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## Patong Tunnel may cost Bt6bn

By Atchaa Khamlo

PATONG Mayor Pian Keesin will apply to the Ministry of Transport for five to six billion baht to pay for the long-awaited and controversial Patong Tunnel project.

Mayor Pian, who has championed the project all along, broke the news this week after announcing that he expected the 40-million-baht project feasibility study to be completed within three months' time.

After that, he will present the study and the budget request to the Ministry of Transport, he said.

The initial phases of the project study suggested six possible routes under the section of the Nakkerd Hill Range that divides Patong from Kathu Municipality.

The research team chose the second option, which would start on the Kathu side with a 500-meter access road veering off from Phra Barami Road near the Go-Kart Speedway.

The tunnel would cut about 1.2 kilometers through the hill and emerge onto an elevated roadway, passing high over Pisit Goranee



An artist's impression of the how completed tunnel would look.

Road and ending on Phang Muang Sai Kor Road in Patong.

The consultants are now finishing off the final engineering aspects of the plan and should present the finished study to the municipality within three months, Mayor Pian said early last week.

The total budget request to the Transport Ministry would be "not less than five or six billion baht," he said.

Chinese and Korean investment firms have already shown interest in the project, which would likely also enjoy financial backing from the central government, he said.

Asked to explain the meteoric rise in the project's estimated cost, from about Bt2.4 billion, Sompol Khwanyuen, director of

Patong Public Works Division, said the changes resulted from the added cost of expropriating more private land in Patong.

Other factors contributing to the higher cost were making the elevated roadway higher than originally planned, as well as construction of parking areas beneath the bridge and curved off-ramps to ensure smooth traffic flow onto Phang Muang Sai Kor Road, he said.

Mayor Pian downplayed concerns about protests by villagers in the Baan Mon Community about the elevated road passing over their village.

The chief concern among villagers was that they would not get fair market value for expropriated land, he said.

The municipality has hired a team of consultants to convince the villagers that would not be the case, Mayor Pian said.

One rai of land can now fetch 80 million baht along main roadways in the seaside town, with prices for plots along side sois going at about 10 million to 20 million baht per rai, he said.



Victoria and Les Bird after completing their record-setting feat.

## Record paddle

AT JUST 11 years old, Victoria Bird has become the youngest person on record to circumnavigate Phuket in a kayak. See page 6 for the full story of how Victoria and her dad, Les, overcame strong currents, scorching heat and simple exhaustion to go into Phuket's record books - while raising money for children in need.

## Missing girl found in Haad Yai, boy to face charges

THE 14-year-girl feared sold to a Phuket brothel has been found alive and well at a fair in Haad Yai.

La-ongda "Tanyong" Narmsra was reported missing on February 9 by her family, a clan of fairground attraction operators.

Days later Tanyong's grandfather, Singh Narmsra, told reporters he feared that Tanyong had been sold to a brothel in Patong.

However, he later received news that Tanyong was seen with a boy called "Bow", estimated to be 15 or 16 years old, at a fairground in a park in Haad Yai.

"I was told by [Bow's former boss] that

his friends have seen Bow and Tanyong at a fair in Haad Yai. My family and I drove down there immediately and reached Haad Yai early on February 13," Mr Singh told the *Gazette*.

"Bow had run off, leaving Tanyong alone by the time we found her," he added.

Mr Singh said he and his family believed Bow had convinced Tanyong to run off with him.

"Tanyong said that Bow took her on a bus to Haad Yai on February 10. She pawned her mobile phone to pay for the tickets. That is why we could not reach her by phone," he said.

"Tanyong said Bow did not harm her. He just touched and held her hands," he added.

Mr Singh said that Tanyong said she wanted to call and come back to her family, but she was afraid her father might hit her.

"Tanyong said that Bow kept her in the fair in Haad Yai most of the time. He did not let her go out. He was worried that Tanyong



Young 'Tanyong', 14

would be recognized," Mr Singh said.

Bow later called Tanyong's mother and apologized for what he had done.

"He said he liked Tanyong and wanted her to live with him in Satun, but they ran out of money, so he got a job in Haad Yai," Mr Singh said.

Despite Bow's apology, the family have filed police complaints seeking his arrest.

"Our family cannot forgive him... No matter how much he likes Tanyong, he must wait until she finishes school," he explained.

Tanyong has returned to Ayudhya with her mother to continue her schooling, Mr Singh said.

- Janpen Upatising

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# Sea gypsies fear losing rights to burial ground

By Atchaa Khamlo

SEA gypsy villagers at Laem Tukkae are living in fear that access to their ancestral burial ground will be permanently denied.

The issue was raised directly with Somchai Seanglai, Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Culture, who led a delegation of officers to the area on February 10 to hear a variety of complaints from the villagers.

The graveyard is on the southeastern corner of Koh Sireh, about five kilometers from Laem Tukkae village.

"The graveyard has been our traditional burial ground since before I was born," said Sorod Pramongkij, 49, who has lived at Laem Tukkae all his life.

Access to the graveyard used to always be open, he explained, but about 10 years ago access was cut off by a private landowner who bought 18 rai which now stands between the graveyard and a public road.

Mr Sorod said access has always been granted when a



Somchai Seanglai listens to the local sea gypsies' grievances.

funeral was being held, but sometimes when villagers wanted to visit relatives' graves they were denied permission to cross the land.

When permission is denied, the villagers must trek about a kilometer along the beach to reach the graveyard.

"It's not an easy walk," said Mr Sorod modestly.

"The route requires villages to climb over large, slippery rocks.

"We are afraid that access to the graveyard will be closed permanently in the future and we don't want to lose our ancestral burial ground," Mr Sorod added.

"We have repeatedly filed formal complaints asking government officers to solve this problem, but nothing has been done," he said.

# Isarn squatters given reprieve

A COMMUNITY of 63 squatters have been told they can stay on a five-rai plot of foreclosed land in Wichit – for now.

The villagers, comprising 16 families from Isarn, were told the news on Tuesday after Vice Governor Somkiet Sangkaosutthirak chaired a meeting to hear complaints that they were being denied access to the plot, where they claim they have lived for more than 10 years.

Known locally as the "Ket Kaew community", the squatters filed a complaint after the developer of the adjacent Phanason City project began denying villagers access to their homes through the project site from February 7.

After an hour of negotiations on Tuesday, the Phanason developer agreed to continue to allow the villagers access to their shanty homes – on the condition laid down by V/Gov Somkiet that immediate steps be taken to find an



The 'Ket Kaew community' villagers are happy to stay right where they are.

alternative access route. He expected the process to be completed within one month.

However, V/Gov Somkiet warned the residents, "This land is not yours. Someday you will have to move out.

"So please prepare for what will

you do and where you will live." The villagers said they were happy with the temporary solution and that they would continue living on the land until the landowner or the bank told them to leave.

– Pimwara Choksakulpan

# Man dies on bypass road

PHUKET City Police are investigating the death of a young mechanic whose body was found in the central drainage ditch of the bypass road early last Sunday.

Duty inspector Sien Kaewthong was informed of the body's discovery at about 2am.

Arriving at the scene, the median strip of the bypass road in Rassada, they found the body of Weera Choomsri, 27, a native of Huay Yod District, Trang Province.

Mr Weera appeared to have died instantly of a broken neck and massive head trauma.

His body was pinned under the chassis of his badly damaged Honda motorcycle.

Police are unsure if Mr Weera accidentally lost control of the

motorbike or collided with another vehicle. They noted that the road was slippery from recent rain.

There were no witnesses or other vehicles at the scene when police arrived.

Earlier that night, three people were injured in a motorbike collision on Soi Baan Riang, the access road to Thalang Victory Memorial Field, at about 10pm.

Somchai Srasrimuang, 45, suffered serious head trauma. Also badly injured was Wichai Usaha, 42.

The third victim, Somkhit Mingphijarn, a 41-year-old from Thepkrasattri subdistrict, survived the crash with only minor injuries.

Thalang Police are investigating the cause of the collision.

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## January wettest on record

LAST month was the rainiest January on record in Phuket, the Thai Meteorological Department (MET) has confirmed.

A meteorologist at the Southern Meteorological Center (West Coast) at Phuket International Airport told the *Phuket Gazette* that his station recorded about 77mm of rain at both MET monitoring stations on the island.

This was about twice the mean annual rainfall at Phuket Airport (35.9mm) and more than three times than at the monitoring station in Phuket Town (21.7mm), according to statistics.

The researcher, who asked that his name not be published, attributed the unusually heavy rains to La Nina effects, when sea surface temperatures across the equatorial Eastern Central Pacific Ocean are lower than normal.

La Nina tends to strengthen monsoon conditions in the Andaman Sea, he explained.

This produces unseasonably heavy rains during Phuket's driest month, he added.

This same effect caused the devastating floods that struck in Queensland, Australia, he said.

The continuing effect of La Nina is likely to make the next few months in Phuket produce higher rainfall than average, he added.

# Rohingya refugees found

By Nicholas Altstadt

THE United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR) on Thursday morning was given access to 33 Rohingya detained at Phuket Immigration, the *Phuket Gazette* has confirmed.

As this paper went to print, the *Gazette* was told that they planned to travel to Phang Nga Immigration Detention Center (IDC) later in the day to visit 35 more Rohingya in detention there.

The whereabouts of the 68 Rohingya refugees arrested on January 31 when their boat drifted ashore on Phuket, was confirmed last week.

Phuket Immigration last Friday gave the *Gazette* access to the Rohingya men in custody at the Phuket IDC.

The youngest in the cell was only nine years old and the oldest was 45, the detainees said.

Immigration officials said that 35 of the group were transferred to the Phang Nga IDC, which was confirmed last week by an independent source.

Following appeals from the international community and local organizations, Senior Regional Public Information Officer Kitty McKinsey of the UNHCR told the *Gazette* that the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs has agreed to give that organization access to 226 Rohingya currently detained in Thailand.

The UNHCR hopes to determine



One of the Rohingya refugees (left) is checked before entering the holding cells at Phuket Immigration. Photo: Janpen Upatising

where the men come from, what their protection needs may be and whether or not they are seeking refugee status.

The 32 men and at least one child being held in one of Phuket IDC's two cells told the *Gazette* that they are happier, healthier and better looked after in those cramped conditions than they are in Burma. The cells are designed to hold 30 people each.

Muhammad Amin, 27, explained that their group of 70 set out from Maungdaw in Arakan State, Burma, on January 20. Two of the original group remain unaccounted for

since their landing in Phuket

They left because as Muslim Rohingya they face constant persecution and abuse by the Burmese government, he said.

"We're rice farmers and need rice to survive," one man said. "Then the government started taking from us 25 kilograms of every 100kg of rice we had."

"Then they took away our land," another added.

"We don't have anything to eat if we stay in Burma. It's a very difficult life," Mr Amin said.

One of the men produced an identification card he said was is-

sued by the Burmese government. The card, a flimsy piece of white paper in a plastic sleeve, identified him as a Muslim and listed his home "district". Muslims in Arakan State issued such cards are not allowed to travel outside the districts noted on their IDs.

All of the men in the cell said that they have similar documents and that actual Burmese citizens have a "red ID" that allows them greater freedom.

Desperate for a better life, the 70 men pooled their money together and bought the wooden boat that was their home for 11 days as they headed for Malaysia.

"We wanted to go to Malaysia because it's a Muslim country," Mr Amin said.

However, their boat engine gave out on them. At the mercy of the winds they were blown to Phuket.

"We had no food on our journey, and it's quite dangerous - especially when we left from Burma," he said.

No women joined them on their journey because of the dangers, the men said.

"We hid in fishing nets to avoid detection by the Burmese military," one man said.

Asked what would happen if they were caught trying to leave the country, many of the men responded in unison, "We would be shot dead by the military".

"We don't care where we stay, as long as it's not Burma," Mr Amin said.

## Blues Fest artists to stage free concert

NORWEGIAN blues rock band "The Prodigal Sons" and guest Rich Harper will stage a one-hour free afternoon concert in Patong on February 23.

The concert, to be held on Patong Beach, will start at 3pm.

The event is to highlight to people in Patong the upcoming Phuket International Blues Rock Festival at the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort and Spa in Karon on February 25-26.

The Prodigal Sons and Rich Harper, a regular artist at the Phuket Blues Fest, will both be performing live on stage at the festival year.

The Patong concert is also aimed at promoting the annual



Rich Harper will perform at a free concert in Patong. Photo: Ulf Jonsson

event's relocation to Patong next year, said event organizer Andy Andersen.

"It is till very early and we have had only preliminary discussions. All I can say now is that it will be public. It will also be free if we

can raise enough cash sponsorship," he said.

Patong Municipality and the Rotary Club of Patong Beach have already expressed their support for staging the annual event in Patong, Mr Andersen said.

"If we can do it for free, we will try to have it on the beach so it is accessible for everybody. If we cannot do it for free, then we might stage it at the football field for crowd control," he added.

## German expat found dead

A RETIRED German man was found dead on the sidewalk in front of his rented home in Patong last Sunday night. Police say the body was discovered by neighbors at about 6:30pm.

Harald Rainer, 69, had lived in Phuket for about a year.

Police Sub Lt Pattapee Srichay told the *Gazette* that Mr Rainer was found with a bottle of drinking water at his side, but that neighbors had told the police he had

been drinking at a bar nearby and had returned home about two hours before they discovered the body.

Lt Pattapee said there was blood on Mr Rainer's forehead and that he had probably slipped and fallen on the cement. There were no indications of violence.

Pisitkoranee Road, where the fall occurred, was lined with parked cars and there were no known witnesses to the fall.



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# Boy dead, family injured in crash

A FOUR-motorbike collision left one boy dead and a family of three injured in Phuket on Tuesday morning.

None of the injured were wearing helmets, including a five-year-old girl now fighting for her life in hospital with massive head trauma and broken limbs.

The accident took place on Soi Nanachart Borrae, off Sakdidet Road near Phuket Town.

Lt Col Thada Sodarot of the Phuket City Police identified the deceased as 15-year-old Weerapon Bootsra, a native of Phang Nga who lived in Phuket Town.

Weerapon died of massive head injuries sustained when his motorbike crashed into that of the other victims: Wilai Kasirask, 28; her husband Ratana Wimolchai, 30; and their daughter Kantawan, five.

All three suffered head injuries and Kantawan apparently also suffered multiple broken bones.

Onlookers immediately called the 1669 emergency services line, but by the time they arrived, about half an hour later, Weerapon had died



The injured were rushed to hospital.

on the pavement. Local residents rushed Kan-tawan to hospital.

Initial investigation revealed that the collision started when the motorbike ridden by Mrs Wilai's family crashed into a third motorbike ridden by a man who quickly fled the scene on foot when he saw the casualties. He may have been Burmese, Lt Col Thada said.

