

Phuket Gazette

Volume 15 Issue 8 News Desk - Tel: 076-236555

February 23 - 29, 2008

Daily news at www.phuketgazette.net

25 Baht

The Gazette is published
in association with

The Nation

IN THIS ISSUE

NEWS: Yachts get tracked; Sea Gypsies ask for help; Boat blows up; PIA gets more taxis. **Pages 2 & 3**

INSIDE STORY: Smoking laws leave puffers perplexed. **Pages 4 & 5**

AROUND THE NATION: Tourism minister gets straight to work. **Page 7**

AROUND THE REGION: Looking back at forgotten times in Krabi. **Page 8**

AROUND THE SOUTH: Girl killed after hitman's suspected blunder. **Page 9**

PEOPLE: Phuket's running man stops briefly for an interview. **Pages 14 & 15**

LIFESTYLE: Get your rocks off; Finally someone sees sense. **Pages 18 & 19**

SPORTS: Cricket update; YFH league; Prime Minister Cup; Dive cleanup; Two holes in one; Patong dart league. **Pages 34 & 35**

PROPERTY: Construction: Back to school; Home of the Week: Family fun; Property Watch: The market comes of age; Gardening: Bert loves lettuce. **Pages 37-42**

PLUS

AROUND THE ISLAND 10; GOOD LIVING 12; HAPPENINGS 16; AMBROSIA 17; MOTORING 20; WHAT'S ON 21; TAKE A BREAK 23 & 24; LOOKING BACK 26; PATTAYA, HOROSCOPES 27; EDITORIAL, LETTERS 28; FIRST PERSON, ISSUES & ANSWERS 29; BOOKS, WORD COURT 30; PUSHING BUTTONS 31; BUSINESS AND MONEY 32 & 33; CLASSIFIEDS 43-55.

American fugitive nabbed in Rawai

By Natcha Yuttaworawit

PHUKET (*Gazette, Nation, Kom Chad Luek*): A man wanted for child molestation by police in the US state of Missouri was arrested on the afternoon of February 12 and has been turned over to the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for extradition.

During questioning, the suspect, Earl Russel Bonds, tried to kill himself by cutting his left wrist with scissors, but police seized the scissors from him in time.

Bonds, 42, was handed to FBI agents at Phuket International Airport on February 13 and flown to Bangkok to await an extradition order to the US.

Bonds was with his Thai boyfriend when officers from Phuket Tourist Police and Phuket Immigration Police arrested him at a rented house on Soi Yanui in Rawai about 2 pm on February 12.

Police said Bonds entered Thailand August 30 last year and worked as an English teacher. He later worked as a freelance columnist for an overseas publication.

Bonds did not resist arrest and admitted he was the person on an FBI wanted list, but refused to answer further questions, police said.

Police said Bonds asked for tranquillizer pills during his brief detention at the Phuket Immigration Office before FBI agents picked him up. He grabbed the scissors and cut his left wrist when a police officer on guard turned away to get him water for the pills.

A native of St Louis, Missouri, Bonds has been charged in the US with four counts of molesting an 11-year-old boy in 2003. He was charged in 2004 and fled after posting US\$10,000 bail, according to the popular St Louis



Bonds in custody at the Phuket Immigration Office, where he tried to take his life by slashing his wrists with a pair of scissors. Photo by Yongyot Preuksarak.

Most Wanted television show aired by the local Fox Television affiliate in that city.

Phuket Immigration Police Superintendent Pol Col Chantapol Yongbunjerd told the *Gazette* he first received a report from Immigration headquarters in Bangkok that Bonds might have been hiding out somewhere on the island.

The initial investigation did not get far due to a lack of details and the fact that Bonds was listed as an African-American, which led investigators to expect him to have a much darker complexion than he actually does, Col Chantapol said.

Immigration Police had visited his home once earlier, but did not arrest him because they thought he did not match the FBI's written description.

Further investigation with the help of the Tourist Police led finally to the arrest, Col Chantapol said.

Bonds had been issued a work permit by the Phuket Employment Service Office as an

employee of STN Company Ltd, which described itself as a "business management and development services company".

Police failed to locate Bonds at the address on the work permit, but subsequent investigation revealed that he had changed jobs and begun working as an English-language teacher and freelance writer, Col Chantapol said.

At the time of arrest, Bonds had overstayed his permit-to-stay issued by Immigration, he added.

Bonds last year applied for work as a travel writer with the *Gazette* under the name Chris Bonds and supplied as a writing sample a Web link to a fiction story that won him first prize in a local writing competition held by The Boathouse in Kata.

The story is a first-person account of a child who is subject to sexual abuse at the hands of his own father.

In a strange irony that hints at the cycle of such abuse, the story is entitled *Escape From Home*.

Heritage plan for Andaman Sea

BANGKOK (*Nation*): The Natural Resources and Environment Ministry plans to propose the Andaman Sea as a Unesco World Heritage site next year, a senior official said on February 18.

National Park, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department Director-General Chalerm Sak Vanichsombat said his office had assigned Dr Sakanan Plathong, a lecturer on Marine Ecology at Prince of Songkhla University, and Chulalongkorn University experts to make a report of Andaman marine conservation areas.

The initial report should be completed within six months, while the world heritage site proposal will be made in 2009, he said.

The director of the National Park Research Division, Songtham Suksawang, said he had invited academics, marine experts and public representatives to discuss details of the plan.

The Andaman Sea has the potential to be listed thanks to the biodiversity of its marine parks and the Moken (indigenous sea gypsy) culture. It covers 18 national marine parks, including the Phi Phi Islands, he said.

K. Sakanan said the Andaman was an outstanding candidate due to its natural resources, especially Phang Nga Bay's limestone cliffs and rare marine species such as dugong, leather-back sea turtles and the worm-hunting cone snail known as Beech Cone (*Conus betulinus*).

The Fine Arts Department had also found some 500 pre-historic paintings in the Andaman region, he added.

His team would conclude and analyze the site's potential and formulate management plans within 12 months, he said.



Stylish Thai Cuisine

THE PLAZA SURIN TEL. 076 271702

SILK
restaurant bar

Sea gypsies petition Governor over violence

By Janyaporn Morel

PHUKET: Villagers from the Rawai sea gypsy community have petitioned Phuket Governor Niran Kalayanamit, saying that their safety continues to be threatened by the bullying tactics of some tourism business operators.

On February 14, 10 sea gypsies led by Niran Yangpan submitted a formal letter of complaint addressed to Governor Niran and the Damrongtham Center at Phuket Provincial Hall, which serves as the provincial ombudsman's office.

The letter stated that on February 11 three tourists hired Rawai sea gypsy Pian Sae-ngor to take them to Koh Hei by longtail boat.

While the tourists were ashore and K. Pian was moored waiting for them to return, three other longtail boat operators approached him and forcibly removed the engine from his vessel, warning him never to return to the island, the letter read.

The engine was later returned when some witnesses to the incident intervened and negotiated a compromise, K. Niran Yangpan told the *Gazette*.

The Damrongtham Center arranged for the sea gypsies to meet with Phuket Vice-Governor Smith Palawatvichai February 19.

V/Gov Smith called on Aroon Solos, president of Rawai Municipality, to help the sea gypsies.

K. Aroon said that the problem was the result of a misunderstanding.

"The other boat operators who transfer tourists in the Rawai area are unaware that the sea gypsies are allowed to do the same business as them," he said.

A meeting between both sides is now needed, said K. Aroon, adding that he will organize the meeting. A date for the meeting has yet to be set.

SIPA called in to track visiting yachts

By Janyaporn Morel

PHUKET CITY: In the name of better security, the Phuket office of the Software Industry Promotion Agency (SIPA) has been given until the end of April to develop a device that allows Thai authorities to track yachts visiting Thai waters.

The proposal was announced on February 14 at a meeting of a special committee formed to review security, Customs and Immigration procedures at the "one-stop service center" at Chalong Pier for people arriving to Phuket on yachts.

Leading the meeting, Phuket Vice-Governor Worapoj Ratthasima explained that as the Thai authorities physically cannot inspect

every yacht that arrives – about 20 yachts a day during the high season – the device would help patrol boats keep tabs on vessels in local waters.

The device would be issued when the yacht is checked into Phuket and returned when the yacht is checked out of the country, he said.

Every yacht arriving or departing Phuket must register at the Chalong center, where the Customs, Immigration and Marine Office (formerly called the Harbor Master's Office) paperwork can be completed.

"After the yacht and its passengers have been registered [as arriving], they can berth or moor at any marina around the island," explained Phuket Marine Office 5 Chief Olarn

Hengcharoen.

SIPA was also charged with devising an IT system that cross-linked Customs, Immigration and Marine Office databases.

V/Gov Worapoj proposed that Chalong OrBorTor and the OrBorJor provide officers to help smooth the registration process.

The registration procedure at the one-stop service at Chalong pier is complicated, with tourist arrivals filling in many forms, often causing problems, especially for non-English speakers, said V/Gov Worapoj.

However, V/Gov worapoj added, "The current system can't track those yachts, and officers on patrol boats can't check when boarding a vessel out on the water whether or not a yacht had been registered.

Brits charged over fake ATM-card withdrawals

By Sangkhae Leelanapaporn

PHUKET CITY: A father, mother and son from the UK have been charged with using fake electronic cards to withdraw more than 100,000 baht from ATMs while on holiday in Phuket.

Capt Supachai Petchkul of Phuket City Police Station today told the *Gazette* that police received an anonymous phone call at 1:40 am yesterday reporting that two foreign men were behaving strangely in front of the Kasikorn Bank branch on Chana-chaeron Rd, near the Robinson department store.

Police arrived to find Mark Hubert Veerasawmy, 44, and his son Sonny, 19, withdrawing cash from the bank's ATM. Both were wearing white masks that covered the nose and mouth, Capt Supachai said.

The pair were found in possession of 15 withdraw slips, 10,000 baht cash and 35 fake ATM cards with a magnetic strip on one side and a two-digit number and a four-digit number handwritten on the other side, he said.

"We took them to the police station, but we forgot to take their phone, which they used to call Jennifer Anne Chapman, 31,



Mark Hubert Veerasawmy, 44, and his son Sonny, 19, were found in possession of 15 withdraw slips, 10,000 baht cash and 35 fake ATM cards.

Photo by Yongyot Preurksarak.

from England," Capt Supachai explained.

After questioning the father and son, police moved to the Mukda hotel in the Phun Pol area of Phuket City to search the two rooms the family was staying in.

"We found his wife and baby girl in front of the hotel. We searched their rooms and found more than 100,000 baht in bundles," Capt Supachai said.

He alleged that the phone

call gave Ms Chapman the chance to dispose of the machine used to encode the fake cards.

"A taxi driver told police that [before police arrived] he saw Ms Chapman walking with a black bag, but she returned to the hotel without it," Capt Supachai said.

The three were charged with cheating by using the fake electronic cards.

They are now being held at Phuket Provincial Court.

Foreigner charged after Patong death smash

PATONG: An Englishman has been charged with careless driving causing death after being involved in an accident at the southern end of Patong on February 17 in which a Thai motorcyclist died.

Lt Col Serm Kwannimit of Kathu Police today told the *Gazette* that Wayne Rooney, 38, was driving a pickup truck from Patong to Karon and had just turned from Prachanukhro Rd onto Sirirat Rd at 3:20 pm, when the accident occurred.

Col Serm arrived at the scene to find Rooney waiting beside his vehicle by the side of the road.

Motorcycle driver Wittaya Promboonta, 34, was lying dead at the scene.

The victim had been employed as a cook at the Bauman-buri Resort and Spa on Rat-U-Thit 200 Pi Rd in Patong.

K. Wittaya suffered a serious head injury; it was not reported whether he was wearing a helmet when the accident occurred.

"Rooney posted 200,000-baht bail," Col Serm said.

"He had been drinking [alcohol]," Col Serm said, adding that more charges may be filed.

The Artist Studio Gallery
Home of the world's largest stock of original and reproduction art on canvas

Established in Thailand for more than 20 years. **3,000 paintings currently in stock**
45 in-house artists. Portraits to order from your own photos. **Prices start from \$100**

Main Gallery: Opposite Jungceylon, 198/13 Rat U-Thit 200 Roi Pee Road, Patong
Branch 2: Next to The Andaman Bazaar, 186/18-19 Thawewong Rd, Patong
Branch 3: 1/9-10 Sawatdiraksa Rd (Loma), Patong
Email: sumpoaw41@yahoo.co.uk

Tel: 076-345 239, 076-344 816 Mobile: 081-535 2500 (Open daily 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.) www.artiststudio-gallery.com

Take a Leap Forward!

Don't wait four years to review your financial health. You need medical insurance cover for you and your family, right now.

Choose one of our comprehensive, cost-effective healthcare plans, and you're all covered 366 days, 24/7...worldwide.

Call our Premier Hotline now: 02 654 1170
Or go to our website www.lawtonasia.com and get an instant online quote.

Underwritten by **GENERALI WORLDWIDE** **LAWTONASIA** Insurance Brokers

O'Malley's
Irish Bar & Café

NEW MANAGEMENT & NEW MENU!
Enjoy a modern Irish bar with Traditional Irish hospitality
APOLLO'S SPORTS BAR (UPSTAIRS)

Free WiFi spot

& FREE POOL QUIZ NIGHT (WEDNESDAY 8 PM)
Montree Road, Phuket Town
Near, Seng Ho Book Store

German death-plunge treated as 'suicide'

By Sompratch Saowakhon

PATONG: In what police are treating as a case of suicide, a German man fell to his death from the 20th floor of the Royal Paradise Hotel on the morning of February 17.

Kathu Police Superintendent Col Grissak Songmoonmark identified the man as Alexander Staubl, 35.

Police received a report of the death from hotel staff about 11 am.

Mr Staubl's body was found dressed in gray shorts and a blue T-shirt about 15 meters from the swimming pool on the hotel's third floor.

He had suffered massive head trauma and is believed to have died instantly.

"He lived in Kata-Karon for a long time and was a partner in a dive company in Karon. We assume he decided to take his own life by jumping. We found no signs

of struggle or indications of foul play in his room," Col Grissak said.

Mr Staubl left a suicide note apologizing and indicating that he intended to take his own life, Col Grissak added.

Royal Paradise Hotel receptionist Yupawadee Thavornanumart, who booked room 2003 for Mr Staubl at about 10:15 pm on February 16, said that she recommended Mr Stauble take a 10th floor room at a cheaper rate, but that he had insisted on having the highest room available at the hotel.

"He told me that he had lived in Thailand for about nine years. He looked friendly and laughed as we spoke.

"I noticed that he checked in with just one very small bag, only big enough to hold a few items of clothing.

"He said he didn't need assistance and went up to his room on his own," she said.

One-Two-Go probe passed on

BANGKOK (TNA): A Thai-based committee responsible for investigating the cause of One-Two-Go Flight OG269 air crash on September 16 will now begin working, after the US government's National Transport Safety Board (NTSB) said it was unable to find causes of the crash because so much of the ill-fated plane was badly burned, a senior Transport Ministry official said.

The NTSB had earlier requested the department to help determine the cause of the accident involving the One-Two-Go aircraft crash at Phuket International Airport.

An investigation subcommittee headed by K. Wuthichai has now taken over the probe.

The cause of the accident would be known soon because the "black box" containing vital flight data up until the time of the accident is in the possession of the department, he added.

ABBYSSAN YOGA & WELLNESS CENTER
Experience firsthand the life enriching benefits of authentic yoga. Discover authentic yoga exercises that strengthen, tone and relax your body. Learn the "Now" Life Mastery technique to release your worries of the past and future, calm your mind, uplift your spirit and feed your soul.

For free trial, call us at **08-3107-0277** to find out more
*Condition apply

KID'S YOGA
AVAILABLE NOW AT
ABBYSSAN YOGA & WELLNESS CENTER

www.abbyssan.com
Email: info@abbyssan.com, drabhishekbnys@yahoo.co.th

For Booking and further information visit us @
ABBYSSAN YOGA & WELLNESS CENTER CO., LTD
Bangzoo Place 123/22-23 Moo 5, Sraochoom Road, Chonglaly, Thalang, Phuket 83110, Thailand. Tel. 08-3107-0277

More metered taxis to serve Phuket Airport

By Janyaporn Morel

PHUKET: A committee of tourism and transport officials on February 14 agreed to allow Phuket Taxi Meter Service to operate 23 more metered taxis out of Phuket International Airport (PIA), while a request by Phuket Mai Khao Company to operate 20 metered taxis was tentatively approved.

Chaired by Phuket Vice-Governor Tri Augkaradacha, the committee gave permission for Phuket Taxi Meter Service, which has been operating 42 metered taxis at PIA, to use 65 vehicles. Phuket Taxi Meter Ser-

vice had applied to operate 46 more metered taxis at the airport.

Phuket Mai Khao Co had its request for permission to operate 20 metered taxis tentatively approved, awaiting confirmation that the company's concession from Airports of Thailand (AOT) has been signed by the AOT board.

On January 17, Phuket Mai Khao Co signed an agreement to allow the company to operate 20 limousine taxis and 60 vans at PIA. Sent to Bangkok to be signed by the AOT board, the contract has yet to be returned approved.

Phuket Mai Khao Co must

present the contract signed by the AOT board before permission to operate more vehicles can be granted, said V/Gov Tri.

The conclusions of the committee must now be approved by Phuket Gov Niran Kalayanamit.

Although it does not have a concession from AOT, the Taxi Meter Association requested to operate 30 metered taxis. The request was rejected.

The Taxi Meter Association is subcontracted by Phuket Taxi Meter Service to supply vehicles and drivers to provide Phuket Taxi Meter Service's airport taxi service.

Boat explodes, sinks at Boat Lagoon

KOH KAEW: Two Thai men are being treated for serious burns in the intensive-care unit (ICU) at Vachira Phuket Hospital after the speedboat they were working on exploded at the Boat Lagoon about 11:30 am on February 14.

Eyewitness Pisek Manasit said that the gas tank on board the 35-foot fiberglass speedboat *Sakila 6* caught fire and exploded.

The men on board *Sakila 6*, Capt Amnart Suansan, 27, and



Elixir 1 ablaze at Boat Lagoon.

Nopparit Mahakarn, 19, managed to run ashore and were rushed to Vachira Hospital.

The fire spread to another

35-foot fiberglass speedboat moored alongside, the *Elixir 1*.

Six fire trucks arrived to put out the blaze, but were unable to contain the intense flames before they gutted the *Elixir 1* and eventually sank the *Sakila 6*.

K. Pisek said that the owner of *Sakila 6* is Nat Wongharn and that the boat was valued at about 2.3 million baht.

Elixir 1 is owned by a hotel on Koh Yao Yai, he said, adding that the boat was also valued at 2.3 million baht.

โรงพยาบาลภูเก็ต Phuket International Hospital

คลินิกฝังเข็ม Acupuncture Clinic

Migraine
Allergy
Bronchial Asthma
Numbness
Sleeplessness
Bell's palsy

Clinic Hours
Monday to Friday
09.00 am. - 4.00pm.

Caring People. Curing People

076 249 400 E-mail: info@phuket-inter-hospital.co.th

Thailand's BIGGEST Dive Store

All4Diving

www.all4diving.com

All For Diving 5/4 Sawatdirak Road Patong Beach Phuket 076 344611



SMOKING BAN:

Thailand's strict new anti-smoking regulation follows similar measures already in place abroad. Several US states, including Florida and California, have had bans in place since 2003, while both France and Germany put similar laws in place last month.

Since it was announced as a Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) notice posted on the ministry's website, the new measure has been a hot topic in the media. However, many business operators complain that this is their only source of information and that they have yet to receive any official notice of the new regulations from the government.

Phuket Provincial Health Office Director Dr Paisan Worrasathit told the *Gazette* his office is now launching an effort to let owners of bars, pubs, restaurant and markets in Phuket know what the new regulation will entail.

"We need their support in implementing the necessary changes and understanding that the regulations are meant to protect people's health," he said.

Fines for violators are still a long way off, he admitted, as the the PPHO had not yet discussed with the Phuket Provincial Police how the measures will be enforced.

"We haven't started it yet, so I don't want to unduly alarm all of Phuket's bar and pub owners," he said.

Prapa Nakara, chief of the PPHO's anti-smoking unit, told the *Gazette* that from May 31, venue operators caught with guests smoking illegally on their premises will be fined 20,000 baht for each offence; the smokers themselves will be fined 2,000 baht.

Thailand's Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) recently issued a notice announcing that, effective from February 11, smoking is banned in all air-conditioned public places and restricted to specific areas in all outdoor public venues, including wet markets.

Expecting a backlash, the MoPH says it will conduct a high-profile public relations campaign until the end of May – after which time smokers and venue operators will face stiff fines for failure to comply.

The *Gazette's* Sompratch Saowakhon reports.

"In Phuket, we want to warn smokers and venue owners about the new law first, so we will conduct a public awareness campaign before enforcing it," she said.

Recently returned from a seminar on the issue in Surat Thani, K. Prapa explained that while all air-conditioned public places and even privately-run workplaces will have to be 100% smoke-free, non-air-conditioned public places could still have designated smoking areas.

These areas have to be set up following three rules, she explained.

First, the smoking area should not be in an area where the smoke could annoy non-smoking guests; second, it is forbidden to establish smoking areas at entrances or exit points; finally,

the smoking area should be somewhere that is not within easy view of non-smoking guests or clients coming to use an establishment's services.

Markets, including any commercial places of business where goods or services are on display or traded, must also ban smoking, but smoking zones can be set aside, she said.

A large part of the public awareness campaign will be the distribution of large no-smoking stickers (see photo) for business operators to display in areas where visiting customers will notice them, she said.

Most nightclub operators the *Gazette* spoke to said that as a nightlife entertainment destination, Phuket stands to be greatly affected by the new measures, which could drive away tourists



Phuket Language School Enroll NOW!

- On-Site Corporate & Hotel Training
- Personal Language Training
- TEFL Certification

www.TEFLPhuket.com

Patong • Kamala • Phuket Town

www.Kamala-School.com Mobile: 085-787-2026
Kamala 076-278-004 Patong 076-296-372

Thailand Tattler Best Restaurant Award 2004 - 2007

W watermark
bar - restaurant

Phuket's most popular
Happy hour

every Friday 5 - 7pm

- 25% off Wine by glass
- 50 THB Beer
- 2 for 1 Cocktails

Phuket Boat Lagoon Marina - Entrance opposite British School Rd
Thepkasattri Rd Koh Koew, 10 mins from Phuket City.
10am - late 7 days resv: 076 239 730 - info@watermarkphuket.com
www.watermarkphuket.com

True Value
NEW PHUKET STORE
NOW OPEN
2nd floor, Sunnab Building

Discover the value of your life
ค้นพบคุณค่า...ในตัวเอง

F.I.Y. For It Yourself B.I.Y. Buy It Yourself C.I.Y. Clean It Yourself
BBQ.I.Y. BBQ It Yourself G.I.Y. Grow It Yourself W.I.Y. Wash It Yourself

Open daily from 09:00-18:00
True Value New Phuket Store is on the 2nd floor,
Sunnab Building, Thepkasattri Road
พฤษภาคม สาขาใหม่ภูเก็ต เปิดบริการวันจันทร์ ถึง วันอาทิตย์ เวลา 09:00-18:00 น.

True Value True Value New Phuket Store
Tel: 076-238 891

Florentino
Italian Restaurant
Authentic Italian Cuisine

Home made Bread, Pasta, & Pizza cooked
In a Traditional Wood Fired Oven
Italian Chef & Owner

Opened daily
from: 11.00 am To 11.00 pm For Reservations Please call: 076-289883

Royal Seaview Condominium
Florentino
Car park
Coffee Room
Main Road
Sunnab Building
Phuket Beach
2 km

Pure puff? Or common sense?

if the rules are enforced.

Somphet Moosopon, Chairman of the Patong Entertainment Association and managing director of dclub discoteque on Soi Crocodile in Patong, said he had yet to receive any information from the government about the new regulation.

His association has no intention of organizing a public protest, as it did against the announcement of a 1 am closing time for bars back in 2004, and that he would await a government announcement before deciding how to react, he said.

K. Somphet said he wished that nightlife operators could have been allowed more input into the new regulation, the announcement of which took many people by complete surprise.

While agreeing that the government was right to try and get people to stop smoking, K. Somphet said he wished the MoPH would allow air-conditioned venues like his own to establish smoking areas inside.

"This will initially have a large effect on our businesses and we may lose customers, but it could be a good thing in the long term. In any case, it has already been approved, so there is nothing much we can do to change it now," he said.

"I still worry about enforcement by police or any other agency made responsible for compliance. I don't think they are as serious about this issue as the people who put it in place," he noted.

Noting that new laws and public-awareness campaigns aimed at reducing drunk driving or getting motorcycle drivers to wear helmets had achieved little, he said the new anti-smoking measures could likewise fail if



Revellers at the popular KorTorMor nightclub in Phuket City party on despite the smoky atmosphere.

some areas and not others?" I think the whole thing will create a lot of questions," he said.

Gen Decha described the regulation as impractical for a tourist destination like Phuket, where so many

people visit but aren't aware of local regulations.

When the *Gazette* contacted Gen Decha again on February 19, he said he still had not received any orders from Royal Thai Police Headquarters regarding the new regulation or how it should be enforced.

"This notice was issued by the Ministry of Public Health, so it is their responsibility [to contact the Royal Thai Police Command]. We have never had any meetings on this issue, so the police don't know anything about it yet."

Most club operators the *Gazette* spoke to seemed happy to wait until receiving some official notice from the government before taking any action.

Sutthichai Sueyang, manager of the Timber Hut Pub and Restaurant in Phuket City, said he had not yet heard anything from

any government agency about the need to stop his patrons from smoking inside the club.

As the entire club is air-conditioned, any enforcement of the regulation would have a large impact on the club, said K. Sutthichai, who has been with Timber Hut for more than 10 years.

Like operators of many air-conditioned clubs, he said he hoped the authorities would compromise and let them establish a smoking area inside the club, he added.

While the new regulation is being greeted with doom and gloom by smokers, many non-smokers think it is long overdue.

Phuket native Aoranoot Yutitham, a 33-year-old non-smoker, said, "I think it good and fair for non-smokers. Sometime when I go to open-air restaurants I have to put up with the smell of cigarette smoke from nearby tables as I am trying to enjoy my dinner," she said.

"I have heard that in countries like the US, smoking has been banned in bars and restaurants, so people have to go outside to light up. We shouldn't forget that the non-smokers outnumber smokers by more than two-to-one, so we should have regulations that protect the rights and health of the vast majority."

While many smokers the *Gazette* spoke with thought that banning smoking outdoors was taking it too far, many agreed that smoking should be banned in air-conditioned restaurants and pubs.

One such smoker, a 26-year-old American man, said, "I smoke, but I think it is a good thing. You can still smoke in outdoor bars – and indoor clubs won't be boxes filled with smoke anymore."

they are not consistently and fairly enforced.

With this in mind, he said he hoped that the government would keep Phuket's special status as a premier tourism destination in mind – hinting that in this case, a lack of enforcement might not be such a bad thing.

"Perhaps it would be better if the government put more focus on serious issues, such as drug abuse or organized crime," he commented.

On the issue of enforcement, Phuket Provincial Police Commander Gen Decha Budnampetch told a meeting of the Phuket Provincial Security Committee at the Katina Hotel on January 30 that he would like to see a special non-police unit put in charge of enforcing the new rule.

He said the effect of the new regulation would be "huge"

in Phuket and that it could overwhelm already overworked law enforcement officials.

"It may sound easy to simply go in and fine people who are smoking in prohibited areas, but this is going to be very difficult, especially explaining it to tourists," he said.

"There are far more people addicted to smoking than there are criminals and I think this will result in more people breaking the law than ever," he said.

The number of people who break the new smoking regulations might even exceed the number of traffic-law violators and be just as overwhelming for the island's limited law-enforcement resources, he said.

"I think every day people will report others smoking to the police and then start asking 'why don't you arrest them? Why don't you enforce this law in

The local office with a global network

Other professional services available: ■ Consultancy ■ Property Management ■ Villa Management ■ Valuation

Knight Frank
www.knightfrankphuket.com

Luxury Golf Course View Apartment & Villa



Blue Canyon Country Club, Resale "Lifestyle Living in Stunning Golf/Sea View" (Mai Khao) CODE RS0070

- Own an apartment in one of the world's most famous & exclusive golf clubs and resorts
- Freehold title is available & newly renovated
- Located only 10 minutes from airport
- 3-bedrooms duplex with spacious terrace
- Beautiful golf course views with partial sea views
- Long-short-term rental is available
- Life golf club membership included
- European style kitchen & open bar counter

Laguna Village Townhome "Beautiful Luxury Townhome New Phase" (Bang Tao Beach) CODE RS0155

- 4 bedrooms, 2-story townhouse with direct lagoon view
- 3 bathrooms with toilet and shower, master bedroom with shower and bath
- 228sqm living area & 459sqm land plot
- Stunning Laguna fairway and water hazard views
- Private pool, sala and pool deck
- Maid's quarter with en-suite bathroom
- Residences ideal for a family with affordable rents
- Laguna benefits & privileges included in the sale

Phuket office +66 (0) 7631 8151 info@knightfrankphuket.com



This week's Trashing Phuket comes from Sainamyen Rd in Patong. Locals with good intentions bag the garbage and leave it next to a bridge over Klong Pakbang, not far from Patong Hospital, which can be seen in the background.

However, although Patong Municipality offices are only down the adjoining road, it has yet to notice the consistent pile of trash and boost collection times to keep the area clear.

TRASHING Phuket

Swede dies after seizure at Kata

KATA: Swedish tourist Bernt Mikael Per Hakan, 49, died after being rescued from drowning at Kata beach about midday on February 14.

Mr Per Hakan was pulled from the water in front of the old Karon Municipal Building, at the southern end of Kata Beach, before being rushed to Patong Hospital by Karon Rescue Foundation volunteers.

En route, Mr Per Hakan went into shock. He was resuscitated and administered oxygen, but was later pronounced dead at Patong Hospital.

He is believed to have suffered a seizure while swimming, a hospital staffer told the *Gazette*.

"He was on holiday in Phuket with his wife, who collected his body about 2 pm on February 14. The embassy has already been notified," said Lt Col Chana Suthimas of Chalong Police Station.

150 couples take the plunge on V-Day

PHUKET: Many couples registered their marriages on Valentine's Day, with added incentive of the island's three District Offices offering gifts to newlyweds, including passes to Phuket FantaSea and dinners at restaurants on the island.

However, the figure was down compared with last year, when 202 couples wed on the international day of love.

As expected, florists had a field day selling roses, which fetched 100 baht each in Phuket City.

Primprao Jitpenthom, owner of Prim Flower on Yaowarat Rd, said students were paying top whack for the perfect bouquet.

"Our customers are mostly students and working-age people. In addition to flowers, we have other Valentine's Day gifts, including chocolates and

dolls. We have been really busy and have had many orders," she said.

Eighty-one couples registered their marriages at Muang District Office, compared with more than 100 couples last year. Among the newlyweds were several foreign couples, as well as Thais with foreign spouses. The youngest couple were a pair of love-struck 17-year-olds.

At Thalang District Office, 35 Thai couples took the plunge. The newlyweds ranged in age from 18 to 53 years old. The office refused to accept applications for divorce this year.

Thirty-four couples registered their marriages at Kathu District Office, including one pair of foreign lovers. The youngest lovebirds were a 17-year-old bride and her 19-year-old groom.

Queer News



+



=



Tanked-up tiger taming leads to trauma

AYUDHAYA: Taming big cats, whether they are lions or tigers, generally requires a long period of dedicated training – and no small amount of skill and courage.

After a drinking session recently, one man in Ayudaya Province persuaded his zoo-keeper friend to let him have a go at taming a large tiger – with sadly predictable results.

Prasert Yomprakong, originally from Surin Province, went to visit his friend who worked at Pang Chang Elephant Village in Ayudhaya on the afternoon of February 12.

The two old friends bought some liquor and sat drinking the afternoon away outside the village.

Thirty-eight year old Pra-

sert, his courage fortified by drink, soon began to express an interest in the village's tiger collection.

He begged his friend to let him accompany him into a tiger cage so he could see how the tigers were fed and looked after. He also wanted to practice controlling them, he said.

After some browbeating, Prasert's friend agreed and the pair headed off to the enclosure of a female cat named Pinky.

Pinky, however, was unimpressed by having a drunken man staggering around her cage trying to tame her, so when Prasert's back was turned, she pounced and gave him a severe mauling.

After being freed, Prasert was rushed to Phranakhon Sri

Ayutthaya Hospital to be treated. Dr Bantoon Bunmeesuk said that Prasert had to have stitches for severe lacerations in his cheek, neck and right thigh, but declared him out of danger.

He will be kept in hospital while the wounds heal so that doctors can keep a close watch for infection, Dr Bantoon added.

This is not the first time a visitor has been injured by a tiger at Bang Chang. Last year, a child was injured after taunting another tiger, imaginatively named "Tiger".

The manager of the park, Phaisan Ariwongsakul, said that he would pay for all of Prasert's medical expenses.

The manager did not say whether Pinky would be punished for her attack.

Source: Kom Chad Leuk

Dental Implant

Cosmetic Dentistry
Root Canal Treatment
(Microscopes)
Cerec 3 D
Metal-Free Restoration
Gum Treatment
Digital X-ray
Autoclave Sterilization
Laser tooth Whitening

BRITE SMILE® (Phuket Branch)

One Hour Professional Teeth Whitening



Please call for more information on our Laser Whitening special promotion.

By Dental Specialists

We speak Thai, English, Japanese, German and French.

พรีมไจทันตแพทย์ www.promjaidental.com

Bangkok (Sukhumvit 39) 02 662 6070-2
Phuket (Bypass) 076 261 836-7
Phuket (Patong West Hotel) 076 294 381-2
02 261 6229-31 06 6951 0999 06 1893 4304



the solid choice.



RisiStone
retaining wall systems

We Offer a complete line of mortarless concrete segmental retaining wall products and designs, From small home landscaping units to structural units for commercial use.



บริษัท ปูนซีเมนต์ภูเก็ต จำกัด
PHUKET CEMENT CO., LTD.

Tel. 076-526024 Fax: 076-526026

www.phuketcement.com Email: phucemco@gmail.com

New tourism minister sets course

The Tourism and Sports Ministry is encouraging private investment in small and medium-sized businesses and has ordered the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) to categorize attractions within 60 days.

With the new government's Year of Investment and Tourism 2008-2009 campaign, the ministry aims to encourage investor confidence in the sector.

New Tourism and Sports Minister Weerasak Kowsurat said he will also suggest private investment in hotels and service businesses, particularly SMEs, in order to offer tourists more products.

The number of tourism-development projects fell during the term of the interim government despite the number of tourist arrivals rising.

The ministry is inviting all agencies to discuss strategies for tourism development, including talks with the Agriculture Ministry to reopen the Royal Flora Expo in Chiang Mai.

The TAT has been ordered to categorize all tourist attractions into at least one of five levels – provincial, cluster, national, regional and international – so that these can be promoted to the right target groups, K. Weerasak said.

TAT governor Phornsiri Manoharn said the authority would run its first regional campaign – Visit Issan Year – this year. It expects the campaign to boost tourism in the region by about 10% in 2008.

Capital consideration. The government will decide by April whether to jettison the 30% reserve requirement on short-term capital inflows, Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej said on February 15.

"[A study on] revision of the capital-control rules is underway and will take about a couple months for consideration," PM Samak told reporters.

The requirement for 30% of



A ROSE WITH A DIFFERENCE

An official inspects one of six containers filled with Siamese rosewood logs worth 8 million baht that were impounded by Customs at Bangkok Port on Valentine's Day.

short-term inflows, to be held on deposit with the central bank for a year, was imposed in December 2006 to slow the appreciation of the baht, but it triggered a massive stock market sell-off.

Finance Minister Surapong Suebwonglee recently said that a decision on lifting capital controls would be made before the policy roadshow that the government is planning for March or April.

The new government is pushing to scrap the controversial controls in order to resurrect the country's reputation with foreign investors.

Hands down. From May 7, any motorist caught talking on a phone without any wired or wireless headset while driving will face arrest and legal action.

If caught red-handed, the driver will have to pay a fine of between 400 baht and 1,000 baht.

To enforce the new law, traffic police officers will be

armed with small digital cameras or phone cameras to photograph drivers while talking behind the wheel.

Police are also calling on members of the general public to help catch talking drivers.

Death and deceit. Three civilian employees of the Office of Police Forensic Science in Bangkok have been charged with charging relatives of dead people for formalin injections that were never administered, General Police Hospital spokesman Somyos Deemak has announced.

Hospital Director Lian Hui-prasert has filed criminal charges of malfeasance and corruption against the 21 police officers in the case, but has insisted that none of them had direct involvement in the paperwork process or the issuance of formalin injection bills to relatives of dead people who underwent autopsy operations.

More than 1.1 million baht has been misappropriated and the cheating took place between October 2004 and March 2006, according to the Auditor General's Office, K. Somyos said.

Employees received 900 baht from the relatives of each dead person, but pocketed 600 baht from each payment, he added.

