Every LIV tournament has a guaranteed purse of 25 million dollars, with the winner getting 4 million. When you consider that the average purse on the PGA tour is just over 9 million, spread amongst roughly 70 players, it's clear what the attraction is. Not to mention that last place on LIV gets 120,000 dollars, whereas when you go out on to the PGA or DP World tour you can go weeks or months without actually winning anything, but of course the expenses keep coming.

It's pointless to argue about the right and wrongs of players taking the LIV money. And the argument about it being blood money from Saudi Arabia is pointless as I would think that has very little bearing on the matter when somebody is waving an offer of tens of millions of dollars in front of you. What is really concerning for fans of the existing format, we're talking tournaments, majors and even the Ryder Cup here, is what damage it will do and what the eventual outcome will be. Here are just a few of those problems.

The major American TV networks negotiated a near 6 BILLION dollar deal with the PGA in 2020 for full coverage of their season up to and including 2029. If the steady leak of the top players continues to LIV, contract or no will they still feel that they're getting what they paid for?

The world golf rankings, which are so important for the entry lists of the biggest tournaments, will be a nonsense because the LIV events don't qualify for ranking points and the LIV players are banned from the tournaments that do qualify.

The top golfers will be spread amongst the two tours and the best will not be able to face each other, which is the lifeblood of the game for



both spectators and sponsors. This will still happen at the four major championships each year but how long before they get dragged into the argument? Especially under pressure from the PGA to ban LIV players.

As an avid golf watcher and fan myself I have no idea where this is all going to lead. There are plenty of possibilities but no certainties. I do know that the current format of the LIV tournaments is an absolute travesty and bears no relation



IV tournaments is an absolute travesty and bears no relation to the classic four round with a cut after two rounds format that is used now. I really have got problems with 54 holes, no cut, teams, shotgun starts and parachutists landing on the course just before they start. Mind you I'll still be at Stonehill Golf Course in Bangkok in October to watch them!

I suspect ultimately that unless the Saudis get bored and are unhappy with the public perception of the whole enterprise, the whole thing is a Saudi PR stunt after all, that the parties involved will have to bite the bullet and get around the table to find a solution. Let us hope so.

## SPORTS UPDATE AUGUST

By Steve Wade.

The big news in the world of sport this month is obviously the return of top flight football all over Europe. Of course that includes the big one, the Premier League, which kicks off with the London derby between Crystal Palace and Arsenal at 8pm on Friday the 5th. This is followed over the weekend with a full programme of matches and a few of the highlights include champions Manchester City going to West Ham, newly promoted after two decades Nottingham Forest travel to Saint James' Park to take on the revitalised Newcastle, and Liverpool travel to Fulham, in what should be a very entertaining early fixture.

I think this season is going to play a big part, along with the World Cup in November, in bringing our city back to the busy and vibrant place it was before the pandemic struck and stopped everything in its tracks.



With everything now fully opened up and the restrictions on closing time lifted, we can now enjoy a cold beer in the many, many bars in Pattaya that show live football and in turn that will surely help the businesses that have suffered through the last few years and encourage new owners alike.



Could there be a challenge from somewhere to the Manchester City/Liverpool domination of the top two places over the last five years? By the look of the close season transfer market it looks unlikely. Of course we will have to see what happens as we go through the year but with Erling Haaland going to City and Mo Salah staying at Liverpool they will both continue to score plenty of goals. City's attack in particular looks frightening and some teams are going to get a hiding this season.

The teams in the EFL will also be under way in August, along with La Liga and every other major European league. So the football merry-go-round will be well and truly back in full swing. Of course the ride will come to a juddering halt when we have the unprecedented prospect of a mid-season break to accommodate the World Cup in Qatar.

You know the one? The competition that got given to a country where it's 50c in summertime and everyone involved in the decision is either in hiding with millions in the bank or up on corruption charges. We will say no more.

Elsewhere the very popular Formula One season continues but the Summer break means that only one Grand Prix, in Belgium on the 28th of the month, will go ahead.

The uproar in the golfing world will no doubt continue, with the unheard of sums of money coming from another one of the cash rich Gulf states into the game causing no end of problems for both the American and European tours. As far as the fixture list is concerned though, the PGA tour goes into a rich period of major events in August with two of the tournaments, the Northern Trust and the BMW Championship, having 15 million dollar purses for the first time.

