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NOW in its 18th year of publication, the *Phuket Gazette* is delighted to announce the launch of its new **Nationwide Edition** – today, Saturday, October 2.

The new edition makes its debut in style as a stand-alone *Phuket Gazette* tucked into the fold of its long-term partner newspaper *The Nation*.

Focused entirely on Phuket and the Andaman Region, our new Nationwide Edition aims to not only serve Bangkok and other Thai communities with significant international populations, but also to help build the Phuket brand in the four- and five-star hotels and popular restaurants of the country's tourist destinations.

Starting this weekend, the Nationwide Gazette will also take to the skies, with 6,500 copies delivering Phuket to travelers in, or headed for, Thailand. They'll find us on all domestic and international flights of THAI Airways, as well as all Bangkok-bound flights of Cathay Pacific, Singapore Airlines, Emirates, China Airlines, Air France, Lufthansa, Delta and Vietnam Airlines.

But back on the ground there will be one area in Thailand where the Nationwide Edition of the *Gazette* will not be readily found: Phuket and its neighboring provinces. Here, our Andaman Edition will of course continue to be distributed widely, as always.

Governor retires

Farewell wish: Make Saphan Hin road a reality

By Atchaa Khamlo & Pimwara Choksakulpan

PHUKET Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop and his wife Thaisika left the Governor's Mansion early on September 29, his Mercedes-Benz trailed by a van full of government officers and members of the media traveling with him all the way back to his home in Nakhon Pathom.

Among the 300 people at the send-off was Governor Wichai's successor: Vice-Governor Tri Augaradecha.

In a similar move, Phuket Vice-Governor Teerayut Eimtrakul will be the new governor of Surat Thani, effective October 1.

The moves come as part of a Ministry of Interior reshuffle that coincides with the start of fiscal 2011.

"My successes in Phuket are not a result of my own efforts, but the cooperation of everyone involved. I would like to say thank you to everyone. I hope you have good lives filled with luck," he said.

Gov Wichai retired from government service with a flurry of activity. On September 27, he called for his successor to continue the fight to complete the Klong Koh Pee road project, which looks set to move forward following a new regulation issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and



FLOWERS FOR FAREWELL: (From left) Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop and his wife Thaisika receive a wai from Phuket City Mayor Somjai Suwansupapana. Photo: Pimwara Choksakulpan

Environment. The road, planned over a decade ago, would greatly reduce commuting time between Wichit and Sapahn Hin.

Despite the governor's lobbying efforts in Bangkok and almost widespread support by local and national-level politicians, the project remains on hold following the rejection of the latest draft of its Environmental Impact Assessment report.

The sticking point is the need to destroy a 600-meter stretch of protected mangrove forest to complete the road.

In the latest development, Deputy Prime Minister Sanan Kajornprasart on September 24 told a public hearing at Saphan Hin that he was "99.99%" sure the project would be approved now that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment has

issued a new regulation on July 30. Issued expressly to allow the project to move forward, the measure makes Phuket the sole exception to the blanket ban on using mangrove forest land for "public benefit" projects.

The latest project design includes a flyover costing 180 million baht, six times the amount put forward for the project under the previous plan.

Amnesty offer to bring 'illegal' accommodations to standard

A PROVINCIAL standing committee comprising key private enterprise players and senior public officials is looking to offer amnesty to small accommodation establishments for legal breaches so they become legally registered.

The move follows the announcement that more than 400 "accommodation establishments" on Phuket, more than 60% of all such businesses on the island, were not

registered as hotels – mainly because they did not fully comply with hotel regulations.

Phuket Vice Governor Nivit Aroonrat said, "Most 'hotels' don't want to register because of laws such as construction codes, disaster prevention and mitigation rules and Environmental Impact Assessment [EIA]."

"These are complicated processes and incur high costs," he added.

Krisada Tansakul, representing the Phuket Tourist Association and general manager at The Royal Palm Beach Front, identified five main problems brought on by allowing hotels to remain illegal.

"They do not maintain international tourism standards, they incite environmental problems, and they undercut their competitors with cheaper prices because they do not have the extra overheads of complying

with the law. They also probably attract unsavory people as guests and they do not pay the right taxes to the government," he said.

Chief Provincial Administrative Officer (Palad) Nikul Pimon-ek-aksorn said all buildings with five rooms or more for rent at daily rates are considered hotels. "This includes apartment blocks and guesthouses that rent units on a daily basis," he said.

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Lee Aldhouse still under UK custody

BRITISH Ambassador to Thailand Quinton Quayle on September 27 confirmed that fugitive murder suspect Lee Aldhouse was still in custody somewhere in the UK.

British officials will work closely with their Thai counterparts in their efforts to have the kickboxer extradited to Phuket to face charges for the stabbing murder of American Dashawn Longfellow in Rawai last month, he said.

The Office of the Attorney General of Thailand had previously confirmed to the *Gazette* that Mr Aldhouse was due to be released from Wormwood Scrubs Prison near London on September 24.

However, Ambassador Quayle said he could give no further details about the terms or location of Mr Aldhouse's detainment.

As for Thai efforts to have him extradited, he said, "It depends on the charge, the evidence presented and the documents being filed..."



British Ambassador to Thailand Quinton Quayle

There is an extradition treaty in force, but they [the Thai authorities] have to provide the evidence."

Like most European nations, the UK generally does not extradite in cases where a suspect could possibly face the death penalty if convicted.

"I can say that there is good cooperation between the British and Thai authorities," he said.

An officer with the UK's Serious Organized Crime Agency posted at the British Embassy would assist Thai authorities if needed, he said.

As the case is already in the judicial process, Ambassador Quayle said he "could not speculate any further" about the extradition request.

Ambassador Quayle was speaking at a press conference called to announce the formal celebration in Phuket to mark the official Queen's Birthday in the UK.

The event, usually held in June to officially celebrate the birthdays of all former UK monarchs, was this year postponed because of the red-shirt protests in downtown Bangkok in May. The move was approved by Buckingham Palace, said Ambassador Quayle.

No change in visa overstay rules

PHUKET Immigration Superintendent Panuwat Ruamrak has denied there have been any formal changes in the way Thai Immigration Police deal with foreigners who overstay their permits-to-stay or who are otherwise discovered to be residing in the Kingdom illegally.

Col Panuwat on September 24 admitted he had received "many" calls following an online media report stating that foreigners who try to depart from Thailand at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport face arrest and detainment if their permits-to-stay have expired by 42 days or more.

The report said people who had overstayed by 21 to 42 days fall into a "gray area" and may face possible arrest and detainment at the discretion of Immigration of-



The detention center at Phuket Immigration. Visiting hours: noon to 1pm.

icers at the intended point of departure.

Those who overstay by fewer than 22 days can pay the fine at the airport and depart without having to worry, according to the report originally sourced to Pattaya One.

Col Panuwat today told the *Gazette*, "I contacted the legal department at Immigration Bureau Headquarters on Soi Suan Plu in Bangkok, the Phuket Airport Immigration Superintendent and other authorities as well."

"All have assured me that they

are still following all the terms of the Immigration Act 1979, enacted on February 29 that year," he said.

Under the Act, "any alien who stays in the Kingdom without permission, or with permission expired or revoked, shall be punished with imprisonment not exceeding two years, or a fine not exceeding 20,000 baht, or both."

"I am confused about how this kind of news is spread. It is possibly a misunderstanding," he said.

Such misunderstandings may be the result of people who overstay not having enough money to pay the fine, a scenario that gives Immigration officers no choice but to arrest and detain them, he said.

Overstay fines in Thailand accrue at 500 baht per day to a maximum of 20,000 baht. As such, the policy does not encourage foreigners with long overstays to legitimize their immigration status once they have passed the 40-day threshold.

— Janpen Upatising and Stephen Fein

City gets Bt21m upgrade

PHUKET City Council will spend 19 million baht on flood prevention and ancillary projects, such as water pumps and other equipment, and on installing drains along Wichit Songkram Rd Soi 3 and Palian Rd Soi 1 in Phuket Town.

A further 2.7 million baht will be spent on developing sport facilities and lighting at King Rama IX Park, known locally as Suan Luang.

"The council approved the budget for additional projects for the

municipal development plan, mainly to solve flood problems and to respond to residents' wants," said Phuket City Mayor Somjai Suwansupapana after a council meeting on September 23.

Tawatchai Tongmang, Chief Administrative Officer (Palad) at Phuket City Municipality, told the *Gazette*, "It seems the sports facilities already provided are not enough to cater to the number of people who come every day, so it would be better if we could provide more for them."

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Call for more tuk-tuks, taxis

LOCAL operators on September 28 called for 150 more tuk-tuks and 25 more metered taxis to be allowed to ply Phuket roads.

At a meeting at the Phuket Land Transport Department Office chaired by Phuket Vice-Governor Nivit Aroonrat, Phuket Taxi Meter Service Co (PTMS) Manager Sutin Champathong said currently 25 to 30 people each day call for metered taxis, but have to wait for drivers to drop off passengers first before picking them up.

The PTMS currently directly operates 28 metered taxis and 39 driven by private operators.

Srisawat Co also operates one metered taxi, as does the Phuket Airport Limousine and Business Cooperative Ltd (PBC).

The PBC, however, operates 150 taxis and 34 minivans from Phuket Airport, while Phuket Mai Khao Sakoo (PMK) has 50 taxis and 60 minivans. None of these are fitted with meters.

The PBC objected to the call, while there was no representative from PMK at the meeting.

Patong Deputy Mayor Chairat Sukban supported the call, saying metered taxis were standard in major tourist destinations. "There have been many complaints from tourists about being cheated by taxis. However, this issue needs



Tuk-tuks on Soi Bangla

careful consideration on how it affects other companies – it might result in another blockade at the airport."

Also at the meeting, Rot Lek Samakki Cooperative Ltd proposed to allow 150 more tuk tuks to operate in Kata, Karon, Rawai, Phuket Town and Patong.

Phuket Land Transport Office Director Kanok Siripanichkorn said this proposal also needed careful consideration, as it would increase traffic and affect transportation development in Phuket.

There are already 1,158 tuk-tuks operating in Phuket, he added. – *Sitthipong Nongkaew*

Rassada residents rise against floods

By Atchaa Khamlo

RESIDENTS at Rock Garden Phase 5 who watched in anguish while floodwaters and mud inundated their homes last week will have to wait a month before work will start to prevent future floods from damaging their homes.

Following yet another flooding last week, their fourth in two years, about 50 of the residents staged a protest on September 26.

"The land leveling being done for the new phase caused floods and mud to enter our houses," said resident Suntorn Sakunsan.

Of the 94 houses in Phase 5, about 30 were inundated, 12 with water rising up to window level, he said. The water caused septic tanks to "reverse discharge" and cooking gas cylinders were rendered unusable, he added.

"We have filed complaints with Rassada Municipality and the Damrongtham Center at Phuket Provincial Hall. The municipality asked the project owner to solve the problem, but it was not successful," said Mr Suntorn.

Virat Chinrapinporn, chairman of Baan Rock Garden Public Co Ltd, a public company with registered capital of one billion baht,



Baan Rock Garden chairman Virat Chinrapinporn. Photo: Atchaa Khamlo

told villagers at the meeting, "To solve the problem temporarily, our staff will keep their eyes open to make sure the drains are not clogged so when it's raining hard the water will flow away quickly.

"They will also help clean up any houses and roads affected by floodwaters and mud."

Some residents blamed the quality of construction of their homes, as floodwaters seemed to have soaked straight through outer walls and into their homes. To this, Mr Virat said he would find

out why that problem happened.

Mr Virat said a permanent stormwater drain will be excavated to ensure any runoff from the higher ground behind Phase 5 is diverted away from the homes.

"The village flooded not just because of the new phase being built, but also from plots belonging to other people. Regardless, we will start the excavation after the raining stops in about a month, when exactly that will be I cannot guarantee. The drain will take about one month to complete."