A fourth rider, on a black motorbike, also fled the scene, he added.

- Yodsak Jarana

# Youth targeted in Valentine's raids

By Atchaa Khamlo

MORE than 100 Phuket police officers and volunteers conducted a sweep of Patong on Monday night in a "Valentine's Night" crackdown on youth crime.

The coordinated raids targeted internet cafes, computer game shops public parks, and rented rooms and houses police knew to be occupied by young people.

"Some young people like going out at night and are always involved in drugs, so officers are checking the area to protect the public from criminals on Valentine's night," said Patong Police Superintendent Arayaphan Pukbuakhao.

"We must pay closer attention to Kathu [which includes Patong and Kalim], because it is a very important area with many tourists affected by crime - and all tourists want to feel safe and secure," Phuket Provincial Police Commander Pekad Tantipong said.



Participants in the crackdown rallied at Patong Police Station at 9pm.

Any youngsters found out late on the night were told to go home.

In the raids police arrested one man for possession of ya ice (crystal methamphetamine) and possession of pirated copyright goods with intent to sell.

Fifty people were subjected to

on-the-spot urine drug tests. One person tested positive, but for which drug has to be confirmed by more tests, said Maj Nikorn Chutong of the Kathu Police.

There were no reports of youths being involved in violence in Kathu last night, he added.

# Ex-police officer's house catches fire

THE abandoned home of a former policeman went up in flames Monday night in what police suspect was a fire lit accidentally by people who broke inside to take drugs.

Phuket City Municipal firefighters arrived quickly, but their fire truck could not access the narrow lane and they had to rig up over 300 meters of hose in order to douse the flames.

Once underway, the effort took about 20 minutes, with firefighters containing the blaze before it spread to adjoining structures.

The fire completely gutted wooden cupboards, a bed and other flammable items inside.

Among the remains found inside were many strips of tin foil, matches and traces of marijuana on a cutting board.

Police say they suspect that youths broke into the home to use



Rescue workers were first to arrive.

it as a place to take drugs, and that they accidentally caused the fire.

Long abandoned, the home was owned by a former Phuket City policeman who used to rent it out, neighbors said.

- Yodsak Jarana



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# Phuket infrastructure on national agenda

AT THE opening of a government-funded "high-tech" kindergarten in Patong last week, Anchalee Vanich Thepabutr, Secretary-General to the Prime Minister, said that the rapid pace of development in Phuket was a serious concern of Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva and the Cabinet.

The Cabinet has allocated about 10 billion baht to developing Phuket infrastructure this year.

That figure includes 5.7 billion baht for the expansion of Phuket International Airport and 2.6 billion baht for the exhibition and convention center to be built in Mai Khao, Mrs Anchalee explained.

"The Cabinet agrees that this budget will bring much reward because Phuket generates a lot of income from tourism. Phuket deserves this budget," she said.

Construction of the convention center, to be built behind the Tah Chat Chai School, should start this year and take three years to complete, she added.

Mrs Anchalee also said the Tourism Authority of Thailand had announced earlier that day that 15.5 million tourists visited Thai-



Anchalee Vanich Thepabutr

land in 2010 and that one in three tourists to the Kingdom visits the Andaman region.

In light of this, Phuket needs to develop its infrastructure, she said.

Mrs Anchalee called on people from different provinces who now live in Phuket to register as Phuket residents so the government would have an accurate population figure.

"This will allow the government to plan development projects and allocate proper budgets to meet Phuket's needs," she said.

"Phuket is like one big house. We need to know the actual number of people living in it so we can



The childcare center can provide care for 100 children at a time.

calculate exactly how much money to spend on food, water, trash and so on," she said.

Mrs Anchalee was speaking at the official opening of the Patong Municipality Child Care Center 2, located near Suwan Khiriwong Temple (Wat Patong).

The childcare center has eight classrooms and can provide care

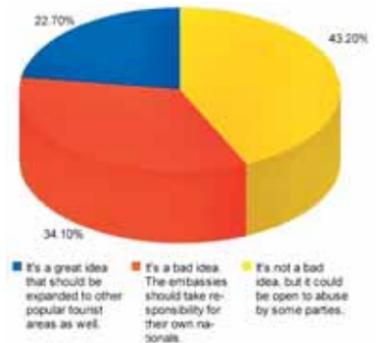
for 100 children at a time.

"This is just one [facility] being built in areas around the country where more childcare facilities are needed," Mrs Anchalee said.

She added that the government had identified 409 other locations nationwide where more childcare facilities were needed.

- Pimwara Choksakulpan

## Readers skeptical of tourist shelters



READERS are dubious about a plan by the Tourist Police to build a temporary shelter for down-on-their-luck foreign tourists, the results of a recent *Phuket Gazette* poll reveal.

The poll asked: "The Tourist Police will build a temporary shelter for down-on-their-luck foreign tourists. How do you feel about this project?"

Overall, 22.7 per cent of people who took part agreed with idea by answering, "It's a great idea that should be expanded to other popular tourist areas as well."

The most popular response, at 43 per cent, was, "It's not a bad idea, but it could be open to abuse by some parties."

However, 34 per cent, answered, "It's a bad idea. The embassies should take responsibility for their own nationals."

In a breakdown by demographic, tourists were the most likely to think the shelter could result in abuse. Fully 50 per cent chose this response, compared to 41 per cent of local residents and 35 per cent of Thais.

## Former prisoner charged with 13 burglaries

A NAKHON Sawan man released from prison last year has been arrested and charged with 13 counts of burglary in Phuket.

His previous jail time, 18 months in Phuket Provincial Prison, stemmed from multiple instances of purchasing stolen goods from colleagues in the trade, police said.

The accused, 33-year-old Weerapat Pikultong, was arrested at his rented house in Rassada where police say they found many stolen items, including a

Honda Click motorbike, cameras, mobile phones, jewelry, Buddha images, cash, handbags, among others.

Although police say that Weerapat has confessed to 13 individual burglaries, they continue their investigations in the



Weerapat Pikultong

belief that there may have been more.

He told the police that his usual modus operandi was to use nothing more than a simple screw driver to break into the homes, and that he always looked for locked doors before attempting a burglary as unlocked ones were likely to signify that there were people inside. A typical burglary, he said, would normally take about half an hour.

Following the press conference, Weerapat told the *Phuket*

*Gazette* that he had been committing robberies for about five or six months because his girlfriend's karaoke, located near Nimit Circle, had fallen on hard times.

He had decided to help her but she did not know of his activities, he said.

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## Team Bird's Phuket kayaking round-the-island success

# Little Bird, big heart

By Fraser Morton

RAPTUROUS applause and the roar of fog horns at Yacht Haven Marina signaled the end of 11-year-old Victoria Bird's epic sea adventure this week and a landmark moment in Phuket's maritime history.

Victoria, her father Les, 59, and kayaking instructor Rob Ford paddled more than 120 kilometers around Phuket, completing the first recorded kayak circumnavigation of the island.

"I'm exhausted but feel great, I will remember this for the rest of my life," said Victoria.

The team paddled in midday heat and in the dark of night to complete their circuit just after noon on Wednesday.

Father Les said the challenge was tough going, with a few setbacks along the way.

Paddling around Phromthep Cape in heavy seas, Les capsized and at one point the team tied all three kayaks together and used

them as a raft to make it safely to the next bay.

Team Bird also had to contend with boat traffic, exhaustion and unpredictable weather and tide changes on the trip.

But Les said Victoria was determined to finish and giving up for her was not an option.



TEAM BIRD: All smiles at the finish

"To see this from such a young girl is truly phenomenal," said the Bird's safety boat captain, Australian mariner Bill O'Leary.

"This was a massive undertaking for her, and I feel very proud to have been a part of this great challenge. I'm sure Victoria will go on to accomplish great things in her life based on the remarkable bravery she showed during this adventure."

Victoria's accomplishment also raised more than 32,000 baht for children under the care of the 100 Friends international foundation and Phuket Sunshine Village

"We sometimes underestimate what children can achieve, but this is proof with the right support they can do great things," said Rob Ford, Headmaster of Primary at British International School, where Victoria attends.

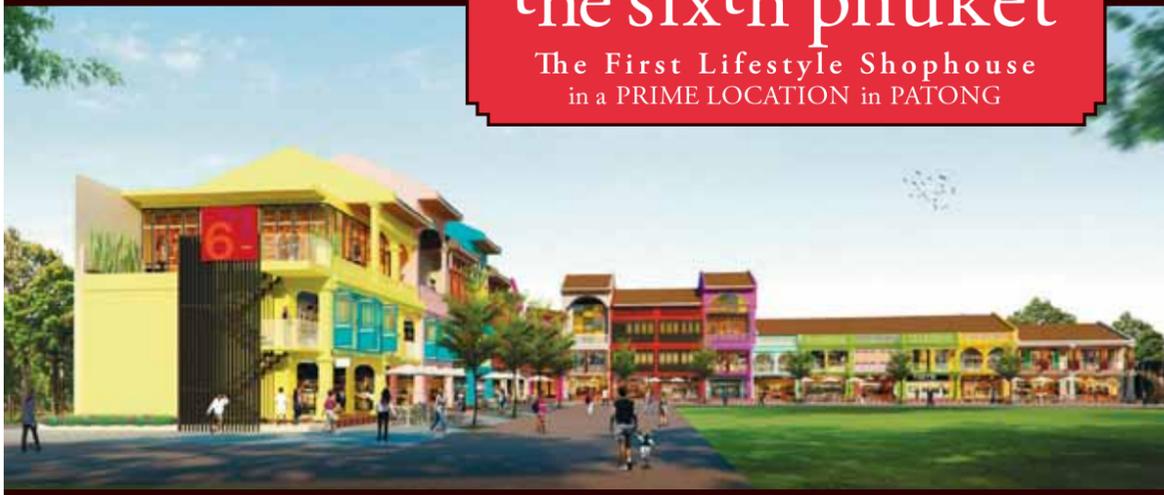
Les now plans to swim the English Channel in July. Victoria will join Les on the trip, but will stay on board the safety boat on that occasion.



STROKE IN STYLE: Victoria Bird, 11, paddled 120-kilometers around Phuket.

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## ACYC to hold memorial service for Tony Knight

THE memorial service to mark the passing of popular Phuket yachtsman Tony Knight has been rescheduled to Saturday night.

"There have been many, many messages of sadness over Tony Knight's death and the loss of a good friend and formidable character, with everyone expressing the desire to attend the wake planned for him," said Mick Kealy, commodore at Ao Chalong Yacht Club (ACYC).

"The date therefore has been changed in order that more people can attend the ceremony at the Yacht Club and celebrate his life. The wake is now scheduled for Saturday, February 19, from 6pm," he added.

Photos of Mr Knight will be shown on a projector during the evening. People are asked to drop off CDs at the yacht club or email [webmaster@acyc-phuket.com](mailto:webmaster@acyc-phuket.com) with selections they would like to share.

"The evening will also incorporate a fundraiser, including a raffle, with the money raised go-



Tony Knight

ing to help support Tony's family in Australia. We hope all his friends can attend," he added.

Mr Knight, a leading figure in Phuket yachting for more than a decade, died in Brisbane, Australia, on February 9 after succumbing to injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Through years of dedicated support, especially through his work with the ACYC, Mr Knight became synonymous with sailing in Phuket.

## Scheduled blackout for Chalong

THE Phuket Provincial Electricity Authority (PEA) has announced a scheduled blackout that will affect major residential areas and businesses along main roads in Chalong on February 24.

The power outage is necessary for PEA linesmen to carry out maintenance on high-voltage power lines, install new lines and move power poles in Chalong.

The locations of the operations,

which will be carried out from 9am to 5pm, are:

Along Chao Fa East Road, from the entrance to Land & Houses Park Phuket to Chalong Circle, including Chalong Natural Home Villa, Andaman Tropical Home Villa, Soi Pramote, Soi Thanuthep and Chalong Suk Villa.

For more information, call the PEA Operations and Maintenance Department at 076-211663.

## Metal fans go mental

HUNDREDS of heavy metal fans rioted at a Bangkok stadium on Tuesday after a concert by American nu-metal outfit Deftones was cancelled.

The revellers hurled chairs, broke windows and vandalized tents and beer booths outside the Thunderdome arena, said police Lt Tawatchai Jongyingcharoen, as quoted by AP.

The concert was due to start at 8pm, but at 9:30pm the organizers announced its cancellation due to electrical problems.

Nobody was injured or detained in the trouble.

On Wednesday the band posted an apology on their website and Facebook page.

“Due to local power issues that threatened the safety of the band and their fans, Deftones were forced to cancel their show last night at the Thunderdome in Bangkok, Thailand.

“Deftones would like to apologize to those that were inconvenienced and hope to return to Thailand in the near future. Refund info to follow soon,” the statement said.

# Border clashes continue

United Nations Security Council entrusts Asean to mediate ongoing Thai-Cambodia conflict

THE border conflict between Thailand and Cambodia is still far from over, despite the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) calling for a permanent ceasefire between the two sides.

The UNSC also entrusted Asean with the task of mediating the conflict. Both countries expressed their willingness to allow the Southeast Asian body to host negotiations.

A small-arms exchange between Thai and Cambodian troops at Chong Don Ai Pass in Si Sa Ket's Rong subdistrict in the early hours of Tuesday injured one Thai soldier, according to Army spokesman Sansern Kaeowkam-nerd. Cambodian troops threw hand grenades and fired into the Thai side, he said.

The border skirmish erupted just hours after the UNSC called for a permanent ceasefire between the two conflicting parties.

The UNSC, as requested by Cambodia, had convened a meeting on the border conflict on Monday in New York to seek solutions to end the conflict.

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UNSC president Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti in her press statement after the meeting said, “The members of the Security Council called on the two sides to display maximum restraint and avoid any action that might aggravate the situation.

“The members of the Security Council further urged the parties to establish a permanent ceasefire, and to implement it fully and to resolve the situation peacefully and through effective dialogue.”

Foreign Minister Kasit Piromya and his Cambodian counterpart Hor Namhong were in the meeting together with Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa, the current chairman of Asean.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva interpreted the outcome of the



Thai homes have been damaged in the conflict. Photo: The Nation

meeting in favour of Thailand.

“As the international community thinks the problem should be resolved through negotiation, Cambodia has no reason to refuse, [and] it should return to the talks.”

Both countries have claimed the other side fired first in a series of clashes near disputed land surrounding the 900-year-old Hindu temple Preah Vihear.

– *Phuket Gazette*

## Commander swipes at PAD

THE commander of the Second Army has labelled the yellow shirt People's Alliance for Democracy “ultra-nationalists” and suggested they go fight the Cambodians themselves.

