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POLICE TO USE BLOOD TESTS AT HOSPITALS TO CONFIRM CHARGES FOR DRUNK DRIVERS



Police will still stop suspected drunk drivers and have them tested for alcohol. Photo: Tanyaluk Sakoot

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Phuket Provincial Police Deputy Commander Col Arayapan Pukbuakhao has warned that police across the island will continue to arrest and charge drunk drivers even without using roadside tests. Instead, police will rely on blood tests conducted by hospitals to prosecute drunk drivers.

The news follows new national police chief Pol Gen Suwat Jangyodsuk last Friday (Oct 2) ordering the suspension of drink-driving checkpoints until the transparency

of the tests can be ensured.

“There must not be roadside tests. They must be carried out at a hospital, so that people can feel confident that they are accurate. Until we can do that, we will set them at zero for now,” Gebn Suwat said.

In response to Pol Gen Suwat’s directives, Bangkok Metropolitan Police Bureau chief Pol Lt Gen Phukphong Phongpetra ordered a halt to all checkpoints including alcohol testing and crime-prevention stops.

In Phuket, all checkpoints were cancelled through to Tuesday (Oct 6). However, from Wednesday on, police resumed their stance on drunk

driving, Col Arayapan confirmed.

“Police across Phuket will check for alcohol, but no longer at checkpoints as standard procedure. We will conduct anti-drunk driving campaigns when [the provincial police commander] issues a special order, and any officer who believes that the driver may be under the influence of alcohol will have the driver tested,” he assured.

Officers who believe a driver may be over the legal BAC limit will be taken to the relevant police station and initially tested there, Col Arayapan explained.

If the officer believes that the

driver warrants further testing, the driver will be taken to a government hospital to have a blood-alcohol concentration (BAC) conducted by medical personnel.

Col Arayapan told *The Phuket News* that Provincial Police this week met with Region 8 Police, based at the northern end of the island, to start drafting new standard procedures for officers to follow.

“Right now we still have not finalised what the standard procedures will be, but if any officer has reason to believe a driver has been drinking, they will be tested and charged,” he repeated.

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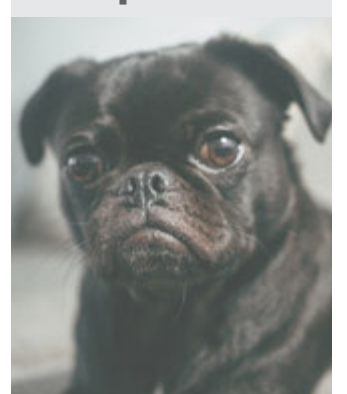
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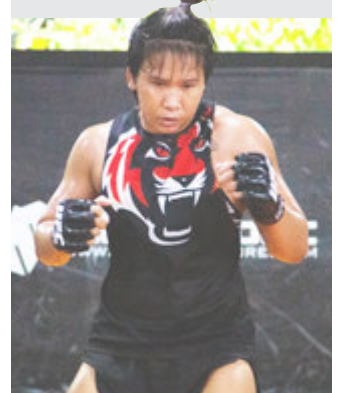
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Top officials support Sripanwa land claims

A DELEGATION OF TOP-ranking Phuket officials travelled to Bangkok last week to present to a parliamentary investigative committee that Sripanwa's claim to the land on which the five-star resort is located is legal.

Phuket Governor Narong Woonciew announced the news to the press while attending the demonstration test run of the new COVID-19 test laboratory at Phuket International Airport on Sept 30.

The delegation was led by Phuket Vice Governor Supoj Rotreuang Na Nongkhai, and officers from the Phuket office of the Department of Lands and from the Phuket office of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.

"A preliminary examination of the land documents for the Sripanwa resort has shown that the title deeds issued, and the original *NorSor 3 Kor* [land-use document] were correct in detail. This has been



Governor Narong Woonciew at Phuket airport on Sept 30. Photo: Eakkapop Thongtub

clarified," Gov Narong said.

However, Governor Narong recognised that the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) will conduct its own investigation.

"Officers from the DSI will inspect the area to verify the facts of the Sri Panwa project, which has become an issue well known through the news," he added.

The DSI was requested to investigate Sripanwa after Vorasit Issara, owner of the five-star resort, posting negative comments about protesters in Bangkok disrespecting the Thai monarchy.

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Police turn to blood tests

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Col Arayapan also confirmed that the new traffic penalties published in the Government Gazette in August, which will come into effect on Nov 1, have seen the minimum penalties raised for a host of minor traffic infractions, but the penalties for drink driving remain the same as those brought into law in 2015.

Since 2015, the BAC (blood-alcohol concentration) limit for professional and commercial drivers, and drivers under 24 years old, remains zero, and the legal BAC limit for all other drivers is 0.05%.