Making tracks. Social Development and Human Security Minister Sutha Chansaeng is consid-

ering former minister Wattana Muangsuk's idea of arranging race tracks for youths who race motorbikes illegally on public streets.

On his first day in his new job, K. Sutha said his ministry must find something constructive for youths to replace the thrill of illegal street racing.

The announcement followed the arrest of 33 street racers and the seizure of 20 motorbikes by Talad Phlu Police in Bangkok on February 11.

Officers took 15 boys and four girls to a remand home to undergo a five-day shock-therapy rehabilitation program.

Gold-winning invention. Gold shops are a favorite target for thieves, but now a nifty invention by students from Surin Technical College can snatch those 18-karat chains away before a robber can.

"Hooks where gold necklaces are hung will retract immediately after you press a button and those necklaces will then move along a pipe when they fall down from the hooks. It takes just a few seconds to take your gold off the shelves in your shop," said Teera Deelerd, 18, as he demonstrated the process.

The invention was one of 179 created by vocational students who displayed their work at a national competition held earlier this month at The Mall Bangkok in Bangkok.

Around the Nation news round-up is sourced from the pages of The Nation and Kom Chad Luek newspapers.

Kan Eang Pier | ภูเก็ต | ภูเก็ต

Experience the flavors in an atmosphere designed to captivate your senses.

A "must restaurant to visit"

Serve daily fresh seafood from the Bay and local Thai specialties from 10:30-23.00hrs.

Breakfast and fresh brewed coffee served by the Bay from 6.30hrs.

An excellent venue for pre-dining cocktails and after dinner drinks open from 11.00-01.00hrs.

For Taxi: 08-3137-1187, 076-381-212 | Email: kaneang-pier@hotmail.com

It is located at the pier of Chalong bay.

HORIZONS™
www.horizons.co.th

PERMA IBIZA
Retractable Awning

PERMA SEATEL
Vertical Awning

- Retractable awning with adjustable angle
- Options include motorized control, sun and wind sensors, and remote control
- Screens, shafts and wires are produced from non-corrosion materials
- The support bar is zinc plated steel and treated with a flow coating
- Arm springs are set to provide even tension for the fabric and act as shock absorbers when windy
- The arms have self-lubricated bearing bushings for maximum durability
- Heavy duty Vertical Awning (Exterior Roller Blind System)
- Options include motorized control transmitter and remote control
- All brackets are made of extruded aluminum
- Screens, shafts and wires are produced from corrosion-proof materials
- Top shaft and brackets are produced in extruded anodized aluminum
- White components are available as a special order

Horizons (Thailand) Co., Ltd.
Phuket Sales and Services
Phone: 076-264-090, 081-748-7673
Email: contact@horizons.co.th

Technology By **somfy** **TURNILS™**

Corporate Partners **T** **shades**

Over the years this column has documented the development and ultimate commercialization of Krabi, and often the old-time residents, both Thai and expat, reminisce of the quieter days of yesteryear.

Although many of these stories stretch back 15 to 20 years, very few can tell the tales of Krabi before it became a tourist destination. A few families from that bygone era still reside here, and they can relate the history of the region from their firsthand experiences.

Human remains have been found in the region that date back 25,000 to 35,000 years and the area is thought to be the oldest permanent human habitation in Thailand. The "Krabi Man" is the proud symbol of this distinction, and his figure can be seen holding the traffic lights at the Vogue intersection on Maharat Rd in Krabi Town.

I haven't been able to find any of Krabi Man's direct descendants to interview, so I have had to enlist one of the longest residing families for their recollections of the more recent history of Krabi.

The Phukaoluan family has been living in Krabi since 1927. Family members have not only witnessed the many changes in the province, but actively taken

Where crocs and buffalo once roamed

part in the development of the region as well. Several generations have held government positions from village headman to mayor to head of the board of education.

The first Phukaoluan to arrive in Krabi was Sriphong Phukaoluan, who came from China as the only son of a poor family from Hainan. He arrived alone, at age 17, in the year 1927.

At that time, Thailand was ruled under the absolute monarchy of Rama VI King Vajiravudh, who had succeeded the popular and effective rule of Rama V King Chulalongorn.

Krabi was under the administration of Nakhon Sri Thammarat until 1875, when King Rama V made it a direct subordinate of Bangkok to become what is now a province. In 1900, the Governor of Krabi moved the provincial capital from Baan Talad Gao (Old Market) to the present location near the mouth of the Krabi River. At the time, the population was about 4,000.



30,000 YEARS OLD, GIVE OR TAKE: No, this is not a hotel porter carrying luggage, it's Krabi Man, the region's ancient inhabitant.

It was there that young K. Sriphong moved, living with an old couple and working in a tea and food shop at the Chao Fa Pier by the river. The houses and shops were simple bamboo structures and all motorized transport for people and goods was by steamboat. Krabi had no commercial

banks or even a hospital.

The tea shop was a popular meeting place for the local government administrators, including the Governor. Over the years K. Sriphong came to know all the local residents and became well known himself when he returned a lost parcel containing important documents and a large sum of money from government staff salaries.

K. Sriphong married in 1929 and during the 1930s opened several small businesses. In 1933, Krabi Town was upgraded to a municipality, and K. Sriphong was appointed village headman for Tambon Paknam, his first position in the local Krabi government.

During those early years, Krabi's infrastructure was primitive. Before World War II, the preferred method of travel was by boat, as the roads were "rural", to say the least.

But after World War II, many boats were destroyed or disabled and the locals had to rely on the roads. A bus service was started between Krabi and Trang, the route being a bumpy dirt road.

The 12-hour trip, which takes just over two hours today, was difficult in the rainy season as the road would turn to mud. In the dry season, the dust was so bad that passengers would arrive unrecognizable, their faces and hair covered in red dust.

K. Sriphong would later tell his children of taking the bus – a converted lorry with one wooden plank to sit on – to Trang. Upon reaching a river with a bridge to cross, all the passengers were ordered off the bus and had to walk across the bridge.

The driver and his assistant, not assured of the bridge's safety, then worked in tandem to get over the bridge, with the assistant walking in front of the bus instructing the driver where to steer over the rickety, creaking wooden bridge.

K. Sriphong started several businesses that made bricks and sold wood and import construction materials. His factory was located up the Krabi River, accessible only by boat.

Crocodiles were a common sight, sunning on the banks of the river, and tigers and wild buffalo occupied the forests. During this time, K. Sriphong built the first house in Krabi Town made from concrete, which is still standing.

In 1957, he rented the house to establish the first commercial bank in Krabi Town, the Siam City Bank, and became its first manager. The bank remained there until the 1990s, when it moved to its present location on Maharat Rd.

K. Sriphong managed the bank while his son, K. Chuan, finished his studies in Penang and later London to come and replace him.

*Next month:
The modernization of Krabi*



ACROSS THE BAY

By Gus Reynolds

the 1990s, when it moved to its present location on Maharat Rd.

Mr. Clive Allison
Managing Director

7 days/24 hours When life is unpredictable

Funeral Director & Repatriation Specialist

- * Expert knowledge in the field of funeral services which comes from 200 years of experience
- * The best service available in the international repatriation.

John Allison Monkhouse Co., Ltd
President Park Park View Tower 99/243 (30 B) Pine Tower, Sukhumvit Soi 24,
Klong, Klongtoey, Bangkok 10110 Thailand
T: +66 (0) 2382 5345-6, 081 584 5942 F: +66 (0) 22629133 www.monkhouse.com.au

GUARDIAN ALARMS
SECURITY SYSTEM SPECIALIST

A world of security solutions
be safe today not sorry tomorrow!

Call for a free quotation on the Security needs of your home and business.

Alarm Systems, Fire Alarms, CCTV systems,
Home Automation & Door Entry Systems

WWW.GUARDIANALARMS.INFO
WWW.G4S.COM

Chris.dewdney@th.g4s.com For Security systems
Mobile: 08-19586805, Phone: 076-262101
Chris.benn@th.g4s.com For guard services
Mobile: 08-88144584
Phone: 076-262101, Fax: 076-262104

House & Pool
Construction Co., Ltd. since 1985
Thai - German Management

- * Private & commercial construction
- * Renovation / alteration
- * Swimming pools & Jacuzzis
- * Architecture design
- * Building permits

85/21 Moo 7 Sai Yaun Rob Koh Road
Rawai, Muang, Phuket 83100
Tel: 076-288845, 388078
Fax: 076-288846
English: 08-16067410 Thai: 08-17192819
E-Mail: info@siam-business.com
www.siam-business.com

Police believe that a teenage girl shot dead in Nakhon Sri Thammarat early on February 16 was not the intended target of the attack.

Wanitsara Suthisombun, 17, was visiting the home of her friend's boyfriend, Anirut Phak-deejitr, at 12:45 am when she was shot several times with an M-16 rifle. She died at the scene.

A friend of Wanitsara from a vocational college where they studied accounting together said that she and Wanitsara were going to visit her boyfriend when the shooting happened.

The 17-year-old friend, who cannot be named for legal reasons, said Anirut, 19, picked her and Wanitsara up from their dormitory on his motorbike and drove them to his house.

When they arrived at the house, Wanitsara jumped off the motorbike and went to open the gate as Anirut parked his motorbike round the side of the house. As Wanitsara was opening the gate, she was knocked to the ground by a hail of gunfire. The gunman then ran to a waiting pickup truck, firing another burst of gunfire into the air as he went, the girl said.

Police examining the scene recovered nine M-16 bullet casings.

Maj Somchai Muaydee, a Crime Suppression Inspector at Nakhon Sri Thammarat Muang District Police Station, said police believed the target of the attack was Anirut.

Anirut, who was out on bail after being charged with murder at the time of the attack, is suspected to be involved in the drugs trade. This could have provided a motive for the shooting, police said.

Anirut's mother is currently serving a two-year prison sentence for selling *ya bah* (methamphetamine), while his girlfriend was recently arrested in possession of 100 *ya bah* pills, Maj Somchai said.

The night he was granted bail and released from prison an attempt was made on his life, but the attackers missed and killed the son of a well-known local village chief by mistake.

Girl, 17, gunned down by 'mistake' in M-16 drugs hit

Anirut saw the gunmen and was the chief prosecution witness in the subsequent murder case, Maj Somchai said.

"We believe Anirut, not Wanitsara, was the target of this attack. We think the perpetrator is likely to be the same person who tried to kill Anirut last time.

"We received reports that two or three men, all sons of an influential figure, had been roaming the area looking for Anirut in the days before the attack. We went to their house, but didn't find them. We hope to be able to request an arrest warrant in the next few days," Maj Somchai added.

Moving mountains. Six men were arrested after they were discovered removing large quantities of earth from a protected range of hills on February 16. Police believe local politicians were behind the crime.

After receiving information that workers had been cutting down trees and excavating earth, a team of Border Patrol Police and forestry officers raided a spot in Khao Phrabat Hills in Nakhon Sri Thammarat's Chian Rai district.

At the scene, police found more than 10 workers using an excavator to load earth into a line of waiting dump trucks. On seeing the officers, the men fled into the forest. Police managed to arrest six of them. They identified the men as Somchai Nimthong, 34; Dusit Saman, 37; Nirat Jannual, 39; Wichian Khunnut, 49; Nukan Krailas, 53; and Withaya Saipheu, 39.

Police also seized a Kobelco excavator, two Hino 10-wheeled trucks and two Isuzu six-wheeled trucks.

Maj Panthep Panadit from Border Patrol Police 424 Division, based in Sichon district, said the gang had already excavated one hillside in the range.



Rubber danger

Security officers display bomb-making equipment found hidden in a rubber plantation behind Ban Dor Hae Mosque in Tambon Riko, Sungai Padi district, Narathiwat, on February 12.

After learning of the crime, Border Patrol Police notified the local authorities – but no action was taken. They therefore coordinated with the forestry department and arranged the raid.

Police believe local politicians and community leaders are behind the crime, Maj Panthep added.

The six men arrested were handed over to Lt Col Chertchai Musika, Chief Inspector of Karaket Police Station, to be charged.

Pugnacious pachyderm. A mahout was killed in Surat Thani's Phanom district on February 16 after his charge ran wild during a fit of musth and trampled

him to death.

Hatairat Pakit, 38, chained his bull elephant to a tree after it became aggressive after entering musth, a periodic sexual condition in bull elephants characterized by highly aggressive behavior.

The excited elephant broke the chains and chased after villagers, eventually catching up with K. Hatairat and repeatedly stomping him. When the elephant finished trampling K. Hatairat, villagers took him to Phanom Hospital, but he died on route.

At the time of the report, armed officers from Phanom District Livestock Office and rescue workers were still hunting for the elephant, which was believed to

have run into Phanom forest.

Border insecurity. A junior policeman who was allegedly a member of the infamous "border patrol gang" accused of extortion and kidnapping many people for money, shot himself dead February 10.

Pol Sgt Jaron Kaewkool was found dead at his shrimp farm in Trang province with a gunshot wound to the heart. His sister Chulee said that Jaron had returned to this childhood home during three days of leave.

She said that Jaron had repeatedly complained to her about his stress stemming from news reports about the police gang involving members of Border Patrol 42 based in Nakhon Sri Thammarat, to which he was attached.

She defended Jaron, saying he never had enough cash to make ends meet and borrowed money from his mother and wife regularly.

"We are still poor. If he got a lot of money through crime, he would have supported us," she said.

Another six police officers still at-large were told that they face discharge from the service if they did not surrender by February 15, when a 15-day period for leave without permission ends.

Deputy police chief Gen Thanee Somboonsab said 66 complaints related to the gang had been made to police, accusing 27 people of various crimes, including murder.

Arrest warrants had been issued for 12 people but more evidence was needed to obtain warrants in regard to the other 15, Gen Thanee said.

Around The South news round-up is sourced from the pages of The Nation and Kom Chad Luek newspapers.

EXPERIENCE THE NEW LEVEL OF LIVING, *Right here in Phuket*

31 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN DISTRIBUTING HIGH QUALITY PRODUCTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

- Wine cabinet
- Barbecue
- Cleaning Equipment
- Espresso Maker
- Electrical goods
- Cookware
- Houseware

- VINTEC from Denmark
- ULTIMATE from Australia
- KARCHER & LEIFHEIT from Germany
- LA PAVONI from Italy
- SEVERIN & ROMMELSBACHER from Germany
- STAUB from France
- SCANPAN from Denmark
- KUHN RIKON from Swiss
- LEIFHEIT from Germany
- TRANSTHERM from France

VERASU at SB Design Square
(Opposite Big C)
24/1 Mao 5, T. Wichit, A. Muang
Phuket 83000 Tel: (076) 304-198-9
www.verasu.com

By Semacote Suganya
& Natcha Yuttaworawit

Koh Tapao Noi proposed for eco-tourism site

Koh Tapao Noi is little more than an island with a lighthouse. Plans are in place for an eco-tourism project that will see an increase in the number of visitors to the island, making Koh Tapao Noi the latest attraction on the Phuket tourist trail.

Spread over 58 rai of land, the island falls under the responsibility of the Royal Thai Navy. The eco-tourism project, which is currently pending approval by the Navy and does not need a government permission stamp, was proposed by the Navy's Hydrographic Department.

The department reports on tidal and weather patterns, as well as seismic activity, from the island. The island is expected to be ready for tourists within two months.

The island's five sole residents are Navy employees, part of whose job is to keep a lighthouse alight to warn boats that stray too close to the shore.

Lighthouse Supervisor Suchin Rakchard told the *Gazette* that he is unsure how many tourists would visit the island per day, but he believes the influx of visitors will not disturb or effect the ecology of the island.

Two nature trails have also



Living on the island is the oriental pied hornbill (top, right), birds listed by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) as 'least concern'.

been proposed for the project. The first would be about 700 meters long, while the second would be

an extra 500-meter trail taking visitors from the end of the first trail up to a vantage point suit-

able for birdwatching, said K. Suchin.

Built in 1890 during the reign of King Rama V, the lighthouse, which will become another tourist attraction on the island, uses an acetylenic lamp powered by solar energy.

The light from the 11-meter-tall tower flashes every 15 seconds, day and night.

After spending some time on the island, the Navy officers saw the potential to attract visitors to Koh Tapao Noi.

Living on the island with the five Navy officers is the oriental pied hornbill, a type of bird listed by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) as "least concern", the healthiest status on the scale.

There are just 50 hornbill couples on the island. "It is not easy to find these birds in Thailand. They mate in February and March," said K. Suchin.

The Navy officers spend about 1,000 baht a month on bananas and rice to feed the birds. Becoming increasingly used to human contact, feeding the birds will be a primary activity for tourists visiting the island, said K. Suchin.

Capt Chettha Jaipiem told the *Gazette* that after surveying the island, a number of rare animals were found living on Koh Tapao Noi.

Capt Chettha said that a committee visited the

island on January 23 and found it to have a "perfect environment". Some areas of the island, however, face development, with buildings and accommodation for officers needed, for which a budget has been granted, he said.

"The island's pier also needs to be repaired," he added.

"The deputy mayor of Wichit visited the island with us and we all agreed to do something to promote eco-tourism here. The project will involve the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization, environmentalists and Tourism Authority of Thailand."

At Koh Tapao Noi, the coral and shells along the shore are spotless, the sands are golden and clean, and the water is crystal clear. K. Suchin said that water-sports enthusiasts will be able to snorkel among the coral reefs.

"We have not yet set up a team to complete this project. We are in no hurry, but we definitely want to do it," said Capt Chettha.

Navy officers from the Hydrographic Department will work on Koh Tapao Noi as guides, sharing their knowledge of water, the weather and the island.

An entrance fee to the island has yet to be set. Even before completion of the eco-tourism project, it is possible to visit the island.

A boat from Ao Makham Pier takes about 10 to 15 minutes. A boat can be chartered for between 200 and 300 baht. Ao Makham is six kilometers away from Phuket City and can be reached by bus.



Montpelier

Wealth Management Evening For Expatriates.

Thursday 6th March, Dusit Laguna Resort, Phuket 7:00pm.

Welcome – Peter Davies, Managing Director, Montpelier (Thailand) Ltd.

Fund 'Hotpicks' for 2008 – Benjamin Lord, Portfolio Analyst-Montpelier (Thailand) Ltd.
www.montpeliergroup.com

Beat Volatility with a Forecast Income Fund– Simon Phillis- LM Investment Management Ltd.
www.lmaustralia.com

Break – Drinks

Matrix Asset Based 2 Fund – Jack Doueck, Principal & Chief Investment Officer-Stillwater Capital
www.matrixgroup.co.uk

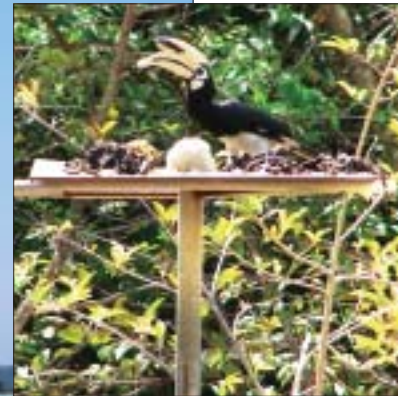
Regular Saving for Expatriate Investments – Chris Ivinson, Regional Sales Manager, Royal Skandia
www.royalskandia.com

Sessions will end before 9.30 p.m followed by wine tasting

and a delicious buffet supper.

Reservations

The number of seats are limited, for reservations please email phuket@montpeliergroup.com or call +66 2 661 5150 and speak to our event coordinator, there is no charge for this event.



TEERAMOTORCYCLES
WWW.TPMOTORCYCLE.COM
CONTACT ALEX 081-805-3010

WE CAN SHIP YOUR BIGBIKE FROM ANYWHERE TO THAILAND AND REGISTRATION

NO.249 NEW URUPHONG CORNER, RAMA 1 ROAD, RONGMUANG, PATHUMWAN, BANGKOK 10330 THAILAND. Tel: 662-2140399, 662-6138599 Fax: 662-6138600
107/39-40 MOO 5, CHALERMPHAKIEAT Ror 9, T. RASADA A. MUANG, PHUKET 83000 Tel: 086-4704978 Fax: 076-526078

Invest Instyle

345^{m.}
p l a z a
Patong Beachfront

www.345plaza.com



345 m. From Patong Beachfront
Best location for your investment
6 Luxury commercial buildings
starting from 15.5 M.

and **17-room condominium**
starting from 1.9 M.

ทำเลทอง

345 ม. จากชายหาดป่าตอง
ตรงข้ามโรงแรม 5 ดาว

อาคารพาณิชย์ 5 ชั้น 6 ห้อง
ราคาเริ่มต้นที่ 15.5 ล้านบาท

คอนโดสไตล์ทรู 17 ห้อง
ราคาเริ่มต้นที่ 1.9 ล้านบาท



สำนักงานขาย

Phuket Town sales office

2nd. Fl., Central Festival Phuket

Tel: 076 - 522 828, 086 - 682 3770

Patong Sales Office: 076 - 343 036

Email: 345@pic-phuket.com www.345plaza.com

[PIC] PHUKET SOLE AGENT
PROPERTY INFORMATION CENTER

[PIC] PHUKET
PROPERTY INFORMATION CENTER

ONE STOP SHOP
FOR YOUR INVESTMENT

on 2nd Floor

In Front of
Siam Commercial Bank
CENTRAL FESTIVAL



Buy - Sell - Rent - Lease Real Estate & Yachts

Property Investment Call Center ☎ 076-522-828

Phuket Gazette

LIVING
Tropical THAILAND

PROPERTY REPORT
THAILAND
www.property-report.com

Häcker
kitchen.germanMade.
ฮัคเคอร์คิทเชนเยอรมนี

Noodles or curry? Let's have both for just B6

One popular dish throughout Thailand – but unknown to many expats residents living here – is *kanom jeen*. Even Thais who are tired of having to choose between curry and noodle soup dishes for lunch opt for *kanom jeen* as it combines the best of both.

Kanom jeen consists of a serving pre-cooked, round rice noodles topped with the key ingredient, a coconut-milk based curry sauce with either fresh fish meat or fishballs, along with vegetables and other seasonings which often include ginger, garlic, *kapi* (shrimp paste), shallots, galangal, lemongrass and chili pepper.

The sauces can vary greatly from region to region, but here in the south the most popular is *nam yaa*, followed by *tai pla*, the key ingredient of which is fish kidney – the quintessential southern Thai ingredient, most commonly found in *kaeng tai pla* (fish kidney curry).

The noodles are topped with the sauce along with a wide variety of additional flavorings spooned in from small finger bowls. The same cast of characters one finds on a dining table during Phuket's Vegetarian Festival, these include fresh cucumber, fresh basil, boiled eggs, pickled turnips, shredded cabbage, bean sprouts, small pineapple chunks – and many more.

CHEAP eats

By Natcha Yuttaworawit



INFLATION-BUSTER: Auntie Suikkee put the principles of HM The King's Sufficiency Economy theory into practice every weekday starting at noon. Inset: A typical six-baht serving at Auntie Suikkee's *khanom jeen* stand.

The name *kanom jeen*, which literally translates as "Chinese sweets", is certainly misleading: the dish is not a sweet – it doesn't even taste sweet – and its origins probably aren't Chinese.

In fact, *kanom jeen* is thought to have its origins in the ancient Mon kingdom that dominated much of Southeast Asia for many centuries. Unlike modern Thai, in Mon

language "*kanom*" simply refers to any food – including noodles – that happens to be made from rice flour.

Kanom jeen also has a more formal name in Thai: *kanom sen*, where "*sen*" is the classifying noun for long slender things such as lines or noodles. The dish also goes by completely different names in parts of the North and Isarn.

As for how the Chinese appear to have nominally co-opted the dish, one popular theory is that the name goes back to the

Ayudhya period, when the former capital had a thriving Chinese market where the *kanom sen* were commonly sold.

Whatever its origins, *kanom jeen* is still sold as a cheap, nutritious dish at scores of roadside locations throughout Phuket – and now is it available than in Samkong, where one vendor is fighting inflation with hearty servings for just six baht per dish.

The no-name, roadside stall of about six tables is located at the three-way junction of Soi

Phanieng and Soi Phanieng 2, just across the street from one of the many abandoned tin mine ponds that pockmark the local landscape.

The unpretentious establishment has been run for about 10 years by a kind woman named "Auntie Suikkee", who has staunchly refused to raise her price of her tasty offering because many local students and low-wage laborers have come to rely on her.

One of the few real practitioners in Phuket of the much-talked-about "sufficiency economy" theory, Auntie Suikkee told the *Gazette*, "I do not need much profit because I sell from my own house and I know the students who eat here do not have their own sources of income. I am just happy that they can come here and eat for only six baht per dish."

For those who want to splurge out more than 10 baht, Auntie Suikkee also makes excellent *kanom krok* (coconut pudding snacks) – just 10 baht for 10, all served in an attractive ceramic dish. For drinks, there is fresh-squeezed orange juice and lime juice: just five baht per glass.

This might not be the right place to bring a girl on a first date – and there isn't much parking for your Benz or BMW, but if it's near the end of the month and you're living on coins until payday, Auntie Suikkee's *kanom jeen* might be just the answer.

Open Monday to Saturday from noon to 4 pm or whenever supplies run out.

Mom Tri's
Gung

The latest Mom Tri's Boathouse Restaurant family. Thai, Seafood and fusion cuisine.

Next to Mom Tri's Boathouse Kata Beach

Open for Lunch and Dinner from 12:00 to 23:00 hrs.

reservation call : +66 (0) 76 333 568

Mom Tri's Gung : 184 Kok Tanode Road, Kata Beach, Phuket 83100
E-mail : fb@villaroyalephuket.com www.villaroyalephuket.com

simply the best

Thai and Mediterranean dining directly on Kata Beach

THE FIRST AND ONLY ESTABLISHMENT IN THAILAND TO HAVE RECEIVED THIS AWARD

2006-2007

Tel: 076 330 015 - Fax: 076 330 561
www.boathousephuket.com info@boathousephuket.com



30% Sold



Surin Park Condominiums






relax

Your address says it all





lifestyle



- A few minutes walk to two of Phuket's finest beaches, Surin and Bang Tao
- On Surin Beach Road
- A High end residential address, making your investment secure and financially wise
- Foreign freehold units available
- Site office open 9.00 - 18.00 daily
- Construction underway
- Off plan price





Phuket Island

Call Now: 083-107-1919

Email : surinparkcondo@harrison.co.th
www.surinparkcondo.com



Sole Agent





Journey of Love at True Coffee

We offer the perfect way to start your journey in Phuket by surrounding yourself with the aroma of freshly-made coffee and bakeries in a heart-warming ambience while keeping in touch with your loved ones via our hi-speed Internet and Wi-Fi services.

Now enjoy our many special promotions

- Get 5-30% discount when buying any coffee (to be used on your next purchase)
- Receive more special promotions at Taweewong Post Office (until stock lasts)
- Free Postcards



Please visit us at TrueLife Shop, 2nd floor, Taweewong Post Office, Patong Beach; Tel: +66 (0)7629-5450; Open daily from 08.00-24.00 hrs.

Happily Ever After

Recent weddings in Phuket

Megu Lackey from Japan and Brandon Lackey from the US celebrated their wedding at Coco Palm of the Kata Beach Resort & Spa on November 24.



Phasiri Seasor and Samran Wimuttisuk were married at Pra Pitak Grand Ballroom of the Metropole Hotel on January 18.

Running man goes the extra mile

By Nick Davies

At 60 years old, Tawee Patarakul is still one of the first five runners crossing the finish lines in regional half marathons, regularly adding to his collection of nearly one hundred trophies and enough medals to sink a galleon.

K. Tawee's ultimate goal as a runner is not to line his walls with trophies, but to keep fit as an investment to ensure good health in old age and to encourage others to take up sports so they can make a positive contribution to society.

Being first is not what it's all about for Phuket's running ambassador; he just happens to win a lot because he loves running. His immediate concern is being healthy enough to look after his parents and not be a burden to his own children.

K. Tawee runs about three times a week, covering about 20 kilometers a week in total with individual runs of between five and 10 kilometers. He usually starts pounding the back streets



Being first is not what it's all about for Phuket's running ambassador, Tawee Patarakul; he just happens to win a lot because he loves running.

leading up the hills at about 5 am and will run no less than five kilometers each time.

He says running isn't just good for one's health, but it's also good for the mind.

"Keeping fit is like making a plan for the future. If we are strong we can easily help ourselves in an emergency and regular exercise helps us think clearly in everyday life," he said.

"I first started running when I realized that it's important to have time to ourselves, but that time must be spent constructively to have a positive effect on our lives and the lives of those around us, rather than spending all our time working then drinking and smoking or just sitting around watching TV after work.

"I thought to myself, why do I work so hard? For my children, right? But what my children really need is for their dad to have time for them and for me to be strong and healthy enough to spend quality time with them."

K. Tawee is no stranger to hard work. At seven years old, he was working as a rubber tapper to help support his family and his trade as a carpenter has left him minus a finger. Now he runs a corner shop on Chao Fa West Rd where beer and cigarettes are on sale – items in which K. Tawee does not indulge himself.

"I used to smoke cigarettes but I gave that up when my son was born and then I started running regularly. That's when I gave up drinking altogether. My advice to anyone wanting to give up smoking is to think of the person you love most in the world, and do it for them. That's what made it easy for me to give up," he said.

"I weaned myself off bad habits by spending time each day preparing for and doing some kind of exercise. I quickly saw the benefits of dedicating just an hour a day to exercise instead of drinking. Think how much money you save when you don't spend that hour drinking beer," he added.

"The great thing about the kind of people you meet at running events is that they are all sincere and down-to-earth people.

"The running society is a classless one. It doesn't matter whether you're wealthy or poor, whether you travel to a race by private car or bus, when we're out there running we are all on the same fundamental level. We eat the same food together and if the event is a provincial race, then we all sleep on the floor or camp together," he said.

"Race meets are also a way of contributing to charity. Races are usually sponsored by companies that will donate money to charity, so when I run in these

These shades are soo you.
Book your beach escape!



All Seasons Naiharn Phuket

14/53 Moo 1 Naiharn Beach
Muang, Phuket, Thailand, 83000

T: +66 (76) 289 327

info@allseasons-naiharn-phuket.com

www.allseasons-asia.com

฿500 off* @Nhamaya

SPA

Massages
Facials & more

All Seasons Naiharn Beach

*For every purchase over ฿1,000.
Not valid for Beauty Salon.
Valid until 31 May 08.

฿500 off* @Equinox

RESTAURANT

Tapas, Salads,
Pastas, BBQ

All Seasons Naiharn Beach

*For every dining bill over ฿1,000.
Valid until 31 May 08.



is all you need

From 1,800 baht to get all you need.
(April 1 - October 31, 2008)



Dog training courses

- Basic training
- Advance training
- Guard dog training

Dog hotel

Surrounded by natural environment with quality service mind and full experiences of taking good care

Let them train at the right time,
don't let it just gone with the wind

Give the best for your best friends

With
Phuket International Dog School
(PIDS)

The first dog school in Phuket



Contact us: 6/6 Koh Sirey, Muang,
Phuket 83000 Thailand
Tel: (66) 081-9561564,
(66) 081-5376965, 076-216336

www.phuketdogschool.com

races, it's like making merit because someone less fortunate than me will benefit from it."

K. Tawee added that when companies want to hold a charity race, ideally they should make them between three and five kilometers long. This way, he said, more runners will turn up for the event and it will be easier to generate sponsorship money.

Although races in Phuket are usually well organized with people helping to line the routes and keep the runners' paths clear, K. Tawee admits that Phuket's drivers are not the most responsible in the region. "I used to actually run to the race meets but as I heard about more and more running friends being hit by cars I now drive to a safe place to run, such as Suan Luang park."

K. Tawee's first race was a seven kilometer run but he didn't make it to the finish line. He managed to complete five kilometers before he became exhausted and stopped. Unperturbed though, he trained regularly and was soon competing in and winning 10-kilometer races and half marathons of 21 kilometers.

Half marathons suit him best, and at an age at which most people are retiring and taking it easy, K. Tawee is still competing regularly in half marathons and adding to his stock of trophies. In fact, he had so many trophies taking up space on the back shelves of his shophouse that customers would sometimes think he made and sold sports trophies, prompting him to move the collection to a back room.

He considers full marathons a bit too long and shakes his head with a chuckle of exasperation when asked about the kind of people who compete in triathlons. That doesn't, however, stop him being proud of the photographs he has of the international athletes who have heard about Phuket's running man and taken the time to visit him.

'Keeping fit is like making a plan for the future. If we are strong we can easily help ourselves in an emergency and regular exercise helps us think clearly in everyday life.'

There are about 30 regular runners from Phuket who K. Tawee sees at most race meetings, and about half of them are hardcore runners who never miss a race. There's always at least one running event in the region each week and K. Tawee will compete in most of them. If it's not being held in Phuket, he'll be running in either Phang Nga, Koh Kloy, Surat Thani or Nakorn Sri Thammarat.

K. Tawee says that when he or other runners from Phuket run in a charity event in another province, it's a wake up call for people in that area.

Although K. Tawee isn't motivated to run in races for the prize money, it can be lucrative when you

keep finishing in front. His first earnings for running were 1,000 baht for winning a Kathu race as part of an drug awareness campaign. That race was in the morning, and he ran again in the afternoon at Thalang, winning another 1,000 baht. The next day, he ran in another race at Saphan Hin, coming in second to win 500 baht.

K. Tawee's passion for running reflects his outlook on life, which is all about living within your means and knowing when enough is enough. He uses the scenario of a food vendor as an example of people who think that "work work work" is the only way to get on in life.

"Imagine a small restaurant owner cooking all day, not wanting to stop because there's always money to be made from hungry customers. They dare not stop cooking for fear of losing out on the next customer.

"By spending all their time making copious amounts of food and not stopping to reflect on their role as a parent or responsible member of the community, they are, in a way, committing a sin because of all the food they are making, which is far more than they'll ever need for themselves.

I say you're better off just running."



Few Have It All...



Phuket's finest resort investment opportunity. Fully furnished, ready to move in, or gain instant revenue from holiday rentals. Luxurious oceanfront apartments integrated into and managed by Mövenpick Resort and Spa Karon Beach.

MÖVENPICK
Residence Karon Beach
Phuket

Mövenpick Residence Phuket
Inquiries: Visit the Residential Sales Centre, located at the Mövenpick Resort and Spa beachfront near Café Studio and Wildfire Restaurant.
sales@residencekaron.com
www.residencekaron.com
Phone 076 396 146





Tilleke & Gibbins
International Phuket Ltd.

Property Acquisitions
Real Estate
Private Client Services

The only firm on the legal 500 list of top-ranked Asian property law firms to have a full time office in Phuket

Tilleke & Gibbins International Phuket Ltd.
Plaza Del Mar, Cherngtalay, Thalang, Phuket 83110
Tel : +66(0)76 318 251 thru 5
Fax : +66(0)76 318 256
phuket@tillekeandgibbins.com

This week



IN THE BAG: Voytek Klasicki (center), General Manager of Centara Grand Beach Resort & Villas Krabi recently hosted a luncheon for Louis Vuitton Chairman & CEO Yves Carcelle (left) and Symphony Asia Holdings Chairman Anil Thadani (right) at the hotel's Lotus restaurant to entertain the executives while holidaying in Krabi.



WRITE ON: Irish Ambassador to Thailand Eugene Hutchinson (2nd from right) joined James Irwin (left) and President of The Nation Pana Janviroj (right) in congratulating Suthinee Thaepunkulngam (3rd from left) of Triam Udom Suksa School and Patreeya Prasertvit of International Community School for winning the 4th Annual Junior IMPAC Dublin Literary Awards for Thailand, on February 12.



I.T. HIGH NOTE: Phuket Governor Nirand Kalayanamit (3rd from left) and Lt-General Palangoon Klaharn (3rd from right) are welcomed by Thai Samsung Electronics Co Ltd Managing Director Kwang Kee Park (2nd from right) at the grand opening the first Samsung IT Space in Phuket, located at Central Festival Phuket, on February 9.



RIGHT ON TIME: FedEx Express Managing Director for Thailand and Indochina David B Carden (center), Senior Operations Manager Sura Waiyaburana (right) and District Sales Manager Julaluck Buranajunyakul (left) celebrate the opening of the seventh FedEx Express service center in Thailand at Phuketa Hotel and Apartments Thepkrasattri Rd, Phuket City, on February 15.



NO LEMONS HERE: Bangkok Hospital Phuket Assistant Director Dr Badin La-Ead (center) joins an 'Orange Night' thank you party for Phuket insurance companies at the Royal Phuket City Hotel on February 8.



WELCOME ARRIVAL: Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa General Manager John Kidd and staff welcome recently appointed director of Phuket International Airport Wicha Nurnlop. Also pictured are Front Office Manager Tawee Saengrung (left) and Marketing Communications Manager Nikki Tipaxsorn.

Can you afford to be without it?

It's Only 500 Baht! (plus VAT)

To get YOUR card, email
shopper@phuketgazette.net
or call Anna at 076-236555

Hail the Great British Male

Along with health scares, new celebrity diets and the love life of supermodel Kate Moss, the dire state of British men – and that includes all the British Isles – makes headlines roughly twice a year.