*Thai Asean News (TAN) Network* reported that Second Army Commander Lt Gen Tawatchai Samutsakorn said during a radio interview that he would supply weapons to any yellow shirts who wanted to fight.

The PAD is protesting outside Government House in Bangkok to demand the government take a

harder line in the border dispute with Cambodia.

Lt Gen Tawatchai also said the PAD protest was detrimental to the country.

The PAD want the government to cancel a memorandum of understanding with Cambodia on dealing with boundary disputes, to withdraw from the World Heritage Committee and to evict Cambodians from disputed land near Preah Vihear temple.

The protest has continued despite the imposition last week of the tough Internal Security Act.

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## Giving up on rubbish

I think I give up. I have, along with my friends, written several letters complaining of roadside garbage and illegal garbage dumps.

The response is always the same: "If you see a problem, please contact us and we will fix the problem." This is stupid.

We saw and reported the problem already! That is why we wrote the letters.

*OrBorJor* (Provincial Administration Organization) officials, get in your truck and drive any day to Pa Khlok, Laem Saai, the RADI intersection and many other places – the garbage is still there, every day, all day long. I give up.

Mr Casey  
Pa Khlok

## Cementing Phuket's future

*Re: Phuket Gazette, Has Phromthep Cape been ruined?, February 12*

I am astonished reading the comments of the director of Phuket's TAT office when she says: "People don't have the same tastes. Mr Schofield probably prefers local lifestyles... He can choose other spots in Phuket to go to, such as Nai Yang."

I have seen Nai Harn changing at an incredible pace over the last five years and Nai Yang, too, appears to be following at a short distance.

All over the world, people that work in tourism are trying to preserve the ambiance and avoid the destruction of beautiful locations with cement and buildings. Sadly, this is happening on our wonderful island.

It appears that in Phuket, some people do not mind the

# Have a heart, bleed a little for safety's sake

COMING as it does every year during the high season for tourism here in Phuket, it was not surprising that this year's St Valentine's Day celebrations happened to coincide with shortages in rare negative blood types at the Phuket Regional Blood Center at Saphan Hin.

Negative blood types are very rare among Thais, who make up the bulk of those who donate blood at the center or through their year-round mobile clinics.

Blood type, determined by well-known genetic factors, tends to vary considerably among different ethnic groups. In the Rh grouping system, the proportion of Asians with negative blood types (.03%) is smaller by a factor of 500 than their Caucasian counterparts (15%).

The annual influx of so many tourists from all over the globe – coupled with the appalling lack of safety on Phuket's roads – inevitably results in road accidents that leave foreign patients in hospital and desperately in need of Rh- blood transfusions.

What tends to result during periods of shortages are cries of help to the media from friends and relatives of the victims, desperate to get them the blood they need to survive.

These efforts sometimes lead to a temporary increase in awareness of the issues involved and a resulting spike in Rh- blood donations, but over time the demographic imbalance inevitably reasserts itself and shortages recur.

Of course not all blood transfusions are the

fact that the island is being covered with more and more cement, maximizing the earnings in the short term, but destroying what could be a treasure for their children in the future.

Are you sure that this will be a good thing for Phuket people?

Federico Parodi  
Phuket

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result of road accidents and trauma events. Phuket has long billed itself a provider of international-standard medical care at affordable prices, a pitch that has thus far been successful in attracting many Western patients to the island.

However, as any physician will freely admit, even the most benign surgical procedures carry some risk of complications that could lead to blood loss.

In this sense, the precarious levels of Rh- blood in reserve much of the year undermines Phuket's ability to market itself as a truly international medical hub.

Readers of all blood types who qualify are highly encouraged to donate blood, which in Buddhist Thailand is increasingly seen as a powerful way of merit-making.

Foreign residents who want to donate but don't know their blood type can easily have it checked, free-of-charge at any of the mobile clinics or international hospitals.

Those who have Rh- blood types are particularly urged to donate. After all, we are all subject to disease, injury and the other slings and arrows of fortune.

For the Rh- among us, that donation you make today could save your own life some time down the road.

## Set fares not the answer

*Re: Phuket Gazette, Tuk-tuks agree to set fares, February 12*

While the front-page report of the setting of tuk-tuk fares seems like progress, I fail to see how this is a solution.

The problem with the tuk-tuks is that they don't use meters.

It costs a passenger 200 baht simply for the tuk-tuk to start its engine.

This is outrageous and makes it difficult to go relatively short distances with luggage [if changing hotels for example].

## Issues & Answers...

### When can I visit my friend, in prison?

I recently tried to visit an acquaintance who currently resides in Phuket Provincial Prison.

I went to visit on a Wednesday, but I was told Wednesdays were reserved for visits with criminals incarcerated for drug-related convictions.

Then I went on Friday and they told me Friday was reserved for visitors of female inmates.

So what are the visiting hours and what conditions apply?

Also, I have a lot of old books I can't keep – but don't want to throw away. Is there an English-language library at the prison I could donate them to?

Hard times  
Phuket

### An information officer at Phuket Provincial Prison replies:

Visiting hours at the prison are 8am to 2:30pm on weekdays, except government holidays.

Mondays and Wednesdays are for visits with drug offenders only, and Fridays are reserved for visits with female inmates. So if your friend is a male convicted for a non-drug offense, you need to visit on Tuesday or Thursday. Bring a copy of your passport and get a number to wait in the queue as soon as you arrive.

As for the books, you can donate them to the library by leaving them at the information booth at the front of the prison, near the guest parking lot.

**The Gazette notes:** Visits are limited to 10 minutes, talking through a telephone and separated by a

What is needed is a reasonable metering system that starts at, say, 50 baht for the first kilometer, and then increases by increments in a fair way as in Bangkok.

Setting the tuk-tuk fares at these extortionate rates solves nothing.

A Bennett  
Phuket

## Nipple 'censuring' not justified

*Re: Gazette online, Phuket Opinion: Beach nipples not naughty, February 13*

I personally feel that it's culturally insensitive for women to walk around bare breasted at a beach.

I think it's tacky for men to walk around in shopping malls without a shirt.

However, until the Thai people and government stop ladyboys from baring their silicon lung warts on Soi Bangla, and go-go bars stop having raunchy "shows" at night, I fail to see a legitimate argument from the Thai side for censoring.

Dave Williams  
Gazette forum

## Nipple flouters: Go home.

*Re: Gazette online, Phuket Opinion: Beach nipples not naughty, February 13*

When will this lot of European visitors learn? "When in Rome, do as the Romans do."

The Thai way is modesty, so to all of you who want to show off your nipples: Go somewhere else.

Khun Roy  
Gazette forum

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thick plastic window pane. You can leave gifts for the prisoners by giving them to the security personnel. You can not bring a camera or any other kind of recording device into the meeting room, where multiple visits are conducted simultaneously.

## Disturbing sales at Chalong Temple Fair

This year we went twice to the Chalong Temple fair and found that they are selling or tolerating the sale of dangerous weapons like knuckle dusters, huge sharpened combat knives, slingshots and so forth.

Also, vendors were selling alcohol, so this is obviously a very bad mixture: alcohol and dangerous weapons. This combination leads to bad endings that we see very often in Phuket, so why doesn't anyone care? Why do they look away when it comes to making money?

I find it very disturbing that such weapons are so easily sold

# Valentinos pay full price for love

## FIRST PERSON

RED roses are still the most popular choice for flower bouquets on Valentine's Day. White lilies were the second most popular this year.

The price of roses will continue to rise each year, so customers have to be prepared for that – prices will not fall anymore.

The price of oil is causing transport costs to rise, which is making it more expensive to deliver flowers to the markets and florists.

Another reason is that China, where many of Thailand's flowers come from, is experiencing colder weather than normal and fertilizer prices are rising.

Florists usually order flowers from Pak Klong Flower Market in Bangkok, which is the biggest flower market in Thailand. Most of the flowers there are delivered in trucks from gardens in Kunming, China. Some are delivered from the Netherlands, but they are very expensive.

The cold weather in Kunming has caused the roses this year to be smaller than those last year. Chinese roses are popular because they are usually bigger and last longer than the Thai variety. Many customers adore the quality and size of Chinese roses.

I think roses are more highly sought after if Valentine's Day falls on a working day. This year Valentine's Day was on a Monday,



**Thitima Hongbut** has been a professional flower arranger for three years and is the owner of Flower in Love flower shop in Rassada.

With Valentine's Day being celebrated around the world this week, here Ms Thitima talks about the rising price of flowers – and the reasons behind it.



and most customers placed orders for rose bouquets to be delivered to their loved ones at their workplaces.

I think it's more exciting for people to receive flowers in front of a lot of people while they are at work. This year only a few orders were delivered to homes.

Regardless, flower deliveries are more popular now. We had more orders for flower deliveries this year than last.

Even though flowers cost money and don't last long, they are a good gift that make people happy when they receive them.



Chinese junks like this one in Hong Kong could enhance Phuket's image.

## Getting creative with island image

### Island View

By Tim Devlin

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

I WAS happy to read Janpen Upatising's article last week [*Phuket Gazette*, Lights, camera, action for future island creativity, February 12].

As a retired creative marketer, I can say that if there's demand, or if you can create demand for something and supply it, you will be a success.

Phuket needs to develop at least one festival or event each month and get behind making it a success.

A photo directory (DVD) of film shooting locations should be available to production companies. Studio space should also be made available for interior shots. It would be wise to train locals for this new concept work rather than have labor pour in from outside.

Thai films, which are creative and well done, should be simultaneously produced in English to capture the world market.

There is a glut of Chinese junks available in Vietnam, each with several overnight cabins. Patong Bay could become a port for island hopping.

Give out gallons of paint to spruce up drab buildings in tourist areas, promote clean streets, plant lots of flowers – color, color, color. It's fun to do, attractive, a photo opportunity and another marketing tool. Every time you turn your head it should be worth taking a picture. So much great marketing can cost little or nothing; it just takes organization and common sense.

A coordinated business effort is needed to stop Phuket from growing out of control in a money-making competition, only to destroy the island. Work together and help the less well-off join in. It can be fun if everyone feels they are a part of the process.

I've seen good and bad developments over the past seven years – better if it's all good.

## ...asking the questions that affect you...



in Thailand and even more disturbing that they are sold on holy temple grounds. Is there no feeling of decency or shame?

Is money more important than creating an environment of peace and non-violence as Buddhist ethics require?

This made me really sad and I bet it was a rather strange sight for many other tourists as well. We all know that Buddhism is a peaceful religion that has nothing

to do with weapons, so why not keep it that way?

Menny Phuket

**Samran Jindapon, president of the Chalong Temple Fair organizing committee, replied:**

Chalong Temple Fair is an annual religious event that attracts people who have faith in revered monk Luang Por Chaem so they can pay respect to his memory and

enjoy shopping for a variety of products, such as clothing and food.

The fair is a religious event, so we never allow vendors to sell alcohol or dangerous weapons on temple grounds. The shops selling alcohol and weapons were sold outside the temple grounds on private land that the vendors rented. We cannot control what they sell.

Actually, we don't allow visitors to bring alcohol onto the temple grounds, but we don't have enough officers to keep an eye on everyone, especially when crowds reach up to 10,000 people. So, sometimes they sneak alcohol in. If we know about it, we remove that person from the grounds.

We do allow the sale of some sharp objects, such as kitchen knives and agricultural tools like shovels, hoes and shears. These are handmade One Tambon One Product (OTOP) products and have been on sale for many years. We have never received any reports of fights during the fair or that these tools have been used as weapons.

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# Dusit.com a 'future priority'

DUSIT International's chief executive officer revealed their ambitious overseas expansion plan mid-week.

The group plans to raise its presence overseas from the existing six hotels and resorts – one of which is Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket – to a total of 16 properties over the next three years.

It will focus on key markets in the Middle East, India, China, Europe and Australia.

The expansion will occur in three ways: joint investment, management, and solo investment.

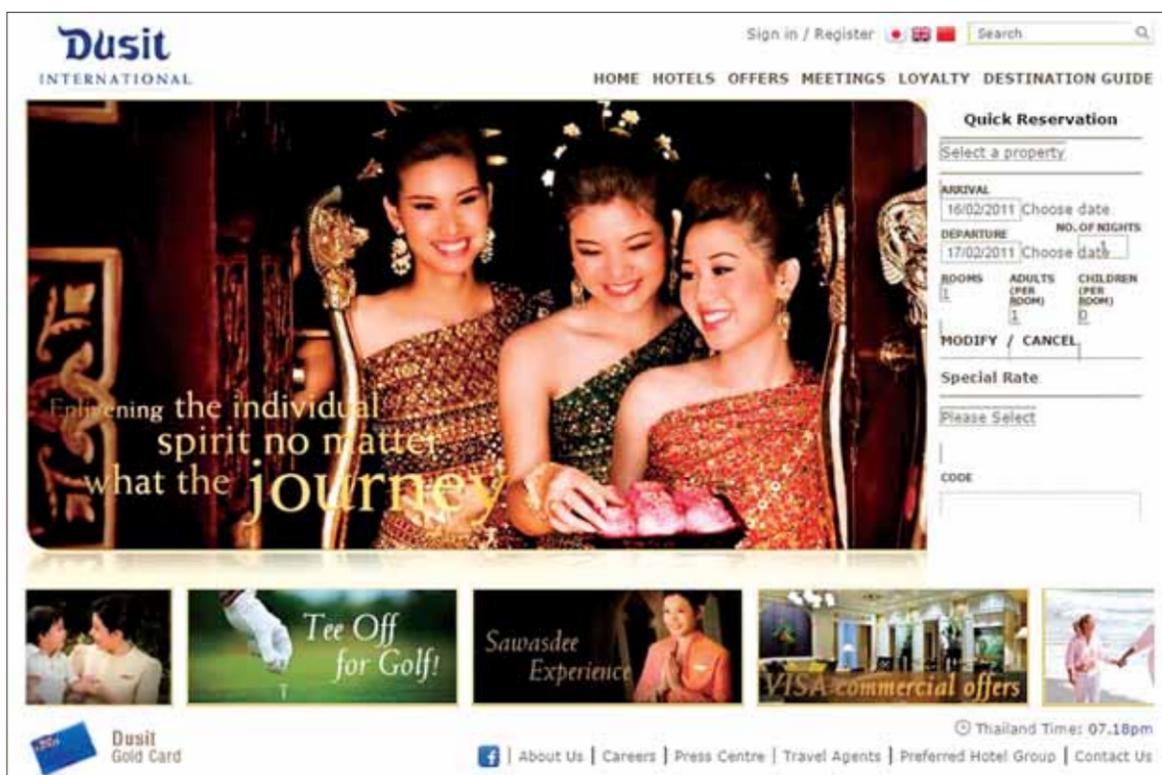
It will be focusing on new developments in Europe, where it can enjoy lower investment costs due to the strength of the baht, CEO Chanin Donovanik said.