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B60,000 to B200,000 and your driver's license will be cancelled. Whether you will be allowed to apply for a driver's license again during your lifetime is up to the court.

SAFETY SHOT

Dr Wiwat Seetamanotch, Vice President of the Phuket office of the Road Safety Policy Foundation, welcomed the

police focus on drunk driving, but said that more needed to be done to tackle the deadly practice on the island.

Alcohol is a major contributory factor in road accidents nationwide, he said, noting that alcohol is a factor in "20-40%" of all road accidents in Phuket, he said.

So far this year, 54 people have died and a further 5,461 people have been injured in 5,515 accidents in Phuket, according to the Thai Road Safety Committee (ThaiRSC).

Despite campaigns to reduce drunk driving, "The number of drunk drivers in accidents in Phuket this year is nearly the same as last year," Dr Wiwat said.

"I understand that police are now in a position of having to change their standard procedure for checking for drunk drivers, but they need to come up with a clear procedure as soon as they can because accidents happen every day," he urged.

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Tourists' arrival shrouded in silence

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With less than 48 hours to go before the announced arrival of the first tourists to enter the country since the lockdown began, due to land at Phuket International Airport on Thursday (Oct 8), Phuket officials would neither confirm nor deny whether the tourists would be actually arriving.

The silence followed Minister of Tourism and Sports Phiphat Ratchakitprakarn just last week announcing the arrival of the tourists, reportedly under the new Special Tourist Visa. Speaking to the press in Bangkok last Thursday (Oct 1), Minister Phiphat confirmed that a group of 150 Chinese nationals will be the first foreign tourists allowed into Thailand on a chartered flight under the conditional entry scheme for selected groups of foreigners, endorsed by the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA).

Mr Phipat explained the group will fly directly to Phuket on a chartered Air Asia flight, adding that another, smaller, group of seven Chinese businessmen will arrive at Suvarnabhumi International Airport on a private jet on the same day.

The announcement was echoed throughout the country by all major media agencies, including state news agency NNT, operated by the Public Relations Department of Thailand.



Tourism and Sports Minister Phiphat Ratchakitprakarn speaking to the press in Bangkok last Thursday (Oct 1). Photo: NNT

Doubt that the tourists would not be coming surfaced through a report by the respected Thai-language business journal *Thansettakij* posted last Sunday (Oct 4), explaining that the first tourists to arrive in Phuket would most likely arrive "before Oct 20" as the tourists entry to the country had been delayed by "many points in the process".

The report did not give a source for its new deadline for the arrival of the Chinese tourists, but did note that the arrivals would actually be business travellers entering the country under tours organised by Thailand Longstay Company, a

commercial enterprise established in 2001 with the endorsement of the Thai Royal Government to support long stay tourism, with the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) as a major shareholder of the company.

The *Thansettakij* report also noted that the chartered flight to bring the tourists was being organised by the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT).

Phuket Governor Narong Woonciew was unavailable to receive calls from *The Phuket News* on Monday, and Bussaya Chaipeum, Chief of the Phuket Public Relations Office, declined to provide any comment

on the alleged delay in tourists arriving in Phuket.

"Please wait until Phuket Governor Narong Woonciew talks about it," Ms Bussaya said.

Phuket Public Health Office (PPHO) Chief Dr Thanit Sermkaew, who sits on the Phuket Provincial Communicable Disease Committee, the top administrative authority instituting all regulations regarding COVID-19 preventative measures in Phuket since the lockdown began six months ago, also declined to comment.

Jaron Kaewmukdakul, Director of the Phuket office of the Ministry

of Tourism and Sports, also declined to comment.

"I do not have any information about it," he said.

By Tuesday, none of Phuket's top officials had broken their silence.

Phuket Governor Narong, PPHO Chief Dr Thanit and Phuket International Airport General Manager Thane Chuangchoo were all present for a demonstration test of the laboratory and tourist-arrival procedures at the airport on Sept 30.

The approval of the test laboratory at the airport is considered the last hurdle before Phuket can be finally cleared by the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) in Bangkok to welcome international tourists once again.

At that event, Governor Narong made it clear that he had yet to be officially informed that the first tourists to arrive on the island since the COVID-19 lockdown began would be 120 tourists arriving on a flight from Guangzhou, China, touching down at Phuket International Airport on Oct 8.

"I have not received any official information from the CCSA yet, but I have already seen the news in the media," he said.

"The Phuket Government will follow the orders of the CCSA strictly, as they were approved by many officials before, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Interior," Governor Narong assured.