The trigger for this could be an American actress moaning about the inadequacy of her British boyfriend(s). Or maybe it is sparked by a shock survey – sperm count down, self-esteem down. Whatever the cause it is a shame, as we would not have our men any other way. In fact, British men are one of the best reasons for having to endure British weather, parking regulations and the TV schedule – they make it easier to be “us”.

To start with, British men do not expect us all to be goddesses of the waxed, wrinkle-free, non-perspiring variety à la Carla Bruni-Sarkozy. Some do adopt the European standard and insist on matching satin undies, but on the whole, the British male is unique in putting up with all kinds of slovenliness if he thinks you are fun and/or sexy.

Even better the BM is brought up to be suspicious of the high-maintenance female. He wants a partner, not a pedestal dolly. This does not mean that the BM is a feminist, however. Generally, his motivation is expedience – the BM wants a woman capable of carrying the shopping, restraining the kids and wielding the lawnmower – but it takes the pressure off us.

And only in Britain would you find a man prepared to sit in front of the television tut-tutting about how much better Posh Spice would look if she would only put on some weight.

Similarly, British men are relatively lacking in vanity. Sometimes they are vain in a David Cameron way – as in, how to shine as a self-consciously youthful leader of



the Conservative Party – and sometimes in a footballer way – all bling and hair gel.

But we find all that quite amusing. It's the smooth, all-over tan, giant designer watch, cashmere in sorbet shades and blow-dried hair that leaves us cold. You can't help feeling a twinge of relief when the man

You can't beat a bloke who can crack you up with his impersonation of a squirrel in a dress.

in your life is incapable of eating breakfast without getting some of it on his shirt.

No woman wants to be less well turned out than her partner. Even among not-so-chic non-Brits there is a requirement for women to be ladylike, and you don't get that from the

average BM.

I once went on a date with a Scandinavian man who removed the peanuts from my

reach to preserve my figure, a thing no British male would dream of doing. In the same way as he wouldn't veto your wardrobe or ask you to curb your language or your drinking.

In fact, I'm sure there are many who have cleared up after their loved ones following a severe bout of over indulgence, in contrast to the Italian who split up with a friend of mine for sinking too much wine in front of his parents. Half a bottle, or so the story goes. Give me strength.

Similarly, Brits are unfazed by feistiness or borderline mad behavior. Americans, on the other hand, announce “You're funny” at the first sign of larkiness – meaning, “I don't get it, you make me uncomfortable.”

Plus, you don't have to dress like Bjork on a bad day for them to think you are mad and avoid you at parties. Brits may not be the most overtly attentive men, but the plus side of that is that they are more than happy to leave us to our eccentricities.

All of this, though, is the warm-up act to the main attrac-

Irish dancing and so on. No humiliation is too great in the cause of making an audience laugh because they know it's the best weapon against boredom, shyness and insecurity – and enduring to women.

Charming, romantic, gorgeous is all lovely, but you can't beat a bloke who can crack you up with his impersonation of a squirrel in a dress.

In the end, we get the men we deserve and British women have done pretty well. We may not take priority over the football. We may be cursed with a generation of TV chef Jamie Oliver wannabes without the washing-up skills, but at least we're allowed to be crazy and disheveled in the company of our own menfolk – and that counts for a lot.

Ambrosia Sakkadas, a British-born Greek Cypriot and graduate of Central St Martins College of Art & Design in London, is an artist, designer and newspaper columnist. Her first novel, Greek Girls Don't Cry, is available from amazon.com, and her second is in the works.

AMBROSIA'S

ambrosia@phuketgazette.net



SECRETS

The Best Adventure Programme
SEACAVE CANOE PHANGNGA BAY

Cruise through the beauty that is Phang Nga Bay

Full Day Trip 3,400 THB PER PERSON
Dinner Cruise 2,300 THB PER PERSON
Call for more details. Just how close do you want to get to the original Thai Angkor?

Phang Nga Eco Tourism Ltd., Part
2/3 Chumporn Road, Muang, Phuket THAILAND
Tel: 076 210434, 234419, 219042 Fax: 076 214249
Email: info@seacavecanoe.com

Häagen-Dazs

Visit Häagen-Dazs

Patong Beach Front Road Tel. 0 7629 4401
Jungceylon Shopping Destination Tel. 0 7660 0031

Come and indulge yourself with Häagen-Dazs Experience

Rock solid solution to body odor

By Nick Davies

You've missed your breakfast, you're late for work, you're trying to get dressed and you haven't even got time to take a shower. Disaster.

You pick up and apply to your armpits the stick of roll-on deodorant that you bought for 60 baht from 7-Eleven. The fragrance hits you like a bad night on Bangla and you begin flapping your arms in a desperate attempt to rid yourself of the sticky plight you've found yourself in.

There must be another way. Enter the crystal.

If you're looking for a non-perfumed deodorant that won't cause dryness, itchiness or other skin irritations, potassium alum crystals could be your deodorizing savior, keeping you odor-free through the day.

Potassium alum is a mineral. It occurs in crystal form and is a cheap, natural alternative to chemical-based deodorants.

Many people start using potassium alum crystal for its odor-killing powers after learning about the dangers associated with using chemical-based deodorants



Potassium alum, or *san som* in Thai, has been used by Thais for generations as a natural deodorizer due to its antibacterial properties, making it a harmless alternative to chemical-based deodorants and antiperspirants.

feeds on sweat produced under the arms.

Crystal deodorant stops bad smells by killing the bacteria responsible for making the unpalatable body odor.

Using a deodorant crystal is simple. All you do is make the crystal wet by dunking it in water or briefly holding it under a running tap.

You then glide the stone over your armpits. This method can also be used on feet or to rid hands of strong smells, such as garlic or onion after food preparation.

Crystal-deodorant products can be found on the Internet, but fortunately for us, the crystals are common in Thailand and can be found at market stalls where other kitchen and household products are on sale.

Crystals are usually sold by the kilo. One kilogram of potassium alum crystal is enough to last several months and costs just a few baht.

Potassium alum has other uses. Men can use it as an odorless anti-bacterial aftershave to soothe the skin, or it can be used to combat various conditions, such as athlete's foot or even acne. Place a lump in the fridge or a drawer to absorb strong smells, too.

By using crystal deodorant, you are not only kind to your body, but also to the environment, as crystals are natural and biodegradable.

If you buy directly from a market, the packaging is minimal, so you won't be throwing away empty bottles every month, too.

and antiperspirants.

Virtually all commercially-available deodorants and antiperspirants use aluminum chlorohydrate as a base to which scents and other ingredients are added

to create individual products and brands. The aluminum used in commercial deodorants and many other skin-care products is a "heavy" metal, similar to mer-

cury, which is one of the suspects in the long list of elements that may cause cancer and other debilitating conditions, such as Alzheimer's disease and sterility.

Antiperspirants block sweat pores so that you don't sweat under your arms, whereas deodorants rely on their acidic content to kill bacteria. Neither of these are preferable odor-killing solutions because of the adverse side effects a person may experience.

The body absorbs aluminum chlorohydrate when it is present in products applied to the skin. The metal builds up in the body and is deposited in major organs. The brains of Alzheimer's sufferers, for example, contain high levels of aluminum.

Potassium alum crystals leave on the skin a thin layer of salt, which has natural, antibacterial properties. The molecular structure of the protective layer is too big to pass through the pores into the body, so the pores remain unblocked.

Thais are familiar with potassium alum, *san som* in Thai, using it to kill bacteria and neutralize bodily and household odors.

Potassium alum is effective because body odor is a by-product created by the bacteria that

Hotel Travel .com presents

www.phuketbluesfestival.com

Phuket 2008 Blues Rock Festival

22-23 February 6 pm HOSTED BY Hilton

HILTON PHUKET ARCADIA KARON BEACH Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa

FEATURING:

The Rich Harper Blues Band (USA) Shari Puerto (USA)

Cannonball Bonnie Anderson Salty Dog (Australia)

Groove Doctors Georgia Blues Band The Blues Machine

Boy Blues Band Sai Dog Blues Band

The Fabulous Hepcats Full House

Tickets Hotline 086 682 2639

One Night 700, Both 1,000, V.I.P. 3,000

Festival warm-up show February 21 Tai Pan

Final Jam Session Sun 24 February Saxophone

Media Partners:

amazing THAILAND Pac watermark Modern Cultured Stone XCLUSIVE CTV 11

Island Partners:

WINE TASTE CARDDEAN CLEAR LAW OFFICE The Hilltop

Phuket Gazette FG TV

POOLS4FUN!

...now everyone can afford a pool

INTEX ABOVE GROUND POOLS NOW IN PHUKET!

EASY SET UP AND NO CONSTRUCTION NEEDED

RANGE INCLUDES 3M FUN POOLS UP TO 14M LAP POOLS

BEST PRICES IN THAILAND, GUARANTEED!

WWW.POOLS4FUN.COM or TEL: 084 757 3242



Making SenSes

Champagne flowed while a show of feisty hairstyles and fiery nails welcomed guests who turned out looking their best for the "Shining Star" cocktail party to celebrate the grand opening of SenSes Health and Beauty Salon at Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket on February 12.

Joining Naranporn "Kathy" Namchoo of SenSes were host of guests, including Edward Powis, chairman of Jumeirah Phuket Island TGR Group Asia, and Ratana Wongnapachant, managing director of Shinawatra Home Co.



Modern Mediterranean & Thai Cuisine

BEACHFRONT RESTAURANT

white box
restaurant

Reservation: 076-346271
 rsvp@whiteboxrestaurant.com
 www.whiteboxrestaurant.com

2475 Prabamee Rd, Kalim
 Patong, Kathu, Phuket

Indoor & Outdoor Dining - Private Room
 Roof Top Bar - Jazz Band & DJ's
 Driver Service - Parking Area

Liquid Lounge
SURIN BEACH

Thai & Int'l Food
 Premium Spirits
 Cocktails
 Wines
 Champagnes
 Widescreen TV sports
 Net & WiFi hotspot
 AirCon
 Pool Table

106/13 Moo 3
 SriSooThorn
 Surin Beach
 83110
 Phuket

liquidlounge@sleeps.com

Open Daily
 4PM to 1AM

WORLD CLASS SKIN & LASER CENTER

Romrawin Clinic

The non-invasive way
 to younger looking skin

Thermage
 Facelift without surgery
 Wrinkle Reduction
 Hair Removal
 Dark Spot Removal
 Body Reshaping
 Botox & Collagen
 Post-Sun Treatment
 Leg & Facial Veins

Member of American Society of Cosmetic
 Dermatology and Aesthetic Surgery

JUNGCEYLON Patong Phuket
 Ground Floor Tel. 0-7660-0148 - 9

www.romrawin.com

WINE & DINE

"What I like to drink most is wine that belongs to others."
 -Diogenes, 320 BC, Greek Philosopher

DATE: 4th MARCH 2008
TIME: 7.00 p.m.
PRICE: THB 2,200++ per person*
 For a 5-course Italian dinner with Cesare wines.
Guest Speaker: Joao Carlos Vale

Limited Seats Available
 For reservation:
 Email: cdp@romrawin.com
 Tel: 076 342 999 ext 7300
 www.dusit.com/tpa

Dusit Thani
 Patong Phuket

CESARE
 Italian Wines

*Excludes of relevant tax and service charge

Mercedes on the move



By Jeff Heselwood

Built in Bremen, launched in Frankfurt mid-September and already available in parts of Asia, the Mercedes-Benz C-Class Estate has set what would be a record for almost any automaker.

The new C-Class Estate made its debut at the prestigious Frankfurt show in mid-September, but examples of this excellent addition to the range are beginning to appear on our roads.

The sedan version is currently on sale in Thailand and the estate version is expected to follow shortly.

Just a few months after the market debut of the C-Class replacement, Mercedes-Benz added the Estate to the lineup.

As well as offering a maximum of 1,500 liters of cargo capacity, giving it a larger load-carrying area than any other premium-class estate in its market segment, the new C-Class also has a host of handy features for easy loading and safe transportation, such as a tailgate that opens and closes at the push of a button.

Power plants available with the latest model are various options of diesel or gasoline, but the diesel C200 CDI burns as much as 12% less fuel compared with the outgoing model.

Amazingly, Mercedes-Benz claims that this model can make



One tankful of gas will take you 1,000 kilometers. When the new Estate arrives, it will be an ideal cruiser—on and off the island.

a single tank of fuel (66 liters) last more than 1,000 kilometers.

To further its “green” credentials, the sedan version has been awarded an environmental certificate to attest that it conforms to international standards.

There is a choice of three models: Classic, Elegance and Avantgarde. Differing levels of equipment and comfort differentiate the three, while visually the Avantgarde line features a large Mercedes three-pointed star positioned in the center of the radiator grille; the Classic, as the

name implies, has the star on the top of the hood.

The load factor varies between 485 and 1,500 liters, depending on the position of the rear folding seats. Measured against the previous model, the new C-Class Estate’s load capacity has increased by 146 liters.

Mercedes-Benz says that its new Estate is able to accommodate four golf bags, including trolleys, nine large packing cases – it does not specify the size of the cases – or 44 drinks crates each

containing six one-liter juice bottles. An odd grab-bag of statistics, indeed.

The new gasoline models are equipped with a supercharger, while the diesel engines are fitted with a turbocharger. The larger C220 CDI diesel produces a creditable 170 bhp (125 kW), 20 bhp up on the previous unit, while torque output is an impressive 400 Nm, available from just 2,000 rpm.

All engines except the top-of-the-range C350 gasoline model are mated to a six-speed

manual gearbox; the C350 has a seven-speed automatic transmission.

An interesting development on the car is the fitting of a standard agility control package, which features shock absorbers that automatically adapt to the current driving situation for a noticeable improvement in ride comfort when driving normally, or maximum damping when a more rigorous driving style is adopted.

Optional is a dynamic handling package that improves agility to that of a sports model. The driver is able to choose from two drive modes that determine the fundamental suspension characteristics: comfort or sport.

Within these modes, the shock absorbers at each wheel are regulated by means of a variable electronic control. In addition, the body is lowered by 15 millimeters and the suspension equipped with shorter springs a stiffer sway bars.

The package also features a new speed-sensitive power steering system.

A useful feature, standard on all models, is adaptive brake lights that flash to warn following vehicles of an emergency braking situation.

Currently the C-Class Estate is not listed on Mercedes-Benz Thailand’s website (www.mercedes-benz.co.th) although the sedan is.

Keep an eye on the site if you want to find out more about the Estate. It’s a car that would be ideal for Phuket.

Jeff Heselwood can be contacted at jhc@netvigator.com

Skin Tightening

and Contouring without surgery

50% off

Masterful Results... With DCT Program
Improve Skin Firmness and Shape

Reduce 1-7 cm

APEX Open Now
2nd Fl. Jungceylon
Special Promotion
Tel. 076 600 182-3

3rd Fl. Central Phuket Tel. 076 249621-3

• 3rd Fl. Emporium Tel. 0 2664 8610-4 • 3rd Fl. Siam Center Tel. 0 2656 1196-7
 • 11 Sukhumvit 38 Tel. 0 2662 8018-9 • 3rd Fl. Central Bangna Tel. 0 2745 6801-3
 • 3rd Fl. Central World Tel. 0 2046 1951-3 • G. Fl. Future Park Rangsit Tel. 0 2938 0713
 • 1st Fl. Royal Garden Plaza Pattaya Tel. 036 710 043-4 • 3rd Fl. The Avenue Pattaya Tel. 036 729648-50
 • 2nd Fl. Jungceylon Patong Phuket Tel. 076 600 182-3 • • • www.apesprofoundbeauty.com

Phuket Laser Center

LASIK * Skin Rejuvenation * Teeth Whitening

LASIK
Laser Vision Correction
start at
27,500 baht
per eye
depending on technology

Phuket Laser Center
186/11-12 Thaweewong Rd. Patong Beach
Tel. 076-296-221, Mobile 085-069-4757
Clinic Hour: Mon-Sat 10AM - 8 PM
email : infolaser@phuketlaser.com
www.phuketlaser.com

EVENTS CALENDAR

Upcoming events on the island

February 23-29. Mom Tri's Boathouse Short Fiction Contest.

Part one of the second Boathouse Short Fiction Contest, open to all, requires stories of 1,000 to 1,500 words containing key words: "the Boathouse", "Phuket" and "mango". Deadline is February 29.

Part two targets school-age writers, 15 to 18 years old. Well-known author Jake Needham will conduct workshops at QSI and BIS March 11 and 12.

Students are to finish a Needham story posted at www.boathousephuket.com/short_fiction_contest.htm

Three prizes in each category include vouchers for a luxurious stay plus wine and dinner at the Boathouse.

For information contact Lisa Sol. Tel: 076-330015. Email: pr@boathousephuket.com Website: www.boathousephuket.com

February 27. A Taste of Italy at Puccini Restaurant.

Experience a match made in heaven. The perfect combination of luxurious Italian wines, personally selected and introduced by Steven Roberto in association with EnVision Phuket, all matched with the culinary creations of Executive Chef Alessandro Frau.

This journey through Italy promises to be a sensational evening.

Starts at 7 pm at Puccini at Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket. 2,800 baht per person.

To make a reservation or for further information contact Adam Beasley. Tel: 076-324101. Email: fbreservation@sheratonphuket.com Website: www.luxurycollection.com/phuket

February 28-March 1. BIS Under-15 Fobissea Games.

The Fobissea Games will be held at BIS, offering a wonderful opportunity to join a major competition and mix with like-minded students from other international schools in Southeast Asia.

For more information contact Patrick du Preez. Tel: 076-23871120. Email: ppreez@bcis.ac.th Website: www.bcis.ac.th

February 29. Domaine E Guigal at the Boathouse.

An exclusive Domaine E Guigal wine dinner will be hosted at the Boathouse on February 29. Guigal is among the best and most highly sought-after wines from France's Rhône Valley.

The wine reception will be at 7 pm and the gala dinner will start at 7:30 pm.

Dinner, including all wines, is 3,000 baht++. Due to limited seating, reservations are strongly recommended.

The event is being organized in collaboration with Canpac Co, Bangkok.

For information contact Lisa Sol. Tel: 076-330015. Email: pr@boathousephuket.com Website: www.boathousephuket.com

March 6. Wealth Management Evening.

Montpelier Group's first seminar for 2008 will focus on low-risk and capital-guarantee investing. The speakers and their topics will be:

Benjamin Lord of Montpelier Group on Fund Hot Picks for 2008.

Simon Phillis of LM Investment Management on Beating Market Volatility with a Forecast Income Fund.

Jack Doueck of Stillwater Capital about the advantages of using asset-backed funds and how they work to deliver consistent returns.

Paul Foreman of Friends Provident Regular Savings Plans for Expatriates.

A wine tasting and free buffet will follow the seminar with the opportunity to talk to any of the speakers.

For more information contact Barry Payne. Tel: 086-9764998. Email: bpayne@montpeliergroup.com Website: www.montpeliergroup.com

March 7-9. An Evening of

Local blues band Cannonball will be playing at the Phuket International Blues Rock Festival this weekend at Karon.

Phuket International Blues Rock Festival

February 22-23

Presented by HotelTravel.com, the third year of Phuket's biggest international blues rock festival will be huge – expanded to 12 bands – showcasing 10 of Southeast Asia's finest acts and topping it off with an American headliner each night. We will have one of Australia's top blues bands, as well.

Returning is guitar phenomenon Rich Harper and his band from California, and another top US act will close the show on Saturday night.

Plenty of food and drink as well as games and a prize raffle.

From 6:30 pm to 12:30 am, at the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa.

Shari Puerto and other top acts from the festival will be playing at Saxophone on Thaweewong Rd, Patong, from 10 pm on February 24. See full details at www.phuketbluesfestival.com

Comedy and Good Food.

Enjoy an evening of light comedy theater plus dinner at the Green Man, featuring the Andaman Players Theatre Group. Opening Night: Friday, March 7. From 7:30 pm: Cocktail reception on the lawn, three-course dinner and an evening of three short comedies. 950 baht.

Core Night: Saturday, March 8. From 7:30 pm: Cocktail reception on the lawn, four-course dinner including wine, and an evening of three short comedies. 1,500 baht.

Matinee: Sunday, March 9. From 4 pm: Matinee performance

of the three short comedies. 350 baht. For details contact Nui at The Green Man. Tel: 076-281445, 085-7903652. Email: info@the-green-man.net

green-man.net Website: <http://theandamanplayers.spaces.live.com>

March 8-29. Light of Life Art Exhibition.

"Light of Life" will feature acrylic and oil on canvas by Thai artist Therdkiat Wangwatcharakul at D Gallery, Royal Phuket Marina. His previous exhibitions were of oil on aluminum sheets.

His landscapes focus on the interplay between shadow and light, together with the beauty and simplicity of rural and suburban Thailand.

Opening cocktail reception at 6:30 pm. Open daily 11 am to 7 pm. For details, contact Gem at Tel: 076-360867, 087-8875279. Email: gem@dgallery.co.th Website: www.dgallery.co.th

March 14-16. TriBallistic Bor Saen Challenge Race 2 of 4.

Splash 'n' Dash: Swim 50m, bike 1.5km, run 750m. Junior: Swim 200m, bike 6km, run 1.5km. Senior: Swim 600m, bike 22km, run 6 km.

Friday, 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm for race registration, pasta party and race briefing.

Saturday 8 am: senior race; 4:30 pm: kids' races; 6 pm: dinner and presentation

Entry: Adults: 1,500 baht. Children: 1,300 baht. Includes awards dinner party (drinks not included). Friday Pasta Party paid separate at 400 baht per person. Discounts for children.

Contact Shaun Boulter. Tel: 089-5902014. Email: tri@triballisticclub.com Website: www.triballisticclub.com

Looking to **Maximise**
an Already Sponsored Opportunity?

www.paulpoole.co.th



Mom Tri's Kitchen

kata beach

Elegant Dining By the Sea

Thai & Mediterranean Cuisine

Awarded Wine Spectator's Award of Excellence

Reservations Call : +66 (0) 7633 3568



12 Kata Noi Rd., Kata Beach, Phuket 83100 Thailand
E-mail: info@villaroyalephuket.com www.villaroyalephuket.com

OPEN NOW!

Your Piece Paradise @ The Kris Condo

The Kris Condo



For more information, please contact: Develop and Management by:

Mobile: + 66 (0) 89 968 6803

Tel: + 66 (0) 76 342 927-9

Fax: + 66 (0) 76 342928

www.krissanaparadise.com

Krissana Paraadise Group
52/261 Moo 13 Krungthep-Kreetha Rd.,
Sapansoong, Bangkok 10250

Price Starting from **3 MB.**

1 Bedroom 1 Bathroom
2 Bedrooms 2 Bathrooms



Phuket Gazette SPECIAL DELIVERY

Weekly Gazette hand delivered to your home or office!

EVERY SATURDAY

ANYWHERE on Phuket Island

RAIN, SHINE (bird flu, whatever...)

1 year (52 issues): 1,560 baht

☐ Enclosed is my check payable to The Phuket Gazette Co Ltd

☐ Charge my: ☐ Visa card ☐ MasterCard

Surname (as appears on card)

Given name(s) (as on card)

Card #: _____

Expiry Date: _____
Month / Year

Security Code: _____
Last 3 digits
on back of card

Issuing Bank _____ Country _____

Signature _____ Date: _____
Day / Month / Year

Deliver to: _____
NAME (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.)

COMPANY NAME (if this will help us find the address)

Address: _____

TAMBON

AMPHUR

ZIP CODE

Tel: _____ Email: _____
(Required) (Required)

Please fax the form to 076-213971, or email subscriptions@phuketgazette.net
Or subscribe online at www.phuketgazette.net/subscribe.asp

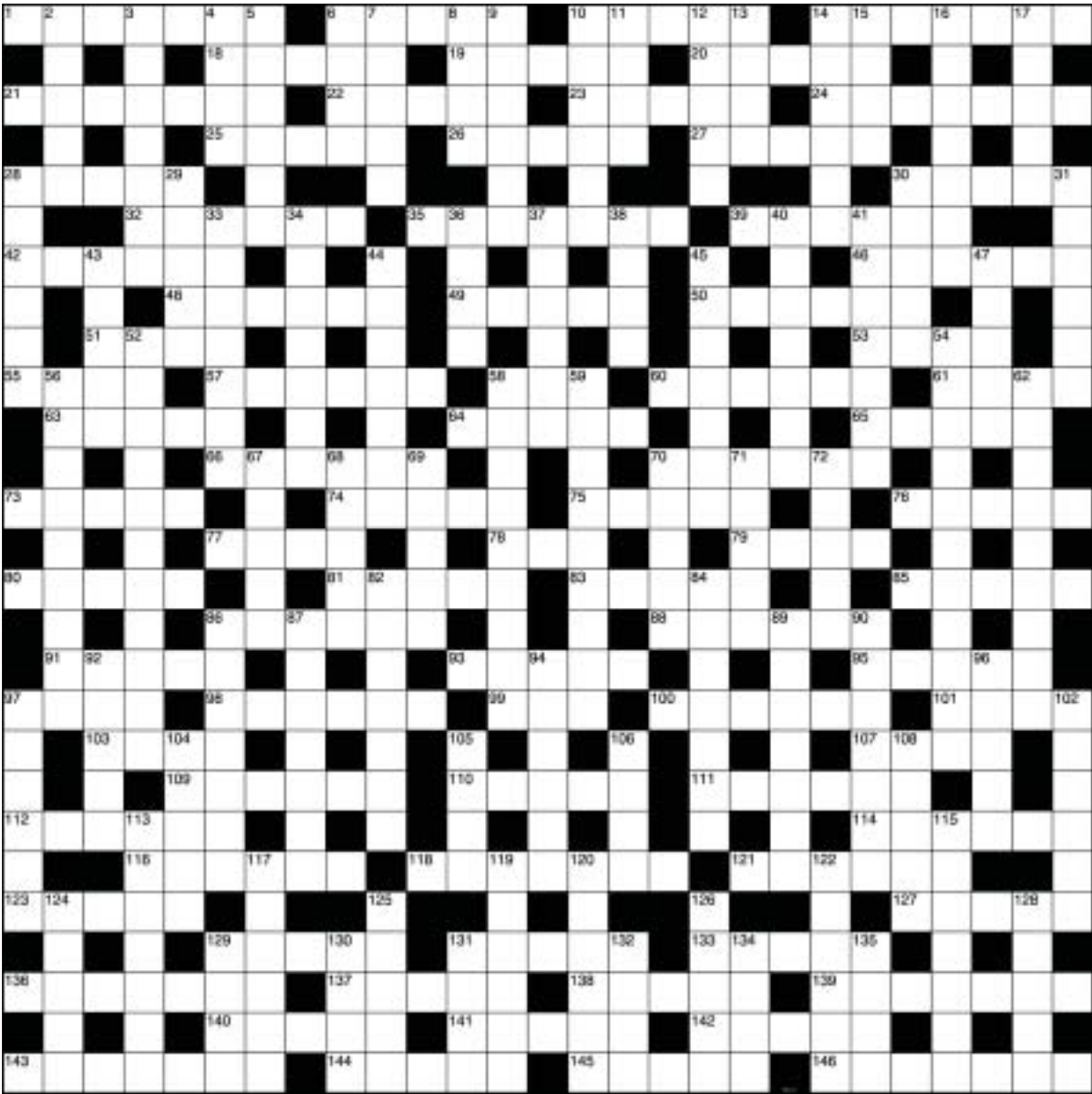


The BIG Crossword

Hidden Words

Hidden in the grid below are at least 25 words related to love. The words may read vertically, horizontally or diagonally. They may also read right-to-left or down-to-up. Score: 15 or more, good; 20 or more, very good; 25 or more, excellent. Solution on the next page.

G	Z	A	F	J	O	T	E	S	Y	F	I	Z	R	X
W	C	F	R	F	Y	A	R	V	S	G	L	S	E	C
K	I	F	J	S	G	W	I	S	T	I	P	Y	H	R
Y	N	E	W	R	B	G	S	N	J	I	K	G	T	D
R	O	C	X	N	S	E	E	G	H	G	I	D	E	D
M	J	T	Z	X	Y	P	D	S	B	F	V	K	G	F
E	E	I	E	N	I	T	N	E	L	A	V	N	O	H
T	P	O	D	E	E	O	U	B	H	T	K	C	T	A
A	H	N	R	E	I	G	O	A	L	S	H	N	H	P
D	X	O	B	T	L	N	A	V	E	E	L	F	D	P
T	D	Z	A	U	D	B	X	I	M	B	C	G	I	Y
A	E	L	P	U	O	C	O	I	R	O	P	W	K	E
H	E	A	R	T	Q	L	S	Y	A	R	C	I	C	L
R	D	R	B	H	Y	T	P	T	F	E	A	N	Q	R
G	I	R	L	F	R	I	E	N	D	R	A	M	G	P
P	C	O	N	Y	A	Y	L	M	V	M	I	J	V	J
K	A	U	E	V	O	L	O	V	O	B	G	E	K	F
A	D	S	P	J	N	Z	Y	R	S	G	V	L	N	O
J	U	R	S	I	P	K	A	Q	S	X	D	R	E	D
G	K	E	R	I	D	W	L	L	L	Y	V	I	S	Z
E	D	X	Z	C	O	P	T	W	G	C	Q	P	C	A
V	J	C	K	R	E	N	Y	B	U	A	O	B	U	P
B	W	Z	K	R	E	Y	C	S	S	U	L	N	K	F
P	A	R	T	N	E	R	M	A	S	B	Z	B	R	A
J	L	N	X	U	B	Y	Z	E	U	R	O	Y	P	P



© Lovatts Puzzles – www.lovatts.com.au

- Across**
1. Best-ever comp times
6. Softens
10. Current fashion
14. Biggest
18. Having an advantage (3-2)
19. Tired
20. Snooty
21. Predict
22. The Press
23. Fertile desert spot
24. Nat King Cole's daughter
25. Obtain (funds)
26. Gather bit by bit
27. Track competitor
28. From Houston
30. Last Greek letter
32. Dried grape
35. Fourth US president, James...
39. Strength
42. Trudges
46. Loose from mooring
48. Sited
49. Takes notice of
50. Far
51. Spanish artist
53. Informal photo
55. Finished
57. Sounds
58. Task
60. Bahamas capital
61. Urges on, ...up
63. Curved over
64. Facsimiles
65. Pop stars
66. Moaned sadly
70. Reddish-brown color
73. Wily tricks
74. Steal (power)
75. Cow offal
76. Challenger
77. Coffin stand
78. Cigar dust
79. Telephoned
80. Proclaim
81. Of the eyes
83. Outstanding (of debt)
85. The V of CV
86. Makes reparations
88. Worsen (of crisis)
91. Agrees to
93. Revolt
95. News slant
97. Hand-make (jumper)
98. Fancy necktie
99. Actor, ...Aykroyd
100. Circles (planet)
101. Actor, Alan...
103. Used to be
107. Playthings
109. Put oil on
110. Diamond month
111. Soviet tyrant
112. Canine tooth
114. Companion
116. Uncelebrated (hero)
118. Continue doggedly
121. Messenger
123. Rubs with abrasive
127. Striped cat
129. Cougars
131. Overhanging edges of roof
133. Large spoon
136. Actress, ...Diller
137. Reworked
138. Urban
139. Divorcee payments
140. At no stage
141. Majestic
142. Actress, ...Streep
143. Liquorice-flavored seed
144. Daisy-like flower
145. Works at (trade)
146. Jockeys' seats
- Down**
2. Grind down
3. Bowling style (cricket)
4. Achiever
5. Skulks
6. Mamas
7. Fencing weapons
8. Come to realise
9. Made airtight
10. Rasps
11. Actor, ...Phillippe
12. Democratic Republic of Congo
13. Famed lioness
14. Hermits
15. A distance
16. Actor, Kelsey...
17. Playground apparatus
28. Skin picture
29. Diaper
30. Times past, ...days
31. Ancient Mexicans
33. Isles
34. Needing a scratch
36. Dull pain
37. Fridge compartment
38. Depose
40. Unveils
41. Bodysuit
43. Ire
44. Sticks (to)
45. Marriage split (5-2)
47. Motivate
52. Arrange for maximum effect
54. Excruciatingly
56. Estimation of worth
58. Stuffed full (3-6)
59. Beatles & ELO hit, Roll Over...
62. Intensified
67. Ignoramus
68. Great Lake
69. Tubular passages
70. Stiff
71. Suit fabric
72. Comic, ...Wise
82. Punishment
84. Closest
86. Climbs up
87. Round of applause
89. Confidential
90. Beastlier
92. Flightless birds
94. Scottish infants
96. Noosed rope
97. Rasps
102. Skilfully
104. Showers heavily
105. Child star, ...Lloyd
106. Charity gifts
108. Start (of disease)
113. Tiny pools
115. Compressed
117. Leftover (portion)
119. Library patron
120. Frozen polar cover
122. Relieves
124. Pallid
125. Callous opportunists
126. Greasy mud
128. Drinking bout
129. Fret
130. Zone
131. Irish Republic
132. Window ledge
134. Experts
135. Singer, ...Hooper

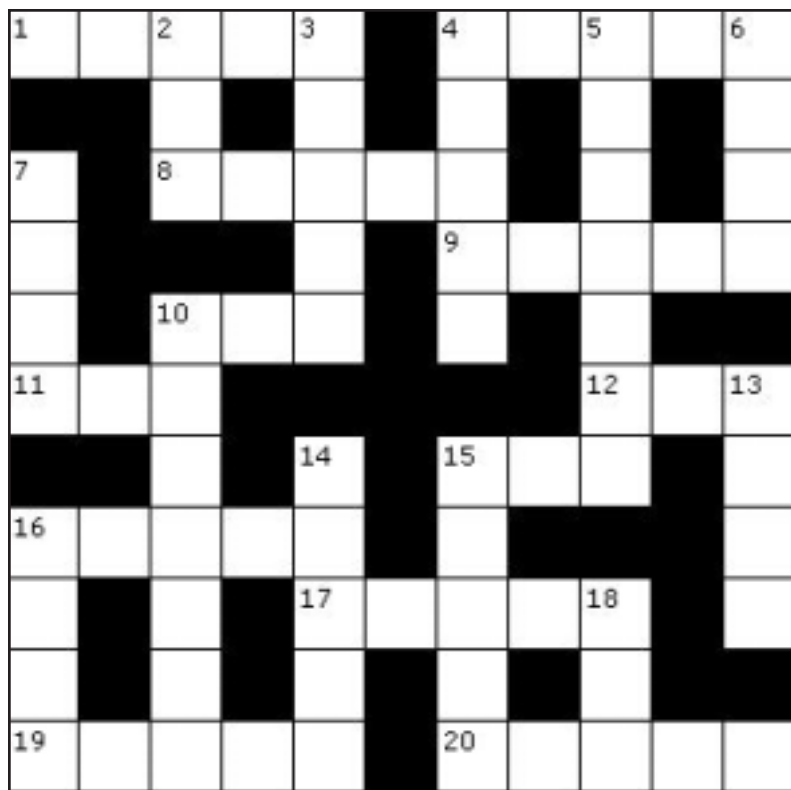
Solution on next page

su | do | ku
© Puzzles by Pappocom

Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

			7	1		5	3	
2				4	6		9	1
7					5		6	
	1	8	3				2	
6	9						7	5
	2				4	8	1	
	7		4					6
9	4		2	8				3
	5	3		9	1			

Sudoku is very simple: each row, each column and each "box" of nine squares within the puzzle must contain all the numbers from 1 to 9 with, naturally, no repetitions. Beware: there is only one solution to this puzzle, which is on the next page.



Quick Crossword

Across

1. End of day
4. Italian food
8. Peace prize
9. Malice
10. Apply
11. Quick movement
12. Everything
15. Large battle
16. Annoy
17. Midriff
19. Obedient
20. Not late

Down

2. Weapon
3. Furniture
4. Heartbeat
5. Almost the same
6. Pain
7. No money
10. Sad
13. Woman
14. Gem
15. Compose
16. Long
18. Sticky, black substance

Solution below

Get your brain in gear with The Monster Quiz



Kids! Ask Mum and Dad to help you find the answers to these questions. They're not easy but, if you do some research, you should be able to find the answers to all of them.