"50 per cent of our customers are from Europe, so it is a good time for us to raise our presence in the region," Mr Chanin said.

Mr Chanin said out of the new key hotel destinations, Thailand is not a priority for Dusit, but they are eyeing the potential of destinations such as Koh Samui.

He predicted that the hotel business in Thailand would be positive this year, especially in Pattaya and Phuket, as these destinations remain attractive to tourists.

However, the hotel business in Chiang Mai is expected to be as slow as last year because



**NEW OUTLOOK:** Dusit International's new-look Dusit.com aims to increase online bookings this year.

of a surplus of rooms.

The tourism industry in Bangkok is still suffering since some key markets such as the meetings, incentives, conventions and exhibitions (MICE) sector remain put off by the political turmoil last year.

"Business travellers are still not confident about hosting their events and meetings in the capital," he said.

He said the upcoming general election would not affect business much – if it is peaceful. Dusit also announced their 2011 online marketing strategy with the launch of a more interactive website, Dusit.com.

With an investment of almost 10 million baht, the group aims to increase online bookings from 12 per cent in 2010 to a minimum of 25 per cent this year.

Mr Chanin said the group would spend 200 million baht on marketing this year, and 45 per cent of it will be used for online promotion and improvements.

"With the fast-changing technological landscape, we have made Dusit.com a priority for the future of the company. We have made a firm commitment to investing in the new website and to be continually upgrading to keep up with these major changes in the way we do business," said Jennifer Cronin, vice president for sales and marketing.

– The Nation

## FIDF puts 46 rai of Phuket land up for auction

A HUGE 46-rai plot of land in Phuket is being put up for auction by The Financial Institutions Development Fund (FIDF).

It is expected to generate substantial interest from bidders since Phuket's tourism industry is getting back on track.

Thongurai Limpiti, manager of the fund, said that the bidding document for the land plot in Muang district would be available at the Bank of Thailand office from March 21 to April 5.

The bids will be opened on April 20 and the winner on the day will be required to put up 25 per cent of the purchase price as down payment.

The remaining amount must be paid before May 19.

The land was also put to auction in the beginning of last year, and though a large number of bid documents were sold, there were no bidders.

Ms Limpiti said that the tourism business then was in slow mode, and that was the reason behind the lack of bids.

"The tourism industry is now back on the recovery path, and the airport is always crowded. This is good timing," she said.

– The Nation

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# 3BB extends its regional

Internet provider 3BB has been dishing out ADSL connections in Phang Nga, while upgrading customers without notice and plans to set up 1,000 WiFi hot spots in Phuket by year's end

INTERNET Service Provider 3BB has been busy rolling out expanded internet access across Phuket, but the move comes amid confusion over the ISP reportedly terminating its services in Phang Nga.

A source at the 3BB office in Phang Nga Town explained to the *Phuket Gazette* that 3BB had signed rights to provide exclusive internet access for TT&T landline customers in Phang Nga, but that agreement expired on January 31.

"We called and sent text messages to customers on January 15 and 16 to inform them of the change," said the source.

"The contract with TT&T expired at the end of January and we are currently waiting for further instructions from our head office in Bangkok about what to do with customers affected by the change."

3BB internet services provided over TT&T landlines in Khao Lak, Tub Lamu, Thung Maphrao, Lum-

kan, Kuk Kak, Bang Niang, Ka-lai and some parts of Klok Kloy – all in Phang Nga province – were terminated on January 21.

"Customers in Phang Nga who have paid a deposit for any equipment [such as a router] or any prepayments on their accounts [such as prepaid promotions] can go to their service branch office and file a claim to have us transfer to their bank account any outstanding refunds," said the source.

However, while 3BB has been shutting down its internet access over TT&T landlines in Phang Nga, the company has been busy rolling out ADSL connections throughout the province, Wason Tantiphongwiwat, 3BB's Technician Manager for Phuket and Phang Nga, told the *Gazette*.

"Since the end of 2010, we have been installing a new ADSL network to support customers in Phang Nga.

"That new network currently

provides ADSL connections for people in Phang Nga's Muang District, some areas of Khlok Kloy, Takuapa, Tai Muang and few areas on Lam Kaen," he said.

The local 3BB office is waiting for approval from headquarters in Bangkok before it can proceed with rolling out the ADSL connections in Khao Lak, he added.

However, the changes in services in Phang Nga will have no effect on 3BB's services in Phuket, the *Gazette* was told.

That fact was confirmed this week by Phuket IT guru and *Gazette* columnist Woody Leonhard.

In his first Phuket Live Wire weekly report of internet access in Phuket, posted on *Phuket Gazette.net* last Sunday, Mr Leonhard noted: "3BB customers are being upgraded, free, frequently without any notification before or after the upgrade."

Mr Wason explained, "3BB has



CONNECTED: 3BB customers are being upgraded frequently, and for free.

recently launched more than 200 WiFi hotspots in Phuket. Our plan is to expand this service in 2011 to 1,000 points in Phuket. We will have 500 hotspots up and running by mid-year."

The 3BB hotspots are currently in the test phase and are open and free to use by anyone until March 31, he added.

To access the free hotspots, users must register via [3bbhotspot.com](http://3bbhotspot.com) to be issued a login user name and password.

The hotspots, which run at more

than 10Mbps, cover a radius of 200 meters each, Mr Wason said. Users will be restricted to 20 minutes WiFi access a day, he added.

3BB customers in Phuket and Phang Nga with inquiries about the change in services are asked to call 3BB service offices (Phuket 076-304377, Phang Nga 076-67007779) from 8am to 5pm in daily, including Sundays.

– *Phuket Gazette*

## OTOP products receive an official provincial boost

PLANS to develop and promote locally produced "One Tambon, One Product" (OTOP) goods for the 2011 budget year have been drawn up by the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (*OrBorJor*) and the Phuket Provincial Development Office (PPDO).

Chief of the PPDO Somsak Songnuai met with the executive committee of the Knowledge-Based OTO (KBO) Network Group to discuss and evaluate new plans for ways in which the organizations can help promote Phuket's OTO products in coming months.

The meeting was also attended by representatives from local government agencies, the private sector and the OTO network of Phuket.

The KBO, established early last year, has the role of building a knowledge network by establishing connections between schools, colleges and the local community to help OTO entrepreneurs improve production and management techniques.

"The executive committee needs to further educate local OTO producers and train them in new production techniques.

"It is important to continuously develop local products to achieve better quality and variety.

"In doing so, we must channel funds towards research and development of new products.

"It is also equally important to educate local producers about group management, marketing

strategies and financial planning, if we are to raise the competitiveness of local producers," Mr Somsak said.

Government agencies have agreed to enhance the network of knowledge and expertise shared within the OTO community.

Government funds will also be channeled towards improving training and apprenticeship quality, so that local producers will be able to make goods that meet up to world standards.

The *OrBorJor* has constructed a market center near Saphan Hin

where a variety of locally produced OTO products are on the shelves.

The market center has quickly gained popularity with local buyers as well as tourists.

– *Anand Singh*



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# Vintage vamp at Kopitiam

Enjoy fresh food and a retro ambience at a new addition to Old Phuket Town's culinary scene

By Andrew Jennings

HUNGRY Phuketians craving quality Chinese-influenced Thai cuisine in a gloriously authentic setting have the perfect stop in the old quarter of Phuket Town.

Kopitiam Cafe and Restaurant – a family-owned kitchen located at the Yaowarat Road end of Thalang Road – opened only last October but has quickly established itself as one of the most pleasant eateries in the Old Town.

What immediately strikes you about Kopitiam is its location. The restaurant is positioned smack in the middle a neighborhood awash with tradition and history – and as a result teeming with character.

Thalang Road, once the most important trading street in Phuket, today boasts a charming sweep of beautifully maintained Sino-Portuguese shophouses, each with a distinct colorful door.

Kopitiam nestles snugly inside one of these shophouses, complete with sheltered verandah out front where customers can sit and watch map-wielding tourists rumble by or check out Thalang Road's famous classic Volkswagen car collection.

Owners of the restaurant are Wirot Bumrungwong and his wife Wilai, who has previously lectured at Phuket Rajabhat University.

Kopitiam is one of three businesses, all owned by the same family, standing side-by-side along Thalang Road.



entrance, while the interior is a wonderful combination of sturdy teak furniture and white-washed walls, bountied with fascinating black-and-white photographs of Phuket during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The restaurant is bright and airy, and crammed with antique knick-knacks, such as a wonderful Sun Standard typewriter, oldest vinyl record player, and a large creaking bookcase housing dusty Hemingwayesque novels and vintage comics.

"My brother has collected antiques for many years, so a lot of the items in the restaurant he gave us," amiable owner Wirot explains.

A restaurant's location and interior can be as intriguing as it wants, but if the food is not up to scratch, diners will not be coming back.

Thankfully, Kopitiam is able to match its aesthetic charisma with some pretty tasty goodies on the menu, all of which dance in at under the 100-baht mark.

Even after just four months in

Next door is Wirot's parents Chinese herbal medicine shop, which at over 100 years old, is the oldest in Phuket.

Two doors down is Wilai's self-titled restaurant "Wilai", which she has owned for 12 years.

Anyway, back to Kopitiam.

Red and green colors drape the



'Mee Hoon Pad', 'Hokkien Mee' and vegetarian spring rolls



Wirot Bumrungwong and his wife Wilai. Photos: Atchaa Khamlo

business, the new menu is fairly extensive. It includes a small but superb vegetarian collection of 10 dishes, all cooked by the lady in the charge at the culinary end of things, Chef "Lek".

"We pride the restaurant on the cleanliness of the kitchen and the freshness of the ingredients we use," says Wirot.

"Around 90 per cent of our customers have been foreigners so far... so our *Pad Thai* (60 baht) is very popular. We already have a lot of regulars," he adds.

An excellent way of starting one's meal is to try one of Kopitiam's homemade signature herbal drinks (20 baht). The refreshing Roselle herbal juice is crisp and sweet with just a hint of fresh cinnamon that tickles the tongue.

For starters, the vegetarian spring roll (50 baht) – made from shiitake mushroom and a couple of bristly spices – is tasty, and not too greasy. The *Tom Yam Goong* (90 baht) is flavorsome and made all the more hearty thanks to its thickly cut vegetables.

For mains, the *Kaeng Khiew Wan Kai* (Green Curry, 70 baht) is appetizing thanks to whispers of basil and delicate salting. The *Hokkien Mee* (60 baht) is a lip-smacking stir fry chicken noodle dish in soy sauce.

If the above descriptions don't get potential customers drooling, there are also plenty of standard Thai curry and seafood dishes available, and a decent breakfast menu. Kopitiam hopes to introduce a dessert menu in April.

The final word on the Bumrungwong family restaurant is that the food is fresh and cheap, and can be enjoyed in a rather distinguished setting.

Kopitiam is open from Monday to Saturday, 11am to 10pm. T:081-8923723



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# Festivals hit the region

Live music is coming to the region in a big way in the weeks ahead. Pencil the following events in your diary so you don't miss out on the chance to see big-name acts taking to the stage...

By Alexandra Andersson

WHETHER you're a fan of beat-dropping house music, hip-shakin' blues or head-noddin' reggae there are live acts galore for you to enjoy in and around Phuket in the coming weeks.

First up, the popular Phuket International Blues Rock Festival

will return to shake some tail-feathers at the Hilton Arcadia in Karon, February 25 to 26.

Next, reggae superstars Job2Do will spark off the year with their first live performance at Ha Yaek Pub & Bar Rock Variety in Chalong.

Then, just a few days later the Mango House Festival will send

sound waves rippling over Koh Lanta from March 7 to 11.

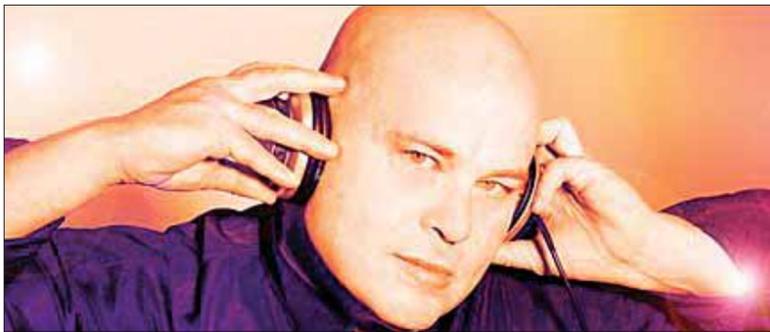
The blues fest – now in its sixth year – is a highlight for many Phuket folk.

Quality live blues rock music, which organizer Andy Andersen considers “simply the best music alive,” will be complemented by beer drinking contests, MC entertainment and a mechanical bull.

The two-day event will see two popular performers from last year – including Rich Harper – returning and being joined by nine new acts from the United States, Australia, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Norway and Malaysia.

The star of the show looks to be Curtis Salgado, who inspired John Belushi for his role in the cult-classic film *The*

**ONSONG:**  
Curtis Salgado will headline the Blues Festival this month.  
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DJ Colin Edwards is coming to spin tunes at the Mango House Festival.



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*Blues Brothers* and was named Soul Blues Male Artist of the Year at the 2010 Blues Music Awards. He is nominated again this year and is a must-see for any Phuket rockers out there.

Tickets at the door are 1,500 baht for general admission and 3,500 for VIP.

Discounted tickets can be purchased in advance from many island hot spots: all Sandwich Shoppe locations, SFX Coliseum Cinema at Central Festival and DaVinci Restaurant in Nai Harn. Visit [www.phuketbluesfestival.com](http://www.phuketbluesfestival.com) for more information.

Job2Do will also raise the roof at Ha Yaek Pub & Bar Rock Variety in Chalong from 7pm on March 5.

A local ska band will be supporting, with the reggae superstars taking the stage at about 10pm to play classics from their hit album “No War” including the catchy “Do, do, do, do ter tum (look what you're doing)”.

Tickets are 500 baht per person and include one free drink and hot and tasty barbeque food.

If dance music is more your scene, then head over to the idyllic Koh Lanta early next month.

The Mango House Festival will be returning for its second year, extended by a few days due to popular demand.

Now a full five nights, the dance party is free of charge, and will feature international DJs, such as house music's funkier veterans DJ Nick Power and DJ Colin Edwards, as well as local acts including Phuket favorites Phuket House Mafia.

The music festival will be part of the Lanta Lanta Festival, an annual cultural event now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year.

The atmosphere at this event

is set to be buzzing with lots of great food and cheap drinks on offer for all who attend.

In the evenings, many hotels and guesthouses will be running shuttle buses to the Mango House in Lanta Old Town, where the music festival will be pumping until the early hours.