Heavy downpours bring minor flooding

HEAVY RAINS ACROSS Phuket last Friday night and Saturday morning (Oct 2-3) caused minor flooding across main roads, with motorists urged to exercise caution during the heavy weather.

Major roads in Patong were inundated, especially the northern end of Rat-U-Thit 200 Pi Rd and the area around Patong Hospital, which continues to flood with each heavy rain despite a recent major project to



Patong suffered in the heavy rains last week. Photo: Patong Municipality Fire Dept

upgrade the drains in the area.

Elsewhere on the island, minor flooding affected traffic in front of Cherng Talay Municipality offices on Srisoonthorn Rd in Cherng

Talay and in front of Dowroong Wittaya School on Chao Fa East Rd in Wichit – both areas also still prone to minor flooding despite recent work to upgrade the drains.

The Thai Meteorological Department (TMD) on Tuesday issued a new heavy weather warning for Phuket and other areas throughout Southern Thailand for Oct 6-9, with storm-surge waves reaching up to four metres high. *The Phuket News*

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The Best Western Plus The Beachfront follows a 'Farm, Market & Ocean to Table' concept in its restaurants, The Quest and The Beach, since its launch in 2019. In fact, the hotel, which was developed by Southeast Asia's leading property developer Blue Horizon Developments, is upgrading a seventy-square-meter herb garden that grows thirty different kinds of herbs and vegetables, all of which are incorporated into the flavourful dishes the hotel's restaurants whip up.

"We avoid the use of preserved and frozen food as much as possible as they dilute the flavour and meaning of a dish by depriving it of its freshness and nutrients," says the hotel's Executive Chef Nai.

The hotel also offers its guests a tour around its herb garden and runs them through the cooking pro-

Local fresh produce at Rawai market. (<https://www.bwplusbeachfront.com/>)

cess, creating a more informed and intimate culinary experience. "Our guests dine at our restaurants with a peace of mind knowing exactly what they are consuming, which is high-quality natural and nutritious food," reassures Chef Nai.

In addition to using ingredients from its own garden, the hotel also buys the 'catch of the day' from hard-working local fishermen as

well as fresh produce from the local markets every day. In fact, Chef Nai makes multiple runs to the market every week to ensure that only the freshest ingredients are sourced and used in its dishes.

"When guests dine at our restaurants, they are not just treating themselves to unique culinary experiences," says General Manager Claude Baltes. "But they are also

supporting a group of local small businesses that we source from that might otherwise disappear off the streets in this turbulent economy."

With a strong sense of corporate social responsibility, The Best Western Plus The Beachfront also engages in beach cleaning activities, food distribution to the needy, and more with the aim to give back to the community.

Grant Thornton chief to speak at BCCT Multi-Chamber Briefing

THE BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – THAILAND (BCCT), in cooperation with AustCham, BeluThai, Cancham, EABC, Franco, GTCC and NTCC will host a BCCT Multi-Chamber Phuket Briefing on 'The Covid and Post-Covid Global Economy' by Chris Cracknell, Chairman, Grant Thornton & Business Networking.

The event will be held at the Outrigger Laguna Phuket Beach Resort from 5pm-6pm on Wednesday, October 21, followed by a Networking event from 6:30pm to 9:30pm.

Before joining Grant Thornton in 2016, Mr Cracknell was the Chief Executive Officer at OCS Group Ltd. (known in Thailand as PCS Thailand Ltd). He spent 39 years with the company and when he was appointed to CEO in 1996.

Mr Cracknell has spent a considerable amount of time in Thailand and Asia. In 2015, under his leadership, OCS's strong overseas performance was recognised with the Queen's Award for Enterprise in International Trade.

He has proven experience in strategic, financial and commercial management. He



serves as a Non-Executive Director and Advisor to several businesses within Asia, noted the BCCT release announcing the event.

The briefing is free to attend but pre-registration is required. Entry to the networking event costs B500 for BCCT members and participating chambers and B900 for non-members. Price includes food and free-flow beverages.

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Woman dies after eating young horseshoe crab

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A local marine life expert has warned people to not eat young horseshoe crabs still in their early stages of development as they may be poisonous, after a woman died from eating a horseshoe crab caught in the mangroves in the Soi King Kaew area in Rassada.

“People should not eat young horseshoe crabs, even if they are cooked, as they might be still poisonous,” Son Wongsala, a well known marine life expert in Phuket, told *The Phuket News* on Monday (Oct 5).

“People should especially avoid eating horseshoe crabs caught in mangroves, as they have yet to fully develop. Young horseshoe crabs can be identified by their small size and that the tail still has hair,” he added.

Mr Son’s warning follows the death of 46-year-old Wanthana Phutcho last Sunday (Oct 4) after eating a horseshoe crab that she caught with a friend near Soi King Kaew.