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| 1. Which American state is the largest by population? | 7. What phrase did Frank Muir coin about Joan Bakewell? | 15. What do the British call a hickey? |
| 2. Which German pocket battleship was scuttled by her captain off Montevideo Harbor in 1939? | 8. Who wrote <i>The Canterbury Tales</i> ? | 16. Which classic book features a criminal called Raskolnikov? |
| 3. In which English county would you find Fotheringham Castle? | 9. Who, when asked if he had anything to declare, replied "only my genius"? | 17. Which is the only Scottish city whose name begins with "I"? |
| 4. Which film starring Matt Damon concerns a janitor spotted as a mathematical genius? | 10. What does STV stand for? | 18. Which London attraction opened in 1958 in Marylebone Rd? |
| 5. In December 2000, which music magazine, merged with its old musical rival, the NME? | 11. What famous London landmark was designed by David Marks and Julia Barfield? | 19. What is the name of the main stadium Stadiumat Flushing Meadow, home of the US Open? |
| 6. Dick York and Dick Sargent both played Darren in which series? | 12. Which "R" is a mild Swiss cheese? | 20. Which "B" is a line on the London Underground that opened in 1906? |
| | 13. Which Rocky movie did Hulk Hogan play a part in? | |
| | 14. Sylvester Stallone will direct a biography of which American poet? | |

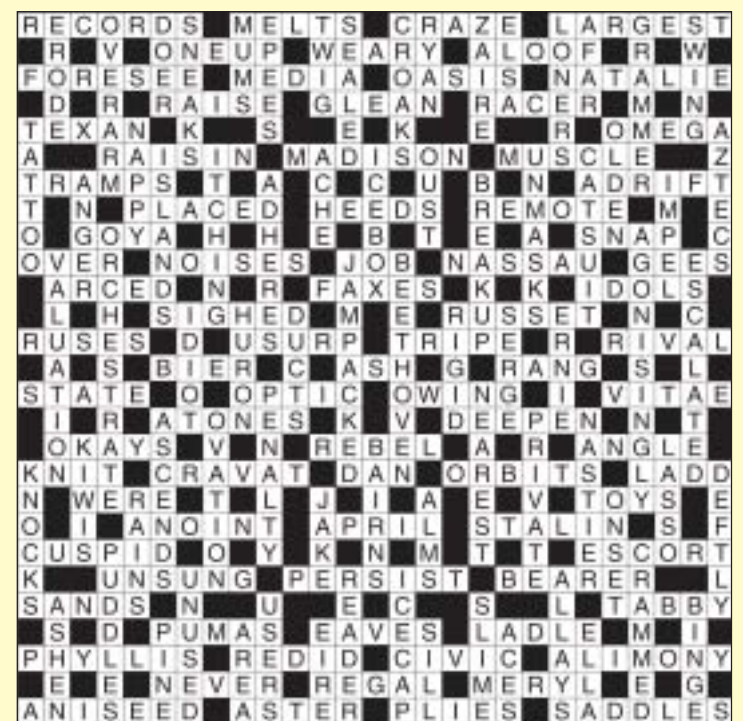
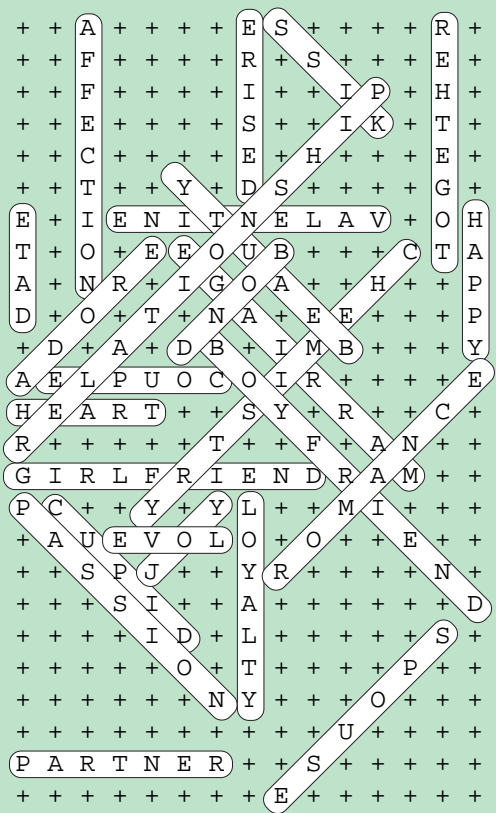
Answers below

Puzzle Solutions

Solution to this week's Quick Crossword



Hidden Words SOLUTION



Solution to this week's BIG Crossword

Solution to this week's Sudoku puzzle

4	6	9	7	1	2	5	3	8
2	3	5	8	4	6	7	9	1
7	8	1	9	3	5	4	6	2
5	1	8	3	7	9	6	2	4
6	9	4	1	2	8	3	7	5
3	2	7	5	6	4	8	1	9
1	7	2	4	5	3	9	8	6
9	4	6	2	8	7	1	5	3
8	5	3	6	9	1	2	4	7

Monster Quiz Answers

1. California; 2. Graf Spee; 3. Northamptonshire; 4. Good Will Hunting; 5. Melody Maker; 6. Bewitched; 7. The Thinking Man's Crumpet; 8. Geoffrey Chaucer; 9. Oscar Wilde; 10. Single Transferable Vote; 11. London Eye; 12. Raclette; 13. Rocky III; 14. Edgar Allan Poe; 15. Love bite; 16. Crime and Punishment; 17. Inverness; 18. Planetarium; 19. Arthur Ashe; 20. Bakerloo.



The Haven Lagoon Patong

Foreigner freehold ownership available

5 Minutes to Patong beach

Starting from **3.6 Million**

Ready to move in **December 2008**

Stylish Boutique Condominium 1-3 Bedrooms Partly Furnished

www.thehavenlagoon.com

Tel: 087-895-0555, 087-895-0999

HR

Find more Property Classified ads at www.phuketgazette.net/

Make Your Point Living

Please Visit Our Show Unit NOW

Today with Special Offer Loan Limited Time Offer



THE POINT

The Capital of Phuket

The Point is "Living". It is an 8-story property strategically located in the center of Phuket Islands across from Central Festival. With sophisticated contemporary design, integrated modern technology and concierge service, we are making The Point in living.

- A choice of 9 unit designs ranging from 36-125 square meters
- Custom furnishings, superior quality materials and construction
- IP telephony and wireless technology
- Parking for every unit



Starting from
Bt 2.4 M



Sales Tel. (66) 76 355 144 www.thepointphuket.com

When recounting the island's history, it is impossible to neglect the involvement of tin and its implications in shaping Phuket's evolution.

This valuable commodity has helped bring wealth and prosperity to the island and its inhabitants for generations.

Tin has been in demand for thousands of years. On its own, the metal is high useless because it is very soft. However, mixing it with other metals can create useful alloys.

The primary use of tin in the ancient world was to create bronze by smelting the metal with copper. The perfection of this technique allowed ancient civilizations to create weapons that were hard and strong, such as swords, spearheads and arrows.

By the 18th century, the need for bronze to make weapons had diminished greatly with the availability of steel. Military use of bronze was limited to manufacturing cannons and other artillery.

However, greater use for tin was found, in the more industrialized countries by that time, where there were increasing demands for tin in industrial processes. One common use was as protective coating to prevent corrosion of iron and steel, since tin does not rust.

From the time the metal was discovered on the island, thousands of years ago, many techniques have been devised to extract and separate pure tin from

How tin forged its way into Phuket history



Miners sift through raw ore from water-laden pits in the search for tin.

Photo courtesy of the Indigo Pearl Resort.

its ore.

During the late 18th century, tin mining became prevalent throughout the island, despite the political instability that had plagued the region during the period. Siamese hegemony had been established in Phuket for hundreds of years, but recent Burmese invasions had threat-

ened Siamese sovereignty on the island and the ensuing wars had forced many inhabitants to leave.

As a result, the island was sparsely populated and lacking the valuable labor force needed to yield high outputs of tin.

The 1834 publication by Peter J Begbie, *The Malayan Peninsula*, presents an account of how tin mining was done in Phuket in its early stages during the late 18th century.

According to Begbie, tin was found in greatest abundance on the southeast side of the island, which not surprisingly is the present location of Phuket City.

During the northeast monsoon, from November through April, inhabitants of the island from different villages would relocate southwards to commence mining activities.

Many mines were located in or around what is now Phuket City. According to Begbie, the mines near Phuket City reached depths of 50 to 70 feet. Closer to the coast, the tin was easier to access and depths ranged from only 10 to 30 feet.

A systematic method of mining the mineral was in place and the miners cooperated in order to extract the tin ore. Each

pit was about four feet wide and employed four men for the operation.

The mining process was very simple. Two miners stayed in the pit where they filled buckets with tin ore. The bucket, which was suspended using a pulley system, was then pulled upwards when it was filled.

The ore, as it came up, was then thrown to the women sitting around the pit. They separated the mixtures of stone and clay from the tin ore by either breaking the lumps using their fingers or twirling them around rapidly on wooden platters. This ensured that the ores were separated rapidly from the impurities.

At the end of each day, the ore was carried away to a running stream nearby in order to force out the finer sand particles that may have been left behind from the separation process.

Finally, the ore was carried to the smelting house where every 100 pounds of ore could be expected to yield 70lb to 75lb of pure tin after being melted in furnaces.

From explorer and Penang founder Capt Francis Light's accounts, a common miner usually received a "ticket" for every 40lb of tin he deposited. The tickets could then be exchanged for a certain amount of silver by the king's overseer.

Part of the revenue generated from exporting tin was sent to Bangkok as state revenue and the remainder was kept by the smelter, "who is a Chinese man that rents this privilege from the King of Siam".

During this period of the island's history, mining was still in its early stages, yet had started to evolve into an important industry, employing systematic operations and techniques.

By 1788, despite the small population resulting from the Burmese and Siamese struggles for island supremacy, Phuket was able to produce 500 tons of tin annually.

It was also reputed that ore mined in Phuket had one of the highest tin yields in the region, reflecting on the quality of the metal that comes from the island.

Because technology was not sufficiently advanced, many

mines were abandoned as soon as the miners hit some obstacle in the ground, for example rocks that they could not

dig past. If this happened, they moved on to other mines.

It meant that only the minerals at the surface were used, leaving the ore that was deeper down untouched. Begbie mentions that this was one of the reasons why Phuket City had been abandoned for a period of time – the mines there could no longer be used.

Anand Singh is an avid Phuket historian. He lived on Phuket from the age of 3 to 21. He is fluent in Thai and may be contacted at as.pkt@hotmail.com

LOOKING BACK

By Anand Singh



Accounting, Legal & Tax Services

- Accounting
- Audit & Due Diligence
- Company Registration
- Real Estate (Contract / Ownership Conveyance)
- Tax Planning & Legal Advisory
- Visa & Work Permit

Bangkok Office:
139 Rimco House,
Sukhumvit 55 (Thonglor),
Wattana, Bangkok
Tel: 02-715-0128

Phuket Office:
99/19 Moo 1, By-Pass Rd.
(Opposite Tesco Lotus),
Kathu, Phuket
Tel: 076-304-400

Hotline (24 Hrs) 081-616-7500 www.jwsconsulting.co.th




Thermage
Botox / Collagen
Wrinkle Fillers
Laser Hair Removal
Laser Rejuvenation
Body Reshaping
Facial Spa
Dark Spot Removal

T: 076 239535
E: info@face2face-medpark.com
www.face2face-medpark.com



Treatment in The Garden
at
Med Park
Boat Lagoon





Invisalign - Invisible Braces
One-visit Ceramic Crowns
One-hour Tooth Whitening
Pro-Smile Salt Jet Polishing
Cosmetic Veneers
Titanium Implants
Children's Treatment
Digital Radiology

One Clinic Two Locations.
PK T: 076 239 525 - 6
BKK T: 02 240 2800
www.dc-one.com

In the eyes of most of the Western Judeo-Christian world, men who come regularly to Pattaya to indulge in the kinds of sexual activities frowned upon in their respective homelands are seen as aberrations of society.

A book entitled *Human Instinct: How Our Primeval Impulses Shape Our Modern Lives*, written by Lord Prof Robert Winston throws a different perspective on human relations. It may just be the men – and some women – who turn Pattaya into their experimental boudoir are in fact simply acting out a sensible and practical biological scenario.

Prof Winston's thesis is based on the theory that while love and lust may lead to infidelity, the driving force is the strong biological instinct to propagate our species. Winston argues the practice of polygyny, the practice of having more than one female partner at the same time, is practiced in 708 of the 849 human societies on the planet.

He writes, "It seems that, from a strictly evolutionary point of view, the competitive nature which pushes a man to pursue power and status is strongly related to sex – and the number of women he can have sex with."

It seems that men are genetically programmed for sexual variety. There's nothing we can do about it. Our innate desire is to spread our genes.

Anthropologist Laura Betzig points out that the practice of rulers, especially despots, to keep harems has been a fact of history almost since the dawn

In defense of infidelity

of time. Even the Romans, who had a reputation for monogamy, kept slaves for sexual gratification.

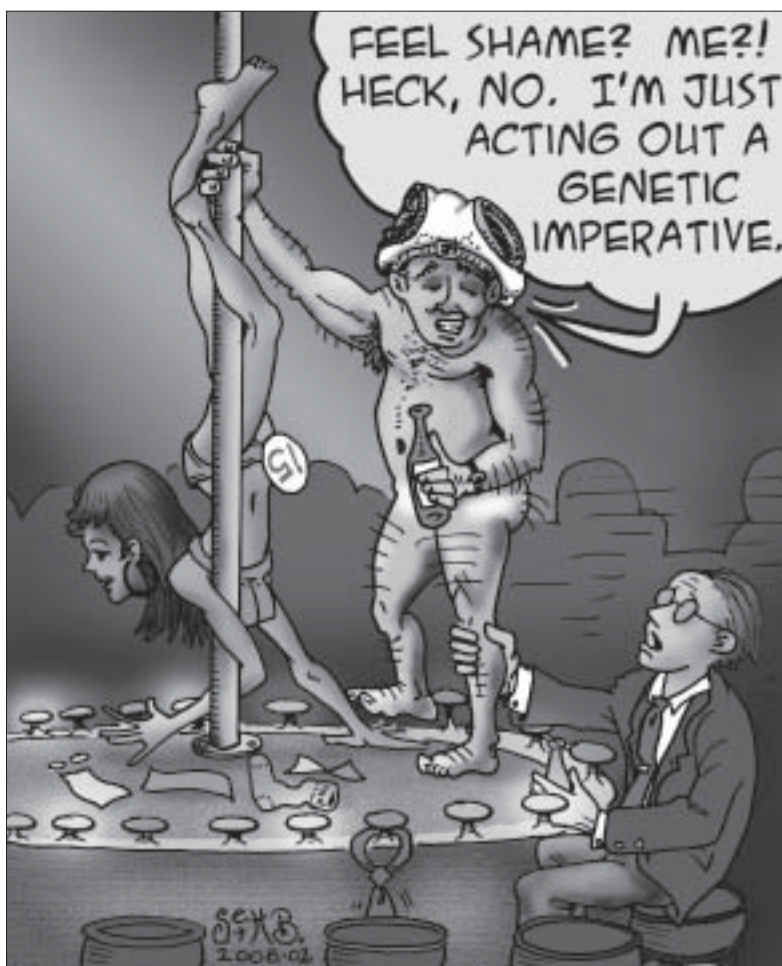
Many historians have assumed the fathers of *vernae*, or child slaves raised in the master's home, were slaves, but Betzig argues these children were more than likely the progeny of the master of the house.

In medieval Europe, the practice of polygyny was abetted by *jus primae noctis*, or "the right of the first night", a privilege that accrued to the local chief or lord, granting him approval to make love to a bride of lower class on her wedding night.

As Western society gradually changed, large scale polygyny died out. Marriage, apart from being a religious institution, may have been devised to also be a way of curbing our naturally unfaithful tendencies.

The grip of marriage, even in modern times with spiraling divorce rates, still tends to lend credence to the words of the early 20th century author HH Munro – better known by his pen name Saki – who wrote, "We are firmly attached to the Western custom of one wife and hardly any mistresses."

It was the evolutionist Charles Darwin who propounded the theory of sexual selection, that some individuals are naturally superior to others in the competi-



tion for a mate.

His mistake was in believing females were naturally monogamous while males were not. Darwin, along with many others – all male, of course – doubted and even denied the possibility that a female could enjoy sex and achieve orgasm. If you agree with Darwin and his like-thinking colleagues, feel free to visit Pattaya and conduct your own epistemological study.

In fact, infidelity is now known to be common among women of all races and nation-

alities. According to anthropologist Marjorie Shostak, female infidelity is a way of a woman hedging her bets.

In her writings, Shostak described a native woman from the Kalahari Desert having a regular string of men with whom she had sex (the Kalahari woman, not Shostak), even though she is married.

Equally, female infidelity may be a way of strengthening her own bloodlines. If her partner is impotent, infertile, physically disabled or ill, adultery may

be a way of introducing a new "strain" without causing the relationship to break down completely. In societies with relaxed morals about non-marital sex, women are considered just as promiscuous as men.

Psychologist Helen Fisher suggests humans are only designed to be monogamous for as long as it takes to raise a child through infancy, a period of around three to five years. She claims that marriage and divorce statistics that she has collated from more than 60 countries reveal a worldwide pattern showing divorce peaks around four years after marriage. Then it declines.

Apparently, these statistics are constant despite the variations in cultures, languages, marital practices, divorce procedures. Does all this sound familiar?

The two main reasons for marriage breakdown are adultery – particularly if it is by the wife – and infertility. Jealousy is at its most powerful when a woman has sex with another man. Divorce is common among infertile couples. Basically, we enter into relationships in order to produce offspring and anything that compromises this can be viewed as ultimately destructive to the relationship.

So now you know. It appears that humans are genetically programmed to be sexually polygynous. It probably explains why so many damsels of the chrome pole and their clientele can rarely be relied upon to remain faithful once their partners is out of sight... or should I say, out of bed.

In The Stars

by Isla Star

PISCES (February 20-March 20): If you are celebrating a birthday this week, you will be over the moon when you open your gifts. There are indications that someone who has been paying less attention than you expect is about to compensate. If you're single, look forward to a year in which you will be spoiled for choice. A prospective partner is due to appear on the scene this week. Wear the color gold to add some glitz to your appearance.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): You could be feeling hot-headed this week. An annoying business situation will be compounded if your temper comes to the boil. Asking a third party to speak on your behalf could be a viable answer. Where romance is concerned, another Arian could prove to be the perfect match. An introduction this weekend sets your spirits soaring. Wear peppermint green to help cool your mood.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): As February draws to a close, you should be satisfied with what you have achieved. Success from creative pursuits is still highlighted during the coming weeks, so don't give up if your approaches have met a brick wall. The stars are ready to support your efforts to have more fun and this weekend offers chance to meet new people in unfamiliar surroundings.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): You need to make a serious effort to go with the flow this week. Your quest to find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow is subject to delays caused by others' reluctance to co-operate. Leo is most likely to provide information that can be trusted; Aquarius is disorientated and lost at the moment. Your airy attitude towards romance won't be appreciated this weekend.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): Working towards a common goal with your partner will enhance a relationship that has not brought satisfaction lately. Money could be tight as a family member is about to request a loan. You are advised to demand some security before parting with cash. Thursday is the best day for approaching bureaucracy, but answers won't be forthcoming as quickly as you want. The number six can be lucky early next week.

LEO (July 24-August 22): Personal relationships could suffer due to miscommunication this weekend. Ensure that your point of view has been properly understood before flying off the handle. Recent frugality begins to pay off as you notice your bank balance becoming healthier. This should coincide well with the opportunity to take a trip early next month. If you're single, you are forecast to meet an enticing Arian before the end of the month.

VIRGO (August 23-September 23): Your enthusiasm for a sport or other leisure will return. This rekindled interest will help to energize other areas of your life, making until near the end of March a fulfilling time. Work matters still require careful handling, particularly when a new colleague doesn't seem keen on accepting responsibility. The number 8 is forecast to be lucky on Thursday.

LIBRA (September 24-October 23): Family are about to demand your attention this weekend and you won't have much time to please yourself. Your ability to see both sides of the coin should be useful, but make it clear that relationships should be a two-way street. The opportunity to prove your worth at work comes unexpected next week and promotion is highlighted. Cream and strawberry red can help sweeten your mood.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): A blast from your past makes it clear that they would be interested in picking up the threads of a relationship that never properly finished. You could be tempted, mainly out of boredom. As long as you maintain a light-and-easy attitude, fun is on the agenda. If you're looking for serious commitment, reject these advances. The number 9 could be lucky on Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): You shouldn't pass up the opportunity to leave your comfort zones this week. A venture into the unknown could bring new ways of making money and even if everything you touch doesn't turn to gold, there are signs that finances are about to receive a big boost soon. Where love is concerned, your tendency to blow hot and cold could cause a permanent rift in a casual relationship.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Self-confidence is once more a problem. This is an auspicious time to take a serious look at how far you've come in recent months. If you can believe in yourself more, there will be much more progress in the near future. Money matters concerning property are well-starred from now until the middle of March. Wear steel gray to encourage some magnetic appeal.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): It could be difficult to make money stretch far enough this week. However, taking out a loan under current astral conditions is not advised. Tuesday is best for asking someone whether a payment can be delayed. Finances should improve after the middle of next month. In the meantime, tread water carefully. Romance proceeds at a snail's pace, but most Aquarians will be glad there is no pressure to commit.

The Phuket Gazette
- Since 1994 -

367/2 Yaowarat Rd, Amphur
Muang, Phuket 83000
Tel: 076-236555
Fax: 076-213971
Email: info@phuketgazette.net

Weeding out the bad apples

Thailand's new Tourism and Sports Minister, Weerasak Kowsurat, has been quoted telling reporters that his first year in office would be a year of "tourism and investment", during which the number of foreign visitors to the country would increase to 15.7 million.

If achieved, the figure would represent an increase of more than 8% on last year, which turned out to be a very good year for the Thai tourism industry – especially considering the political situation, the insurgency in the Deep South, rising oil prices and the strengthening of the baht against the US dollar.

A legal expert, K. Weerasak on his first visit to the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) headquarters said that the new government would work with the agency to strengthen Thailand's "brand image".

Fortunately, the Thai tourism industry has over the years developed in a way that continues to appeal to a wide range of holidaymakers, from package tourists to affluent, long-stay tourists who buy second homes here. This is one of its greatest strengths.

Unfortunately, a negative byproduct is that current Immigration policies designed to promote mass tourism – most notably the granting of "visa exemptions" for those wishing to make short-term stays – make it inevitable that some undesirables are allowed in.

Perhaps the most high-profile example was that of Hambali, the former military leader of Indonesian terrorist organization Jemaah Islamiyah who was arrested in Ayudhya in August, 2003. Hambali was nabbed by officials while he was planning a terrorist attack during the APEC summit in Bangkok in October that year. He was able to extend his stay here by getting visas and permit-to-stay stamps though the mail, it was reported.

Since his capture has followed a slew of extraditions from Thailand of alleged pedophiles, the most widely publicized of which was John Mark Karr, whose false confession to having killed six-year-old JonBenet Ramsey in the US state of Colorado in 1996 once again saw Thailand portrayed in the Western media as a popular hideout for foreign pedophiles.

More recently, the extradition of Earl Bonds to the US to face four counts of molesting an 11-year-old (see page 1) brings these perceptions even closer to home.

K. Weerasak's experience, background and legal expertise make him ideally suited to sit down with the Royal Thai Police Immigration Bureau and conduct a thorough and long-overdue review of Immigration policies and procedures that waste the time and money of law-abiding foreigners while doing little to prevent international criminals from moving and establishing a residence here. – **The Editor**

Do you have an opinion you want to share?
Email editor@phuketgazette.net

The Phuket Gazette

In association with The Nation Multimedia Group PCL

Editor: Parichat Utintu

Managing Editor: Chris Husted

News Editor: Stephen Fein

Chief Reporter: Sangkhae Leelanapaporn

Editorial Team: Natcha Yuttaworawit, Janyaporn Morel, Sompratch Saowakhon, Semacote Suganya, Pathomporn Kaenkrachang, Nick Davies, Matt Crook, Skyler Swezy

Managing Director: Oranee Pienprasertkul

General Managers: Niladaa Mastanawattanukul, Natthira Susangrat

Publisher: The Phuket Gazette Co Ltd

Contact us

Advertising Sales: adsales@phuketgazette.net

Classified Advertising: classads@phuketgazette.net

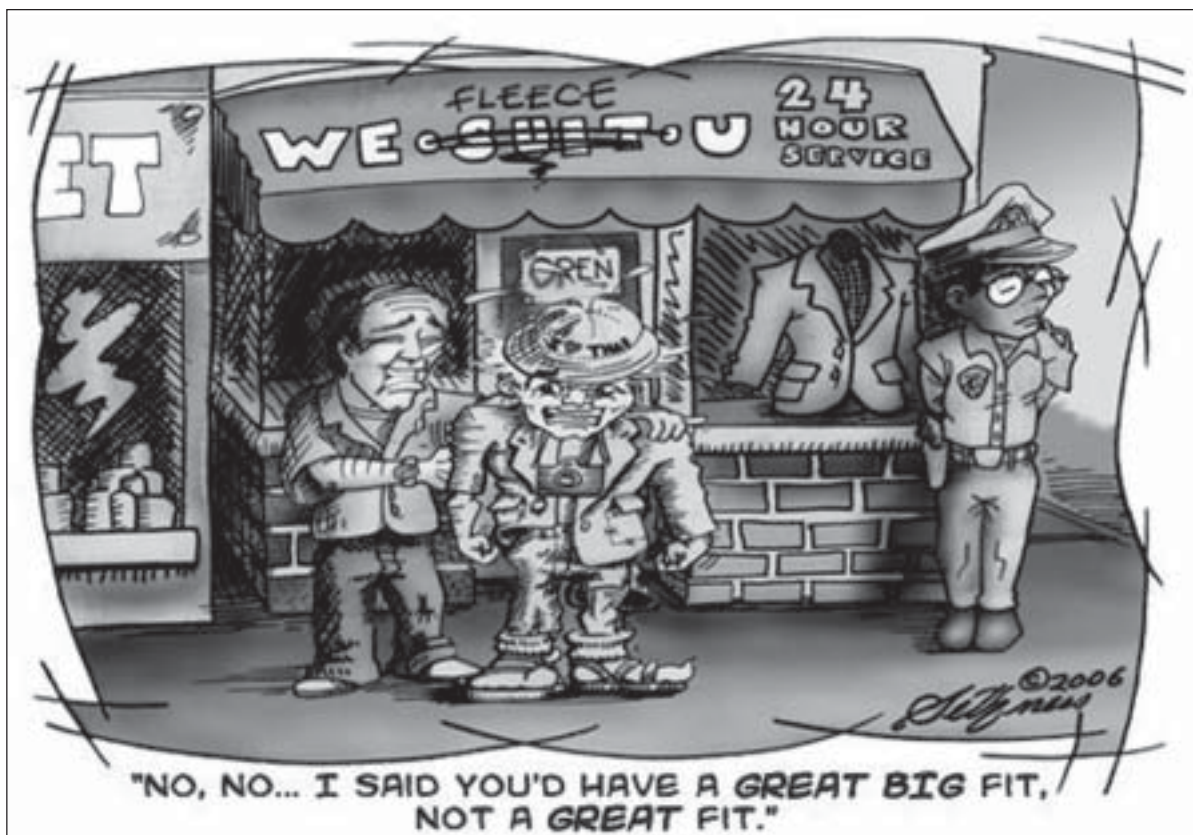
Website Services: koy@phuketgazette.net

Gazette Guide inquiries: guide@phuketgazette.net

Telephone: 076-236555 (10 lines) **Fax:** 076-213971

The views expressed in the Phuket Gazette are those of the writers and contributors and do not necessarily reflect those of the publisher, the editor, the shareholders, or the directors of The Phuket Gazette Co Ltd.

Copyright © 1994-2008 The Phuket Gazette Co Ltd



Letters

The Gazette is pleased to receive mail from readers. Please write to us at 367/2 Yaowarat Rd, Amphur Muang, Phuket 83000, fax to 076-213971 or send an email to editor@phuketgazette.net

with your views for publication in our next issue. We reserve the right to edit all letters. Pseudonyms are acceptable only if your full name and address are supplied.

Driving lessons or a question of attitude?

I have read and appreciated Mr Pruess's letter [Gazette issue of February 9-15] and I have compared it with my experiences in Phuket.

Since 1998, I have observed how people drive and ride and what level of consideration they have towards other motorists and I think more driving lessons is not the exact solution.

After 10 years, nothing has changed; on the contrary, it has become worse.

On the roads, the real problem is the questionable attitude of the people who use the roads and the leniency of the authorities.

Driving and riding on the wrong side, parking motorbikes in spaces reserved for cars, running red lights, not wearing helmets if not in the presence of a police check point, turning right or left having driven on the lane used to go straight to avoid the queue, allowing the illegal three-wheeled carts [salaeng] that cause many traffic problems and are especially dangerous when carrying gas cylinders.

Stopping their motorbikes two or three meters over the stop line; riding on the roads carrying two or three people pillion, all without helmets; driving in the passing lane with no consideration of the other vehicles that are behind and obligating them to overtake on the left.

In more than 10 years I have never seen any policeman stop someone for such moving violations.

Mr Pruess, do you still think they need more driving lessons?

James Hair
Phuket

The heartlessness of dying in Phuket

In January, an Italian couple riding a motorcycle and a Thai male, also on a motorcycle, were killed after their motorbikes and a pickup truck driven by a 75-year-old local man collided.

I was a close friend of Anna Montone and Francesco Pilato, who were in Phuket on holiday. Their deaths have left me traumatized, not only from the tragic loss of life, but from the lack of care and compassion shown for the victims and their families after the accident.

From immediately after the accident to until the bodies were eventually repatriated, the family received no assistance from the Thai Police or the local municipality.

Ms Montone died at the scene of the accident but Mr Pilato was still alive when he was hastily lifted onto the back of a pickup truck and driven to hospital. Considering that his skull was fractured, his legs and arms broken and that he had suffered considerable blood loss, this rough handling of him might very well have been what finished him off.

What about a proper ambulance and the police? Why did they not attend the scene?

After a lot of confusion as to exactly where the bodies were taken, their repatriation was only made possible with the help of friends, relatives and Italian residents in Phuket. There was no official information on repatriating bodies and we had to find out everything on our own. Is it possible that no-one knows the proper protocol for repatriation of foreign nationals?

In addition to the lack of help

from the police, when we finally got to speak to them, the language barrier made it very difficult to communicate.

Despite numerous visits to the police station, we have seen no development in the case. It seems that no-one here in Phuket has entertained the thought that maybe the driver of the pickup truck should be held responsible for his actions.

We have not received a phone call or telegram from him, his lawyer or his family. To this day, the victims' families have yet to be informed of any official version of the accident.

Has the driver been charged with anything? Where is he now? Was he insured and, if so, why has no one contacted his insurance company?

Claudio Piccirilli
Friend of the victims

Run, rabbit, run...

I recently started jogging at Suan Luang park again – this time in the mornings.

I woke at 7 am and headed over to the park and started my run. But before I made it 10 meters, a motorbike with sidecar nearly took away my legs. Less than a minute later, I dodged a Honda Wave cornering at 30kmh.

The park gate, which is fairly successful at preventing motorbikes from entering the park in the evening, had been lifted.

The park has become a mini-bypass road for motorbikes every morning. All I want to know is, why? Also, if I 'accidentally' clothesline a motorcyclist who's playing chicken with a jogger, do I still have pay his hospital bills because I'm a farang?

Loyd Banks
Phuket City

Letters conveying views and suggestions are published here. Those seeking comment from government officials or business owners are published as *Issues & Answers* on the facing page.

MP shares his plans for Phuket

Phuket has many problems, but the first that needs to be resolved in traffic congestion – especially along the bypass road. To decrease congestion we may need to build tunnels at key intersections, such as the one near Tesco-Lotus.

The second cause for concern is environmental protection. We need to take urgent action to improve monitoring and get serious with hotels and restaurants, especially with regards to the release of untreated wastewater. These businesses must be made to prove they are treating effluent before releasing it to the sea.

There are many hotels and restaurants in coastal areas, especially along the beach in Patong

and Bang Tao. Even though they reassure the government that they have working wastewater treatment facilities and are using them, we have to monitor them closely to ensure compliance with all regulations.

The wastewater problem has not reached crisis stage yet, so I hope to take effective action to protect seawater quality before the situation worsens.

This effort has to include discharge into the sea by small craft and boats working in the tourism industry. We must check them to see whether they are releasing oil into the sea or not.

On a recent boat trip I found bottles and plastic washing up along island beaches, especially those on the east coast.

FIRST PERSON

Sworn in on January 7, Phuket native **Rewat Areerob**, 42, became one of Phuket's two constituency members of the new Thai parliament. A member of the Democrat Party, he was the top vote-getter in provincial polling in the December 23, 2007 general election, with 93,004 votes.

A graduate from Phuket Rajabhat Institute [now Phuket Rajabhat University], K. Rewat served as a senior advisor to Phuket Provincial Administration Organization President Anchalee Vanich-Thepabutra from 2004 to 2007 and was a member of the Phuket Chamber of Commerce Special Activities Board until recently, when he resigned to devote all his time to his duties as MP.

Here the new lawmaker tells the *Gazette's* **Pathomporn Kaenkrachang** what he hopes to achieve for Phuket as a member of the national assembly.



Another major issue is the presence of many illegal aliens working at construction sites around the island, many of them from neighboring countries such as Burma. This is the result of a lack of Thai workers to do these jobs.

I have to push to ensure that all Thai companies employing foreign laborers do so legally, be-

cause illegal workers often avoid annual health checks and this could lead to [public health] problems if we continue to ignore the problem.

A hot topic is the establishment of Phuket as a special administrative zone, one in which the populace would be able to elect their own governor.

[As opposition party mem-

bers] we can raise such important issues in parliament and push the government to take action.

All of these issues should be raised immediately with the new heads of the relevant ministries, together with proposals for effective solutions at the local level. I plan to raise matters directly to the relevant ministries so they can be put before the Cabinet.

Can foreigners own their own inherited land?

My wife is from Thailand, and our four-year-old daughter is also a Thai national. Our house and property in England is all nicely looked after by way of wills, so should one of us survive the other, property titles will be vested in the name of the survivor, or held for our daughter.

However, what happens here in Phuket? Our house and a plot of land are both held solely in the name of my wife. What would happen if:

1. My wife dies first and is survived by me and our "under-age" Thai daughter,

2. We both die suddenly and our daughter is the only survivor?

What should we do to ensure that any survivors who can't currently own property in Thailand are safeguarded?

Paul Johnson
Phuket

Rungrapa Putkaew, Lawyer of PK International Law Office, replies:

Under Thai law, foreigners generally cannot own land. So, if your wife owns the property in her name and she dies without leaving a will, the property will be inherited by your daughter and your wife's parents in equal-share ownership. You will have no rights to the property.

Similarly, if both you and your wife die and only your daughter survives, and there is no will expressly saying what is to be done with the property, your

daughter and your wife's parents will equally inherit the property.

However, if your wife has a will, she can leave the property to be inherited by you and/or your daughter.

It is a long and complicated process, but if the Land Office accepts the conditions of the will that you – a foreigner – are to inherit the land, then the Land Office can apply to the Interior Ministry for special permission for you to own the land in your own name.

Note that this applies to property of up to 1 rai only. Larger plots are not eligible for foreign ownership.

If your daughter is named as the sole inheritor of the land, as her legal guardian, you can be named the executor of the property until your daughter reaches 20 years of age. However, during that time you and your daughter cannot sell the property with-

out permission from the court.

To ensure that your daughter inherits the property, your wife should write up a final will and testament and have it registered at the District Office for the area where your wife's property is located.

Alternatively, any law office can do it for her.

How many foreigners live in Phuket?

We are trying to conduct a population study for the north half of Phuket to see if there are enough people to justify a shopping center south of Thalang. It is very difficult to get a number of how many foreigners live in that area.

We would really appreciate any help the Immigration department could give, such as how many foreigners have applied for long-term permits-to-stay and how many foreigners on any sort of visa are currently in Phuket.

Any help would be much appreciated.

Matthew Chevis
Bangkok

Buying a car as a tourist

As a tourist in living in Phuket and having an apartment on leasehold, can I buy and register a car in my own name? I'm currently staying on a 30-day tourist visa.

The car I'm interested in buying is in Pattaya. Do I have to complete the paperwork in Pattaya? Or can it be done in Phuket?

Wushin Ludovic
Phuket

Charot Klinmanee, Chief Registrar, Phuket Provincial Land Transportation Office, replies:

Although you hold a tourist visa, you can buy a car and register it in your own name.

You can buy the car anywhere in Thailand and have its registration transferred to the

province in which you live – in this case, Phuket.

Ask the previous owner to go to the Land Transportation Office in the province where the car is registered and transfer the registration to Phuket.

Then, when you get the car registration book, bring the car and the book to the Phuket Provincial Land Transportation Office along with your passport, a letter from Immigration confirming your address and a Transfer of Ownership form signed and dated by the person selling the car and signed and dated by a witness.

You will also need to bring a signed photocopy of the seller's passport or ID card.

Then you can register the car in your own name.

Pol Capt Krissarat Nuesen of the Phuket Provincial Immigration Office replies:

We have statistics of how many tourists are registered as staying in hotels in the whole province and we keep a record of the foreigners who register their address, extend their stay or request a one-year-permit to stay with us.

These three figures added together show the total number of foreigners in the whole province. They do not indicate how many foreigners are living in Phuket.

We do not have figures of how many foreigners are staying in each area.

Exotic Thailand revisited

If you've lived in Thailand for 30 years, it seems a pretty ordinary country. The people look normal. It's farang girls, especially blondes and redheads, who are exotic.

An elephant walks down the street with a light reflector swinging from its tail and you don't blink an eye. It's when you go to America and you're in someone's car and a woman's voice on a machine starts giving you directions that you get spooked.

The great value of a coffee table book such as *Thailand: Nine Days in the Kingdom* (Editions Didier Miller, Singapore, 2007, 304pp) is that it restores your sense of how colorful and exotic Thailand really is.

