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# Visa laws tightened

**Ranong border  
runners risk being  
stuck in Myanmar**

By **Chutharat Plerin**

TOURISTS and expats arriving at Ranong Immigration on visa runs are being refused re-entry to Thailand if they have already entered the country on three consecutive "walk-in visas".

However, immigration officials at Phuket International Airport and at Sadao, a main border crossing to Malaysia, as of Wednesday confirmed that they are not enforcing the same "three-visa-and-out rule" – at least, for now.

"We began enforcing the rule from May 3 after receiving an order from Bangkok," an officer at Ranong Immigration confirmed to the *Gazette*.

"We have already spoken with several foreigners..."

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A foreigner has her paperwork checked in Ranong. Photo: Chris Husted

**Police snatch up  
corals destined  
for black market**

DAYS after divers mistook cancer researchers removing marine life from Koh Dok Mai as poachers, locals at Rawai raised the alarm when they spotted a long-tail arrive with over 600 pieces of coral.

Officers rushed to the scene, but the coral poachers fled before they arrived. The corals, to be sold by the poachers into the black market, are now to be transplanted back into the Andaman Sea.

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**Violent threats,  
corruption push  
park chief out**

PARK Chief Cheewapap Cheewatham has thrown in the towel in his fight against powerful land encroachers.

Citing the unbearable pressure and increasing danger of his job, the Sirinath National Park Chief called it quits amid allegations of a 30-million-baht bribe to sign over protected land.

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**Driver whisked  
from mob after  
slaying two**

LOCALS whose protest over road safety at "100 bodies curve" closed Chao Fa West road last week were enraged after the driver of a six-wheeled truck lost control of his vehicle at the bend and killed two.

Police quickly removed the driver from the scene.

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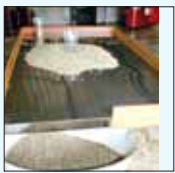
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# PACC probe confirms police extorted divers



PACC Secretary-General Col Pravesana Mulpramook (left) said evidence points to two Chalong police officers.

By Chutharat Plerin

THE Public Sector Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC) has proposed that two Chalong Police officers be charged for the extortion of members of the dive community following the conclusion of their investigation in Phuket.

"We have collected enough evidence to prove that the allegations of extortion filed by 41 members of the Phuket dive industry are true," said PACC Secretary-General

Pravesana Mulpramook.

"We will present the evidence to the PACC board in Bangkok, and if the board agrees that we have a strong enough case, then we will move forward and press charges."

Col Pravesana declined to name the officers until they were formally charged.

"The PACC board could charge the officers with extortion and abuse of power. If found guilty, the officers could face up to 10

years behind bars," he said.

"In addition to the criminal charges, the two could face a disciplinary tribunal, which could end with them being discharged from the Royal Thai Police."

If the board wishes to proceed with the case, the file will be sent back to Phuket and handed over to the Phuket Public Prosecutor for due process.

The charges stem from a roundup of dive instructors at Chalong Pier on March 10.

## ATM skimming gang collared in Karon

FIVE foreigners believed to be part of a skimming network stretching across Thailand were arrested in possession of multiple credit cards under different names and 700,000 baht in cash on May 2.

Three were caught in the process of skimming an ATM in Karon. The other two were apprehended as they were allegedly attempting to evade officers.

The men were named by police as Viathan Thiyagarsa, 29, from the Netherlands; Gnana-pooranan Ratnasabapathy, 51, travelling on a Norwegian passport, but originally from Sri Lanka; Nesaruban Arunachalam, 28, from India; Hussain Qasim, 31, from Norway; and 20-year-old Qaiser Abbas Shah, also from Norway.

The men have visited Phuket three times in the last year. Instead of leaving a deposit with a credit card at the hotel, they always left their passports and



The five men, three of whom had Norwegian passports, were found with more than 700,000 baht and multiple credit cards under different names.

then paid for the rooms in cash after a day or two, explained Col Nathapakin.

Police made the arrests after a local tipped them off that Mr Thiyagarsa was spending an inordinate amount of time at the ATM in front of the Metadee Resort and

was using multiple cards to make withdrawals, Col Nathapakin said.

"Officers rushed to the scene, confronted Mr Thiyagarsa and asked to search his bag. Inside, they found multiple ATM cards and a wad of cash," said Col Nathapakin.

"After speaking with Mr Thiyagarsa, officers set out to track down the other four suspects."

Mr Ratnasabapathy was caught in the act of withdrawing money from an ATM at the Ket Kwan junction in Karon and, soon after, Mr Arunachalam was arrested using an ATM in front of the DD Massage Shop, also in Karon, said Col Nathapakin.

"The three scammers were found with a total of 700,000 baht between them," he added.

Mr Qasim and Mr Shah were caught as they were allegedly attempting to evade police near the Nanai 9 Residence where they were staying.

"We believe these men are part of a scamming network in Thailand, and that there will be more like them. We are continuing to investigate this lead in an effort to stamp out ATM skimming on the island," said Col Nathapakin.

— **Kritsada Mueanhawong**



The men after their arrest last year. Photo: Chaichana Keowkaew

## PACC probe why gunmen set free early

THE Public Sector Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC) will investigate the Patong Police officers who failed to provide enough evidence to charge two Australians with attempted murder after the pair opened fire on a busy street in Patong last year.

The Australians, tattoo parlor owners John Cohen, 32, and Adam Shea, 26, injured two German tourists while trying to gun down alleged Danish mafioso Dennis Mark Knudsen in Soi Sansabai on January 22.

The Australians were released after serving about 40 days in Phuket Provincial Prison.

"There has been an obvious mistake in the police investigation process. We are looking into it," said Col Pravesana, who declined to name the men who are being investigated. — **Chutharat Plerin**

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# Truck driver saved from mob

## Villagers outraged after two killed in accident on deadly '100 bodies curve'

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

POLICE quickly whisked away the driver of a six-wheeled truck that killed two people and injured four others on May 3 at Phuket's notorious "100 bodies curve" on Chao Fa West Road, to rescue him from the wrath of a large, angry mob of villagers.

Uthai Pilaput told police that he was heading northbound at about midday when he lost control on the wet road and rammed a gray Honda Jazz.

When police arrived, Boonlert Udomtham, 46, was dead on the back seat of the car.

"He suffered head trauma and his right leg and right arm were broken," said Lt Thapanee Warinsaad of the Wichit Police.

Sangwan Suwanmanee, 75, who was also sitting on the back seat, died of her injuries en route to hospital, Lt Thapanee added.

"Also injured in the car was the driver, Karnpong Sabsamroeng,

who suffered a broken right arm," she said.

"His wife, Mrs Sumalee, and their son, Kritanat, 9, both escaped with only minor cuts and bruises. Mrs Sumalee was sitting in the front and the boy was sitting on Mrs Sangwan's lap."

A blue Honda Jazz following closely behind the Sabsamroeng family's Honda was also involved in the accident.

"The driver is fine. The car itself suffered very little damage," explained Lt Thapanee.

However, a pick-up truck hauling large water bottles suffered extensive damage when it 'rear-ended' the six-wheeler.

"The pick-up truck driver, Boonting Kingkaew, has an injured right shoulder," Lt Thapanee confirmed.

"The six-wheeler finally stopped when it hit a tree.

"Mr Uthai has been charged with reckless driving resulting in death."

The accident prompted one

'The six-wheeler finally stopped when it hit a tree'

— Lt Thapanee Warinsaad, Wichit Police



A civil defence volunteer stands by the pick-up truck that slammed into the back of the six-wheeler.

Phuket vice governor, Somkiet Sangkaosuttirak, to inspect the scene in person.

On April 28 a band of villagers, outraged by the dangerous conditions of the road and officials'

continuing inaction to make the curve safer, blockaded the busy road. The blockade disbanded only after Phuket Governor Maitri Inthusut spoke to the mob and agreed to implement safety mea-

asures. Some of these measures, including the installation of speed bumps, flashing lights and plastic lane-dividing poles, were implemented just days before this deadly accident occurred.

## Halpin pinned up for dealing drugs

LONG-TERM expat and former Tourist Police Volunteer Garry Halpin was sentenced to nine years and eight months in prison for overstaying his visa and dealing a Category 1 Drug to teenagers in southern Phuket.

Because Mr Halpin confessed to the charges during his trial, his sentence was halved. The original fine of 500,000 baht is now 250,000 baht, and he will serve four years and 10 months behind bars.

Mr Halpin was arrested at the Chalong Villa and Spa on December 14, where he was found in possession of more than 18 grams of *ya ice* (crystal methamphetamine), drug paraphernalia, a digital scale and cough syrup.

"Garry was a Tourist Police Volunteer who always helped the Chalong Police to communicate with tourists. He worked closely with police, and used this connection to convince foreigners that he could do whatever he wanted,



Mr Halpin will spend nearly five more years in jail. Photo: Gazette file

right or wrong," Lt Col Jarun Bangprasert of the Phuket Provincial Police said shortly after Mr Halpin's arrest.

Police were tipped-off about Mr Halpin going crooked after a 25-year-old dealer, Lersak Thaitae, was arrested on December 13.

Police quickly scrambled a sting operation involving Mr Lersak that led to the arrest of Mr Halpin.

— Saran Mittrarat

## PACC to hold work permit seminar

THE Phuket Employment Office (PPEO) will be holding an eight-hour seminar on May 22 at the Royal Phuket City Hotel in Phuket Town to clarify regulations and work permits for dive professionals.

The seminar comes as a Public-sector Anti Corruption Commission (PACC) team concludes its investigation into allegations that Chalong Police officers used legal loopholes in work permits to extort money from members of the Phuket dive community. Two of the accused officers could face criminal charges of extortion and abuse of power, and up to 10 years behind bars (see facing page).



Chief Yaowapa Pibulpol of PPEO.

"The PPEO will hold the seminar to clarify work permit descriptions and laws that effect dive instructors, dive masters and dive shop owners. The meeting will be at the Raya meeting room on the second floor of Royal Phuket City Hotel," said PPEO Chief Yaowapa Pibulpol.

"We will provide information about the Alien Working Act, BE 2551, the Social Security Act BE 2533 and the Labor Protection Act BE 2541."

The seminar is free of charge, will run from 8:30am until 4:30pm and will feature an introduction speech from Phuket Governor Maitri Inthusut and a question-and-answer session.

— Saran Mittrarat



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# Meth-head monks defrocked

Five of 16 test positive for drugs, all told to go back to their northern temples

By Thawit Bilabdullar

FIVE monks from northern Thailand were defrocked in Phuket and volunteered to go to a drug-rehabilitation camp after testing positive for *ya bah* (methamphetamine) during a Thalang Police raid on April 30.

Police were notified of the behavior of the group of monks by residents in Moo 5 of Thepkasattri Sub-district.

"Residents suspected that the men were fake monks because they went out and collected food and money at 1pm daily, then allegedly returned to a shelter on the airport bypass road to drink and use drugs," said Lt Suchart Leucha of the Thalang Police.

When police arrived at the two shelters the monks were using, they found empty beer bottles outside.

"We questioned 16 monks at the scene, and asked to see their documentation while we conducted urine tests – we could smell alcohol on some of them," Lt Suchart said.

"They all had the proper docu-



Thalang Police raided the monk's hangouts after locals raised concerns that the men were not monks at all.

mentation. They are from temples in north and northeastern Thailand."

The five monks who tested positive for *ya bah* were defrocked at Thep Wanaram

Temple (Wat Manik), but not charged, as they agreed to go to rehab.

The remaining 11 were sent back to their temples in the north, said Lt Suchart.



The monks were searched.



Monks have necessary paperwork.

could at temples upcountry, which inspired them to come to Phuket.

"We cannot allow this to happen in Phuket. It could destroy our tourism image," Lt Suchart said.

## Strict visa law enforcement to affect frequent runners

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...and strongly advised that they do not exit Thailand to arrive in Kauthaung [in Myanmar], as there is no Thai embassy or consulate there.

"We explained that if they left Thailand and tried to re-enter without first obtaining a visa from a Thai embassy or consulate, we would have to refuse them because they would have already entered Thailand three consecutive times on 'visa exemption' status."

Any foreigners who ignore the advice risk being stranded in Myanmar, the officer warned.

The crackdown on the "three-visa-and-out rule" was aimed at catching foreign criminals staying in Thailand, the officer explained.

"This is just the first step in a crackdown on expats and tourists who keep renewing their visas so that they can live in Thailand for the wrong reasons," he said.

"Some foreigners live here and form their own networks to carry out illegal business. Some of the people we are targeting are known associates of international criminals."

Visa run companies in Phuket have been notified of the situation, the officer assured.

"This will help avoid any problems at the Ranong checkpoint."

Col Prapansak Prasansuk, Immigration Superintendent at Phuket Airport, said he was not required to enforce the three-visa limit as his understanding was that Phuket Airport was not deemed the same type "port of entry" as other



Mariia Sgibneva. Photo: Facebook

checkpoints that regulate foreigners arriving by land and water.