That's about it for this month. Whatever your sporting preference and no matter which team you follow, get out to our local bars and support the people getting Pattaya back on its feet. Cheers.



## Beneteau Gran Turismo 45 OPEN FOR FUN

Now in Asia, the Gran Turismo 45 is sleek, sporty and seriously versatile, with Beneteau's new express cruiser flagship offering a range of flexible features designed to improve life at anchor.

Most builders in the 40-50ft range are trying to be all things to all boaters: Foldout transoms, convertible cockpits and even vertical bows attempt to replicate boats closer to 65ft in terms of usable space and amenities. Some work others look like Frakenboats. Beneteau's new Gran Turismo 45 is in the 'Swiss Army knife' camp of design, On this boat, the devil is in the details - and multiple functions. Starting at the transom, which has become one of the go-to places for owners in this category, the pieces are put together as nicely as a Chinese tangram. First, the hydraulic swim platform has tender chocks built into the surface. It lowers into the water for easy launch and retrieval and provides a nice platform for people who want to go diving, snorkelling or just sit partially submerged in the water. The aft sunpad is also multifunctional and includes drink holders embedded in the soft upholstery (no skin-sticking like vinyl covers on this seat) and a foldup headrest. Best of all, the entire sunpad unit lifts hydraulically to reveal a garage for a second tender, dive tanks or storage and the aft end of the sunpad reveals a fold up electric barbecue that allows you to grill from the swim platform.



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The designers also added thoughtful touches throughout the boat. They include curves along the steps from the swim platform to the cockpit and the Fusion sound system,

The boat has a 32-knot top end, according to Beneteau, and cruises nicely at 23-24 knots. The boat's air-stepped hull is designed for stability rather than speed as one would expect from most stepped hulls. With all its bells and whistles the GT45 should certainly be a strong contender for anyone who wants a fast cruiser that can also make a great weekend home. www.beneteau.com

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## **THAILAND SUPER SERIES**

The latest Thailand Super Series motor racing event was held at the Bangsaen Street Circuit in Chonburi last month. The Thailand Super Series is bringing the excitement of top quality motor racing to the Kingdom on a regular basis in the future. More events will be held at the Chang International Circuit in Buriram, the first FIA grade 1 and FIM grade A circuit to open in Thailand, this year with the next meeting scheduled from the 25th until the 28th of this month.

The July meeting was an FIA grade 3 event and was very well attended on the attractive beach side road circuit of Bangsaen over the three days and you can get an idea of the attendance and the colour and excitement of the event from the TSS Facebook page.

It really is a great spectacle to see these cars race close up and it's good to see people in Thailand get the chance to do so. So take a look at the Thailand Super Series and if you're a fan of motor sport, why not go along!

#### photos by Maxwell Kimberly Thompson



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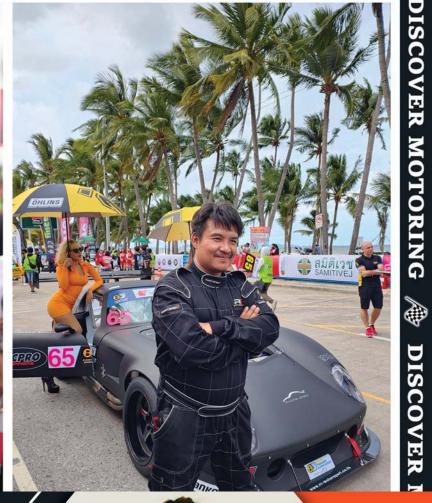


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The failure to conduct necessary precautions could result to terrible consequences such as serious financial and legal distress on the part of the investor or buyer. Buyers must remember that almost always after all the transfer has been done, the seller will not hold responsibility for problems the buyer did not earlier discover.

Important Factors to Consider in Carrying Out Due Diligence

• Make sure that the Title Deed has been legally issued. Information contained in a title deed must match with the records in the Land Department.



• Be aware of any encumbrances and liens currently levied upon the property.

• Confirm if the seller is holding the said property under a true title of ownership that may therefore have the full legal rights to sell the property.

• Be aware of any pending or potential legal action involving the property.

• Check if the developer has all of the required permits and legal documentations for a project that is not yet built.