The concept is that 55 great photographers – a dozen Thai and 17 other nationalities – fan out over Thailand for nine days to capture the country on film.

If this sounds somewhat familiar, it should. This is a reprise of a project done 20 years ago when 50 photographers filmed a week in Thailand in celebration of the 60th birthday of HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej. Now they're back for his 80th.

William Warren, the doyen of expat writers, writes in the opening text: "But though the basic aim was similar, the team of 2007 discovered fresh and innovative ways of achieving it and, in the process, reveal a very different Thailand from two decades earlier."

The result is an explosion of beauty,



Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

grandeur, irony, warmth and wild contrasts roaming from the insane paradox of Bangkok and out into the North, Northeast and South. Warren gives an historical and cultural tour of the Kingdom and concludes:

"Among the images in this book are many of great beauty, and others display typically Thai humour and forms of entertainment."

"This book's fundamental purpose, however, is not to present an idealised Thailand, nor to entice tourists to its celebrated sights and pleasures. On the contrary, it seeks to mirror aspects of Thai society as they were, flattering or not, during the first month of 2007."

The first section is devoted to HM The King and the many images of him around the country from skyscraper walls to schools and shophouses.

We move then into grand photos of Bangkok – aerial photos of the Chao Phraya, the Sky Train and snaking super-highways – and its many small ironies: businessman in suit and tie on the back of a motorcycle taxi, an elephant threading its way next to a bus on Silom Rd, the gaudy teenagers of Siam Square and bustling traditional markets, a trio of spike-haired punks making an alms offering to a monk at dawn after an all-night rave.

The theme then moves on to photos of Thailand's religious mosaic – Buddhist monks on their morning rounds, Muslim schoolkids, gorgeously attired Sikh women at a wedding – then on to fortune telling, amulet selling and mystic tattoos.

There's some grim reality, too. A black-and-white section called "A Human Touch" centers on an American priest and his work in an Aids hospice.

But we're quickly back into a lighter side of life: morning tai chi, aerobics, BMX cyclists, Thai massage, plastic surgery, *takraw*, Thai boxing, cockfighting, snake charming. Then jungle wildlife and the colorful denizens of Thailand's coral reefs, moving on to beaches and fishing boats of Southern Thailand.

French photographer Eric Valli reprises his celebrated series of photos of the swallow nest caves of Krabi while Charoon Thongnual offers a penetrating look at life in the border provinces of the Muslim South.

A series of photographs about the Thai country music (*look toong*) scene segues naturally into intimate dressing room scenes of Bangkok bargirls and cabaret "showgirls".

The finale is a portrait series of some of Thailand's most famous people: singers Ad Carabao and Tata Young, movie director MC Chatrichalerm Yukol, photographer Manit Sri-

wanichpoom, actors Somchai Samipakda and Juree Osiri, pathologist Porntip Rojanasunan, *katoey* boxer Nong Toom, playwright and director Patravadi Mejudhon, dancer Manop Meejamrat, artist Pratuang Emjaroen, avant-garde filmmaker Apichatpong Weerasethakul and poet Naowarat Pongpaiboon.

Just for fun, the book concludes with four pages of hi-so portraits in all their lacquered finery.

In sum, this is the best book to give someone who has never been to Thailand, though at US\$50 it ain't cheap.



Time to think out of the box...

One of your past columns on the word "utilize" inspired me to share a list of words and phrases banned from use that I have compiled for my staff. As the corporate communications staff for a national health system, we are writing and editing every day, including senior-management-authored memos or presentations.

Inevitably, one or more of the following appear. We take it as an enjoyable responsibility to eradicate these words.

I have this list posted outside my door, and a few of our management people with a sense

Welcome to Word Court, where Barbara Wallraff unravels some of the mystery that shrouds the English language, debunking confusing usage and clearing away the clutter that stops clear understanding – all by answering reader's questions.

of humor – or perhaps editorial sense – have submitted their own nominees.

Words and phrases banned from use: at the end of the day; utilize; white space opportunities; ramp up; granular; impact; robust; bandwidth; going forward basis; tipping point; paradigm shift; perfect storm; low hanging fruit; level

playing field; deep dive; delta; juice to squeeze ratio, or "Is there enough juice for the squeeze?"; passion; out of the box.

Stephen Shivinsky
Farmington Hills, Michigan

Barbara replies:

Good list – and how heartening it is to know that someone

somewhere in the health industry is committed to communicating in a jargon-free way.

The phrase at the top of your list, "at the end of the day," has such a bad reputation by now that I'd advise anyone who starts to say it to bite his or her tongue – unless, of course, the person means it literally, as in "I'm always glad to go home at the end of the day."

"At the end of the day" was also ranked No. 1 on a list of "Top 10 Clichés" in the US media in 2006. The list was compiled by the Factiva news-search service.

Factiva wasn't making a value judgment when it gave the phrase that ranking. It was simply reporting that "at the end of the day" turned up in print more often – a lot more often – than any of the other candidates it researched.

"Level playing field" and "low hanging fruit" also appear on Factiva's list as well as yours. One of theirs that is similar to one of yours is "think outside the box";

this one also appeared in a recent *Newsweek* piece about clichés in student writing.

Whether you think of them as jargon or as clichés, these are all good phrases to avoid.

What makes particular words and phrases annoying? It's not just that we hear them frequently. After all, we hear "Good morning" a lot, and that never turns up on lists of irritating expressions.

Words go wrong when expressions that once seemed fresh and clever become commonplace – as in "at the end of the day" or "think outside the box." Or when they try to make something ordinary sound important and special, such as "ramp up" instead of "increase" or "impact" instead of "affect". Or when they're needlessly obscure: "granular"? "delta"?

Naturally, the deepest circle of language hell is reserved for expressions that manage to have all these failings at once.

"White space opportunities" would be a perfect example, except that most people have never heard it. It's commonplace only in some business circles, where it means "new opportunities". Let's see... what's an everyday example? Can anybody top "not to put too fine a point on it"?

Barbara Wallraff is a weekly syndicated columnist for *King Features* and a contributing editor and words columnist at *The Atlantic Monthly*, where she has worked since 1983.

The Phuket Gazette is now available at all FamilyMart outlets in Phuket

- Nanai Rd, Patong
- Sainamyen Intersection (next to Subway), Patong
- Sawatdirak Rd (near Patong Hospital), Patong
- Rat-U-Thit 200 Pi Rd (opp. 7-Eleven), Patong
- Thara Patong Hotel, Thaweewong Rd, Patong
- Mae Luan Rd (diagonally opp. 7-Eleven), Phuket City

- Yaowarat Soi 2 Rd, Phuket City
- Chao Fa East Rd (opp. Big One Supermarket), Phuket City
- Klong Pak Lak, Patong
- Club Andaman, Patong
- Phisit Gorani Rd, Patong
- Monthana Rd, Patong
- Colisiem Mutiplex, Phuket City
- Soi Paneang, Samkong
- Moo Baan Irawadee, Samkong



Cryptography, the science of writing in secret code, has been in practice for thousands of years. The first documented use dates back to circa 1900 BCE, when an Egyptian scribe used non-standard hieroglyphs in an inscription. Other early uses of cryptography ranged from diplomatic missions to war-time battle plans.

Perhaps the most famous example of passing secrets last century was the Herculean effort by the Allied powers to break the code of Germany's Enigma machine, illustrated brilliantly in Neal Stephenson's historical-fiction novel *Cryptonomicon* (1999).

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines cryptography as "the enciphering and deciphering of messages in secret code or cipher", which should not be confused with cryptanalysis ("the solving of cryptograms or cryptographic systems") or cryptology ("the scientific study of cryptography and cryptanalysis").

I regularly use two cryptographic technologies: hashing and public key. Hash functions, also called message digests and one-way encryption, are one-way algorithms that use no key and produce a fixed-length hash value.

By "one way", I mean that it is easy to produce the fixed-length output, but almost impossible to reverse the process by using the garbled output to reconstruct the original string of data.

The most widely used hash algorithm is MD5, which is not perfect, but good enough for most purposes. SHA-1 and AES are other algorithms that websites are starting to use for downloads.

Password storage on security-conscious systems uses hashing. When a password is created, the hash algorithm is performed on the password and then its hash value is stored. When a user provides a password, it is hashed and compared with the stored hash value. If they match, then the passwords are the same and the user or service is authenticated.

Using this method, a bad guy or an administrator who obtains the password file cannot view the passwords – they are all encrypted and the one-way nature of the algorithm guarantees that it cannot be reverse engineered.

Hashing is used for file downloads. On a file-download page, you might have seen at the

Can you keep a secret?

bottom of the page "md5 sum" or "checksum" with a signature of mixed letters and numbers. The file to download has been hashed and the hash value is posted to ensure its integrity.

When you download a file, you should always run a program called "md5sum" that checks that the file has not been tampered with or injected with malicious code – the bad guys are always looking for different ways to take over your PC and this one has recently gained popularity.

For Windows, free command-line tools and other programs to calculate the hash value of a file (MD5 or other algorithms) can be found online. For Mac OS and Linux, these programs are included with the operating system.

Hint: for comparing lengthy strings, put one string in a text file, then open the file and

do a search or a find with the other string to check that they match – this will save a lot of wear and tear on your eyes and brain.

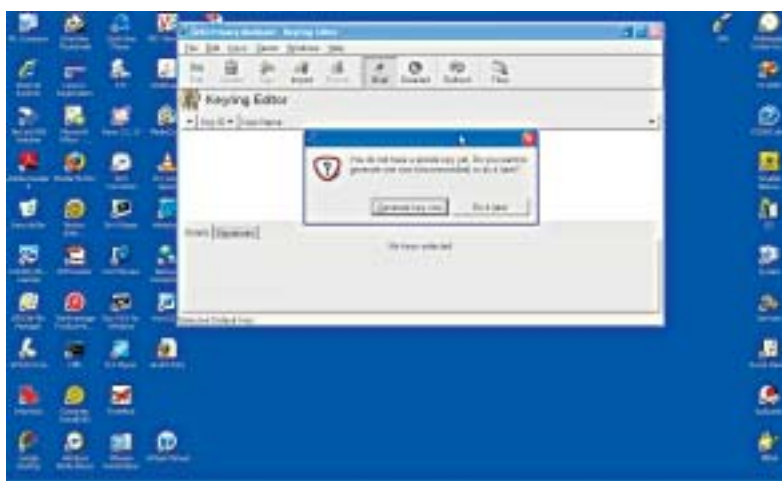
Once you get into the habit of using md5sum, you'll never go back. Besides thwarting the bad guys, this method can check whether a big file that has been downloaded in fits and starts – something that Phuket residents have been experiencing way too often recently – is corrupted.

Calculate the hash value of the file after it has been downloaded and it doesn't match the value on the web page, then the download has been corrupted and it's time to start over.

I use md5 hashes even when backing up large files onto an external hard drive or burning to a DVD. If you don't do an integrity check, then you might find out later the hard way – and always when you need it – that your backup is corrupted.

Backing up important directories into a large zip file, a quick and dirty way to do backups, can be checked before and after moving with an md5 hash.

The other form of cryptog-



PGP, more easily remembered as Pretty Good Privacy, offers one-to-one document security by simply creating a private key that you never share and a public key that you give only to those people you want to read your files.

raphy I use daily, public key cryptography, is for when I want to send a file that contains sensitive information to somebody and I don't feel comfortable that the file is sitting on a Google or Yahoo mail server. I use a technology called PGP (pretty good privacy), which uses public-key cryptography (also known as asymmetric cryptography).

PGP works on the principle that two keys are mathematically related: one key is used to encrypt the plain text and the other key is used to decrypt the enciphered text.

No matter which key is applied first, both keys are required for the process to work.

I use a free program called PGP (www.pgp.com) to implement asymmetric cryptography. When you set it up, it generates your public key and a private key.

You keep the private key to yourself. When you want to send a confidential file to somebody, they first send you their public key, which you use to encrypt the file.

Then you email the file to them and they can decrypt it with their private key.

If you want to receive a confidential file, give the sender your public key, they encrypt the file with that, then you receive it and decrypt it with your private key. It's ingeniously simple but very effective.

Unfortunately, Network Associates does not offer free non-commercial versions of PGP, which it bought from its creator,

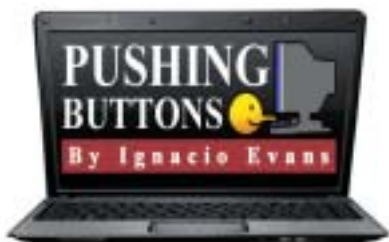
There are command line tools available from GnuPG at www.gnupg.org

Besides ensuring confidentiality and integrity, asymmetric cryptography can be used to ensure another pillar of information security called non-repudiation, which means that if somebody sends something to you then you can prove it was from them and them only.

This is achieved by reversing the process outlined above: somebody encrypts a file with their private key, sends it to me, I decrypt it with their public key and then I know it has to be from them since their private key is unique to them.

There are more involved ways of using hashing and public-key cryptography together, but are beyond the scope of this article.

Ignacio Evans is an information security consultant based in Southeast Asia who tries to be in Phuket whenever he can. Email him with questions, complaints or comments at: iggy69.e@gmail.com



Broadband • VoIP • Wi-Fi • Computers • Networks

Stay Connected

Pacific Internet Broadband

Direct Broadband from Singapore

- ✓ Hotel Broadband Solution
- ✓ Property Development Solution
- ✓ Condominium Broadband Solution
- ✓ Villas Broadband Solution
- ✓ Business Broadband Solution
- ✓ Personal Broadband Solution

Island Technology
Innovative Digital Solutions

Tel: (66) 76 322 095-7
www.islandtechnology.com

THE BARBECUE STORE
The largest range of top quality gas barbecues

Call K. Thip 08 15975568
100/17-18 Srisoonthorn Road, Chermgtalay Phuket
(Opposite Zee Zee Furniture) www.bbqthai.com

ONE YEAR WARRANTY
INTERNATIONAL SAFETY STANDARDS
FREE DELIVERY & ASSEMBLY

THE GAMES
Never dried

XBOX 360 PPS2
NINTENDO DS
PC Apple Mac Wii
PLAYSTATION 3

BIG C SUPERCENTER
CENTRAL FESTIVAL PHUKET
BANTHAI BEACH RESORT PATONG
TESCO LOTUS MALL PHUKET

TEL: (66) 076 285 198 076 210 478
WWW.THEGAMESNEVERDIED.COM
EMAIL: INFO@THEGAMESNEVERDIED.COM

ON THE MOVE

Praisie Huang from Singapore has been promoted to Assistant Sales Manager of Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket.

She has a degree from the National University of Singapore.

Her experience in the tourism industry in Thailand during the past three years includes working as a Sales Representative and as Guest Relations Officer at the Laguna Holiday Club Phuket.



Briton **David Good** has been promoted to Vice-President of Operations of Centara Hotels & Resorts. Mr Good has a degree in hotel management from North London University and has completed post-graduate courses at Cornell University.

Mr Good has more than 20 years of international-hotel experience, including working for Dusit and Amari hotels and resorts in Asia.



Jeeranana "Nora" Sitthiprom from Udon Thani has been appointed General Manager of Phuket Island Property Services Co Ltd.

K. Nora graduated in accounting at Ramkhamhaeng University. After eight years as a restaurateur in Bahrain, she returned to Phuket as Administrative Officer at Damask Design International (Thailand) Co Ltd. Previously, K. Nora was a co-ordinator for Baan Thai Surin Hills.



The investment world is capable of surprising almost anyone. If asked about the state of the British property market in 2007, investors would have been correct to respond that both the commercial and residential markets were weak. They would have been wrong though, if they simply said that the whole property market was weak.

Surprisingly, the new frontier in British property is arable land. According to major UK-based real-estate services group Savills PLC, the average price for arable land rose by an astonishing 28% last year.

Well known real-estate group Knight Frank reported a boom in investors and buyers desperate to get into this market due to the dramatic rise in the value of cereal crops, such as wheat and barley, destined to be used as biofuels.

With very little agricultural land actually available on the market and the fact that investors rarely want to become farmers themselves, there is a problem of supply.

The solution, as with many other investments, is simply to use a fund. Blackrock Inc is the most prominent fund manager in this

Biofuel crops fuel UK farmland boom

area. The organization runs an agricultural hedge fund that owns agricultural land as part of its strategy.

The merger of Blackrock as part of Merrill Lynch makes it the largest manager of fixed-interest bonds in the world.

Farmers' enthusiasm to increase their acreage and to rent any extra land they have has attracted other investment groups to move into this sector.

UK agricultural land prices are relatively cheap compared with their European counterparts with similar climates. According to Knight Frank, agricultural land in the UK, on average, is less than half the price of similar land in Ireland or Denmark. Incredible though it may seem, the source of this strange investment story is the *Wall Street Journal*.

This year promises to be a difficult environment for investors and many are looking for areas

that will outperform "cash in the bank" without taking undue risk.

One alternative solution is the New Alternative Strategy Fund offered by private-banking specialist VP Bank. VP has its head office in Liechtenstein, a tiny principality between Switzerland and Austria, about one-third the size of Phuket. In reality, Liechtenstein banks are Swiss-run, as Liechtenstein has a population of only around 30,000 and cannot spare people to regulate their banks. This task, by agreement, is handled by the central bank of Switzerland – the Swiss National Bank.

VP Bank has been listed on the Zurich Stock Exchange since 1983. Total assets under management are CHF 39.6 billion (more than one trillion baht). The bank has offices in Zurich, Luxembourg, British Virgin Islands, Munich, Dubai, Hong Kong and Moscow. It has an investment-

grade "A" credit rating from Standard & Poors.

Taking a conservative approach in setting up the New Alternative Strategy Fund, VP Bank selects between 15 and 25 hedge funds to deliver projected net returns of 8% to 10%

a year. The fund is available in three different currencies: US dollars, pounds sterling and euros, and its investments are currently classified as 55% "Relative Value"; 20% "Event Driven"; 12% "Equity Hedge" and 13% "Macro".

The Absolute Macro Diversified Fund is a low-to medium-risk fund alternative offered by Australian firm Absolute Asset Management.

In the words of the asset management company's manager, "The investment strategy uses a 'top down' approach that focuses on the global investment environment. Assessment of the global macro-economic factors

determines the relative attractiveness of the various asset classes.

Asset allocation is flexible and opportunistic, allowing risk capital to be allocated to the assets, sectors and regions that provide the most compelling risk/reward trade off."

This fund was formed at the beginning of 2002 and has not yet had a negative performance year. Average net returns are 10.3% and the fund recorded a net return of 9.4% in 2007.

Available in US dollars only, the asset allocation at the end of 2007 was: Bonds 8%, Equity Hedge 3%, cash 37%, Greater China 6%, India 3%, Commodities 12%, Property 14%, Asia – Event Driven 5%, Global FX (Foreign Exchange) 12%.

At the end of 2007, the managers reported that they did not plan any major changes to allocations except an increase in commodity exposure.

Hedge funds are often misunderstood as high-risk investment vehicles. Perhaps it is useful to equate them with motor cars – yes, there are Ferraris and Maseratis, but most are Toyotas or Mercedes-Benz.


Richard G Watson runs Global Portfolios Co Ltd, a Phuket-based personal financial-planning service. He can be reached at Tel: 076-381997, Fax: 076-383185, Mobile: 081-0814611. Email: imm@loxinfo.co.th. Website: www.globalportfolios.com

MONEY TALKS




By Richard G. Watson


DISCOVERING THE EXQUISITE



EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY OF THE ANDAMAN SEA WITH PHUKET'S PREMIER YACHT CHARTER COMPANY TAWAN CRUISES.



Phuket Boat Lagoon: 20 Moo 2, Thepkasatri Road, Muang, Phuket, Thailand 83000
m: +66 (0)81 894 3234, t: +66 (0)76 239 710
Yacht Haven Marina: Phuket, Thailand t: +66 (0)76 348 281/2
sales@tawancruises.com www.tawancruises.com



advocates, solicitors & arbitrators

- Real Estate
- Corporate / Commercial
- Transactions
- Immigration
- Arbitration and Litigation
- Banking and Finance
- Project Development
- Intellectual Property
- Tax
- Maritime Matters

Phuket's largest and most experienced law firm with Thai, American, British, Dutch, German, French, and Australian Attorneys
Registered with the Law Society of Thailand
www.legalthai.com
Affiliates throughout the Pacific Rim

Phuket Office:
6/1 Prabaramee Road, Patong
Kathu, Phuket, 83150, Thailand
Tel: 66 76 296 881
Fax: 66 76 296 885
Email: phuket@legalthai.com

Bangkok Office:
Two Pacific Place, Suite 2100
142 Sukhumvit Road, Klongtoey
Bangkok, 10110, Thailand
Tel: 662 305 2300
Fax: 662 653 2163
Email: info@legalthai.com

Koh Samui Office:
115/49 Moo 6 Bophut, Koh Samui
Suratthani 84320 Thailand
Tel: 66 77 484 510
66 77 430 689-90
Fax: 66 77 427 686
E-mail: samui@legalthai.com

Phuket-Macau flights set to take off in May

By Sangkhae Leelanaporn

PHUKET: AirAsia is to launch direct flights between Phuket and Macau in May, announced the airline's Director & Group Chief Executive Officer Tony Fernandes in Macau on February 8.

The daily flights between Phuket and Macau are one of

three new routes to be launched this year by the budget airline, which already operates daily flights between Bangkok and Macau.

Mr Fernandes said that AirAsia will also begin operating daily flights between Macau and Jakarta in June and Macau-Chiang Mai in October or November.

The next high season will also see more direct links to mainland China, courtesy of Shanghai Airlines.

China's fifth largest airline has been operating a Shanghai-Phuket route on a regular charter basis since 2006 and will increase the number of flights on the route to four a week in December 2008.

About 1 million Chinese tourists visited Thailand in 2007 with Pattaya, Phuket and Koh Samui listed as their favorite destinations in the nation.

With the boost in direct flights between China and Thailand, the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) expects the number of Chinese tourists to reach 1.3 million this year.

Director of the TAT Southern Region 4 Office Suwalai Pinradub said that the additional direct flights from China will see an increase in the number of "quality tourists" visiting Phuket and staying at the island's five-star hotels.

She added that the TAT expects to see an increase of Chinese tourists visiting Phuket



With the boost in direct flights between China and Thailand, the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) expects the number of Chinese tourists to reach 1.3 million this year

around the time of the Beijing Olympic Games in August.

K. Suwalai told the *Gazette* that Phuket welcomes Asian tourists to Phuket all year round, whereas European tourists tend to come to Phuket during the high season between November and May.

"According to TAT figures released in January, the number of Asian tourists visiting Phuket is growing," she said.

From January through September 2007, the latest available figures, there were 164,283 Korean arrivals, closely followed by Chinese arrival figures of 130,019.

Last year's Chinese arrivals are set to exceed the 155,648

arrivals seen in 2006, which was a 200% increase over the 2005 figure of 51,078 arrivals.

The daily flights between Phuket and Macau are one of three new routes to be launched this year by Air Asia.

COTTM, the China Outbound Travel and Tourism Market (formerly BITTM), an annual trade event targeting the Chinese travel and tourism industry sees the world's largest single consumer market as having enormous growth potential.

According to the COTTM, Chinese expenditure on travel is currently growing at 27% per year with the number of departures expected to increase from current numbers of about 30 million to a massive 100 million by 2020.

VITAL STATISTICS: 22% INCREASE IN INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS		
Dec 2006	Dec 2007	Change
International Passengers (total)		
226,792	277,999	+ 22.58%
Domestic Passengers (total)		
308,253	325,460	+ 5.58%
International Aircraft movements		
1,639	1,849	+ 12.81%
Domestic Aircraft movements		
1,747	2,371	+ 35.72%
International Cargo movements		
908	992	+ 9.25%
Domestic Cargo movements		
1,957	1,763	- 9.91%

Source: Phuket International Airport

computer images

Karon Hill

"Where luxury meets lifestyle"



Starting from 4.9 mb / 96 sqm

Construction starts 2007 Completion date January 2010

E-mail: sales@phuketkaronhill.com, www.phuketkaronhill.com, Sales office: 086-4709072




PATONG DARTS LEAGUE

PATONG: Queen Mary claimed a narrow 5-4 road win at Market Bar to take a one-point lead over Piccadilly in the Patong Dart League.

Piccadilly fell of the pace when they lost beer to Sick Buffalo.

The win marked Queen Mary's 25-straight match-winning streak, which is thought to be a record.

After a rough start, Dog's Bollocks got back in winning form with a 6-3 win over Shakers, but Shakers came back to win the beer leg and salvage a point when Greg checked out on a x15. Kevin of Dogs Bollocks took the highest score with a 133 (T19, T19, 19).

In the biggest upset of the week, a resurgent Beach House team playing at home took all three points from Offshore.

Please send match notes to darts@phuketgazette.net for inclusion in this weekly report.

February 12 results: Market Bar 3 Queen Mary* 6; Shakers* 3 Dogs Bollocks 6; Sick Buffalo* 4 Piccadilly 5; Beach House* 5 Offshore 4; Valhalla* 5 Simply Red 4 (* = winner of beer leg).

Standings: 1. Queen Mary (15 pts.); 2. Piccadilly (14); 3. Offshore (10); 4.= Dogs Bollocks, Valhalla, Beach House (7); 7. Sick Buffalo (6); 8. Shakers (5); 9. Market Bar (3); 10. Simply Red (1).

February 26 match ups: Offshore v Queen Mary; Piccadilly v Dogs Bollocks; Shakers v Simply Red; Market Bar v Sick Buffalo; Beach House v Valhalla (home team first).



STARFISH SCAVENGING

KOH AEO: Crown-of-thorns starfish lie scattered around the coast of Koh Aeo.

On January 15, a group 23 reef lovers came together on a Phuket Marine Biology Center (PMBC) vessel for a special dive to remove the starfish from coral reefs around Koh Aeo, about five kilometers south of the PMBC headquarters at Cape Panwa.

A few weeks earlier, PMBC staff discovered an outbreak of the coral-eating predators around the island. The starfish is notorious for destroying coral by eating coral polyps.

Eleven Thai staff from the Sirinath Marine National Park, seven staff and volunteers from PMBC, together with five volunteers from the Greenfins Project took part in the cleanup.

In two dives, the volunteers collected 460 starfish. Members of PMBC collected 244 starfish earlier that week, bringing the grand total to 704 starfish collected around Koh Aeo.

PM Cup reaches climax

PHUKET CITY: The 4th Thailand Prime Minister's Cup 2008 football competition kicked off January 3 with 36 teams from throughout Southern Thailand battling it out for trophies and cash prizes.

Matches were played at Sanaam Chai Field and Saphan Hin Stadium until February 3.

Winners in each group will now go on to compete with other southern provinces between April 1 and 30 in regional tourneys.

Under-12s and under-18s winners will now go on to compete in a tournament in Phang

Nga; under-14s and the men's winners will go on to compete in Krabi; and the winners in the under-16s women's categories will compete in Chumphon.

Winners in the under-12 and under-14 divisions will receive 10,000 baht for first place, 5,000 baht for second place and 3,000 baht for third place.

Winners in the women's, under-16 and under-18 competitions will receive 12,000 baht, 8,000 baht for second place and 5,000 baht for third place.

The final in the men's open competition, between Tessabaan

Muang Phuket and Nong Mark teams, is scheduled to kick off at Surakul Stadium at 2:30 pm on March 1.

Trophies and prize money will be given out on March 1 after the final match has been played.

In the men's division, winners will be awarded 15,000 baht for first place, 10,000 baht for second place and 7,000 baht for third place.

Final standings:

Women's open: 1. Kathu Wittaya; 2. Sport Phuket; 3. Ratprachanukroh School.

Under-18s: 1. OrBorTor Cherg Talay; 2. Tessabaan Patong; 3. Fuengfah.

Under-16s: 1. Bangtao Youth; 2. Muang Phuket Municipal School; 3. OrBorTor Kamala.

Under 14s: 1. Chris Coppers team; 2. Plookpanya School; 3. OrBorTor Cherg Talay.

Under 12s: 1. Phuket Dragon; 2. Tessabaan Muang; 3. Tung Tong High Sport

YFH teams come out on top

PHUKET: Matches in the Phuket Fair Play Junior League continue to be held weekends on Friday and Sunday.

Now well into the season, the three teams from Youth Football Home (YFH) are occupying the top three spots in the league, with YFH C (21 points) in first, closely followed by YFH A (19 points) and then YFH B (18 points).

The Phuket Fair Play Junior League is organized by YFH, which is a charity that provides homes for orphans and destitute boys.

There are eight teams taking part in the league.

Full results:

Friday February 1

Baan Prujumpa School 0-1 British International School, Phuket
Cherng Talay Wittayakom School 3-4 YFH A
Wat Thepkasattri School 0-3
Thalang Pranangrang School
YFH C 0-1 YFH B

Sunday February 3

BIS 3-1 YFH B
Thalang Pranangrang School 0-0
Cherng Talay Wittayakom School
YFH C 9-0 Wat Thepkasattri School
YFH A 6-1 Baan Prujumpa School

Friday February 8

Wat Thepkasattri School 2-5
YFH A
YFH C 5-0 Thalang Pranangrang School
BIS 3-1 Cherng Talay Wittayakom School
Baan Prujumpa School 2-7 YFH B

Sunday February 10

YFH B 3-0 Thalang Pranangrang School
YFH A 3-1 BIS
Cherng Talay Wittayakom School 3-1 Wat Thepkasattri School
YFH C 6-0 Baan Prujumpa School

Suddenly the impossible seems like a possibility

Finding the right exercise routine was once limited. But with a full line of intelligently designed, health club-quality cardio and strength training equipment for the home, your workout choices are now limitless. You'll also be surprised by everything else that comes with a Life Fitness product. Confidence. Independence. Potential. Convenience. Now it's not a question of whether you'll workout - it's just a matter of choosing which path works for you.

Where does your workout take you?

Seara
FITNESS SYSTEMS

Life Fitness

15 Cable Matrix® Open Station

www.searasports.com
cjs@searasports.com
66 (0) 7635 5040

Bangkok Phuket Ho Chi Minh City Hanoi

SPORTathlon • The Leading fitness Equipment Supplier

FOR HOME AND HOTEL
FOR ALL YOUR FITNESS NEEDS

Tel: 076-261966-7 Fax: 076-261968
www.sport.co.th E-mail: phuket@sport.co.th
108/74 Chalermprakiat Rd, T. Rassada, Phuket, 83000.

STAR TRAC PRO ENERGY BODY-CHARGER Concept II



S Raju of Patong Cricket Club (PCC) knocks one out to the boundary for four runs as PCC walk over newcomers to the league the Village ricket Team.

Foster hits ton to tame Villagers

By Mark Whetton

CHERNG TALAY: Match four of the Island Furniture Cricket League was played on February 3 at Cherno Thalay Wittayakom School. Coming all the way from Coconut Island, tournament newcomers the Village Cricket Team (VCT) joined the fray to take on the Patong Cricket Club (PCC), who were sitting comfortably in the number-two spot on the points table.

VCT had been mysterious up until the day of their debut. Rumors of numerous practice sessions and running triathlons prior to the match had other teams in the league concerned. A large crowd turned up to the ground to catch a glimpse of the Villagers.

The Villagers got off to a good start by winning the toss and the Village captain chose to field. PCC skipper M Foster was a relieved man and soon made the newcomers pay the price.

In what is to date the highest score in any cricket match on the island, Foster, although being

dropped twice, went out and knocked up 163 runs, including four sixes and 20 fours. He was well supported at the other end by the likes of R Desmond (22), S Raju (36), J Ali (31), A Beeley (26) and I Lenton (13) as PCC went on to make 357 off their 35 overs.

This was also the first time PCC had batted out their entire innings without being all out.

For the Village side, the bowlers took a hammering, but Martin stood out with his three wickets off six overs, with Chris grabbing two off his 10 overs.

Unfortunately for the crowd, VCT failed to shine during their batting innings. With the very first ball of the VCT innings, P Cotter struck by bowling Bernie for a golden duck. Lenton also picked up a wicket before Heath from the Villagers made his way to the crease to put up some resistance with Martin.

Together they added about 40 runs before S Raju was brought on to stop the flow of runs. Raju, after taking four wick-

ets in a match earlier in the season, made one better by taking five of the Villagers' wickets off four overs for 13 runs.

It was A Beeley, however, who took the prized wicket of Heath, who made 56 runs off 27 deliveries. With only Heath and Martin (13) making it to double figures, the Villagers could only manage 98 runs from 15 overs, just two runs shy of a bonus point.

For the PCC bowlers, Raju's five wickets won't hurt his chances at the end-of-season prize-giving night.

Beeley and Lenton both took two wickets. Some great catches by C Chelliah behind the stumps and a diving catch by Ali at silly point rounded off a solid day of cricket for PCC.

PCC walked away with a 22 points to move ahead of the Liquid Lounge Lizards. For the Village side, it may have seemed like a lot of effort for four points.

For details about cricket in Phuket email Mark Whetton at scarfy@loxinfo.co.th

Golfers score two in one at Laguna



Irish couple Terry and Deirdre Lynskey show off certificates after both getting holes in one during the same round of golf.

CHERNG TALAY: It's usually a once-in-a-lifetime occasion for a golfer to score a hole-in-one, but for two golfers playing together to both get a hole-in-one, on the same round, is almost unheard of. Throw into the mix that the two golfers are married and the story becomes even more remarkable.

Irish couple Terry and Deirdre Lynskey achieved this rare feat at Laguna Phuket Golf Club on February 3.

Deirdre was the first to get a hole in one, sinking her tee shot on the 160-yard par-three seventh hole, a slightly downhill hole with a pin protected by water and a bunker to the right.

Feeling the pressure from his in-form spouse, Terry stepped up to the tee at the 135-yard par-three 16th hole and let one rip after a gentle reminder from Deirdre that this would be his last chance to achieve a hole in one.

Terry used his sand wedge to knock the ball from tee to hole, completing the unique double. Deirdre came within inches of the impossible as her tee shot at the 16th landed just half-a-foot from the tee.

The holes in one were witnessed by Ken and Patricia Jardine, who were playing with the Lynskeys that morning.

Terry and Deirdre are keen golfers who have played around the world, holding memberships at the Real Club de Golf Las Brisas in Spain and the K Club in Ireland, host to the 2006 Ryder Cup.

"We were delighted to have achieved this unique double-hole-in-one at our favorite destination in the world: Phuket," said Terry.

✱ Starting from 4.25 - 5.59 M.Baht. ✱






Develop and Management by :

3K Property Management Co., Ltd.

25/2 Soi Phasuk Chaofaa Road
T.Talad Nua Muang
Phuket 83000 Thailand

For more information, please contact :

Khun Anna Tel: +66 (0)86 682 1277
E-mail: info@layanlara.com

Khun Kawee Tel: +66 (0)81 648 1505
Tel/Fax: + 66 76 244 491



Petronas
MALAYSIAN
Grand Prix



21-23 MARCH 2008
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

4 Days 3 Nights F1 2008 Package

Package included:

- 3 nights accommodation at your selected hotel, inclusive of daily breakfast.
- Arrival and Departure airport transfers (Seat-In-Couch basis) on 21 March/ 08 and 24 March/ 08.
- Formula 1 ticket 2 days pass on 22-23 March/ 08 (Ticket class at your selected).
- Return transfer from hotel to race circuit on Saturday and Sunday, 22-23 March/ 08.
- Hospitality desk at hotel lobby.
- 24-hour customer service help line.

For reservation contact: **Phuket Jet Tour Co., Ltd**

Phuket Office:
214 Yaowarat Road, Taladyai, Muang
Phuket 83000 Thailand
Tel: 076-237300-2 Ext. 11, 12, 13, 25
Fax: 076-236770
Email: F1@phuketjettour.com
Website: www.phuketjettour.com

Samui Office:
2/6 M.6, Chaweng, Bophut, Koh Samui
Suratthani 84320 Thailand
Tel: 089-7329143
Email: samui@phuketjettour.com
Website: www.phuketjettour.com

4D3N Start
14,600
BAHT/PERSON

3D2N Start
11,000
BAHT/PERSON






The Heritage Suites



Price starting from
3.25 million Baht

The Heritage Suites are situated in an Oasis of beautiful green hills in Kathu district.

- 360° mountain view • 5 minutes to shopping centres
- 3 minutes to golf courses • 10 minutes to Patong

AFFORDABLE LUXURY CONDOMINIUM




Construction start since October 2007, expected completion date February 2009




Tel: **(076) 321746-7** Fax: **(076) 203352**

E-MAIL: info@theheritagesuites.com www.theheritagesuites.com





80% sold



Luxurious 3 bedroom penthouses and apartments overlooking Layan Bay



Show apartment is open for viewing.
6.5% Rental Guarantee and Financing available.

+66 (0) 8 1893 6602 sales@layangardens.com www.layangardens.com



Garden Island Co., Ltd.
Real Estate & Property Services

Phuket's Premier Real Estate Consultancy

We offer professional real estate advice on all matters relating to property and business acquisition.