However, Col Prapansak warned that this officers would be on the lookout for "suspicious" foreigners "to make sure they use their tourist visa to travel in Thailand, not to work."

That warning came a little late for Russian national Mariia Sgibneva, 26, who was refused entry at Phuket Airport more than a week before the May 3 crackdown.

"We checked Mariia's information. It showed that she had frequently gone to Ranong for visa runs. This is often a sign of someone illegally working in Phuket," Col Prapansak said.

Officers detained Ms Sgibneva at the airport for hours. With no further evidence, and even though she showed officials her bank account online and was willing to provide an onward ticket, officers refused her entry.

Ms Sgibneva flew back to Kuala Lumpur. Her friends, with her blessing, have since donated her belongings from her rented room in Bang Tao to a local temple.

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# Pressured park chief steps down from post

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

PARK Chief Cheewapap Cheewatham has surrendered his fight to save Sirinath National Park from land encroachment and resigned from his position amid allegations of being offered a 30-million-baht bribe to sign over protected park land.

After almost two years of service, Mr Cheewapap could no longer handle the pressure of the job and the powerful businessmen he pursued on land encroachment charges, he told the *Gazette*.

"I could not take it anymore. The longer I had the job, the more dangerous it became," he said.

"I felt pressure from every direction. I was even offered 30 million baht to sign over three plots, more than 300 rai, of park land to one businessman. Of course, I didn't take it."

Mr Cheewapap also said rumors were spread that his crack-down on land encroachment was just a ploy to collect bribe money from wealthy businessmen.

"The rumors are not true, and I am not afraid. I just think someone else will be able to better handle the pressure," he explained.

"However, before I resigned, I filed another land encroachment complaint and ordered buildings to be removed that were built on six plots of protected land."

Samak Donnapee, director of the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP), expressed sadness in losing Mr Cheewapap.

"Mr Cheewapap is a very good



Mr Cheewapap stepped down from his position after being offered a 30mn-baht bribe. Photo: Saran Mitratat

and serious officer. We are so sorry to lose him," said Mr Samak.

DNP Acting Director-General Nippon Chotiban approved Mr Cheewapap's request to transfer to the Royal Forest Department in Bangkok and announced the officer that would be taking up the land encroachment battle in his stead.

"The new Sirinath park chief is Kitiphat Tharapiban, from Mae Ping National Park in Chiang Mai," said Mr Nippon.

"Mr Kitiphat is an expert in land documents and border disputes. I

believe he is the right man to lead the fight against land encroachment in Phuket."

Although the park has lost one of its most fervent land protection advocates in Mr Cheewapap, Mr Samak reiterated the need to expedite the long list of land encroachment cases.

"There are more than 100 cases of land encroachment in Sirinath National Park and hardly any of them have been taken to court," Mr Samak said.

Mr Samak affirmed the DNP would be hiring its own lawyers

to expedite legal action in these cases.

"We will hire lawyers to help us file our cases directly with the court, as this will make for a much faster and more efficient process," said Mr Samak.

The DNP has also set up a special investigation team to crack down on land encroachment not only in Phuket, but also in Krabi and Phang Nga.

"I am heading up this team. We will start our investigation in Hat Noppharat Thara - Mu Koh Phi Phi National Park mid-month."

## B12mn canal dredging stirs up villagers

THE 12-million-baht project to deepen the Koh Kaew Canal and the existing approach channel from Phang Nga Bay has come under fire by villagers who claim that the method of dredging is endangering mangroves, marine life and residents' livelihoods.

On April 28, Jitti Intaracharoen of the Phuket Farmer's Council filed a complaint with Phuket Governor Maitri Inthusut.

"The problem with a certain kind of dredging is that it increases the concentration of nutrients in the water, which can stimulate plant and algae growth and decrease the amount of oxygen in the water. This causes fish and plants - like mangroves - to die," Mr Jitti said.

The Koh Kaew project is using two dredging methods, Mr Jitti said. In the canal near the marinas, a backhoe scoops up sludge from the canal floor and puts it on a barge which then dumps it in the sea. This one is safer for marine life, Mr Jitti explained.

The second method uses a drill to churn up the channel bed, then pumps the sludge to the side.

"I have been fighting against this method for 15 years," Mr Jitti said.

"It leads to lower oxygen levels in the water and kills aquatic animals, including fish in local people's traps, and shrimp and fish at bigger farms. It also damages mangroves in the area.

"The mangrove is a nursery for small aquatic animals. If the mangrove die, the animals will have to move somewhere else, and local people will lose their livelihoods."

Governor Maitri acknowledged the environmental concerns and said he would ask officers to find a solution. - *Saran Mitratat*



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Ms Sukanya was recognized by police officers and quickly arrested.

## Cops arrest woman for 52-car pick up

A WOMAN wanted for car theft since 2012, with outstanding arrest warrants in every district of Phuket, was arrested in Cherng Talay after being recognized by police on May 4.

"Sukanya Chanthanarak, 40, had five arrest warrants in Cherng Talay alone. Her face was familiar to area police," said Lt Col Sommai Onkham of the Cherng Talay Police.

Ms Sukanya rented cars from rental agencies and never returned them, selling them instead or demanding money from the agencies to return them, explained Col Sommai.

She has allegedly stolen 52 vehicles since 2012, he said. In 2012, police recovered 16 vehicles connected to Ms Sukanya that they believed were bound for sale in the Deep South or neighboring countries.

In addition to Cherng Talay, arrest warrants had been issued for her in Phuket City, Thalang, Chalong and Kathu, added Col Sommai.

"She has been previously arrested for gambling," he noted.

After her arrest, several jubilant rental operators positively identified Ms Sukanya at the Cherng Talay Police Station, and presented officers with flowers.

"Ms Sukanya has accepted the theft charges in Cherng Talay," Col Sommai said.

"It's not clear yet whether the

charges from the different stations will be put together and sent to court or whether she'll be prosecuted separately," said Cherng Talay Superintendent Paworn Pornpromma.

"Right now, we are questioning her about accomplices. We believe she could not have done all this alone," said Col Sommai.

One person police are searching for is Supaluck Krutmanee, 44, who served as guarantor when Ms Sukanya rented the vehicles.

Ms Sukanya developed a method for building trust with rental operators before she stole their vehicles, Col Sommai said.

"She would rent a car just for a day a few times, until the operators grew familiar with her. Then she would rent the vehicle for a month but never return it."

Kwanjai Kaewsopa, a rental operator in Cherng Talay, said that Ms Sukanya asked her for money in exchange for returning a vehicle.

"She rented from my shop several times," said Ms Kwanjai. "The last time, in 2012, she rented a Toyota Fortuner for 20,000 baht for a month. After 10 days, she called me and said that if I wanted the car back, I'd have to wire her 500,000 baht and that she'd leave the car at a shopping mall in Krabi."

"I didn't send the money, but filed a complaint with the police. Ms Sukanya never got back to me."

— **Thawit Bilabdullar**

# Surviving past

**AFTER 30 minutes of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and six injections of adrenaline, Mike Reynolds' heart started to beat again. His 18-year-old daughter, Kristi, rushed into the emergency room as the two holidaying Australian lifeguards that had saved him from a drowning-induced heart attack while on a trip to Phi Phi waited outside. Isaac Simonelli reports.**

STANDING outside the Phi Phi emergency room was Mike Reynolds' other daughter, Katie Severn, her husband Stephen and her two young children.

"They had his heart [beating again], and I expected he would be fine. But when I went in, his eyes were open, but dead, not moving – just nothing. That was really hard to see, I had figured that with his heart beating he would be fine," Katie explained two weeks after the event, as she rocked her 4-month-old Zachery to keep him happy in the lobby of Bangkok Hospital Phuket.

Mr Reynolds, 73, was in a coma undergoing a full seizure when he arrived at the hospital – a sign that at least some brain damage had occurred. How much is still unknown.

He had left Salt Spring Island, Canada, with Kristi for his first holiday in over 25 years, joining Katie and her family, who had been in the Kingdom for the last nine months. Mr Reynolds and Kristi were to return on April 25. On April 22, he suffered the heart attack while snorkelling at Maya Bay.

The Reynolds had booked the day-trip, like thousands of tourists to Phuket, with a travel agent in Karon Beach. They were taken to Rassada Pier from which their VIP speedboat, owned and operated by Phuket Absolute Marine, departed.

There were about 50 people who boarded the boat with the Severns and Reynolds, said Katie.

The next portion of the trip went exactly as expected. Everyone was unloaded at the renowned Maya Bay and allowed to wander around the beach before heading up to the lookout. Then, guests were brought back to the boat and taken around the point to another bay to go snorkelling.

"They gave us the spiel. If you need a lifejacket, please wear one. This is your snorkel, goggles, put them on. They didn't give instructions on how to breathe through it."

It was a sunny day with blue skies, but the water was a little choppy, Katie recalled.

### SNORKELLING

"He's a strong swimmer," said Mr Reynolds' wife of 33 years, Dora. Mrs Reynolds landed in Phuket two days after the incident and is now waiting for the green light for an air ambulance to take her hus-

band back to Canada. "We never went on vacation, hence why I was at home working. I don't know if he's ever been snorkelling before, he's been to Mexico and stuff a long time ago. But in the past 25 years or so, no he's not been snorkelling."

Mr Reynolds jumped into the water without his life jacket to join his son-in-law and other tourists.

"The water was wavy, people were coming back on the boat... saying they were totally wiped after swimming out there for 10-15 minutes. I was on the boat with my son and daughter," Katie said.



**'They said that at any minute he could die. For the first couple of days they kept saying that.'**

— **Dora Reynolds**

"I saw one of the guides throwing bread out to the fish, so my daughter was entertained. I saw my dad beside my husband, and they were fine. My sister was taking pictures."

"All of a sudden my sister came rushing onto the boat saying, 'Dad needs his inhaler'. I was like, 'What? What?' I saw him on the rocks, there was another man with him. I could see him heaving. So Kristi got his inhaler and went running off the front of the boat and jumped in."

At that point, Katie didn't understand the gravity of the situation. Mr Reynolds has asthma attacks. She thought it was fine.

### AUSSIE LIFEGUARDS A SAVING GRACE

"From that point on, it's kind of a blur," Katie said. "All I remember

is seeing my husband behind him holding his back up saying, 'Come on Mike, it's okay.'"

Even from the boat, 60 to 100 feet away, Katie could see that Mr Reynolds' whole body had turned blue.

"That's when I panicked. The driver was in his seat. I was like, 'Do you have oxygen?' Cause I heard people saying, 'We need oxygen, we need oxygen.'"

There was no oxygen on the boat, which is standard for tour speedboats, tour company owner Sathanan Chaipradit told the *Gazette* on Tuesday.

"I was like, 'What! How do you not have this stuff?'"

Two Australian lifeguards, a father and his daughter, leaped from the boat.

"There were a couple of Thai guides on the rocks with him, but they weren't doing anything, they were just looking at him."

"I ducked down, if I was going to be any help to the situation, I couldn't look. I would just panic."

Due to the water conditions, it took several minutes for the captain to edge the boat close enough to the rocks to have Mr Reynolds taken aboard.

"I think that's where the guides were helpful," said Katie.

"I just saw him [the lifeguard] doing CPR [cardiopulmonary resuscitation]. I nearly buckled to my knees seeing it."

"My husband was with the lifeguard. I could hear him yelling, 'Come on Mike! Come on!'"

The boat sped away, taking them not to Phuket, but to Phi Phi Hospital, only about five minutes away.

"The lifeguard was doing CPR as we got him into the hospital, until the nurses took over. They were in there for like 20 minutes doing CPR and they said they put six shots of adrenaline to get his heart beating again."

### INSURANCE

Then Katie was handed a phone from a stranger.

"They just put a phone in my face and said, 'insurance company.'"

"The lady started talking. She said they needed a speedboat transfer. It's not covered on insurance. It costs 25,000 baht. You need to pay. You need to pay."

Katie immediately agreed.

"But she kept pausing and say-

## Reaching out to help

THE Reynolds are from the small cold island community known as Salt Spring, population about 10,000. And though insurance will be covering many of the financial expenses of the tragedy, there Mrs Reynolds expects to face a

hefty bill at the end of it.

Already a community member has setup an online donation page ([sharespring.ca/campaigns/dora-and-mike-reynolds-need-our-help](http://sharespring.ca/campaigns/dora-and-mike-reynolds-need-our-help)), which has raised over 33,000 baht.

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# his last breath in water

ing, 'Hold on one moment, let me check the price.' I was like, just get the boat here!"

At some point, the tour boat departed leaving behind Mr Reynolds' family, the Australian lifeguards and another couple that had been on the boat with them.