Ms Wanthana’s mother, Somjai Kingwongsa, 64, explained to reporters on Monday – at Samanaksong King Kaew, in Moo 3 Rassada, where her daughter’s funeral was being held – that she and her daughter went foraging for cockles in the mangroves on Sunday morning (Oct 4). While collecting the small clams, they



Ms Wanthana's casket at her funeral on Monday (Oct 5). Photo: Eakkapop Thongtub

also caught three horseshoe crabs and brought them home.

Ms Wanthana grilled one of the horseshoe crabs and ate it, Ms Somjai said. Soon after, her daughter started vomiting. She also developed a severe headache and dizziness.

Ms Somjai took Ms Wanthana to the Phuket Provincial Hospital in Rassada, but the hospital told her to take her daughter to Vachira Phuket Hospital, where Ms Wanthana was registered to receive state medical treatment.

Ms Somjai first took her daughter

home, where Ms Wanthana’s condition deteriorated quickly. She started turning green, prompting Ms Somjai to call the Narenthorn Emergency hotline 1669 for an ambulance.

By the time the ambulance had arrived, Ms Wanthana had already lost consciousness. Attempts to revive her failed, Ms Somjai explained.

Her daughter’s body was then taken to Vachira Phuket Hospital, where doctors confirmed that Ms Wanthana had died of poisoning from eating horseshoe crab meat, Ms Somjai said.

Chef left unemployed by COVID crisis found hanged

A CHEF LEFT OUT of work and with no income due to the economic crisis brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic was found hanged at his home in Srisoonthorn last Sunday afternoon (Oct 4).

Maj Wuttichai Kaewthong of the Thalang Police was called to the scene, a row house in Moo 4, at about 3:30pm.

Police together with Srisoonthorn Municipality rescue workers and an ambulance from Thalang Hospital to find the body of Saman Prasarika, 45, on the floor of the bedroom.

Attempts to revive Mr Saman failed, Maj Wuttichai said.

Mr Saman’s wife, Wilaiwan Patchim, 34, told police that late that morning Mr Saman called her while she was working at a coffee shop and told her that he was going to hang himself.

Ms Wilaiwan said she rushed home and found Saman hanged by a piece of cloth tied to the door knob on the bedroom door. She ran out and asked neighbours for help to have her



Chef Saman Prasarika, 45, left out of work by the COVID-19 crisis, was found hanged at his home last Sunday afternoon (Oct 4).

husband’s body moved to the floor.

Wilaiwan explained that Mr Saman used to work as a chef at a well-known restaurant, but he became unemployed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unable to find work for months, Mr Saman became depressed, she said, leading him to take his own life, Maj Wuttichai explained.

Although no signs of a struggle were found on Mr Saman’s body or in the house, Mr Saman’s body was taken to Thalang hospital for further examination and will later be released to his family in order to hold his funeral, Maj Wuttichai added.

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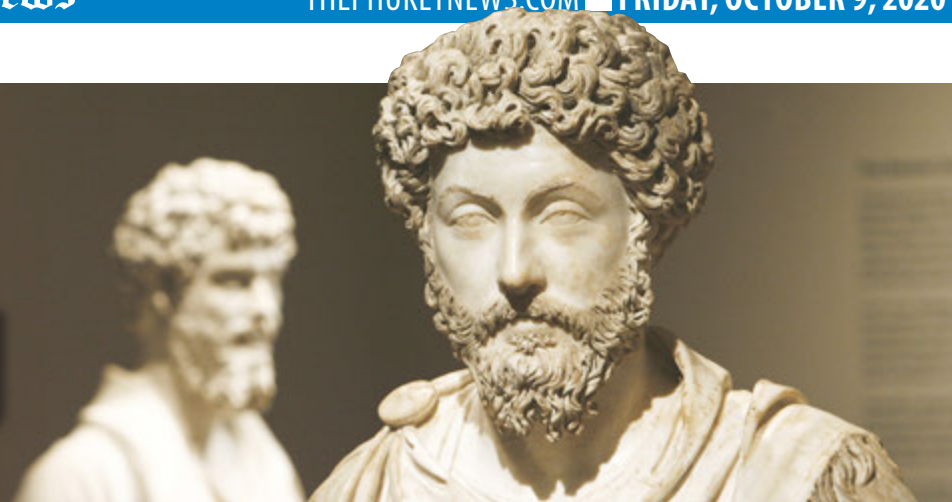
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philosophy that advocates rational thinking, and focusing on what you are in control of in the world, your thoughts and actions. The Stoics practice an exercise called Premeditatio Malorum. Loosely translated this means “Think About Evil.”