Contact details:

Office: 076-296072
English language: 081-7196088
Commercial / Business: 084-3047700
Thai language: 089-6498703
Email: info@gardenislandphuket.com
Website: www.gardenislandphuket.com
Situated at 38/56 Nanai Rd, Patong, Phuket.

*For land, hotels, homes, condominiums, businesses & luxury holiday rentals.
"We have Phuket covered!"*

NSG

Namsang Generator Bangkok(Phuket)

GENERATOR

POWER PRODUCTS

FROM 10 kVA - 3025 kVA

Sale - Rental - Service






076-264353-4, MB: 081-8665743

We, NAMSANG GENERATOR BANGKOK (PHUKET), are one of the leaders in the RENTAL and SALES of equipment in Phuket. We specialize in Generators, Air-Compressors, Welders and Jackhammers. We can provide the fastest and best service to all our customers.




The generator specialists.

19/27 Moo 2 Chaofa East Rd, Muang, Phuket
(Behind the Ssangyong showroom)
E-mail: nsgphuket@yahoo.com www.namsang.co.th

Construction Update

by Janyaporn Morel

Charity takes school project over the finish line

AO POR: Construction of a new building for Baan Ao Por school is 90% complete, and with the help of the Louise Willgrass Tsunami Fund Foundation, it will be open for the second school term that starts this October.

The foundation's president Eam Thavornwongwong presented a check to the school for 1.6 million baht on February 11.

The school, established in 1963, is located on nine rai in Ao Por village, tambon Pa Khlok. The grounds comprise four one-story buildings that accommodate 256 students from preschool through primary 6 level.

School Director Sakon Yenjit told the *Gazette* that the existing buildings are in poor condition; all will need to be replaced. The school earlier requested funds from the Phuket Provincial Basic Education Office and received 2.735 million baht to fund construction of a 400-square-meter building to replace the two oldest buildings on the site.

Due to the rising costs of construction material, however, the funds were not enough to complete the building, said K. Sakon.

The lowest price offered through a bidding process was 3 million baht by contractor Chalong Rangsang Civil Engineering Co Ltd. The school committee accepted this bid, then borrowed 265,000 baht from the school's education committee in order to start the construction last July.

The new building was originally set to house five classrooms on the upper floor and an open area on the ground floor, but as construction progressed it was decided that the ground floor area should also be divided into rooms for a library and other facilities.



A 400-square-meter school building, now 90% complete, will eventually house facilities including a library, media room, language laboratory and science laboratory thanks to a 1.6-million-baht donation from the Louise Willgrass Tsunami Fund Foundation.

With higher budgetary needs, the school turned to the private sector and raised about 70,000 baht before receiving a visit from Louise Willgrass Foundation representatives on August 12.

"They acknowledged our needs so they wanted to help us," K. Sakon said.

The 1.6-million-baht donation will help to install a library, media room, language laboratory and science laboratory in the new building, as well as a water filtration system.

It is expected that more improvements will be done after the new building is in operation.

"We are happy that the foundation also told us to submit other proposals for improvements in our school. They said they will

approve an additional budget for that. We still need to improve the landscape, the roads, the drainage system and also the bathroom facilities," K. Sakon said.

Once the building is complete, the school's two oldest buildings, built in 1965 and 1969, will be demolished.

The Louise Willgrass Foundation was established in the UK by Nigel Willgrass following his wife's tragic death in the December 2004 tsunami disaster. Since its inception, the fund has raised nearly 800,000 sterling (50 million baht). Proceeds go to various school and community projects around Phuket.

For more information visit www.louisewillgrasstsunami.fund.co.uk

PERFORMAX

FURNITURE By Water hyacinth

1st Floor Room 131
Central Festival Phuket
Tel.66+(0) 76 209 147-8
E-mail:performax@vr.co.th
www.vr.co.th



www.TheBellphuket.com

From THB 12 Million

Kamala (near Phuket FantaSea)

+66 (0)81-8953926

The Bell

PHUKET
Paradise
HOMES

"We can find you a home
in Paradise"



087 881 8955

www.phuketparadisehomes.com

Designed by the same architect as | Marriot Hotel Singapore | Metropolitan Hotel Bangkok | W Resort Maldives



INSPIRED TROPICAL LIVING
Discover a home of divine beauty

THE PARK

- 10 YEAR FINANCE AVAILABLE
- COMPLIMENTARY RICHMOND CLUB MEMBERSHIP
- 50% SOLD



THE ULTIMATE LIFESTYLE
The Ultimate Investment

THE RESIDENCE PHASE IV

- 8% RENTAL GUARANTEE
- FULL RESORT FACILITIES
- OVER 85% SOLD

RICHMOND GROUP
THE FINEST PROPERTIES IN THE FINEST LOCATIONS

THE PARK | THE PIER | THE LOCH PALM | THE PLACE | THE BEACH CLUB | THE RESIDENCE | THE HIMMAPHAN

CALL US NOW
www.richmondth.com | enquiries@richmondth.com
Tel: +66 (0) 76 271 750 | Mob: +66 (0) 81 084 4114 Fax: +66 (0) 76 271 542

Living in
Unobtrusive
Tropical-Aqua Conception
Fringed by
Infinite Lifestyle




EVERY OUR STEPS... SERVE YOUR LIFESTYLE



**F R E E
H U N T**

ONLY FEW UNIT LEFT

The BayCliff
patong

Tel. : 66(0) 7634 2696, Fax : 66(0) 7634 2686
Contact us : sales@thebaycliff.com

www.thebaycliff.com

Home of the Week

Rawai

Located on 1.2 rai of landscaped gardens, this one-story property in Rawai, in a quiet neighborhood near Don's Café, is perfect for a family. Rawai and Nai Harn beaches are just a five-minute drive away.

The house comprises four bedrooms and three bathrooms. The master bedroom has a dressing area and bathroom en suite with a terrazzo tub large enough for two people. The master bedroom also has a small garden area.

The second bedroom has a bathroom en suite, while the remaining two bedrooms share a bathroom.

The living area is open plan, with a Western-style kitchen, which includes granite counter tops, teak cabinets and an integrated cooking top, oven and hood. An office area is connected to the living area.

Through the back door and out to the patio, there is a dining and entertaining area overlooking the 60-square-meter swimming pool, with views to the hills beyond.

To the left of the pool is a guest cottage comprising one bedroom with a small dressing area. The cottage has its own patio overlooking the pool.

A workshop and laundry room, which could be converted

Family home that makes a splash



An open-plan design and a guest cottage make this an ideal home for family fun.

into extra guest accommodation, is located to the right of the pool.

Other features of the property include a remote-controlled gate, three-phase electricity, television from True TV, ADSL Internet connection, water-storage tank, irrigation and a well.

The property is on the market for 16 million baht, partly furnished with all large appliances included.

For more information or to make an appointment to view the property contact Valerie Routley. Tel: 081-8935358. Email: vroutley@gmail.com



If you love life,
you'll love
Laguna Village.

Laguna Village is like no other place in Phuket. Homes that provide stylish comfort and ease set in Laguna's extensive tropical landscape. As a resident of Laguna Phuket, you have exclusive access to facilities; complimentary golf membership, fantastic resident's privileges, fine cuisine, activities galore, and optional rental programme with attractive annual return. **From 13.9 M.**



laGUNA
PROPERTY

Laguna Property Centre, Canal Village, Laguna Phuket. T. 076 362 333
property@lagunaphuket.com www.lagunaproperty.com

Laguna Village. Phuket.

Your own private paradise

ANDARA
resort • residences

phase III - now on sale



37 Resort Residence Apartments
26 Luxury Villas (Sold Out)

A prestigious Allan Zeman development
PHUKET

Living up to Andara's renowned reputation for top notch quality and superb location, Andara now offers 37 luxury apartment suites, each featuring breathtaking views over the Andaman Sea.

Phuket Sales Office
T: +66 (0)76 279 255-6

www.andaraphuket.com

Find more Recruitment Classified ads at
www.phuketgazette.net!

Superb 3 bed / bath
courtyard pool villas
from 17.45 million Baht

Show House
Now Open



**LUNA
PHUKET**
LUXURY GARDEN VILLAS

located in the middle of
Laguna Phuket

www.lunaphuket.com
sales@lunaphuket.com

+ 66 (0) 8 9873 7075
+ 66 (0) 8 1897 0225

Sai Taan

By Invitation...

www.sai-taan-phuket.com Tel: 076 271255

- Near entrance to Laguna 5 Star Resort Complex
- 3-4 bedroom single storey villas
- Good size private pool
- Plot size 950 sq.m. +
- Villa size 2,666 sq.ft. +
- From THB 26.8 million



House & Garden Limited Partnership

We take pride in our exclusive selection of glazed and terracotta pottery from Thailand and our associated factories in Vietnam and China.



*Plus a good selection of laquerware platiers.
Located near Boat Lagoon.*

House and Garden Limited Partnership

8/1 Thapkrasattree Rd, Sapum, Koh Kaew, Munag, Phuket 83000
Tel/Fax: (66 76) 239 600 Mobile: 081 893 3571, 081 891 9051
Email: luck@housegardenphuket.com www.housegardenphuket.com

Out with the new, in with the old

Phuket's property market grows up



PROPERTY WATCH

By Bill Barnett

Whether you are property buyer, seller or developer, it is important to figure out where you stand in the market cycle. Developing markets tend to evolve from a Wild West stage set into a more sophisticated and gentrified, older and wiser urbanite.

Risk and reward ratios tend to move counter to these patterns, while at the same time key indicators such as rental yields and capital appreciation usually stabilize.

Over the past six years, Phuket's demand has continually outpaced supply with capital appreciation averaging more than 20% per annum.

In many cases within premium locations, people buying off-plan have seen 50% to 100% returns after 24 to 36 months.

Today, a scan of the teeming number of print directory property publications, newspaper classifieds and real estate agency websites shows that resale properties are becoming a market in themselves.

For buyers who were once limited to new products, secondary sales are becoming a market force often displacing initial sales in developments.

For existing villa, condominium or apartment owners who are contemplating a property



Sites such as this signal a growing trend in secondary property listings and offer consumers a wide variety of product, price and location.

transaction – to either take profits or upgrade their investment – the ground rules are evolving.

Local industry commissions were once 3% as a rule of thumb, but now minimum rates of 4%-6% are being levied for individual properties.

The trend for many of the large, internationally-affiliated agencies and established local operations is to focus on the premium villa and lifestyle-investment, hotel-brand products – and to discourage listing properties valued at less than 20 million baht.

Welcome to the lottery that is the resale market. Many lone sellers who want to attract interest in their properties are searching for the right formula to stand out from the crowd.

Often a sliding scale of commission is offered with benchmark selling prices attached.

More recently, there has

been an unsettling trend towards cash bonuses or luxury goods being offered to people within an agency who close a sale.

Current choices for individual sellers remain somewhat limited to listing properties with as many agencies as possible, placing classified ads in newspapers or putting up signs at the property.

Along with selling the unit, obtaining legal advice once a prospective buyer is on board is the next step to closing the deal.

While sales and purchase agreements are not mandatory under the sales registration process at the Land Office, it is strongly advisable to create a well-drafted document covering all commercial details of the transaction.

Clarity and detail are the order of the day in such agreements.

While capital gains taxes are not applied in Thailand, a transaction tax remains commercially negotiated between the buyer and the seller.

As a starting point, wise sellers need to actively involve themselves in the process from the start: getting professional quality photographs of the prop-

erty, doing their own research on market values of similar properties in order to price their units to sell, along with prudent list-

ings to key agencies who specialize and cater to either their geographic location or their product.

More is often not merrier and selective targeting where only one qualified buyer is needed to complete a sale is much more effective.

No doubt other distribution channels will open once the agencies start to understand the depth of secondary products and sellers will benefit.

Looking at the current maturing conditions within Phuket's numerous property offerings, all things point to a growing buyer's market for the short to medium term.

Bill Barnett is managing director of C9 Hotelworks (c9hotelworks.com), a Phuket-based hotel and residential property consulting firm.

With more than 20 years' experience in the region, he has played an active role in some of the island's biggest developments.

the

Black Pearl

BEACH FRONT VILLA, MAIKHAO BEACH PHUKET

3 Master Bedroom Villa
- 18m infinity pool
- Fully equipped kitchen

US\$500/night

www.theblackpearlphuket.com



FREE! HOUSE PLAN OFFERED ALONG WITH INTERIOR DESIGN CONSULTATION*

ARCHITECT TAKSIN '08

The Building Technology Exposition for Southern Thailand

March 7-9, 2008 11.00 – 20.00 Hrs.
Central Festival, Phuket

DISCOVER

Various project demonstrators to honor his majesty the king of Thailand
The latest building restoration technology and energy efficient architectural designs.

DON'T MISS OUT

On product demonstrations of construction technology from leading companies.



Tel : 0 2717 2477

ArchitectExpo.com

*FREE ONLY FOR THE HOUSE PLAN AND INTERIOR DESIGN (EXCLUDING PHOTO COPY FEE)

Gardening

by Bloomin' Bert

At school, I didn't care for learning about the sciences. I didn't like school very much at all. I remember spending more time locating furtive spots around the school grounds to smoke a cigarette than actually learning anything that would prove useful later in life. I found some great smoking hideouts, though.

Let's face it: I was a bit of a tearaway. Through my schooldays, I managed to escape the inevitable result of serious wrongdoings: the cane. This feat wasn't achieved through lack of guilt, but by somehow being able to convince the man with the big stick that I was innocent on each occasion. Often, I just didn't get caught.

I didn't see the point in most of what I was supposed to be learn-

Lettuce be friends

ing. Seriously, who gives a rat's bum if $4\text{Fe(s)} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 3\text{O}_2\text{(g)} = 2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$? This kind of nonsense used to drive me up the wall. My teachers did their best and tried to explain this by saying that iron, in the presence of water, combines with atmospheric oxygen to form a hydrated iron oxide. Well whoopy doo. Good for old iron and water.

It wasn't until it was pointed out that this otherwise ludicrous series of numbers and daft chemical compounds is why cars rust that this kind of stuff made sense to me. This is what

I wanted; what I desperately needed. I yearned for practical applications of this abstract science stuff.

The term "symbiotic relationship", which is something I remember from my biology lessons, can be applied to plants in Phuket. It is only now I realize that plants do a fine job of defining the term. According to my dictionary, it's a "close association of animals or plants of different species that is often of mutual benefit".

That's exactly how the water lettuce, or *pistia stratiotes*, works. It's a versatile, floating plant that looks rather like, well, a lettuce. Let's go back a couple of steps. You have a pond in your garden, which looks impressive enough, but there's a problem: it's full of mosquito larvae. How do you control them? You, fill the pond with fish, which then feed on the larvae.

Then you have even more work to do, as you need to feed the fish. This is where the water lettuce comes in. Put a few of these on the surface and you've saved yourself a long-term job, as fish are rather partial to the underwater roots that the lettuce puts out. The plants provide shade for the water, keeping the fish cooler. You then have a mosquito-free pond.

The *pistia stratiotes* has 15-centimeter-wide floating rosettes of ribbed, wedge-shaped leaves that look like blue-green lettuce heads. When young, the leaves have a rounded shape and become more squarish (spatulate, to use the proper term) as they grow larger. They have a waxy appearance, meaning that any water that meets the leaves beads

up and falls off. The base of the leaves is kind of spongy, allowing them to float on the surface of the water.

When you bring your baby water lettuce home, you'll need to pull off all the damaged and old, yellow leaves. Bear in mind that if you rip them off too energetically, you will also remove their roots. They'll recover, but grow slowly. That's the other thing: leave all the roots there and make sure they're dangling freely.

I know I have been known to drone on about how easy it is to grow plants in this part of the world, but this one is a bit of a joke. I'm not sure that there are many plants that are this easy to get going. Put a few of these in the water (green side up, for any Irish gardeners reading this) and leave them to it.

Many starter water-lettuce plants are grown under partial shade, so you'll probably want to give them some protection from full sun for a week or two. Full Phuket sun can bleach tender young leaves, but if you have

starter plants that you know come from full sun, then ignore this paragraph.

Long term, water lettuce grow faster in full sun, but their rosettes stay tighter when grown in partial shade. In order to make more of themselves, the water lettuce grow tiny daughter plants

off to the side, which are so small that you might not spot them at first.

Once they're established, you'll see a network of smaller water lettuce surrounding your starter plants, resulting in runners or lateral shoots that protrude from a strong mother plant.

In this part of the world, water lettuce do best in ponds, but they also thrive in aquariums, where they will be smaller.

It's about time I actually used some of the abundance of spurious information that my schoolteachers tried to force-feed me. The more I think about it, I vaguely seem to remember covering the chemical changes during the brewing process. Well, I remember the last bit anyway; the vital final stage: beer.



The water lettuce, or *pistia stratiotes*, is a versatile floating plant that looks rather like, well, a lettuce.

shades
Extend your life outdoors...yet we care

shade sails
awnings
tensioned fabric structures

SHADES (THAILAND) CO., LTD
Boat Lagoon Marina, Phuket
Call 084 689 8844 info@shades.co.th www.shades.co.th

Making Alliance with the Sun

AWNING MAKER
Tensioned Membrane Fabric Roof / Shade / Tent
Parasols / Roll-Up Sunshade / Cushion-Sunloungers / S.S. Balustrade
Supplier of a wide range of
Premium fabrics and materials.

FERRARI **sunbrella** **50% OFF** **CECIBI 30** **Quick Dry** **YKK** **DOT**

Phuket Awnings Services Co., Ltd. / Awning & Frame Part.
33/3 Moo 5, Vichitsongkram Road, T. Vichit, A. Muang, Phuket 83000
Tel: 081-7881639 / 66-76-234938 Fax: 66-76-234939
E-mail: suppaluckrattananan@yahoo.co.th, www.phuketawnings.com

Want to know more about a plant in your garden?
Email Bloomin' Bert at: bert@bloominbert.com

Gently sloping - Sea View Land for Sale

Location:

- On the East Coast of Phuket.
- In a prime location with magnificent views of the sea from the main road, the islands of Phang-nga Bay.
- Close to hospitals, shopping areas, schools, airport and recreational facilities.
- Two kilometers from the Main Thepkasatree Road. (On Muang Mai - Tha Reau Road).
- Six kilometers from Phuket International Airport and Nai Yang Beach.
- About one kilometer before reaching Mission Hills golf course.

THB 3.8 million per rai.
23 rai - 2 ngan - 41.1 square wah.

Contact: +66(0) 81 407 6853, +66(0) 81 397 4779, Email: loon.le@hotmail.com

Property Gazette

Properties For Sale

COCONUT ISLAND LAND



for sale. 4.5 rai, chanote, hill-side panoramic sea view, close to beach. 14 million baht. Please call K. Bouddha for more information. Tel: 089-2900484.

LAND & HOUSES PARK



at Parichart Village 35/20 Soi 1. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 aircon, some furniture, 50sq wah, garden. Chalong area. Urgent sale! 4 million baht, must see. Contact Nina. Tel: 087-6899679, 087-2681341. Email: tasuwan@hotmail.com

HOUSE FOR SALE

2-story, 4-bedroom house in Chalong. Western kitchen, aircon, quiet area. 3.4 million baht. Tel: 081-9795755.

AO PO LAND, SALE OR LEASE

Chanote title, 2,532sqm. Located on main road near Mission Hills golf course. In developing area, great investment. Private sale at 6 million baht. Tel: 081-3670991. Fax 076-321328. Email: enio99@hotmail.com

BEACHFRONT LAND

at reasonable price. Located at Natai Beach near hotels and residential projects (drive across Sarasin Bridge just 15 mins). Nice sized plot, 3.2 rais. Close to the road. Chanote title. 7 million baht per rai. No agents please. Tel: 081-5399269. Email: talayjan@yahoo.com

PATONG SEA VIEW CONDOMINIUMS



Contemporary, exclusive apartments with the best views over Patong from 76 to 275sqm. Starting at 4.8 million baht, up to 20 million baht for the penthouse. Tel: 083-1736521 or visit www.patong-view-talay.com

LAND FOR SALE

Manik-Bangjo land, chanote. 4 rai at 2.7 million baht per rai. Located in residential area and close to road. Tel: 081-5399269. Email: talayjan@yahoo.com

HOUSE FOR SALE

House with 3 bedrooms, swimming pool and car park for sale. Located in Patong. Price at 12 million baht (negotiable). Please drop an email to make appointment for viewing. Tel: 081-8918082. Email: goh.diane@gmail.com

LAND FOR SALE OR RENT

- 1.) 360sqm corner plot with title and deed in Soi Cok Yang, Nai Harn for sale at 2.5 million baht.
- 2.) 2,344sqm plot and 2 furnished houses, 3-phase electricity, water and private road, also in Soi Cok Yang; 15 million baht. Can also lease long term at 250,000 baht per month. Tel: 081-8921057. Fax: 076-288771. Email: info@phuket-consult.com

SEA VIEW, 3.2 RAI

at north end of Bang Sak Beach. This land is between Thap Tawan Beach Rd and Bang Sak Beach Resort, 6km from Takuapa. Tel: 081-8947644.

RAWAI LAND

First to view will buy. 2-level plots with hill views in exclusive gated community. Road, 3-phase electricity and water. 1,009sqm for 4.4 million baht. 1,185sqm for 5.1 million baht. Tel: 089-9702745.

AFFORDABLE LUXURY



Immaculate villa. Private area, big lush garden, pool, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, big living room, Scandi-kitchen, huge patio, fully furnished, contemporary Bali-Thai style. Living area: 450sqm. Land: 1,400sqm. Near Heroines' Monument with scenic hill view. Chanote. 14 million baht. Tel: 084-6907057.

FOREIGN FREEHOLD

Rawai, condo, 27sqm. Close to bank, 300m from the pier. 580,000 baht, negotiable. Tel: 086-9408914.

MODERN OFFICE BUILDING

2-story office building centrally located in Chalong with the following facilities:

- 10 rooms on 408sqm of office space
- 3 toilets with showers
- Computerized central air conditioning
- Keyless card-access system
- CCTV monitoring and alarm system
- Dedicated fireproof server room
- CAT 5 cabling for Internet, electricity and telephone
- Conference room
- Private parking
- Internet, phone lines and fax installed
- Sea view on second floor
- Chanote land title

The building is suitable for any company that wishes to make a professional impression and operate in a central and safe location close to Chalong Circle. Asking price is 15 million baht ono. Great investment opportunity for the right company. Tel: 076-282-211, 081-8926251. Email: michael@origopub.com

FOR SALE IN PATONG



5-bedroom villa. Baan Benjamas, Soi San Sabai, 5-min walk to Jungceylon. On 440sqm of land, 270sqm living area. Western kitchen, living and dining room, TV lounge, 2-carport, 8 aircons. Price: 15 million baht. Contact the owner, K. Ew, for details. Tel: 081-7970092. Email: phuket24@samart.co.th

LOCH PALM LAND

for sale, 2.5 rai, good location, can split. For more details. Call Tel: 086-2790837 or Email: bricothailand2@hotmail.com

LAND FOR SALE

13 rai in Pasak area located near Laguna, Phuket. Only 2.8 million baht per rai (Nor Sor3 Gor). Good-sized plot and no need for fill-soil. Tel: 081-5399269. Email: talayjan@yahoo.com

KATA BEACHFRONT REDUCED!

bargain price. Luxury 2-bedroom apartment. 210sqm, pools, spa, 5-star. Quick sale, price: 16.9 million baht. Tel: 089-9726017. For further details please visit our website at www.koumbele.com/kata2

LAND FOR SALE

10 min drive across Sarasin Bridge. Chanote title, 80 rai. Has road and utilities access. Suitable for hotels or residential projects. Nice location, just 300 meters from the beach. Only 3.5 million baht per rai. Tel: 081-5399269. Email: talayjan@yahoo.com

MISSON HEIGHTS LAND

225sq wah or 900sqm for 1.8 million baht or best cash offer. Concrete road, 3-phase electric, 10 mins from airport. Blue Canyon golf club. Call Khun So. Tel: 081-3444473.

KATA SEAVIEW HOME



3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, huge pool. Teak kitchen, ceilings and doors, marble and wood floors. 200sqm on 600sqm land. Self-contained guest suite. Quiet location, parking, overlooks Kata Beach. 13 million baht. Serious offers only. Contact us at Tel: 089-5926890. Email: north8west98@yahoo.com

GREAT VALUE FOR MONEY



Moo Baan Chao Fa Thani, detached house, 260sqm of land. Community pool, 24hr security, 2-3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, open kitchen, large living room, fully furnished, garden. Only 3.2 million baht. Tel: 089-6639669. Email: andrekant@hotmail.com

SEA VIEW, 2-BEDROOM

apartment on top floor, north Patong. 20 steps to beach. Freehold. 9.7 million baht. Contact for photos. Tel: 086-2765117. Email: jihshand@gmail.com

SEAVIEW CONDO PATONG: B3.6M

New, 2-room deluxe condos. Fully furnished, in best location in Patong, with pool and parking. 5 minutes from the beach. 3.6 million baht. Tel: 081-8928526. Email: info@phuket-besthomes.com For further details, please see our website at www.phuket-besthomes.com

Exclusive house and office for sale/rent



Chalong, 250sq wah, 5 bedrooms en suite, 4x16 swimming pool with Jacuzzi, fully furnished, ADSL Internet, garden, home theater, office room, aircon. Buy 16.8 MB, For Rent 240,000 B/month

Tel: 087-0719907, 081-5698432
www.naraplacephuket.com

PATONG CASTLE From 3.5 M

Stylish contemporary tropical apartments of one, two and three bedroom solutions enjoying expansive terraces, beautiful ocean view with tropical sala and jacuzzi. 15% Rental guaranteed for the first three years and finance available to foreigners.

www.patongcastle.com

Kata Ocean View From 4.7 M

Mediterranean style ocean view apartments located in a natural beauty spot of Kata hills. One, two, three bedrooms apartments ranging from 72 to 162 sq.m. Foreigners eligible. Now on phase 2. Rental program available.

www.kataoceanview.com

Villas Suksan From 7.9 M

New development of contemporary Balinese style Villas combining luxury, space and affordability. A choice of two, three bedrooms pool villas now offered at very attractive pre-construction prices. Best location in Nai Harn Beach.

www.villasuksan.com

See 200 properties listed with us

Villas / Condos
Beachfront
Homes for sale
Holiday Rentals

Ayudhya
076/282394
www.ayudhya.net

Property Gazette

FOR SALE, MAIN ROAD, KAMALA



Multi-purpose, detached 3-story building. Approximately 2.5 times larger than the size of an average shophouse. Third floor is a large furnished apartment. The building is suitable for many commercial purposes: bank, insurance offices or for easy conversion to 3 large apartments to rent or sell. Previously 16 million baht. Now 14 million baht, for quick sale. Serious inquiries only. Please contact owner. Tel: 081-8111067.

HOUSE FOR SALE

near Heroines' Monument, 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Cable TV, Internet, telephone, fully furnished. 24hr security, swimming pool. Asking price: 2.7 million baht (negotiable). Tel: 081-5399269. Email: talayjan@yahoo.com

NEW RAWAI POOL VILLA

2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 300m from the new pier. 3.9 million baht, negotiable. Tel: 086-0760141. Email: than que4@gmail.com

PRIVATE SALE OF 1 RAI

next to Phuket Country Club golf course. The land has a new road and is in a very nice neighborhood. 7 million baht. Tel: 081-6766214.

LAND FOR SALE

22 rai (Nor Sor 3 Gor) near Mission Hills Golf Club, hotels and residential areas. Road and utilities access. Owner has done project layout, easy to start. 2.5 million baht per rai. Tel: 081-5399269. Email: talayjan@yahoo.com

THAI-STYLE HOUSE KAMALA



on more than 1 rai of landscaped gardens. Lighted security walls, electric gate, three 10,000L filtered water tanks with local water plus ground well with automatic pump. Emergency generator, cable TV, 3-phase electricity, 2 phone lines. Large swimming pool, waterfall koi fish pond, garden lighting. 3 or 4 bedrooms all en-suite, 4 aircons, 4 ceiling fans, 2 stories plus wine cellar/storage room. Teak walls and hardwood floors. Fully-furnished with many extras. Natural surroundings and mountain views with enough land for future expansion, eg. 3x 2-bedroom rental units. Chanote available through holding company for foreign ownership included. Asking 18 million baht walk-in walk-out. Willing to accept 50% down and 50% after 6 months. Includes Mazda 626 sedan car. Tel: 081-8922942. Email: gsantos

SURIN LAND PLOTS FOR SALE

1,016sqm: 6 million baht. 996sqm: 5 million baht. 5-minute walk to Surin Beach. Tel: 081-8687676.

3-STORY SHOPHOUSE KATHU

Brand-new, 5-meter-wide shophouse, excellent location on Wichit Songkram Rd, near Anuphas Golf Ville. Tel: 081-6065772. Email: pauljames@expathotel.com

SEA VIEW LAND KARON

Land located in the hills above the temple, 1,300sqm. Price: 7 million baht or highest bidder. Email for more info and pictures. Email: sverker_gustafsson@yahoo.com

HOUSE FOR SALE



Nanai Villa, Patong. Exclusive villa, Thai style, high standard, fully furnished, swimming pool, 200sqm living area, 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. Address: 154/13 Nanai Rd. 16 million baht. Tel: 083-1767676. Email: e-gjerl@online.no

BEAUTIFUL NAI YANG LAND



5 mins to Phuket Airport, close to the beach. 10 rai, 120 million baht. Must see. Tel: 089-7727012. Email: gyb_giff@hotmail.com

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

and rent. For a more personalized approach to your property, please visit www.phuketproperties.com. If you are a real estate developer or owner, you may list your properties with us. Contact Khun Noi or Julie. Tel: 081-8931360, 081-7192903.

NEW HOUSE FOR SALE

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 160sqm living area, swimming pool, carport, sea view. 5.9 million baht. Tel: 085-6226324.

TROPICAL POOL-VILLA

in Chalong. Brand-new, spacious 2-bedroom villa with deluxe kitchen and large living area. Priced to sell. Tel: 089-6521473.

Chalong Bay View CONDOMINIUMS

Foreign Freehold Available

Ocean Views From 3.9m฿

WWW.CHALONGBAYVIEW.COM MOBILE: 087 898 7062

SEAVIEW LAND



Located in the heart of Patong, nearly one rai of incredible seaview land. Included is the costly and difficult to get building license plus plans and project website. Can build 5 to 6 homes (1,700sqft each) on this lot. Please contact for more information. Tel: 080-0680891. See website and plan: www.phuket-serenity.com

SEAVIEW APARTMENTS

Patong Beach, Kata Beach. Last seaview apartments available for sale. Stunning sea view, 1 or 2 bedrooms. Rental guarantee, financing available. Tel: 076-282394, 084-053-5780. Fax: 076-282395. Email: info@ayudhya.net For further details, please see our website at www.ayudhya.net

THE HEIGHTS PHUKET

1st floor, unit C-8, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 195 sqm. Beautiful pool at your doorstep. 22 million baht. Tel: 081-6144799.

RAWAI LAND 480SQM

20x24 meter plot, Chanote, close to Rawai beach. 1.6 million baht. Tel: 081-7284821.

3-BEDROOM HOUSE IN MANIK

Private estate. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Land of 436 sqm, space for swimming pool. 5 minutes to Heroines' Monument. 10 minutes to Bang Tao Beach. 3.95 million baht. Tel: 076-379864, 085-2123244. Email: adrbaker101@yahoo.com

AIRPORT & BEACH AREA

1 rai (1,600sqm) with four 2-bedroom houses. Includes 2 bathrooms, fully furnished, shared swimming pool, Internet. 19 million baht for all. Tel: 081-6919346. Email: sumon@ridethailand.com

BARGAIN SALE



New house on a double lot, 800sqm with free form swimming pool in a gated community. 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms, 2 living rooms, fully furnished and equipped. Ready to move in. Chanote title, company transfer to buyer possible. Price: 9.9 million baht! Payment plan acceptable. Please contact for more information. Tel: 076-282542, 089-1235444. Email: pattrochan007@hotmail.com

BUNGALOW FOR SALE/RENT B2.6m

Furnished, private, telephone, cable TV, Internet. 264sqm. Soi Naya. Tel: 087-9261381. Email: pakadog@gmail.com

CHIANG MAI HOUSE

New luxury house for sale, ready to move in. 2 stories, 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms. Total area: 452sqm. Living area: 300sqm. 4.5 million baht for quick sale by owner who is relocating. Tel: 081-5369252. Email: sppcnx@gmail.com

KAMALA NICE HOUSE



for sale. 2 bedrooms (possibility for third), 2 bathrooms, Jacuzzi, dining and living room, kitchen. Fully furnished, aircon, electric gate, all furniture included. 11 million baht. For more information, please call Tel: 086-2807400, +3362 4483630. Email: eaghold@yahoo.fr

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Due to health problems, I am offering two houses for quick sale – one on half a rai of land and another on 1 rai. Both located in a good residential area 5 mins from Laguna resort. Buy both for 15 million baht. Call Bepy for more info. Tel: 081-8930692. Email: toto@phuket.ksc.co.th

KAMALA 3-BEDROOM

1.25 rai, quiet hillside location, 2km to the beach and shops. Tel: 081-8935626. Email: richard@amwso.com

The Village

Krabi Sunset

Houses / Condos Foreign freehold Available

Located in Haad Yao (Long Beach), Krabi

Make your next investment by this untouched beach

www.krabisunset.com 075-638338

email: sales@krabisunset.com 081-2690742

Platinum Residence Park

5 Star Services

- VIP Mercedes Limo
- Grocery Delivery
- Rental Services
- 24 Hr Security
- Tour Bookings
- Maid Service
- Spa Services

5 Star Development

- Government Approved
- Underground Electrical
- Landscaped Park
- Foreign Quality
- Serene Location
- Wide Roads

from 9.5 million baht

076 388 593 or 086 686 2389

Property Gazette

LUXURY POOL VILLA



Laguna Townhomes II. 245sqm, 3 bedrooms with balconies, 3 bathrooms, large living/dining room, equipped kitchen, 2 car garage, 2 maid's quarters, pool, terrace and garden, Sala, overlooking golf course. Golf membership and Laguna privileges included. 23.95 million baht. Contact owner. Tel: 076-271-904, 087-8967030.

LUXURY PROPERTIES for sale or rent in Phang Nga, Phuket. For further details, please see our website at www.janepropertyphuket.com

KATA BEACHFRONT BARGAIN

One-bedroom apartment, 75sqm, pool, 5-star spa. 8 million baht for quick sale. Tel: 089-9726017 or Email: asiasail@yahoo.com For further details, please visit www.koumbele.com/kata1

LAND FOR SALE

Bang Jo area. Road access on 2 sides of land. 4 rai and 18sq wah. Company owned. Nice square plot. Asking price: 4.5 million baht per rai. Tel: 081-5369252 or Email: sppcnx@gmail.com

INEXPENSIVE LAND

0.5 rai house lots near airport and Mission Hills Golf Course. Chanote, underground electric. 1.06 million baht, full price! Contact Chris Fisher. Tel: 086-9421930

LAND FOR SALE

4 plots of land in Koh Sirea Park View, 480sqm each, Chanote title, concrete road access, 300meters from new yacht marina. Asking price: 1.7 million per plot. Tel: 081-5369252. Email: sppcnx@gmail.com

HOUSE FOR SALE



in Erawadee 2 Project, located near Khao Khad Viewpoint. 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, fully furnished. Only 1.5 million baht. Please contact to view. Tel: 087-2770978. Email: koyangle99@hotmail.com

SEAVIEW VILLA



in Rawai-Nai Harn, Phuket. Price: US\$1 million. Land: 700sqm. 5 bedrooms, 7 bathrooms, fully furnished, fitness room, swimming pool (communal). 1-minute drive to Rawai Beach, 5 minutes' drive to Nai Harn Beach. Contact K. Sam. Tel: 085-1106449.

1 RAI, 750,000 BAHT

Rubber plant, 11 rai, Cha 1 rai, Rawai, B6m, center. www.phuket-no1.com Land plots any size. Tel: 081-5395454, 087-2849541.

HOUSE WITH POOL

in Land & Houses Park. 3 bathrooms, 4 bedrooms, European kitchen, 5 million baht. Tel: 081-0918908. Email: stein_dokset@hotmail.com

LUXURY BEACHFRONT VILLA

in Samui, 5 bedrooms, 7 bathrooms, beach front, fully furnished, swimming pool. 65 million baht. Tel: 087-830 2725. Email: monchai_ae@yahoo.co.th www.thesamuivilla.com

FLAT LAND IN KAMALA

1 to 5.5 rai. Chanote, road and electric supply. Exclusive location a few mins from beach. From 9.5 million baht per rai. Tel: 086-2742308. Email: kim@kamalafalls.com

PRIVATE PROPERTY PROJECT



(Kamala 1). Thai-style pool villa with sea view. Price: 28.5 million baht. Project Kamala 1 is 1km from the beach and 5 minutes from Patong. Details: land area 1,400sqm. Living area 450sqm. Fully furnished, aircon. 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms. 1 studio with kitchen, bathroom (staff room). 1 European kitchen, 1 Thai kitchen outside. Swimming pool 10mx4m. Thai-style sala. Fish pond. Thai-style parking for 2 cars. Storage room. Contact Manuel Pinto. Tel: 081-8923172.