Tour company owner Mr Sathanan explained the decision. "We believed that the man was now in the care of the doctor, and we had done our part by taking him to Phi Phi Hospital – we did not abandon them."

As her father's heart had restarted, Katie remained fixed on trying to sort out the insurance.

"They were trying to get us to get our insurance together. I was like, we don't have our passports; we don't have our credit cards; we don't have our insurance cards, 'cause we are on a swimming boat trip, so we left them at the hotel."

Eventually, a nurse was able to help Katie make an international call from Kristi's phone.

"My mom luckily had the insurance claim numbers, she started the process from Canada."

Mrs Reynolds confesses, "I don't know what people would do who come over here with no insurance. I wasn't sure ours was going to cover it. I was glad it did, it's going to cost an awful lot of money."

The owner of Phuket Absolute Marine, Sathanan Chaipradit, has denied any accountability in the incident, citing a Phi Phi Hospital report that established that Mr Reynolds had asthma.

"Before we let guests go into the water, we make it clear that anyone who has an underlying disease can not enter the water, this of course includes asthma," Mr Sathanan said.

However, Mrs Reynolds told the *Gazette* doctors at Bangkok Hospital Phuket had ruled out any connection between the incident and her husband's asthma.

Phuket Absolute Marine does have insurance for its customers, Mr Sathanan said.

"It covers 500,000 baht for an accident and 1 million baht if a customer dies. However, this was not an accident, so the insurance didn't cover it. The insurance company said that, according to doctors, it was due to asthma."

"However, his relatives did confirm that he has his own insurance – I hope it covers all their medical expenses."

## BACK TO PHUKET

It took about 10 minutes to arrange a speedboat, which took Mr Reynolds, his family and two nurses from Phi Phi Hospital back to Phuket.

There was no ambulance waiting to pick them up when they arrived, Katie said.

"We had to wait at least three to five minutes before it showed up."

Mr Reynolds was rushed into the Bangkok Hospital emergency room about five minutes after be-



A proud Mike Reynolds walks his daughter, now Katie Severn, down the aisle. Photo: Reynolds Family

ing settled into the ambulance.

His family then waited for two hours before he was transferred to the ICU.

Two days later, his wife arrived after taking the first seaplane from Salt Spring to Vancouver, where she was able to board a flight bound for Thailand.

## FIGHTING FOR LIFE

Mr Reynolds suffered damage to his heart and his brain due to lack of oxygen, as well as chest trauma inflicted by the CPR, which resulted in broken ribs on both sides and a punctured lung.

Other issues he faces are potential kidney failure, deep vein thrombosis in his legs, bed sores and infections.

In the lobby of the hospital, Mrs Reynolds and Katie were visibly grateful for the care provided by hospital staff, who were often taking Zachery off their hands – smiling as they held him.

"He looks like his grandpa. They have the same hairdo – receding hairline," Katie said with a smile.

Mr Reynolds, though still unconscious, is starting to look more like himself, since the bloating from the ventilator has started to dissipate.

"He has broken ribs on both sides due to the CPR and as a result of that has a small tear in his lung so with the ventilator pumping air into him some of it seeps out making him look all swelled up. (Freaked me out at first but doctor said it is not harmful.)" Katie wrote on April 25 on the "Updates and info on Mike Reynolds" Facebook page.

That same day, doctors began to bring Mr Reynolds out of his medically-induced hypothermic state, brought about to reduce brain activity in hopes of stopping seizures.

"He is almost at a normal temperature and there have been no seizures, and he shows brain activity and response in his pupils, as well as no swelling in the brain," Katie wrote.

Despite the positive signs, doctors have not sugar-coated

the situation.

"They said that at any minute he could die. For the first couple of days they kept saying that," said Mrs Reynolds, who visited her husband as soon as she ar-

rived, at 1:30am, almost two weeks ago. "It's been a little while since the doctor has said that. He does keep stressing that he might not wake up. They are trying to be positive also, they are saying

he is moving, but... They are optimistic, but with the 'but'."

On Monday, Mr Reynolds successfully underwent a tracheotomy.

"The trach surgery went well with no complications, the machines are still regulated to do most of the work, but this is mainly to protect that healing lung – which is still holding strong. The doctor seems very optimistic that he will be able to breathe on his own once the injuries have had more time to heal," Katie wrote.

Her father continues to be more responsive, most notably when Carrie Underwood's *Dare You to Move* is played.

"Every time he gets to that one in the playlist, we get a reaction. His arm would move and his head would move," says Mrs Reynolds.

Though it is unclear what, if anything, Mr Reynolds is hearing, he is getting an earful from the whole family.

"We can Skype or FaceTime my Dad's sisters, and they have been talking to him. How weird is that? They are a world away and they can say, 'Wake up!'"

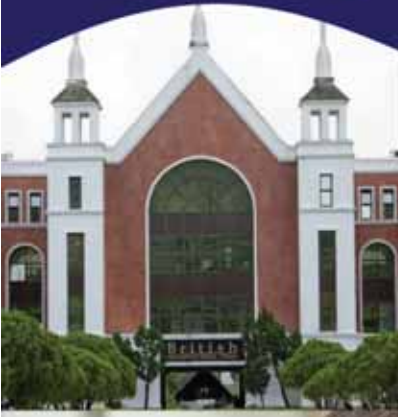


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An officer processes a loan application at the pawnshop.

## Pawnshop to see B130mn budget bump

THE state-run Phuket City Municipality pawnshop has been granted a budget of 130 million baht to exchange for goods as poor parents scratch to find the funds to send their children back to school.

The budget last year was just 50mn baht, explained Suriya Ngasamun, an assistant at the Phuket City Municipality Pawnshop in Phuket Town.

"The pawnshop made 60mn baht on back-to-school loans last year," Mr Suriya said.

"Despite the much larger budget this year, we expect to make only about 20 per cent more profit [than last year]."

To assist parents during the back-to-school rush, with government schools set to re-open on May 6, the pawnshop is offering, until September 15, discounted interest rates for items pawned.

"We are offering rates of 0.5 per cent interest per month on loans of less than 5,000 baht; 1 per cent on loans between 5,000 and 30,000 baht, and 1.25 per cent on loans between 30,000 and 100,000 baht," Mr Suriya said.

The same discounted interest rates are being offered at the two other government pawnshops on the island: near the Patong Municipality Office on Ratpatanusorn Road in Patong; and in Pasak Soi 4, off the Baan Don Chom Road in Cherng Talay.

"To pawn any items at a government pawnshop, Thais must present their original ID card or driver's license. Foreigners must present their passport and provide a signed copy," Mr Suriya said.

— Woranut Pechdee

## Misplaced mattress spring impales unsuspecting woman

RESCUE workers from the Kusoldharm Foundation responded to an unusual plea for help on April 30: a woman had been impaled by her mattress.

The rescue team arrived at an unnamed apartment building opposite the Bangkok Bank branch on Thepkasattri Road, south of Satee Phuket School in Phuket Town, at about 5:30pm.

"When we arrived, we heard a woman howling in pain from a room on the second floor," said rescue worker Silarat Na Thalang.

The first responders entered the room to find 20-year-old Daranee Wongsasabuy gri-

macing in extreme discomfort on her mattress on the floor.

"Ms Daranee explained that a spring in her mattress had entered her posterior. Then she showed us," said Mr Silarat.

"It took about 20 minutes to get her free. In the end, we had to use bolt cutters to cut the spring."

Ms Daranee was a little embarrassed about the nature of her complaint.

"It was just a small wound from the accident, but I'll never flop onto a mattress again," she said.

— Kritsada Mueanhawong



Ms Daranee was injured after she landed on a spring protruding from her mattress.

## Ghost object sinks superyacht off coast, sailors urge caution

By Phuket Gazette

SAILORS navigating around the south of Phuket are urged to exercise caution after reports surfaced of a 55-meter superyacht hitting an uncharted submerged object in the waters between Rawai Beach and Koh Bon.

"[Members of] The local marine community are reminding boaters of the danger, following a number of incidents which have caused near sinkings," reported Phuket yachtsman Bob Mott on the international yachting web portal Noonsite.

"The Ao Chalong Yacht Club website advises the approximate location of the submerged object as 5.6NM [nautical miles] from Rawai Beach and 2.43NM from the northern tip of Koh Bon."

The approximate position of the hazard was reported to be at: 7 45'58.38"N, 98 19'53.58"E

The online Southeast Asia Pilot, a critical cruising guide to Phuket and other ports throughout Asia, reported that the superyacht collision occurred at 5:10pm on April 1.

The luxury vessel had a draft of 2.6m, but the shallowest points along the edges of the channel are known to draw just 70cm of water during the low Spring tide.

The decimal co-ordinates of the hazard were given as: 07 45.973 / 098 19.893

"Of course, these positions are as reported and are unverified," a



Chief Phuripat (inset) said his office did not receive a report of the collision. Photo: Gazette file / Map: Google maps

senior editor at the SEA Pilot told the *Gazette*.

However, Phuket Marine Office chief Phuripat Theerakulpisut told the *Gazette* on May 1 that his office did not receive a report of the collision and was adamant that no such event had occurred.

Previous reports affirm, however, that the underwater danger has apparently lurked in the same position for years.

Mr Mott first reported the dangerous obstruction in January 2006 when the 20m aluminum yacht *Orion* struck the submerged

hazard, believed to be a large rock or sunken vessel.

On May 16 that year, the 20m *Taipan V* required the assistance of the Marine Police to be towed to safety after hitting a submerged hazard at precisely the same location.

## Farmers gear up for National Goat Fair

LOCAL farmers are gearing up for the 11th annual National Goat Fair, which will be held in Cherng Talay from May 23-25. The fair will provide an opportunity for farmers to exchange knowledge, learn from experts and showcase their products.

"The main goal of the event is to urge goat farmers to continue developing better breeding techniques to maximize production, and to always look for better ways to manage their farms," said Deputy Director-General of the Department of Livestock Development Wimonporn Thitisak.

Phuket Governor Maitri Inthasut said on May 1



There will be contests. Photo: Gazette file

that he is encouraging the sale of Phuket-made agricultural products, such as goat meat and milk, to the Asean Economic Community (AEC).

"Sales of goat meat and milk could bring an enormous profit for farmers," said Gov Maitri.

The three-day event, held behind Tesco Lotus in Cherng Talay, will provide fairgoers a wide range of activities, including goat races, goat beauty pageants and goat-product food contests.

Those of a more scientific bent may wish to attend artificial insemination demonstrations or academic panels.

— Chutharat Plerin

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# 'Coral-poaching' divers hunting for cancer cure

By Chutharat Plerin

A GROUP of six researchers studying the possibility of corals containing properties to fight cancer were mistaken as coral poachers by recreational divers at the popular Phuket dive spot Koh Dok Mai last week.

"The divers were using tools to remove hard and soft corals and fans from the wall on the east side of Koh Dok Mai," explained a concerned dive professional before the intentions of the divers were established.

Overall, 95 corals off Koh Dok Mai were collected during the one-off venture, which is a joint project by research teams from the United States and Thailand, said Dr Prasat Kittakoop from the Chulabhorn Research Institute (CRI).

The CRI along with the United States' Developmental Therapeutics Program's Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis, and the National Cancer Institute are all working together on the project.

"We are currently screening synthetic compounds and natural product materials derived from plants, marine micro-organisms and marine macro-organisms as potential sources of novel anticancer drugs," Dr Prasat said.



The cancer researchers raised alarm when they were seen cutting corals at Koh Dok Mai. Photo: Supplied

"Once we screen the marine animals, we will know which marine invertebrates have potential compounds to battle cancer."

It will not be necessary to col-

lect further samples, as any anticancer compounds identified can be recreated in the lab, he said.

"The samples are expected to arrive in the US soon for screening," Dr Prasat added.

Dr Prasat assured that the number of corals collected would not have an impact on the sustainability of the Koh Dok Mai ecosystem and would not affect the beauty of the dive site.

## Stolen corals abandoned as thieves flee



Officers remove more than 600 live coral pieces from the long-tail.

CHALONG Police are hunting poachers who abandoned a long-tail boat containing more than 600 illegally cut pieces of coral that were destined for the black market.

Officers rushed to the scene on May 2 after being tipped off by locals who had watched the suspects carry the coral ashore. Locals told officers that the suspects were waiting to meet a buyer at Klong Pakbang behind the Rawai Municipality Office.

"We could not find the suspects when we arrived. We believe that they knew we were coming, and fled," said Maj Chotipong Kessarin of the Chalong Police.

The corals, still alive, were taken to the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources (DMCR) Region 5 Office and will eventually be transplanted back into the sea, said Tanet Munnoy, chief of DMCR Region 5.

"I believe they came from somewhere near Racha Noi Island," said Mr Tanet. "The cost to the environment of such pillaging is too high to calculate."

Inside the long-tail boat, officers found dive equipment, chisels and an air compressor.

"It appears that the suspects had done this before," Mr Tanet said.