Noisy teens survive shotgun blast

A TEENAGE couple out joyriding and lighting off firecrackers just before midnight on September 27 sustained injuries from a shotgun blast that police think was intended as a warning shot.

Phuket City Police Superintendent Wanchai Ekpornpit led officials to the scene in front to the Rachada Pub, located along Bangyai Canal on Takuapa Road in Phuket Town.

By the time the officers had arrived, the victims had already rushed to Vachira Phuket Hospital for treatment.

They were later identified as

Phuket residents Ayuwat Ruengnak, 15, and his female companion Sumontha Khamkaew, 16.

Witnesses told police the victims were among several teenagers on motorcycles who rode through the area, setting off firecrackers.

When the gang came by again, a shotgun blast was heard.

The young couple managed to drive on to Vachira Phuket Hospital, where Mr Ayuwat was treated for five shotgun pellet wounds to

the torso and Ms Sumontha for a single wound to the hand.

A search of the scene failed to uncover any evidence that might help identify the shooter. Police believe the weapon was a home-made shotgun.

No tsunami buoy this year

Thailand's Andaman Coast will be without tsunami direct detection capability when the sixth anniversary of the 2004 disaster arrives in late December.

Aurasa Paenghom, general manager of Bangkok-based firm Raydant International, which built

and maintains Thailand's tsunami early warning system, estimates that it will take several months before the tsunami buoy that went adrift in early June can be redeployed in its old position, 600 nautical miles northwest of Phuket.

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One dead, two injured in juggernaut smash

A YOUNG woman is dead and two other people injured after a 22-wheel tractor-trailer rig slammed into two motorcycles at the Tesco-Lotus junction around midday on September 29.

Witnesses told the *Gazette* that the truck, traveling on the bypass road southbound, ran a red light as westbound traffic began moving from Yaowarat Road towards Kathu.

Orrasa Pethpattana, 19, was killed instantly. Her leg was severed at the knee.

Her boyfriend, Yutthapong Deepakdee, 27, an employee at Patong Merlin Hotel, survived with a broken leg

Miss Orrasa's occupation is still unknown.

The couple were originally from Tambon Huayhia, Nakhon Thai District, in Pitsanuloke.

Another motorcyclist, Wannasong Chamnan, 40, suffered light injuries to the back of his hand

Mr Yutthapong and Mr Wannasong were admitted to Vachira Phuket Hospital for treatment.

The truck's driver, Pongtorn



The remains of one of the victim's motorbikes.

Phutong, 33, told Phuket City Police that he saw the yellow light and tried to stop.

However, the truck's brakes failed and he lost control of the rig, which was fully laden with ceramic tiles, and crashed into the three victims.

He has been taken into custody and is awaiting further action by police, who are continuing their investigation.

— Janpen Upatising

Woman trashes man's member

A WOMAN in the northern province Phetchaboon has been arrested for cutting off her husband's penis and throwing it in a trash can at the local bus station.

Buariow Wannarat, 54, was caught at a police checkpoint while on a bus to Bangkok.

Police then escorted her back to Phetchaboon Town to point out the trash receptacle where she discarded her man's member.

Meanwhile, her husband, 40-year-old Sawang Wannarat, was taken to Lom Sak Hospital, where he was last reported as being in a stable condition.

Mrs Buariow told police that she had been married for 21 years: when she was 33 and Mr Sawang was a sprightly 19.

Recently, however, Mr Sawang started to treat her very badly, drinking heavily and shouting at her in public, she said.

There was also gossip going



around town that he was seeing other women.

On September 14, Mrs Buariow was drinking beer with friends near her house when Mr Sawang walked up and began shouting at her that she was cheating on him.

He said he was going to leave her and made her prostrate herself at his feet.

Around 10am the next day, Mrs Buariow was still enraged by the loss of face and while she was out buying her husband's breakfast, she stopped off at the pharmacy to get some sleeping pills.

She mixed some of the pills in Mr Sawang's morning drink, gave it to him and waited for them to take effect.

While Mr Sawang was sound asleep, Mrs Buariow sliced off his penis and put it in a plastic bag.

She then took a bus from their house in Lom Sak to Phetchaboon Town bus station, where she threw the organ in a trash can before boarding a bus to Bangkok.

She was stopped by police in Nong Phai District, only a few kilometers out of Phetchaboon.

After making Mrs Buariow tell them where she threw the penis, police sent the organ to Lom Sak Hospital so doctors could reattach it to its rightful owner.

At the time of writing it was still not clear whether Mr Sawang would regain any use of his lost and found manhood.

— Khao Sod

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Smoking crackdown: no butts

By Pimwara Choksakulpan

SMOKERS are in store for a crackdown on their increasingly unpopular habit as Kathu Police Superintendent Arayapan Pukbuakao has announced measures to enforce long-neglected smoking laws in Patong.

Following a June 28 announcement issued by the Public Health Ministry (PHM) to expand the definition of non-smoking areas, Col Arayapan warned Patong business operators at a meeting on September 14 to post no-smoking signs and set up smoking areas for customers, or face fines.

Included in the definition of public places where smoking is prohibited are "entertainment places", and air-conditioned and open-air restaurants, Col Arayapan said.

In Patong, this would apply to all "bar beers", pubs, discotheques and restaurants would have to comply by whatever means necessary.

No-smoking signs must be clearly posted at the front and inside venues and smoking sections must either be in open-air areas or inside designated enclosures within the buildings, Col Arayapan said.

If caught breaking the law, both operators and smokers will face fines: up to 20,000 baht for

operators and up to 2,000 baht for smokers.

Although the original law has been on the books for years, it has not been enforced out of fear it could damage the island's tourism industry.

"There have been many complaints about the fact that this law was enacted a long time ago, but that people carry on smoking in nightclubs and restaurants.

"We have been asked why this law isn't being enforced," he said.

"We are thinking about the tourists – they want to come here and relax, drink, smoke and have as much fun as they can.

"If we suddenly fine them, we will get a lot of complaints – for sure," he pointed out.

Many bar owners and workers on Soi Bangla shared Col Arayapan's sentiments.

Some said their open-air bars were too small to set up a separate smoking area.

They were quick to point out that even though they warned customers not to smoke inside, they simply ignored it.

Pointing out that the vast majority of their customers smoke, all agreed that if the police really did enforce the law, there would be complaints and their businesses would suffer.

In an effort to assuage those worried about the planned enforcement, Col Arayapan said,



WARNING: Col Arayapan says an upcoming crackdown will add bite the government's bark. Photo: Phuket Gazette

"We will focus on air-conditioned restaurants and nightclubs – not bar beers.

"I understand they have limited space and most of their customers smoke. We cannot fine everyone smoking in those places [bar beers], so I will relax enforcement.

"As I know, customers at bar beers are not of the same type as those who go to nightclubs and the venues are different [bar beers are largely open-air]," he said.

He cautioned, however, that this "doesn't mean we will totally relax on enforcing the law [at bar beers]; we might fine people in some cases."

Patong business operators will have a "grace period" to improve their venues and comply with the law before the crackdown begins, Col Arayapan said.

"I am trying to balance the law with the tourism business, so we won't completely enforce the law.

"But, on the other hand, I cannot ignore the law – I have to do something," he said.

"We have let them [Patong business operators] know what they have to do to comply with this law and will make another announce-

ment before we begin the crackdown.

"During this time, I would like to ask operators to cooperate by warning customers that the law will be enforced sooner or later," he said.

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Film and Annie scandal goes on...

THE THAI media has reacted hysterically to a scandal of the old-fashioned kind: a baby born out of wedlock.

Superstar "Film" Rattapoom Tokongsut's career as a singer and actor is on the line over Thai-Swiss actress Rungnana "Annie" Brook's allegations that he is the father of her three-month-old child.

The story has appeared on the front page of most national newspapers every day since it broke on September 16, eclipsing every other issue in terms of column inches.

Following weeks of speculation, Ms Rungnana, 27, made the explosive claim in a phone-interview on Channel 3.

She said Mr Rattapoom, 25, had refused to take responsibility for the child, painting him as an irresponsible and uncaring "casanova".

The resulting scandal forced Mr Rattapoom to hold a press conference where he admitted to having a "short" affair with Ms Rungnana, adding that he would gladly accept responsibility for the child – if a DNA test proved it was his.



A tearful Annie faces the media. Photo: The Nation

Ms Rungnana, with her baby, later gave a tearful interview on Channel 3, claiming she had already resigned herself to raising the child as a single mother.

Ms Rungnana has so far refused to submit the child to a DNA test, fuelling speculation she had been involved with other men but was trying to extort money out of Mr Rattapoom.

RS has suspended all of Mr Rattapoom's projects until he "takes responsibility", according to the *Bangkok Post*.

– *Phuket Gazette*

Speculation mounts over future PM

SPECULATION is rife over replacements for Abhisit Vejjajiva as prime minister if the Constitution Court rules against the Democrat Party in a dissolution case in November.

Finance Minister Korn Chatikavanij, Deputy PMs Suthep Thaugsuban and Sanan Kachornprasart and former PM Chuan Leekpai have all been named as potential successors.

The Democrats are accused of misusing 29 million baht in funds from the Election Commission to produce campaign boards.

Mr Sanan, deputy PM and chief adviser to the Chart Thai Pattana Party, has launched a campaign for national reconciliation, leading many to suspect he has his eye on the premiership.

He has met with leaders from across the political spectrum and may meet with Thaksin Shinawatra, the self-exiled patriarch of the opposition Pheu Thai Party.

"I am doing this without any hidden agenda. I am not doing it in the hope of becoming PM," he told *The Nation*.

Meanwhile, Mr Suthep's decision to contest an upcoming by-election in Surat Thani has also raised eyebrows, as a PM must be an MP.

He resigned as Surat MP in July last year while being tried by the Constitution Court for unconstitutional shareholding. His resignation prompted the court to drop the case against him.

"I have no desire to become PM, and it's not the intention of the Democrat Party, or mine," Mr Suthep said. "The duty of Democrat members, and me, is to support Abhisit Vejjajiva to serve as PM for the benefit of the country. We have



CANDIDATES (Clockwise): Finance Minister Korn Chatikavanij, Deputy Prime Minister Sanan Kachornprasart, Deputy Prime Minister Suthep Thaugsuban and former Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai.

no other thoughts," he said.

Finance Minister Korn has also been named as a potential candidate. Last week *Kom Chad Luek* reported that Mr Suthep called Newin Chidchob, the de facto leader of the coalition Bhum Jai

Thai Party, to consult him over Abhisit's possible successor. The pair reportedly agreed to back Mr Korn over Democrat Party grandee and former PM Chuan Leekpai.

Mr Suthep dismissed the report, saying it had never entered his mind that the Democrats would change the premiership.

If the court rules to dissolve the Democrats, the party's candidates would need to form a new party in order to enter into a ruling coalition.

– *Phuket Gazette*

Honest cabbie hailed by Thai top cop

A DISABLED Bangkok taxi driver is being hailed for his honesty after returning a bag with US\$6,500 and Bt26,000 in cash to a passenger.

Mr Duan, 34, was praised by National Police Chief Wichien Potephosree who joined him in presenting the money to its Burmese owner, Myo Htut, at a press

conference on September 27.

Mr Duan, whose right hand was amputated, said he discovered the bag on the floor of his taxi on the evening of September 25 after taking a number of fares in the Sukhumvit area.

When he opened it he was amazed to find 65 \$100 bills and

26 Bt1000 notes. When his nine-year-old son asked him who the money belonged to, he realized he didn't know who had left the bag in his taxi.

He decided to take the bag to Police Radio FM91 so they could find the owner.

"Nowadays I drive my taxi all day and night to earn money to pay my son's school fees. The school said if I don't pay my son will lose the right to sit the end of term exams," he said.

Regarding his lucky discovery, he said, "I didn't want to spend it myself because I wouldn't feel good or happy with myself. I want to spend money I've earned through my own blood and sweat. Although I'm missing my right hand, I'm proud to set an example for my son so he can grow up to be a good person."