Job2Do Photo: Amy Bensema

# A gruesome slice of film

EIGHT years ago, a fascinating story surfaced out of the caves and canyons of Utah in the western United States.

Aron Ralston – a 20-something adrenaline junkie who frequented the area for his fix of adventure – was climbing solo through Canyonlands National Park when he slipped and fell into a crevice.

A boulder pinned his arm to the canyon wall and immobilized him for, you guessed it...127 hours.

If you have never heard Ralston's story, we won't spoil it for you. Suffice to say he became an overnight icon of man's ability to survive. His story made its way through countless magazines, newspapers and prime-time TV specials, but up to now, Hollywood largely ignored it.

This seemed to make sense, because despite the story's appeal, how could a director make a movie about a guy stuck in a narrow crevice for five days entertaining?

## Film

By Scott Phillips

### 127 Hours

**Director:** Danny Boyle

**Starring:** James Amber Tamblyn

**Genre:** Drama/Adventure

**Gazette Rating:** 5/5

The answer was Danny Boyle. Only in the hands of a master at the top of his game, which Boyle certainly is right now, could such an enthralling film be made in such a confined, claustrophobic space.

With the help of actor James Franco in a breakout role he's been waiting for, that's exactly what Boyle has done with *127 Hours*.

Boyle is one of the few established A-list directors that constantly seeks new ways to challenge himself.



GIVE THE MAN A HAND: James Franco in '127 Hours'

His subjects are anything but limited – he's the maestro behind recent Academy Award Best Picture winner *Slumdog Millionaire*, the lesser-known family gem *Millions*, and bloody, drugged-up cult classics like *Trainspotting* and *28 Days Later*.

*127 Hours* was released worldwide in early November, and – much like *Slumdog* – managed to win the praise of both audiences and critics. It has also been nominated for Best Picture, Best Screenplay, and Best Actor (Franco) at this year's Academy

Awards. Amid all the hoopla, one must be inclined to ask: why didn't it come to Thai theaters?

Boyle is no stranger to Thailand. He was the director of *The Beach*, the 2000 film about a backpacker in Thailand, which was largely responsible for helping turn Phi Phi Island into an international tourist trap. Some may despise Boyle for that, but for better or worse, his work is undeniably prolific.

Thai audiences clearly love big-budget, special effects-based action flicks that center plots around big explosions more than

they do characters. Every once in a while, though, a character-based film comes along that is still so entertaining that its "blockbuster" appeal is universal.

*127 Hours* is one of those movies, and it managed to make its way into theaters around the world because of its incredible story.

In a country that is known for embracing the youthful spirit of adventure, *127 Hours* has a huge Thai audience just waiting to watch it. Anyway, never mind that theaters didn't bring it to the big screen here, go pick it up on DVD next month.

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# Young gun wants to be Phuket's pit hit

Twenty-two-year-old Kamala resident Dylan Young hopes to find the financial backing to achieve his dream of representing Phuket in Formula 1 racing

By Andrew Jennings

THE first time Dylan Young sat in the driver's seat of a racing kart he knew he had found his calling.

He was 18-years-old at the time, a late bloomer in karting terms, but Young was a natural behind the wheel nonetheless.

"I went to my first Formula 1 Grand Prix (F1 GP) when I was six. I fell in love with motorsport, however it wasn't until I turned 18 and started racing karts that I began to think about a career in racing," says Young, who is now based permanently in Phuket after spending several years dividing his time between here and Melbourne, Australia, where he grew up.

Now 22, Young's rise through the racing ranks continues to move at a startling pace. After three years learning his trade in karting, he eventually outgrew it, and last year progressed to the prestigious Formula BMW Pacific series.

Despite being the least experienced driver in the series, Young performed remarkably well during the 2010 season. Competing for UK-based team Motaworld Racing, he consistently qualified ahead of BMW contracted scholarship drivers and even managed to finish ahead of one of the Red Bull Junior team drivers at the support events at the

Malaysia and Singapore F1 GPs. Racing in front of crowds in their thousands – not to mention eagle-eyed F1 team bosses – proved the ultimate adrenaline rush for Young.

"The races in Malaysia and Singapore last year were directly before the main F1 races... so it was a bit daunting with such a massive crowd watching," recalls Young. "The big crowd, the pressure, I loved it. I finished quite well in the middle of the field."

One man impressed by Young's progress is Motaworld Racing manager, Alan Waite, who says:

"With Dylan, we believe we have a driver with enormous potential and foresee a great future for him. With his focus, determination and ability to learn quickly, we believe he will develop into a very

competitive race driver in higher categories of motor-racing. This talented young driver is going places."

Time rarely stands still in the blood and thunder of competitive motorsport, and Young is fully aware that the upcoming 2011 season will be make-or-break for him on the long road to his dream of becoming a F1 driver.

The Formula BMW Pacific Series – recently rebranded as the JK Racing Asia Series – will once again provide a platform (or podium) for the future stars of F1.

The first race of the year will take place before the Malaysian F1 GP in early April, while the series will also stop off at the Singapore and Indian F1 GPs later in the year.

The only boundary standing in Young's way from a genuine shot at the big time is sponsorship. Motorsport is a notoriously money-sapping pursuit and he requires a substantial budget to remain competitive this year.

"I'm doing everything I can in my control to be ready, being in the gym every day. Now I just need to find the final piece of the puzzle, which is of course the

sponsorship to ensure I make the grid at the opening event," he says.

He hopes to obtain the financial clout to compete in most of the events this year and he is intent on bringing Phuket along for the ride.

"I need to find sponsorship support quickly and I'm working hard to develop the right partnerships. Being based in Phuket, I think I have a lot to offer companies on the island. The problem is the timeframe... I need to get in the car for a couple days testing in early March to prepare for the opening event, which is always an important one in front of the F1 team bosses and big crowds," he adds.

"You can be the most talented driver in the world, but if you don't have financial backing it is impossible to make it. Phuket is now my home and it would be fantastic to represent the island at international motorsport events around the world.

"My dream is to one day (fingers crossed) be lining up on the grid of a Formula 1 race with a Phuket logo on the side of my car."

To contact Dylan Young about sponsorship, please E:info@dylan.youngdriving.com

ON THE RIGHT TRACK: Australian Dylan Young. Photos courtesy of dylan.youngdriving.com



## Dylan Young Profile



D.O.B: 29/01/1989

Nationality: Australian

Current Residence: Phuket, Thailand

Height: 1.88m

Weight: 74kg

Hobbies: Fitness, Skiing, Guitar

Favorite F1 Drivers: Michael Schumacher, Robert Kubica

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# Wil Banks

WILSON ('Wil' to many) Banks is the Managing Partner of the SWB Estates Group, creators of Layan Estate and Layan Hills Estate, two of Phuket's most elegant housing developments. He has lived mostly in Asia-Pacific for more than 40 years, the last 12 in Phuket.

Wil's move into property development was quite a step from his earlier career of about 25 years in banking and financial consulting.

"I discovered that building quality homes for people who often become like an extended family is especially gratifying. Our focus has always been on creating large, elegant villas with spacious gardens rather than crowded 'vacation houses' that lack character and ambiance," he says.

His formula has been successful, as he promptly built and sold all 18 villas at Layan Estate and has enjoyed healthy sales at his more recent project of 32 villas at Layan Hills Estate – despite the recent cooling in the island's luxury property market.

Wilson Banks was born in Texas to a highly decorated World War II United States Air Force command pilot. He spent his childhood moving frequently, with five years in the Philippines and another several years in Washington DC and Texas before graduating from high school in Arizona.

## EXPAT gallery

By Bruce Stanley

By the time Wil was 17, the lure of the skies had transferred from father to son.

"I wanted to fly jets off aircraft carriers, so after graduation from high school I enrolled in the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland."

After two years as a young Midshipman there, Wil went to Europe on a summer vacation. However, the adventure continued beyond the allotted period and he returned to Annapolis with punishment restrictions.

He left the Naval Academy before graduation and enrolled at Arizona State University where he took a degree in Political Science. In 1964, a year for the American presidential election, he worked on the campaign of Republican Barry Goldwater while performing full-time duties as a page in the state's House of Representatives.

After graduation, he enrolled at the Thunderbird School of International Management where he earned his MBA. His career in international finance was beginning.

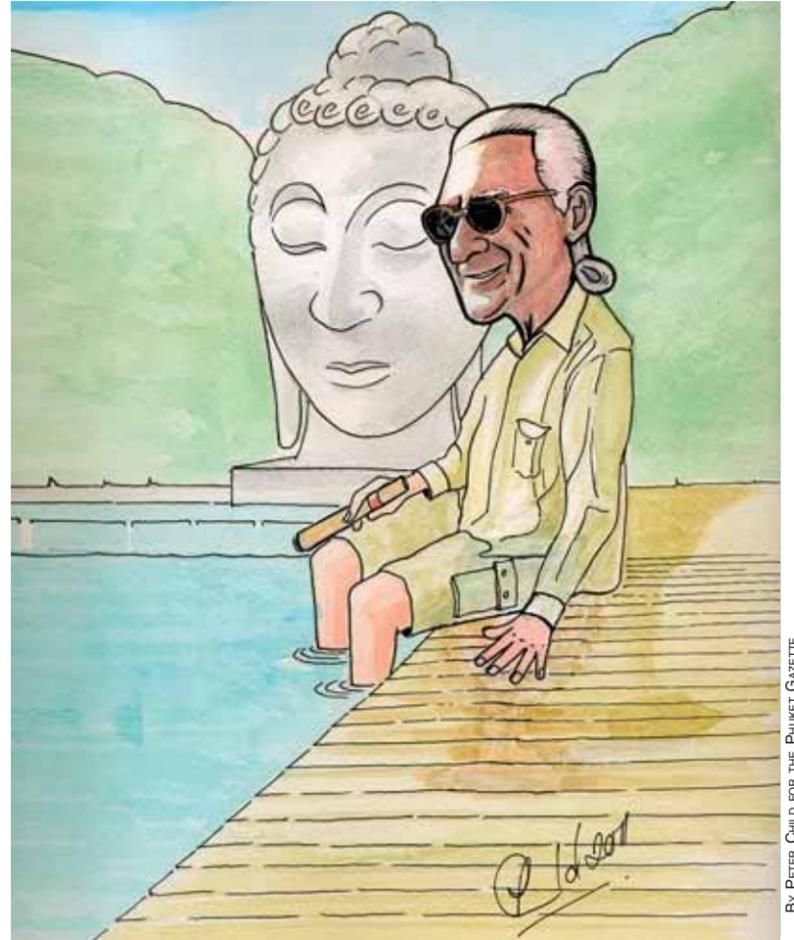
He was hired by the Marine Midland Grace Trust Company of New York to become a Lending Officer and quickly became its youngest Vice President, he says. After a banking career which saw him posted on assignments to London, Australia, Seoul, Hong Kong and Singapore, he decided in 1983 to move out on his own.

He founded W. Banks & Associates where he spent the next 12 years negotiating multinational investments and acquisitions. It was during this time that he became a frequent visitor to Thailand.

"At one point, I went to Thailand to try to salvage a major project which had become more complicated than anticipated. I had been coming to Phuket since the 1980s on holiday, and more frequently in the 1990s for business.

"It seemed to me that life on this beautiful island could be very pleasant indeed, so following my youngest daughter's advice I decided to stay put and have happily made Phuket my home."

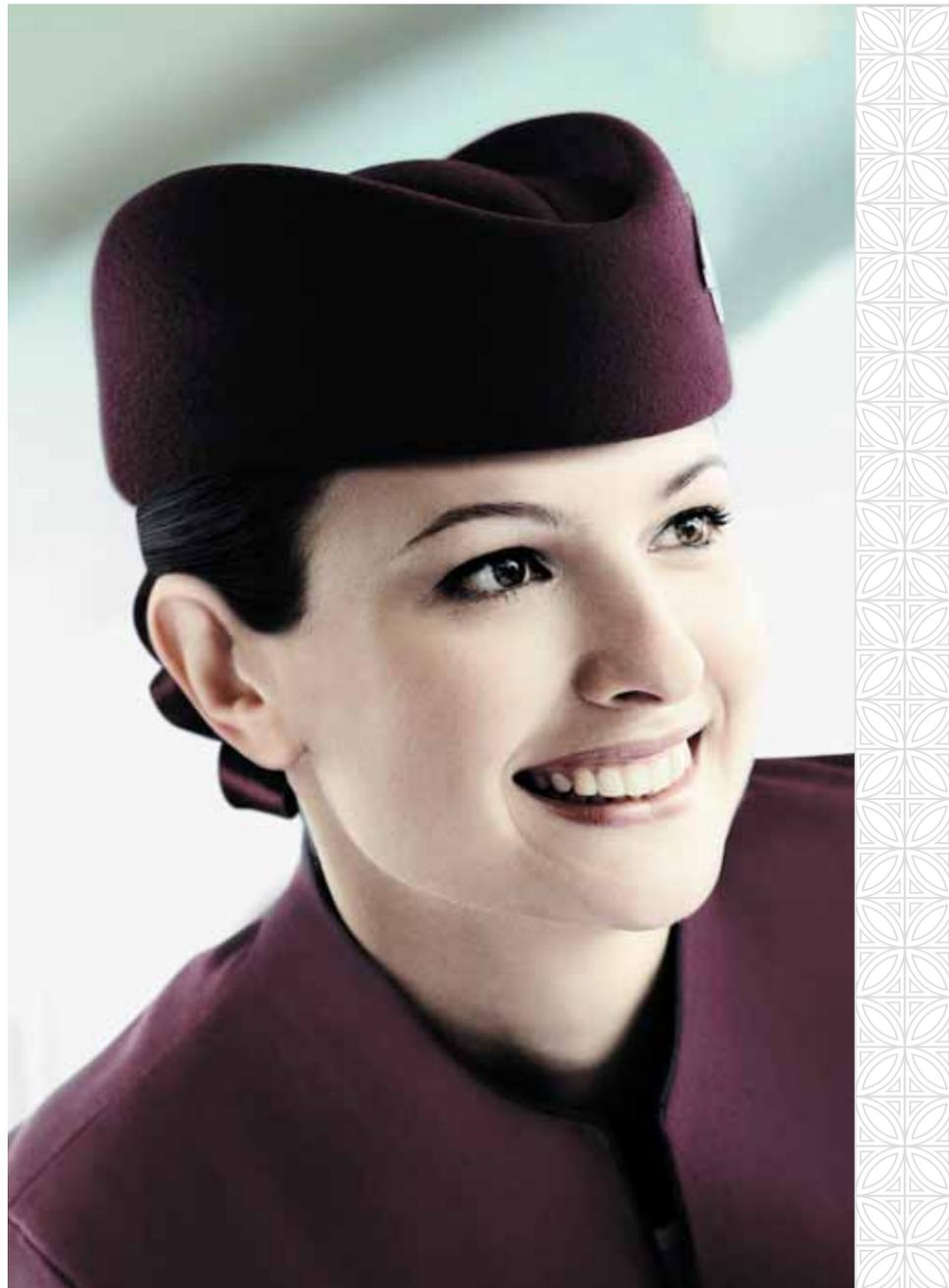
He considers himself very fortunate to live now at "Casa Wil" at Layan Estate with its magnificent gardens and 20-meter swimming pool. At the far end of the pool sits a 2.5-meter-high sculpture of the Buddha, whose gentle smile seems to cast a peaceful aura over Wil's ongoing Phuket adventure.