"Coral can command a high price on the black market, but harvesting it is illegal and harmful to the environment," he added, warning that anyone found doing so would be prosecuted.

— Kritsada Mueanhawong

## Sea fan jewelry smuggler nabbed at station

A MAN smuggling sea fan jewelry into Phuket was arrested at Phuket's main bus station on May 4.

Acting on a tip-off, police apprehended Sarayut Maneerat, 39, at about 1pm, when he got off a bus from Krabi.

Officers found 111 pieces of jewelry made from sea fans, a protected marine animal, in his backpack.

The items included 102 bracelets, three necklaces, four rings and two pendants, said Tanet Munnoy, chief of the Phuket office of the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources (DMCR).

Mr Sarayut confessed that the illicit items belonged to him and was charged accordingly.

Under the Wildlife Preservation and Protection Act BE 2535, Mr Sarayut faces up to four years in prison, a fine of up to 40,000 baht, or both.

Mr Sarayut's arrest came just two days after Chalong Police seized an abandoned long-tail boat containing more than 600 illegally cut pieces of coral that were destined for the black market.

— Woranut Pechdee



Police recovered 102 bracelets made from the protected marine animal. Photo: PR Dept

## B20mn land swindle investigated

THE Phuket Governor has ordered an investigation into how a man claiming to be a real estate agent allegedly conned a family near Layan Beach into signing a document that empowered him to mortgage their land for 20 million baht.

On May 1, the family, led by Cherng Talay Tambon Administration Organization (OrBorTor) President Ma-ann Samran, filed a complaint at the Damrongtham Center (ombudsman's office).

"More than a year ago, a man named Chat Sukkwan claimed that he could help us upgrade our NorSor 3 [land document] to a Chanote land title," said Lima Wanyee, 75.

"He asked me and my five siblings to sign documents to do so,



Gov Maitri inspects documents as a family member looks on.

but it turned out that he mortgaged our land for 20 million baht."

Ms Lima explained that the plot of family land is in high demand.

"Our land is a beautiful piece of land in Baan Layan. It's 30 rai

with a sea view that used to be a rubber plantation. A lot of investors have expressed interest in buying it," she said.

Damrongtham Center chief Prapan Kanprasang told the Gazette that the Chanote in question was issued in March last year and mortgaged to Orawan Kensukcharoen in November.

Mr Prapan advised the family to file a complaint with the Thalang Land Office immediately, to prevent any further transactions over the land.

Mr Prapan said that though the family had yet to file a complaint with police, he would be organizing a team that will search for Mr Chat so that they can question him about the transaction.

— Chutharat Plerin

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## Bomb blasts hit Haad Yai



No one was seriously injured in the two blasts Photo: The Nation

TWO large bomb attacks were carried out in the Haad Yai business district of Songkhla province on May 6, wounding 10 people and causing large fires and heavy property damage.

Haad Yai police chief Pol Colonel Phassakorn Klanwan said multiple explosions of gas cylinders in a car, to which one of the bombs was attached, misled people into believing there were several simultaneous bomb attacks.

The first blast was a motorcycle-bomb planted at a convenience store, which wounded six, Phassakorn said.

The second bomb, which went off 10 minutes later, was underneath a confiscated car parked near the construction site of police flats inside the Haad Yai police station complex, he said. None of the 10 victims, including two policemen, were seriously wounded.

Fires blazed at the two bomb sites for about an hour before they were extinguished, leaving many vehicles parked nearby heavily damaged.

A high-ranking security source said later that those behind the attacks were the same group reported to have stolen vehicles – a motorcycle in Yala and a pickup truck in Pattani.

Local police units have been stationed at key locations to safeguard them, while Explosives Ordnance Disposal units were inspecting the sites and determining the sizes and types of both bombs.

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## Crowds mass to honor HM The King's 64th year

THOUSANDS upon thousands of people, dressed in yellow, gathered at different locations to mark Coronation Day, with the biggest ceremony held in the resort town of Hua Hin, where His Majesty the King currently resides. Yesterday marked His Majesty's 64<sup>th</sup> year on the throne.

In Hua Hin, thousands of locals and visitors began assembling on Phetchkasem Road from Sunday night so they could catch a glimpse of His Majesty when his motorcade drove past last Tuesday.

Many of The King's loyal subjects shed tears of joy to see their beloved monarch in good health, and the "Long live the King"

chant was heard loud and far.

Homes and buildings throughout the district were decorated with yellow banners carrying goodwill messages and the Royal emblem.

At around 10:30am, His Majesty arrived at Rajapracha Samakhom Pavilion at Klai Kangwon Palace and presided over a Buddhist ceremony, before leaving at around 11am. The King, who is 86, did not make a speech.

In Bangkok, Phra Thep Bidorn Palace in the Emerald Buddha Temple was opened from 8am to 5pm to allow the public to pay their respects to the previous kings of the Chakri Dynasty, whose statues are inside the building.



Well-wishers in Hua Hin. Photo: The Nation

## Yingluck ordered out

### Nine cabinet members ejected; government survives

By Martin Petty  
and Alan Raybould

A THAI court found Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra guilty of violating the constitution on Wednesday and said she had to step down, throwing the country into further political turmoil, although ministers not implicated in her case can remain in office.

The decision is bound to anger her supporters, but the survival of her government could take the sting out of protests they had planned for the weekend and may make confrontation between pro- and anti-government groups less likely.

Yingluck has faced six months of sometimes deadly protests in the capital, Bangkok, aimed at toppling her government. The anti-government protesters failed to achieve their aim in the street but turned to legal challenges to remove her.

The judge who delivered the verdict said Yingluck had abused her position by transferring the National Security Council chief to another post in 2011 so that a relative could benefit from subsequent job moves.

"The accused was involved in the transfer of Thawil Pliensri from his position as National Security Council head," the judge said, adding that it was done in order for Priewpan Damapong, a relative, to "gain a new position".

"The accused acted for her



Caretaker PM Yingluck was found guilty of dismissing NSC head Thawil for political benefit. Photo: Reuters

own political benefit ... The transfer wasn't done for the benefit of the country," he added.

Yingluck denied wrongdoing when she appeared in court on Tuesday. She was not present on Wednesday and her spokesman was not immediately available for comment.

It was not clear if she could appeal or if she faced other penalties apart from having to stand down, or if she faced a ban on participation in politics.

Some legal experts had expected the court to remove her entire government. Instead, it ruled that nine ministers linked to the case should step down but others could remain, leaving Yingluck's ruling party still in charge of a caretaker government.

"We were bracing ourselves for this verdict. Everything our enemies do is to cripple the democratic process," said Jatuporn Prompan, the leader of pro-Shinawatra "red shirt" activists.

"The court chose a middle way today. It could have removed her whole cabinet but they chose to remove her and those ministers responsible for the transfer only," Jatuporn said.

Asked about a vow to resist Yingluck's removal that raised fears of violence between the factions, Jatuporn said: "There is no reason why we should take up arms. We will rally peacefully as planned on May 10."

– Reuters

## 6.3 quake rattles north, kills one; call for safety measures

PEOPLE in Chiang Rai's Phan district ran out of their homes and buildings in panic as ground in the far North shook during a 6.3-magnitude earthquake on Monday.

The quake was so strong it could be felt in Bangkok high rises, such as Baiyoke Tower and Central World Mall. As of Wednesday, 23 injuries and one death had been reported – that of an 83-year-old woman who died when a wall collapsed on her.

The temblor, which struck at 6:08pm, is believed to be the biggest recorded with an epicenter in Thailand, which does not sit on any major fault lines.

The initial quake was followed by more than 50 aftershocks, and by Tuesday morning, hundreds had been recorded.

Two major aftershocks on Tuesday caused the evacuation of the Phan district hospital in Chiang Rai Tuesday morning.

A road in Phan district cracked when the quake took place, and a hotel in Chiang Rung district suffered damage to its exterior.

Shoppers were seen running out of the Central Plaza Mall in Muang district as things began falling off the shelves, while



The temblor in Chiang Rai was felt in Bangkok high rises. Photo: The Nation

damaged by the quake. Asian Institute of Technology seismo-

logical expert Dr Penneung Wanitchai told Nation TV that there were fault lines all over the North and the cumulative stress on these fault lines had led to the quake and could lead to other, stronger earthquakes.

The impact was felt in other provinces in the North and ancient sites with structural issues reported cracks and damage. The Chairman of the Engineering Institute of Thailand, Suchatvee Suwansawat, said dams in a 200-kilometer radius of the epicenter would be checked for damage and buildings inspected.

The quake was a call to seriously impose quake-safety measures, Prof Suchatvee said, not only in skyscrapers, but in schools, hospitals and other public buildings.

# Brunei sultan calls for Syariah clarity

By Rasidah Hab

HIS Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, Hassanal Bolkiah, has ordered authorities to take swift action in addressing confusion on the Syariah Penal Code Order 2013.

Delivering his royal decree during a meeting with Brunei Islamic Religious Council members at Istana Nurul Iman on Monday, the monarch stressed the need for setting up a monitoring team to respond to misinformation and confusion on the Islamic criminal law.

Responding to efforts of government agencies in disseminating information on the Syariah law, the Sultan said every agency must be wise in implementing the new raft of laws.

"If not, we may be seen as incompetent in [its implementation] or make many mistakes," His Majesty said five days after the Syariah Penal Code Order, which was brought into effect on April 22.

The sovereign said there is a need to disseminate accurate information.

"We should act fast. Any mistake made must be corrected... We must inform what is right so that there is no confusion. Confusion can lead to various reactions from the public, such as anger, dissatisfaction, fear or hatred. Are we going to let it be without addressing them?" His Majesty asked.

The monarch said there are many ways to disseminate accurate information, such as issuing a media statement.

"Explain the law well until people understand and not wait until the next Syariah law briefing comes up with the answers. If the next briefing is in two weeks, we have to wait for two weeks for the answers. That is not right," His Majesty added.

The Sultan said it is inadequate to wait for Syariah briefings to



Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah has urged the Islamic officials of Brunei to clear up any misunderstandings in the media over the recently introduced Syariah law as quickly as possible. Photo: Reuters

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address the confusion as there were only a few people present. The consequences are many inaccuracies, inadequacies or untruths highlighted in the media, His Majesty said, adding that relevant agencies must act fast to respond in such cases.

The sultan said during the briefings, matters which were not mentioned in the order were repeatedly brought up until they went out of topic.

One of the recurring issues is dress code, particularly on covering the *aurat* (parts of the body that cannot be exposed or should be covered according to Islamic law for male and female Muslims).

"The Order did not mention about dress code. It is mentioned in the Order as indecent behavior. Why do we let people keep rambling about the dress code? Why entertain those who debate this dress code issue until it went out of topic?" the monarch asked.

His Majesty added, "Why was it necessary to bring up the Islamic ruling on dress code? And what is the relevance of the briefing touching on the need to cover up not yet made compulsory?"

His Majesty gave an example of a person wandering in the middle of the city donning only *seluar katak* (underpants) and another wearing *baju kurung* without a headscarf.

"Between the two, which one deserves to be called indecent behavior. Perhaps, by responding this way, people will understand and the dress code issue will no longer be brought up."

The Sultan said there is a need

for a team to monitor and discuss the findings on the review of the law to respond to the mistakes and confusion, the monarch said.

"Do not leave things for long without taking appropriate action. But what happened was we swept things under the carpet for far too long," His Majesty added.

The monarch said even when there was a response to the question or confusion, it was half-hearted and not concise.

"Such responses were only done through newspapers. Where is the role of the electronic media, radio and television?" he asked.

"We should go to great lengths in responding to misleading media reports.

"Give the facts and, if necessary, take action against the media organizations that frequently report misleading or inaccurate information so that they will be more careful in the future."

— The Brunei Times / ANN

## In brief...

### Sabah under curfew after kidnapping invokes shootout

MALAYSIAN Chief Minister Datuk Musa Aman ordered that a curfew and travel restrictions be imposed in high-risk areas off the coast of Sabah following the abduction of Chinese fish farm manager Yang Zai Lin by five gunmen on May 1.

Mr Yang's abduction was the second recent kidnapping of a Chinese national in the area. Last month, Chinese tourist Gao Huayun, 29, and Filipina resort worker Marcy Dayawan, 40, were seized from a resort in Sabah.

Security personnel exchanged fire with the kidnappers when they attempted to intercept the boat near Pulau Matakang, said Sabah Police Commissioner Datuk Hamza Taib.

— The Star

### Moro law deadline missed by Manila

THE Philippine Royal Household on Monday failed to transmit to Congress the draft of the Bangsamoro Basic Law, thus missing the deadline for the submission of the measure that would pave the way for the establishment of a new autonomous region in Mindanao.

Communications Secretary Herminio Coloma said the draft law submitted by the Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC) on April 14 was still being reviewed by the Palace legal team.