Mr Duan would be presented with a shield of honor on National Police Day October 13 as a reward for his honesty, Gen Wichien said.

– *Khao Sod*

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Pink buses good, could be great

Re: Phuket Gazette, Ticked pink by national award, September 25

I would like to join in congratulating Phuket on the pink bus service. Having ridden both the green and pink versions, I can say the pink buses are the embodiment of the "sufficiency economy" philosophy. Also, it is great that they provide free rides for school kids.

However, having waited for the bus at different stops, I would like to raise a small complaint.

Instead of installing new, fancy signs, could the powers that be please install durable seating and overhead shelters at the stops? To see what I mean, please visit the bus stop in front of the Phuket Public Library on Phuket Road or the one opposite Tesco-Lotus.

A few months ago, some kind businessman donated cement benches for the wonderful Suan Luang Park. Could not the same be done for the pink bus stops?

And kindly add a simple overhead roof for all stops to protect from the sun and rain? Then the service will truly merit the national award.

*T. Bennett
Phuket*

Tesco toilets too close for comfort

I would like to point out a fundamental design flaw with the men's public bathroom located outside the entrance to the supermarket on the ground floor of the Tesco-Lotus shopping complex in Rassada.

Entering the bathroom in a somewhat agitated state the other night, I walked halfway

Opening the door to devastation

Phuket Gazette

A SPECIAL notification issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) in July to break the impasse over the proposed Klong Koh Pee Road project (see page 1) will no doubt be treated as great news by the vast majority of people who work, study or relax at Saphan Hin.

But if the measure is exploited by profit-seeking officials and politicians, it could spell the final chapter for what remains of Phuket's once-abundant mangrove forests.

The Klong Koh Pee Road project dates back to 1995, when it was initiated by the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization.

The project's first Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report was rejected by Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning, which correctly cited the landmark 1991 Cabinet resolution that declared all of Thailand's remaining mangrove forests "untouchable". Four revised EIAs submitted to the agency over the past two years have all been returned with requests for "more information".

These rejections were not without reason. Mangrove conservation, a cause championed by HM The King, is crucial to the protection of the marine environment. Mangroves also provide protection against tsunamis and storm surges, which is particularly important at Saphan Hin, home to a huge landfill just above sea level that continues to grow at a rate of 250 tons a day.

down the entrance corridor and suddenly did a double-take: I couldn't see any urinals, just three stalls and some sinks.

Fearing the worst, that I had mistakenly entered a female lavatory, I quickly did an about face. Back outside I carefully inspected the symbol on the door. I was sure it indicated it was the

men's room. A symbol for a women's room with the tell-tale skirt further down the corridor confirmed this.

Going back inside to investigate, I discovered an array of eight tightly-spaced urinals all hidden away in a little chamber off to the right, practically invisible upon entry. These are

It is also an area that is already facing serious erosion problems during the monthly high tide, as residents of the nearby Haad Saen Suk community strongly attest.

Bulldozing the mangroves there and laying down a bituminous barrier to drainage is just asking for more trouble.

The Klong Koh Pee drainage basin has already experienced one ecological disaster: the June, 2007 release of a toxic plume from the landfill into local waterways that killed entire stocks of farmed fish.

The latest road design, which would include an elevated section to minimize damage to drainage and mangroves, seems a sensible solution. But it will not come cheap, and whether the central government will provide the estimated 185-million-baht funding needed is another issue altogether.

The biggest fear is that the new measure, which applies only to Phuket, will result in a renewed assault on the island's mangroves.

Local administrative bodies have an abysmal record at preventing encroachment in mangrove forest reserves over the years.

The fact that the door is now open for them to get in the business of mangrove destruction themselves does not bode well for the future of these irreplaceable natural assets.

However, given that this is a UK chain, I really do expect better. On a related topic, why is there no longer draft beer available in the food court area? How am I expected to drown my sorrows and pass the time as my wife squanders all my hard-earned pay?

*Curious
Samkong*

U-turn not the way forward

Re: Gazette online, U-turn scheme planned to solve Phuket bus woes, September 11

The road system in Thailand is rather unique when you compare it to other countries, lacking in basic elements like slip roads and flyovers (as is standard in Europe).

The present system in Phuket was okay when there were not so many vehicles around, but not at the level of traffic I have seen over the last few years.

And it's continuing to grow with no easy solution in sight. I hope that in the future alternative forms of transport will appear to help ease the problem.

If this issue is not addressed, then expect ever growing traffic delays and congestion to spiral out of control. Do we really want this for a tourist hotspot?

*Reader
Gazette forum*

A simple solution?

Re: Gazette online, U-turn scheme planned to solve Phuket bus woes, September 11

Why don't they put a set of lights straight in front of the bus station? Then the buses can turn easily.

*Mike
Gazette forum*

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Issues & Answers...

Motorbikes on sidewalks

In Patong, many people ride their motorbikes on the sidewalk on the beach road and at Loma Park. What traffic regulations are there about riding motorbikes on sidewalks and in the park?

*Rita Wester
Patong*

Lt Col Jakkawat Boontawegunsawat, Traffic Police chief at Kathu Police Station, replies:

By law, you are not allowed to ride a motorbike on the sidewalk at all. Those found doing so will be warned by traffic police not to do it again or face a fine of up to 1,000 baht, depending on the officer.

Poonsak Naksena, Chief Administrative Officer at Patong Municipality, replies:

Riding motorbikes on the sidewalks in Loma Park is also prohibited. Patong Municipality

very tightly spaced and without dividers – a less than optimal situation if there is a "sprayer" in the next stall over.

I know entering the wrong bathroom isn't as big a *faux pas* in this country and I became accustomed to urinating in the presence of female cleaners years ago.

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officers may give an initial warning, but may fine offenders from 500 baht up to 2,000 baht.

Work at age 15?

My Thai wife has two children, a daughter aged 19 and a son aged 15. The daughter studies at Phuket Rajabhat University, and the boy up until very recently has been going to high school.

But now he is forced to leave school, and possibly go back to school next year.

My wife is very worried that the boy now has nothing to do all day. She told me that in Thailand 15-year-olds can work.

My question: Does the law prohibit the boy from working? Or has he no chance for a job? What are the employment possibilities for young people who have to stop going to school for one year?

*A Varga
Phuket*

Kittipong Laonipon, chief of the Phuket Provincial Labor Protection and Welfare Office, replies:

It is illegal to employ children younger than 15 years old in Thailand.

Employers must also report any employees aged 15 to 18 to the Labor Protection and Welfare Office within 15 days of their first day of employment.

The report must include the date when the young employee first started work with the employer and proof of the young employee's identification.

There are many other regulations that employers must comply when hiring young employees, such as the hours they can and cannot work.

Farewell tidings from Gov Wichai

The way forward

I DID NOT know beforehand that I would be coming to Phuket. During the 2009 reshuffle I had requested to govern Pathum Thani province as I wanted to be near my hometown, Nakhon Pathom.

It has been very different from [working as governor of] Phang Nga, where most people are farmers and there's only one major tourist attraction, Khao Lak.

Phuket is a competitive island that never sleeps, with many tourism businesses and entertainment venues. Among my successes are establishing Phuket as the first place in the world with mandatory insurance for jet-skis; organizing quarterly honorary consul meetings, and pushing for construction of the new 4,000-seat gymnasium that will be built at Saphan Hin.

Other projects I initiated are now in progress: the Phuket International Exhibition and Convention Center is now in the Environmental Impact Assessment phase and a committee I appointed is overseeing the taxi situation.

I think taxis need government support, say, by making a deal with NGV gas stations to help cut fuel costs, thereby reducing the fares tourists need to pay.

Another way to reduce taxi costs is for the Airport Authority of Thailand to lower its concession fees, which are unreasonably high. The less drivers pay for concessions, the less tourists pay for fares.

I still worry about three road projects. For the Klong Koh Pee Road project [which would run through a protected mangrove



The proposed Klong Koh Pee flyover, above the protected mangroves.

area], I understand that we should preserve the environment, but let's think about the 10,000 people who travel the narrow Sakdidee Soi 1 every day. Deputy PM Sanan Kajornprasart has promised to help push this project through.

The road from Luang Pu Supha to Nanai Road will help save fuel and time. The current 26-kilometer drive from Patong to Chalong will become just 4km. This will help save almost 30,000 liters of fuel and one million baht per day.

The road parallel to Thepkasattri Road is also important as it is needed to support the airport's expansion with a projected capacity of 12.5 million tourists.

I think Phuket is over-developed. Infrastructure and public utility systems are still playing catch-up to land development and I'm afraid Phuket will be further degraded.

Working here has been the most tiring in my experience, but I am happy with my achievements. I believe in performing my duties sincerely and actively. As HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej said to every civil servant: work sincerely to serve the public and don't look for personal benefit. To succeed in work is an honorable reward.

I will return to Nakhon Pathom, where my mother lives, but I will visit here as many of my friends are here. It's time for me to relax, do farming. But I definitely won't play golf and won't get involved with politics.

I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation. My successes in Phuket were not achieved alone, but with help from everyone involved. I wish you all luck and success in every aspect of your lives.

iLife an iBore

Island View

By Fraser Morton

Do you have an opinion to voice?
Email Editor@PhuketGazette.net

WITH all the hoo-ha surrounding 3G in recent weeks, and the subsequent dribbling by most newspapers about how iPhone users have lost out in the fiasco, one question has been overlooked: Why are we so obsessed with the i-revolution and the technology needed to sustain it?

The whole world has gone "iMad". The sensibility of "normal" people has been jeopardized by a brand that has reached too far into our lives to ever be tamed.

In the not-too-distant-future, I predict the launch of the "iUniverse": A shuffle device loaded with all the potential life-situations one could possibly hope to experience. The iUniverse simulator will clip neatly onto your spectacles and come in 14 different colors.

You will be able to live your whole life immersed in your iUniverse, with endless matrix-like planets for you to conquer and compartmentalize— set to your own preferences.

Bouncing around on the moon, fire-walking on the Sun and running around Saturn's planetary rings will all be applications iUniverse users can keep themselves i-busy with. There will be no need for reality. Wouldn't that be great?

The gripe I have with i-anything, is the dreariness of listening to i-subscribers drone on about the latest and most essential i-device that is going to improve their lives ten-fold.

The power of the i-brand has turned once savvy communicators and conversationalists into twittering goops of gadget-wielding adolescents.

We all subscribe to brands, I'm aware of this, but users of iMacs, iPads, iPhones (1-4) and the i-rest seem to take it a little too seriously.

It's quite sad to see grown adults gush about their latest

application on an iPhone or iPad, especially on a tropical island.

The iPad in particular is a fad, a fashion accessory, and all the hype in the world about how great it is isn't going to make my life better, or more prosperous in the long-run.

But "innovative" i-businessmen and women would disagree.

"I can diversify my business model. The potential for growth into new market sectors is endless."

That's great, I'm not refuting the financial possibilities of businesses who use the iPad, however, I just don't think it's a useful accessory to own on Phuket.

Like the Kindle, the iPad is being used by more and more newspapers these days to upload i-versions of their publications.

But what I want to ask iPad users on Phuket is: Does it break easily? Can you take to the beach and spill suntan oil, coffee, water or — better yet — seawater on it and not burst into tears as your new toy whimpers to death in your hands?

In all probability, a newspaper has many more advantages.

Can you burn your iPad with a cigarette and not care? Can you pin it to your wall? Can you use it to mop up dog pee? Does it keep homeless people warm? And can it be used to make an airplane?

No, it can't.

Maybe I'm behind with the times, but in my eyes, the i-evolution is a one giant leap in the wrong direction for mankind.

If there's one thing I want for Christmas it's for my friends to crush their iPhones, and iPads into tiny i-pieces and join me back in the real world.

...asking the questions that affect you

Joint bank accounts

I have a savings account in my own name at a Phuket branch of Kasikorn Bank and I wish it to stay that way for my yearly retirement visa applications.