BY PETER CHILD FOR THE PHUKET GAZETTE

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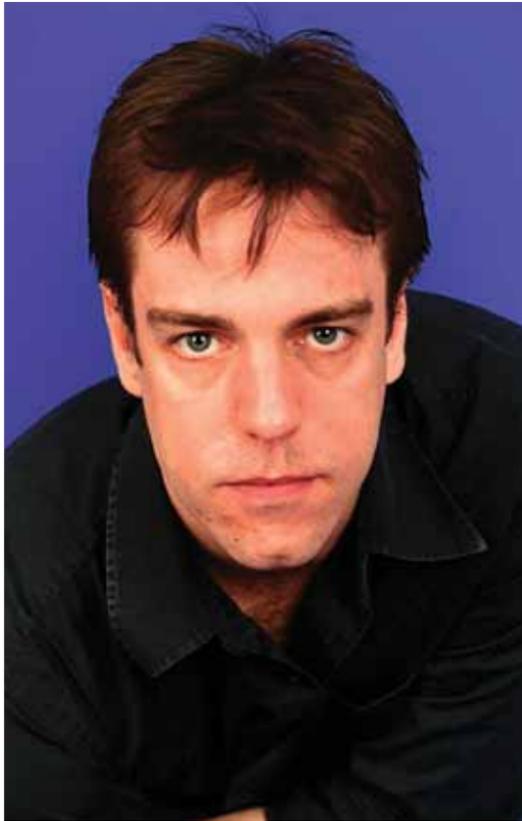
**WHAT'S ON  
in Phuket**

**February 19-25. Finding Peace & Happiness**

"All happiness comes from a desire for others to be happy; all misery comes from the desire for oneself to be happy." Shantideva, eighth century Indian Pandita. Tenzin Priyadarshi, is the founding director of the Dalai Lama Centre for Ethics and Transformative Values at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. February 19: Open to all and February 20-25: Retreat (for those interested in continuing in retreat) Contact Weena at T:076-336030 E:mtc@phuketinternationalacademy.com W:phuketinternationalacademy.com for more information.

**February 25. AMCHAM Seminar – Phuket Planning & Zoning Regulations**

The Greater Phuket Chapter of AMCHAM Thailand has organized a seminar on the recent changes to the Planning and Environmental Regulations of both Phuket and Phang Nga. Two keynote speakers, both leading law experts, are featured: Sorachon Boonsong, Partner, Baker & McKenzie Thailand and Anurag Ramanat, Partner, South Asia Law. Their briefings will be followed by a Q&A Session, after which there will be networking cocktails with a cash bar until 7pm at the Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket. Attendance is open to the public, with an entry charge of 200 baht



**February 23  
Punchline Comedy  
returns to Patong**

The first Phuket Punchline Comedy show of the year returns to the Holiday Inn resort in Patong this month with three of the UK comedy circuit's finest men in stand-up. Nick Doody hails from Yorkshire and has been blessed with a very sharp mind, a mind which he puts to outstanding use in his comedy. Josh Howie, who *The Scotsman* has likened to a young Woody Allen, has a challenging, intelligent and wit. And holding it all together is the very likeable and charming Michael Legge who is regarded as one of the best comperes in the business.

*The Phuket Gazette* sponsors the Punchline series of performances in Phuket. Contact Boom at T:089-6469278 E:info@phuketcomedy.com or W:phuketcomedy.com for more information.

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**February 25-27. Phuket International Blues Rock Festival**

The sixth Annual Phuket International Blues Rock Festival will take place at the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort and Spa for two nights over the last weekend in February. This year's bands hail from seven different countries and are among the best in the blues world, honored with numerous

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**February 27. Social Tennis Tournament**

Ladies doubles and mixed doubles. 700 baht per pair, per section. Light refreshments will be served at the trophy presentation after the tournament. Enter before 5pm on February 20. Contact Dianne at T:089-4698100 E:didee51@yahoo.com.au or Lorenzo at T:081-0802453 E:lorenzotennis@libero.it W:bisphuket.ac.th for more information.

**February 27. Gourmet Sunday by Möevenpick Phuket**

Enjoy a gourmet feast at the poolside this Sunday. The event will be held at Pacifica Restaurant 12-3pm. An array of dishes will tantalize the taste buds. Sushi and sashimi, fresh seafood, oysters, pan-fried goose liver and imported meat cooked on the barbeque to your liking. Imported cheeses, Möevenpick ice cream and Swiss specialities will round off a delightful afternoon. Bring the family. The Play Zone is equipped

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**March 13. Phuket Yacht Club Kid's sailing**

Courses held on Sundays at Phuket Yacht Club, Ao Yon on selected dates in February and March for children aged 7-12 years. These will be introduction to sailing courses. Contact Donna Stephens at T:086-1200752 E:phuketyachtclub@gmail.com or W:phuketyachtclub.info for more information.

**March 26. St. Patrick's Ball at Möevenpick Resort and Spa**

The Life Home Project hosts Phuket's second St Patrick's Ball, at Möevenpick Resort and Spa at Karon Beach on March 26. Ticket price is 4,000 baht including a scrumptious international buffet dinner, plus drinks. National costume or black tie is expected on the night. Tickets are available at all three Bake outlets from Feb 14 onwards. If you would like to find out more about this fantastic event, then please contact Joojee at T:081-3979809 E:joojee88@yahoo.com or visit W:lifehomeproject.org for more information.

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# In it for the mangroves

LAST weekend 300 mangroves were planted at Thachatchai Mangrove Forest Nature Trail by Kelly Franklin from Sustainable Smiles (center), Chutarat Manachaipornpis Public Relations Executive Indigo Pearl (dark blue shirt) and about 100 students from Technical Thalang College (in blue shirts) and Tha Chat Chai School (pink shirts).

Photo: Indigo Pearl



## YOUR Phuket

# Central on song with love



SONG FOR SHOPPERS: Central Festival Phuket held a Love Song Festival 2011 which featured live performances by some famous Thai singers last weekend. About 300 people turned out on Saturday and about 800 on Sunday.

Thai Singer Pod Mod-erndog is pictured. Photo: Atchaa Khamlo



A CIVILIZED AFFAIR: Twinpalms recently held a special tasting event. From left is Twinpalms General Manager Olivier Gibaud, Chilean Jean Pascal Lacasze and artist Benjamin Lira.

# US Navy officers kick it with QSI kids

By Andrew Jennings

ALTHOUGH the final scoreline didn't go their way, the servicemen and woman stationed aboard the *USS Momsen* told the *Phuket Gazette* "they had a blast" playing in an exhibition game against students from Quality Schools International (QSI) Phuket last Friday afternoon.

The US Navy officers were on the island for four days of rest and relaxation before heading back home to the United States following six months at sea.

As part of the US Navy's community relations (or COMREL) work during their visit, the team of sailors also painted the playground equipment at Wat Sawangk Arrom School in Rawai, before donning their boots for the soccer game at the new artificial turf soccer pitch at QSI. The events were organized by the Rotary Club of Patong Beach.

"It is great for the kids to get to play a game against the officers. It will be something they will be talking about for quite a while after," said Brad Kenny of the Rotary Club of Patong Beach.

Over the past four years the US Navy and Marines have conducted over 60 COMREL projects in the Phuket area.



Tan Srisavat and Oliver Anderson



US Navy Officer Steve Grove (left) is presented with a community relations award by Brad Kenny of Patong Rotary Club (right) and QSI students.



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# Hoards hurry down to Old Town

PHUKET Town was bustling last week when the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Phuket Old Town Festival rolled into Thalang Road and Queen Sirikit Park. Festivities included a wide range of staged performances, food, activities and exhibitions paying homage to traditional ways of local life. Despite being held midweek this year's event was busier than ever. Photos: Christian Mouchet and Pimwara Choksakulpan



**MONKEY DANCE:** A performer dressed as the Magic Monkey dances at the festival opening at Queen Sirikit Park on February 8



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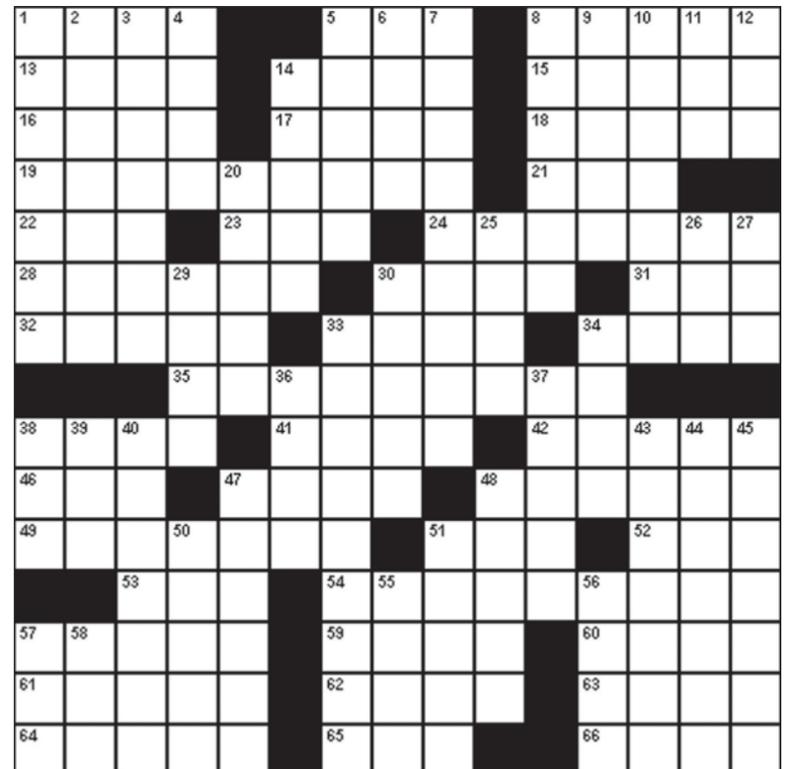
## Current Affairs

1. Tahrir Square has been the focal point of recent protests in the Egyptian capital Cairo. What does the word *Tahrir* mean?
2. China has been raising interest rates in order to tackle inflation. The first of which came in October 2009. Before that, when was the last time China raised interest rates?
3. Which American actress is facing theft charges for stealing a necklace worth US\$2,500?
4. What's the name of the temple located on the Thailand-Cambodia border that has recently been the subject of confrontation between the two countries?
5. In which country is Wikileaks founder Julian Assange accused of committing rape?
6. Which US congresswoman has started speaking again, a month after being shot in the head?
7. Which fossil (nickname accepted) was singled out as evidence that confirms an ancestor of humans could walk upright consistently?
8. How much did London football club Chelsea spend on World Cup winner Fernando Torres?
9. Which financially troubled European country will hold a general election next month?
10. Which European Prime Minister is facing sex charges?
11. What is the ousted Haitian president's name?

Quiz solutions on page 33

- Across**
1. Turkish honorific
  5. Calendar abbr.
  8. Palm fruits
  13. Delighted
  14. Smoke deposit
  15. Choose
  16. Baltic capital
  17. Drink to excess
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  28. Dorsal
  30. Editor's mark
  31. Small batteries
  32. Ready —
  33. Disfigure
  34. Single entity
  35. Tending to revolve
  38. Golfer Ballesteros
  41. Chip in
  42. 1961 Heston role
  46. Actress Merkel
  47. Slaughter of baseball
  48. The beginning
  49. Informal
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  52. Code-breaking org.
  53. CD forerunners
  54. Calm
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  60. Air-filled rubber hoop, become fatigued

- Down**
1. Go along with
  2. Gleam
  3. Born of a hag
  4. Purim month
  5. Nourishment



6. Thick cord
7. Repetitious
8. Hate
9. Winged
10. Mideast capital
11. Author Umberto
12. Sault — Marie
14. Motionless
20. Declaim
25. Big rig
26. Mai —
27. Concorde, e.g.
29. Clotted blood
30. Old sailors

33. Dramatic piece for one performance
34. Unattractive
36. Turbine blade
37. Approaches
38. Big —
39. Chemical ending
40. Bordered by a ridge
43. Entrust
44. Policy, you are —
45. Traders
47. Thrust out
48. Legal right
50. — ski
51. Express a viewpoint
55. PayPal creator, — Musk
56. Collar type
57. Farm female
58. Paving material

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Puzzle solutions on page 33

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20):



Someone is forecast to be fishing for information you might not be ready to give. Pisceans should be cautious when conversing with those they don't know so well. Personal finances could be particularly vulnerable to this situation midweek. In the realm of romance, stretching the truth will be easily spotted by a partner this weekend. Those with a birthday in the coming week will seize opportunities more quickly in the year ahead.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20):



Arians are advised not to leave business arrangements up in the air for too long. The stars indicate that a colleague will not hesitate to jump in with a better offer. Where romance is concerned, you could be dazzled by another fire sign this weekend, but those looking for more than flirtation will be disappointed. If you are already committed, delay trying to communicate about a touchy issue until your partner is ready.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21):



Another earth sign is predicted to point you in a new direction this week and many Taureans will be embarking on a voyage of self-discovery before the end of Febru-

ary. Money matters require patience on Tuesday and Wednesday when someone appears determined to see things from an opposite perspective. Romantic sparks are forecast to fly when Leo crosses your path this weekend. Wear peach to encourage a calm attitude.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21):



Your lack of commitment to work this week could be a temporary situation, but certain Geminis are forecast to consider changes of employment before the end of this month. An earth sign friend or family member has advice that will be worth listening to. Where romance is concerned many Geminis could go overboard for a water sign this weekend.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23):



Gossip is forecast to be rife in the world of work this week. Cancerians should avoid jumping to conclusions before they've heard all sides of a story. The wrong reaction could set off a series of events that will be hard to put right. In the realm of romance, commitment is highlighted to be a sensitive subject this weekend. Wear rose pink to encourage a mellow mood.