• Any concerns with the sale contract details has to be corrected before signing to purchase.

• Know the details and status of the developer.

• Have a clear understanding of the rights and obligations of each party. This includes who pays which taxes and fees, when the deposit and balances get paid, how long the project will take to completion and what remedies there will be if the project is not completed on time.

• It is recommended to have a lawyer in Thailand to review the contract drafted by the seller to ensure it is prepared with proper terms and conditions that meets the standard terms as required by relevant laws and confirm that the contract does not contain terms of any hidden cost and drawbacks.

The need for a thorough due diligence must begin before signing a binding contract. The necessary title and background investigations provide the initial basis to confirm any safe purchase and ensure that both parties deal with each other in a fairly manner.

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## DISCOVERING BEAUTIFUL DUPLEX APARTMENTS THE IVY JOMTIEN

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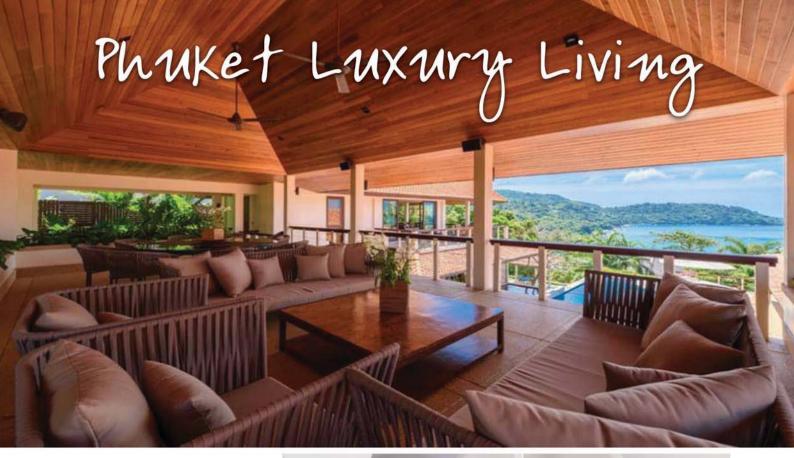
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Add to that the islands of outstanding natural beauty and you have the perfect destination for your luxury lifestyle. One of the most beautiful spots on Phuket is Kata Beach and overlooking the bay is the Katamanda Estates, an exclusive gated community which includes this exclusive five bedroom six bathroom villa. Spread out on nearly 1600sm of floor space with amazing views over the bay, this residence has everything you need for family living and entertaining.

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Set over three levels, the middle is in a U shape surrounding the large infinity pool. There is also a large dining and living area, top quality European kitchen, a guest bedroom by the pool with views over the bay and a second bedroom with full en suite facilities and built in wardrobes.

The top level has the master bedroom and a wonderful 'sala' area to relax and enjoy the wonderful views plus a more formal dining area. Then on the lower level you will find two further en suite guest bedrooms, laundry. storage room, maid's quarters and ample parking. Their is also an elevator to the higher floors.

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- 3. Kin jay
- 4. Kluen
- 5. Queaw
- 6. Mai ped

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## **BARRY UPTON says:- SONGWRITING IS THE KEY**

There are many factors in determining what makes a successful song. The sound and overall production is nowadays primary for hitmakers and a great vocal performance, not always needing to be technically correct, but with enough character and originality to ensure the listener gets a worthwhile experience. The style and genre has become more important to the individual as the years go by.

However, what never goes in and out of fashion is a good song. In my 'Brotherhood of Man' days, I had the big fortune to be mentored by our manager and multi hit songwriter, Tony Hiller who taught me so much about commercial melodies and lyrics which can reach out and touch. Years later, when I decided to embrace the country music scene and then writing songs



for line dancing albums in the late 90s, leading up to my biggest success in '97, even though my hit credentials were already worthy, the writers I was teamed up with in Nashville U.S.A. taught me even more about song construction and how not to have a wasted word in your song.



The songs that stick in your head, otherwise known as 'earworms', are always well written and will contain all the ingredients for a hit record.

My personal favourite writers are Lennon/McCartney (not forgetting George), Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys and Holland/Dozier/Holland who, along with Smokey Robinson, were responsible for those incredible Motown songs that still sound so fresh over 50 years later.

Last month I gave a talk at the Pattaya City Ex-Pats Club about songwriting and my approach to it.