However, I would also like my wife to have access to this account by herself. I have therefore asked the bank if I can complete an authority allowing my wife access at any time.

They continue to say "no can do" and that I must close this single account and open a joint account. In this day and age, this does not seem like good customer service. I am therefore asking if someone can clarify this situation for me.

Peter Freer
Phuket

Banturng Raviwan, Manager at Kasikorn Bank's main branch in Phuket on Phang Nga Rd in Phuket Town, replies:

You can sign a power of attorney to empower your wife to have access to your savings account.

To do this you must come to the bank where you opened your account and sign the power of attorney in front of a bank officer.

However, a power of attorney for this will be valid for only one year, which means you will have to sign a new one every year.

Seeing red after dark

Every night I see yachts anchored offshore in front of my place. These boats all have red lights at the top of their masts. Some of these red lights are blinking, some of them are on continually.

To the best of my knowledge, these red lights are not required under international maritime law, so they must be there to comply with Thai boating regulations. What are they for? And what are they supposed to be signaling?

Gustav Garmann
Panwa Beach

Puripat Teeraphisut, Head of Marine Office 5 (Phuket branch), replies:

According to international

maritime regulations, not just in Thailand, all boats must have signals indicating the location of the boat, regardless of whether the boat is moving or not.

In short, these lights on the boats anchored or moored near your house are to prevent other boats from hitting them. The color of the light used depends on the kind of boat it is.

For example, any boat under 50 meters in length that is moving must have one white light on, and any boat more than 50m long must have two white lights on.

Any boat that is "not under control", must have one red light on.

Boats that have been anchored or moored must turn one red light on and one white light on.

We explain more about this when people register the boat.

If you see a boat with a red light continually on, please notify the boat owner or notify us so we can let the boat owner know. Red lights must be blinking.

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Lexus shifts into 10th gear high

By Alexandra Andersson
& Pimwara Choksakulpan

LEXUS has arrived on Phuket with a new showroom and service center, the 10th in the Kingdom.

Owners of top-of-the-line Lexus cars can now have them serviced at the Toyota Pearl showroom on Thepkasattri Rd in Rassada.

Toyota Motor Thailand Co Ltd vice-president Sittachai Jirathanyasakul said Phuket customers can now have the same level of service found in Bangkok.

There are nine other regional Lexus service centers in Thailand: three are in Chiang Mai, three in Khon Kaen, two in Ubon

Ratchathani and one in Surat Thani.

Mr Sittachai said that Phuket is the largest market for Lexus outside of Bangkok.

Currently, there are about 50 Lexus cars in Phuket and about 20 in nearby provinces.

Although the service center will not be fully operational in terms of sales, Mr Sittachai predicts that the existence of the service center will encourage sales in Phuket.

The main purpose, however, is to provide service:

"The service center may not be busy everyday, but we did not create it for sales reasons. We want Lexus customers to have convenient services avail-

able to them," Mr Sittichai said. On a national level, Lexus is doing well.

Mr Sittachai said that Lexus has boosted sales in Thailand from 20 cars in its first year, 2003, to an estimated total of about 3,300 vehicles on the road by the end of this year.

"Lexus have sold 180 cars so far this year," he said, adding that he was confident the launch of the new RX270 would fuel sales to help meet this year's annual target of 300 units," he added.

The top-of-the-line Lexus cars don't come cheap however: when the new RX270s arrive they will range in price from 3.79 million to 4.09 million baht.



ON SHOW: Toyota executives with a Lexus RX270 sedan. Photo: Lexus

How to invest in your child's IQ, today

Island Investor

By Bill Anderson

ALL parents know that raising a child is not cheap. A recent report revealed that UK parents are paying up to £22,000 (about one million baht) a year in nursery fees alone, and it does not stop there.

A good public school in the UK (similar to a "private" school in the US) is now more than £30,000 (1.4 million baht) a year.

The UK Economic and Social Research Council completed a study on hundreds of children who started their secondary education in the 1980s.

The results were astounding: Those in a privileged education system, who went to traditional universities were four times more

likely to earn more than £90,000 (4.3 million baht) a year in their thirties than those who attended "new" universities (ex-polytechnics), most of whom were paid less than £30,000 a year.

Of those classified as the top earners, over 85% had gone to public schools, whilst 61% of those paid less than £30,000 a year had gone to state schools.

It is natural for parents to want the best for their children, and the benefit of a top education is one of the greatest gifts a parent can give.

But it can be hard to know at what point to start investing heavily in your child's future.

As with all investments, it pays to start as soon as possible. It is never too late to start a commitment for a child's education. International workers understand the value of education, not just as

monetary value, but also that priceless key to opening doors to opportunities of a better life.

International schools in Thailand offer outstanding education for children with modern facilities and learning standards for 21st-century children.

However, the costs should be given a thorough look. Taking the average from 15 international schools throughout Bangkok, the costs are not cheap.

Nursery schools cost about 270,000 baht. Classes K1-K2 cost about 300,000 baht a year. Lower primary years 1-5 cost about 400,000 baht a year. That's nearly three million baht from the first day at kindergarten through to the end of primary school.

Then on they go to high school. Years 6-8 cost about 420,000 baht a year (about 1.3 million baht in

total). Years 9-12 cost about 460,000 baht (total about 1.8 million). The final year, Year 13, alone costs 460,000 baht.

The total cost for international schooling in Thailand adds up to on average nearly 6.5 million baht.

It is impossible to give a precise figure as each international school has different costs. It also depends where in the world you educate your children, but a target figure of 16.5 million baht should suffice if you have a child in education now. This is based on nursery, school, university and postgraduate costs.

Future costs and inflation should also be taken into account. If you use a figure of 5% per annum then in the next 10 years the cost of a child's education will top 24 million baht.

But do not despair. With careful

planning, costs can be covered without too much strain on the household finances. The key to this is to be "ready, willing and able".

Be ready with knowledge and foresight. Higher education is now almost a prerequisite to acquiring a good job. Consider the cost of private education as a lifetime investment in your child's future.

Be willing, particularly if you are living overseas permanently where private education may well become a requirement much earlier than may have been the case in your home country.

Finally, be able to deliver for your child. Presume that you start to save as soon as your child is born or, even better still, before.

You can plan for this by investing either a lump sum or going with a regular savings option, but remember to decide beforehand how much you can afford. Have a meeting with a qualified financial advisor to help calculate what needs to be done.

Ensure that a top-quality education is on your priority list. They will thank you forever.

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Indian tourists to arrive in droves

By Atchaa Khamlo

THE Travel Agents' Association of India (TAAI) expects at least a 100% increase in the number of Indian tourists coming to Phuket next year, TAAI President Rajinder Rai told the *Gazette*.

Some 1,000 Indian travel agents attended a three-day TAAI conference organized by the Tourism Authority of Thailand.

The event, hosted by Phuket Fantasea in Kamala, ended on September 27.

"Last year, 40,000 to 50,000 Indians came to Phuket. After this convention our travel agents will make sure that more than double [this year's number] come next year," Mr Rai said.

He also explained that the number of Indian's visiting Phuket could rise even higher if there were direct flights between the two countries.

"What we lack here is direct flights. This is what we are trying to tell our own local carriers. We are trying to get Kingfisher Airlines and Air India along with Bangkok Air and AirAsia to come here directly [from India]."

"If they can do that, I guarantee you the number of Indians that come here will be three times [as high as now]," he said.

He also pointed out the need for better banquet halls and convention centers.

These would encourage more business groups and wedding parties from India.

"Weddings are very big events that can bring 2,000 to 3,500 people per wedding," he said.

He said he is aware of plans for a world-class convention center to be completed on Phuket by 2014.

The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) has noted the potential

in the wedding market and now has marketing campaigns in India aimed at attracting one million Indian tourists annually to Thailand within a few years, TAT governor Suraphon Svetasreni said.

Last year 610,000 Indians visited Thailand, he said.

India's growing population and rising purchasing power make it an inbound market many Asean countries hope to tap into.

"We have been trying very hard to get the TAAI – with over 2,000 members – to bring their people to Thailand."

"We had to compete with offers from Egypt, Korea and the Philippines in our efforts to persuade them to come here," he said.

"The main purpose of this conference is to build confidence in the TAAI as we have had some political problems in Thailand which led to a slowdown."

"We would like them to see the



PUSHING OPTIMISM: TAAI Vice President Jagdeep Rikhy (left) and President Rajinder Rai are encouraging Indians to visit Phuket. Photo: Atchaa Khamlo

quality products and services we can provide and strengthen the relationship between our two countries. The response seems to be good," Mr Suraphon said.

Echoing Mr Suraphon's sentiments, Mr Rai said, "I am going to clearly – as we have already

done – go and publicize the issue of Phuket being a fantastic destination for all walks of life. Anyone can enjoy a holiday in Phuket."

"I anticipate the relationship between Thailand and India will grow. India is in love with Thailand," he said.

Global aquaculture meet held in Phuket

HOT on the heels of the Global Conference on Aquaculture 2010 last month, experts have stayed on for a follow-up conference hoping to hammer out an agreement on guidelines for the fish farming industry worldwide.

The fifth session of the Subcommittee on Aquaculture of the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) opened September 27 at the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa in Karon, with 60 delegates from around the world.

Theera Wongsamut, Thai Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, said that hosting the FAO session reaffirms to the rest of the world Thailand's ability in sustainable aquaculture.

Thailand is one of the top five producers of farmed seafood overall, and has been the world leader in shrimp exports for nearly two

decades, Mr Wongsamut said.

Thai Department of Fisheries Director-General Dr Somying Piumsombun said aquaculture practices are overseen by a confusing patchwork of public-and private-sector organizations globally.

This causes confusion between international trading partners and increases costs among producers, processors and traders, she said.

"However, if, within this session, we can finally uniformly endorse the Guidelines on Aquaculture Certification [originally] discussed four years ago in the third session in India, there will be no limitations or obstacles to seafood production and trade," she said.

There is some doubt whether a "Phuket Agreement" on the global industry will be achieved, however. The meetings are ongoing.

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Get your mouth around this

Finding a good hamburger on Phuket may seem a supersize task, but there are a few meat-packing heavyweights out there...

BURGERS so big they dislocate your jaw when you eat them, oozing with relish and grease that trickles down your chin as you bite into them are hamburger qualities sadly lacking on Phuket.

The hunt for the island's best burger is fraught with difficulty, but there are a handful of spots where tourists and locals can get their fix. Here, we let you know where.

Ordering a burger at a half-way-decent Thai/European rest-



BIG BITE: Phuket hamburger lover.

aurant will usually raise a few eyebrows among your dining party.

"How uncouth," they might think of the uncultured cretin ordering a burger.

People judge you for it. Ever noticed a passerby peer through the window and look down their nose at you as you tuck into a Big Mac? Look out for it next time. It happens more than you think.

The humble hamburger comes with baggage, and unfortunately for burger lovers, the social stigma attached to being seen publicly ramming one down your gullet is quelling the island's burger quality potential.

But Phuket isn't the only place where the hamburger has had a rough time.

In America during World War One, anti-German sentiment and the burger's Hamburg origins were reportedly behind the White Castle chain adopting the name Salisbury Steak for their prized sandwiches. But this did not last long.

The hamburger survived, and at some point in time found its way to Thailand and Phuket.

But the rise of the burger has been slow moving on our island.

Steve Robertson, who runs Steveo's burger bar in Chalong says making the perfect burger takes dedication.

On the Menu

By Fraser Morton

"The problem is, too many restaurants on Phuket serve burgers, but also serve spaghetti, pizza, or other European dishes," he says.

"We specialize in burgers, that's why they're so good," he adds.

On Phuket, hamburgers, for the most part, are relegated to the familiar faces of American fast food chains, which seem to be breeding at an increasing rate.

It's no wonder the Big Mac and the Whopper are such favorites on the island with tourists, and locals; there's really no other choice available.

Except for the following of course:

Deli de Luca

Where: Entrance to the Boat Lagoon marina in Koh Kaew.

