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## D-Day for passenger helmet crackdown

**P**HUKET City Police are set to begin enforcement July 1 of a long-ignored law requiring all motorbike riders – including passengers – to wear crash helmets.

Superintendent Wanchai Ekpornpit said that stepped-up law enforcement could save about 30 lives annually in Phuket City Police District, which covers Rassada, Wichit and Koh Kaew as well as Phuket Town.

A review by police of random closed-circuit television (CCTV) footage taken in the district in February and March this year revealed that about 60% of motorbike drivers wore crash helmets during the day, compared to just 4% of passengers.

Among drivers, helmet use plummeted to just 25.4% after dark, when fewer traffic police are on duty, the survey found.

Another disturbing trend revealed by the CCTV images was the correlation between helmet use and age.

A higher percentage of adults don protective headgear



Phuket City Police Superintendent Wanchai Ekpornpit (right) and Traffic Police Deputy Superintendent Athiwat Chaisrisuth.

than teenagers, while helmet use among children and infants was described as 'nonexistent'.

Government statistics regarding helmet use among motorcycle riders in the US revealed that helmets were 35%

effective in preventing death and 67% effective in preventing brain injuries, the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found.

Statistics released by the injury surveillance unit at

Vachira Phuket Hospital for the period covering June 2008 to November 2009 revealed that some 70% of motorbike riders involved in accidents requiring hospital treatment in Phuket weren't wearing helmets.

Riders between the ages of 15 and 30 are the group at highest risk.

Young riders were also 2.9 times more likely to be involved in motorbike accidents requiring hospital treatment and 2.6 times more likely to die in motorbike accidents, the researchers found.

Muang District is where 66.3% of all accidents in Phuket take place, followed by Thalang (18.6%) and Kathu (15.1%).

The vast majority of road accidents in Phuket, 87.6% overall, involve motorbikes.

Research by the US-based Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety shows that per vehicle miles traveled, motorcyclists are about 21 times more likely to die in traffic accidents than people in cars.

– Pimwara Choksakulpan

## Protesters try to clear protected mangrove forest

**A**RMED with heavy equipment, some 400 people gathered on Sakdidet Road Soi 7 on June 19 to clear a six-rai swath through protected mangrove forest that has held up completion of a government road project for over a decade.

Led by local politicians and village chiefs, the protesters gathered on the dead-end road with a truck-mounted public address system at about 2pm.

Frustrated with the Cabinet's failure to approve a request to complete a 600-meter

stretch of road that would finally link Saphan Hin and Wichit, the protesters said they were taking matters into their own hands and planned to bring in five excavators to remove mangrove trees.

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Suwit Khunkitti insists a flyover is built to protect the mangrove forest, but the protesters feel this would be too expensive and time-consuming.

Leaders took turns reading prepared statements denouncing Mr Suwit for his failure to approve construction.

They said the six rai of mangrove forest that would need to be sacrificed was a small price to pay for benefits in terms of savings on time and fuel costs, as well as reducing traffic congestion along Sakdidet Soi 1.

The road is currently the only way for motorists coming from the south of the island to reach Saphan Hin, where three large schools and more than 10 government offices are located. The narrow road is the site of daily rush-hour traffic jams.

Despite their apparent will-

ingness to move forward, the protesters began to disband around 5pm after police prevented all but one of the promised excavators from reaching the site.

The one backhoe present was not enough to do the work and the operator feared arrest if he started digging, protesters said.

The protest leaders continue to insist the project is needed, however, a point of view known to be shared by Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop.

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# V/Gov Nivit back in Provincial Hall

**T**HERE was change near the top in Phuket this month as new Phuket Vice Governor Nivit Aroonrat replaced departing Vice Governor Smith Palawatvichai on June 21.

V/Gov Nivit comes to Phuket from Sukhothai, where he served as provincial vice governor for almost a year.

The 59-year-old native of Phuket brings 35 years of public service experience to the job.

V/Gov Smith has moved to Sukhothai to serve in V/Gov Nivit's former position.

V/Gov Nivit is no stranger to Phuket Provincial Hall.

Prior to taking up his post in Sukhothai, he served as Chief Administrative Assistant (Palad) in Phuket from December 2005 to December 2006.

Despite being a Phuket native, he applied for and was granted a transfer off the island in 2006.

At the time he told the *Gazette* he had applied for the transfer because he was tired of the hard work the Phuket job entailed.

As Palad, Mr Nivit was in



Phuket Vice Governor Nivit started work by paying respect before the statue of King Rama V at Phuket Provincial Hall.

charge of many fractious disputes on the island, including the eviction of squatters from Soi Phra Barami 8 in Patong and the eviction of the vendors in front of Laguna on Bang Tao Beach.

He was heavily involved in the introduction of a new set of regulations for dive businesses that were subsequently thrown

out by the Administrative Court.

A law degree graduate from Ramkhamhaeng University, he also holds a master's degree in public administration from the prestigious National Institute of Development Administration.

He received an award for excellent public service in 2001.

— *Pimwara Choksakulpan*



BAGGED: Theft suspects Santi Toela-wee (left) and Halem Kha-mi-duay.

## Baggage thieves nabbed

**T**WO baggage staff at Phuket Airport are to be charged with theft after allegedly stealing two cellphones from an Australian tourist's luggage on June 22.

When Bret Drinkwater arrived at Suvarnabhumi Airport in Bangkok aboard a Thai Airways flight from Phuket, he noticed his iPhone and Nokia cellphone were missing from his bag.

After he informed police in Bangkok, at around 4pm, they contacted colleagues in Phuket.

Officers at Phuket International Airport checked the duty roster and found that 18-year-old Halem Kha-mi-duay from Songkhla and 24-year-old Santi Toela-wee from Nakhon Sri Thammarat had been responsible for loading baggage onto Mr Drinkwater's flight.

The two men, employed by a sub-contractor of Thai Airways, confessed that the phones had been taken from the Australian's bag by Mr Halem, police said.

Mr Halem reportedly gave one of the phones to Mr Santi, who took it home.

Police searched the two men's houses, finding the iPhone in the pocket of a pair of jeans at Mr Halem's house and the Nokia on Mr Santi's bed.

Police also found a number of other items including a hard disk, a pair of brand-name sunglasses, watches and other cellphones at Mr Santi's house which they suspect were also stolen.

The two men were being held in Thachatchai Police Station after their arrest.

— *Atchaa Khamlo*

# Failed Thai-foreigner marriages dominate divorce court

**T**HAI-FOREIGNER relationships accounted for well over half of all contested divorces in Phuket last year, according to the new chief justice of the Phuket Provincial Juvenile and Family Court (PPJFC).

Chief Justice Methinee Thipmonthian said at a press conference earlier this month that in 2009 there were 24 Thai-foreigner divorces contested in Phuket, out

of a total 36 cases for the year. There have been eight Thai-foreigner cases so far this year.

In Thailand, divorcing can be as simple as going to the local district office and signing divorce papers. However, if there is a dispute the case is forwarded to the PPJFC.

The majority of the divorces in question were filed by the husband on the grounds that the wife was misusing jointly owned prop-

erty for her own benefit.

In many cases an estranged wife sold property registered in her name and refused to give her husband his share, leading him to file for divorce in order to be properly compensated. If the couple had children, the father usually sought rights over the child.

In a minority of cases the wife filed for divorce, seeking custody of any children because the

husband was allegedly unfaithful.

Around 80 to 90% of contested divorces in 2009 were successfully arbitrated by a PPJFC-sponsored mediation process, removing the need for litigation.

Chief Justice Methinee said, "If the couples don't cooperate and act responsibly in solving family conflicts, it will have an impact on their children in the short or long term."

The majority of juvenile cases in the PPJFC involved 13-18-year-olds from broken homes without the understanding and warmth that can prevent delinquent behavior. These youngsters tend to be lazy and don't want to study or work, preferring to hang out with friends and join motorbike gangs, she said.

Chief Justice Methinee said robbery is the most common juvenile crime, especially motorbike theft.

PPJFC statistics for juvenile crime cases show that in 2009 there were 147 robbery and 112 drug cases — 54 for *ya bah* (methamphetamine), 32 for *kratom*, and 26 for marijuana.

— *Sithipong Nongkaew*

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A tourist police officer with Ye Ying, one of the abandoned tourists.

## Chinese cry foul over runaway tour guide

A CHINESE tour guide was detained in Chalong Police Station after bringing 11 of his countrymen on vacation to Phuket and then abandoning them.

The tourists reportedly paid Bo Yang, 31, a total of almost 250,000 baht to accompany them from Shanghai on a week-long trip to Bangkok and Phuket.

When they awoke on June 17 at the Kata Sea Breeze Resort, Mr Bo Yang was gone – and they wanted their money back.

The group arrived in Bangkok on June 13. They quickly sensed something was wrong.

“We felt strange with our guide,” said 27-year-old Ye Ying, one of the tourists. “He was always lying to us and we stopped trusting him.”

Despite their misgivings, when Mr Yang reportedly asked the tourists for a loan, they consented, keeping his passport as collateral.

When they discovered Mr Yang had yet to pay for flights to

Phuket or even rooms on the island, they began to suspect he intended to flee.

“The hotel was booked at the airport just before we came to Phuket,” Ms Ying said.

After waking on June 17 and discovering Mr Yang had fled, they called the police.

Chalong Police contacted the errant guide and told him to come to Chalong Police Station to refund the tourists’ money at noon that day.

He failed to show.

At 6pm, he finally arrived, telling the tourists he didn’t have the money to refund them. The police took him into custody.

The tourists returned to the station on June 18, when Mr Yang paid them a total of 55,000 baht.

Mr Yang was released from the station and was not set to face charges in Thailand.

The tourists flew to Bangkok the same day before flying to Shanghai at 1am on June 19.

– *Atchaa Khamlo*

# Hero pulls driver from burning car

A COURAGEOUS 62-year-old man saved a driver’s life by pulling him from a burning car following a crash in Koh Kaew before dawn on June 17.

Armard ‘Mard’ Pattanee rushed to the crumpled Volvo after hearing a loud bang. He cut driver Banjong Laocharoen’s seatbelt and helped him to safety – shortly before the car became completely engulfed in flames.

The accident happened at around 4am, when Mr Banjong ran into an 18-wheeler on Thepkrasattri Road northbound, close to the U-turn near Ban Koh Kaew Mosque.

Mr Mard, who lives nearby, was about to go to bed when he heard the impact.

“When I went to see what happened I saw the Volvo starting to burn with a person inside,” he said. “I thought he was going to die as he was unconscious and probably in shock.”

Fearing an explosion from a gas cylinder inside the vehicle, bystanders tried to stop Mr Mard from approaching the car – but Mr Mard felt he had to act.

“I needed to help him as a fellow human being,” he said.

Wrenching open the car door, he cut through Mr Banjong’s belt with a knife and roused him before helping him out of the car.

Two minutes later, the car erupted in flames “as tall as my house,” said Mr Mard.

Within 10 minutes fire trucks arrived. Kusoldharm Foundation rescue workers rushed Mr Banjong, who had sustained a chest injury, to Thalang Hospital.



HOT WHEELS: The Volvo after the fire was put out.

While fire officers struggled to put the fire out, Phuket City Police and Rassada Municipality Disaster Prevention and Mitigation officers kept a crowd away from the scene for fear of an explosion.

The northbound lane of Thepkrasattri Road was closed, causing a traffic jam that lasted more than an hour.

Phuket City Police Duty Officer Chukiatt Chaiwiset said the 18-wheeler had changed lanes

and the slippery road surface prevented Mr Banjong from braking in time.

The truck driver fled the scene.

Police are investigating what caused the car to burst into flames. Although Volvos are renowned for their safety, the accident is the second this month in which a Volvo has burst into flames following a collision in Phuket.

– *Gazette reporters*

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# Ya bah dealer on murder charges

**P**OLICE have arrested a man wanted for shooting dead an 18-year-old college student on Wiset Road in Rawai earlier this month.

Chalong Police led by Superintendent Wichit Intorrasorn held a press conference on June 22 to announce the arrest of Thaweesak Sukprasit, 29, who was caught by police at his home in Chalong Village 7 two days earlier.

Also known by the alias 'Tum Chalong', Mr Thaweesak was wanted for the June 15 shooting murder of Thawatchai Boonyeun, a student at Phuket Technical College.

Mr Thawatchai was gunned down in front of the Bangchak Petroleum service station on Wiset Road.

The youth died of two bullet wounds after allegedly being shot by Mr Thaweesak, who was released from prison three months ago after serving a five-year sentence for selling *ya bah* (methamphetamine).



**CHARGED:** Thaweesak Sukprasit, aka 'Tum Chalong'.

Mr Thawatchai was shot in the arm and the heart.

Friends rushed him to Vachira Phuket Hospital, but he died on the way.

Mr Thaweesak, a builder specializing in window construc-

tion, denied any involvement, saying he was working in Cherng Talay at the time of the shooting.

However, police say they have witnesses who can identify Mr Thaweesak as the shooter.

According to the witnesses, police said, Mr Thawatchai was driving a motorbike with two friends riding pillion, heading to his home in Bang Khontee.

Police reported that five men on two motorbikes approached from behind, addressing the youths with the vulgar Thai pronoun *meung* and asking, "What are you laughing at?"

Then a heavy-set man with a facial scar who was riding pillion pulled a gun from a bag and shot Mr Thawatchai, police said.

However, police did not name any possible motives for the killing.

By all accounts, police said, Mr Thawatchai was a friendly person, loved by his parents and friends, and had no enemies.

- Gazette reporter



Mr Le Cossec's home in Ketho, Kathu, where his body was found.

## Business worries lead Frenchman to suicide

**T**HE FRENCH owner of four Internet cafés was found hanging in his Kathu home on June 17.

The death was reported to Tung Tong Police at about 9pm.

Tung Tong Police Duty Officer Attawat Suwannarat identified the deceased as French national Lionel Le Cossec, 51.

Mr Le Cossec's body was discovered hanged by the neck from a support beam inside his home in the Irawadee residential estate, in the Ketho area of Kathu.