Likewise, the first noble truth of Buddhism is “Life is Suffering.” While these ideas may sound negative to adherents of positive thinking, a 2013 study by Sophia Chou, an organisational psychology researcher at the National Taiwan University supports the idea that adapting an attitude of “Realistic Optimism” is the best approach for obtaining happiness and achieving goals in life. Realistic optimists also had a clearer view of the world and demonstrated better self-control.

These reflect the adage “Hope for the best but plan for the worst.”

The Flaw in Positive Thinking

Some people might tell you to “Just be positive” and everything will be okay. A few years ago, a book called *The Secret*, based on Wallace D. Wattles’ 1910 book

The Science of Getting Rich, popularised the ‘Law of Attraction’. Despite the title, none of what the author advocated was grounded in science. The basic thesis was that everything you have in your life, good or bad, you attracted by the positivity or negativity of your thoughts. While there is value in positive thinking, only being positive can be naïve, and at its worst, toxic. Life isn’t always puppy dogs, rainbows and unicorns, and if that is your expectation based on this philosophy you will be sorely disappointed in your life.

Putting It Into Practice

Train your mind to adapt to a realistic optimistic point of view by visualising your goals, whether it’s your business returning to normal, starting a new business, getting a job, or just losing a few pounds. Then, according to the Stoics, you should visualise three things: potential daily inconveniences; loss; and major setbacks along the path to your goals.

By visualising daily inconveniences, you are preparing yourself to work hard and preserve despite difficulties. By

visualizing loss and major setbacks, you are forcing your mind to recognise that things could be much worse than they are which will make you feel grateful for the things you have, whether it’s your health, food to eat, good friends, or simply a roof over your head.

While the world may seem turned upside down right now, if history has anything to teach us it’s that human-beings are resilient, adaptable, creative problem solvers and thinkers. In the same way that philosophy balances the positive with the negative, sustainability balances human needs with those of nature.

We will find a vaccine, and if we aren’t able to eliminate COVID-19, we will find a way to live with it using a combination of treatments and therapies. The world economy will recover and this time we need to do everything we can to make it sustainable to prevent future pandemics and lessen the impact of climate change.

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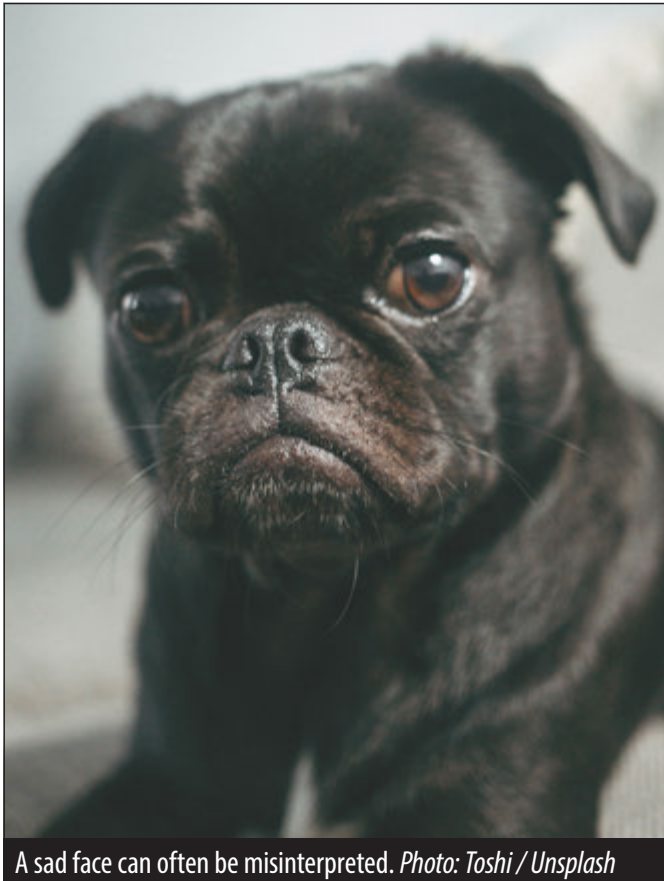
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Dogs have a remarkable ability to communicate an incredible range of emotions through expressive facial patterns and body language. The problem is that most of the time we humans get the interpretation wrong. It will come as no great surprise then that it's our misinterpretation of the dog's signals that causes problems.

For me, the most common example of this is the concept of guilt. I hear it all the time. You've walked into the house and noticed that she's peed on the floor, again, or he's chewed your MacBook charger – and when you look at the dog, the body seems to melt under the weight of self-imposed guilt.