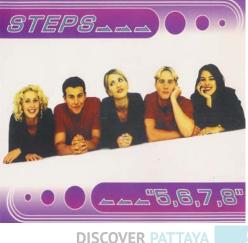
Rule 1 of songwriting is that there isn't one with many ways to achieve the end result. I have my own personal methods and these have been proved to work for me with my long list of chart achievements, either as a solo writer, or as a co-writer with others. There are only 12 different musical notes to choose from which is why a song's lyrics are so important and can make the difference needed.

Studying and working hard at this craft has given me so much satisfaction in my life and I believe that the art of creating songs that

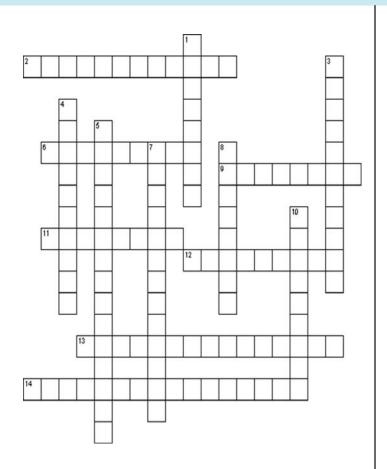
have been well received is my overall finest achievement. For instance, I'm completely useless at D.I.Y. which, in my book, stands for 'Don't Involve Yourself'.

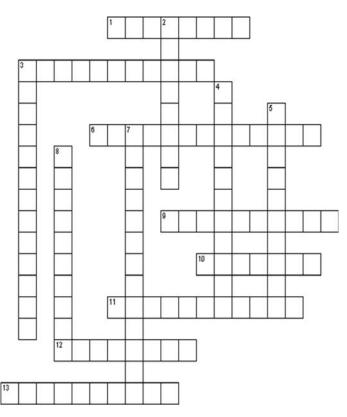
So, with my last two music albums, 'The Hormones Of Happiness' and 'Barry's Tropical Beach Café', I have endevoured to ensure every song included is, not just well written, but has ingredients to entertain in a fun way and be easy to understand and, hopefully, be 'reachable' to a large audience.

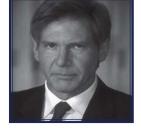
My new YouTube channel FAB BAZ MUSIC TV now has both of the aforementioned albums uploaded with fully produced videos and more of my back catalogue of songs will gradually be uploaded in the next few weeks and months. So, it is very important that on visiting my channel, you press SUBSCRIBE (it's free) together with the 'thumbs up' icon and bell to be notified when new videos of songs are uploaded and available to enjoy. Remember, whatever key a song may be in, it's the quality of songwriting that makes it special. (See what I did there?).



## **CROSS WORD AUGUST 2022**







#### Across

- 2. President James Marshall in the 1997 movie, Air Force One (8,4)
- 6. Wilhelm Grimm in the 2005 movie, The Brothers Grimm (4,5)
- 9. Shylock in the 2004 movie, The Merchant of Venice (2,6) 11. Captain Rich in the 2005 movie, Flightplan (4,4)
- 12. Vincent in the 2004 movie, Collateral (3,6)
- 13. Director of the 1958 classic, Vertigo (6,9)
- 14. Ben Marco in the 2004 movie, The Manchurian Candidate (6,10)

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- 1. Dr Robert Langdon in the 2006 movie, The Da Vinci Code (3,5) 3. Capt. Benjamin I. Willard in the 1979 movie, Apocalypse Now (6,5)
- 4. Mel Gibson was William Wallace in this 1995 movie (10)
- 5. Director of the 2002 movie, Catch Me If You Can (6,9)
- 7. The Boss in the 2006 movie, Lucky Number Slevin (6,7)
- 8. Halle Berry was Patience Phillips in this 2004 movie (8)
- 10. Faye Dunaway was Evelyn Cross Mulwray in this 1974 movie (9)



#### Across

- 1. Arwen in The Lord of the Rings movie trilogy (3,5)
- 3. Brill in the 1998 movie, Enemy of the State (4,7)
- 6. Teddy Roosevelt in the 2006 movie, Night at the Museum (5,8)9. Damon Wayans Jnr and Shoshana Bush partner in this 2009 movie (5,5)
- 10. Kate Winslet was Rose DeWitt Bukater in this 1997 movie (7)
- 11. The voice of Princess Fiona in the Shrek movies (7,4)
- 12. Chris Pine is James T. Kirk in this 2009 movie (4,4)
- 13. Ginger Knowles in the 2001 movie, Swordfish (5,5)