The body was found by one of Mr Le Cossec's employees, Somsak Preechacharn, 30.

Mr Somsak told police that

Mr Le Cossec owned four Internet shops on the island, three in Muang District and one in Patong.

Mr Le Cossec's wife left him and he was in financial distress, unable to pay his rent or employees, Mr Somsak said.

He began to drink heavily and had tried to take his own life on three previous occasions, Mr Somsak said.

Volunteer rescue workers from the Phuket Ruamjai Kupai Foundation took his body to Patong Hospital for examination.

Police estimated the time of death at about three hours before the discovery of the body.

- Pimwara Choksakulpan

## Protests 'seriously harmed' Phuket economy: poll

**M**OST *Phuket Gazette* online readers think the political turmoil in Bangkok in April and May seriously harmed Phuket's economy, the results of the latest readers' poll reveal.

Of 536 readers who took part, 59.7% said the protests seriously harmed Phuket's economy.

A smaller percentage, 27.6%, said the events had hurt Phuket's economy 'a little', while 5.2% thought Phuket had not been affected at all.

Only 7.5% of readers believed the turmoil had a positive effect on the local economy.

The two-week poll opened May 22, three days after the protests in Bangkok turned violent with shootings and arson attacks.

In a demographic breakdown, 67% of foreign residents thought the impact was serious, compared with 52% of people who identified themselves as tourists or visitors.

Some 44% of Thais who voted in the poll tended to be pessimistic, thinking the impact was 'serious' compared with 33% who thought the economy was only affected 'a little'.

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# 'Black money' scam returns

**C**HERNG Talay Police have arrested two Cameroonians suspected to be members of a gang of fraudsters engaged in a new variation on the famous 'black money' scam.

Andre Sieyannou, 49, and a man whose name was given only as 'Kenmoue', 43, were arrested on June 15 following a tip-off from a Nepalese man who alleges the Cameroonians scammed him out of around 900,000 baht.

In May, Pilek Booddy, a tailor shop owner in Patong, reported to police that he had repeatedly given money to the gang in hopes of purchasing a chemical that could turn bundles of cash-sized paper into usable banknotes.

Mr Booddy said he was first contacted in March.

The men showed him a metal case filled with cash-sized pieces of paper covered in a red dust and told him it was the same paper used in the manufacture of legal tender. He fell for the ruse after the men explained to him that all they needed was a special liquid which when applied to the paper would turn it into usable money, police said.

Mr Booddy said that after many money transfers he was told that his 900,000 baht investment would secure him half of the 'manufactured' cash, which would be around US\$1,000,000.

After making the last money transfer on May 5, the victim lost contact with the men, leading him to suspect he had been cheated. He complained to Cherg Talay Police.

After informing the police, he was contacted again June 14 by one of the alleged fraudsters. They asked him to arrange a location where he could witness them test the chemical.

Mr Booddy set up a meet-



Phuket Police Commander Pekad Tantipong (right) with victim Pilek Booddy (second right) and the two suspects.

ing and informed police of the plan.

On June 15, Mr Booddy arrived at the scene around 5pm with the suspects and walked with them into the room.

Shortly after, he made a call to police waiting outside and told them that the men had applied the chemical to the paper with no success.

The men said the failure was due to the chemical being low-quality and tried to convince Mr Booddy to invest more of his money in buying a higher quality product.

At that point, the police entered the room and arrested the two Cameroonians and seized 13 items as evidence, including: a metal case full of cash-sized paper covered with a gray-red powder, a white-painted-glass bottle of water, a 100 euro note, around US\$290 in cash, airline ticket booking receipts and a pamphlet about the liquid chemical written in English.

During questioning, the suspects did not implicate anyone else in the crime. However, there were around five or six people who contacted Mr Booddy, police said.

Variations of this scam, most commonly known as the 'black money' scam or the 'wash-wash' scam, are common [see panel].

In 1999, two Liberians attempted to con a German man out of 300,000 baht. The pair told the Patong restaurant owner that their friend was in possession of US\$20,000 in bills that had been stained with black ink in preparation for destruction and that they needed money to purchase a chemical to 'wash' the money.

The German smelled a rat and instead of handing over the funds, handed the Liberians to the police.

Two brothers who owned an Italian restaurant in Patong were not so astute in 2000, when approached by a gang of West Africans who claimed to have money smuggled from Liberia that had been dyed black to avoid detection by customs. All that was needed, the gang said, was the funds to buy a chemical to remove the black dye.

In the end, the brothers were swindled out of around one million baht.

The scam is known to have

## How the scam works

The 'black money' scam, also known as the 'wash-wash' scam, involves convincing unsuspecting victims to invest in a chemical to 'wash' cash that is said to have been dyed black.

Swindlers tell victims they are in possession of banknotes that have been dyed either to avoid detection by customs or to mark them for destruction.

Sometimes the con-artists say the money was given as aid from the US government to an African country that is now unsafe for such large amounts of cash. They may tell the victim that a powerful family member or friend wishes to invest the money in, say, Thailand and that it was dyed black to smuggle it across borders.

What is needed, the scammers explain, is an expensive chemical that can 'wash' the cash. The fraudsters claim to need money from the victim to buy the chemical, for which they will be rewarded a percentage of the cash.

If the victim begins to doubt the claims, they are likely to be invited for a 'demonstration'. The con-artist presents a case of black, cash-sized paper and a vial of the chemical, which in reality can be anything from water to raspberry soda.

The victim is invited to pick a black note at random. Using sleight of hand, the scammer switches the note with a real banknote that has genuinely been painted black.

He then 'tests' a small quantity of the chemical on the note, producing a 'washed' note.

A reason is needed to invest in more of the chemical, so the swindler may 'accidentally' knock over the bottle, spilling its contents.

Sometimes the criminals will set up websites for a fictitious company that sells the chemical to further convince the skeptical investor.

The scam continues on and on until the victim is milked dry or goes to the police, by which time the thieves are long gone.

Swindlers have an extra degree of assurance that the victim will not go to police for a couple of reasons. First, the victim is likely to be embarrassed that they have been so foolish. Second, they have actively participated in a crime by agreeing to accept a portion of the cash.

made its appearance in Phuket on at least three more occasions between 2001-2003, before the most recent bust involving the two Cameroonians.

Phuket Police Commander Pekad Tantipong warned people not to be greedy and to beware of such scams, adding, "It is impossible that money can be made

with a liquid chemical like that."

Mr Sieyannou, who was staying in Patong as a tourist, and Mr Kenmoue, who had lived in Samut Prakan for over 10 years, face up to three years in prison or fines not exceeding 60,000 baht if found guilty.

- Pimwara Choksakulpan and Nicholas Altstadt

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# Reds say goodbye to Seh Daeng

## Thousands gather for cremation of 'Red General' Khattiya Sawasdiphol

BANGKOK: Some 10,000 red-shirt supporters flooded Wat Somanas on June 22 to pay respects to the late Maj Gen Khattiya Sawasdiphol, the movement's chief security strategist.

It was the red shirts' largest gathering since the military crackdown ended their occupation of parts of Bangkok on May 19.

Judging by the turnout and adoration showered on Gen Khattiya and his daughters, the fallen general who died after being shot in the head May 13, is well on his way to becoming a legend and martyr among the red shirts.

Most who attended the cremation of Gen Khattiya, better known as Seh Daeng, dressed in black, although some wore T-shirts with his picture on them.

Some wore black T-shirts carrying messages such as "Reds Live Forever. We Shall Return." A few were seen clad in anti-government red.

The many supporters hailed the presence of red-shirt leader and Pheu Thai MP Jatuporn Promphan, who came with several bodyguards.

Several red shirts discussed politics in small groups amid the heavy police presence.

One man commented on remarks made by red-shirt leader Veera Musikapong saying, "Veera was right, we are no water buffaloes. Ordinary folks today are not stupid."

A woman within earshot said, "Have you ever seen as many red shirts as today?"

"Well, the more they suppress us the harder we fight!" the man replied.

The army honor guard who took part in the royally sponsored funeral were booed as they entered the cremation compound as well as on their way out. The master of ceremonies had to ask the crowd to stop.

However, loud cheers and raised hands greeted the arrivals of Jatuporn and the deputy leader of the disbanded Thai Rak Thai Party, Chaturon Chaisaeng.

There was a brief commotion when the royally bestowed cremation flame arrived in a red Mercedes-Benz.

Several women fainted as the area became tightly packed, hot and humid, but most waited in a long

queue to bid their final goodbye to Gen Khattiya, whom most red shirts believe was assassinated by a government sharpshooter.

The fallen general's daughter, Khattiyar or "Nong Dear", was also popular among the crowd but not without some controversy because she was known to be a supporter of the yellow-shirt People's Alliance for Democracy.

Khattiyar stoically greeted her deceased father's supporters and fans, and appeared to have endeared herself to most people, who begged her to stick with the red-shirt cause of her late father and handed her cash contributions for the funeral.

The bereaved daughter promised she would not give up

the red-shirt cause but at least one attendee told *The Nation* that she wasn't convinced.

"Her father died and I couldn't sleep," said Jindawan Chaengjit-tham from Bangkok.

"But she hasn't cried. The yellow shirts are responsible for her father's death," Jindawan alleged, in a sign of continuing political division.

"He wouldn't have died if they didn't attack him from behind."

Many appeared satisfied as they left the crematorium holding Seh Daeng's funeral book, which was covered in red.

"We're just biding our time. We shall see each other again!" shouted one redshirt.

Source: *The Nation*

## Queer News

### Don't taunt the croc

NAKHON RATCHASIMA: Authorities at Khao Yai National Park have given a stern warning to tourists, ordering them to stop taunting the park's pair of two-meter-long crocodiles.

The warning came after officials spotted visitors tempting the beasts with their feet.

The reptiles first hit the headlines last year when they were seen swimming around a waterhole in the park, which is not a natural habitat for crocs. Since then the pair have become a tourist attraction.

Park authorities initially planned to catch the animals and take them to another park with a more suitable habitat, but as they seemed to be thriving in Khao Yai and not damaging the natural environment, they were allowed to stay.

Now park authorities worry that tourists could lose legs or even their lives to the crocodiles.

Khao Yai National Park chief Manot Kanphanakngan described the behavior of some tourists as "very worrying".

Many tourists stop to see the crocodiles. However, if the crea-

tures can't be spotted, tourists dangle their feet into the pond to attract them. Others use sticks to hit the water to get the attention of the crocodiles before running away when they approach. Some foolhardy visitors wait for the crocodiles to approach, then hit them on the head with a stick before fleeing for their lives, Mr Manot said.

The tourists do not know just how dangerous crocodiles can be, he said.

The crocodiles could easily bite off a person's leg with a single chomp or even kill them.

Humans aren't the only primates with good reason to stand clear of the crocs.

Recently one of the beasts bit in half a monkey that strayed too close to the water's edge, he said.

Also worrying is the crocodiles' habit of coming out to bask near a popular camping area.

Park authorities put up signs warning people not to tease the crocodiles and say they may even have to close off that area of the park if visitors continue to disregard the warning.

Source: *Thai Rath*



"World Cup 2010 Behind Bars" begins at Khong Prem prison in Bangkok. More than 10,000 foreign inmates in Thailand are represented by seven-a-side teams.

## Stolen fetuses used for black magic

UBON RATCHATHANI: Police discovered 14 fetuses in a deserted house in Ubon Ratchathani City June 21. The grisly finds were reportedly sold for use in black magic.

The fetuses were found preserved in bottles stored in a cardboard box originally used to transport bags of saline solution to Ubon Ratchathani Central Hospital.

Suphit Kawan, the owner of

the house on Saphasiti Road, told police that the house was one of three owned by the family and that it had been empty for around 20 years since her elder sister moved out.

Mrs Suphit said that a relative of hers, Nangnoi Kawan, had previously worked at the hospital.

Police tracked down Mrs Nangnoi. During questioning, she confessed to selling the fetuses to customers who used them in black magic to make predictions or dried them to make charms.

She also confessed to buying the fetuses for 1,000 baht each from Ura Suthiwong, who the Muang Ubon Ratchathani Police Superintendent said was arrested for performing illegal abortions around seven months ago and was now out on bail.

Police are looking to question Mrs Ura over the latest find.

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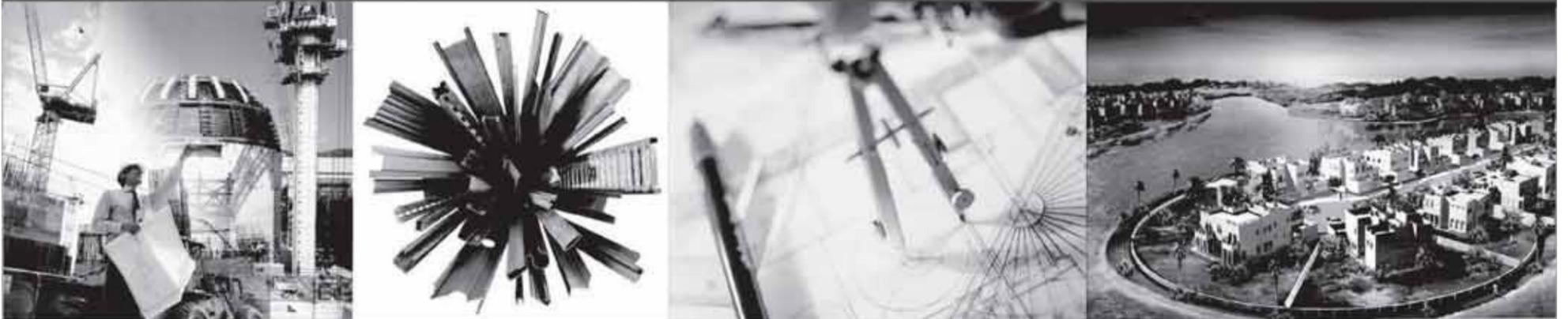


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Phuket's Muslim community enjoyed celebrating their traditional customs at the 2010 Halal Fair.