Contact: Frode (not Frodo) T: 086-2812420

Why here: Norwegian Frode Josefsen is nothing short of a genius when it comes to hamburgers. Using his grandmother's recipe for a traditional Scandinavian dish of ground beef patties and potatoes (*Karbonade*), Frode makes exceptional "posh burgers".

Emmental cheese, bacon, tomatoes, onions – raw and not too many – iceberg lettuce, some kind of special sauce (he won't share), and thick delicate and juicy beef patty, make Frode's burgers a great choice.

At 120 baht this burger is a steal. Have two and you will be full, have three and you can write off the rest of the day.

Served without fries, this burger is simple and moreish.

Steveo's

Where: About Pitching wedge distance from Chalong circle on Patak Road.

Big neon signs that say "Burgers, Hot dogs, Shakes, BBQ". You can't miss it.

Contact: Steve Robertson on T: 081-0898832

Why here: This place is the real deal. American owner Steve says he has customers who drive 40 minutes from Surin twice a week to eat his "traditional American burgers".

He uses premium Chiang Mai beef in his burger patties and the buns are baked fresh each day by a Chinese family in Rawai.

But it is his homemade chili that wins the hearts of many locals and tourists.

"One guy called me at 2am the other week to ask if he could buy my chili in bulk," Steve said.

His chili-cheese-bacon-burger (130 baht) is a hamburger lover's wet dream.

Messy, moist, and oozing with calories. This is a truly heart-stopping burger of infinite pleasure.

A gluttons paradise. Wash it down with Steve's homemade ice cream shakes (90 baht) and you'll be laughing all the way to the gym.

He also stays open until 2am. What a guy.

Due to the popularity of his burgers, Steve opened his second "Steveo's" in Patong in April.



Friendship Beach

Where: Soi Mittrapap, Rawai, on the beach.

Contact: Charlie Maurer T: 089-7285304

Why here: Sturdy burgers, thick buns, decent size that will leave you with a sinking feeling of pleasure. No need to worry, the restaurant is by the pool, so you can fall into the water and drown yourself in your own sense of glee after you eat.

The cheeseburger (210 baht) comes with fries the size of fingers and en masse. There's no cutting corners here in portion sizes.

The veggie burger is also sublime here, but that's another subject.

If you know where to find the island's best burger, feel free to grill the writer at fraser@phuketgazette.net

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Bank on little Bird on the water

By Fraser Morton

IF THERE were any father and daughter you would place money on being able to paddle 120 kilometers around Phuket by kayak, it would be Les Bird and his daughter Victoria.

Ironman athlete Les, 59, and seven-time triathlon champion Victoria, 11, plan to circumnavigate Phuket over three days to raise money for charity.

Victoria, who is a seventh grade student at the British International School, says she is confident the "trip will be a great adventure" and a chance to help children less fortunate than herself.

They will be paddling to raise funds for the 100 Friends international foundation and Phuket Sunshine Village.

They aim to set out on their voyage on January 28, but the pair's kayak instructor, Briton Ian Jones, said this could change based on weather conditions.

The veteran British Canoeing Union (BCU) instructor will work with Victoria and Les on skills needed to complete their challenge.

"We will need to train Victoria in maneuverability and rescue skills," he said.

Ian will paddle with the pair on their trip to ensure a safe voyage.



MAKING A SPLASH: British International School students shout their support for Victoria Bird's planned paddling trip around Phuket. Photos: Fraser Morton

"We will hug the coastline for the majority of the trip, avoiding rocks and paddling with the tide as best we can," he said.

Although the exact route they plan to take is yet to be decided, Les said the pair will have course markers positioned at various points in waters off Phuket. They plan to have course officials at each point to record their voyage.

While Ian is confident Victoria and Les have the stamina to complete the challenge, he said paddling in the midday sun, staying hydrated, avoiding sunburn and muscle pain were concerns.

But with the right planning he is adamant Victoria's "brave" challenge will be a success.

First taking up kayaking 18

months ago in Phuket, Victoria took a BCU training course on the Isle of Wight last summer.

Since then, Victoria and Les have been kayaking off Phuket any chance they get.

"We kept paddling further each time, until eventually I thought we should try and make it the whole way around the island," Victoria said.

"My classmates were surprised when I first told them about my trip, but they have been very supportive," she said.

With the backing of headmaster Dr George Hickman, the school has been actively supporting the planned trip.

Victoria's teacher Katherine Hughs and community and services

coordinator Kathy Coulson are working with students to organize a variety of fundraising events in support of Victoria's challenge.

As this newspaper went to print, year seven students were due to hold a bake sale to raise money for Victoria's charity paddle on October 1.

The following Friday, the school will have a "Free Dress Day". All students giving a small donation will be allowed to wear their own choice of clothes, with all money going towards Victoria's challenge.

A raffle is also planned for next term.

If you would like to be a course official to help Victoria and Les call T: 081-9267103 or E: lesbird@loxinfo.co.th



BIRD TO WATER: Victoria practices in her school pool.

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Martin Platts

MARTIN Platts is the owner and resident instructor of the Golf Guru driving range and golf school at Cherng Talay. He is one of the island's most talented golf professionals with over 40 years' experience playing and teaching in his native England, America, Europe and Asia.

"My father was a keen amateur golfer who played with Bobby Locke, three times British champion. He started me at the local 'pitch-and-putt' at age 7, and by age 11, I had reached a 14 handicap at Kingsdown Golf Club in [my native] Wiltshire."

Martin was an accomplished athlete in his youth, excelling in rugby, football, tennis, cricket and, of course, golf.

He was awarded a scholarship to attend the prestigious Millfield School in Somerset at age 14 to pursue his athletic talents.

"I had been diagnosed with learning disabilities as a child. At Millfield, I was very fortunate to be given the type of instruction required to enable me to succeed at passing all of my O levels and one A level, except English."

Martin was determined to conquer this final academic hurdle and proudly passed his O level in English while serving in the First Battalion Light Infantry's Intelligence Section.

EXPAT gallery

By Bruce Stanley

"I wanted to qualify for the PGA and I needed my academic qualifications. By 1985 I was granted PGA status."

He spent the next few years playing on the Winter Tour in North Florida and on the British PGA tour. In 1990, he was sponsored to play on the European Challenge Tour.

Martin has worked at some of the best golf courses in Southern England, including five years at the Kingswood Golf Club in Surrey as Director of Golf, and another five years at Reigate Hill Golf Club as the resident professional.

Martin has played with some of the world's top golfers, including David Guildford and Andrew Murray, both European Open winners. He also partnered with HRH the Duke of York, Prince Andrew.

"I first came to Phuket in 1992 with some golf professionals. The thought of living and working in Thailand stayed in my mind as I really liked being around Thai people and I became interested in Buddhism."

When an opportunity to work

at Blue Canyon Country Club presented itself in 2001, he brought his wife and children to join him on the island.

Martin spent the next four years as the golf pro and instructor at Blue Canyon.

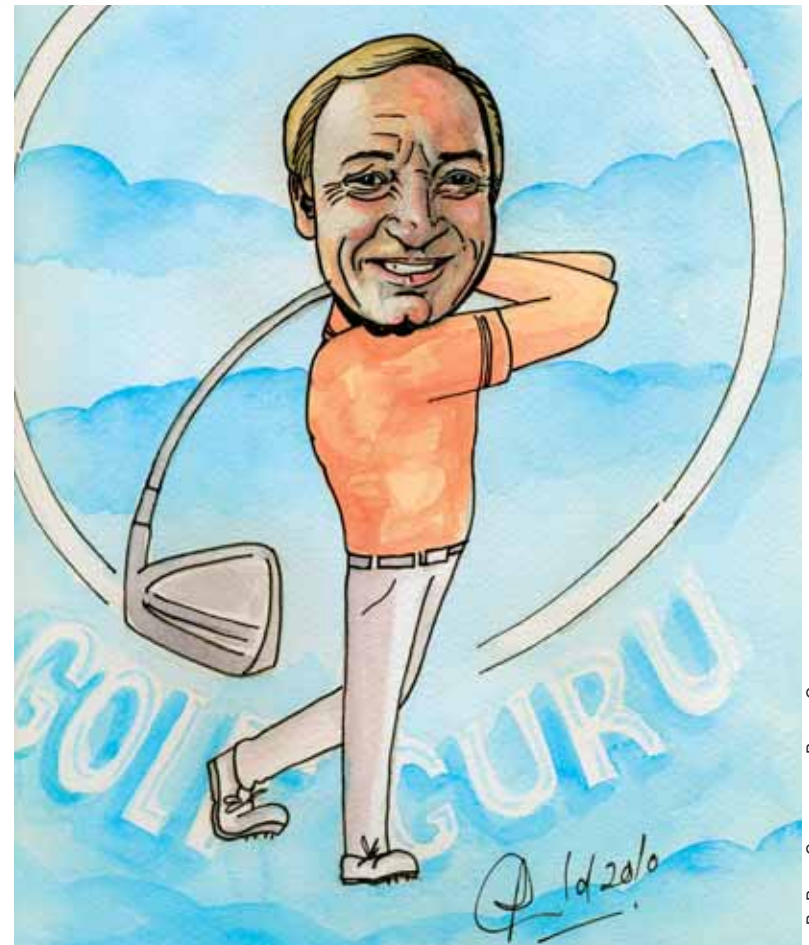
In 2005, the driving range in Cherng Talay became available and he decided to open his own golf school.

"I enjoy teaching and I wanted the chance to operate my own facility. When I bought the driving range, I had to adapt it for taller golfers. I have taken my 40 years of golf experience and developed a method of instruction that works. I guarantee anyone that within one hour they will hit a proper shot."

Martin's philosophy of teaching goes beyond the length of the fairway and choosing the correct club. He believes golfers must use their instincts and physical senses to improve their performance.

Currently, he is preparing to qualify for the European Seniors Tour in Portugal next month. He has been hitting 500 balls a day, using a variety of clubs and shots.

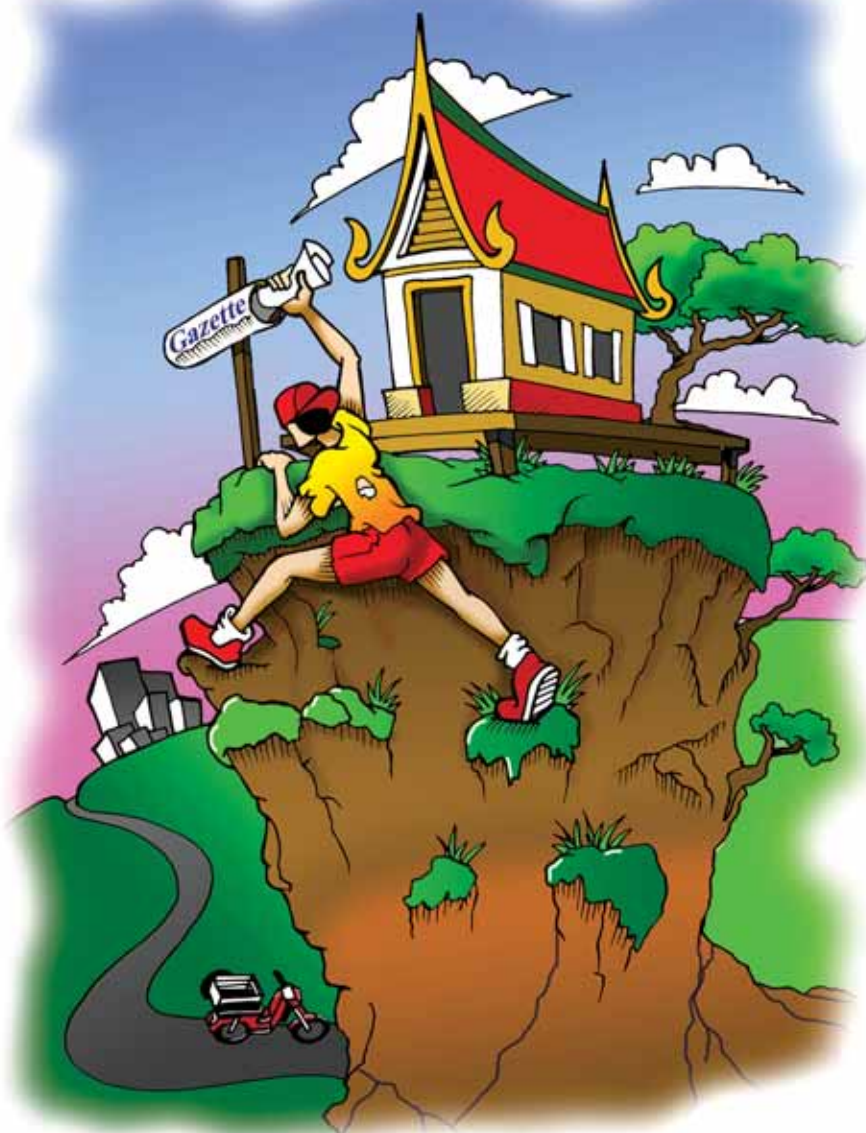
He teaches and trains from 8am to 7pm. When he can find the time, he watches the European Tour from 7pm to 11pm and the American PGA Tour from 1am to 6am, in addition to reading the latest theories on how to improve the game.