However, that 'guilt' you're seeing is what we call 'anthropomorphism', attributing human characteristics and/or behaviours to another animal. Invariably, that 'guilty' look consists of a tail tucked under their belly, visible whites of the eyes whilst looking partially away, cowering, yawning, licking, flattened ears and possibly even urination. In fact, these are expressions of fear, anxiety and stress in the dog, not the complex emotion of guilt. The inherent complexity of the emotion itself is something that requires a clear understanding of cause and effect over time.

The other kicker is that we've no idea what dogs think about in the time between chewing your favourite shoes to pieces and you coming home to find them. But we do know that dogs experience fear and stress



A sad face can often be misinterpreted. Photo: Toshi / Unsplash

– as these are biological responses that we can measure and assess. So it's far more likely that your dogs 'guilty' behaviours are actually more of an attempt to appease your apparent displeasure rather than an apology for past indiscretions.

The key element here is our influence. Ninety-nine


times out of 100 you come home, you're 'happy to see the dog', he gets a cuddle and we walk into the house – all is normal. However, on that one time you walk into the house and witness hitherto unseen carnage, your body language will change massively – and not in a good way.

Dogs are masters at reading body language and will sense this big change, but are clueless as to the why, but our demeanour suggests something is afoot. All the shouting, pointing, raised voices and heightened levels of stress are out of the ordinary and clearly communicate your displeasure. Ergo, the dog's response is often an effort to appease you and inform you, 'I don't know what the issue is, I'm sorry, it's nothing to do with me!'

One of the bigger issues with this is punishment for such indiscretions can be a very serious issue. If you're misreading signals from your dog, doing things such as rubbing your dog's nose in the mess he's made is going to make things much much worse. Any sort of punishment after the fact has no impact, other than increasing the dog's stress and anxiety because he has no way of knowing why this is happening.

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1. From sea level at the equator, how far is it to the centre of the Earth?
2. Who in 2012 gave birth to her daughter, Blue Ivy Carter?
3. Do ants have hearts?
4. Iron Man's computer, "J.A.R.V.I.S.", is an acronym for what?
5. In 2009, on which river did Chesley Sullenberger land US Airways Flight 1549?

Answers below, centre

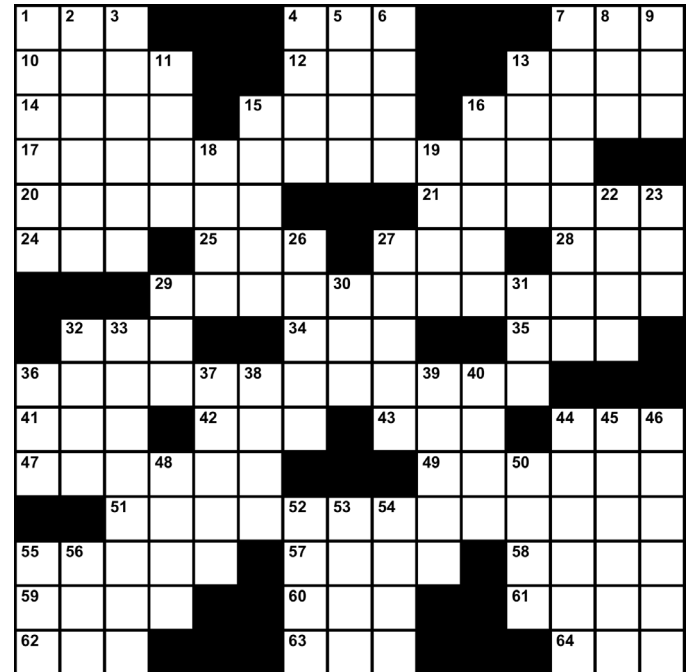
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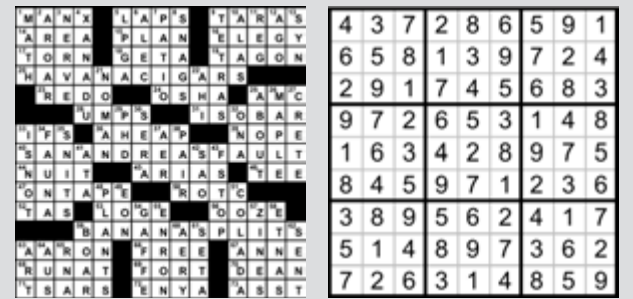
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Crossword by Myles Mellor & Sally York