## Muslims celebrate halal

THE PHUKET Andaman Halal 2010 Fair was held at Saphan Hin on June 18 and 20 to showcase Muslim culture on the island. The event was organized by the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (PPAO) in conjunction with the Phuket Islamic Committee Office, the Halal Science Center of Chulalongkorn University, and the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT).

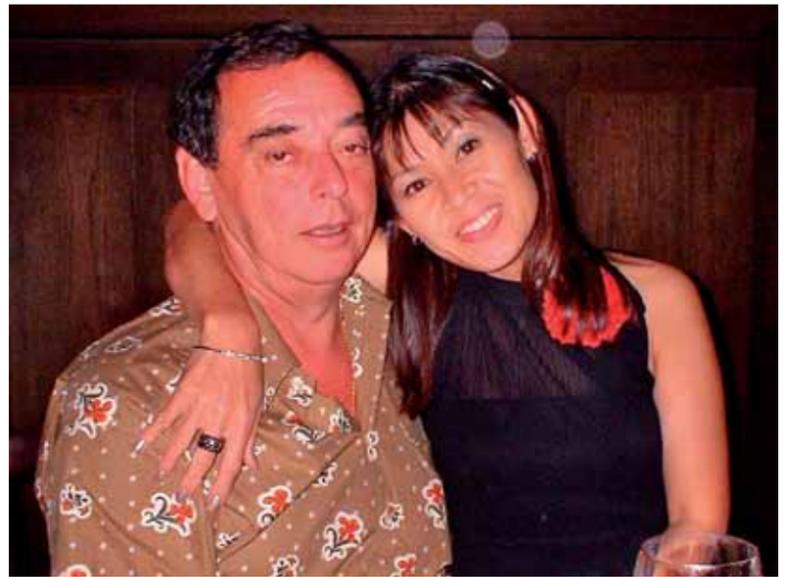
There were two parts to the event. The first was an international World of Halal Science Industry and Business conference that

took place at JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa.

The second part was a festival of halal food and products as well as an exhibition on Muslim lifestyles that included displays and demonstrations on topics such as the "Nikaah" wedding ceremony, traditional fasting and Qur'an reading. The event received a positive response from Muslims on the island who also enjoyed special performances from students at Muslim Wittaya Phuket School and Anuban Muslim Phuket School.

– Story and photos by Thanasorn Chookate

# Eric Tomlin passes on



Phuket resident Eric Tomlin, 63, with his wife Suchada Chaloeemtoem.

PHUKET-Villas.com and Lynx Management Group founder, Eric Tomlin, recently passed away unexpectedly at the age of 63.

According to Michael Cowan, who was a partner at Lynx Management Group when the company started and still is today, Tomlin was one of the first to see the potential of the upscale villa market on the island, before the big players arrived.

"Eric had lived in Hong Kong when he was a pilot for Cathay Pacific and knew that Phuket would become a holiday destination for the high-net-worth market," said Cowan.

Those close to Tomlin say he worked hard building his company and seemed to be in good health, as he would play tennis twice a week and meet with friends for lunch around the island.

Tomlin was an active member in the international hospital-ity club SKAL and spent a lot of time with his two young daughters, Anya, 12, and Natasha, nine.

Longtime friend of Tomlin David Piczenik said that he had lunch with Eric most Wednesdays, but about a month before he died, he called to say he wasn't feeling well and that he was having some chest pains.

"I didn't see him for a few weeks after that, until I got a call

that he was in hospital in Bangkok," recalls Piczenik.

Eric was diagnosed with a tumor pushing into his trachea, making it difficult for him to breathe or eat.

In addition, he was told he had lung cancer. All attempts to help Eric in the following weeks failed and he succumbed to these health issues.

He was born 63 years ago in the village of Ashby de la Zouche in Leicestershire, England. Upon leaving school he enrolled in flight training at Hamble in Hampshire.

He spent a long career flying for British Airways, Cathay Pacific and Korean Air before deciding to retire to Phuket in the 1990s.

"Eric liked being active," said Piczenik. "Even when he was working as a pilot, he would carry goods from one place to another, doing trade. He started the villa management business because he liked to stay busy."

Eric leaves behind a son and daughter in England, his wife Suchada "Goong" Chaloeemtoem and his two young daughters on Phuket.

A cremation service is planned for Saturday, June 26, at 12:15pm at Wat Kosit Viharn on Thepkrasattri Road, just north of Phuket Town.

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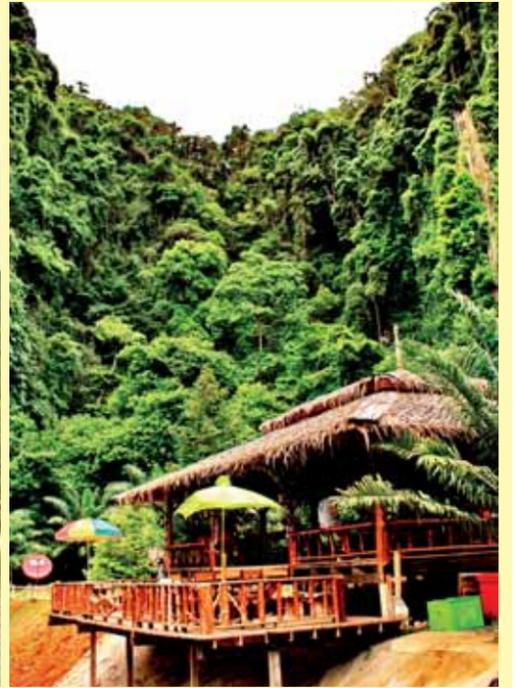
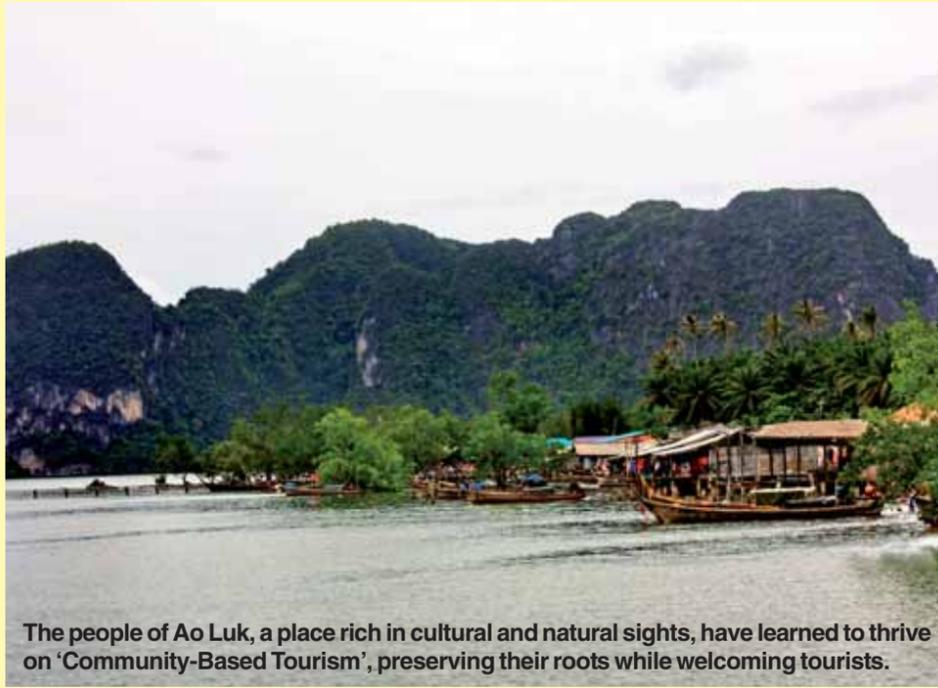
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The people of Ao Luk, a place rich in cultural and natural sights, have learned to thrive on 'Community-Based Tourism', preserving their roots while welcoming tourists.

# Where nature greets tourism

**S**USTAINABLE tourism is much more than a flimsy fad in the travel industry. Awareness of the concept is spreading rapidly and reaching corners of the region where tourism is still just a twinkle in the eye of the community.

Often confused with the concept of ecotourism, sustainable tourism focuses on more than just conserving the local environment. It is about protecting communities, culture, customs and lifestyles.

Eight communities in Ao Luk have formed a group – called the Ao Luk Community-Based Tourism (CBT) – in hope of creating such an alternative style of tourism. The community aims to not only protect their livelihood, but offer travelers a rich and authentic experience.

Passing through the small town of Ao Luk, at first glance it appears nothing more than a cluster of dusty shophouses crowded around a busy junction.

However, within a radius of a few miles, there lies an array of natural attractions to rival any of the Kingdom's nature resorts. Ao Luk is set amongst a pristine natural landscape that includes ancient caves, meandering canals and lush vegetation. It is home to an adventure playground designed by nature that offers kayaking, trekking, caving, climbing and cycling.

Instead of 'selling out' to

capitalist developers, residents are encouraged to convert their humble abodes into homestay accommodation, so guests can sample the warm hospitality of the people in the area.

Guest rooms are set apart from the owner's residence for maximum privacy and relaxation. However, visitors are invited to join residents in all other aspects of their daily life such as fishing, farming and religious ceremonies.

Homestays have been built in a variety of natural settings, so visitors can choose a location to suit their preference. Rooms are thoughtfully positioned to offer the best views and indulge guests' vision of a private and scenic getaway.

At Raipreda Homestay, rustic-style bungalows are perched precariously on a rugged hill, encircled by a protective mountain range with tropical fruit trees and exotic flowers adding dapples of color to the emerald blanket that covers the hillside.

It's a peaceful setting with only the chorus of birds and insects breaking the silence. Camping is also available.

The owner, Mr Jatuaporn, lives on site and takes care of visitors as if they were guests staying in his own home.

There are bicycles and kayaks for rent, and the grass-roofed restaurant doubles up as a meeting center for group tours.

For those who prefer sea-green tones, Laemsak Homestay is the ideal choice. Comfy air-conditioned chalets sit on the edge of the water, offering stunning coastal views.

Opaque silhouettes of rugged karsts jut from a watery bed – a still scene apart from the occasional longtail boat cutting across the seascape and

leaving a white foamy trail.

It is well worth consulting nature's timetable when planning a visit to the area. Each month at low tide, a geothermal beach, 'Haad Sai Rawn' (hot sand beach), is unveiled, providing the ultimate nature spa setting.

Trips arranged by local agents include traditional massages, mud masks and ample

time for wallowing in the warm and soothing water.

Ao Luk CBT not only takes responsibility for its land and its culture, but allows tourists the chance to show their support for true sustainable tourism and enjoy a cultural exchange with locals that is sure to enrich their travel experience.

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## Looking Back

By Anand Singh

# Desfarges' failure to land



French warships were stationed in the waters east of Phuket during the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Photo: Wikimedia

**D**URING King Narai's reign, the French were particularly favored in the court of Siam, since the King saw their presence as a balancing factor against the Dutch. The French were even permitted to set up armed fortresses in important trading towns such as Mergui and Bangkok.

A French missionary, Rene Charbonneau, was appointed to the post of Phuket governor by King Narai. The French were determined to monopolize Phuket's tin trade, and did so under Charbonneau's governorship.

The year 1688 saw a complete regime change in the Siamese capital of Ayudhaya. Narai's foster brother, Petracha, along with other disgruntled courtiers led a *coup d'état* that overthrew the old and ill-stricken king.

The courtiers were tired of the king's generosity towards foreigners. Afraid that his liberal policies threatened Siam's sovereignty and harmed Buddhism, the coup makers seized power.

They executed many of the king's immediate relatives and advisors, including the rightful heir to the throne. The king's chief advisor, a Greek named Constantine Phaulkon, was arrested, tried for

treason and executed. Monsieur Billi, the second French governor of Phuket after Charbonneau was also summoned to Ayudhaya, tried and beheaded. Not long after, King Narai passed away.

After Narai's death, Petracha became king. His ascension was bad news for the French.

The Siamese launched large-scale attacks on French fortifications in the Kingdom.

They laid siege to the fortress in Bangkok for four months, so the commander, General Desfarges, was forced to evacuate with his troops in the spring of 1688.

From Bangkok, Desfarges

set sail for Pondicherry, a French colony in India. There he held discussions with other French officers, devising plans to force King Petracha to cease persecution of the French and open up trade once again.

They resolved to occupy Jungceylon (Phuket).

At that time, Desfarges also held three distinguished Siamese officials as hostage. Together with the occupation of Jungceylon, the French hoped the Siamese would be pressured to negotiate.

The general left Pondicherry with five warships and 330 soldiers in 1689.

On arriving at Phuket,

Desfarges sent a letter to the king's minister of the treasury, stating his demands. Namely, that he had come in peace but required the return of French captives in Ayudhaya in return for the Siamese hostages.

The Siamese refused and strict orders were sent to authorities in Phuket forbidding them to provide the French any food or water, and to arrest them if they attempted to land ashore.

Faced with persisting resistance from the Siamese, Desfarges sought to show the king his good intentions by releasing one of the hostages, who was made to carry two letters from the French back to Ayudhaya. In the letters, Desfarges demanded the king send envoys to Phuket to negotiate a treaty with his party.

After some contemplation, the Siamese replied that the French captives in Ayudhaya would be released only if the French let go of their Siamese captives first.

The French commander, seeing little choice, gave way. He freed one hostage and set sail for Bengal with the three warships.

Vertesale, Desfarges' second in command, stayed behind with two French warships. Soon after, they released the last Siamese hostage and left Phuket.

Vertesale sent two interpreters along with the last Siamese captive back to Ayudhaya to tell the king that the French had honored their word. With that they expected him to do the same and release the French captives.

Although Desfarges had resolved to occupy Phuket in order to pressure the king to come to talks, in reality the French probably would not have had enough firepower to complete the task, and so their warships did little more than make their presence known offshore.

Actually, the French occupied no part of Phuket during the confrontation, and Desfarges' expedition was therefore useless to the French cause.

Instead, the move may have hurt their influence in the Siamese capital because when rumors spread that the French might attack Phuket, there was widespread mistrust and ill-feeling towards French missionaries and Catholic converts still in Ayudhaya.