By PETER CHILD FOR THE PHUKET GAZETTE

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Gordon Gekko back on the street

Film

By Scott Phillips

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps

Director: Oliver Stone

Starring: Michael Douglas, Shia LaBeouf, Josh Brolin, Carey Mulligan

Genre: Drama/Thriller

Gazette Rating: 4.5/5

IT MUST have been bittersweet for Oliver Stone to reprise the infamous character Gordon Gekko during the recent economic crisis.

The antihero from the original Wall Street film won Michael Douglas an Academy Award for his performance as the cutthroat stock broker. Stone used Gekko as the personification of the growing greed on Wall Street in the 1980s.

The original film could be interpreted as a cautionary tale from Stone, but the appeal of Gekko's self-celebrated greed also struck deep into heart of pop culture, and many aspiring American brokers took it as a source of inspiration.

Since then, the characters have endured a new milestone in American history, a time Gekko describes as bound for disaster: the US financial market 2008.



GREED IS GOOD: Michael Douglas reprises his 1987 oscar-winning role as Gordon Gekko.

Though a work of fiction, the setting is very real, and *Money Never Sleeps* reveals a lot about the world it takes us into.

Shia LaBeouf takes on the role of Jake Moore, a talented young broker who has a thirst for big money and an eye for business. He's the star of a successful firm under the mentorship of an honest but aging investment firm owner, Louis Zabel (Frank Langella).

As the markets begin to crash, Zabel's firm is driven to bank-

ruptcy, largely by the devious actions of one of the country's top investment bankers, Bretton James (Josh Brolin).

James is, in many ways, the new Gekko. He is the embodiment of crooks that get away with stealing from and bankrupting millions by manipulating a system he knows is broken. He takes pride in it.

Moore finds himself at the center of a tangled web of billionaires all trying to balance their egos with the realization that their beloved

market is on its way down, and isn't showing signs of coming back up.

James and other CEOs in custom-tailored suits meet with the Federal Reserve as they callously confess what everyone already knows: they have singlehandedly driven the US economy on a path to bankruptcy, and they need the government to bail them out.

The drama centers around Moore so that we stay plugged into the inside workings of the crisis.

As the young star on Wall

Street, James tries to take him in as his protégé. Moore agrees, but only to secretly get revenge for the destruction James brought upon on his old firm.

For help with this, Moore seeks out Gordon Gekko. This is a big no-no for Moore, because he's engaged to Gekko's daughter, Winnie (Carey Mulligan), and she refuses to see her father.

Moore starts to visit Gekko for insider information in exchange for trying to get his daughter back into his life. An interesting detail – and perhaps a subtle message from the filmmaker – is that when the market starts to get rough, Gekko himself seems to be the only one who knows what brokers can and cannot get away with. A prison sentence has given him clarity.

These are the questions steadily posed by *Money Never Sleeps*, perfectly paced and crafted by Stone, who has mastered the drama/thriller genre.

Stone guides us through what it was like to be a high-stakes player on Wall Street in 2008.

It is surely entertaining to get caught up in the drama, even to the point that you might forget that the small cast of characters is driving the economic fate of millions of other people around them. In that sense, *Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps* hardly seems like fiction.

What else is on...

Legend of the Fist: The Return of Chen Zhen

Director: Wai-keung Lau

Starring: Donnie Yen, Qi Shu, Anthony Wong, Yasuaki Kurata

Genre: Action

Gazette Rating: 3/5



Continuing on the role first made famous by Bruce Lee in *Fist of Fury*, *Return of Chen Zhen* takes place in Shanghai as it was occupied by the Japanese during WWII. The kung-fu master Chen Zhen heads on a mission for revenge against the ruthless mafia controlling Shanghai.



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Oct 13. Phuket entertainment: live stand-up comedy

After their sellout show in June, the Phuket Punchline Comedy Club is back with another top night of stand-up comedy. Gracing the comedy stage will be Pierre Hollins from England, Darren Sanders from Australia, and the only UK-based Portuguese comedian, Philberto. Each funnyman is a headliner in his own right, and this will be a fantastic night of entertainment. From 8-11pm at the Holiday Inn Resort Phuket, Patong. Full show details and ticket outlets can be found at our website. Contact Khun Boom at T: 089-6469278 E: info@phuketcomedy.com W: phuketcomedy.com

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Oct 17. Ghost Rider's 2nd birthday at Royal Phuket Marina

The Ghost Riders Motorcycle Club have organized a Triumph Roadshow and 2nd Anniversary Sport Run. All types of big bikes (400cc and above) are welcome, particularly sport, sport touring and adventure bike riders. Registration takes place an hour before the scheduled ride. It's free! All island run participants and pillion riders are invited to cocktails at Les Anges at Royal Phuket Marina. 1-11:30pm. Contact Mr Goran at T: 081-271 2115 E: admin@ghostriders-thailand.com W: ghostriders-thailand.com

Oct 21. Phuket International Women's Club monthly lunch

The ever popular PIWC monthly lunch will be held at The Vijit resort in Rawai from 11:30am-2pm. All are welcome. Members price is 450 baht, guests 600 baht. Prior registration is essential. Contact Carole Dux at T: 076-271727 E: info@phuketiwc.com W: phuketiwc.com

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Out and about...



PATONG OPENING: Clarkfield Resto Bar opened in stunning fashion on September 16 in Patong. A homage to the US airbase in Philippines, the new restaurant is on Rat-U-Thit Rd in Patong.

Managing Director Angelo Paras and his wife Rowena (far left) celebrated their anniversary at the opening night. They were joined by GAM law firm representatives (pictured) from the firm's Bangkok and Phuket offices.



EXTRAORDINARY WINE NIGHT: The Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket led by General Manager Peter Komposch (grey shirt) welcomed Wine Ambassador of Gianni Gagliardo wines, Carlo Alberto (2nd from left) for an 'extraordinary wine dinner' at La Trattoria restaurant earlier this month.



L'AUSTRIENNE: Wine and food lovers recently attended a six course wine dinner at Mom Tri's Kitchen to appreciate the Chandon wines from Victoria's Yarra Valley. From left are Executive Chef Sura, Chandon Australia winemaker Lilian Carter, Wine Director Georges Ciret, PR Manager Sylvie Yaffe, Diageo Moët Hennessy Senior brand Manager Ukrit Chandasutra and Marketing Director for Moët Hennessy Jonathan Loney.

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HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT: Phuket Flying Club President Captain Watana Thinphanga (left), formerly a THAI Airways commercial pilot for 33 years, was joined by Senior Air Traffic Controller Prayoon Mingho recently at the Phuket Airpark. Currently, the flying club is looking for new members to help carry out environmental assessment flights: Searching for land encroachments, oil and rescue missions. The Phuket Airpark is also under way with new hangars, a housing project and new leisure facilities in the near future.

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INDIGO HELPING HANDS: Staff from Indigo Pearl resort along with local business owners collected hundreds of bags of debris at Nai Yang Beach on September 25.

TRASH DIVE: Phuket played its part in Project Aware International Clean-Up Day on September 25, with a host of environmentally-friendly clean-up operations held around the island. See Bees dive operator (right) and Scuba Cat divers held dives collecting numerous bags of trash found on or near coral reefs.



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October 13, Holiday Inn Resort, Patong

The next Punchline Comedy Club event will take place at the Holiday Inn Resort on Ruam Chai Road in Patong on October 13. The funnymen coming to make us laugh are Portuguese reality show winner Philberto, Australian actor and comedian Darren Sanders and Pierre Hollins from England – whose only ever proper jobs were washing dishes in the House of Commons, laboring on a gas pipeline in Qatar and teaching drama to the mentally ill. Tickets can be bought in advance for 960 baht, or on the night for 1,200 baht. Call 089-6469278 or visit www.punchlinecomedy.com/phuket for more information. Sanders and Hollins have provided a taste of what to expect from them on the night:

The day after losing his wife in a boating accident, a man answered the door to two grim faced police officers. They announced in unison: "We have some bad news, some good news and some great news. Which would you like to hear first?" "Give me the bad news first," said the man. "Sir, I'm afraid we found your wife's body off Sydney harbor." "Oh no! My poor wife" wailed the man. "My poor darling wife. What on earth could be the good news?" "When we pulled her up, she had two five pound lobsters and a dozen large edible crabs on her." "That's terrible," said the man. "So what's the great news?" "We're going to pull her up again tomorrow."



Darren Sanders



Pierre Hollins

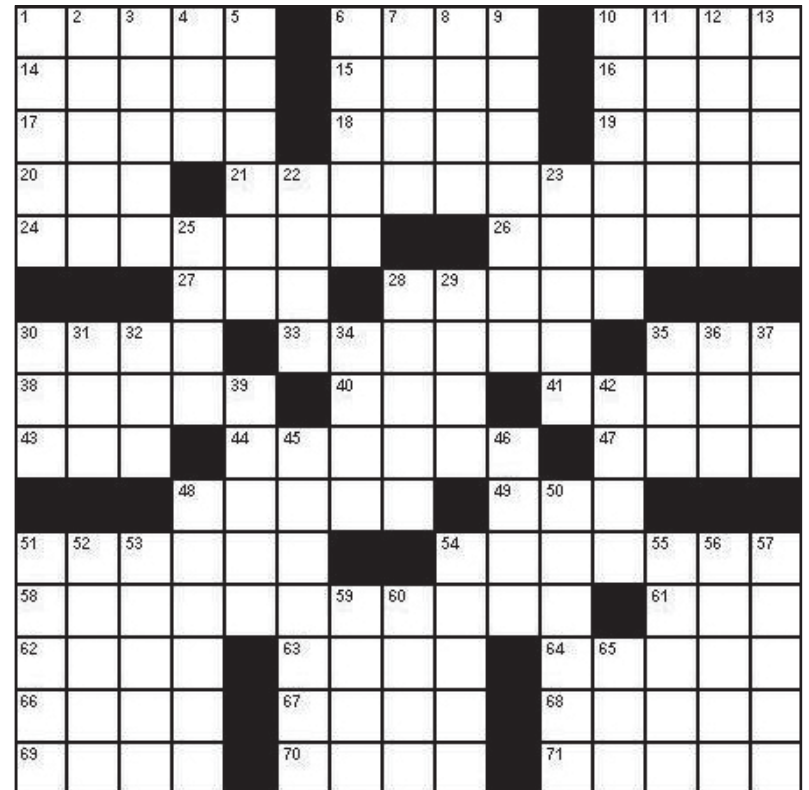
The French Navy have devised a new call to arms. In English: "to the water - it's is time" In French: "a l'eau c'est l'heure".