- Across**
1. Little devil
 4. Football group
 7. Life saving technique
 10. Music for the spirit?
 12. Historical period
 13. Stat start
 14. Cream in the middle cookie
 15. Sonic ____
 16. Alicia Keys hit
 17. Sweet sounding stream
 20. Full-blown
 21. Ancient Palestinian
 24. Antique auto
 25. Flying prefix
 27. Org. with a Most Wanted List
 28. Family head
 29. Act ineffectively
 32. Life story
 34. It comes with a charge
 35. Wire service (abbr.)
 36. Chess great
 41. "Wheel of Fortune" request
 42. Raised railroads
 43. French water
 44. Payroll processing company
 47. Cosa ____
 49. "Survivor" teams
 51. Financial condition
- Down**
1. Weather map feature
 2. Mental outlook
 3. Colorado city
 4. Light gas
 5. Jumper
 6. Sweetie
 7. Emotional
 8. Write
 9. Seafood delicacy
 11. Gray wolf
 13. Outback hoppers
 15. "They can't do that or it will come back to ____," abbr.
 16. Emphatic denial
 18. Hog roast
 19. First name in country
- 22. Health-giving juice**
- 23. Eliminate**
- 26. _____ a baseball term**
- 27. Barrier**
- 29. Dylan or Marley**
- 30. Alamos forerunner**
- 31. Pronoun**
- 32. "Pro" follower**
- 33. Bird related to the waders**
- 36. Embargo**
- 37. ____ buena**
- 38. Dieter's target**
- 39. Down the ____!**
- 40. Mark's successor**
- 44. Away from the mouth**
- 45. Bust**
- 46. The human soul**
- 48. Oktoberfest band horn**
- 50. Waist measurement**
- 52. Between the ribs and hips**
- 53. A breeze**
- 54. Accusatory question**
- 55. Animation platform (abbr.)**
- 56. Kubrick's computer**



Solutions to last week's puzzles:



Answers to this week's Pop Quiz:

1) 6,371 kilometres; 2) Beyonce; 3) Yes (but no arteries or veins); 4) Just A Rather Very Intelligent System; 5) The Hudson

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percent is how much your error rate goes up when you multitask, and it takes twice as long to get things done.

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trillion US dollars is what NASA estimates is the value of minerals in the asteroid belt exceeds.

Source: Uberfacts

ISLAND VIEW



Nature trail behind Ton Sai Waterfall at Khao Phra Thaew, Thalang. Photo: John Gregory

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This week in history

Oct 9, 1983

Rangoon bombing: Attempted assassination of South Korean President Chun Doo-hwan during an official visit to Rangoon, Burma. Chun survives but the blast kills 17 of his entourage, including four Cabinet ministers, and injures 17 others. Four Burmese officials also die in the blast.



London Bridge, in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. Photo: Ken Lund

Oct 10, 1971

Originally constructed in London in 1831, London Bridge reopens in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, after being sold, dismantled and moved to the US.

Oct 11, 1975

The NBC sketch comedy/variety show Saturday Night Live debuts.

Oct 12, 1492

Christopher Columbus's expedition makes landfall in the Caribbean, specifically in The Bahamas. The explorer believes he has reached the Indies.

Oct 13, 409

Vandals and Alans cross the Pyrenees and appear in Hispania.

Oct 14, 1973

In the Thammasat student uprising in Bangkok, over 100,000 people protest against the Thanom military government, 77 are killed and 857 are injured by soldiers.

Oct 15, 1529

The Siege of Vienna ends as the Austrians rout the invading Turks, turning the tide against almost a century of unchecked conquest throughout eastern and central Europe by the Ottoman Empire.

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SUCCESS FOR ALL

Madcap weekend in the EPL

Villa rinse the Pool, United's Theatre of Screams

FOOTBALL

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The Premier League bills itself as the best professional football league in the world and it certainly delivered last weekend (Oct 3-4) with a series of outrageous games and results.

Saturday saw Everton continue their impressive form with a 4-0 victory over Brighton which not only took them to the top of the table but suggested they have the mettle to sustain a serious long-term threat.

Later that day, two of the most meticulous brains in the game locked horns as Marcelo Bielsa's Leeds hosted Pep Guardiola's Manchester City in a pulsating 1-1 draw, notable for the manner in which a fearless Leeds took their attacking game to their more illustrious opponents.

The real drama, however, unfolded 24 hours later as both Manchester United and Liverpool were on the receiving end of astonishing beat-



Aston Villa players celebrate a goal in their extraordinary 7-2 win against Liverpool last Sunday (Oct 4). Photo: AFP

ings that resembled something from a Playstation game.

THEATRE OF SCREAMS

Jose Mourinho returned to the club that sacked him in 2018 and led his former employers on a merry dance as his Tottenham side demolished Manchester United 6-1.

Old Trafford's Theatre of Dreams became the Theatre

of Screams as a humiliating nightmare unravelled for the home side. The only saving grace was the fact there were no fans present to witness it.

United were pitiful and contributed significantly to their own downfall. They were shambolic in defence where Harry Maguire and Eric Bailly looked like confused and disoriented uncles

on the dance floor at a family wedding as Spurs' attackers, like over-enthusiastic children, weaved and tormented with slick moves and fancy tricks.