**LEO** (July 24-August 22):



The luxury of having time on your hands is forecast to make this weekend a pleasant time. Leos who have been rushing around since the start of this year will appreciate catching up with family and socializing. Investments are well-starred between now and the end of February. The stars suggest that you could learn that a possession is more valuable than previously thought.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 23):



There will be no excuses for boredom this week. Those born under the sign of Virgo who are ready for a new challenge are forecast to find this close to home. Your monetary outlook improves as the end of February nears, but those in a committed relationship could see their partner's spending getting out of hand. Wednesday is the best day to discuss this matter. The number one is lucky this weekend.

**LIBRA** (September 24-October 23):



Librans looking for different accommodation are advised to shop around before committing. The stars indicate that another air sign could give misleading information concerning property this week. Your luck in love becomes affected by benign astral conditions — a water sign who rejected your advances lately is forecast to have a change of heart. This weekend, a friend is forecast to come knocking for help.

**SCORPIO** (October 24-November 22):



Something that is a hot topic for Scorpios this week is of no importance to others. The stars suggest that your need to talk about a personal matter could irritate people close to you. Cash starts to flow towards you as the end of the month approaches. Lucky days for finances this week are Wednesday and Thursday. Romance is well-starred this weekend.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 21):



The stars suggest that Sagittarians who have been pushing responsibilities to the back of their minds will need to face up to facts this week. Another fire sign can be counted on to help iron your

problems out, but a Gemini friend will only add fuel to the fire. Decisions are best taken after Wednesday and appointments with bureaucracy should be scheduled for Thursday. Romance is lucky this weekend.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20):



A steadier astral atmosphere encourages Capricorns to enjoy life until the end of February. Your financial luck is strong this week, with emphasis on debts being paid back. A romantic relationship that was put on hold recently is forecast to be rekindled, but problems that prevented happiness before still need to be solved. Those committed should be ready to say the words their partner has been waiting to hear.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19):



The stars indicate that obstacles are mostly in your imagination this week. An unusually insecure mood overtakes some of those born under the sign of Aquarius and tangible progress could be delayed until the start of next month. Where romance is concerned, it appears that your priorities are changing. Aquarians are forecast to meet someone that they have more in common with.

# Soi Bangla's The Sixth to turn heads



**COLORFUL CORNER:** The Sixth Phuket is currently under construction off Soi Bangla in Patong. Graphic courtesy of The Sixth Phuket

By Alexandra Andersson

A SPLASH of color is coming to Soi Bangla in the shape of the 60-million-baht Sino-Portuguese shophouse project – The Sixth Phuket.

Located behind Seduction nightclub, the new three-storey structure will house 42 shophouse units covering a one rai area of land. Construction work is expected to be complete by November.

All units are designed to mimic the hugely popular Sino-Portuguese architecture found in Phuket Town.

As one would expect in a location as popular with tourists as Patong, there has been a high level of interest from prospective renters since the project plans were announced.

So far, about 30 per cent of shophouse



units have been reserved. One of the project developers, Sarawee Bodharojtham, General Manager of Lux Manor Co Ltd, said the new project had “outstanding potential”.

“We are certain that The Sixth Phuket is worth investing in and will provide our tenants with good returns on their investment.”

“The project will combine a variety of retail businesses and services into a single, upscale shopping environment.”

Restaurants, health and beauty stores,

financial services and other retail stores are expected to form the bulk of long-term renters, and there will also be an underground car park with space for 90 cars.

Rates for the units vary according to their size and layout, from 40,000 to 150,000 baht per month.

“The property will meet the daily lifestyle needs and add a unique shopping experience to the island’s residents and holiday makers alike,” Mrs Sarawee said.

It’s unique design is another selling point, she added.

“Inspired by Phuket’s Sino-Portuguese architectural heritage, the shophouses will definitely become a much-talked-about beachside shopping landmark.”

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# Property market evolving for sales

THE past decade has witnessed a revolution in the Phuket property industry.

Favorable supply and demand conditions had developers and estate agents shouting "buy, buy, buy" from the top of the island's coconut trees, like boisterous Wall Street traders.

These days, the market landscape has shifted and now the chorus of chatter is more likely to include the word "sell"... or more precisely, "resell."

Sharing a coffee or even an email with agents, one common theme is often discussed: The deluge of last-minute listings for secondary sales of villas, apartments and condos.

High season undoubtedly brings existing owners to the island and stimulates the listings machine for property resales, however the current phenomenon is a veritable snowstorm of activity.

In many cases, personal financial stress overseas is driving owners to dispose of second properties.

There is also the added problem of homes that were sold off-plan in the boom years, pre-2008, that now, after inevitable construction delays, have lost their appeal for buyers.

Property seekers from Eastern Europe continue to make their



## Property Watch

By Bill Barnett

presence felt, roaming the coastline and paying top baht for premium properties.

Eastern Europeans are not alone, buyers from all over the world are looking for a plot.

Many property owners are now dipping their toes into the real estate market, expecting to find quick money.

A glance at local property listings on the internet finds a striking amount of the "same-sames". Owners to do the rounds, list with every available agent possible, then sit back and hope for best.

For potential buyers, the ensuing confusion and endless days required to sift through the sand to find buried treasure could drive the hardest of investors to the brink of insanity.

One significant development in the property sector in Western markets has been the evolution of multiple listing services (MLS).

Developed in the US and now commonly used in Europe, the MLS system often works on a membership basis. Brokers access and then share property listings on a common platform.

For buyers, it's an easy sys-

tem to negotiate as they don't need to spend days searching through a bottomless pit of non-integrated internet sites.

This brings up another red herring in terms of acceptable local practices.

I'm of course referring to the "two-broker system" most commonly used in the West.

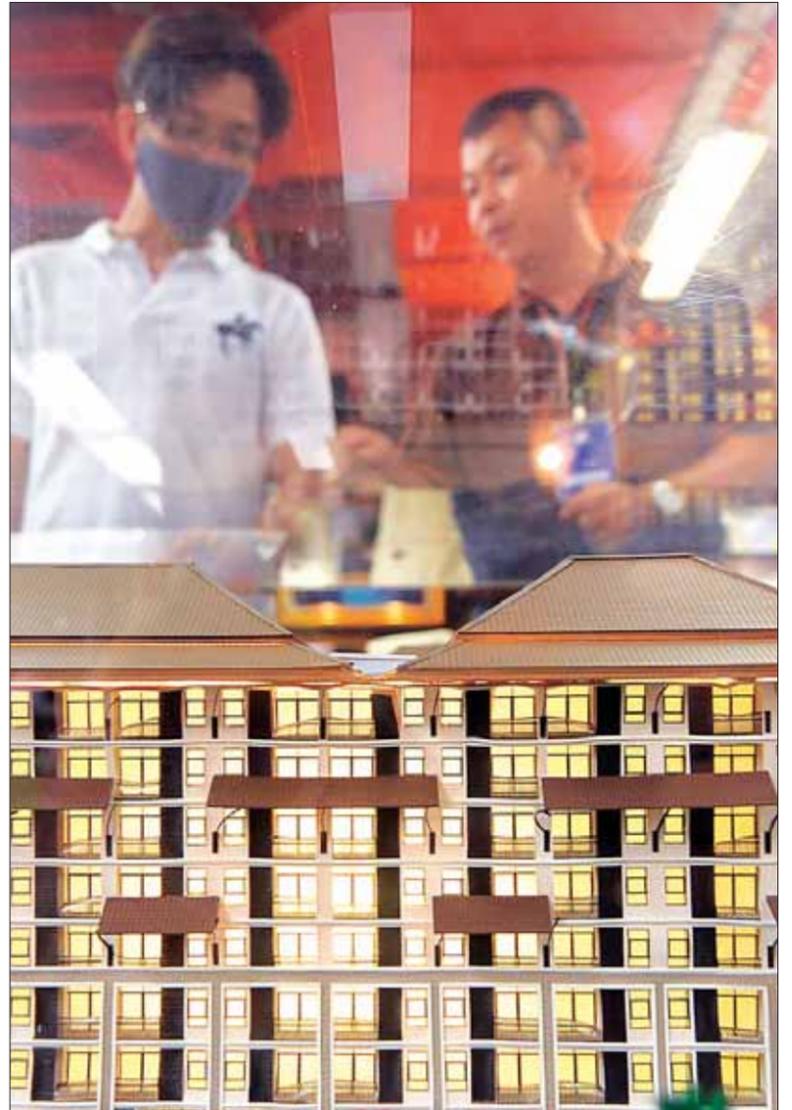
Instead of relying on an avalanche of doe-eyed first time buyers to walk through the door and purchase property off-plan, the two-broker system is geared for the resale market – Phuket's primary breadwinner at the moment.

In this structure, a total commission of six per cent is applied, and then split down the middle between a broker representing the seller and another representing the other buyer.

Granted, the duties of an agent or broker in most cases require licensed staff and more participation throughout the transaction process than is seen here.

Phuket remains a developing market and it's fair to say there is room to reach international standards. The industry is composed mainly of property sales people and a more sophisticated set of brokers and agents.

This is not a criticism, it's ac-



**EYING THE NEXT STEP:** Phuket needs to diversify its sales tactics.

knowledging the challenges ahead to grow the real estate sector.

In the past, sets of mainly Thai agents and foreign brokers gathered into working groups to improve standards and co-operation.

Unfortunately these have largely fallen by the wayside in recent times.

As we see a dynamic shift

in property to secondary sales it might be a good time for local firms to again look at combining resources, sharing information and committing to further the cause of a key industry in Phuket.

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## In brief...

### Bay Cliff Condo Targets Thai Buyers

THE Bay Cliff condominium in Kalim has opened a sales office in Bangkok to lure domestic property buyers into the Phuket market.

Bay Cliff Development Group also have a second project in Kalim, at the north end of Patong named The Privilege Residences.

Another venture is the 286 room Sleep With Me hotel set to open in 2012 near Jungceylon.

While Bay Cliff's launch coin-

cided with the global financial crises a few years ago they have steadily outperformed the market in sales pace due to a significant number of Thai buyers.

### Centara signs Star Patong Resort

A management agreement has been entered into between Yangrangsi Co Ltd and Centara Hotels & Resorts for the management of a new 350-room resort in Patong.

The Moringa Resort and Spa by Centara will offer 280 rooms and 70 one and two bedroom pool villas with an opening set for December 2012.

Facilities include a freshwater lake, a 16-room spa, four restaurants and conference facilities for

150 people. Consulting firm Mai BS with Klaus Rauter acted as the owner's adviser.

### A closer look at The View

Since the story highlighting The View Condominium in Kata featured in our property section earlier this month ("Building up The View", page 23, issue of February 5), the *Gazette* has learned that prices for apartments at The View range from 9.3 million baht to 48.1 million baht.

Project architects have also confirmed that units in buildings A, C and E range from 223.83 square meters without a sundeck to 392.03sqm with a 281.85sqm rooftop sundeck. Units in buildings B and D range from 207.87sqm with a 150.88sqm rooftop sundeck to 222.22sqm without a sundeck, while units in buildings F, G, H and I range from 116.30sqm to 144.54sqm but do not come with rooftop sundecks.

Developer Alexander Grabowski confirmed that about 30 per cent of the 8.03-rai project area, located 800 meters from the shore with views of three beaches, has already been sold. Construction of The View is now in full swing.

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# The dawn of Sunrise Ocean Villas

As two Sunrise Ocean Villas in Ao Por near completion, we take a sneak peak inside this picturesque development



**ROOM WITH A VIEW:** The living room interior is modern and stylish.

LOCATED on Phuket's east coast, the Sunrise Ocean Villas development is well underway, with two units of the first phase nearing completion.

The area of Ao Por has seen great development in recent years, influenced mainly by the opening of the new Ao Por Grand Marina.

This residential project, situated three minutes from the marina and 60 meters from the beach facing Phang Nga Bay, will house a total of

10 luxury hillside villas.

Each two-storey villa will cover an area of 300 square meters. All residences have three bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms.

An additional bathroom is located on the upper floor, which also comprises the master bedroom, covered parking for two cars and a 10-meter infinity pool.

The lower floor includes two bedrooms and a study room.

Notable design features are the oversized window panels on both levels, which open fully to create



**CONCEPTUAL PROGRESS:** Two of the 10 planned villas are nearly complete and have already been sold.

large terraced spaces and offer exceptional panoramic views.

At the current stage of construction, it is possible for potential owners to alter a number of design aspects.

Choice of tile colors and pool depth is optional, while the lower-floor study room could be converted to an extra bedroom at no extra cost.

Residents with boats can also

avail of free mooring in the bay directly in front of the villas.

In addition, the Sunrise Ocean Villas can provide a 26-foot speedboat to home owners wishing to access Phang Nga Bay and surrounding islands.

Close to Mission Hills golf club and 15 minutes from Phuket International Airport, the development is presented in a tranquil and relaxed environment, with

little tourism and traffic.

Villas are stylish and contemporary in design and offer an exclusive and affordable alternative to the island's west coast.

Villas are currently priced at 14.9 million baht and a rental program can be arranged for non-residents requiring a return on their investment.

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# Trumpet triumphs in the Top 20 list

TODAY, 20 weeks on, is the day when the pecking order of our Top 20 Phuket Plants list is revealed. The ratings have been decided by the following criteria:

First and foremost, the beauty and dramatic impact of the flowers. Second, the abundance of the blooms, and the length of the flowering period.

Other key factors in the decision-making process include ease of cultivation, and resistance to disease.

Fragrance has enabled some



**Gardening**  
By Patrick Campbell

shrubs to enter, or even ascend the list, but a sweet scent alone has not necessarily meant inclusion.

For example, both *Wrightea* and *Buddleia* have heady bouquets, but the small white flowers are relatively insignificant.

Hence no cigar, water plants, foliage plants, palms, annuals or trees have been considered.

Common names, botanical titles and Thai names are included.

There have been a number of near misses, plants that would grace any tropical garden with distinction. So they deserve a passing mention here.

The Yellow Oleander (*Thevetia Peruviana*), and its cousin the *Nerium* or common Oleander, sadly do not have enough blooms to make it onto the list.

Indian Milkweed (*Calatropis*) is a very distinctive shrub, but is too prone to attack from insects.

The Wax Rose (*Pereskia*), like The Yellow Oleander, produces attractive flowers, but in insufficient quantity to merit inclusion.

Plants normally grown in containers such as the Desert Rose (*Adenium*) have been omitted, although an exception has been made in the case of the Crown of Thorns (*Euphorbia*

*Millii*) since it does well in any situation. After due consideration, the orchid genus was also included.

The Fire Bush (*Hamelia Patens*) came close to being chosen, as did the Passion Flower (*Passiflora*), the Garlic Vine (*Pachyptera*), the Jade Vine (*Strongylodon*) and the *Ylang Ylang* (*Cananga Odorata*).

