



LONG-LOST STATUES. Cambodian dancers perform during a Buddhist ceremony to pray before searching for missing Buddha statues in the Tonle Sap river at Kean Khleang village in Kampong Chhnang province, northwest of Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Some 500 Cambodians, led by several Buddhist monks, held a rare ceremony to appease the spirits of water and earth to help them recover missing Buddha statues that disappeared from their community more than 500 years ago and are believed to be hidden under the Tonle Sap river. (AP Photo/Heng Sinith)

Cambodians ask spirits to help recover statues from river

KEAN KHLEANG, Cambodia (AP) — People in a Cambodian village have held a ceremony asking spirits to help recover Buddhist statues that their ancestral tales say were buried in a nearby river.

Buddhist monks joined some 500 locals at a ceremony by the Tonle Sap river, where divers recently recovered eight small statues of Buddha and claim to have spotted another that is about two yards tall. They asked the spirits of water and earth to help them raise any statues still buried as much as 66 feet underwater.

Ceremony organizers say stories passed down by villagers' ancestors tell of the statues being buried in the river hundreds of years ago to hide them from marauders from other areas or neighboring Siam, now called Thailand.

Nepal says Indian couple faked Everest climb

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Nepal mountaineering authorities have determined that an Indian couple faked a Mount Everest ascent earlier this year by altering photographs to make it appear they were on the summit, according to officials.

Mountaineering Department official Gyanendra Shrestha said the government has cancelled the climbing certificates issued to Indian citizens Dinesh and Tarakeshwari Rathod and banned them from climbing any mountain in the Himalayan nation for 10 years.

The two claimed to have scaled the 8,850-meter (29,035-foot) peak in May and the government issued them climbing certificates based on the photographs. Their declaration was disputed by fellow climbers, so an investigation was launched.

Another Indian climber, Satyarup Sidhantha from Bangalore, said it was his photograph that the couple altered to make it appear they were on the summit.

The couple, who are both police officers from Pune in the Indian state of Maharashtra, also claimed they were the first Indian couple to scale Everest.

This year, 454 people scaled Everest during the busy March through May climbing season, following two years of disasters on the mountain.

The 2015 season was scrapped after 19 climbers were killed and 61 injured by an avalanche at the base camp triggered by a massive earthquake. In 2014, an avalanche at the Khumbu Icefall killed 16 Sherpa guides.

Survey says too many new smartphone models released each year

By Youkyung Lee
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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Consumers think smartphone makers are releasing too many new models each year, a survey shows.

The survey, conducted in six countries, was commissioned by the environmental group Greenpeace and showed that more than half of those who responded would prefer to change their phones less frequently.

Handset devices are one of the most frequently replaced electronics products. The top cellphone companies, Samsung and Apple, launch new flagship phone models at least once every year, showing off the latest display and mobile-processor technologies. Phone makers typically upgrade their cheaper lineups as well.

“Over half of respondents across the countries surveyed agree that manufacturers are releasing too many new models, many designed to only last a few years,” said Chih An Lee, global IT campaigner at Greenpeace East Asia. “In fact, most users actually want their phones to be more easily dismantled, repaired, and recycled.”

The survey revealed some differences in attitude toward phone repairs across countries. Chinese and South

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For 10 years, possibly biggest pearl was hidden under bed

By Teresa Cerojano
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MANILA, The Philippines — A Filipino fisherman in western Palawan island has found possibly the world's biggest pearl, but he didn't know it.

For 10 years, the 75-pound pearl was hidden in a bag under a bed. The fisherman's family would rub it with their hands before going out to sea in the belief it would bring them luck, said relative Aileen Amurao.

Amurao, who is also Puerto Princesa city's tourism officer, said the man gave her the pearl in July for safekeeping because he was moving to a new place.

The pearl was sitting on a bench in her home for weeks until she found time to check the internet, and she was shocked to learn that it could be the world's biggest at 2.2 feet long and one foot wide.

The fisherman, his father, and brothers found the irregular-shaped pearl inside a giant clam that stuck to their boat's anchor when they sought refuge from a squall on a reef, Amurao said.

The fisherman did not want to be identified, she said.

She said that she, the fisherman, and his family decided to turn over the pearl to the city mayor, who had it displayed in a glass case in Puerto Princesa's city hall to attract tourists. The fisherman will receive a still-unspecified reward from the local government, Amurao said, adding that he never intended to sell it.

Experts from the University of the Philippines have expressed interest in inspecting the pearl.

It would not be the first time giant pearls have been found off Palawan.



FISHERMAN'S FIND. A giant pearl measuring 2.2 feet long and one foot wide, and weighing 75 pounds, is displayed in the lobby of Puerto Princesa City Hall in Puerto Princesa city, in Palawan province, the Philippines. A Filipino fisherman in western Palawan island found possibly the world's biggest pearl, but he didn't know it. For 10 years, the pearl was hidden in a bag under a bed. (Herald Hugo/PPTO, via AP)

A 20-pound pearl, called the “Pearl of the King,” was found in Palawan in 1939, and is on display in a hotel at the central island resort of Boracay. Local media have reported that fishermen have recovered other huge pearls in the province, including one reportedly weighing 54 pounds.

The Guinness World Records lists a 718.50 carat baroque abalone pearl as the biggest of its kind, measuring 5.5 inches in length, 3.1 inches wide, and 1.6 inches thick.



PHONY FEAT. Indian climber Satyarup Sidhantha holds in his right hand a photograph that shows him on Mount Everest, along with what he says is an altered version of the same photo used by an Indian couple to make it appear they were on the summit. Nepal mountaineering authorities have determined the couple faked their Mount Everest ascent. (AP Photo/Bikas Das, File)

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