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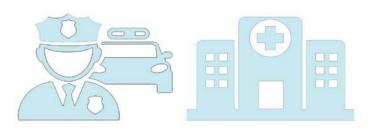
- 2. Robert Langdon in the 2009 movie, Angels & Demons (3,5)
- 3. Harry Pfarrer in the 2008 movie, Burn After Reading (6,7)
- 4. John Travolta was Vincent Vega in this 1994 movie (4,7)
- 5. Ingrid Bergman was Ilsa Lund in this 1942 classic (10)
- 7. Harry Doyle in the 1986 movie, Tough Guys (4,9)
- 8. Robert De Niro was James 'Jimmy' Conway in this 1990 movie (10)

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# Hacks for Cars and Motorbikes

In honour of our Discover Motoring section, we thought the hacks this month should be useful for the motorists amongst us. Therefore we are featuring some for the drivers of cars amongst us and others for motorbike riders. These are not technical recommendations but rather useful ideas of convenience, to just make your motoring a more enjoyable experience.

#### **Wear Gloves**

When on a bike if your palms get sweaty and slippery in the heat, or as we are now in the rainy season the handlebars get wet, it's a good idea to wear gloves for a better grip. Ideally, leather gloves as they can also offer you some protection in the event of a fall. However, failing that plastic surgical ones can be handy (forgive the pun), especially for the rainy season.

#### **Use a Flattened Drinks Can**

Again during the rain, if you find yourself having to park on a slippery surface like mud or grass, use a soft drink can. Flatten the can and then use it to centre your bike's side stand on, it will keep the stand and your bike upright.

#### **Newspaper for drying**

If you get your boots wet in the middle of a road trip and don't have the luxury of air-drying them over several days you can use newspaper. Just ball up some pages, and put them in your boots, repeat this practice throughout the day whenever you stop and if you keep the newspaper in overnight by morning, your boots should be dry and good to go.

#### **Keep Baby Wipes on hand**

Keep baby wipes handy: When you have to clean your bike, helmet, and riding gear quickly, use baby wipes. They are easy to carry and economical. Also useful to keep in the car especially if you have kids or a baby on board

#### Check what you're wearing on your bike

A motorbike hardly offers any protection in case of an accident so always make sure to wear your helmet, anti-slip shoes and a jacket, for better safety. During the rainy season, you may also find it necessary to keep a plastic mac in the bike to protect your clothes during a sudden rain shower. These can be picked up easily and inexpensively from 7/11 and Familymart stores.



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#### A handy tip to keep the inside of your car tidy

We spend a lot of time in our cars. and rubbish can accumulate quickly, especially for those of us who have kids or take long road trips. Wrappers, crumbs, bags, and more can end up covering our seats and floor mats. So it's a good idea to have an empty cereal packet in the car and use it as the designated garbage can. Then you can empty it when full at the next available trash bin.

#### Alternative air freshener

Some of the most popular car air fresheners are either an eye-sore or can obstruct your view. Opt instead for a cheaper and less visible version by placing a few dryer sheets in the little pockets, nooks, and crannies in your vehicle.





#### Keep your take-homes hot

OK so most of us have discovered the convenience of Grab and Foodpanda but this hack is if you do happen to collect pizza to bring it home. If your car has seat warmers turn them on and just put your pizza on the passenger seat - you'll never arrive home with a cold pizza again.

#### Quick cleaning tip

If your headlights aren't helping in darkness or fog and you don't yet need to replace the bulbs, squeeze a bit of toothpaste on a rag and scrub them with it. Then, wet the clean part of the rag and wipe them down and you'll notice the difference when you're done.

#### Another use for clear nail varnish!

Until you can get a window crack professionally fixed, there is a way to avoid making it worse.

First ensure that any dirt is cleaned off, then fill the cracked area and also the area slightly outside the crack with clear acrylic nail polish.

When it dries, it will help seal the cracked area to prevent it from spreading until you can get it professionally repaired.