He could not say when the review would be completed or when the document would finally be transmitted to the Senate and the House of Representatives.

— Philippine Daily Inquirer

### Hun Sen to attend Asean summit

PRIME Minister Hun Sen will lead a delegation to attend the 24<sup>th</sup> Asean Summit and related meetings in Myanmar, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation on Monday.

The meetings, called at the invitation of Myanmar President U Thein Sein, will be held from May 10-11 in the capital Nay Pyi Taw.

— The Cambodia Herald

## Rohingya 'never existed': Myanmar official

A SENIOR official from the President's Office of Myanmar this week rebuked a call by Vijay Nambiar, the United Nations Secretary General's Special Advisor to Myanmar, requesting citizenship rights be granted to Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar.

Such suggestions were impractical and impossible, said Aye Thar Aung, leader of Arakan National League for Democracy.

"The word Rohingya has never existed in Myanmar," he added.

"It is not practical to give citizenship to all Bengalis [sic] in



Volunteers and police head to Rohingya refugee camps to collect data for the census in Rakhine State, on March 31. Photo: Reuters

Rakhine State. Stability in the country, stability in the socioeconomic lives of the people,

peaceful settlement of the problems is more important.

"If one looks at the history of Myanmar before and after it gained independence, the history of Rakhine and South East Asia, there was no race named Rohingya.

"Our government has already said that there is no such race in Myanmar. In Myanmar, there are 135 national races, but their race [Rohingya] is not included. So, there is no race by the name of Rohingya in Myanmar," said Aye Thar Aung.

— Eleven Media

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## In brief...

## More than 60,000 displaced in Syria amid rebel infights

FIGHTING between al Qaeda's Syria branch and a splinter group in eastern Syria has forced more than 60,000 people to flee their homes, emptied villages and killed scores of fighters, a monitoring group said.

Infighting among insurgents has undermined the three-year-old rebellion against President Bashar al-Assad and killed thousands of people since the start of the year.

## S. Korean rescuer dies during search of sunken ferry

A DIVER lost consciousness and died on Tuesday during the search for victims still missing after last month's South Korean ferry disaster. He was unable to breathe by himself when he was brought to the surface, and his death was later confirmed at the hospital.

The diver had lost radio contact five minutes after diving to fix guideline ropes on the sunken ferry, said Ko Myung-seok, spokesman for the emergency task force.

## As many as 2,700 missing or killed in Afghan landslide

AFGHAN officials gave up hope on May 3 of finding any survivors from a landslide in the remote northeast, with the number killed or missing put at between a few hundred and as many as 2,700.

The United Nations said the focus now was on helping more than 4,000 displaced people.

## Indian train derails, kills 19, injures 130

AT LEAST 19 people were killed and more than 130 injured when a passenger train derailed in western India on May 4, police said.

The accident took place in Raigad district, around 100 kilometers south of Mumbai, when the engine and some of the coaches of the train came off the tracks that morning.

## Ukraine conflict heats up

By Aleksandar Vasovic and Maria Tsvetkova

PRO-RUSSIAN rebels shot down a Ukrainian helicopter in fierce fighting near the eastern town of Sloviansk on Monday, and Kiev sent police special forces to the southwestern port city of Odessa to halt a feared spread of rebellion.

Odessa was quiet on Monday, despite incoming forces. Ukrainian flags flew at half-staff for funerals of some of the dozens who were killed in clashes on May 2. Most of the more than 40 that died were pro-Russians killed when the building they occupied was set ablaze by petrol bombs.

Although Odessa was quiet, fighting in the east intensified at the pro-Russian stronghold of Sloviansk, where rebels ambushed Ukrainian forces earlier in the day.

Ukraine's Defence Ministry said rebels had shot down a military helicopter, the fourth since May 2, with machine-gun fire.

Russia's Foreign Ministry called on Kiev to "stop the bloodshed, withdraw forces and finally sit down at the negotiating table". It also published a report detailing "widespread and gross human rights violations" in Ukraine over the past six months for which it blamed the government and its Western allies. Russia denies Ukrainian and



A protestor walks past a burning tent camp and a fire in the trade union building in Odessa. Photo: Reuters

Western charges it is seeking to undermine the country of 45 million and using special forces to lead the insurgency, as it did before annexing Crimea in March.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said he feared neither

side could now control forces unleashed.

"I'm convinced we are struggling against a situation that has taken on a dynamic of its own. There are groups in eastern Ukraine that are not listening to either Kiev... or Moscow."

The violence in Odessa marked a watershed for Ukraine.

Loss of Odessa would be a huge economic and political blow for Ukraine, a country that borders several NATO members and aspires to join the military alliance, a primary source of concern for the Kremlin, reported Reuters.

Germany said on May 4 it was

pressing for a second meeting in Geneva to bring Russia and Ukraine together with the United States and European Union. Moscow and Kiev accuse each other of wrecking an April 17 accord.

Meanwhile, Berlin said it wanted to ensure a presidential election planned for May 25 went ahead.

"The election would be not just a means for stabilization but also a strong signal for a better future for Ukraine," German Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman, Steffen Seibert, said. — Reuters

## AROUND THE world

## Boko Haram threatens to sell kidnapped girls

THE Islamist militant group Boko Haram claimed responsibility on Monday for the abduction of more than 200 schoolgirls in northeast Nigeria last month and threatened to "sell them on the market", the French news agency AFP reported, citing a video.

Boko Haram on April 14 stormed an all-girl secondary school in the village of Chibok, in Borno state, then packed the teenagers, who had been taking exams, onto trucks and disappeared into a remote area along the border with Cameroon.

The brazenness and brutality of the school attack shocked Nigerians, who have been growing accustomed to hearing about atrocities in a bloody, five-year-old Islamist insurgency in the north.

"I abducted your girls. I will sell them in

the market, by Allah," Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau said in the video, according to AFP, which is normally the first media outlet to get hold of Mr Shekau's videos. It did not immediately give further details.

Boko Haram, now seen as the main security threat to Africa's leading energy producer, is growing bolder and extending its reach. The kidnapping occurred on the same day as a bomb blast, also blamed on Boko Haram, that killed 75 people on the edge of Abuja and marked the first attack on the capital in two years.

The militants, who say they are fighting to reinstate a mediaeval Islamic caliphate in northern Nigeria, repeated that bomb attack more than two weeks later in almost exactly the same spot, killing 19 people and wounding 34 in the suburb of Nyanya. — Reuters



Protesting schoolgirls demand the release of their abducted classmates. Photo: Reuters

## First MERS case touches down in US, cases in Saudia Arabia rise

A HEALTHCARE worker who had travelled to Saudi Arabia was confirmed as the first United States case of Middle East Respiratory Virus (MERS), an often fatal illness, raising new concerns about the rapid spread of such diseases, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on May 2.

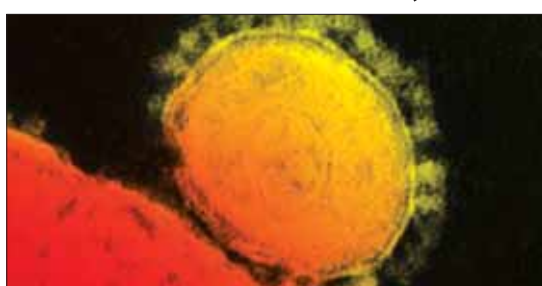
The male patient travelled via a British Airways flight on April 24 from Riyadh to London, where he transferred to fly to the US. He landed in Chicago and took a bus to an undisclosed city in Indiana.

On April 27, he experienced respiratory symptoms, including fever, cough and shortness of breath. According to the Indiana State Department of Health,

the man visited the emergency department at Community Hospital in Munster, Indiana, on April 28 and was admitted that same day.

Because of his travel history, Indiana health officials tested him for MERS, and sent the samples to the CDC, which confirmed the presence of the virus on May 2.

Dr. Anne Schuchat, director of the CDC's National Center for Immunization and



A micrograph of a MERS coronavirus. Photo: Reuters

Respiratory Diseases, said the case represents "a very low risk to the broader general public," but MERS has been shown to spread among healthcare workers and there are no known

treatments for the virus.

Ms Schuchat said the patient was now in stable condition and there are no other suspected cases of MERS at the current time. She said the CDC is working with the US

Department of Homeland Security to contact individuals who may have been exposed to the patient during his travels.

Eighteen more people in Saudi Arabia have contracted MERS, bringing the number of cases in the kingdom to 414, its health ministry said on Monday, more than a quarter of whom have died.

With the addition of the US patient, 262 cases in 12 countries other than Saudi Arabia have been confirmed and reported to the World Health Organization. Of those, 93 have died, Ms Schuchat said. Specialists in the US said the fact the newest patient was identified quickly showed that disease surveillance was working. — Reuters

# Laguna shores up Singapore

By Chris Husted

LAGUNA Shores is moving from strength to strength as unit sales for the award-winning project pass the halfway mark with project sales expected to near 2 billion baht.

The Phuket originator has also inspired a Laguna Shores sibling project in Bintan, Indonesia, just 45 minutes by ferry from Singapore, as well as in Lijiang, China, and a range of other locations in the pipeline.

"Over the years Laguna Property has seen increasing demand for both investment and residential properties with Laguna Phuket, and Laguna Shores offers a product to meet the very needs of a younger, affluent, travel-savvy generation," said Gerard Van Paassen, Head of Sales for Laguna Property and Banyan Tree Residences Thailand.

More than 170 units have been sold, with Phase 1 comprising 229

units in a low-rise, u-shaped building facing the Andaman Sea and Phase 2, launched in May last year, comprising a further 105 units.

Phase 1, which was launched mid-December 2012, is scheduled for completion in the final quarter of next year and Phase 2 slated for opening in 2016.

The buildings' designs provide for 16 different configurations of one and two-bedroom units ranging in price from over 4.5 to over 11 million baht.

All units are to be furnished through a range of options available in a standard package to ensure standards and

consistency as the units are marketed through a rental program under a new brand by the prestigious Banyan Tree Group, now in its 26th year of offering quality properties.

Key to the project's unique selling points is location: in the heart of Phuket's west coast communities, moments from renowned



SHORE THING: The Laguna Shores in Phuket has inspired sibling projects elsewhere in Asia. Photo: Laguna Property

beaches and restaurants with easy access to important locales no more than 30 minutes' drive to Phuket Town, and 20 minutes' drive to the airport, Patong nightlife and shopping district.

"The flexible rental pool options give buyers the ability to change their usage as their situation may change, from investment property to vacation home," added Gerard.

Payment plans of up to five years are available for the apartments and quality furniture and fittings packages available, while investment and lifestyle rental programs provide maximum flexibility and choice to investors.

"Buyers are also entitled to a Laguna Resident's Privilege Card

providing benefits and discounts of up to 50 per cent at selected Laguna Phuket five-star hotels and facilities," Gerard states.

## BINTAN

The success of Laguna Shores Phuket inspired the March 2014 Singapore launch of the sibling project Laguna Shores Bintan at Tanjung Said Bay, in the Indonesian Riau Islands near Singapore, with one and two-bedroom units available from SG\$ 220,000.

Located within the integrated resort of Laguna Bintan, owners will have access to the restaurants and spas at the award-winning

Banyan Tree Bintan and Angsana Bintan as well as the 18-hole Laguna Bintan Golf Club, designed by Greg Norman.

"The designs provide a welcoming ambiance, with neutral base colors setting the homely undertone for the airy interior decor," explained Roy Lau, Head of Property Marketing for the Banyan Tree Group.

"Selective use of a darker palette highlights splashes of fresh color to brighten up the room in a strikingly modern contrast. Contemporary in style but infinitely practical, the Laguna Shores apartments are modern yet warm, intimate yet spacious."

## Thai property portal goes mobile

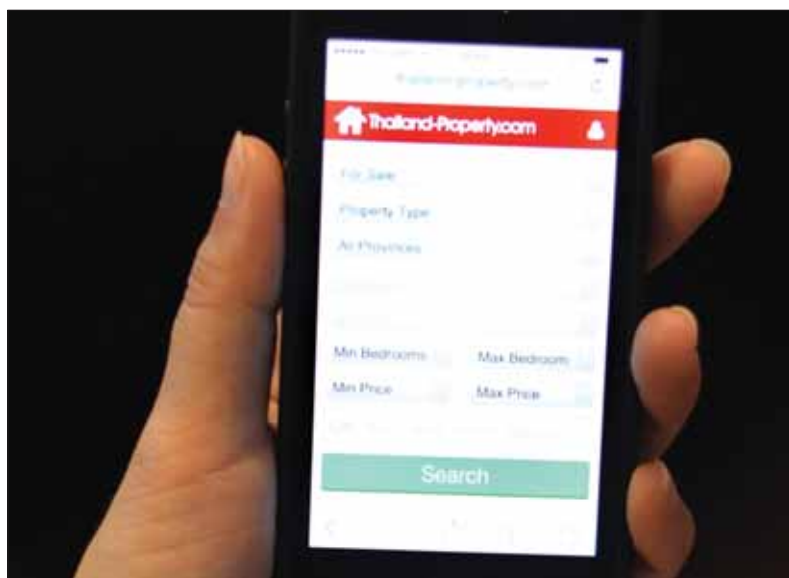
THAILAND-Property.com, one of the biggest real estate portals in Thailand, has launched a new mobile site, shifting focus from growing on-site content to delivering more than 100,000 property listings to its user base in the palms of their hands.