SEA VIEW KAMALA

Small plots from 1 rai up to 20 rai, all have fantastic sea view. Chanote, good road access and electricity. Exclusive location, 2 minutes from the beach and the city center. From 7.5 million baht per rai. To contact call Tel: 086-2742308 or Email: kim@kamalafalls.com

GATED COMMUNITY IN KAMALA

Small land plots from 500-600sqm. Exclusive location a few min from beach and city center. Price 14,000 baht per sqm. Tel: 086-2742308. Email: kim@kamalafalls.com

PLOTS ON MY ISLAND

Cherng Talay: 77 rai. Thalang: 106 rai. Chalong: 66 rai. Kata-Chalong: 6 rai. My name is Wellta. Tel: 081-9680309. Email: info@houseinphuket.com Please visit www.landinphuket.com

SEA AND MOUNTAIN VIEW

6 rai of hilltop land with view of Mission Hills golf course. Architect plans available. 4.5 million baht per rai. Tel: 087-9785804.

LAND FOR SALE



135sq wah of flat land in Maneekram, between Chalong and Central Festival, 2-road access to house, full public utilities, quiet area. Price: 2.6 million baht. Tel: 081-5697068. Email: sirio@tisco.co.th

FANTASTIC SEAVIEW



New seaview pool-villa overlooking Karon beach. Sale direct from Swiss builder/owner. Very reasonable and favorable proprietary rights for foreigner. Documentation and photos available. Tel: 089-5938690. Email: rue_narayan@hotmail.com

HOUSE PLUS LAND FOR SALE

1.25 rai at Ao Nang, Krabi. 25 million baht. Tel: 089-6459759. Email: dkadell@yahoo.de

PATONG HOTEL SALE

Paradise complex, 9 rooms and massage parlor for men only. Excellent turnover. No brokers please. Chanote. 2 units for 26 million baht. Contact William via email: info@bluedolphinphuket.com

NEW VILLA, KAMALA

Built to highest standard. Four bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, detached 2-car garage, studio apartment, fully furnished, large pool, aircon. Save 1 million off list price. 17.5 million baht. Owner moving. Many extras. Tel: 084-8500568.

BEAUTIFUL GARDEN APARTMENT

Beautiful 2-bedroom ground floor apartment, overlooking gardens and pool. 2 min walk to Bang Tao Beach. Fully furnished. 10 million baht. Please contact Thanisara. Tel: 081-8928259.

LAND FOR QUICK SALE

next to Mission Hills. Will take best offer. 1.7 rai. Tel: 087-2699206. Email: phkt5@yahoo.com

SUPERB EXTENDED HOUSE



1km from Heroines' Monument, 147sq wah. Nice area, room for swimming pool. Large sala and many extras. European kitchen, etc. 3 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, utility room, fully furnished. Top quality, must be viewed. 7.2 million baht inclusive. Tel: 087-9785804.

KARON LAND FOR SALE



15 million baht per rai, chanote. Hillside panoramic sea view, quiet area. Contact for details. Tel: 089-7727012. Email: se_rim@hotmail.com

KAMALA CONDO SALE

1 bedroom in central Kamala, ready to move in, maid service and communal pool. Tel: 085-7839062.

KAMALA LAND FOR SALE

Very nice for building a house. Gated lot with a hill view. Lease or buy. 3 million baht. Contact Larry. Tel: 083-9680662.

LAKESHORE LAND OR HOUSE

available for sale: 280sq wah of flat land for 14 million baht. House, fully furnished, 50sq wah, 8.5 million baht. Located at Land & Houses project. Great value for money. Call 081-5976195 or email: unique_property@hotmail.com

GUESTHOUSE FOR SALE

Reduced to 1 million baht. 6 rooms, busy bar, restaurant and tour desk. Nanai road. Good profit. Ideal for a couple. Only 2.8 million baht. Contact Andrew. Tel: 087-2825086.

THE HEIGHTS PHUKET

1st floor, unit C-8, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 195sqm. Beautiful pool at your doorstep. 22 million baht. Tel: 081-6144799.

DESIRABLE



unique and elegant home/office. This ideally-located property (Samkong Rd, Phuket town) represents the ultimate comfortable home with adjoining office suite. Recently refurbished and tastefully decorated at a cost of over 4 million baht, this magnificent property is now available for discerning home buyers. The home consists of: master bedroom with balcony, elegant en-suite "spa" bathroom, large second bedroom with balcony and en-suite toilet/shower and a third double bedroom with balcony. The property also offers a maid's bedroom and separate toilet/shower. The fitted kitchen features an adjoining breakfast/dining area. The home also offers a vast comfortable sitting room with contoured ceiling and atmospheric lighting. The adjoining 3-level office suite is ideally suited for numerous business opportunities. The property features an attractive garden and 2-vehicle car port. Asking price is a realistic 8.5 million baht. Call for details. Tel: 081-7191705.

SEAVIEW CONDO PATONG, B3.6M

New, 2-room deluxe condos. Fully furnished in best location in Patong, with pool and parking. 5 minutes from the beach. 3.6 million baht. Tel: 081-8928526. Email: info@phuket-besthomes.com For further details please see our website at www.phuket-besthomes.com

MUST SELL, END HOUSE

Near Phuket Country Club. 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, furnished, car park. 1.7 million baht. Chanote title. Tel: 085-4733409.

HOUSE FOR SALE

near Laguna. Thai-style house, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, 150sqm living area. 650sqm of land. Tel: 087-8938590.

BUILDING FOR SALE

in busy area, Soi Sai Nam Yen, Patong Beach

- ◆ 4 stories, first floor has large area convenient for restaurant or bar.
- ◆ 8 apartments on floor 2, 3, 4.
- ◆ Chanote title, electricity
- ◆ 2 minutes to the beach

Asking price: 50 million baht.

Call 081-8687676, 087-2709093

Looking for land to buy?
 See more classified ads at
www.phuketgazette.net/classifieds

Property Gazette

Properties For Rent

 **Phaethon Company**
phuketeasyrent.com

Need help finding property for rent?

081-777-4-799

www.phuketeasyrent.com

NEW 3-BEDROOM HOUSE, CHALONG

Spacious, European-style, tropical garden, 4 bathrooms, large living area and terrace, laundry and garage, Western kitchen. 35,000 baht per month. Tel: 084-8441486. Email: meeuwissenpaula@hotmail.com

RAWAI HOME WITH POOL

1 or 2 bedrooms, furnished, True TV, ADSL. 12,000 baht per month and up. Tel: 086-9408914. Email: chotip07@yahoo.com

PALAI GREEN HOUSE

with big garden. Fully furnished, 2 aircons, 2 bedrooms, hot shower, ADSL and cable TV. 12,000 baht per month. Chalong area. Tel: 081-8924311.

FOR RENT IN KATHU

3-bedroom house in private cul de sac, 3 bathrooms, refurbished, new Western kitchen. Delightful. Close to Loch Palm golf course and British International School. Rental 30,000 baht per month. Tel: 076-296072, 089-6498703.

CONDOS FOR RENT

Rawai, renovated, aircon, TV, DVD, kitchenette, hot water. Tel: 086-9456650. Email: phuketcomfortcondos@hotmail.com

THALANG HOUSE

for long-term rent, 2 bedrooms, aircon, 200sqm, near waterfall. 136/37 Pernjunvilla. 6,000 baht per month. Tel: 086-6831147.

2-BEDROOM MAI KAO VILLA

Weekly or long-term, 2 min from golf course, beach, airport. European standards, aircon, True TV, Internet, garden and antique furniture. Tel: 081-7197015, 089-708926. Email: eanfievat@voila.fr

CHALONG HOUSE

New 2-story house in Thanthong Villa 7, near Villa 3 Mum Muang Market. Contact me for details. Tel: 081-0911610. Email: rkanjana005@hotmail.com

BOAT LAGOON LUXURY

Waterfront townhouses for rent. 2 & 3 bedrooms, fully furnished, True TV. Long or short term. Pool, sauna included. Call So. Tel: 081-3444473.

KAMALA BEACHFRONT VILLAS

Fully furnished to a high standard. Western kitchen. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, lounge and dining areas. Large balcony overlooking swimming pool and landscaped garden. Stunning sea views, only meters from the beach. Private, gated, parking with storage. True TV and ADSL. Includes daily cleaning and washing. Pool and gardener service. Daily rental offered; weekly: 40,000 baht; monthly: 140,000 baht. Contact K. Suchada Tel: 084-8436837.

CHALONG SHOPHOUSE

This new 3-story shophouse is available for long-term lease. Ideal for home office/shop accommodation. Inquiries at Tel: 089-6521473.

RAWAI BEACH DUPLEX

Furnished, pool 12mx4m, close to bank. 6,000 baht per month. Tel: 086-9408914. Email: chotip07@yahoo.com

LONG-TERM LAND FOR RENT

1.1 rai on Sokdidest Rd. 256m x 886m. Ideal for apartment or resort. In natural location. Tel: 081-8923340.

SEA VIEW PLACE

Excellent plot for a restaurant. Sea view, 640sqm. Water and electricity available. A deal not to miss! Tel: 081-7371585. Email: tailor@amorns.com

HIGH-END RENTALS WANTED

Siam Real Estate has clients waiting for good quality rentals now - both holiday and long term rentals. If you want to rent your property quickly and get top dollar, contact us urgently. Tel: 076-288908. Email: patrick@siamrealestate.com For further details, please see our website at www.siamrealestate.com

SINGLE HOUSE FOR RENT



In Soi Ban Krang, Chalong. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen, fully furnished and aircon. 25,000 baht per month. Tel: 084-8746270.

KAMALA



2-bedroom, 2-bathroom villa with swimming pool. Private, all amenities. 35,000 baht per month. Tel: 081-8111067.

CONDO FOR RENT

in Rawai, sea view. 55,000 baht per month. Tel: 086-2812115.

NEW CHALONG HOME

2-bedroom, furnished home for rent with phone, True TV, aircon. Tel: 089-6521473.

PATONG HOUSE

2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, furnished, access to pool, close to the beach and Jungceylon. Tel: 084-0566067.

HOUSE AT CHALONG

For rent near Palai Beach. 2 or 3 bedrooms, aircon, fully furnished, phone line. Tel: 089-7288311.

BOUTIQUE VILLA FOR RENT

Bali-style villa, 2 bedrooms with a private pool. Available for short- or long-term rental. Tel: 076-282394, 084-0535780. Fax: 076-282395. Email: info@ayudhya.net

PENTHOUSE IN CENTRAL KATA

for rent or sale. Rooms for rent, 3 bedroom house, Internet, cleaning. From 9,000 baht per month. Contact for more info. Tel: 086-2766597.

HOUSE FOR RENT

in Phuket City. Location: on bypass road, Soi Soho Roast Duck. Fully furnished, cable TV, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, large kitchen, gas stove, rice cooker, toaster, kettle. Living room, hot water, 2 aircons, garden, parking, big fridge, high-speed ADSL. 1.5km (15 mins) to Patong beach. 15,000 baht per month (long-term, 1 year: 14,000 baht). Look for photo title PKT0002/07 on website. Tel: 089-4730990. Email: graymac@telkomsa.net For further details, please see our website at www.phuket-land-paradise.blogspot.com

HOUSE FOR RENT



New, fully furnished house for rent. Above average plot at end of a cul de sac in Phanason 3, Barn Porn, near Heroines' Monument. Less than 10 minutes to British International school, about 15 minutes to Lotus, Big C, Central and 15 minutes to airport. 2 fully-furnished bedrooms with aircon, living room with luxury sofa, European kitchen with fridge, 29" TV, DVD player and small garden. Please contact Pattama. Tel: 087-8207715. Email: pattamar@bcis.ac.th

SEA VIEW APARTMENT

Kata beach, beautiful sea view apartment, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms fully furnished. Available for short- or long-term rental. Tel: 076-282394, 084-0535780. Fax: 076-282395. Email: info@ayudhya.net

KATHU HOUSE/RENT

opposite Kathu Temple. 2 bathrooms, 3 bedrooms, furnished. 9,000 baht per month and one-month deposit. Tel: 085-7839062.

3 BEDROOM HOUSE

on Patong hillside available for long-term rent. Tel: 086-9405187 (English), 086-9522070 (Thai).

GREAT SEA VIEWS



4-bedroom, 3-bathroom, large private villa on the quiet east coast of cape Yamu. 15 mins to BIS. Tropical gardens, pool, sun decks with amazing views, furnished, snooker room, sauna, study, exclusive secure development. No dogs. 80,000 baht per month. Tel: 086-2796283.

POOL VILLA IN NAI HARN

2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, aircon. 25,000 baht per month, long term. Tel: 087-8934975. Email: cottrell@loxinfo.co.th

B.L. APARTMENT

New in Kathu. Big rooms, 1 bedroom, 1 living room, aircon, cable TV, ADSL, hot shower, garden, car park. 8,000 baht per month. Call Tel: 081-6923163.

KATA HILLSIDE OCEAN VIEW

Ocean View Estate, only 2km to Kata Beach. 1 or 3 bedrooms available for short- and long-term rental. Tel: 086-9405187 (English), 086-9522070 (Thai).

NICE, MODERN HOUSE FOR RENT



Furnished and excellent location, 5 mins from Rawai & Nai Harn beaches. 162 sqm. 2 bedrooms with private bathrooms. 1 guest toilet. 3 aircons. Large living-dining room. Telephone line with ADSL. Free water supply and garbage service. 22,000 baht per month. Please contact K. Nui. Tel: 087-3830936.

LUXURY HOUSE

near Laguna with pool. House has everything. 25,000 baht per month for 2 people; 30,000 per month for 3 people. Tel: 089-5944067.

KAMALA BEACH

rental. New houses and 1 apartment for rent. 2 or 4 bedrooms, furnished, quiet near beach, maid service. 15,000 to 30,000 baht. Contact Larry. Tel: 083-9680662.

HOUSE FOR RENT

Quiet and safe house for rent, long- or short-term. 5 km from Laguna Phuket. Furnished, True TV, telephone line, Internet, big garden, 3 bedrooms, 2 aircon, 2 big bathrooms, bathtub, hot water. 16,000 baht per month, or 13,000 baht if you pay lump sum for 1 year. Tel: 087-4172757 (English), 086-682-9804 (Thai).

Would you like to keep up on what's happening in Phuket - the good, the bad and the bizarre? Let us share it with you - every week!

TO: The Phuket Gazette Co Ltd, 367/2 Yaowarat Road, Amphur Muang, Phuket 83000, Thailand.

YES, I want to receive the PHUKET GAZETTE for a full year - 52 issues!

I hereby authorize payment against my Visa ☐ / Mastercard ☐

☐ Thai Baht 1,560 for Phuket Special Delivery (Phuket Island only!)

☐ Thai Baht 2,800 for a domestic subscription (outside Phuket)

☐ Thai Baht 8,000 for an overseas subscription (any country outside Thailand)

Surname (as appears on card) _____ Given name(s) (as on card) _____

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Issuing Bank: _____ Country: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please Deliver To:

Street address _____

City _____ State or Province _____ Zip Code _____

Country: _____

To ensure clarity, please attach Last 3 digits on back of card!

Boats & Marine

SPEEDBOAT, PHUKET

Immaculate, 2-year-old speedboat with twin Yamaha 115hp engines. Berthed at Boat Lagoon for pleasure or biz. TAT licensed for 12 people. 995,000 baht. Please contact for more information. Tel: 087-8817600. Email: martingoo@gmail.com or visit our website www.speedboatphuket.com

ITALIAN SPORTBOAT

5.7 meters. Hypalon RIB, 100hp, 4-stroke Yamaha, boat trailer, chart-plotter and many extras. All as new. 850,000 baht. Contact Richard. Tel: 087-2795566. Email: rifiki@xtra.co.nz For photos please see our website at www.placesinthailand.com

23-METER TEAK YACHT, PERFECT

This is a luxurious 23-meter yacht with 3 deck levels, 3 engines, 5 cabins and Thai commercial registration. Licensed to carry 35 people. The vessel has 2 refrigerators, a freezer, microwave, dishwasher, 5 aircons, (12v, 24v, and 220v). All Teak layout, fishing outriggers. Charter business included. Now only 9.9 million baht obo. Contact more info. Tel: 086-0106988. Email: michaelcraona@email.com



CRANCHI
Boatbuilder since 1870

Med 47
available for charter in Phuket

STARSHIP YACHTS

HONG KONG
(+852) 2555 2805
THAILAND
(+66 076) 273 378
www.starshipyachts.com
www.cranchi-asia.com



PRE OWNED BOAT SELECTION



HANSE 315

This boat is in perfect condition very well equipped-1 year old Finished 2nd in its class at last King's Cup above 11 boats.

Price at 79,000,- EURO



THAI TRADITIONAL JUNK

Unique junk boat of its kind. A sailing boat for connoisseurs. Last refit made in december 2007

Price at 60,000,- EURO



STEEL HULL SAILING VESSEL

Great opportunity. This steel boat is very strongly build and in pristine condition after her actual owner made all necessary safety and cosmetic improvement. "Belgium flag".

Reduced Price at 80,000,- EURO



GRAND BANKS 59'RP ALEUTIAN

Brand new boat delivered just few months ago to the owner and already put for sale as he wants to purchase a bigger Grand Banks.

Asking Price at 2,450,000,- USD

Boat Lagoon & Yacht Haven Office

Tel: 076 239111
E-mail: broker@asia-marine.net
www.asia-marine.net

NEW THAI WOODEN HULL



14m x 4.65m with 1m draft. Built from tackientong wood. 650,000 baht ono. Also, 2 x Hino EK 100 newly reconditioned 275hp engines for 300,000 baht ono. And new Northern Lights 10kw, Genset with sound shield for 450,000 baht ono. Tel: 086-9465916 (English), 086-9479590 (Thai).

DINGHY AND JEEP FOR SALE

4-month-old 60hp Mercury trailer and Suzuki jeep. 600,000 baht. Tel: 089-6450510.

WOOD WORKS & BOAT SERVICES

Specialized in woodworking for boats and houses, we are now opening our new office and workshop in the Boat Lagoon. Our services include: boat storage and maintenance, full hull repairs, internal work, teak wood work, teak wood accessories, fiberglass repairs, spray painting and boat building. We also work with home furniture, kitchens, and built-in or moveable bars, counters, work desks and more. Contact for details. Tel: 076-243089, 081-9683118. Fax: 076-242742. Please see our website at www.procarpentering.com

ROBERTS 57-FOOT

motor sailor built of steel in 1998. 180hp, 6-cycle diesel. Diesel generator, good condition. US\$135,000. Tel: 086-2762626.

SWISS CAT 5-METERS



2-years old. Long speedboat in best condition. One Yamaha 60hp engine, one Yamaha 4hp emergency engine, trailer, fish finder, sundeck, anchor place in Bang Tao available. Only 250,000 baht. Contact Michael. Tel: 081-4151849, 089-4727137.

17M WOOD SAILING

boat built in 2003. Cutter, rig, diesel 6-cycle engine, 180hp. In good condition for day sailing. US\$17,000. Please contact more information. Tel: 086-2762626.

THAILANDS LEADING BROKERAGE AND NEW YACHT DEALERSHIP



LEE MARINE International Marine Brokerage



Available for Sea Trial now
Crownline 252EX

Available Exclusively through Lee Marine

Riviera 3000

- Twin Volvo turbo diesels
- Kohler 4kva generator
- Remote searchlight and new windless
- New bimini and stainless frame

- Air conditioning
- Leather upholstery
- New trailer
- Thai registration

4,100,000 THB

Ericsson 380



\$198,000 USD

Hans Christian 43



\$175,000 USD

Custom 73 commercial



7,000,000 THB

Searay 220 Sundeck



1,220,000 THB

Dealership Office
The Boat Lagoon Marina Phuket
Contact: Martin Holmes
tel: 076 238 803
fax: 076 273 310
email: info@leemarine.com

Brokerage Office
The Boat Lagoon Marina Phuket
Contact: Andrew de Bruin / Marcus Overman
Mobile: 081 894 1530 / 01 968 1437
fax: 076 273 310
email: brokerage@leemarine.com

Yacht Haven Marina Office
The Yacht Haven Marina Phuket
Contact: Jim Poulsen
Mobile: 081 881 3237
fax: 076 206 260
email: yacht@leemarine.com

Pataya Office
Ocean Marina Jomtien Beach
Contact: Mark Heath
Mobile: 0817879408
tel: 038 235 061 fax: 038 235 062
Email: mark@leemarine.com

Dedicated Service Department

WWW.LEEMARINE.COM

Island Job Mart

COCOON
KITCHEN

snaldero
CUCINE PER LA VITA

The COCOON Kitchen provides, Snaldero, the finest Italian kitchen designs, created by the world's foremost architects and designers while maintaining high standards of customer service. We are now seeking energetic, highly motivated persons for the following positions for our new showroom in Phuket:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Sales Manager | 1 position |
| 2. Sales Officers | 2 positions |
| 3. Draftsman/Interior designers | 1 position |
| 4. Accountants | 2 positions |

Qualifications:

1. Bachelor's degree or higher relative to the position.
2. 1-2 years experience in the same field.
3. Good command of both spoken and written English required.
4. Service-minded with good customer contact skills.
5. Self-motivated, result-oriented with professional sales spirit.
6. Willing to work from Monday to Saturday from 9:00am - 6:00pm.

Salary and commission can be negotiated for sales positions.

Interested candidates are invited to write in with full resume in English, specifying the position applied and enclosing a recent photograph to supannatad@gmail.com before 15th Mar, 2008.

YACHT CREWS UNLIMITED (Agency)

We seek male and female crews for our Luxury Motor Yacht clients, Asia / Europe

- Captains
- First Mates
- Engineers
- Chefs
- Stewardesses
- Deck Hands

(some English required)
Training available
Crews unlimited
Yacht Haven Marina
Phuket, Thailand

Send CV to
yachtcrewsthailand@gmail.com
tpimson@hotmail.com
+66897721516

SWEDISH FEMALE SALES PERSON

We are an expanding travel agent located in Phuket City. We are looking for a Swedish female, age 25+, for an Internet sales position. Computer knowledge is essential, and experience in the travel industry and a good knowledge of Thailand desired. Tel: 076-246427, 081-7879454. Fax: 076-246180. Apply by sending email to: andersp@loxinfo.co.th

SALES POSITIONS

Wine Connection is looking for Sales executives. 3 positions are available. Foreigners as well as Thais are encouraged to apply. Positions are available in Phuket, Khao Lak and Krabi. Salary, commissions and monthly support package offered. Apply today at Wine Connection Chalong. Please contact for more information. Tel: 076-282411. Fax: 076-282414. Email: gmphuket@wineconnection.co.th

SALES PERSONS

Real Estate, Samui branch requires dynamic sales persons aged 30-40. Thai national, fluent English, computer skills and result-oriented. Duties will be property scouting, telemarketing. Candidates will go through a 2-week probation training period in Phuket. Average salary 25-40,000 baht. Forward CV via email. Tel: 076-282394, 086-0043008. Email: angius@ayudhya.net

FITNESS STAFF

required for Eden Fitness. English speaking Thai, previous experience desirable but not essential as full training will be given. Email: keith.wickers@gmail.com For further details, please see our website at www.kvrspa.com

SIMPSON MARINE

Asia's leading yacht brokers and new yacht sales company require the services of a professional receptionist. Candidate must be young, dynamic and outgoing with a service-oriented mind. Highly proficient in English and computer skills is a must. Interested candidates, please send CV and photo to phuket@simpsonmarine.com

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

wanted. Experience, flexibility and some English required. Full-time. Please contact for more information. Tel: 081-5376866. Email: info@platinumresidencepark.com

SUN PARADISE
Aluminium Glazing Systems

Sunparadise (Thailand) Co., Ltd. is the market leader in the supply and installation of high-quality, powder-coated aluminium door & window systems for the residential market in Thailand and S.E. Asia.

Due to our success and continued growth, we are seeking individuals who possess the following attributes to join our marketing team in Phuket.

Marketing/Sales Executive (3 positions)

- Smart and pleasant personality
- Good interpersonal skills and a team player
- Self-motivated and goal-minded
- Can work on his/her own initiative
- Good command of English
- Computer literate in Microsoft Office
- Own car

This is an excellent career opportunity and earning potential for the right candidate who is looking for a challenge and to join a growing and dynamic company. Please apply in person or send your C.V. with recent photo to Marketing Manager at:

Sunparadise (Thailand) Co., Ltd.
149/5 Moo 4, Srisoonthorn, Thalang, Phuket 83110.
Tel: (076) 527548-9 Fax: Ext. 12
Email: marketing_phuket@sunparadise.com



SALA Phuket Resort and Spa

SALA Phuket is an exciting new 5-star resort. The property has 79 villas and is located on Mai Khao beach, Phuket. SALA Phuket is the second SALA property with others planned in the near future.

We are looking for the following positions:

- Purchasing Manager
- Cost Controller
- Asset Officer
- Front Office Supervisor
- Guest Relations Officer
- Reservations Manager
- Room Attendant
- Spa Therapist
- Waitress/Waiter
- Bartender
- Pool Attendant

If you have what it takes please forward your CV or contact our Human Resources dept. Contact details below.

SALA Phuket Resort and Spa
333 Moo 3, Mai Khao, Thalang, Phuket 83110
Tel: 66(0)76 338 888 # 2011-2013
Fax: 66(0)76 338 810
Email: hrphuket@salaphuket.com
www.salaresorts.com

LIVE-IN MAID, SURIN

To clean and cook sometimes. Ability to speak English and resume needed. Tel: 076-325755.

MARINE TECHNICIAN

Sailing yacht charter company looking for technical manager. Good salary for qualified candidate. Email: thailand@dreamyachtcharter.com

CHEF & WAITRESS - JUNGCEYLON

Chefs and waitresses wanted for a restaurant/cafe opening soon at Jungceylon shopping center. Good location! Please contact K. Oh. Tel: 087-8810300. Email: thommm@online.no

ROOM CLEANER

Some basic English needed, full- or part-time. Tel: 083-3915525.

SALES EXECUTIVE REQUIRED

Phuket Ocean Villas require experienced sales executive. Applicants should be fluent in English and Thai, and have good computer skills. Excellent salary and commissions. Tel: 076-527565. Email: cv@phuketoceanvillas.com

DIVE SHOP STAFF

Dive shop needs office secretary. Salary depends on experience. Must speak English. Contact K. Andy. Tel: 085-7654677.

MANAGER & STAFF NEEDED

1. Thai Female manager with 3-5 years experience in hotel or resort management. Must speak and write perfect English.

2. Electrical engineer. Must speak English.

Tel: 089-8736889. Please contact for further information or send your CV by Email: wnammatapetersen@hotmail.com

APARTMENT MANAGER

English speaking Thai with strong computer skills, commitment, urgency and loyalty. We have new projects underway so you will grow with us. This is not just a job; it's a career opportunity. Up to you! For further details Email: keith.wickers@gmail.com please see our website at www.kvrspa.com

FREELANCE HOST(ESS)

Freelance host(ess) gezocht voor individuele reizigers naar Phuket. Graag met ervaring. Tel: 085-0483810. Email: edbeelaar@tiscali.nl

MARKETING

Fly Adventure Phuket is looking for a creative and responsible person with an outgoing personality and travel agent experience to join our sales and marketing team. Contact Oliver. Tel: 085-3632325.

RENTAL SALES

Siam Real Estate urgently requires a Thai national with excellent English and sales experience to sell holiday and long-term rentals. Must drive a car, know the island and have good administrative skills. Good salary and commissions. Please contact for more details. Tel: 076-288908. Email: patrick@siamrealestate.com

TAPAS & WINE, KATA BEACH

Waiter/waitress with experience in Western-style restaurant needed! Good English skills and flexible working times are required. Recommendation letter from previous employer has to be shown. Please call after 3 pm. Tel: 084-8382685. Email: mona@oceanicdivecenter.com

DRIVER WANTED

Dive shop needs Thai male driver to transport customers and take care of equipment. Contact Andy for additional details. Tel: 085-7654677.

RESTAURANT MANAGER WANTED

Thai national with experience in marketing, management and food creation. Please contact for more information. Tel: 081-4326587.

Island Job Mart



Due to a recent expansion in our distribution channels, PGTV, the television production arm of the Phuket Gazette, is seeking to fill the following position:

Tape Editor: Reporting to the Production Manager, the Tape Editor will be responsible for editing, in coordination with the TV News Editor and camera operators, each day's raw footage, as well as final edits of our daily program packages.

Qualified candidates will be Thai nationals who can quickly develop a sense for our English-language shows and tailor images to fit their tempo, cadence and purpose. Basic English is required. Knowledge of Adobe Premier would be an advantage.

Interested parties should send a resumé, cover letter and photo to **Jib@PhuketGazette.Net**, or hand deliver these documents to our studios at:

The Phuket Gazette Co Ltd
367/2 Yaowarat Rd, T. Taladyai, A. Muang
Phuket 83000 Tel: 076-236555



Would you like to be part of a rapidly expanding team in a professional property sales agency? We urgently require motivated persons for

Office Assistant

Qualifications:

- Good command of spoken and written English
- Computer and office administration skills
- Good team player, flexible and open-minded
- Driving license would be advantageous
- Thai national only

Webmaster/Web designer

Qualifications:

- Extensive SEO knowledge - Support PC, servers and peripherals
- Install and maintain software applications
- Update and create website
- Good knowledge of standard PC software and hardware
- Experience with end-user support and network administration

Land Scout

Qualifications:

- Thai national with strong communication skills
- Driving license
- Knowledge of beautiful land plots in Phuket and surrounding area
- Able to search and find suitable land plots for our clients
- Familiar with land laws and building regulations

Please send CV, photo and expected salary to
info@tropical-homes.net
Tel: 076-326125, Fax: 076-326126

ENGLISH-SPEAKING THAI LADY

Afternoon home help. Must have own car or motorbike. Tel: 086-7458832. Email: gregmackay67@hotmail.com

RESTAURANT MANAGER WANTED

Thai national with experience in marketing, management and food creation. Tel: 081-4326587.

QSI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

of Phuket, an American-style school, is recruiting qualified and certified teachers for the 2008/09 school year. We are looking for teachers who love children and believe that all children can succeed. We have the following anticipated vacancies for teachers who want to work in a small and safe school environment: preschool, middle and high school English (not ESL). Please respond by email to: alansiporin@qsi.org. Please be prepared to present documented qualifications.

URGENT! VACANT POSITIONS



for real estate office at Bang Tao Place:

- 2 Sales executives
- 2 Administration staff
- 2 Data entry
- 1 Maid/waitress

Pleasant personality, good command of English and well-organized. Interested? Contact us for more information.

Tel: 086-5932722.

Email: director@12property.com
For details visit our website at: www.12property.com



RAYA VADEE, A PRESTIGIOUS, WORLD CLASS RESORT SITUATED IN THE PRIME LOCATION OF KRABI, NOW HAS VACANCIES IN THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

GUEST ACTIVITY

- ACTIVITY ATTENDANT - GUIDE
- ACTIVITY ATTENDANT - SPORT

2 POSITIONS
2 POSITIONS

FOOD & BEVERAGE

- F&B SERVICE ATTENDANT

8 POSITIONS

CANDIDATES FOR ALL POSITIONS SHOULD POSSESS THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:

- SOME YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN SPECIFIED FIELDS
- PLEASANT PERSONALITY, SERVICE MINDED AND GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- EXCELLENT COMMAND OF ENGLISH AND COMPUTER LITERACY
- FOR THE POSITION OF ACTIVITY ATTENDANT - GUIDE SHOULD HAVE THE LICENSE CARD
- ALL POSITIONS MUST BE ABLE TO WORK IN KRABI

WE OFFER FANTASTIC WORKING CONDITIONS/ENVIRONMENT AND A VERY GOOD REMUNERATION PACKAGE THAT INCLUDES ACCOMMODATION, UNIFORM, LAUNDRY, MEALS, LIFE AND GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE, PROVIDENT FUND AND STAFF TRANSPORTATION TO THE HOTEL. INTERESTED APPLICANTS ARE WELCOME TO APPLY IN PERSON OR SEND YOUR APPLICATION WITH COMPLETE RESUMÉ AND RECENT PHOTO TO:

RAYA VADEE KRABI, THAILAND

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

214 MOO 2 TAMBON AONANG, AMPHUR MUANG KRABI 81000

CONTACT: KHUN SUKAN PUKAO

EMAIL: PN@RAYA VADEE.COM, WWW.RAYA VADEE.COM

TEL: (075) 620-740-3 FAX: (075) 620-630, 620 740 EXT. 2912

"Ranked in the Top 20 'Best Overseas Leisure Hotels-Asia & the Indian Subcontinent' in the 8th annual 'Conde Nast Readers' Travel Awards 2005"

"Featured in the Conde Nast Traveller 'Gold List 2005' of the 'Best 108 Hotels of the World'"

White Box restaurant invites candidates to apply for the following positions:

1) Administration Department

Personal Assistant
Accountant
Sales & Marketing

2) F&B Department

Dining Department
Supervisor/Captain
Waiter/Waitress
Bartender
Food Runner
Cashier

Kitchen Department

Chef de Partie
Commis Hot/Cold
Steward/Cleaner

- > Excellent Salary and Service Charge <
- > All positions are vacant immediately <

Please send your resumé:

Email: info@whiteboxrestaurant.com

Or call to: 076-346271

www.whiteboxrestaurant.com

White Box Restaurant

247/5 Prabarami Rd, Patong, Kathu, Phuket

BAR/RESTAURANT ACCOUNTANT

The selected person must have accounting experience and ability to track income, expenses, invoices, cash flow, taxes, VAT, manage all stock. Must be reliable, honest, fair and hard working. Salary ranges from 10,000-15,000 baht per month. Tel: 086-6305977. Please email CV to: natanri@hotmail.com

BREAKERS BAR AND GRILL

We are taking applications for the following positions:

- General manager (foreigner)
- Thai bartender and server (must speak English)

Good salary, great tips. Free room and meals.

Tel: 081-9235743. Email: pangja_ja@yahoo.com

OPERATIONS MANAGER WANTED

Calypso Divers at Kata Beach is looking for a secretary to work at our dive center (Thai nationals only). Your work will include dealing with customers, computers, administration and basic accounting. After 3 months of training you will be promoted to operations manager. Salary depends on performance, 12,000 - 25,000 baht per month. Contact Mr Steffen. Tel: 076-330869, 086-6827818. Fax: 076-330869. Email: steffen@calypsophuket.com

OUTSIDE SALES

Professional, experienced staff needed for sales and marketing of Destination Air seaplane services. Require own transportation, knowledge of Phuket and tourism market, and organization skills. Tel: 076-328505, 081-5362069. Email: pat@destinationair.com. For details see our website at www.destinationair.com

IT-GIGS NEEDS A PHP CODER

Please contact for more details Tel: 086-9421969. Please send your CV to Info@it-gigs.com

Looking for a job?
Looking for a better quality candidate?
Find more Recruitment Classifieds at www.phuketgazette.net/!

Tout, Trader & Trumpet

Articles for sale

STAINLESS STEEL "GAS" BBQ'S

SPECIAL PRICE !

30,000 BAHT

20,000 BAHT

4 BURNERS INCLUDING WOK BURNER,
GAS BOTTLE, GAS AND REGULATOR
(DELIVERY 2,000 BAHT EXTRA).

Tel: 081-2704291 Email: thailandmls@gmail.com

BARGAIN BUY

Snooker table, 8ftx4ft. Only 19,000 baht. Tel: 089-871 8663. Email: davidhnelson@hotmail.com

FOR SALE

- 2 new APEX regulators CTX 50 with octopus and manometer. 30,000 baht for both.
- 1 BCD Poseidon Besen WZO S/W, 15,000 baht.
- 1 BCD Seaquest Fusion S/W, 15,000 baht.
- 1 Panasonic video camera, MV-GS 17 mini DV, almost new. 10,000 baht

We will go to Europe. For more information contact Ulf. Tel: 085-4767314.

CASH REGISTER

Casio TE-100 cash register. New: 12,000 baht. Will accept offers over 6,000 baht. Tel: 089-9456433. Email: kjralph@gmail.com

BEANBAG

New, white, stretch fabric, 160cmx80cm. 1,500 baht. Tel: 080-0416612. Email: hundewasserhaus@gmx.at

WINE COOLER, BLACK with digital display, 10,000 baht. Pool table, classic, like new, 35,000 baht. Tel: 089-6503160.

POOL TABLE FOR SALE



Secondhand, coin-operated pool table for sale. Size: 3 ft x 6 ft. 40,000 baht. Free transport and installation. Phuket Pool Tables. Tel: 076-263687, 081-2901 645. Email: tuang@phuketpooltable.com

NIGHTCLUB

Contents of a nightclub for sale. Including sound system, mixer, power amps, cross-overs, equalizer, guitar amps, microphones, effect lights, par lights, light controllers, fridges, aircon units, bar stools and tables, etc. Tel: 081-7520275. Email: comfortablynumb_18@hotmail.com

WINDSURF BOARD WITH PADDLE

Used, old, for sit-on-top paddling. 6,000 baht. Please contact for more information. Tel: 080-0416612. Email: hundewasserhaus@gmx.at

Articles Wanted

SHOP TOOLS WANTED

Metal working tools wanted: arc and gas welders, wirefeed, plasma cutter, high-speed hand-held grinder, drill press, vise. Woodworking tools wanted: table or radial arm saw, miter saw, jointer, brad nailer, etc. Tel: 081-7972110. Email: iolare@yahoo.com

CHEAP LAPTOP

secondhand laptop computer wanted. Must run windows XP and have wireless card. Cheap price please. If you have upgraded and have an old one lying about, why not give me a call? Tel: 081-2716250. Email: mattysiam@gmail.com

POOL/BILLIARD TABLE

7ft x 8ft. Please contact for more information. Tel: 084-4424143.