Interestingly however, one of the islands around Phuket later later became known to European navigators as French Island.

This may have been owed to the fact that this little island off the coast of Phuket may have been the one the French *actually* occupied during their naval demonstration off Phuket's shores.

Leading Phuket historian Col GE Gerini mentions that French Island is known as Koh Phae to local Thais.

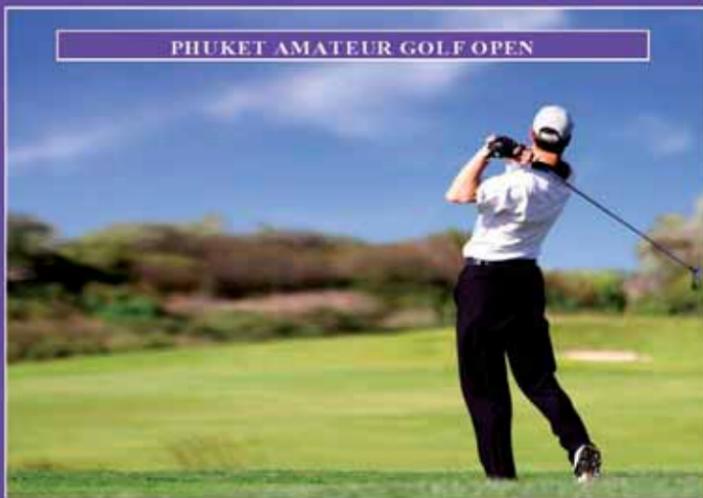
The tiny deserted island lies just south of the Naka Islands and was the only islet to have been occupied by the French in 1689.

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# Thomas Brack

Thomas Brack created one of Phuket's most stylish restaurants – the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, on top of the Sky Inn Condotel on Rat-U-Thit Rd in Patong.

His menu offers the broadest varieties of gourmet European and new world cuisine, and his restaurant offers broad, expansive views of Patong Bay.

Thomas is a native of Switzerland. He was born in Zurich and after leaving school he had to decide between an apprenticeship and a career in fashion or in mechanics.

"I always liked fashion, design and color, and contact with people. And I did not like to get my hands dirty, so a career in fashion merchandizing was more appealing. I went to work at Naef, which was one the largest fashion houses in Switzerland."

He began his travels with the company to India to check the quality of the firm's cotton products and to Hong Kong to ensure the higher-end synthetic items met company standards. In 1982, he made his first trip to Thailand where Naef also had production contracts.

"I traveled a lot during the 1980s and stayed in fine hotels and ate in the best restaurants. This gave me valuable experience and insights into the food and beverage industry."

Thomas left Naef in 1989 and returned to school to study fashion marketing with special emphasis on color and fabric. He spent most of the 1990s as a freelance fashion consultant giving his clients ideas about what to manufacture for their retail market. He attended fashion shows around Europe and did trend surveys in the best clothing boutiques around the continent.

"I actually began to tire of my hectic, glamorous life. I was always on the go and I'm basically a quiet, mellow kind of person. I had been coming to Phuket for holiday for many years and by 1999 decided to make a big change in my life. I gave up my fashion merchandizing consultancy and moved to the island to open a restaurant on Tri Trang Beach near Patong."

Thomas opened the business, which featured Mediterranean cuisine, and spent the next five years enjoying management of his own small but successful enterprise.

"In 2004, my rental contract was up and I was offered the chance to manage what was known then as the Swiss Chalet, a bistro on top of the Sky Inn. When I took over, there was one cook and one server, and by 2006 we had a staff of 12 and considerably more customers."

The new owners recognized Thomas' talents operating a restaurant and offered him the opportunity to transform the Swiss Chalet into an international destination which would attract a sophisticated clientele.

"They gave me total freedom to create the restaurant of my dreams. Using the owners' products from Sun Paradise, we installed floor to ceiling sliding glass windows which open onto the tropical winds coming off the Andaman Sea.

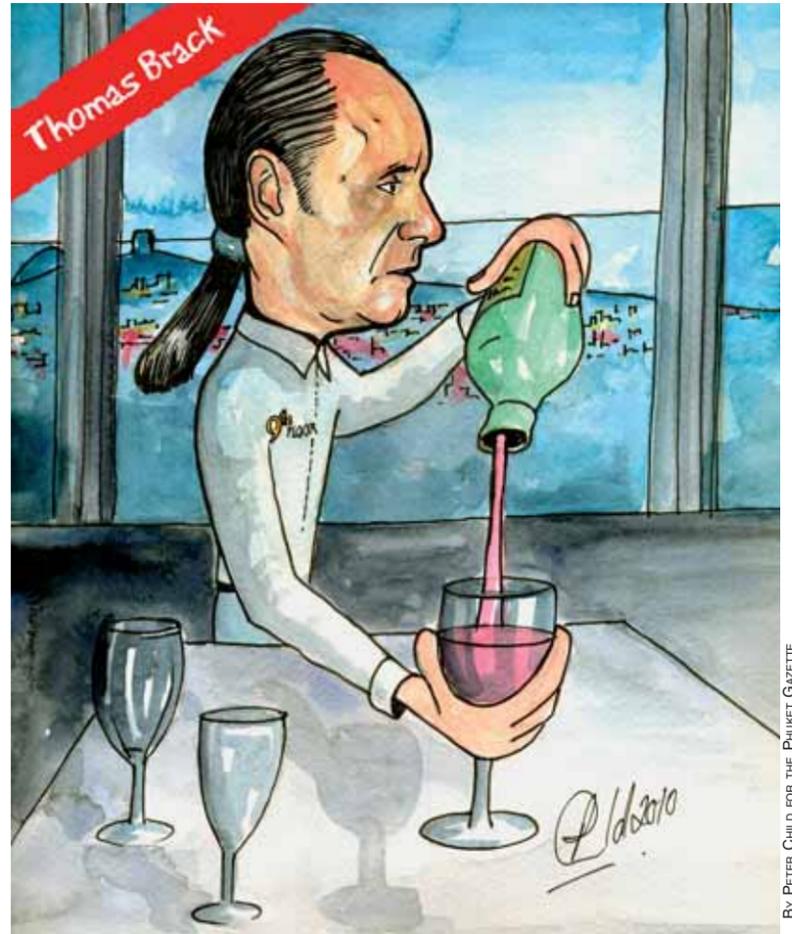
"I designed all the tables and chairs, which are especially large and comfortable, giving more the feeling of a private club rather than a restaurant."

He then created a menu in six languages based on the tastes of his international customers, offering a variety of fondues, imported meats and a wine list with 240 labels – all in stock. With modern abstract art on the walls and subtle lighting, he opened the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor to broad acclaim.

Thomas arrives at the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor every morning at 7:30 and does the ordering and goes through the accounts. By 10am he is ready for the gym where he spends the remainder of the morning.

Every year, he travels to Monaco and Spain to check on the latest offerings in the chic restaurants on the continent. He enjoys his life on Phuket and cordially invites you to meet him at the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor.

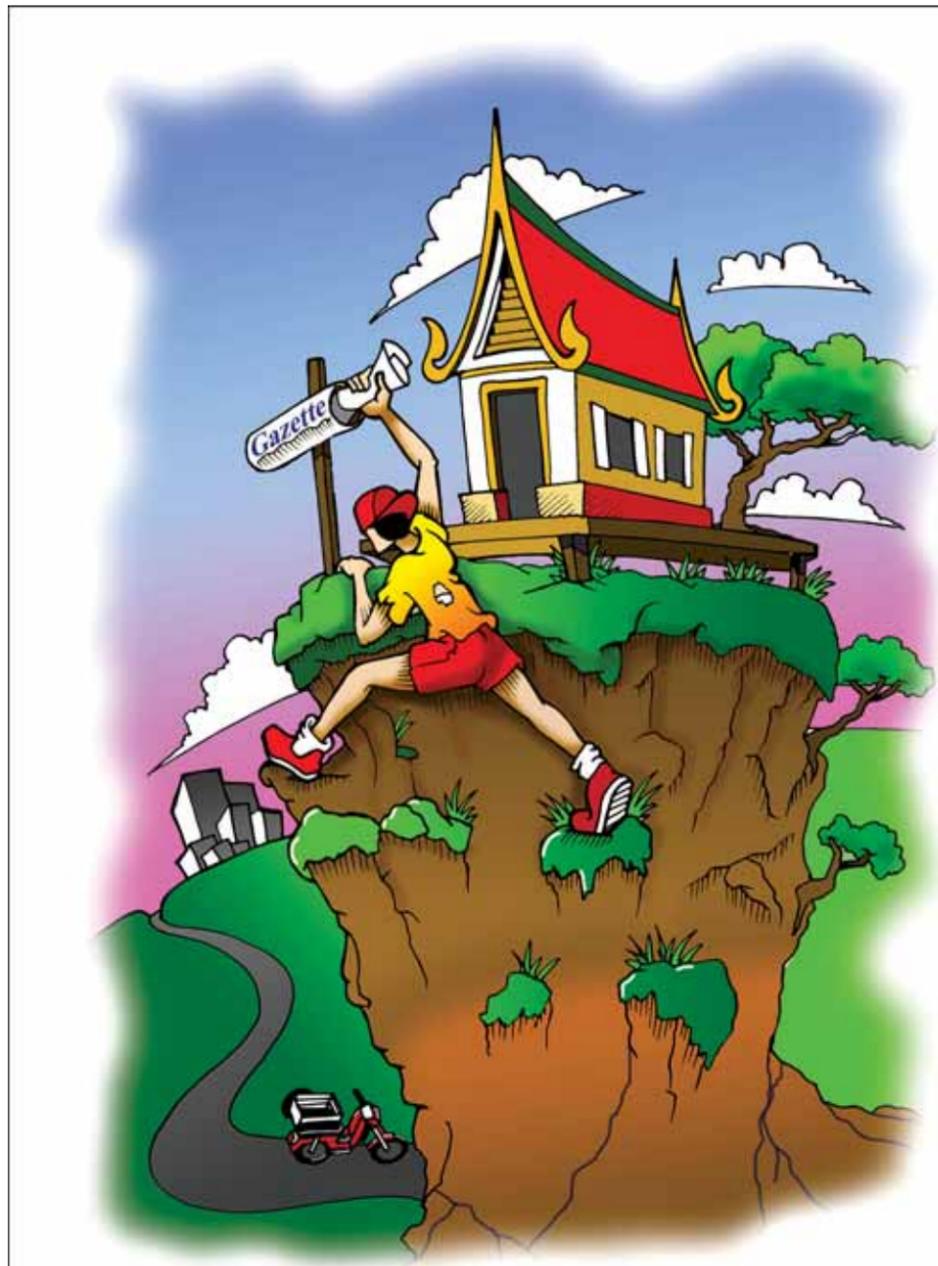
- Bruce Stanley



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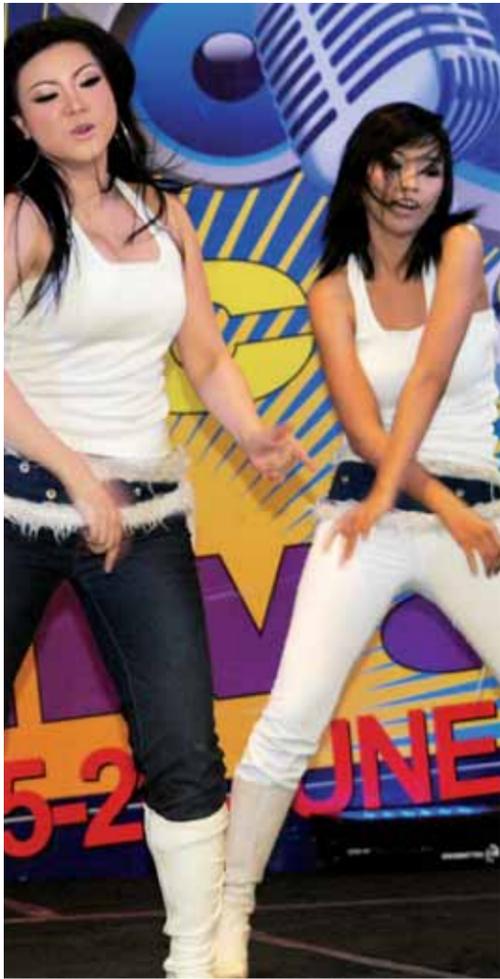
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These dancers were snapped at Central Festival during the pre-event warm-up show for the Phuket Music Festival which takes place from June 25 - 26 at Karon Beach.



DRESSING UP FOR THE OCCASION: British International School students perform in their 'Wizard of Oz' show on June 21. An ensemble of young talent brought the classic story to life before a sold-out audience. Pictured from left are Jeo Pirrera as the Tin Man, Chloe Findlay as Dorothy, Shannon Smith as the Lion and Sascha Steffen as the Scarecrow.



American funny man Arj Barker delivered a torrent of one-liners at the Punchline Comedy Club's latest show on June 22.



Soul singer Eddie Saunders belts out another song at Surin Bay's Sundown Café on May 17.



MAKING LIFE SAVING EASY: David Field (front, lying down) was one of three Australian Surf Life Saving Association members who took part in the Thai Yamaha Motor Co Ltd marine rescue demonstration at Karon Beach on June 17.

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# Small girls but no small feat

**C**HARMING sisters Kasia, nine, and Alicia, six, have already conquered the Space Mountain roller coaster in Disneyland. Now they are training to scale a much larger and scarier mountain in mid-July: Mount Kinabalu of Borneo, which at 4,095 meters is the highest point between the Himalayas and New Guinea.

All of their efforts will be in the name of their favorite charity, the Soi Dog Foundation.

The girls lived in Bristol, England, before moving to Phuket five years ago with their father Frank Sambrook, an ex-soldier from the UK, and mother Ania from Poland, a teacher at BIS.

They are an active family who love being outdoors. Some of the sisters' favorite activities include dancing (particularly hip-hop and ballet), gymnastics and swimming.

However, they do admit that they only "sort of" like trekking.