The outstandingly beautiful Bird of Paradise (*Strelitzia*) takes seven years to flower and

struggles in Phuket – hence its reluctant omission.

In the case of shrubs such as the Hibiscus, Heliconia and Ginger, their high ranking position in part reflects the wide range of diverse species that go by that generic name.

Readers' views are welcome.

If you have a garden that you would like to be featured on this page, please e-mail [pcampbell45@gmail.com](mailto:pcampbell45@gmail.com)



**WINNER: The Golden Trumpet**  
Photo: Tatters

## Top 20 plants in Phuket

1. Golden Trumpet, *Allamanda Cathartica*, Baan-buri
2. Hibiscus species, *Rosa-Sinensis*, Cha-baa
3. Heliconia species or False bird of Paradise, *Rostrata*, Thamma raksaa
4. Crown of Thorns, *Euphorbia Millii*, Poisian
5. Canna Lily or Indian Shot, *Canna Indica*, Phutta raksaa
6. Torch Ginger, Red Ginger, *Zingiberaceae species*, Khiing daang
7. Yellow Bells or Yellow Bignonia, *Tecoma Stans*, Thawng urai
8. Rangoon Creeper, *Quisqualis Indica*, Lep mue nang
9. Orchidaceae species, Orchid, Cattleya and Vanda.
10. Frangipani or Temple Tree, *Plumeria*, Leelawadee.
11. Cup of God or Chalice Vine, *Solandra Grandiflora*.
12. Bougainvillea, *Bougainvillea Spectabilis*, Fueng faa
13. Chenille Plant or Red Cattail, *Acalypha*, Haang kra rok daeng
14. Ixora species, *Coccinea* or *Stricta*, *Ixora*, Khem
15. Cape Gardenia, *Gardenia Jasminoides*, Phut chin
16. Jasminum species, Rex, Jasmine, *Sambac*, *Multiflorum*, *Mali son*, *pan yii*
18. Indian Rubber Vine, *Strophanthus Gratus*, Yaem pli nang
19. Bush Clock Vine, *Thunbergia Erecta*, Chong naang lek
20. Bottle Plant or Peregrine *Jatropha*, *Jatropha Podagrica* or *Multifida*, Hanuman nang thaen

## Tip of the week

### Getting to know your plants habitat

APART from a plant's physical characteristics, knowing its habitat is an additional key to its identification and requirements.

Natural habitats in Southeast Asia range from humid, lowland tropical environments like most Phuket gardens, to hot, dryer upland forests or cool, humid mountain rain forests like those in the North of Thailand.

There are also fresh water

wetlands and salt-laden seashores.

It is always helpful to know what kind of environment your plant originates from, so that you can try to replicate these conditions.

Over time, plants that have been removed from their native environments have adapted to new habitats.

Some have even done better in their new homes.

In Thailand, plants come from

all over the world. The Passion Flower, Bougainvillea and Morning Glory are from the United States, while Hibiscus and Gardenia come from China, and Cape Honeysuckle hails from Africa. The Foxtail Palm and Schefflera are from Australia.

Some have even arrived from Europe (Nerium, for example), though the climate there is far from tropical.

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Great location. On a busy road. 12 aircon rooms. 4 rooms with fan. Kitchen, bar and outdoor deck. Price: 3 million baht. Contact Col. Tel: 083-388 4300.

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In Patong. New condo. 465sqm. Furnished with security. Price: 2.8 million baht. Freehold. Tel: 089-728 4005. Email: thamad17@yahoo.com

### HOUSE FOR SALE IN KATHU

Nice town house, farang style. 1 floor, no garden. 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 living room, 1 kitchen and a nice terrace. 2 aircon units. Close to Kathu waterfall, waterski and school. Email for more pictures and information. Price: 1.4 million baht. Tel: 089-881 7310 (Thai), 088-444 7914 (English). Email: yingpromthep@gmail.com

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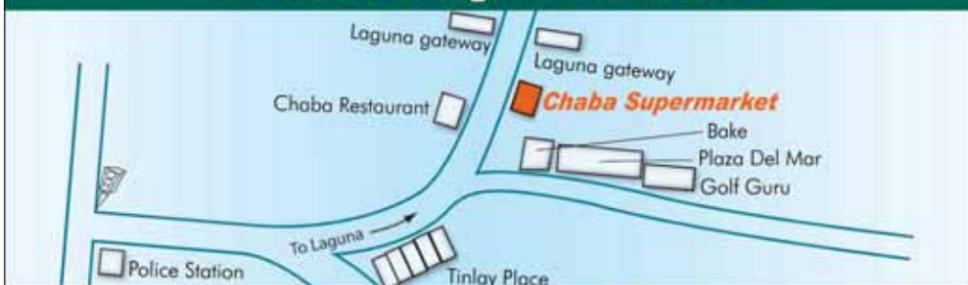
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### CONDO FOR RENT IN PATONG

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On Rawai Beach. Sale for 30-year-lease. A villa with 6 bedrooms and 6 bathrooms. Paid over 15 years, 6 million baht in total. Tel: 080-525 3346. Email: phuket7@yahoo.com

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I am interested in renting a room or apartment at Kata Beach. Looking for a good price for 2-3 months with good references. I visit Phuket twice a year. Email: us@palmssprings.de

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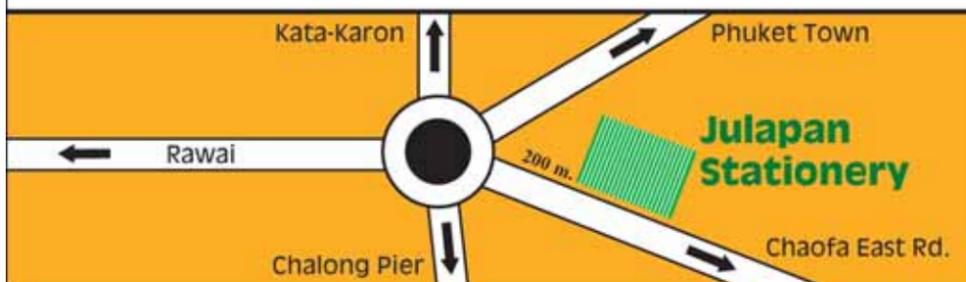
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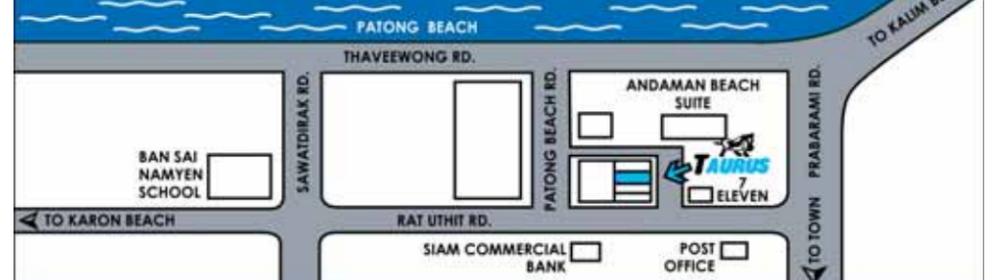


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# Phuket Lomas make their mark in Bangkok

By Andrew Jennings

FOLLOWING their successful trip to the event in 2010, the Phuket Lomas were back in Bangkok last weekend to compete in the prestigious Bangkok Rugby 10s.

The magnificent facilities at Bangkok Patana School once again provided the venue for what is the biggest international youth tournament staged in Thailand. The Lomas sent teams to competing at Under-10, Under-12 and Under-16 levels.

The three Lomas teams were all drawn in competitive groups, and at times found the tournament a definite step up in experience and skill, but they were still able to hold their own.

On the opening day of the tournament all of the Lomas teams performed brilliantly, particularly the Under-16s in their victory over AGOL from Sri Lanka.

With just two 16-year-olds on the team – the rest were just 13 and 14 years old – the Lomas defied the age gap in a pulsating game.

After conceding an early try to AGOL it looked like it was going to be an uphill struggle. But captain "Mut" was outstanding in the tackle, leading from the front and scrum-half, and with "Beang" driving the forwards, the balance of the game slowly began to shift.

The pivotal moment in the game came when "Lek" picked up a great pass from forward "Fai" to dive in at the corner just before half-time.

Mut's conversion came back off the post to send the Lomas down by two points at the break.

After the restart the AGOL players realized they were losing momentum and began resorting to borderline tactics, and were lucky to keep their full 10 players on the field.

A Lomas penalty close to the 10-meter line drove the ball into the heart of the AGOL defense to set up a decisive move through the backs, with "Toe" finishing off the move with an excellent individual effort.

Mut duly converted to put the Lomas ahead 12-7.

The more robust Sri Lankan forward division began to make inroads and only for great defensive tackles by Lek then Beang the Lomas would have and been in trouble.

With the clock ticking down AGOL were awarded a penalty 10-meters out, but great defense saw them pull up short of the line.

Then a slight knock-on signaled the end of play and handed the Lomas the win.

The team went on to also beat Surin before going down narrowly in another fantastic game to the hosts the Bangkok Lions. Despite the defeat it was a fine achievement by the team to reach the last four of the Cup.

The Under-16s – the surprise package of the tournament – were outclassed in the semi-final against another Sri Lankan team, Hisham Abdeen Rugby Academy.

The Under-12s also had an exceptional day winning all of their games in stunning fashion, brushing aside AGOL and other teams from Hong Kong and Bangkok to reach the semi-final of their com-



YOUNG GUN: Lomas on the attack at Bangkok 10s. Photo: Robert Brewer

petition. The Under-10s – who performed heroically to win their first tournament in late last year – carried on their form to prove unstoppable once again.

Despite winning their first game on day two of the event, the Un-

der-10s found the Bangkok Lions and Sandybay too good in their next two games and had to be content with a place in the Bowl final.

Meanwhile, the Under-12s showed tremendous fighting spirit to advance to the Cup semi-final where they lost a close contest.

## Phuket's T20 cricket heats up

MANY feared the Island Furniture 20/20 league game between Laguna and Patong would be over before the coin toss since Patong was only able to field eight players.

Although the points eventually did go to Laguna, Patong didn't go down without a fight, giving a gallant run-chase but ultimately coming up short.

Despite some committed fielding by Patong, the absence of three players provided too many scoring gaps for Laguna's openers. Mark Wheaton dismissed Mario Piazza for 17, while Sameer Khan added 56 before retiring his wicket.

The flow of runs could not be stemmed by Patong as Anil Rawat finished his spell with two wickets, while Anthony Van Blerk, Rishi Sadrangani and Mark Wheaton picked up one wicket each.

At the end of their innings Laguna posted an impressive total of 182 for four.

Patong began their chase in positive fashion with openers Dean Noble and Neil Quail matching



CRACKING SHOT: Patong's Anthony Van Blerk at T20 in Cherngtalay.

Laguna's run rate until the fifth over. Quail was trapped leg before wicket and Noble was caught in the covers attempting another boundary.

This brought Sadrangani and Van Blerk to the crease, and they kept the run rate within grasp by

adding 18 and 40 respectively to the scoreboard.

Sadrangani was then caught by the Laguna wicket-keeper, which heralded the entrance of Rawat. His rapid 26 in partnership with Van Blerk brought the score to 131 after 14 overs, which gave Patong a real chance, requiring just 7.5 runs per over.

Laguna then tightened their bowling and fielding, and once Van Blerk and Rawat were dismissed, the efforts of Wheaton (8), Seemant Raju (11) and Vishal Sood (3) could only bring the total to 165 after 20 overs.

Laguna were deserving winners of this competitive encounter and took the valuable league points. However, they should certainly be concerned when they face a full compliment Patong in the cup final.

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## Kone makes a point in 2011 opener

FC PHUKET opened their 2011 season with a well-earned point against Suphan Buri FC last Sunday afternoon.

Phuket were unlucky not to come away with all three points after spurning several chances to secure a win in what was their opening game in Thai League Division 1.

Surachai Jirasirichote's team got off to the perfect start when they went ahead within 10 minutes, courtesy of newly-signed striker Kone Adama.

Phuket's Choi Wan Geon had a chance to double the lead soon after, but saw his drive saved by the Suphan Buri goalkeeper.

The hosts equalized on 41 minutes after some poor defending by the Phuket defense.

Following the game, Mr Surachai said he was "satisfied" with the point picked up on the road, but somewhat "disappointed" in the manner in which his side conceded the equalizer after going ahead early on.

Phuket will play at home against Rajpracha FC next Saturday (February 26) at Surakul Stadium.

Kickoff is at 6pm.

- Andrew Jennings

# Bay first for Fusion

TESTING weather and clever course design allowed this year's Bay Regatta to be hailed as one of the best ever, with Scott Duncanson and his crew on *Quantum Fusion M* taking top honors in the Racing class.

It was not plain sailing for Duncanson. He managed to scramble the last of his crew together only on registration day.

Racing class rival *First*, skippered by Andrey Arbuzov, had the chance to take top honors in the class, but a late start on Sunday handed the advantage to *Quantum* and kept *First* in second place.

Ao Chalong Yacht Club (ACYC) was the proud host of the event, while the race management team under the direction of Simon James and Andy Dowden proved their worth in difficult conditions.

The "Fun Regatta", with four days of racing, brings together keen racers and less-competitive sailors to enjoy and discuss their chosen sport.

Racing stalwart Kevin Perrins, skipper and owner of *Rusalka* (fourth overall in Cruising B class) had no reservations.

"This has been the best Bay Regatta ever," he said.



FUSION FIRST: Scott Duncanson and his crew on board Quantum Fusion M, winner of the 2011 Bay Regatta.

Steven Gear-Evans, skipper of *Venture*, which placed second in the Bareboat Charter class, agreed.

"This was the most stunning race course we've ever been on. We'll definitely be back," he said.

Venues including The Village Coconut Island, The Paradise Koh Yao Boutique Resort and Spa, the Sheraton Krabi Resort and ACYC provided wonderful entertainment and a moveable feast for over 300 people.

The Village Coconut Island, a

new venue in the history of the regatta, hosted two of the five party nights.

Convenient and accessible for Phuket locals, the resort hosted day one of sailing, giving an opportunity for a greater number to participate than previous years.

In Bareboat Charter class, *Lychee* (Paul Kendall) placed first with *Venture* second and *Kinnon* (James Alsop) third.

Cruising A class was won by *Phoenix* (Neils Degenkolw), sec-

ond place went to *Minx* (Mick Kealy) followed by *Souay I* (Jean Rheault).

Overall winner of Cruising B was *Remington* (Jim Ellis), second place going to *Rascal* (Gavin Welman) and third to *Windstar* (Peter Wood).

The multihull class was won by *Sidewinder* (Alan Carwardine), second place went to *Miss Saigon* (David Liddell) and third to *Nina* (Grenville Fordham)

- Phuket Gazette

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