Across

1. Alma
6. Small piece of wood
10. Part of Q.E.D.
14. ___ Grows in Brooklyn (A...)
15. Subterfuge
16. All The Way To ___ by REM
17. Reliable
18. Banned apple spray
19. Formicary residents
20. Convened
21. Not complimentary
24. Serving no function
26. Black Sea port
27. Hydrocarbon suffix
28. Hue
30. On
33. Nasal
35. Barker and Bell
38. Wine fruit
40. Turkish title
41. Hazy
43. Deserter
44. Having sound
47. Purim month
48. Academy award
49. Neighbor of Leb
51. Hunting dog
54. Bowling pin
58. Antibiotic
61. Possessed
62. Knowledge
63. Boxer Max
64. Diving bird
66. Chieftain, usually in Africa
67. Fashion mag
68. Consumed
69. Enervates
70. Anger
71. Trades

Down

1. Island in the East China Sea
2. Gillette razors
3. Hackneyed
4. Shoebox letters
5. Blush
6. Gross
7. Shuck
8. Golfer Aoki
9. Arbor



10. Rubber
11. Leases
12. Nay sayers
13. Puccini heroine
22. Belgian river
23. Icons
25. Scandinavian
28. Cheroot, e.g.
29. Son of Judah
30. Cabinet dept
31. Song syllable
32. Bran source
34. Mandlikova of tennis
35. Vespa rider, perhaps
36. Alias letters

37. Leb neighbor
39. Ruhr city
42. Trading center
45. Tenth month of the year
46. Polynesian carved image
48. Willows
50. Scorched
51. Bundles
52. Pueblo Indian village
53. Divest
54. Rocky debris
55. 8th letter of Greek alphabet
56. TM
57. Perfect places
59. Former French colony of NW Africa
60. Shout
65. Actress Charlotte

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Puzzle solutions on page 29

LIBRA (September 24-October 23):

Librans should guard against jumping to conclusions this week. The stars indicate that incorrect information could encourage you to make a wrong move. Your outlook for October is mostly positive, with the spotlight shining on travel. Those who plan to a previously unseen destination could be motivated to think about relocation. If your birthday lies in the week ahead, the stars suggest that bad habits will give way to healthier ones in the coming year.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 22):

October will be an auspicious month for those Scorpions wanting to test the waters before commitment. If you have been considering a change of employment, the possibility of freelancing could arise this week. Money matters are subject to a cloudy period – allowing others to know details of your personal finances should be avoided. Those who are ready to move on after a romance recently collapsed are captivated by an earth sign this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21):

October should be plain sailing as long as you use your common sense. Sagittarians' tendency to believe the best about everyone could cause problems this week. Remain alert at work as there are indications that a water sign could try to steal your thunder. Those who are ready for a new romance will catch a glimpse of a fire sign's interest. Wear the color turquoise to encourage a more down to earth outlook.

Capricorns who can streamline their interests should do so – the stars suggest that a scheme started in September will be more trouble than it's worth. Where romance is concerned, a water sign will try to pass on some information that you may not want to hear. Lucky days for finances are Tuesday and Wednesday.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20):

Having your fingers in too many pies is forecast to lead to confusion in October. Capricorns who can streamline their interests should do so – the stars suggest that a scheme started in September will be more trouble than it's worth. Where romance is concerned, a water sign will try to pass on some information that you may not want to hear. Lucky days for finances are Tuesday and Wednesday.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19):

Those Aquarians expecting trouble to come their way are likely to see this happening. Maintain an optimistic outlook and problems will not have chance to expand this week. October is predicted to be a month in which you have more control over what is going on in your world of work. In the realm of romance, it becomes clear that there's only one



thing to do about a liaison that has lost its sparkle.

PISCES (February 20-March 20):

Pisceans are predicted to discover that survival of the fittest is important in October. Your reluctance to compete with others could prevent you from taking advantage of some golden opportunities this month. Making contact with an influential fire sign is recommended as this person can make worthwhile introductions. Your luck in love is well-starred this week – a Libran who you met earlier in the year is forecast to make another appearance.

ARIES (March 21-April 20):

Arians are advised to focus on what they have in common with others, rather than bones of contention. October is an auspicious month to put differences of opinion in the past. Where business is concerned, progress can be expected after a fruitful meeting with an earth sign this week. Your spirit of adventure is awakened when

you hear of a friend's recent travel experiences. The number eight is lucky this weekend.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21):

Taureans are able to see the lighter side of life during October and creative ideas are forecast to gather steam. Financial affairs are well-starred this month, with emphasis on surprise gain. The progress of a fledgling romance is subject to delays – a date planned for this weekend could be cancelled at the last minute. Those already committed could be irritated by their partner's decision to take on more responsibility.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21):

Geminis are comfortable with being in the spotlight as long as this means they are seen in a positive light. However, the stars suggest that unfavorable attention could cramp your natural style this week. If this is a result of a wrong move you made last month, it would be wise to set matters straight as soon as possible. Your romantic outlook is calmer although a new flame may expect more attention than you want to give.

CANCER (June 22-July 23):

Fresh circumstances affect those Cancerians hoping to relocate. The stars

suggest that choices will be narrowed down due to circumstances beyond your control. Final decisions are best made after the middle of October as the astral atmosphere will be calmer then. A romantic relationship is put to the test this week when you learn something you never expected to hear. Wear the color pearl pink to encourage greater wisdom.

LEO (July 24-August 22):

A situation that is neither win or lose is forecast to frustrate many Leos this week. If a Sagittarian is involved in the scenario, there are signs that jealousy is part of the equation. Keeping your cool may require more effort than usual – take time out this weekend to pamper yourself ahead of time. Dreaming of an air sign encourages you to see this person in a romantic light.

VIRGO (August 23-September 23):

Virgoans could be growing tired of having the ability but not the opportunity to progress. This week the stars suggest that your talents will be spotted by an influential water sign, and new employment prospects are highlighted. Romance is affected by unsettled astral conditions – your interest in Cancer lessens after you meet someone else this weekend. Wear a piece of amber to encourage a firmer grasp on your life.

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Privilege on the rise in Patong

New 900-million-baht condominium project to attract foreign and Thai investors

By Janpen Upatising

WORK on a 900-million-baht residential condominium project set on 2.57 rai of land in the Patong hills is underway.

The Privilege@BayCliff project is being developed by BayCliff Development Co Ltd, and construction work is being carried out by APIC Group Co Ltd. KTG Inter-Associates Ltd are heading the design.

The project is slated to be complete in the last quarter of 2012. The new development is located on Prabamee Road, one

kilometer away from the center of Patong. On site, work on four main buildings is being carried out that will house 56 condominiums, a clubhouse, fitness center, sauna, steam room, games room and library.

Sales executive Natnarin Sorot said 51% of the condominiums will be registered as leasehold estates, with investors buying 30-year ownership packages. The remaining units will be freehold.

The option to renew contracts to a maximum of 90 years is also possible, Miss Natnarin said.

Unit sizes vary from 42.28 to

330 square meters, with prices starting from 100,000 baht per square meter.

Condominiums near the crest of the hillside project will have the best sea views from expansive balconies, while Kalim Beach will be only 100 meters from the properties at the foot of the hill.

While the condominiums will be sold unfurnished, show units will be available to help investors with potential interior design options.

Miss Natnarin said the majority of investor interest so far has come from foreigners, but she expects the level of Thai



HILLSIDE PRIVILEGE: The new condominium project is underway in Patong.

investor interest to spike after a Bangkok promotional drive in November.

Another Privilege Residences project, The BayCliff, located next to the new project, was very

popular with Thai investors in the early phases of development, Miss Natnarin said.

"This year, we hope that the sales of our new project can get the same results," she said.



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Market swell: 'supersizing' villas



Property Watch

By Bill Barnett

THAILAND and Phuket's luxury real estate market has caught the tailwind of US\$76 million worth of transactions involving 14 "UltraVillas" in the first eight months of this year.

UltraVillas are properties with over six bedrooms and cost over US\$ two million.

Research carried out by C9 Hotelworks highlighted resales in the sector as a driving force in this year's high sales, bolstered by a surge in wealthy Asian buyers.

A growing appetite of the rich and famous to "supersize" their homes, saw Beyond Villa at Natai Beach, Phang Nga sell for a reported US\$24 million.

The popularity of resales in the UltraVilla sector can be attributed to a "failure to launch" during the past two years by developers, with only 77 new properties being built, with a market value of US\$329 million.

Resales have eclipsed 83% of the sector's total market sales.

C9's mid-year Luxury Villa Market Update reported that the "upscale" market segment registered an average property value of



LEADING THE WAY: Istana Villa 19 in Naithon was recently chosen as one of Asia's top 20 luxury villas in the most recent issue of Asia Property Report.

US\$5.4 million. A huge spike in cost due to the rising impact of the UltraVilla sector.

Viewing broader trends in supply and demand, take-up rates for off-plan units remain soft with the possibility of

product fatigue setting in.

A lack of new entrants and fresh products, which could induce demand, are presently absent from the mix, C9 reports.

Adding to the situation, investor confidence in hospitality projects is spilling over into the residential market, and the stage seems set for some suspended projects to be restructured and re-enter the supply stream.

Research shows that the geographic source of buyers is

pragmatically shifting on the back of changing global currency markets, and the emergence of a growing number of high-net worth individuals.

Both Chinese and Indian buyers are showing signs of potential sales interest in Phuket.

As for a forward outlook, new zoning regulations may become a third party force in driving new UltraVilla developments, with rapid revisions to existing zoning legislation being

churned out fast and furious.

A delicate balancing act is being struck between the environmental impact, over-development concerns and foreign investment that will remain a challenge in the near future in this sector.

But lower density luxury villas look to be well-suited for the market conditions ahead.

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In brief...

Name Swap For Chedi

THE Chedi hotel is changing its name to The Surin. This isn't the first time the company has been re-invented. The original resort opened as The Pansea. Co-owners of the property YTL from Malaysia have undertaken a new long term strategy for what is one of Phuket's best placed beachfront experiences.

Resort breaks ground

WORK on a new 105 room resort between Cherno Talay and Thalung has started and is scheduled for completion in 2012. The Grandville Resort project is being developed by Phuket Inter and includes a resort sized swimming pool and full facilities.

Panwa on Cloud 19

CAPE Panwa's newest boutique resort Cloud 19 has signed a sales and marketing agreement with leading Phuket hospitality figure Lars Ydmark's Tri-Asia firm.

Do you have any breaking news about Phuket property? Email property@phuketgazette.net

Out of this world living in X-29

LUXURY living

By Alexandra Andersson

ALTHOUGH the name "Villa X-29" may inspire thoughts of an intergalactic spaceship, this residence manages to strike a fine balance between the down-to-earth and the extravagant.

The only cosmic thing about it is perhaps the jacuzzi, and the out-of-this-world price tag of 180-million baht.

There is reasoning behind this sky-high figure, however.

Perched on top of a hill in Cape Panwa, Villa X-29 is located within the Sri Panwa estate, and all of the resort's facilities are available to the property owners.

Built about 40 meters above sea level, the villa enjoys sunset views of the Western horizon, despite being located on Phuket's tranquil East coast.

This is a good place for Villa X-29 to be located, as its design lends itself to relaxation. The villa provides its inhabitants with endless lounging spots.

The four bedroom villa is 1,600



THE MOTHER SHIP: The X-29's exterior and the jacuzzi in the master bathroom (inset). Photos: Sri Panwa

square meters, which includes four bathrooms, two living rooms, two swimming pools, a playroom, a maid's room, a dining area, a kitchen and endless balconies, verandas, salas and sun decks.

The sprawling open-plan ground floor features a central living room, dining room, kitchen

and one en-suite bedroom.

The living room is decked out with comfortable seating and a 46 inch Sony TV, with Bose sound system and DVD player.

The dining room seats six and is serviced by the modern kitchen and pantry beside it. Kitchen appliances, include a proper oven

and Siemens fridge/freezer.

The lighting, natural materials used and décor give Villa X-29 a sense of coziness, despite its massive size.