They decided to do the climb as a family a while ago, since Borneo has always been a fascinating destination for Ania, who has worked in the mountains of southern Poland. Kasia and Alicia have a history of helping out at Soi Dogs, so they decided to raise funds for the organization through their climb.

The journey will be a final demonstration of their support to



Alicia (above left) with sister Kasia (above right and below).

Alicia, six, and Kasia, nine, will scale Mt Kinabalu in July. Kasia says she is both "scared and excited, because you never know what you might find up there." Photos: wikimedia (main)/Frank Sambrook

the cause before relocating to Hong Kong in August.

Their involvement with Soi Dogs has included weekly trips to help walk the dogs (and cuddle the

puppies) as well as fostering and eventually adopting a dog named "Thai" in October last year.

Preparations for the climb have been manifold, ranging from

acquiring the correct gear to contacting a trusted guide to building up the girls' stamina for the 2,200-meter trek upward.

Sunday treks up the Nakkerd Hills from Shanti Lodge to the Big Buddha statue have been helpful in improving their muscular strength and endurance.

They have also been wearing their hiking boots and testing out head torches and wet weather gear, and sporting their Soi Dog garments at every possible occasion.

Though located in Kinabalu Park, the climb will certainly be no walk in the park, so preparations are of great importance.

The climb will take them two days, with an 8-10 hour climb on the first day to reach accommodation situated 823 meters from the mountain's top that will house them during the first night.

This part of the climb will probably be hot, since July is Borneo's dry season and they will not reach enough height to start feeling the cold.

They will take regular breaks, but father Frank reminds them that they must reach the accommodation before nightfall to get some food and rest before the more challenging second day.

On day two, the climbing will start at 3am in order to reach the summit for sunrise and leave enough time for the descent afterwards. This part of the climb will be cold, windy and wet, as they reach the higher echelons of the mountain.

Wet weather gear and head torches will be necessary at this point, since both hands are required to hold on to a rope that guides them through the darkness and up the somewhat steeper

path to the peak.

Kasia is mindful that "that is the scariest bit", but is reminded that she will be with her mother and father, as well as about a hundred other tourist climbers and experienced porters.

The girls will have to brave temperatures of about 4°C whilst taking in the breathtaking views at the summit, before starting their descent. This is often the hardest part of the climb due to exhaustion and muscular strain.

The girls are wary, but optimistic: "We'll be very tired, but when we get down, there will be hot springs."

The family are maintaining a realistic and cautious attitude to their climb. Frank and Ania will be carrying the backpacks containing first aid kits and are also very well informed of the dangers they may encounter:

"There are many variables. First of all the girls ability to keep going, the weather, and altitude sickness, which can affect anybody, regardless of fitness or age," Frank explained.

At the end of the day, the Sambrook's view their trip to Borneo as a family adventure and opportunity to raise money for a cause close to their heart.

The parents will keep a watchful eye for any symptoms of altitude sickness – and will stop the climb if the weather conditions make it too dangerous to continue.

"We may not get as high as we want to, but we will go for the highest we can," Frank said.

To help support the girls on their journey, visit the Soi Dogs website at [soidog.org](http://soidog.org) or email [homeschoolphuket@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:homeschoolphuket@yahoo.co.uk).

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## Upcoming events on the island

## Summer Family Festival Kick-off Party – July 2



The Laguna Phuket Summer Family Festival targets both kids and parents, offering daily 'Kidz Fun Zone' programs from 2 – 5pm, followed by a casual BBQ Beer Tent in Canal Village, featuring televised international sports events plus a bouncy castle, flying trapeze and 'Kidz Lounge' to keep the youngsters entertained while parents relax with happy hour prices from 5 – 7pm. Everyone is invited to the Summer Family Festival Kick-off Party on July 2 with World Cup quarter finals screened at 9pm and 1:30am. The party will be held between 5pm – 3:30am at Laguna Phuket. For further information contact Chureeporn (Paew) Manabutr. T: 076-362330. E: shopping@lagunaphuket.com. W: lagunaphuket.com/familyfestival.

### June 6 – August 8. Belly Dancing Courses

The 10-session course 'Introduction to Baladi' teaches beginner techniques for aspiring belly dancers and is being conducted by the famous Malika. All beginners are welcome. Participants need shorts and a hip scarf to start. Tickets are 600 baht per person, per session. Held Sundays from 12:30pm – 2pm, RPM Health Club. For further information contact Murat Can Sakarya. T: 081-797 3364. E: muratc@royalphuketmarina.com. W: royalphuketmarina.com.

### June 6 – July 18. Brazilian Soccer Sundays

Beginning with just four children back in 1996, the Brazilian Soccer School has quickly become one of the largest and respected soccer training camps for children in the world. The seven-week course is being held every Sunday until

July 18 at Royal Phuket Marina. The price is 2,450 baht per child, per course. For further information contact Martin Hill. T: 085-331 0295. E: muratc@royalphuketmarina.com.

### June 26. Sala's Chillin' & Grillin' BBQ

Join Sala Phuket for their Chillin & Grillin Ocean BBQ. DJ Tom will set the mood for the afternoon, spinning groovy beach tunes with live percussion. Children can enjoy the pool and loads of garden games while Chef Jan serves up his usual mouthwatering BBQ fare. The BBQ is held the last Saturday of every month, from 1pm-5pm. The price is 950 baht++ per person, including a bottle of Peter Lehmann Shiraz or unoaked Chardonnay per couple. From 1pm – 5pm at Sala Phuket Resort and Spa. For further information contact Tibor Baan. T: 076-338888. E: fbphuket@salaphuket.com. W: salaphuket.com.

### July 4. 4th of July Picnic

Everyone is invited to an American-style picnic, from 10am – 7pm at Headstart International School Phuket, across from Makro on the road to Kathu, one kilometer from Central Festival. Hot dogs, hamburgers, ribs and beverages will be on sale, while plenty of music and games will provide ongoing entertainment. Bring the kids! Free entry and fireworks at sunset. For further information contact David Rucker. T: 087-266 7514. E: rucker4012@aol.com. W: navyleaguephuket.org.

### July 4. 4th of July Party & BBQ Buffet at Coyote Phuket

Join Coyote Phuket for their first annual 4th of July Deck Party & BBQ Buffet, from 2pm until late. On offer will be an all-you-can-eat BBQ buffet featuring smokey ribs, beer brats, burgers, BBQ chicken, hot dogs and an all-American salad bar. Coyote is also offering all-day 100-baht drink specials: La Casa Margaritas, Mojitos, draft pints and shooters and ice-cold Budweiser and MGD. From 2pm – 1am on Patong Beach Rd, above Starbucks. For further information contact the manager or Chef Matt. T: 076-344366. E: info@coyotehuket.com. W: coyotehuket.com.

### July 4. 4th of July 'Happy Birthday America' Buffet Dinner

All-you-can-eat, including charcoal-grilled BBQ ribs, whole marinated chicken, jumbo hot dogs and more, at the World Cafe in the Mercure Patong. 599 baht per person. Enjoy to-order drinks from the happy hour list during dinner. From 6:30pm – 10:30pm. For further information contact Chonlathich Na nakorn. T: 076-302100. E: salesphuket@mercurephuket.com. W: mercurepatongphuket.com.

### July 5 – 9; July 12 – 16. PIA Sports & Leisure Club Brazilian Soccer Camp

Daily training at the camps will include unique FDS moves, turning, balances and traps, passing, ball to air, juggling, core skills, one-on-one and two-on-two training, game play and daily three-a-side World Cup games. Every day finishes with a five-a-side friendly match. From 4,000 baht per week. From 9am – 5pm at PIA Sports & Leisure Club. For further information contact Khun Mik. T: 076-376000. E: activities@phuketinternationalacademy.com. W: phuketinternationalacademy.com.

### July 9. Curry Fridays

Indian food buffs are invited to enjoy an authentic and lavish Indian curry buffet on the second and fourth Friday of each month. Selections include all-time favorite chicken tikka masala, very hot mutton vindaloo, juicy kebabs, chickpea curry and much more – served with Nan bread and basmati rice. All-you-can-eat for only 399 baht nett! Draft beer by the glass for just 50 baht nett and special discounts on other beverages. From 7pm – 11:30am at Navrang Mahal, Karon Sea Sands Resort & Spa. For further information contact Seemant Raju. T: 076-286464. E: sm@karonseasand.com. W: karonseasand.com.

### July 14. French National Day at Royal Phawadee Village

Come celebrate French National Day at Royal Phawadee Village, Patong Beach. Enjoy live music, a buffet with free-flowing wine prepared by Chef Christian and surprises from a giant lucky draw. Stay with the kids to admire the fireworks once the sun is down. From 6pm – 11:30pm. For further information contact Nguyen Bao. T: 0848-492122. E: info@14juilletapatong.com. W: 14juilletapatong.com.

### July 14. Bastille Day Buffet Dinner

Enjoy a touch of French cuisine at the World Cafe: all-you-can-eat, including roasted and carved fine meats and poultry, for only 599 baht nett per person, including complimentary glass of French sparkling wine. Alternatively, enjoy to-order drinks from the happy hour list (1+1) during dinner. There will also be songs to remember. Children under 12 years old can join for only 150 baht, and children under six years old are free of charge. From 6:30pm – 10:30pm at World Cafe at Mercure Patong. For further information contact Chonlathich Na nakorn. T: 076-302100. E: salesphuket@mercurephuket.com. W: mercurepatongphuket.com.

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Indigo Pearl Phuket has promoted **Archna Jiamram** to Sales Manager to be based out of the company's Bangkok office. Previously the secretary to the hotel's GM for two and a half years, Khun Archna will now manage corporate accounts and ground handlers, which means she will now promote Indigo Pearl and extend their network in order to drive business into the company. She holds a Degree in Hotel Management from Assumption University in Bangkok.



Phuket International Academy (PIA) has appointed **Chakrit Jatupornpisate** to oversee its two hotels and all of its food and beverage outlets. Khun Chakrit will be responsible for all operations and food and beverage campaigns for PIA Mind Centre and the PIA Sports and Leisure Club's 116 rooms. He joins the PIA after a distinguished career with some of the world's best-known hotel brands, such as Anantara and Evason, and was most recently with the JW Marriott Resort & Spa Phuket.



Renaissance Phuket Resort and Spa has announced the appointment of **Aekphon Phothiphrom** as its new Director of Operations. Khun Aekphon will be in charge of food and beverage operations as well as rooms and other related dealings. He is a seasoned hotel professional, with years of experience in the food and beverage industry. He has a bachelor's degree from Kasetsart University in Bangkok and also attended the prestigious IHTTI Hotel Management School in Switzerland for two years.



# Superyachts launch in Phuket



Concept photos courtesy Yacht Solutions

Ruea Yacht, a new division to local Yacht Solutions, will design and construct luxury superyachts measuring up to 85 meters.

**T**HE LATEST boost to Phuket business can be credited the island's status as a high-end marine tourism destination. Local boat-making firm Yacht Solutions recently launched a new division to design and construct luxury superyachts up to 85 meters in length.

The new firm, Ruea Yacht, is the brainchild of brothers Simon and Gareth Twist, who have run Yacht Solutions for the past 10 years. The designs for yachts in between 40 – 60 meters are expected to have a prices ranging from US\$25 to US\$50 million.

The firm's target market will extend to an international base of clients, with particular focus on a growing population of wealthy Asian millionaires and billionaires.

Ruea Yachts Managing Director Gareth Twist said Yacht Solutions had built a global reputation for exceptional quality and service and it was now a logical step to grow the business through a fresh and energetic brand that would appeal to high-net worth individuals looking for luxury superyachts.

As 2010 has seen the start of a long climb out of recession for many global economies, leading source Boat International's recent Market Intelligence Report highlighted that in the first two months of the year, 28 super yachts were sold with a market value of US\$370 million, which could see annualized sales hit over US\$2.2 billion.

On the origin of the new brand name, Twist commented,

**'In terms of employment, Ruea Yacht's shipyards employ 120 experienced professionals and over 100 subcontractors.'**

"Ruea is Thai for water-going craft, such as a ship or a boat. The term 'Ruea Yacht' is often used to describe luxury yacht, so it broadly translates back to 'Thai superyachts'."

The Twist brothers have worked as partners for the past six years, but Gareth started the company nearly 10 years ago.

Both have honed their skills in two of the world's largest cruising markets: the Mediterranean and Caribbean, where they notched up expertise that

would come in handy for their own startup years later.

One of the cornerstones of the new business has been a strategic alliance with leading UK naval architectural and design firm BMT Nigel Gee and Designs Unlimited.

Other key suppliers include E3 in Mallorca and Hill Dickinson in Great Britain.

Simon explains his choice of Asia as a market: "Asia is becoming an increasing area of focus in the marine industry

globally, especially Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand.

More importantly, there is strong growth from clients in China and India, which are geographically beneficial to our business base here."

In terms of employment, Ruea Yacht's shipyards employ 120 experienced professionals and over 100 subcontractors, which pays it forward for employment both in Phuket and at the division's second shipyard in Samut Sakorn.

Gareth is a founding member of Superyacht Global, which is a leading network of the burgeoning mega-Asian business sector.

He speaks passionately about how Phuket can become a true force to export quality.