#### Thymesia

Looking heavily inspired by Bloodborne this action RPG could prove equally grueling with its fast flamboyant combat and interesting plague weapons. Indeed this is another Souls-like game and is also influenced by Sekiro but has its own twist. You play as a plague doctor-Esque character named Corvas who has to survive in a kingdom that's full of death and disease. Combat is as you would expect from a third person melee game but the twist here is that you can siphon the plague from your enemies and use it to create various weapons like scythes, spears, and daggers. Recover memories as you progress to get one of the multiple endings available.





#### **Two Point Campus**

Two Point studios previously came out with the fun Two Point Hospital and have now turned their attention from healing to education. You plan and build a University Campus and take charge of looking after the students and staff. Everything about life in a uni is covered but with a weird and surreal twist. You can build different types of campuses at a location of your choice and experiment with different layouts and courses to attract different students. The different characters that enroll can form relationships and you can help things move forward by creating different activities. You can also play this game with a controller so it's available on PS4, Nintendo Switch, and of course PC.

#### **Turbo Golf Racing**

Anyone who's played Rocket League will know what a blast it can be when playing with friends. Turbo Golf Racing is a very similar arcade-style sports racing game but this time you slam into massive golf balls as you race to the finishing line, golfing instead of soccer. The game supports up to 8 players online but also has a single-player mode along with its various multiplayer options. At release, there will be 12 courses to try out with several updates after launch to offer more along with extra customization options.





## by Rick Click

#### MACBOOK PRO WITH M2 CHIP

On the outside, the new MacBook Pro is essentially almost exactly like the previous release but it's inside where the changes lie. There's now an option for 24 gigs of memory with an increase in memory bandwidth. All good stuff but the biggest deal is the new processor. The M2 is really an M1 but with added GPU cores and Apple claims there are some other improvements to the chip. So the improved horsepower means greater productivity for the user. Prices vary depending on what specs you are after be that more memory or storage. The big question if you are thinking of upgrading is how much better is the M2, benchmarking shows that there are some performance increases from the CPU but it's the GPU or Graphics Processor that has more to offer which is good news for any Mac gamers out there.





I've used Express VPN for some time now and found it to be one of the most reliable VPNs out there. Especially useful if you want to log in to the BBC iplayer. I did try Tunnel Bear but found that it didn't work as well, this also applies to any other streaming service you use. Anyway apart from catching up on BBC news and watching Netflix you can now use this service on your mobile for more privacy by changing your location also your data is secure through the encryption it offers. There is a fee for this service at currently \$8.32 per month when you take out a year or \$12.95 if you prefer monthly. If you want to try it out there is a free thirty-day trial available.

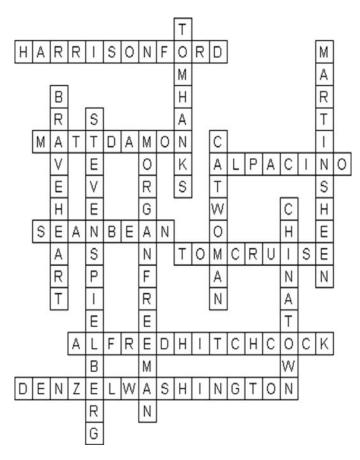


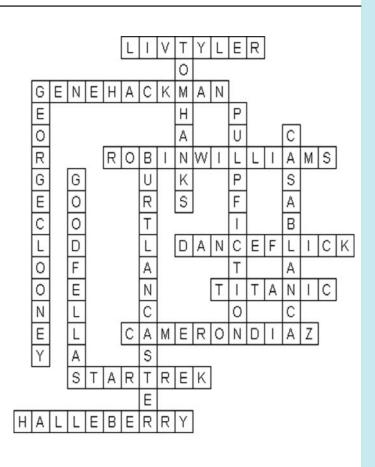
#### SAMSUNG GALAXY Z FLIP3

When it's folded up this phone reminds me of a lady's compact makeup case, because it can do this the phone will take up less space in your pocket. It can sit on the table without the need to use a stand, spill your coffee over it no problem as it's waterproof. You can explore the world of Flip3 without worrying about its performance it comes with an octa-core processor with plenty of RAM to help its 120Hz display. Will foldable phones catch on? It depends on if you like some of the features this design has to offer. If you like watching lots of video content then the mid-point crease won't be to your liking.

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