As the main site already receives nearly 50 per cent of its traffic through hand-held devices, the new mobile site presents a stripped down, clean interface to quick, effective interaction.

"The mobile site's clean design and simple functionality takes into account the differing behaviors between desktop and mobile users," said the site's Marketing Director, Martin Schmidt.

"We know that mobile users are on the site not necessarily to browse leisurely, but to efficiently identify a property and get in touch with the right agent."

To mobile portal's homepage has been stripped down so that 90 per cent of the screen is taken up by a simple drop-down property search engine. Users can narrow results down by property types for sale or rent, with specific price ranges and number of bedrooms.



The mobile platform offers stripped-down interaction. Photo: Jeremie Schatz

The option to select not only province or city, but even the precise intersection and public transit station is available as well.

The other 10 per cent of the homepage allows users to translate the site into Thai, access the user dashboard or see the full desktop site.

The launch of the mobile site comes at a peak in Thailand's overall mobile usage. In March 2014,

Thailand's mobile telephone subscriptions reached 93.7 million; far exceeding the country's total official population of 66.79 million.

Accordingly, Thailand-Property.com anticipates the mobile site will increase the number of returning visitors, lower bounce rate and improve word-of-mouth referrals by creating more satisfied users and agents,

- Phuket Gazette

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# The darling buds of May



**Property Watch**  
By Bill Barnett

I LIVE a life which all too often is shrouded in deep confusion. It's not unlike waking on a dark winter's morning and having the option of resolutely pulling a massive down comforter over my head, thus shutting out any promise of the imminent menace of an all-too-soon sunrise. Sorry George Harrison, the sun isn't coming out today, best get back to that weeping guitar line.

Today, as I inevitably do most days, I have struggled against the urge to laze away my life and bolted downstairs for instant caffeine gratification. The latter has sexual overtones, but never mind, coffee and sex seem odd bedfellows, unless things get really boring and you need an espresso just to dial into the desire hotline.

Now sitting at my computer screen, the George Harrison reference has gotten under my skin, hitting YouTube, I come across a version of him singing *It Don't Come Easy*. While general wisdom and the songwriting credit went to Ringo Star, it came out of the closet years later that our own Georgie co-wrote the song. My spirits are lifted as the tune soars, thank you rock 'n' roll.

But back to the thought train which apparently got lost somewhere in the time tunnel. My confusion from much of a life spent in Asia, is only magnified by the loss of seasons. I miss the orderly and immutable spring, summer, autumn and winter sequence. Breaking the lineup seems ominous, what if you skipped and went directly to *Godfather 2*, without first toughing out the original. Though as we know, the sequel absolutely destroyed the theory that follow-ups only lead to disaster.

Back to our soundtrack, George is now humming in the background

as part of the Traveling Wilburys who hit the end of the road all too soon. Thankfully, the heat of the dry season has climaxed, the sweet and sour craziness of Songkran has passed and we are firmly headed into the wet season. This next to last word in the previous sentence turns my intuition on end, should I say rainy, green or off season?

What happened to summer? It seems that Southeast Asia, somehow missed God's full version of creation, you know, six days of work and on Sunday he partied. Much of the world ended up with the four seasons and here we were abbreviated down to two. Perhaps he was in a hurry late Saturday afternoon and decided to short cut the East, while the West managed to garner the full monty.

Even George Harrison is now onboard with the theme, singing out *Gone Troppo* from the early 1980s. Clearly he saw this coming. Actually rolling back a few minutes I've managed to slander God here, no doubt annoying Christian readers fresh from Easter celebrations, so I quickly flick over to the epic karma tune *My Sweet Lord*. Whoops, where did those Krishna gnomes come from. Never mind, it's a mighty fine song and brings a rush of melodious memories.

My whole seasonal crisis is now firmly out the window. Though I faintly recall a time, not so long ago, as I flicked on the computer that my angst filled psyche was longing for a spring-summer interlude and not ready to be driven straight into the depths of May with the inevitable onslaught of wetness. Instead of more bite sized quarters, all that's on offer is two lumpy oversized halves. Grazing small plates and tapas dishes is a favorite pastime of mine but here, tragically, it's only a two choice menu.

All too soon as we move through May, the inevitable plunge of hotelier's spirits come to a head,



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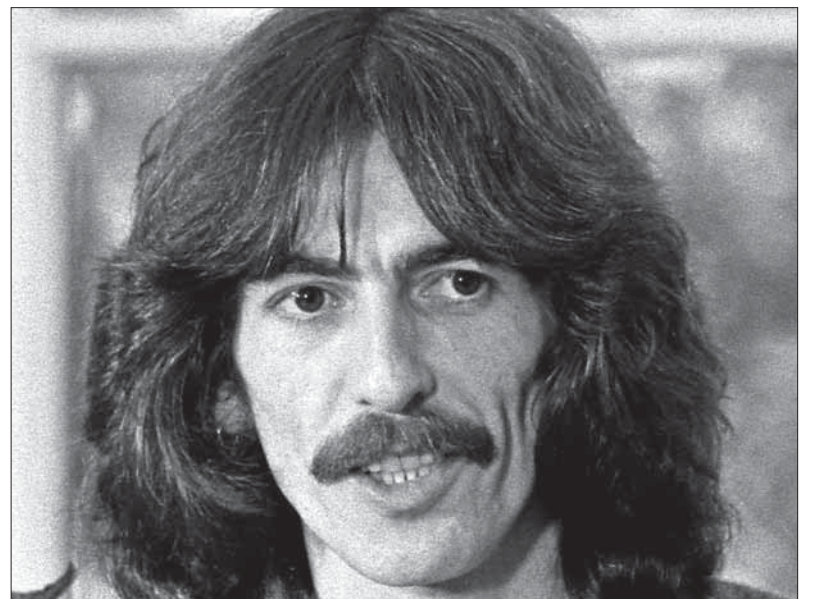
Photo: William Wesen

The author's confusion from much of a life spent in Asia, is only magnified by the loss of seasons. I miss the orderly and immutable spring, summer, autumn and winter sequence.

crying doom and gloom, though in reality, year in and out, for longer than I can recall, this single month is the low point of tourist arrivals. It's a transitional time, or portal in a twosome, with no buffers from the more tempered four seasons.

As my time winds down and word count creeps high, I have accidentally hit play on the last Harrison song of the day *Something* but missing entirely the Espanol notation next to it. As George hits a downbeat and sings *Algo es su manera de moverse* my mind looks high into the sky, where rain clouds gather, here in the darling buds of May.

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Sorry George Harrison, the sun isn't coming out today, best get back to that weeping guitar line. Photo: David Hume Kennerly



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## Architect 2014 Expo

Manufacturers of construction raw materials are displaying their innovative products under the green and design concept at Architect 2014, which is under way at Muang Thong Thani until Sunday.

The event introduces under the "Eighteen: Eighty" concept innovative designs and raw materials both for infrastructure and interior items by both domestic and global brands.

Architect 2014 aims to create opportunities for developers, de-

signers, consultants, engineers, contractors, to meet up with global manufacturers and distributors in the construction industry. The show also seeks to promote the usability of most modern building materials and technology, with the intention of improving the construction and decoration industry in Thailand to become the center for building materials in Asean, president of the Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage, Smith Obayawat, said.

— The Nation

# Company directors beware

Understand the liabilities before taking on leadership roles in Thai companies

## Property Legal

By Michael Greth

MANY foreigners have chosen Thailand not only as their preferred location for retirement, but also for doing business. Usually, such businesses are operated under the umbrella of a Thai company due to legal restrictions strictly regulating the conditions under which foreign persons are allowed to carry out business in Thailand. Thai companies must have at least one director, who can be a Thai or foreign national, who manages and represents the company. Basically, Thais and foreigners have the same rights under Thai law as directors, but foreigners must be issued work permits in order to work legally in Thailand.

Whenever taking on a position as the director in a company, it needs to be understood that such appointment does not provide only power, but also responsibilities, and may even cause liabilities.

Typically, a director has the power to manage a company and run the business in order to make profits. These powers usually include signatory power, provided that a director has been duly registered as signatory with the competent authorities and are outlined under and limited by the Memorandum and Articles of Association (AoA) of a company registered with the Ministry of Commerce. The AoA can be described as the rules and regulations of a company that specify the applicable laws, particularly the Thai Civil and Commercial Code (CCC). Furthermore, the director's scope can be stipulated in shareholders' resolutions, which have been made during shareholders' meetings in regard to specific matters.

In addition to power, a director also has responsibilities. The person is accountable to the company's shareholders, who have appointed the person as their director. Generally speaking, a director shall



Director's actions can trigger criminal liabilities under certain acts, such as the revenue code or labor act. Image: Vectorportal

exercise due care and manage the company in accordance with recognized business principles. Directors shall also undertake maintenance of proper books and accounts and implement resolutions of the company's shareholders.

Whenever one is giving consent to his/her appointment as company director, this person should be aware that a director can also be held personally liable for his/her actions. Such liability may occur in the event that a director acts beyond his scope of duties as given by AoA, shareholders'

resolution or law. Furthermore, personal liability may arise in cases that a director acts with negligence causing damages to the company. It needs to be understood that such liability even survives resignation from office as a result of such wrongdoing, at least for a certain period of time.

Furthermore, a director should be aware that his actions may trigger criminal liabilities under certain acts such as the revenue code or labor act. Whenever violating these acts by willful intention or negligence, shareholders, employees or authorities can

press criminal charges against a director.

Simply put, acting as a director of a company in Thailand can be a prestigious role, however, such persons should seek expert advice before accepting such a position of responsibility in order to minimize existing risks.

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## Movenpick begins upgrades



Movenpick began upgrading certain key areas of their five-star resort on May 1. Photo: Gazette file

MOVENPICK Resort & Spa Karon Beach Phuket recently announced a schedule of renovations and upgrades that the five-star resort began on May 1 with a target completion date set for September 30.

Two residence buildings will see improvements, such as the replacement of balcony railings

and air-condition louvers, as well as the exterior repainting of the buildings.

The Sand Bar will undergo a complete renovation and the El Gaucho and the Orient Asia restaurants on top of the Sand Bar will both have a new floor, new light fixtures and new buffet layout installed.

The restaurants will be closed during the renovations and alternative food and beverage events will take place at the all-day dining restaurant Pacifica, as well as the lagoon lawn area and the lower part of Kinnaree Bar.

The working hours in the construction areas will run daily from 10am to 5pm. – *Phuket Gazette*

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# Legal enigmas

THE news stories that have spilled across the pages of the Gazette over the past few weeks have thrown into sharp relief what it takes for a foreigner to live on this paradise island.

A Russian woman who has made her home here being refused re-entry to Thailand this week because officers from the Immigration Bureau, which operates as a division of the Royal Thai Police, suspected her of working while staying in Phuket on a tourist visa says it all (see page 1).

For the love of a legal justice system, and after all the arrests and deportations that the Gazette has reported over the years of foreigners caught working illegally, one would think the mighty Immigration Bureau would have arrested her before she left the country.

Nope. And did the Royal Thai Police perchance inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that this woman was suspected of working illegally in Thailand?

Apparently not. Instead, Immigration has now thrown into doubt any confidence the long-stay foreigner may have of successfully completing a visa run and returning to live in his or her own – fully paid off – home.

The truth is that the laws being ramped up by recent crack-downs do not apply to Thais. Thais do not need a visa to enter Thailand. They do not need a permit-of-stay to remain in the country. Thais do not need a work permit.

Every time another crackdown is launched, local government agencies issue the same mantra: “The law is the law... We only want to catch the bad guys.”

Bully for them, if only it were true. Not a single law-abiding expat on the island would argue with catching bad foreigners. “Go get them!” we can hear them cry.

These laws apply only to foreigners, and it is the foreigners who must understand them. Yet not a single law in the country is officially translated into English – or any other language – leading to the abyss of “misunderstanding” that has been abused not just by bad foreigners, but also corrupt officials.

Officials like those officers at the Chalong Police Station recently identified by the Public-Sector Anti-Corruption Commission as having extorted dive instructors, and the Patong Police, under investigation for letting people who open fire on a public street walk free (see page 2).

Despite what any good-willing Thai official may publicly declare is right or not, the hard truth is that every foreigner on the island remains at the mercy of the official standing right in front of him or her at any time of day, applying his interpretation of the law.