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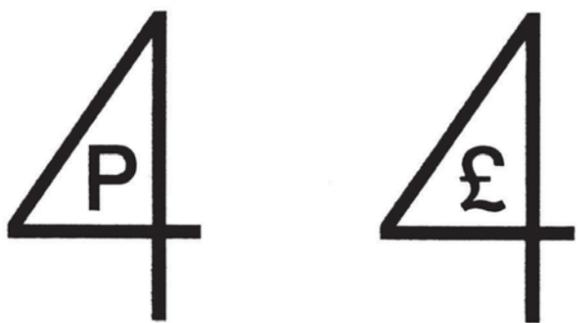


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- The character played by Tommy Lee Jones in the film *Men in Black* was called Agent what?
- Which character in the TV series *MASH* dresses as a woman in an attempt to be dismissed from the army?
- Henry McCarty used the aliases Henry Antrim and William H. Bonney, but what was he more famously known as?
- Mickey and Mallory Knox were the anti-heroes in what controversial 1994 film directed by Oliver Stone?
- What were the full names of the infamous outlaws Bonnie and Clyde?
- Which Teletubby is not named in the following: Dipsy, Po, Laa-laa.
- Name one of the two animals from which cat gut is obtained.
- Margarita Cansino is the real name of which actress, born in 1918?
- What profession was the Dickensian character Mr Bumble?
- Who sang the theme song for the 007 film *Goldeneye*?
- Which female R&B artist released the 1997 debut album *Baduizm*?
- Warwick University is in which English city?
- Which of the crew of Apollo 11 – the first men to set foot on the moon – is not in the following: Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins.
- Which of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse is not named in the following: War, Death, Pestilence.
- Officer Alex J. Murphy became better known by what name that was the title of a 1987 film?
- Which famous cowboy was created by George W. Trendle?
- Which British comedian describes himself as an "executive transvestite"?
- What is the Roman numeral for 500?
- What was the name of the 1980 Jethro Tull album that featured the hit song "Black Sunday"?
- In what movie was Natalie Portman's character Evey Hammond the anti-hero?

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# Body scanning gone bad

**B**Y NOW, everyone knows that airports throughout the world are implementing drastic new security measures to detect suicide bombers. Some airports are installing full-body scanners – giant X-ray machines that will enable security guards to inspect every nook and cranny of every passenger's body.

The prospect of total strangers viewing the most intimate and private parts of their anatomy fills many airline passengers with horror. I discussed this problem with my friend and mentor Fardley Nerdwell:

**Me:** I can understand the reluctance of passengers to subject themselves to such scrutiny. Women in particular will be upset.

**Fardley:** The airlines are

aware of public sensitivity on this issue. Women will be inspected only by female security guards. Guards will also receive intensive training in scanning protocol.

They will be forbidden to make jocular or demeaning remarks about the size, heft, and configuration of passengers' endowments. Stern measures will prevent them from surreptitiously filming particularly well-endowed passengers and posting their pictures on the internet.

**Me:** Well, I don't care if people see what I've got. What the hell. If it gives them a thrill, good for them. Maybe I'll earn merit by bringing a little joy into their sad lives.

**Fardley** (scornfully): Ha. What exactly do you have that might give them the slightest titillation? Give them a thrill? Give them a good laugh is more like it. I can hear the jeering and guffawing of the guards now, as Tsow stands naked before them in the scanner. They peer intently into their monitors, squinting at his

nether region, trying to find something. "Hey, guys! This guy is shaped like an onion! I can't find anything! We don't need a scanner, we need a microscope! Wait! I've found it! Woo! It's peanut time on Scanner 5!"

**Me:** Hmph. I refuse to dignify such childish snickering with a response.

**Fardley:** What could you possibly say? (Lapsing into gloom.) I, on the other hand, have the opposite problem.

**Me:** What's that?

**Fardley:** My image in the scanner is bound to incite widespread social unrest. Cries of awe will rend the air as the security guards stare into the monitor and the full magnitude – the sweeping, cosmic grandeur – of my endowment impacts their shell-shocked brains.

Words will not describe, nor poetry do justice, to the prodigious marvel they will behold. The resulting media frenzy will be impossible to contain. As the images are broadcast to the

outside world, a shock wave will engulf the planet.

Men will faint away from sheer envy. Tormented by agonizing feelings of inadequacy, they will be driven to madness and suicide.

Women, inflamed by lust, will besiege the airport, trample the security guards underfoot, and attack the scanner, scratching and clawing at the monitor in a vain but desperate attempt to access my magnificence.

The frail fabric of social order will be rent asunder, there will be rioting in the streets, and the internet will collapse as millions of netizens fight to download the breathtaking images.

My secret, which, out of modesty, I have hitherto hidden from the world's prying eyes, will now be exposed to the glaring light of public view; and my fame shall resound from pole to pole.

**Me** (ironically): They might even ask you to appear on Oprah. With your magnificence primly concealed, of course. We would

not want to give Oprah a heart attack.

**Fardley:** Of course. It would be irresponsible for me to encourage further chaos. Were I not such a paragon of virtue, I could easily profit from my splendor. But no. Ever humble and self-effacing, I renounce the temptations of fame and fortune.

**Me:** I guess the airports better scrap their plans for full-body scanners so long as the great Fardley Nerdwell is flying.

**Fardley:** If properly compensated, I could, for the sake of social stability, be persuaded to do all my traveling by bus. Thus always do I sacrifice my personal interests for the greater welfare of humankind.

**Me:** I wouldn't be surprised if they named you CNN Hero of the Year.

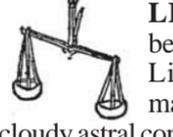
*S. Tsow can be flamed at s.tsow@ymail.com, except when he's trying to figure out how to take Fardley's place as CNN Hero of the Year.*

## Horoscopes Isla Star

 **CANCER** (June 22-July 23): Business-minded Cancerians are forecast to be sowing seeds for the future this week. Making new connections should be your focus point; even if this only involves socializing, there are signs that expanding your network will lead to exciting opportunities later in the year. Those with a birthday in the coming days should see their confidence growing in the year ahead. The number seven can bring good fortune this weekend.

 **LEO** (July 24-August 22): Leos who have been leaning towards a change of career are advised to follow up a lead from Capricorn this week. Even if the job concerned doesn't float your boat at the moment, there are indications that compromise could indeed be reached. Finances remain a sensitive issue, but the stars suggest that July will bring good news for your bank balance. The number four is lucky on Monday.

 **VIRGO** (August 23-September 23): Although pressure at work lifts this week, Virgoans could be flooded with social invitations. The stars predict that celebrations with friends could involve more financial outlay than you had hoped for at the end of June. Remember it should be the thought that counts. Those looking for love could meet their match when introduced to an air sign this weekend. Wear the color navy blue to enhance your calm charisma.

 **LIBRA** (September 24-October 23): Librans' outlook may be disturbed by cloudy astral conditions during the coming days. Take a rumor you hear on Sunday with a pinch of salt and avoid spending time with friends who are down in the dumps. Finances follow an upward trend from the end of June, but you should avoid rash shopping sprees for the time being.

 **SCORPIO** (October 24-November 22): Your unwillingness to commit too quickly to a romantic relationship may be compromised. The stars indicate that the other person concerned is about to ask for answers that you are not ready to give. Monday is the best day to explain how you really feel. Those with a family are likely to discover that children need more attention than usual.

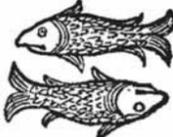
 **SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 21): Sagittarians' need for solitude is strong this week, but not everyone may understand. Finding a tactful way to say that socializing is not on your agenda may be difficult – a water sign friend could take some convincing this weekend. Money matters are better starred as the end of June approaches and summer holiday ideas start to grow. Think carefully before inviting a new romantic partner to be part of a holiday.

 **CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): A dream you have

this weekend sheds light on a business related problem. Those born under the sign of Capricorn who have been debating whether to break a particular contact should know what to do by the end of this month. The stars suggest that it may be best to go it alone for the time being.

 **AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): Aquarians will be keen to get on with life this week. Your high energy levels could leave others standing, but fire signs are forecast to keep up with the pace. In the world of work, it may not be wise to rush agreements – July will be a more auspicious month to sign on the dotted line. Your romantic situation appears confusing and finding the way to an earth sign's heart will require creativity.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): Pisceans see the sense in keeping things simple and this will

 be your key to finishing the month on a positive note. An air sign colleague may try to put pressure on early next week, but your sensible attitude will impress others. There are signs that you will be focused on getting into shape in July.

 **ARIES** (March 21-April 20): Many Arians will enjoy the challenge of exploring beyond familiar boundaries this week. As the month of June draws to a close, adventure is firmly on the agenda. The stars predict that dissatisfaction with your current living situation could lead to a spur of the moment decision and there will be no looking back afterwards. Lucky days for romance are Tuesday and Wednesday.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21): Taureans see red when their actions are taken for granted this week. This could be the ideal

 moment to cut down on your generosity and encourage others to take more responsibility for themselves. Finances are well highlighted, with positive news from overseas brightening up your weekend. Where romance is concerned, an attractive air sign is forecast to blow you away.

 **GEMINI** (May 22-June 21): Where work is concerned, Geminis won't hear all the answers they've been hoping for this week. Communication with another air sign could be affected by crossed wires which will cause frustration. However, there are signs that new business interests will demand your attention and these are forecast to bring success. Your romantic outlook is well-starred – flirtation with Capricorn this weekend is likely to leave you wanting more.

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## The law is law, however inconvenient it may be

Despite the obvious need to improve the island's road network, local leaders must refrain from allowing, encouraging or even taking part themselves in unauthorized efforts to push through high-priority projects.

The latest example came on June 19, when hundreds of people assembled on the dead-end Sakdidet Road Soi 7 intending to bring in heavy equipment to clear six rai of protected mangrove forest needed to finally complete a government road project begun over 10 years ago [see page 1].

The *Gazette* sympathizes with people who commute between Saphan Hin and the south of the island, but recent events in Thailand underscore the need to uphold the rule of law, which is clear in its requirement that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) sign off on the project before work can begin.

That a large number of local leaders continue to push for the road's completion is fine, but going any further before the project is formally approved is not. For this reason, Phuket City Police were correct in preventing machinery from getting to the site and diffusing the situation peacefully in the absence of the governor, who happened to be out of town at the time.

The case is not the only one of its kind involving Phuket's dwindling mangrove forest reserves in recent months. In April it emerged that Wichit Municipality went ahead without MNRE approval to build a road and a football pitch covering a five-rai area along the Klong Mudong estuary. The town is pushing the area as a tourist attraction.

The reason given to members of a Senate panel that came to investigate a complaint about the encroachment was that the town wanted to develop the land for the good of the local community 'before it's too late' and that the slow-moving MNRE approval process hindered that goal.

Such cases show that despite the countless mangrove-planting ceremonies held over the years, some local officials still have about as much respect for mangroves as they have for the rule of law.

Despite the overwhelming support for the Sakdidet Soi 7 extension project among local leaders, the *Gazette* would prefer to see the project move forward with the 'mangrove flyover' that has been recommended by the MNRE for years.

Although far more expensive than regular road construction techniques, a look at the deplorable state of many roads on the island these days reveals that in the battle between asphalt and water, the latter always seems to win in the long run anyway.



## Letters

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### A suitable welcome

Why does everyone seem to think that erecting – no pun intended – two floating balls as part of a welcome sign on Patong Hill is a waste of money?

I could not think of a more appropriate tribute to the culture and lifestyle of the island's nightlife center.

There are countless worldwide destinations that have signs or monuments that are synonymous with their names – the Hollywood sign, Christ the Redeemer above Rio de Janeiro. These structures capture the identity of the cities in some way.

So let's be honest: floating balls above phallic-shaped pillars says "Welcome to Patong" like nothing else could.

**John Goeble**  
USA

### Put them on a leash

Last week I had a heated argument with my neighbor who loves dogs. His dog has a bad habit of jumping through some decorative holes in my wall, depositing his droppings in my garden and chasing my cats, even inside my house. Having already lost two cats to another irresponsible neighbor's dogs, I had had enough. Together we worked something out to prevent his dog from entering my yard again, but to no avail. The last time it happened I literally kicked the dog out of my garden and this sparked the argument.

Being in charge of a nursery on Chao Fa Road, I thought my neighbor could take responsibility by taking his dog out on a leash, but instead he lowered himself to a new standard by trashing my garden, cutting my plants and damaging my wall by drilling holes

and attaching metal pipes to it.

The police came twice, but he did not have the guts to come out and he blatantly ignored them. I do not want to stir up another debate about cats and dogs, but my opinion is that dog owners have to take care of their animals instead of letting them roam around freely, being a constant pest to other people.

A few days after the incident, I saw him walking his dog – on a leash. They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but an old fool still can learn.

**Manu Alders**  
Address supplied

### A warm welcome

Wahoo! It was great news to hear Vice Governor Nivit Aroonrat is back in Phuket. Finally we have a Phuket native somewhere in Provincial Hall, someone who was actually born on Phuket.

Finally we have someone who has something personal to lose if his home island continues to be raped by greedy developers, left failing in infrastructure and overrun by mindless thugs.

I'm sure Vice Governor Nivit's supporters are aware of all the mechanisms in place that thwart efforts by decent public officials to dutifully do their job, but he still has to face his family and explain what is happening to the land where they were born. That in itself should lend some degree of decency to officialdom.

I would expect that any untowards dealings in the province that reek of venality and seem to have the approval – tacit or otherwise – of those in positions to stop them to be either beyond his scope to stop or simply too dan-

gerous to take on alone.

Welcome home, Vice Governor Nivit. It's good to see you here.

**Name and address supplied**

### Give plants a chance

So glad to hear that Ayurveda healing techniques have finally made their way to Phuket. It only took 5,000 years! [*Phuket Gazette, Ancient healing makes a comeback, June 19*].

The centuries old practice uses nature to heal ailments that are often caused by your environment and lifestyle. Simple, but spot on. I truly believe there is something to be said for going back in time to find the answers, when human minds were not clouded like they are today, by the constant bombardment of mostly useless information.

If you think about it, all medicines originate from nature anyway. Penicillin comes from fungus, aloe vera is straight-up plant juice and morphine comes from poppy plants. And these discoveries are relatively recent! So anybody who subscribes to modern medicine and its theories, are complete hypocrites if they discard Ayurveda as 'hippy mumbo-jumbo', since it is based on the same principles as modern medicine. It is much older and therefore, arguably, the treatment methods are more tried and tested.

So next time you're headed to the pharmacy or clinic down the road to pick up the inevitable plethora of pills they insist you need – many of which will have already been banned in the West – think twice. Maybe the cure to your problem is actually to be found in your bag of boiled rice.