Beyond the living area is a 60 sqm saltwater pool. This is surrounded by terraces, a balcony, pool deck, veranda and also has

an island sala in the middle for your idling pleasure.

All four bedrooms in the villa have at least a 40 inch TV and an en-suite bathroom complete with bathtub and rain shower.

They also all have a private balcony, in case you tire of sitting in the other seating areas around the house. They all have king sized beds apart from the one next to the playroom, which has two twin beds.

The lower ground floor has two bedrooms, a steam room, a playroom, the maid's room, as well as yet another decking area.

The two bedrooms face onto an L-shaped 100-meter pool. There is also a long sleek bar and accompanying seating for late night entertaining.

The upper ground floor houses the captain's quarters of the X-29.

This is evident from the view, the bed, the 46 inch TV, and the pond feature with a sala in the middle.

The heart of the mother ship however, has got to be the bathroom.

Not only does it have a steam room and outdoor rain shower, but also a two person jacuzzi jet bathtub, all with a floor-to-ceiling ocean view.

At this point, Villa X-29 has officially blasted off.

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Worming out the good stuff

Gardening

By Green Sleeves

EARTHWORMS are a gardeners best friend. They do untold – and unseen – good in the garden.

Their main function in life is to collect organic material from the surface, especially dead and decaying leaves.

They then bury this stuff beneath the surface where it is mostly ingested by the worms and returned to the soil in the form of enriched humus, which is the remains of decayed organic matter.

Worm casts are small mounds of processed humus.

The presence of these mounds are a sure indication of worm activity in your garden. Worm casts contain 40% more humus than top soil.

Furthermore, they possess high concentrations of nitrogen, phosphorus, magnesium and potash, all of which

much phosphorus and eleven times as much potassium as conventional earth.

The worm's gut will also break down tiny pieces of stone, grit and sand, returning these to the soil in a more usable form.

So worm activity is constantly enriching and nourishing both your soil and the roots of adjacent plants.

If you look at the grass in areas around worm burrows or surface casts, you will see that it is greener and taller than the surrounding growth.

And there is another benefit. Because they are diggers and burrowers that live in tunnels and leaf-lined chambers, worms help to aerate and moisturize the top soil and keep its structure open.

Soil micro-organisms need air and water, and these passageways ensure a plentiful supply of both.

Charles Darwin wrote a treatise on earthworms in which declared:

"It may be doubted if there are other animals which have played such an important part in the history of the world as these lowly organized creatures".

are nutrients essential to healthy plant growth.

And worm casts are exceptionally concentrated.

They contain five times as much nitrogen, seven times as

Over the top perhaps, but their importance cannot be denied.

If worms are scarce in your garden, they can be attracted by compost heaps.

Many varieties love rotting



LITTLE HELPERS: Worms help keep the soil nutritious for plants by spreading humus. Photo: Rick Harris

vegetation, and will home in on rich organic matter.

If they still don't appear, you may be able to get some from a friend.

In theory, you only need one, since earthworms are herma-

phaditic, and in the right conditions, they will multiply rapidly.

Finally, a word about humus and compost.

Since the decayed matter that humus is made up of has long since stopped breaking down it is no longer releasing nutrients into the soil, apart from a few trace elements.

However, it is essential to maintain good soil structure and water retention.

If you put a plant in a container filled with red Phuket clay, the result will be soil that becomes compacted with constant watering, and develops a rock-solid texture in dry conditions.

In all probability, the plant will not survive.

It must have humus either in the form of peat which is a highly organic material found in marshy or damp regions, composed of partially decayed vegetable matter, or another kind

of soil conditioner.

Compost consists mostly of humus, so it will improve the structure of your soil, but it has the additional merit that it is still active and decomposing, and therefore still releasing goodies into the soil.

Nonetheless, even compost is low in nitrogen and phosphorus.

It should be used as a soil supplement and should not be used on its own.

If your top soil is being processed by earthworms, then that's best of all.

If you have a garden that you would like to be featured, please email pcampbell45@gmail.com

Tip of the week

The balance of nature

MOTHER Nature has her own bio-controls, and man's meddling attempts to alter them is a dodgy business.

Some approaches are better than others.

In Thailand there is an ongoing attempt to rescue the cassava crop by introducing an African predator called the benin wasp.

It is having some success in eliminating the pink mealybug which decimates cassava harvests.

The danger is always that such an introduction will ultimately upset the balance, perhaps by fostering attacks on

other environmentally useful creatures.

At least, such experiments do not introduce ineradicable toxins into the food chain, chemicals which can pollute, and poison everything from insects to fish to birds of prey.

Gardeners should always check the contents label on insecticides, fungicides and herbicides before they buy them.

As generations of Thai farmers know, naturally occurring compounds are best; avoid organochlorines such as dieldrin, aldrin, lindane, or DDT.

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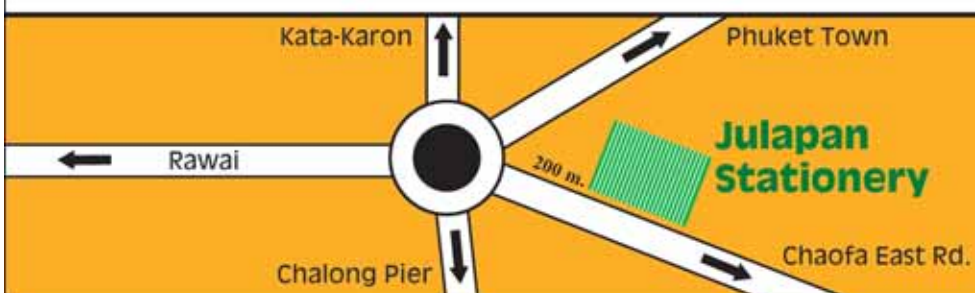
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Serving world-class volleyball

By Alexandra Andersson

ASIA'S largest volleyball tournament will be smashing onto Karon Beach next month.

As the last stop on the Swatch FIVB Women's Beach Volleyball World Tour, the Phuket Thailand Open will see a record number of teams battling it out for the top spot from November 2 to 7.

Over 500 athletes from 30 countries will use the event to warm up for the Asian Games in



Kessy (left) and Ross last year.

Guangzhou, China, from November 12 to 27 this year.

Geoffrey Rowe, managing director of event organizers Pentangle Promotions, said Phuket is an ideal stage for the event.

"Phuket is the only destination on the world tour where the tournament is played on a natural beach. No other place has a high enough quality sand, and a large enough beach to support the games," Mr Rowe said.

Among the 100 international volleyball teams participating are 27 of the 30 best ranked teams in the world, as well as three Thai teams.

"The field is strong. The high standard of teams will ensure that quality volleyball will be played at Karon," Mr Rowe said.

The tournament, with US\$ 190,000 in prize money, starts with "country quota" play-offs among countries with more than four teams entered.

Qualifying rounds will be held on November 3 and the main draw will start on November 7.

Both the semi-finals on November 8, the finals, and 3rd/4th place play-offs, will be televised live to an audience of over one million on NBT and T-Sports Thailand.

If you prefer to catch the action first-hand, the matches will begin at 9am on the qualifying days, and 3pm on final match days. Admission for spectators is free.

As well as the main event, a number of other activities are planned, including an amateur tournament, a local inter-hotel tournament, beach volleyball clinics for kids, a variety of on-site entertainment and a beer festival.

Mr Rowe tips the German and Brazilian teams for the final since they have improved their game in recent months, although Olympic champions and 2009 World champions April Ross and Jen Kessy of the United States will be gunning for their third successive win in Phuket.

This event is sponsored by the Phuket Gazette and PGTV.



TRIUMPHANT: Americans April Ross and Jen Kessy will be after a third consecutive win in Phuket. Photo: Phuket Gazette

FC Phuket in training for league title playoffs

FC PHUKET are training hard in Bangkok for their upcoming playoffs to determine which four of the twelve qualifying teams will move up to Division One of the Thai League.

Arjan Songsamssub, head coach of Division 2 South champions FC Phuket, said all of his players are in good shape, mentally and physically, for the upcoming matches.

Speaking from Bangkok, he said, "The FC Phuket players have been training here since September 16.

Most of them are here, except four or five who have to work and three who have been chosen to represent Thailand in the Asia Football Confederation (AFC) Under-19 Championships in China," he said.

The three rising under-19 stars are Sarach Yooyen, Chakrit Ravanprakon and Adisak Kraisorn.

The playoffs were originally scheduled to begin in mid-October, but have since been postponed due to the AFC Under-19 Championships, which run from October 3 to 17.

The AIS Regional League board met on September 29 to set the new schedule.

FC Phuket is in Group B, along with: Loei City, Rajvithee FC of Bangkok, Chainat FC, Rayong FC and Samut Prakarn FC.

Coach Arjan said his players will do the best they can to take one of the top two spots in the group and the promotion rights that go along with it.

Trang FC, who took second spot in Division 2 South, will compete in Group A along with: Chiang Mai FC; Saraburi FC, Buriram FC, Bangkok FC and Phichit FC.

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3 V 3 Youth Tournament for kids aged 7 - 12 years old. There are 2 leagues for U9's and U12's, 6 teams of boys and 6 for girls. The leagues are played on the artificial turf FIFA approved soccer field at PIASLC. October 10th, the U'9s start from 8:45 am – 11:45 am and the U'12's start from 4:45 pm – 7:15 pm

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From 10:00 am – 11:00 am for kids 4 – 7 years old,
From 11:00 am – 12:00 pm for kids 8 -12 years old.

Ironkids Camp
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Phuket surf starlet wins again

By James Goyder
& Fraser Morton

YOUNG Phuket surfer Annissa Flynn used her knowledge of the local surf to clinch the women's shortboard title at the Quiksilver Thailand Surf Competition 2010 on September 26.

This is the second year in a row the 12-year-old has taken top honors, after winning the junior division last year.

Indonesian Tipi "The Tiger" Jabrik took first place in the men's shortboard final.

Seventy-seven surfers from 10 countries competed in the events at Kata Beach, with total cash prizes of over 240,000 baht.

Mr Jabrik walked off with the single largest purse, 50,000 baht, while young Miss Flynn was awarded 30,000 baht.

Mr Jabrik donated his winnings to Surfing Thailand to help promote the sport in the country.

Kata Beach vendor Kompol Pattanatalod, 21, who won the open longboard event, was also awarded 30,000 baht.

Mr Kompol, who learned to surf only three years ago, said the competition was a huge success.

"It was tough, and there were a lot of quality surfers, but conditions were perfect," he said.



TOP MAN: Tipi Jabrik in action.

The top four surfers in each division won cash, trophies and prize packs from Quiksilver and other sponsors.

The final results for the day were as follows.

In the men's shortboard: Tipi Jabrik (IND) came in first place, Jakapan Tongnak (THA) second, Michael Antony (AU) third and Chatchai Samporn (THA) fourth.

In the women's shortboard: Annissa Flynn (THA) came in first, Noosara Boonjarean (THA) second, Sumang Pheongkong (THA) third and Luisa Scarpa (South African, representing THA) fourth.

In the open longboard: Kompol Pattanatalod (THA) came in first, Chen Lin Niu (TWN) second, Preecha Takira (THA) third, and



YOUNG CHAMP: Annissa Flynn, 12, won the women's shortboard event at Kata Beach. Photos: Apinun Saithong

Verravat Kuru (THA) fourth.

Phuket Vice Governor Nivit Aroonrat was delighted to see the competition return to Phuket for the second successive year.

"Thanks to all the sponsors for creating this event, as it brings us many benefits. I'm

especially pleased to see how it involves our local surfers, giving them the opportunity to take part in a competition with surfers from other countries," he said.

The event had the backing of the Tourism Authority of Thailand and was opened by Karon Municipi-

pality Mayor Tawee Thongcham.

After the competition, surfers took part in a number of fun events including the awards ceremony, a night beach party and fashion show.

The entertainment ended with a live concert by Thai band T-Bone.

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