As long as suspicions, loopholes, and personal gain are part of that interpretation, the laws of the nation cannot receive the respect they deserve, and the foreigners who legally make this country their home cannot be completely without anxiety about their status.



## Not everyone made for martyrdom

Re: Phuket Gazette May 3-9, Fight for your right to work

Yaowapa Pibulpol, chief of the Phuket Provincial Employment Office, has advised foreigners who are detained or arrested for breaching conditions of their work permits to fight for their rights. She said that people should not pay bribes to the arresting officers to get out of trouble. Ultimately, foreigners should leave their fate in the hands of judges.

Chalong Police Superintendent Sirisak Wasasiri echoed those sentiments, saying that the worst thing people can do is to pay bribes to the police because that encourages them to continue demanding under-the-table payments.

Those are noble sentiments and perhaps in a world in which we were all Gandhi-like figures, the words would be heeded. But the reality is few people are going to passively accept an arrest and count on a court's beneficence if the alternative is buying a “get out of trouble” card at a reasonable price.

Patrick Mattimore  
Patong

### Sympathetic solution sometimes not best

Re: Gazette online, Let there be light: Phuket mangrove forest villagers may get PEA electricity, clean water, May 3

Giving power to Klong Mudong residents, who have squatted illegally over endangered mangrove areas, is being kind to the villagers but will punish Phuket's fishermen.

It will contribute to the death of even more fish spawning grounds as it becomes an even more attractive place to live for free. The real solution is to move the people out to land that has proper amenities and save the fishing industry jobs!

Chob  
Gazette forum

### Letters to the Editor

Do you have an opinion to voice?  
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### Point the finger in the right direction

Re: Gazette online, Phuket residents warned about sewage dumping, April 30

The sewage treatment capacity is overwhelmed by the uncontrolled growth. Tough to blame citizens for dumping sewage if the corrupt politicians do not develop the required infrastructure to dispose of it properly.

Vegasd8  
Gazette forum

### Clean cop role model

Re: Gazette online, PACC anti-graft squad begins investigation of Phuket police extortion allegations, April 28

They could learn some lessons from Hong Kong, where the police were a byword for corruption in the 1970s. The issue was tackled and they are now seen as a shining example of an uncorrupt police force, and people are proud to work for them.

Phuket Hasher  
Gazette forum

### Assets and taxes will tell the graft story

Re: Gazette online, PACC anti-graft squad begins investigation of Phuket police extortion allegations, April 28

The investigation should extend to police officers' assets and income taxes paid over time to help determine if they are living beyond their means.

Anon  
Gazette forum

### Turn on the light for foreign visitors

Re: Gazette online, Superyacht hits bottom off Phuket, May 1

Most places would put a lighted navigation marker in a location where there are so many foreign visiting boats.

Thaisail  
Gazette forum

### Privatization not just of land, but more

Re: Gazette online, Governor orders probe into alleged Phuket beach land swindle, May 3

It is not only this park that is undergoing privatization. Many other areas of public land in Phuket, and all over Thailand, have vanished into private hands (and become resorts, villas, beach clubs, and so on).

One could say that it is the central government itself that is being privatized or even “colonized”. Whether that is a good or a bad development lies in the eyes of the beholders.

Sage  
Gazette forum

### Blockades are right

Re: Gazette online, Policing a Protestocracy, May 4

I applaud the people who go out to block the roads in order to bring focus to a situation they feel is not getting the attention it deserves.

If the police and the local government were doing their jobs, the blockades would not be necessary. How many people have to die on a dangerous section of a road before something is done about it?

If people did not stand up for themselves, many things would go unnoticed.

Reality check  
Gazette forum

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# Looking forward to cleaning up Patong

## FIRST PERSON

PATONG is my hometown and I know what the problems are here and who made them. My goal as mayor is to fix these problems and make Patong a good place to live and visit. A number of members of the town council are from former Mayor Pian's *Rak Patong* party, but I don't anticipate having trouble working with them if their goal is the same as mine – to make Patong better.

The most critical problem is corruption and the illegal businesses that it allows, such as illegal taxis and tuk-tuks, undocumented immigrants, and the use of public space for private enterprise. One solution to this particular problem is to establish fair pricing for taxis and tuk-tuks.

The second most serious problem facing the town is flooding every year. When I was a girl, floods weren't a problem – there were rice fields everywhere and rainwater drained through them. But now, buildings and concrete have replaced the fields and water must flow through drains that are too narrow and blocked with garbage. I will increase the size of the drains and have them cleaned out.

Traffic is the next issue, and I have ideas for both Patong Hill and the beachfront road. For the hill, I want to see a system put in place

Patong is my hometown and I know what the problems are here and who made them.



Here, she talks about the problems Patong faces and how she intends to solve them.

**Chalermluck Kebsup**, 50, was voted mayor of Patong in the April 26 election. She has a master's degree in political science from Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University and was Phuket Member of Parliament for 10 years, from 2001 to 2010. She is also a Patong native and a prominent businesswoman.

to quickly clear accidents, because until that road is made safer, there will continue to be accidents that paralyze traffic. The system would include a holding area to which damaged or broken down vehicles could be moved and repaired.

As for the beach road, I want to clear it of most of the vehicles that are there now. I want the motorbikes off the sidewalks, I want the tuk-tuks that are parked on the beach side of the road out of there, and I want the shopkeepers on that road who park in front of their shops to stop doing so. I want regulations put in place to limit parking time. Doing these things will improve traffic flow and give us back a view of the beach.

To improve the environmental health and at the same time make the town more attractive, I want to build more wastewater-treatment facilities and raise awareness

among local people and business owners that releasing untreated water pollutes our beach and sea.

Another pollution – noise pollution – I've heard a lot about from residents and tourists, who say it keeps them awake at night. One way to improve this is to have regulations limiting the time that fireworks can be set off.

I also want Patong to look green again, so I plan to encourage every resident to have plants and trees in front of their homes.

The last issue, for now, is the use of public spaces. Think about Loma Park; the huge number of stalls there make it ugly, and they block the view of the very thing tourists come for – the beach. Visitors also come for Thai culture, and I want to ban events on the beach that are not connected to Thai culture.

As soon as my term as MP finished, I knew I wanted to be the mayor of Patong. It's time to solve the problems that have been going on here for too long.



Don't try it alone, but maybe in a group you can ignore your smartphone.

## Saving the living dead

HAVING recently become addicted to the American TV show *The Walking Dead*, where the survivors of a zombie-virus plague battle for survival in the post-apocalyptic landscape of America, I couldn't help but think about a more insidious zombie plague that is slowly taking over the world.

The zombies are all around us, everywhere... they could be your best friend, your brother or sister, your workmates or maybe even you. Yes, I'm talking about the smartphone zombies roaming our streets, the glassy, lifeless eyes in their pale emotionless faces glued to the glowing screens, thumbs twitching in jerky, reflexive movements over which they seem to yield no conscious control.

I myself caught the virus when a well-meaning friend gave me his old smartphone, blithely unaware that it was a vector for the virulent bug. It has a slow incubation period, gradually taking over your mind without you even realizing it.

First it was just checking my emails on the go, next, I was having 20 minute conversations on a texting app; before long I found Angry Birds and a host of other useless yet somehow utterly engrossing apps, and it was too late... the virus had me.

But humanity is fighting back. Just recently at a beach club I came

## Island View

By Mark Knowles

Do you have an opinion to voice?

across a group of young women sitting around a table. Something seemed out of place, but I couldn't quite put my finger on it. Wait, none of them were on their smartphones; in fact, all of their phones were in a pile in the middle of the table. Could it be? Were these women actually members of the underground zombie resistance?

I had to find out. I crept up to them, sweat beading on my brow.

"Is it true?" I whispered, "is there hope for the human race?"

"What?" they replied, puzzled.

"The phones...how did you develop immunity?"

It turned out these valiant heroines had stumbled upon a fiendishly simple way to combat the plague: They agreed to ignore their phones.

"It can't be done!" I hear you cry. It's true, no one can resist the fatal lure alone, but they had formed a pact; the first one to pick up or look at their phone during the meal would have to pay the whole bill.

So, join the resistance! Turn off your phone during meals, in the cinema, when you're playing with your kids or taking a stroll – together we can survive this hellish plague and begin to rebuild humanity.

## Issues & Answers... ...asking the questions that affect you...

### Update on garbage bins at Chalong Pier

The Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (PPAO) raised mooring fees at Chalong Pier by 50 per cent three months ago, from 100 to 150 baht.

PPAO Transportation Division Chief Prasit Yotharak said that the extra 50 baht would be spent on "garbage management in the area". I haven't noticed any change... There are no new bins or anything. What's going on?

Penelope Rawai

**Prasit Yotharak, PPAO Transportation Division Chief replies:**

We haven't started the garbage management project at Chalong Pier yet, or installed any new bins at the pier. We plan to start the project by the middle of this month.

We have already hired five staff to manage the garbage at the pier. They just came to our office to

sign the contract this morning. After they start working, we expect to see no garbage at the pier.



Looking forward to a clean and tidy environment. Photo: Gazette file

Send us your queries and we'll ask the right people to respond to them.

Submit your issue at

[www.PhuketGazette.net/IssuesAnswers](http://www.PhuketGazette.net/IssuesAnswers)

### What's it cost to re-register a boat?

What is the cost of renewing a boat's annual registration here in Phuket?

Phil Chalong

**Kanong Duangkaew, Phuket Marine Office Registrar, replies:**

The cost of renewing the registration for a boat is the same as registering it the first time. You will find the fee written in the registration book itself.

There are a couple of cases in which you might have to pay more.

The first is if your boat does not pass inspection. The registration fee includes the cost of the inspection and the cost of transporting officers to your boat, if necessary. Failure to pass inspection means we would need to check your boat again after you bring it up to standard, and that would incur an additional charge.

The second case is if your

registration has expired, in which case you will have to pay a fine.

To renew your registration, please bring your registration book and a copy of the photo page of your passport to the Marine Department's Region 5 headquarters (formerly the harbor master's office) near the entrance of the Deep Sea Port on Sakdidee Rd at Ao Makham. We are open from 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday.



Just make sure your boat is up to spec so as not to incur additional charges. Photo: Mark Knowles

# YOUR Phuket

## Living in the lap of luxury

The *Phuket Gazette* special supplement "Phuket Luxury Living" hit news stands ahead of Dubai's 10th International Property Show (IPS). The show, sponsored by the *Gazette*, took place from April 8-10 at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Center and boasted participation by 300 companies from 80 countries.



## Thank You, Member

Thanyapura recently held its first "Thank You Member Party" at the newly opened Grind Cafe, overlooking the olympic pool.



Michael Gilliam is flanked by Lucas Schrijnemaekers (left) and Chris McCormack



Toby Koehler and Aekanong Panyongwattahana were proudly present



ALL SMILES: (from left) Kristy Dougall, Tracey De Perthuis and Areerat Cornelisse



Debbie Dionysius (left) joins Justin White and Sherri Drolet

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Must be experienced with child care. Needed after school and weekends for two young boys. Thai only. Tel: 081-978 7756. Email: scot@paresaresorts.com

**WEB DEVELOPER /  
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Bachelor's degree in related field. Knowledge of PHP, Javascript, jQuery, MySQL required. 2 years experience, English speaking. Send CV to hr@luxuryvillasandhomes.com

**PERSONAL ASSISTANT**

A private family is looking for a personal assistant to be located in Bang Jo, Phuket, full time, start as soon as possible. Must be fluent in Thai & English educated, love animals, be flexible with work hours, be a fast and motive worker. Attractive salary offered, please email CV to sherin.peace@gmail.com

**SALES MANAGER**

For designer ladies fashion boutique in Surin. Good salary plus commissions, must speak English. Tel: 085-153 1403.

**FARANG HANDYMAN /  
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Live-in farang handyman (with all tools) and maid (Thai), available for hotel or luxury villa. Can attend interview immediately. Contact Lee. Tel: 081-787 9767.

**MARKETING  
EXECUTIVE WANTED**

Urgent! Real estate marketing @ HomePro Chalong and Patong. Must speak English and be positive and flexible. Average income: 25-50,000 baht per month. Email: kannikar\_8@hotmail.com www.thaiglobalconsulting.com

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Cook wanted in a small Ban Moon noodle bar, to cook basic Thai and European food. Room available as part of wages. Tel: 083-690 7014 (English). Please call or email micknppr@hotmail.com

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Experience needed in Microsoft Excel and Word. Daily record on cash income, stocks, timecards, and booking vouchers. Good comments in English writing and speaking working under GM. Tel: 081-968 5963 (English). Email: c@bayshoreprojects.com

**MARKETING FOR  
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We are now looking for marketing executives to join our successful real estate company. Thai nationals only. We are looking for staff at Jungceylon, Homepro Chalong and Kamala Beach. Good spoken English is a must. High salaries and commissions will be given. Send CV to info@phuket-condos-homes.com or call 076-341045, 081-459 0152 (English). www.phuketcondoshomes.com

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Brainy House is looking for part-time native English teachers. Start as soon as possible. Tel: 076-522822, 080-907 7466 (English & Thai). Email: keng.na.ranong@hotmail.com

**BRANCH MANAGER**

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**PR & MARKETING**

The View Condominium.