SNOOKER TABLE WANTED

I wish to purchase a half-table snooker table in good condition with all accessories, including snooker and pool balls. Willing to pay handsome price for a good one. Please contact for more information. Tel: 076-205282, 083-2806799. Email: barlowmaurice@yahoo.co.uk

Bulletins

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Mission Hospital
Phuket City
Wed and Sun 7 pm
Bangkok Phuket Hospital
Phuket City
Fri 7 pm
Patong Hospital Patong
Mon, Tue, Wed, Sat, Sun
at 7 pm and Fri at 8 pm
Chalong Health
Clinic-near Chalong Circle
Tues 1 pm
For Phuket info (English)
call 081-9564031,
081-8912895
Scandinavian speaking Group
Wat Karen School-Karon
Tue and Sat 7 pm
Tel 081-2732053 (Nor)
087-2795636 (Nor)
086-7458910 (Swe)
For info on other Thailand
AA meetings inquire
at Tel: 02-2318300
(for Thai language press 3)
www.aathailand.org or
email info@aathailand.org
phuketaa@yahoo.com

SPONSOR

a needy child. The Phuket International Women's Club is a volunteer organization raising funds for educational scholarships. We rely on the good will of donors and sponsors – small and large. If you would like to put something back into the community in which you live, contact us to find out more about giving a prize or being a sponsor. Contact Carol (Tel: 087-4178860 or carol.fryer@piwc.info) or K. Sue (Tel: 087-2776948 or sue.arnulphy@piwc.info).

LIGHTHOUSE CLUB

Phuket lighthouse holds a networking meeting for the construction industry every 4th Wednesday of the month at The Yorkshire Inn, Patong. We start at 7pm. All members and guests are welcome. Please contact for more information. Tel: 085-7952552. Email: info@naturalrockpools.com

BUPA
Health Insurance
บุปผา ประกันสุขภาพ

Career opportunities with a leading health and care organization with 8 million customers world-wide

Medical Insurance Consultant

Sales Executive will be responsible for selling products and services, increasing sales volume and overseeing the process of lead generation.

Personal Specification:

- 1-2 year's sales experience
- Strong leadership and good motivational skills; able to inspire and integrate diverse teams
- Good interpersonal skills with a good customer service mind
- Computer literate
- Well-organized and enjoys all aspects of office management

If you think this position is a match to you, give me a ring or email. A great career opportunity is waiting for you.

BUPA Health Insurance (Thailand) Limited
Phuket Branch
156/15 Phang-Nga Rd., Taladyai, Muang, Phuket 83000
or email phuket@bupa.co.th.
For more information call **076-355 815**

All About Residence

A great opportunity to join a dynamic real estate business !!

Residence Sales & Services Manager
Services Operation Assistant

- Minimum 3 years' experience in Property Sales & Management
- Fluent in English
- Excellent interpersonal and management skills
- Highly motivated with strong leadership skills
- Has initiative and is able to work under pressure
- Proactive with good presentation skills

Applicants are invited to apply in person or send their full in English with recent photo to:
All About Residence Co., Ltd.
24/28 Moo 1, T. Rawai, A. Muang, Phuket 83130.
Tel: 076-388136, 289261 Fax: 076-388103
Email: hr@allaboutresidence.com, sales@allaboutresidence.com

Black Forest
Distribution Co., Ltd. is looking for :

Phuket Branch:	Samui Branch:
Driver with driving license and minimum knowledge of English	Office staff with some knowledge of English and some computer skills

Black Forest is an importer and distributor of fine wines and beers, based in Phuket with a branch on Koh Samui and distribution partners nationwide.

We are looking for someone to join our team for a competitive salary. Applicants are invited to apply in person at our Patong / Samui office or send a detailed resumé, in English stating current and expected salary together with a recent photo.

Black Forest Distribution Co. Ltd.

PHUKET 204/42 Rat-u-thit Road Patong Beach, Phuket 83140 076-344 705	KOH SAMUI 127/134 Moo 3 Koh Samui, Surat Thani 84310 077-418 585
--	--

Agents for Classified Advertising

PHUKET

Julapan Stationery Chaofa East Rd (next to Siam Commercial Bank)	Tel: 076-282254
K.L. Mart Patak Rd, Chalong	Tel: 076-280400/3 Fax: 076-280403
Earth Language School Phang Nga Rd, Phuket City	Tel: 076-232398/9 Fax: 076-232398
Sin & Lee Thalang Rd, Phuket City	Tel: 076-258369 Fax: 076-211230
Taurus Travel Aroonsom Plaza Rat-U-Thit 200 Pi Rd, Patong	Tel: 076-344521/2 Fax: 076-344523
41 Minimart Srisoontorn Rd, Cherng Talay	Tel/Fax: 076-324312
Deli Supermarket Rat-U-Thit 200 Pi Rd, Patong	Tel: 076-342275 Fax: 076-344314

Tout, Trader & Trumpet

Business Opportunities

BAR FOR SALE PATONG OTOP

Bar for sale at Patong OTO. 550,000 baht ono. Please contact K. Loz for more info. Tel: 084-6283503. Email: johncamel927@hotmail.com

PRIME RETAIL SPACE
Center of Patong. 1,350sq ft. Can divide into office, store or restaurant. Tel: 086-1588752.

GUESTHOUSE FOR LEASE

Turnkey guesthouse located in Patong Beach. 20 rooms, fully furnished including restaurant and bar. Tel: 076-282394, 084-0535780. Fax: 076-282395. Email: info@ayudhya.net For further details visit our website: www.ayudhya.net

3 SHARES LEFT

Offer for partnership share! One share = 250,000 baht. Email: adventuraintern@hotmail.com

RESTAURANT/BAR

For rent at 10,000 baht a month in Nai Harn. No key money. Tel: 081-0776646. Email: rogerthai@hotmail.com

BARS AND GUESTHOUSES

on Bangla and Nanai, many business opportunities. For further details, please visit our website at www.janepropertyphuket.com

PANWA RESTAURANT

for sale. Two stories with sea view, 2nd floor has 20 tables, bar on 1st floor with 10 tables. Price: 2.9 million baht for 6-year lease. Tel: 084-442-9088, 081-7881699.

GUESTHOUSE + RESTAURANT + TOUR

A 15-room guesthouse, 64-seat restaurant, and a tourist information and rental business is for sale in Patong. Absolute best area, very good turnover and very good lease contract! 7.9 million baht. Call or email for more information! Tel: 089-9325175. Email: wojidkwbengt@hotmail.com

WEALTH ATTRACTION SEMINAR!

"If you want to seriously increase your income and make lifetime friends and contacts worldwide - This is the prosperity seminar for you, guaranteed!" - Ian Hewitt (author - University of Life Prosperity). Email: language@gol.com For further details, please see our website at: www.universityoflife.com/seminar

BUSINESS FOR SALE

Media advertising TV. Inquiries to Graeme Bollen. Tel: 081-8943073.

SEAVIEW GUESTHOUSE

and restaurant in Patong. Contact Kevin. Tel: 084-7300190.

SPA FOR SALE

at Phuket Palace. Tel: 086-2812115.

PARTNER FOR RESTAURANT

Great location - 50m from beach, central Patong! Want to build a steak house or 1950s diner? 1.5 million baht buy in. 50% ownership, 12-year lease. Please contact for more information. Tel: 084-6644050. Email: aadams007@yahoo.com

BOOKS FOR SALE

Many language books and about 5,000 used books with shelf. For quick sale: 350,000 baht. Contact K. Pui. Tel: 084-1705552.

PATONG HOTEL FOR SALE

Perched on a hill in the Nanai area of Patong, overlooking the Andaman Sea and the lights of Patong, you will find a spectacular guesthouse built to very high specifications 4 years ago in Phuket. 14 luxury 1-bedroom units, 35sqm, fully fitted out with tiled floors. Large, oversized rooms, each with private balconies overlooking the large swimming pool. The best location and view, 80 meters, overlooking the Andaman Sea. 1 owner penthouse, and manager /staff quarters. Fully-booked, ongoing business offers. 35 million baht. Email for brochure. Tel: 080-1462965. Email: davidamilner@hotmail.com

BAR FOR SALE

Great Patong location. Contact Kevin. Tel: 084-7300190.

EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY

500sqm of prime retail space. All licenses! Make the business of your dreams. 10-year lease with owner. All offers considered. Must sell. Tel: 084-6644050. Email: aadams007@yahoo.com

KARON BAR FOR SALE

Fully-equipped bar for sale. Please contact for more information. Tel: 089-9087183.

RESTAURANT FOR SALE

Italian restaurant for sale in Kamala. Eight dining tables and full kitchenware. Near Krungsri Ayudhya bank. Contact Khun Na. Tel: 083-1802143. Email: nana1225@gmail.com

SHOPHOUSE IN PATONG BEACH

Patong, 80/9 Soi Wattana, the beach road, 14 million baht. Tel: 087-3809181. Email: maxshop@gmail.com

ELEGANT SHOPHOUSE

Super bargain, 4-story shop-house with chanote. Fully-equipped restaurant on 1st and 2nd floor. Fully-furnished apartment on 3rd and 4th floor. Valued at 6.7 million, now priced at only 5.5 million. Have to move out. Tel: 081-8915602.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

wanted. I will be relocating from Bangkok to Phuket this August and am currently looking for a hands-on investment opportunity based in Phuket. Email: stephancookca@yahoo.ca

CAFE AND GUESTHOUSE

for sale. Fully furnished, long-term contract in Rawai. 6 big rooms. 1.5 million baht. Tel: 089-6475422.

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

Due to relocation all reasonable offers will be considered on this successful niche enterprise in Patong. Designer lingerie outlet. Must sell. Contact for details. Tel: 087-9087605. Email: paulphillips8@hotmail.co.uk

BAR FOR SALE

Prime location on Soi Bangla. 1.8 million baht. Please contact for more information. Tel: 086-9433056.

GREAT DEAL! BUSINESS SALES & RENTAL UNIT

- Hotel for sale: 3 rai, newly renovated, boutique resort, great deal, best location in Patong.

- Hotel for sale: 55 rooms in 5-rai area, small luxury resort located in the quiet end of Patong. New construction, clean and great atmosphere.

- Hotel for rent: best location in Phuket City.

Email for an appointment. allservices29@gmail.com



ROOFTOP RESTAURANT

for rent on the top floor of Sathavee Hotel, Phuket City. Convenient for a restaurant or bar. Also, a discotheque on the 2nd floor (with license). Email: allservices29@gmail.com

BACKPACKER GUESTHOUSE

for sale. 150 meters from Yanui Beach. 7 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, lounge, kitchen, 1-bedroom apartment with sea views. Room for expansion. 12-year lease, 2.8 million baht, rent is 15,000 baht per month. Tel: 081-0904378. Email: elliot09@excite.com

100SQM OF PRIME RETAIL

Located 50m from the beach. Central, Patong. Good for restaurant/shop on very busy Soi Post Office. 3 to 10 year lease. Tel: 084-6644050. Email: aadams007@yahoo.com

NEW NIGHT CLUB

Patong, 50m from beach. 420sqm. All new luxury construction. 10-year lease with all licenses! Please contact for more information. Tel: 084-6644050. Email: aadams007@yahoo.com

Business Products & Services

CHALONG YACHT CLUB

All welcome, great food and atmosphere on the beach. Trips available. Please contact for more information. Tel: 081-6771641.

WEALTH ATTRACTION SEMINAR!

"If you want to seriously increase your income and make lifetime friends and contacts worldwide - This is the prosperity seminar for you, guaranteed!" - Ian Hewitt (author - University of Life Prosperity). Email: language@gol.com For further details, please see our website at: www.universityoflife.com/seminar

VISA & LEGAL SERVICES



Company registration 2,229 baht; 1-year visa 7,900 baht; retirement visa 7,900 baht; work permit 7,900 baht; UK & US visa 19,999 baht. No more visa runs, get a 1-year visa for only 7,900 baht. Establish your Thai company today to buy land or start your business for only 2,229 baht. Property title search, sales contract and land registration. Thailand's largest legal service network. Always low prices by our licensed Thai lawyers.

Tel: 076-290376,
076-290487.

Email: info@siam-legal.com

ANDAMAN LEGAL ADVISERS

26 Hongyok Utit Rd, Talad Yai, Samkong, Phuket. Associated with Advocates and Solicitors Bangkok, Phuket and UK. We provide a wide range of high-quality and specialized legal services to individual and corporate clients.

- Legal consultations
- Conveyancing and commercial
- Alien business establishment
- Tax planning; properties
- Bookkeeping
- Notarial services
- Trademark and patent licenses
- Immigration and work permits
- Wills, marriage, divorce
- Settlement agreement
- Juristic contract
- Translation

Please contact for more info.

Tel: 076-236124, 02-5113264, 081-9377219.

Email: andamanlegal@gmail.com or

solicitor40@aol.com

Website:

www.haroldstock.com

Live in Patong?
Place your GAZETTE CLASSIFIEDS at
Taurus Travel

Simply write out your ad, pay and leave it with Khun Kai (076-344321-2)

GAZETTE CLASSADS - they work because they're PAID!
Hundreds of new ads in print every week, all published simultaneously - and FREE - in the Gazette Online!

The Gazette is always on top in Google!

**All classifieds
in these pages are**

PAID!

**- your assurance that
whatever's advertised here
is seriously for sale.**

Gazette Classads - they work!
...because they're real.

Tout, Trader & Trumpet

Phuket Magic

★ Cabaret Show ★ Close Up Magic
★ Strolling Magic ★ Balloon Modelling

By Dave "Paul Jones"

Bookings for:
★ Hotels ★ Restaurants ★ Adults
★ Childrens Parties, etc.

Mb: 08-7888-7676

www.phuketmagic.com, email: magic@phuketmagic.com

FROM CONCEPT TO COMPLETION FURNITURE LAYOUTS
ADVISES COLOUR SCHEMES
HELPS
TO
ARRANGE
THE
SPACE
AT
YOUR HOME
ARTWORK ACCESSORIES ALLOW ME TO SORT IT ALL OUT & U

PERSONAL INTERIOR DECORATOR

SOURCING : BUDGETING HEAT INSULATION & WINDOW : ROOF

CALL ZHU 4 YOUR INTERIOR SOLUTION

SOMPORN JUNKSEILON.COM MRS. ZHU NAUMANN 089 668 3639

PATONG IVORY ANTIQUE SHOP



Open daily from 10:30 am-7:30 pm. Location: 200 Phra Barami Rd, Patong. Please contact for more information. Tel: 076-290026.

PRO DATA RECOVERY

All kinds of computer magic. Tel: 076-383575, 086-6827 277. Website: www.phuket-data-wizards.com

Personal Services

SPEAK THAI WITH CONFIDENCE

Thai language lessons by a university teacher. Lessons can be arranged at a time and place of your choosing. Email: pathanasir@yahoo.com

PRIVATE THAI TEACHER

Easily learn to speak, write, read and teach Thai culture. Contact Anne. Tel: 083-202-4043.

MASSAGE AT YOUR PLACE

Massage at your place, Thai oil, deep tissue. 10 am-9pm. Call Ms Da. Tel: 089-0503945.

CHIROPRACTOR

Dr Richard Cracknell. Tel: 076-330889. www.chiropractic-phuket.com

Club Membership Available

BLUE CANYON

Individual membership. 1.35 million baht, includes transfer fee. Please contact for more information. Tel: 084-3054333.

Computers

I.T. Solutions

Computer Problems? We can help!

English Technician with over 10 years experience

- Computer Systems Set Up In Your Home
- PC Repairs/Upgrades
- Small Office IT Support
- Wireless Networks Set Up
- Media Solutions
- Remote Assistance Available

Can Travel Anywhere On The Island

Good Rates

No Problem Too Large Or Small

Office: 076-527574
Mobile: 087-124-1706
Email: gordon@it-man-asia.com

MON, WED, THURS 3-5 PM



Drama and art for kids 4-16 at Chuan Chern Lagoon. Tel: 076-367289. Email: evamooney75@yahoo.co.uk

Personals

SPECIAL LADY

Romantic and attractive white male wishes to meet his special lady here. Email: forrish2000@yahoo.com

BACKGAMMON

Retired businessman looking for backgammon players in Phuket. Tel: 081-5778443.

GERMAN BUSINESSMAN

37 years old, good looking, rich, would like to marry a nice pretty woman. Please contact via email: mb.500@t-online.de

Pets

Take me home with you!



Soi Dog Foundation Tel: 081-7884222

PHUKET VISA & BUSINESS

1,500.-	Visa Run To Ranong Border All inclusive	Daily
4,500.-	Visa Run to Penang, including 3-Star Hotel, Sunday Food & Drink, Single Room (Visa fee not included)	Sunday Night
Trip To Penang	DEC.'07 2,10,16,25	JAN.'08 6,13,20,27
	FEB.'08 3,10,17,24	MAR.'08 4,11,18,25
	APR.'08 6,16,20,27	
25,000.-	One Year Visa	Age 50 Years or Over - Thai Bank Book
15,000.-	365 Days	Married with Thai person (All inclusive)

We Offer Consulting Services On
Company Registration, Work Permit, Visa, Accounting, Auditor, Legal Advice

64/46 Moo 1, Chaofa Road, Tambon Vichit, Muang Phuket District, Phuket 83000, Thailand
Tel/Fax: 076-263-475, 076-264-476 Mobile 0-818-929-960
Email: phuketvisa@hotmail.com, www.visasiam.com

VISA RUN

Package A Ranong 1,500.-	Package B Andaman Club 1,800.-	Package C Penang 4,500.-
BEST SERVICE <u>Tour includes</u>	ONLY EVE <u>Tour include</u>	EVERY Sunday and Wednesday Evening BEST SERVICE <u>Tour includes</u>
• Bus Transfer • Insurance • Breakfast • Lunch at Hot Spring Water • Big Boat • Visa Fee	• Bus Transfer • Insurance • Breakfast • Lunch at Hotel • Luxury Boat • Visa Fee	• Bus Transfer • Insurance • 3-Stars hotel • Food
CALL EVE 089-195-4877, 081-535-2637		

ALL INSURANCES

- Health insurance (international, national)
- Life insurance
- Motor vehicle insurance (car, motorbike, boat)
- Travel insurance
- Building insurance
- Personal accident insurance

Manasuang Srisopha (Nong)
Your insurance agent in Phuket

Mobile: +66(0)897241140 Fax: +66(0)864706450
Email: nong.phuket@yahoo.de
135/29 Moo 7 Kathu Phuket Thailand

SAFEGWAY STORAGE

Documents 350 baht per month. Cars/boat from 1,000 baht per month. Furniture from 700 baht per month. 20' containers for 2,800 baht per month. Tel: 076-281283, 081-892-4804. For further details, please see our website at: www.safewayphuket.com

OSTEOPATH (UK)

Please contact for more information. Tel: 076-388524, 081-6072343 or visit www.garnettsymonds.com

TEACHER TRAINING
TEFL TTT language school international. Ministry of Education certified. Tel: 076-280869. Website: www.ttt-tefl.com

John Allison/Monkhouse
7 days/24 hours When life is unpredictable

Foreign Funeral Directors & Repatriation specialists

- 24 hours service every day
- High quality of service at reasonable prices
- Free advice on coping with grief

John Allison Monkhouse Co., Ltd.
President Park View Tower 99/243 (30 B) Pine Tower, Sukhumvit Soi 24, Klong, Klongtoey, Bangkok 10110 Thailand
T: +66 (0) 2382 5345-6 F: +66 (0) 22629133 www.monkhouse.com.au

VISA RUN
Penang and Ranong
By Bangkok Legal Services Co., Ltd.

PENANG	RANONG
3-day trip (departs Sunday & Wednesday nights) Package Including:	1-day trip (departs daily) Package Including:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer (Bus) • 3-Star hotel with superior room • Breakfast • Lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer (Ferry) • Lunch • Soft drink • Snack • Visa fee
By bus 4,900 baht By plane 12,999 baht	By bus 1,500 baht

Call For Booking
Thai or English: 081-0803414 (Khun Ning)
English: 081-8540061 (Khun Geoff)
Office contact: 076-304072-4.
info@bangkoklegalservice.com

Chartered Accountants & Solicitors Co., Ltd.

English Accounting & Law firm.
Located in the centre of Phuket.
Ideal for foreign investors.

www.eas.in.th
Contact: Maytinee 081-8952990
Fax: 076-220219

Wheels & Motors

Saloon Cars

CAR FOR SALE

Leaving Thailand. 1995 Nissan sedan. Perfect condition. 180,000 baht obo. Tel: 084-8491091. Email: jleinfelder@gmail.com

HONDA ACCORD

in very good condition, power steering, aircon and many accessories. Well maintained, service record. Buy directly from owner at 125,000 baht. Tel: 084-1841856.

TOYOTA YARIS SPORT

1.5 years old, only 20,000km, lady driver, excellent condition, black exterior. 550,000 baht obo. Contact K. Lai. Tel: 085-0737285.

CHEVROLET ZAFIRA



2.2 Sport, only 40,000km. All checks done regularly. Non-smoker driver and passengers. Purchased for 1.4 million baht. Selling price: 780,000 baht (negotiable). Tel: 081-7975764. Email: dennis.mo@hotmail.com

HONDA CITY TYPE Z

Registered, 2003, 17" Mags, many extras. Insured until May '08. 260,000 baht, first come first served. Tel: 087-2762272.

NISSAN TEANA FOR SALE

Blue 65,000 km, 3 years old. Very good condition, 2,300cc. New: 1.55 million baht; now: 900,000 baht. Tel: 081-8337836.

HONDA CIVIC



1995, only 124,000km, perfect condition, aircon, central locking system, nice car. Only 145,000 baht. Please call owner. Tel: 083-3888036 (English), 089-9725378 (Thai).

CITROEN FOR SALE

AX 1.4, dark green, 1994 model, aircon, 5-door hatchback. 110,000 baht. To view or for more information call Tel: 083-1720876 or Email: villawillis@gmail.com

MAZDA MX5

Showroom condition, well-maintained by lady driver. 35,000km. Price: 1.25 million baht. Tel: 087-0804258.

DAIHATSU MIRA

Excellent runner, new tires. Move forces sale. 85,000 baht. For more details call Tel: 087-2630948.

BMW 323i SPECIAL EDITION



2002 full options model. Only 2 Western owners from new. 8 airbags, traction control, triptronic gear box, electric seats, computer, iPod dock and anything else you can think of. Must be seen to be appreciated, spotless condition. Private sale but could offer a warranty. 999,000 baht ono. Tel: 081-8954480. Email: security@mail2michael.com

MERCEDES 280 SE

Classic car. 1980. In good condition. Drives smooth. 200,000 baht. For more info call Tel: 086-7866350.

SAAB 9,000 CSE VIGGEN 1996

Recently modified with a Toyota Camry engine for easy and low-cost maintenance. Only 150,000 baht! For more information Tel: 076-264399, 086-2711495, or Email: wowwowwow@directbox.com

OPEL CORSA FOR SALE

1994 green Opel Corsa for sale. Very reliable, great little run around, new tires. Reason for sale is we have a new addition to the family. 100,000 baht ono. For more info please contact. Tel: 086-9431601. Email: combe007@yahoo.com

MAZDA 323 4-DOOR CHEAP!

Good condition. 5-speed, new reg and insurance. 65,000 baht. Please contact for more info. Tel: 086-9488139. Email: jefdejong@hotmail.com

CHEVROLET OPTRA LT SS

2006, Matte black, 30,000 km, 475,000 baht. Tel: 076-528016, 089-2262612. Email: jim@jimmarsh.net

TOYOTA VIOS 2007 model

with automatic transmission and full options. 33,000km. Urgent sale at 510,000 baht. Please email for photos. Contact for more info. Tel: 081-2713228. Email: moodiving@yahoo.com

YARIS FOR SALE

S limited model, full options, 2006, auto, black, with 30,000km. Price: 575,000 baht. Please contact for more information. Tel: 081-1965212.

TOYOTA ESTIMA

7-seater, first-class condition, automatic with new tires. Please call for details. Tel: 084-4413633.

BEAUTIFUL MIRA

Green/blue, 1995, excellent condition. Comes with aircon and lots of new parts. Reliable and cheap at 82,000 baht. Contact for more information. Tel: 089-7291099. Email: 1stlisa@gmail.com

NISSAN NV AUTO

Wingroad, Sept 2005, very good condition. 45,000km. 265,000 baht. Tel: 084-3046723.

HONDA CITY VTEC

Engine 2 years old, manual gearbox, 7,700km. Excellent condition, service history, still under warranty. Selling for 475,000 baht. Please contact for details. Tel: 089-9703697. Email: cuth22@hotmail.com

1992 BMW 318i

Professionally maintained, only one registration, manual transmission, aircon, central locking system, leather, 152,000km. Please contact for more information. Tel: 084-4421957.

Pickups

PILE OF RUST

Mitsubishi pickup 430,000km. Drives great. Make an offer. Tel: 089-8755477.

MAZDA TRUCK FOR SALE

1994, grey, 2-door, manual transmission, aircon. Price: 40,000 baht. 089-7291391.

TOYOTA PICKUP MIGHTY X

Four-door, 1995, power steering. 140,000 baht. Call for details. Tel: 089-2087205. Email: jaswilliamson2@yahoo.com

NISSAN NV PICKUP

in excellent condition, 95,000km. Manual transmission has 2,000km. Very clean and reliable car. Asking 220,000 baht ono. Tel: 081-8941530. Email: andrew@leemarine.net

PICKUP: 90,000 BAHT

Mitsubishi, 1985, insurance and registration paid for 1 year. Please contact for details. Tel: 076-288561, 089-8755477. Email: k_sripanya@yahoo.com

ISUZU D-MAX 4-DOOR

2.5L diesel, 58,000km, 2003. Carryboy sport lid, very good condition. 435,000 baht. Tel: 086-1588752.

MITSUBISHI TRITON 2006

Blue, 2-wheel-drive, megacab, CD player. 400,000 baht. Please contact K. Barry. Tel: 085-7959105.

ISUZU D-MAX CAB 4



2003. 100,000km, perfect condition, runs great, 3.0L, automatic, only one owner. Price: 510,000 baht. Contact for more details. Tel: 087-2709093 or Email: anutsamantamit@gmail.com

NISSAN PICKUP 4-DOOR

Turbo, 2007. 395,000 baht. Please contact for details. Tel: 084-4413633.

FORD RANGER

2005 with 13,000km. Diesel, open cab, 1st owner, TV, VCD and extras for 330,000 baht. Contact for details. Tel: 081-5395948.

1996 MITSUBISHI STRADA

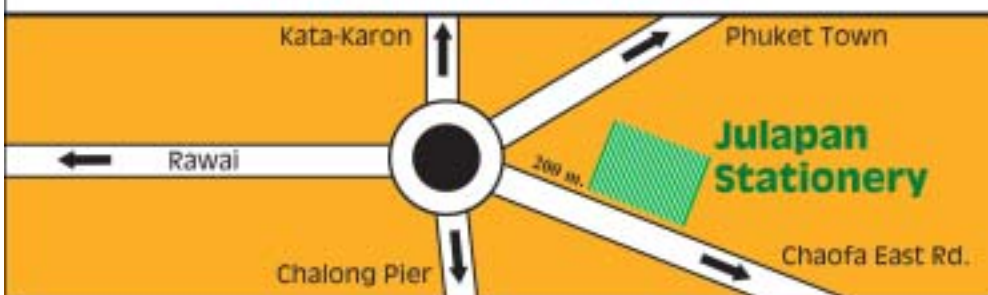
2.8L, excellent condition. 190,000 baht obo. Call for further information. Tel: 086-9719776.

2003 MITSUBISHI STRADA GRAND 2.8L

Excellent condition with 48,000km. 4-door extended cab, power steering, power windows, aircon, central locking system. Carryboy top, roof-rack, chrome guard bumper. Serviced and maintained. Two-tone finish: red/gray. 350,000 baht obo. Moving, priced to sell fast. Please contact for more information. Tel: 087-2705177. Email: baxter831@msn.com

Live in Chalong?

Place your **CLASSIFIED ADS** at
Julapan Stationery



Simply write out your ad, pay and leave it
with Khun Chanok (076-282254)

GAZETTE CLASSADS - Hundreds of new ads every week!

Let us take your ad to the top of Google!



Please use this form to write your classified advertisement.

<div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>
---	---

(heading)

Classified ads are charged per line. Each line is 120 baht, with a minimum of 4 lines (heading included) per ad.

All advertising must be paid for in advance.

Need wheels? Check out www.phuketgazette.net

Wheels & Motors

4 x 4s

TOYOYA VIGO PRE RUNNER

Less than 1 year old, full warranty and service history, very low km, many extras including powered carry boy hard cover. Selling due to leaving Thailand - vehicle is as new. 580,000 ono. Contact at Tel: 081-8957824. Email: stevendjohn@yahoo.com

HONDA CRV & TOYOTA VIOS

2000 CRV, 100,000km. Good condition, silver, 450,000 baht. 2004 VIOS, 45,000km, clean, blue, 395,000. Please contact more information. Tel: 089-9546433 or Email: kjralph@gmail.com

2003 FORD ESCAPE 4WD XLT

One owner, metallic black, automatic, power steering, power windows, 4 airbags, leather interior, moon roof, alloy wheels. Tel: 075-684402, 086-6830583. Email: baalee_t@yahoo.com

SUZUKI JEEP CARIBIAN

Black Suzuki 4x4, hard top, good condition, 110,000 baht, bull-bar, S-steps, aircon, CD stereo. Contact for more info. Tel: 089-7267924.

TOYOTA HILUX CAB 4, 4WD



2001, manual, 3,000cc diesel, gray, 75,000km. ABS. Airbags. 3rd-party insurance. Excellent condition, runs great. 470,000 baht full payment or 70,000 baht and take over the monthly payments. Tel: 087-2709093. Email: anutsamantamit@gmail.com

4X4 MAZDA TRUCK

Like new! 2006, 3.0 turbo diesel. Extra cab, anti-lock brakes, air bags, 5-speed, power. 600,000 ono. Tel: 084-6644050. Email: aadams007@yahoo.com

Motorbikes

2005 HONDA CHOPPER

1,800cc, black and chrome. 590,000 baht. Please contact more information at Tel: 087-8950328 or by Email: giepp969@hotmail.com

HONDA VALKYRIE 1500CC BIKE



Six cylinders, the ultimate touring bike. All in really good condition with the green book. Half the price of a Harley and ten times the reliability. Must be viewed to be appreciated. 300,000 baht. Tel: 081-8954480. Email: mick@phuketpersonal.com

HONDA PHANTHOM 2004

Purple, perfect condition. 1 owner, full service book. Tel: 089-1960731.

HONDA SHADOW 750

Nice bike in good condition. Come have a look. 120,000 baht. Tel: 086-2801034. Email: dingdongandy@yahoo.de

HARLEY DAVIDSON

2004 Dyna 1, 450cc. 600,000 baht. Also 2004 VROD 1, 200cc. 680,000 baht. Contact K. Sumon. Tel: 081-6919346. Website: www.ridethailand.com

SUPERMOTARD !

2005 Honda XR 250 for sale. 210,000 baht. Contact Polo, as above, for further details. Tel: 081-9799829. Email: poloyaux@yahoo.fr

HONDA CB400 SUPERFOUR

Built 1992, very good condition, well maintained, fun and reliable. Special Edition with 2 mufflers. 80,000 baht. Comes with green book. Please contact by Email: flesh@gmx.ch

HONDA WAVE 100 S

2 years old, perfect condition, no electric start. 21,000 baht. Please call for more information at Tel: 089-2898628.

MOTOR BIKE FOR SALE

Honda CD 400, 1997, black, good condition, low miles. 69,000 baht. Please contact more information at. Tel: 085-6226324.

HARLEY LOWRIDER 4

5,000km, red, full options (sunroof etc.) as new and a real beauty. If you can find one for less, let me know too. 695,000 baht. Please contact more information at. Tel: 086-4706051. Email: netme@hotmail.com

2006 BMW R1200 GS

One owner. Less than 8,500 kms. In showroom condition. Many extras, including crash bars, cylinder head protectors, oil cooler guard, headlamp protector, smart battery charger, panniers, top box, tank bag and BMW cover. Cost more than 1 million baht when new. Asking 800,000 o.n.o. Available for inspection now. Call David Tel: 076-621038, 084-1925149. Fax: 076-621038. Email: kanaloa55@yahoo.co.uk

HONDA STEED 600CC

For sale 140,000 baht. Please contact more information at. Tel: 085-4739532, 089-8816532.

Rentals

TWO NEW TOYOTAS FOR RENT

New Fortuner (silver and bronze) and Toyota Camry (silver and bronze) for rent. Call for more details. Tel: 087-4172757 (English), 084-1915669 (Thai).

NEW TOYOTA VIOS FOR RENT

2007 (new one). Please contact more information at. Tel: 086-7432011. Email: woon_bank@hotmail.com

P.M.P. CAR RENTALS

New cars for rent: Toyota Vios, Yaris, Fortuner, Wish and Honda Jazz. Tel: 083-1743880, 087-2646808.

CARS FOR RENT

Vios, Jazz.

Call for more details.

Tel: 086-7432011. Email: woon_bank@hotmail.com

TOYOTA WISH (7 SEATS)

and Toyota Fortuner for rent. For more information call Tel: 086-7432011 or Email: woon_bank@hotmail.com

Bicycles

SAFE AND RELIABLE BICYCLE

Beautiful brand new bicycle, built for two, imported from Taiwan. Custom painted in Thailand (red and gold), work guaranteed by Number One bicycle shop in Phuket. Includes two matching helmets and tire air-pump. A bargain at 30,000 baht, to inquire or view please call before 10 am or after 6 pm. Please contact more information at. Tel: 076: 282676. Happy Travels.

Need to place a **CLASSIFIED** ad?
It's now a Piece of Cake - literally!



Choose any one of these delights and enjoy it **free-free** for every ad you place at Khun Woody's great new Sandwich Shoppe in Chalong.

Offer good from Feb 23 til March 1, 2008. Bon Appetit!

Phuket Gazette

The Classifieds that work....
because they're real!



Great sandwiches now available in Chalong
Fisherman's Way Business Center, Chao Fa East Rd, next to Wine Connection



Surin Condominiums



Last Freehold Available

Cherngthalay Condominiums & Villas




**From THB 7 Million
Starting January 2008**

Phuket Asialand Co., Ltd.
The right investment for your future...
www.phuketasialand.com

Contacts:
Franck (English/French/Spanish) +66 (0) 801 468 568
Michel (English/French/Italian) +66 (0) 848 485 273

Office:
Tel: 076 271 077
Fax: 076 271 078
E-Mail: info@phuketasialand.com

Desjoyaux POOLS เดสจ็อยซ์ อะควาเน้า



Relax!
with Desjoyaux Pools

More than 40 years of experience and tens of millions of dollars invested in the research and in the development, has allowed us to always keep a generation in advance, comparing to others...

Hydrotherapy **Concrete casing technology**

CROSS-CURRENT SWIMMING

REFLEKOLOGY **ANTI-CELLULITE MASSAGES**

10 year guarantee

Desjoyaux in Thailand
Bangkok: Tel: +66 2 9889333 Phuket: Tel: +66 76 289145 Krabi: Tel: +66 75 624553 Chiang Mai: Tel: +66 53 283901-2
Hatyai: Tel: +66 74 262934-5 Phang Nga: Tel: +66 89 511 1401 Samut: Tel: +66 77 247588-9 Hua Hin: Tel: +66 32 522 900-1

www.desjoyauxasia.com

Looking for a place to stay?
See more classified ads at www.phuketgazette.net

**Would you like to enjoy
FREE**



Free 2 rounds of golf at Blue Canyon Country Club's Lake Course
or
Free 4,000 Baht Dining & Shopping Gift Certificates
or
Free Mandara Spa treatment for 2 persons
or
Free 2 tickets to Phuket Fantasea dinner and show
or
Free 2 tickets to John Gray Sea Canoe Caves tour
or Best of all
Free 2 nights Accommodation in Deluxe Garden View Hotel Room

Marriott VACATION CLUB

Visit our welcome center at
JW Marriott Phuket Resort and Spa
or call 076-338-200
for Free roundtrip transportation to and from your hotel.

This offer is sponsored by Marriott Vacation Club International as part of an advertising plan for this Vacation Ownership program. Attendance of a vacation club sales presentation lasting approximately 90 minutes is required, both husband and wife must attend the presentation together.
This offer is subject to change without notice and subject to the availability at the time of reservation.