Luke Shaw resembled an amateur who had won a competition to play for the day, a Sunday league pub footballer who was way out of his depth. Paul Pogba was anonymous, likewise Marcus

Rashford. Talisman Bruno Fernandes was substituted at half-time. Anthony Martial's petulance saw him receive a first-half red card.

In truth, the one man disadvantage was irrelevant as Spurs completely dominated with goals from Son Heung-min (2), Harry Kane (2), Tanguy Ndombele and Serge Aurier capping an extraordinary afternoon.

MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

The drama didn't end there though as Aston Villa obliterated reigning champions Liverpool 7-2 in the late game, one of the most dramatic and surprising scorelines in modern memory. All Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp could utter to his counterpart Dean Smith at full-time was "Wow!"

Liverpool's high line was continually exposed as Villa captain Jack Grealish revelled and loan-signing from Chelsea Ross Barkley excelled. It is no exaggeration to say Villa could have easily recorded double figures as they hit the woodwork and Adrian made a series of key

saves in the Liverpool goal.

Mohamed Salah scored twice for Liverpool but they were never in it as John McGinn, Barkley, a Grealish brace and a first-half hat-trick from summer-signing Ollie Watkins completed the rout and took them to second place in the table.

"We never dreamed of getting a result like this," Smith told *BBC Sport*.

To Klopp's credit, he was magnanimous in defeat and afforded Villa the plaudits their incredible performance warranted.

"You have to say that Villa did very well," the German said. "They were very physical, very smart and very direct, we were not. All the things you should not do in a football game, we did tonight.

"We put all our rubbish things and mistakes in one game and hopefully we can start again," he added.

It was, quite frankly, an unworldly day of action that left observers scratching their heads in disbelief at what unfolded. Long may it continue.



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RISING STAR

Loma takes UFC record to 2-1

MMA

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Thailand's Loma Lookboonmee emerged victorious in her strawweight division bout with Jinh Yu Frey at the UFC Fight Night: Holm vs Aldana card in Abu Dhabi last Sunday (Oct 4).

Loma, the Kingdom's first and only Thai fighter in mixed martial arts' (MMA) premier promotion who trains out of Phuket's Tiger Muay Thai & MMA Training Camp, won courtesy of a unanimous points decision against the American veteran.

"I'm just a small girl from Thailand," Loma said post-fight, as she advanced her record to 2-1 since signing with the UFC last year.

"I expected Jinh to be a very good fighter and I prepared for her

to bring her my best. I expected her to wrestle. Now I just want to keep fighting and keep improving."

"The UFC is absolutely amazing. I am so grateful to compete and make money for my family in a global pandemic and I can't thank the UFC enough for the opportunity they have given me," Loma added.

Loma demonstrated her Muay Thai pedigree by quickly taking control of the clinch and landing a series of elbow and knee strikes to her opponent who endured a cut under her right eye in the first round.

The only real time she was threatened was when Frey managed a takedown in the third-round but Loma was able to scramble free and resume her attack.

The judges scored the bout 30-27, 30-27, 29-29 to Loma who managed to land 60% of the significant strikes thrown throughout the contest ac-

ording to UFC stats with 80 of them finding their mark as opposed to just 26 from Frey in return.

The match-up was made even sweeter given the fact that Frey, a Korean-American who grew up in the United States, was the Atomweight champion of Invicta FC – an all-women's MMA promotion – when Loma first entered that promotion nearly three years ago. Both women competed for Invicta FC prior to signing to the UFC, and even back then, Loma knew she would have to fight Frey.

"When I signed with Invicta, I went to see who the champion in my division was, and I saw her. So I knew someday we would have to fight," she said pre-fight.

Sunday was Loma's third test in the UFC cage, after winning a decision in her debut last October against Aleksandra Albu, and dropping a



Loma Lookboonmee, seen here training at Phuket's Tiger Muay Thai & MMA gym, is the first Thai fighter in the UFC. Photo: Hip Santayanan

decision loss to veteran Angela Hill in February. With Loma's striking pedigree, winning Muay Thai titles both domestically and on the international level, her team – led by Tiger Muay Thai's MMA Head Coach George Hickman – has been doing everything they can to propel Loma's ground game.

The COVID-19 pandemic had affected her training, with a slight decrease in the number of training

partners due to the international travel ban in Thailand. But Loma says it has actually been a blessing in disguise, in more ways than one.

"It's really great having a close-knit camp, because it's helping with my language skills. It's less people so I'm learning more English. But I really do like the busy gym with people coming from all over the world, it's a great opportunity to learn so much," Loma said.

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