**Deidre Hopper**  
**Nai Harn**

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# Disaster prevention starts with one



## FIRST PERSON

Taklaew Nusriwor, 50, has been the director of the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) regional college in Phuket since September last year. The Khon Kaen native earned his master's degree in political science from Ramkhamhaeng University. Before taking the helm at the college, Mr Taklaew worked as a policy strategy and planning analyst for the Office of the Permanent Secretary of the Interior. Here Mr Taklaew talks to the *Gazette* about Phuket's vulnerabilities regarding natural and man-made disasters, what improvements need to be made and the role of the six DDPM colleges in Thailand. **Compiled by Sitthipong Nongkaew.**

Disasters can happen anytime, anywhere, but especially in high-risk areas such as along the Andaman Coast, where tsunamis are a possibility. It's not an easy job educating civil servants and the public about how they can prevent or protect themselves from disasters, but it must be done.

Fire is one thing we have to worry about, whether a natural forest fire or man-made blaze.

Phuket is quite lucky in this regard, as it has some rain in the 'dry' season. This is unlike some provinces in the North and Isarn, where forest fires are much more of a problem.

Man-made fires, whether accidental or not, can happen anywhere and can spread quickly because of dry wood or grass. Development has introduced many things to our lives that can cause fires. Gas or electric equipment in houses, hotels or businesses must be properly looked after to make sure they are in good condition and safe, because the risk of fire can be much greater if they are broken.

We must not ignore out of date and broken appliances.

Buildings should be designed according to engineering principles that minimize the risk of fire and damage. They must also have fire escapes. The DDPM College can educate people about these things, but it is not our responsibility to inspect and check-up on compliance with fire safety regulations.

We live in a large society and it is always possible that there are some people who do not fol-

low the law. People will always cut corners and modify plans to save money, compromising safety.

One factor that increases the risk of fire cannot, however, be directly controlled by man: drought.

This year Phuket had a longer than normal period of no rain. Some areas on the island experienced water shortages.

One of the many causes of drought is changing weather patterns affecting the entire globe.

Climate has changed and disasters happen more often. Small islands like Phuket are affected, even though we may not have caused the problem. Pollution on the other side of the planet can have an effect on the climate of Phuket.

Industrialization and population growth bring more pollution. The positive comes with the negative. For example, the car industry makes our lives more convenient, but it causes more pollution.

I'm sure some of the polluters have thought about solutions to the problem, but in general people always think about their own benefits. People tend to think, "We win some, we lose some." If those who are responsible think only of their own benefits and not about the environmental impact, we will "lose" a lot more; all because of human action.

Another man-made environmental problem is related to construction and development. Roads and buildings are popping up everywhere at the expense of trees and the natural environment. It seems that we have forgotten to balance development with nature. We may be 'winning' now, but will lose out in the long run.



The aftermath of the 2004 tsunami on the streets of Patong. The DDPM College stresses the importance of individual preparedness for disaster.

We can see a direct result of this in landslides. Human activity, especially construction and deforestation on hillsides, can cause soil to loosen and create the potential for a landslide. Of course other factors such as soil type and rainfall also come into play.

We have recently seen examples of the the damage landslides are capable of inflicting. It would be better if organizations and construction companies would think more about their responsibilities to society.

Another worry is road safety. Phuket has rapidly developed to support tourism, but there is still only one main road [Thepkrasatri Road] and the construction of other safe roads is limited by the geography of the island. There are many dangerous spots on existing roads and not many warning signs. Even where signs do exist, they are often too old to see.

Road accidents happen all the time. It's not just because of drivers' carelessness; the roads are a big part of it. If we had better roads, the number of accidents would go down.

Phuket would be a more attractive destination if it had good, clean and safe roads. Accident numbers would decrease and it would show people that Phuket is a safe place to visit.

Aside from bad road conditions, in my opinion, there are many problems with drivers disobeying the rules. Whether locals, tourists or police, I think everyone should obey the rules and discipline themselves, as this would greatly contribute to making Phuket roads safer.

Although there are many campaigns for road safety, we must accept the fact that Thai people in general don't have much of a 'safety culture'.

I want safety to be a part of people's ways of life, like a habit. But you can see that even though the police try to be more strict on helmets, people always find ways to avoid getting caught and the officers cannot be everywhere to check.

I think the best way to make safety become habit is to start with the smallest part: the individual. If the individual can make safety a way of life, then we can do so in families, schools, districts, provinces and even the nation.

We do have [road] safety campaigns, but only during long vacations or holidays. They lack continuity and intensity. There isn't enough money budgeted for them, as the country spends more on economic and administrative functions.

The DDPM is integral to the functioning of many organizations. Even if the country's economy is growing and the GDP is very high, a disaster can change that. Disasters can be very expensive, so I think that budgeting for economic and human development should go hand-in-hand with disaster prevention and mitigation.

We need to continually develop and improve. Countries with advanced warning systems, like Japan and Taiwan, experience chaos in the aftermath of a disaster even though they are well prepared.

It's understandable that we don't get much from the government budget because people's quality of life [in Thailand] still needs to be improved. For now, the most important thing is to teach people how to protect and take care of themselves.

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## Is it okay for school to post payment details?

Dowroong Wittaya School is posting on a billboard the names of students who either do not pay their bills on time or don't pay at all. Everyone can read it.

Is this legal? To me it seems a violation of privacy law. It also encourages bullying, which is not very ethical for a school to do.

Name and address supplied

Assistant financial director of Dowroong Wittaya school replies:

The school sends such information to students' parents in letters approved by the school director, or the students will be told by their teachers to inform their parents. The school has never had a policy of putting lists of students' names and payment information on billboards.

For more information contact Dowroong Wittaya School: 31 Chao Fa East Road, T. Talad Nuea, A. Muang, Phuket 83000. T: 076-212137 E: [admin@dr.ac.th](mailto:admin@dr.ac.th) W: [www.dr.ac.th](http://www.dr.ac.th)

## Who can make death-trap intersection safe?

I live at the corner of a three-way intersection in Phuket Town that is poorly marked at best. There is one stop sign that is barely visible, and approaching from the other direction there are no signs whatsoever. If it were to become a three-way stop, it would be much safer. Who is responsible for this and who can get some signs up before something bad happens?

Joseph Maryland  
Phuket Town

A Phuket City Municipality worker replies:

Anyone can report such concerns to the Phuket City Municipality, Public Works Division and we will evaluate the situation and make any necessary improvements. Be sure give the address and exact location of the area of concern.

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# Knockout in Lion City

**P**HUKET fighter Joe Ray from the US knocking out Zorobabel Moreira from Brazil in just 14 seconds became the highlight of ESPN's two-night fight fest "Martial Combat" in Singapore last week.

Four fighters from Tiger Muay Thai in Phuket were on the card for the June 16 and 17 round of Martial Combat, held at Sentosa Resort World and broadcast to over 30 Asian countries and a viewing audience of millions.

Cyrus Washington, Joe Ray, Muhsin Corbbrey and Ian Bone all represented Tiger Muay Thai, but the highlight was Ray's knockout.

Both Ray and Moreira were unbeaten before the fight, which was expected to be the toughest of Ray's fledgling career.

Moreira, a jujitsu black belt from Brazil, did not have the opportunity to show off his ground-fighting skills as Ray landed a heavy right hand early in the opening round to leave him unconscious on the canvas.

"I was surprised by how quickly the fight ended because I was expecting him to be a dangerous opponent," said Ray.



American Joe Ray (left), from Tiger Muay Thai in Chalong, knocking out Brazilian Zorobabel Moreira.

"I had planned to use my jab for the first round, but I felt he was there for the taking so I went for it. This is definitely the best performance of my career," he added.

Corbbrey, also from the US, made short work of his opponent, Wu Cheng Jie from China, finishing the fight late in the first

round through "ground and pound" - pinning his opponent on the canvas and literally beating him into submission.

Malik Malwayi from Afghanistan quickly prevailed over Washington, a Muay Thai fighter who has been living and fighting in Phuket for almost two years.

Malwayi choked Washing-

ton into submission in round one.

Ian Bone, one of the top fighters from Australia, suffered a similar fate, submitting in the opening round to experienced American Matt Delanoitt.

Martial Combat continues on July 14 and 15. For details visit [rwmartialcombat.com](http://rwmartialcombat.com).

- James Goyder



Newport Lapojkit with the cup.

## Newport leads PA Open

**Y**OUNG Phuket golfer Newport Lapojkit, 12, has taken the overall lead in the Phuket Amateur Open with an impressive first round at Laguna Golf Club on June 9.

Newport scored 42 points in the Stableford competition to win Division 1, for players with handicaps from zero through nine, ahead of Wassana Suthanon on 39pts, who placed third overall.

Matthew Richardson placed third in Division 1 with 33pts, ranking eighth overall.

Sangjan Modhok scored 36pts to top Division 2 (handicaps 10-18) and rank fifth overall, ahead of Paichet Kompai-ree on 35pts (sixth overall) and Vajidee Tanathorn third on 34pts (seventh overall).

Laong Cameron scored 41pts to win Division 3 (handicaps 19-24) and place second overall. Anupong Rangsinutrut scored 39pts to place second in the division and fourth overall, while Kannikar Markhom scored 32pts to place third on the day and 11<sup>th</sup> overall.

Round 2 of the tourney will be played at Loch Palm Golf Club on July 18. For details visit [phuketamateurgolfopen.com](http://phuketamateurgolfopen.com). - Gazette reporter

# King's Cup fleet afoot

**T**HE 2010 Phuket King's Cup Regatta, to be held off Kata Beach December 4-11, is gaining early momentum with inquiries already exceeding previous years, say organizers.

Interested sailors from around the world are planning their trips to Phuket and the range of boats looks set to be the most diverse yet, from seven feet to more than 100-feet long, they add.

After more than two decades, the regatta has become "the one to win" for many, and attracts sailors from all over the world. In 2009, 33 nationalities took part, with 111 boats racing in 11 classes, and 19 dinghies.

"Last year may have seen a record number of entries, but what was equally interesting was

the large number of international participants. Over 30 percent of the fleet were international charter entries. That is a strong positive for the King's Cup and testament to Phuket as a sailing destination," said Race Director Simon James.

Underlining its international appeal, the regatta was recently voted Asian Regatta of the Year at the inaugural Asia Marine & Boating Awards in Shanghai.

Now in its 24<sup>th</sup> year, the regatta continues to develop on- and off-water, with new editions planned for 2010. "Two of the innovations we introduced last year, namely the Modern Classics Class and the Bareboat Charter Class, both proved highly successful," said James.



Racing at the King's Cup. Photo by Guy Nowell/Phuket King's Cup Regatta

"We are also looking to reinvigorate the Andaman Sea Race. It's too early for specifics

but be assured that we're not resting on our laurels," he added.

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## Bangkok property expo set for August

Some of the biggest names in Thailand's property development industry have confirmed their participation at the Home Buyers Expo 2010, which is due to take place August 19 to 22 at Queen Sirikit National Convention Center in Bangkok according to [propertyreport.com](http://propertyreport.com).

Leading development companies such as Land & House, Supalai, Property Perfect, LPN Development and Chaophraya Mahanakorn are wasting no time ensuring they get a piece of the property expo pie by reserving the in demand booth spaces.

The event is being organized by Home Buyers Guide, and Managing Director Borisud Kasinpila believes that the four day event, which is targeting properties with sales prices of over 12 million baht, will boost the property market in the third quarter of this year.

Expo visitors can expect to see new houses and condos on promotion, as well as a selection of repossessed properties up for grabs. Interior decorators, home decor and furnishing companies will also have their work on exhibition.

Added to the agenda is a mini concert featuring famous Thai performers and a lucky draw, where buyers who reserve homes during the event will be eligible for prizes.

For more information on the Home Buyers Expo 2010, contact 083410155 or visit Home Buyers Guide's website at [www.home.co.th](http://www.home.co.th)

# Shrinking Euro hits Phuket



The year 2010 has turned out to be a messy financial meltdown for many countries, and Phuket is now feeling the brunt of their burdens.

It's June and the pigs are off and running in Europe. In this case, the cause is the possible meltdown of the economies of Portugal, Ireland, Greece and Spain.

The Greeks have already hit the streets in something that resembles a toga party gone very wrong. Concerns over the rapidly shrinking Euro are creating such strong emotions that even the Germans have been seen openly weeping into their beer steins.

While Kenny Rogers knew when to hold 'em, when to fold 'em and when to walk away or run, unfortunately in this global world, there remains no safe haven for investors or even those just looking at taking an annual two-week holiday to get away.

For the past decade,

Phuket's tourism and property industries have thrived from the Euro zone.

Those fun-loving people who just want to bask in the sun can't get enough of all things Thai. Across the channel, Brits were (aside from the nearby Hong Kong and Singapore buyers) the most avid buyers of island real estate.

In the lead up to the mid-decade property boom, no other market fueled the fires of commerce like the UK.

As with all things, night must fall, and as the pound took a veritable pounding (which somehow fell into the mixing bowl of the Thaksin coup, Lehman's meltdown, Maddoff, and the yellow-and red-shirt protests), we find ourselves in a virtual Laurel and Hardy moment, uttering "here's another fine mess."

Yes, 2010 is without doubt shaping up to be a messy year.

Speaking to a number of retired Brits who live on the



## PROPERTY WATCH

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island, the realization is dawning on them that the exchange rate drop between the pound and the Thai baht has meant cost of living has increased drastically, in many cases three-to-four fold.

Expatriate residents are a fickle bunch, and many prefer to keep the majority of their cash or investments in their home currency, while for others

recurring or pension payments are pegged to the pound.

A growing number are now talking about packing their bags and heading home where the wild ride of currency and perhaps the harsh reality of the recent events in Bangkok are far away.

As we look to next high season, there are more questions than answers in our well-oiled tourism machine, which regards Europe as a high season staple, but this increasingly seems to be at risk.

Additionally, the previous UK go-to markets for property buying have been clouded in black streams so thick you can't even see below the water.

Meanwhile, even Thailand's back door neighbors in Korea are in trouble, where the sinking of a naval warship has created war mongering and jitters in a key regional travel market.

We are indeed all in a fine mess these days but like it or not, it looks like that we are all in it together.

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Property & Tourism Briefs

Phuket property still fragile

Developers in Phuket should actively assure buyers of their ability to complete projects, as the unstable market is placing value on completed and well-managed properties, in order to minimize risks it was reported last week.

Property services and consulting firm Jones Lang LaSalle finds that confidence has receded among buyers, causing them to be more cautious about buying resorts, condominiums or villas on the island.

The Phuket holiday home market depends mainly on demand from international buyers, which has dropped since the global financial crisis escalated in late 2008.

The company expects the Phuket holiday home market to rebound in the next 12 months provided politics becomes stable.

Andara tops the list again

Following its recognition in the coveted Conde Nast Traveler (USA) Hot List for 2010, Andara Resort & Villas Phuket has received a second "Hot List" award in regional luxury real estate magazine Property Report South East Asia, *E Global Travel News* states.

"This is the second time Andara have featured on the Hot List," Property Report Editor in Chief, Terry Blackburn says. "Our team of editors in Thailand and Singapore decides the list and it was a unanimous decision to include Andara again."

Grove Gardens Phuket joins LaTour

According to *PR Web*, as part of its continued expansion in Asia, US-based LaTour Hotels and Resorts, which offers personalized luxury hospitality management services for four-and five-star properties worldwide, will now manage Grove Gardens Phuket, an exclusive residential estate property located at Cape Yamu on Phuket's east coast.

Grove Gardens Phuket is a four-star resort-style development consisting of 36 modern town homes, condos and villas.

For more news briefs from around Thailand, see the NEWS HOUND at W: [phuketgazette.net](http://phuketgazette.net).

# Developers launch optimistic expansions

ANTICIPATING tourism recovery next year, international and local hotel operators have resumed business expansion in Thailand, particularly in Bangkok and Phuket.

One of the strongest examples of trust in the tourism market came from US-based Marriott International, who announced its expansion in the Kingdom from the current 17 hotels to 21 over the next three years, for a total of 4,422 rooms.

Alila Hotels and Resorts also expects to manage a hotel in Phuket in the next two years. The firm views Phuket as remaining a popular destination for luxury travelers.

"We are negotiating with property developers who plan to develop hotels in Phuket, and we expect to a conclude management deal within two years," said Emmanuel Vikas, regional sales director of Alila.

Vikas also stated that tourists from Australia, Germany and Scandinavia had already booked hotels in Cha'am and Hua Hin for October stays.

Phuket has also seen Kasikorn Bank recently approve a 1.2-billion-baht loan to a

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Emmanuel Vikas, regional sales director, Alila Hotels and Resorts

Phuket-based businessman, Pobchai Jivavisitnon, for the construction of a new Novotel hotel in Patong.

Additionally, operator Aetas Hotels and Residences opened its first development June 22, the Aetas Bangkok, consisting of a one-billion-baht, 214-room hotel and a one-billion-baht, 215-unit residence.

A second hotel, the one-billion-baht Aetas Lumpini, will open in the fourth quarter, and the company will also diversify into a residential and shopping development.

Edwin D Fuller, Marriott's president and managing director for international lodging, said Thailand's tourism industry should recover within the next year, after the severe impacts from the political turmoil, which forced

many hotels under Marriott's management – including the Renaissance Bangkok at Rajprasong – to shut down operations.

He expects Thailand to win back its share of international tourists. Fuller said the group had launched its Thai recovery plan for the post-political crisis era by working with travel partners to create aggressive action plans, including conducting sales mission and media discussions in key markets in order to lure tourists back to Thailand.

The group is also developing promotional programs to entice travelers back to Thailand. However, it will not focus on pricing strategy, as lower prices will not spur business growth, he said.

– The Nation



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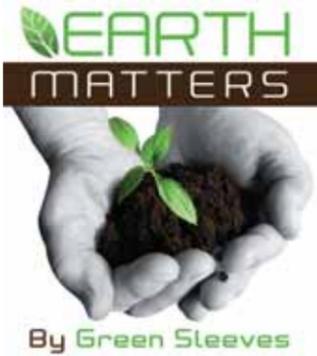
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# Making tracks

Gazette gardener visits lofty heights in Spain and finds some blooming marvelous tips for your Phuket yard.



WHAT'S THE FASTEST WAY TO PHUKET? Venture into the Sierra Nevada foothills in Spain and you may find similarities to Phuket. Open source photo.

IN ANDALUCIA, Spain's most southerly region, is a magnificent *finca*, or "country estate", perched on the edge of a gorge about 1,000 feet up in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. The well-stocked, terraced garden of about three rai engenders thoughts of Thailand, prompting visitors to reflect on how plants in southern Spain compare with those growing in Phuket gardens.

The differences are more obvious than the similarities. Nonetheless, some things are much of a muchness. For example, the top soil in this Andalucian garden was almost non-existent: a thin layer atop an impoverished clay subsoil not dissimilar to that found in Phuket with limestone rocks jutting everywhere.

So, as in Phuket, the plants required extra feeding, ideally a mulch of peat to help counter the alkalinity, and in the dry season a daily watering regimen that took up to four hours.

The Mediterranean climate of Andalucia, like that of Phuket, consists of two basic seasons – wet and dry – with temperature highs in the mid-or upper-30s°C.

But there the similarities end. The Spanish wet season coincides with the dry season in southern Thailand. In Spain, the rain plummets down from October to May, a cold relentless rain that takes the temperature to a level that many of Phuket's tropical shrubs would not be able to tolerate, especially those used to constant heat. So no *euphorbia milli* (crown-of-thorns), no *adeniums*, no *allamandas*. There was a *bougainvillea* against the white walls of the house, but one sensed it would be happier in a Thai setting.

However, in Phuket, plants can be cultivated that are not only impervious to overstated seasons, but actually *need* these marked variations of climate. Take lavender. In the Andalucian garden, this member of the mint family is

ever present, with its distinctive upright clumps of narrow-leaved, gray-green foliage crowned by masses of pale mauve spikes that are just now coming into flower.

It is a sculptural plant that adds distinction to any garden and affords a contrast to greener, larger-leaved shrubs in its vicinity. Moreover, lavender makes a splendid hedge or border for pathways and herbaceous beds.

There are several varieties, all of which indicate a European provenance: English (*Lavandula angustifolia*), Spanish (*Lavandula stoechas*), French (*Lavandula dentata*) and Portuguese (*Lavandula latifolia*).

While the Andalucian garden did contain the Spanish variety, which has fat, deep-purple buds and petal-like bracts, English

and French lavender dominated the scene. In a Mediterranean setting where fewer plants are fragrant, this shrub has the inestimable advantage of exuding a perfume irresistible to bees and humans alike. Some readers may know otherwise, but lavender is a rare find in any Phuket garden, which is a pity.

Many of the Andalucian garden's inhabitants hailed from temperate climes. There were shrub roses in shady spots and the main beds contained annuals and perennials that are familiar presences in English cottage gardens. Among them were hollyhocks, clumps of brilliantly colored daisies, nasturtiums, *impatiens* (busy lizzies), lupins and *pelargoniums*.

Rosemary, another Med-

iterranean native, grows particularly well there. Like its relative, lavender, this herb enjoys dry conditions and is unfazed by poor soil.

Other plants came from warmer regions. Cacti, mostly prickly pear and aloes with their rosettes of vicious-looking leaves, provided an effective contrast to the more conventional plants. One variety of aloe, the *ferox*, with its tall orange spikes, was in full flower.

Oleander, which grows everywhere in southern Spain, was employed as a screen to shut out traffic noise from the road above the property.

Various ornamental trees and large shrubs were strategically placed to add impact to the garden. *Brugmansias*

(*datura*), which struggle in Phuket, enjoy the cool nights and mountain air of Andalucia. They were at least three meters high and already sporting their pendulous trumpets of yellow and pale pink.

Other trees dotted around the garden included a weeping mulberry, a carob still carrying its large pods, and several cumquats. The cumquat (*citrus japonica*) is a member of the orange family. Like its familiar commercial relatives, it flourishes in southern Spain, where it is used as an ornamental shrub.

An evergreen bush, it has deeply veined, olive-green leaves and produces small, oval, golden fruit with a sweet peel, and certainly worth trying to cultivate in Phuket.

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Construction Update

Phuket Town

# The Square begins to take shape



Construction has just begun on The Square Condominium, with an expected completion date of October 2011.

CONSTRUCTION is just beginning to get underway on the uniquely shaped The Square Condominium in Phuket Town.

As its name would suggest, the outside design of the building is of a towering square-shaped, seven-floor condominium block.

The site is located opposite the Lotus Express on Ratsadanusorn Road in Kuku, in the same vicinity as Rajabhat University and Mission Hospital.

Developer The Square Condominium Co, Ltd, headed by co-owner Santad Khorputtanuparb, is aiming for October 2011 as the completion date.

Mr Santad said the concept behind the building is to offer a design layout that is different from the standard condo, giving guests a sense that they are not really staying in a condo at all.

He commented that, "While

the thought of a 'square condominium' might sound a bit uncomfortable," the functional unit plan utilizes space in such a way that there is plenty of open area with room for complete furnishings.

That and the full facilities on offer "will ensure that such a feeling won't happen," said Mr Santad.

The building will include a lobby, fitness center, swimming pool and car park, as well as 70 living units. There will be two different types of floor plans; 30sqm studio apartments and 33sqm one-bedroom apartments.

Both will be fully furnished with a modern style that includes a kitchen with an electric stove and extractor fan, good news for all those who enjoy cooking on their own.

The price for each unit will vary between 1.3 million baht and 1.59 million baht, with options to

pay in monthly installments of 4,700 – 6,600 baht.

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for sale or rent. 312sqm, 2 bathrooms. Fully furnished, 24-hour protection. 5 minutes to Chalong Bay, 10 minutes to Nai Harn Beach, 20 minutes to Patong Beach and 15 minutes to Phuket Town. Price: sale: 6.5 million baht. Rent: 45,000 baht per month. Please contact Khun Sam (English/Thai) 085-1106449. For further details, please see our website at http://ipdproperty.com/30-chalong-villa/30-chalong-villa.html

### VERY NICE SEAVIEW LAND



same as Soi Villas Solitude, Na-Kok, Chalong. 8 rai land for sale, Chanote title. Can buy separate. Price 7 million baht per rai. Contact to see. Tel: 087-689 9679.

### 22 RAI 500,000 BAHT/RAI

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# Island Job Mart

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On commission basis to sell or rent inflatable playgrounds to hotels or shopping centers. Tel: 087-417 4501. Fax: 076-680-418. Email: thanyainternet@hotmail.com

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**Requirements:**

- Degree in IT or equivalent work experience
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We will have the **OPENING JOB FAIR DAY** at the Phuket Rajabhat University at the Main Auditorium on Saturday, July 10th, 2010 from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm. We are looking for suitable applicants for the positions listed below:

### SPORTS CLUB /HOTEL & F&B/MIND CENTRE

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- Swim Coach
- Life Guard
- Sports Coach
- Tennis Coach
- Recreation Attendant
- F&B Server
- Chef De Partie /Commis /Cook
- Pastry Chef
- Steward Supervisor
- Steward
- Housekeeping Supervisor
- Housekeeping Agent
- Event Coordinator

### INTERNATIONAL DAY SCHOOL

- Guest Relations Manager

### ADMINISTRATION (THANYAPURA OFFICE)

- Training Officer

### CONSTRUCTION

- Health & Safety Manager
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- Scheduling & Logistics Engineer
- ME Engineer

All positions are based in Phuket and require self-motivated, confident people with excellent interpersonal skills, pro-active leadership and proven training skills. A high degree of proficiency in English is necessary. Candidates with the above qualifications are welcome to apply on the Opening Job Fair Day or to submit a resume with a recent photograph in advance to the **HR Department at [pansak@phuketinternationalacademy.com](mailto:pansak@phuketinternationalacademy.com)**

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## Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem Project

### SEEKING EXPERIENCED CANDIDATES FOR COMMUNICATION LIASION POSITION

Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand are working together through the Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem (BOBLME) Project to improve the lives of coastal populations through better management of the Bay of Bengal environment and its fisheries.

The BOBLME Project will soon be based in Phuket. We want to establish a local presence, encourage a sense of ownership among stakeholders in the eight participating countries; promote BOBLME as a major source of information and advice; and communicate the results and progress of the project to stakeholders, especially to people in the coastal communities. One of the major tasks in 2010 will be to set up of media liaison outlets in each of the countries partnered with the project. These outlets will convey the project messages in appropriate language, and actively seek communication opportunities locally.

We are looking for an individual or company to take a leading role in the implementation of our communications strategy over the next four years.

For more information on the role and responsibilities, please see our website; [www.boblme.org](http://www.boblme.org).

Interested individuals or companies should send a CV or company profile together with a covering letter outlining your professional competence to the Regional Coordinator Dr Chris O'Brien on [chris.obrien@fao.org](mailto:chris.obrien@fao.org) by June 11, 2010. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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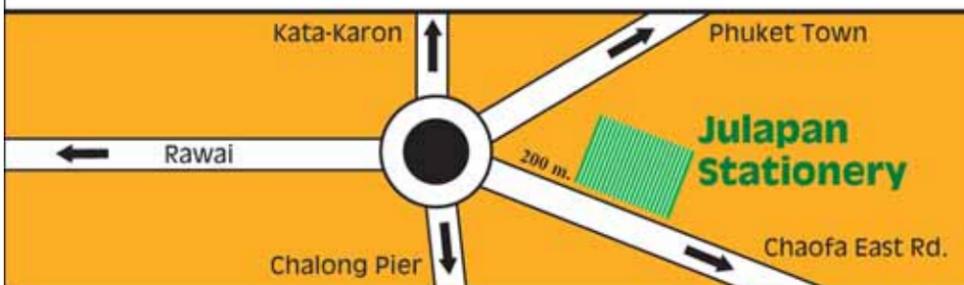
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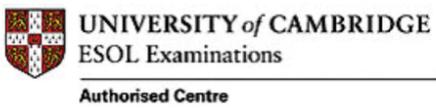
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