- Female, 20-35 years.

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- Coordinate with recruiters

- Collaborate with team

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## Authorized Agents for Classified Advertising:

### CHALONG

- ▶ **Julapan Stationery** (Chaofa East Rd)
- ▶ **KL Mart** (Patak Rd, Chalong Circle)
- ▶ **Khun Woody's Sandwich Shoppe**  
(Fisherman's Way Business Center, Chaofa East Rd)

Tel: 076-282254  
Tel: 076-280400  
Tel: 076-282403

### PATONG

- NEW** ▶ **Andy's Real Estate Agency** (Opp. Savoei Seafood)
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### PHUKET CITY

- ▶ **Earth Language Training Centre School** (Phang Nga Rd)
- ▶ **Sin & Lee** (Thalang Rd)
- ▶ **iTree complete printing service**  
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Tel: 076-258369  
Tel: 076-255425

### CHERNG TALAY

- ▶ **Chaba Supermarket** (at the Laguna gateway)

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### RAWAI

- ▶ **The Network property office** (Saiyuan Rd)

Tel: 076-388144

### KARON

- ▶ **EuroStyle Tailors** (Luang Por Chuan Rd)

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**SWEDISH STAFF WANTED**

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**GUEST SERVICES**

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**YOGA TEACHER WANTED**

Qualified yoga instructor to teach at PhuketFit Resort. Please apply with resume and qualifications. Tel: 081-270 9772. Email: liam@phuketfit.com

**JUNIOR ACCOUNTANT NEEDED**

To assist with the accounting tasks, including accounts receivable. Good spoken/written English and pleasant personality are a must. Tel: 076-227281, 081-893 5492 (English & Thai). Fax: 076-227073. For further information on the job, please see our website at [www.aquamas.net/job.html](http://www.aquamas.net/job.html)

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Aged 25 years or older, permanent resident of Phuket, Russian speaking with excellent knowledge of English and preferably Thai. Official papers (no benefits, work permit), salary starts from 30,000 baht. Tel: 089-870 2796. Please send CV to opaopa543@mail.ru

**RESORT STAFF WANTED**

Urgently: night reception, housekeeping, restaurant and kitchen staff. Tel: 076-613903, 089-723 1128 (Thai), 085-227 8864. Email: yussies@gmail.com

**BUILDING MANAGER @BANGTAO**

Bachelor's degree, excellent in both written and spoken English, strong analytical and problem-solving skills. Tel: 076-238299. Email: Thomrath.Anantaworapoth@ap.jll.com

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Soi Dog Foundation seeks a Social Media Officer to lead our Facebook page and create and publish content. Excellent creative writing, strong video and photo skills, and empathy for animals required. Tel: 087-263 0827, 081-788 4222 (English & Thai). Email: gregg@soi dog.org. Learn more at [www.SoiDog.org](http://www.SoiDog.org)

**OFFICE ASSISTANT**

Siam Real Estate requires a Thai office assistant with English and computer skills, based in Rawai. Must be organised and have good communication skills. Tel: 076-288908. Send CV to dew@siamrealestate.com

**THAI RECEPTIONIST NEEDED**

Small Tree House Resort in Khao Sok (Surat Thani) is looking for 2 receptionists (Thai only) with proper English skills. Salary from 10,000 to 15,000 baht depending on experience, accommodation, 3 meals a day and social security are free of charge provided by the resort. Tel: 081-273 8324 (Thai). Please send an email to [khaosok.hotels@gmail.com](mailto:khaosok.hotels@gmail.com). For further details, please see our website at [www.khaosok-hotels.com](http://www.khaosok-hotels.com)

**ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUIDES**

Phi Phi Island. We are looking for 2 English-speaking guides for our overnight boat tour which leaves from Phi Phi Don. The job is to entertain and keep our customers safe. If you look after our customers well, we will look after you. Contact Siripan. Tel: 087-382 9163.

**EUROPEAN CHEFS**

We are hiring Sous Chef and Executive Chef. We want both full-time. Good salary and work permit for the right candidate. Tel: 081-905 8353. Email: hr.bangtao@oceanresortgroup.net

# Employee Termination Announcement

Please be informed that Mr. Pimboon Pattatum (ป.ส.พิมบุญ ปัตตatum) was terminated as an employee of Capital One Real Estate Co., Ltd on April 5th, 2014, and Ms. Narumol Tondum (น.ส. นฤมล ทนดุม) was terminated on March 14th, 2014.

Capital One Real Estate Co., Ltd. shall not be responsible for any activities instigated by these individuals in our name, and reserves the right to file claims under the law against them.

**Capital One Real Estate Co., Ltd. will not be liable in any way for the actions of these individuals.**

**PROPERTY MARKETING MANAGER**

Phuket's leading real estate agency is now recruiting a Marketing Manager (foreign national) to oversee our marketing venues and operations. You will be coordinating the marketing staff in terms of schedules, motivation and making sure the production is at its peak. You need to have major experience in Marketing and know your way around Phuket. Tel: 076-341045, 081-459 0152 (English). Please send your CV with recent picture to [info@phuket-condos-homes.com](mailto:info@phuket-condos-homes.com)

**PERSONAL ASSISTANT WANTED**

Thai national only. Admin support to management at Phuket Fit resort. Secretarial and administrative tasks. Please contact: [liam@phuketfit.com](mailto:liam@phuketfit.com)

**HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED**

To manage and ensure the cleanliness of our operation. Must be a dynamic team worker with a pleasant personality. Contact us. Tel: 076-281227, 081-893 5492 (English & Thai). Fax: 076-281227. Email: jtissi@aquamaster.net

**PHP PROGRAMMER**

Seeking a PHP programmer with experience in Code Igniter for a long-term project. Tel: 094-316 6005 (English & Thai). Email: [john@jpdigitaltech.com](mailto:john@jpdigitaltech.com)

**YACHT STEWARDESS**

Thai national, 2 females, good English, salary+ tips. Tel: 087-384 2743(Thai). Email: [info@yacht-charter-thailand.com](mailto:info@yacht-charter-thailand.com)

**3 WAITRESSES FOR RESTAURANT**

Three English-speaking waitresses wanted for restaurant. Thai national only. Tel: 081-270 9772. Email: [liam@phuketfit.com](mailto:liam@phuketfit.com)

**KARON CLIFF**

Hostess, maid, engineer, waiter, and kitchen staff wanted. Tel: 087-265 6089.

**RECEPTIONIST WANTED**

For small guesthouse near the beach in Patong. Good salary and benefits. Some spoken and written English and computer skills preferred. Contact John. Tel: 092-069 7408. Email: [jmiles@iinet.net.au](mailto:jmiles@iinet.net.au)

**RESTAURANT STAFF**

New restaurant "Thai Basil". Bartender: 15,000 baht. Waiters/waitresses: 14,000 baht plus tips. Manager: 25,000 baht. Soi Bangla, 58/7-8, contact, between 4pm and 7pm. Email: [office@thaibasil.phuket.com](mailto:office@thaibasil.phuket.com)

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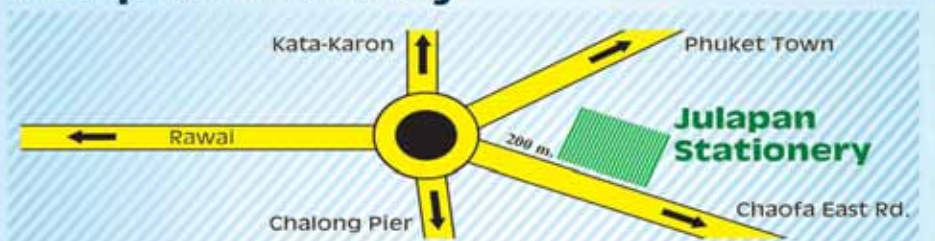
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## 40FT SEA CONTAINER

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## STRESSED OVER PARTIES?

Plan your party for all your supplies at Party Always. We are located at Wana Park Cherno Talay. For more information, please call 076-620 166. Email: karen\_leongsk@yahoo.com.sg

## Lost &amp; Found

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During a house burglary in the Surin Beach area around April 22, a Hublot bracelet watch in pink gold was stolen. Reward of 100,000 baht will be paid to anyone who can advise on the watch's return. Tel: 083-280 9100 (English), 087-290 1019 (Thai). Email: johanhultner@hotmail.com

## Personal Services

## INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

US licensed counselor. Children-Adults-Families. Phuket mental health counseling. For more information, please call 086-271 8153 (English). Email: parwgk@aol.com

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Contract drafting, counseling, civil & criminal action, court interpreter. For more information, please call 089-873 6533. Fax: 076-273399. Email: info@suwatchana-law-office.com

## Club Memberships Available

## BLUE CANYON MEMBERSHIP

Blue Canyon family golf membership for sale. Price: 850,000 baht, including all transfer cost. Contact Leonor. Tel: 084-837 7249 (English). Email: gietzelt@gmail.com

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## GUESTHOUSE CLOSING

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## Personals

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- Centara Grand Beach Resort Phuket: 262 rooms
- Millennium Resort: 418 rooms
- Holiday Inn Resort & Spa: 405 rooms
- Movenpick Resort & Spa Karon Beach: 364 rooms
- Karon Beach Resort & Spa: 80 rooms
- Andara Beach Resort & Spa: 62 rooms
- Amari Coral Beach: 197 rooms
- Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa: 664 rooms
- Destination Patong: 390 rooms
- Serenity Terraces Resort: 68 rooms
- Dewa Naiyang Phuket: 96 rooms
- Regent Phuket Cape Panwa: 210 rooms

**More Info?** Please call 076-273555. Email: Kookai@phuketgazette.net or Diao@phuketgazette.net

On line: www.phuketgazette.net / tv | www.youtube.com / PGTVPhuket



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Capelli RIB, 8m. 250hp Yamaha 4-stroke outboard motor with 361 hours. Garmin GPS with Blue chart for Southeast Asia. 860,000 baht. Tel: 076-348134, 084-626 4969 (English). Fax : 076-348134. Email: neef@wanadoo.fr

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**HARD TO FIND TEAK BOAT**

This 80-year-old solid teak boat is ideal for a Phang Nga Bay live aboard, or a land-based guest house. 1.5 million baht. Call John on 090-798 5605. Email: johne mango@yahoo.com For current pictures and finish out options, www.facebook.com/TeakBoat

**VOLVO PENTA 380HP**

Marine engines for sale: Volvo Penta TAMD71B, 6 cylinder, 380hp, 2500 rpm, turbo charged. 1) Engine number 207112 4065, with reverse gear box Twin Disc MG-507, 198:1, 5M74752. 2) Engine number 2071 1240 64 with reverse gear box Twin Disc MG-507, 198:1, number 5M7 474. Net Weight: 850kg per engine. Two silencers: MGS IN /OUT 5', 45'. Price: 1 million baht per engine. Tel: 081-306 1150 (English & Thai). Email: rm2@food comthailand.com

**50FT BERTRAM SPORTFISHER**

1989 Bertram 50S convertible. Price: 7 million baht. Tel: 087-834 5293. Email: sfiori@hotmail.com

**CATAMARAN FOR SALE**

Built 2013, marine plywood, fiberglass, 41 feet, ideal for charter, 5.2 million baht only. Tel: 080-692 8468 (English & Thai). Email: joe\_anusara@yahoo.com

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**Abbreviations:** UPPER CASE (if used as part of anagram, in brackets).

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**Anagrams:** *italic* (indicated in clue by words 'out', 'possibly', 'strangely', 'wild', or similar). **Letters left out:** underlined.

**Across:** 9. PENITENCE: *tenpencei* 10. OUTLANDER: *route-land* 12. RUES: *sure* 13. BELONG: *be-yearn* 14. PALETTE: *pale-TT-E* 15. DRESSEDUP: *dudepress* 17. RELIGIOUS: *Re.-LI-G-IOU's* 18. CATALOG: *logacat* 19. DONATE: *nod(rev)-at-E* 20. AREA: *a-R-ea* 23. CABLEGRAM: *wire-gram* 25. BEDEVILED: *B-vilededeed* 26. USED: *U.S.-Ed* 27. GARRET: *great(R)* 29. BEWITCH: *bitchwe* 32. TITIVATES: *visiteats* 34. DECIDUOUS: *Dec.-I'd-U-O-us* 35. ROWDIER: *direrow* 36. DIVIDE: *iddive* 37. ISEE: *1-See* 38. CONNEXION: *exconinon* 39. COWARDICE: *icrowdace* **Down:** 1. SPORADIC: *cropsaid* 2. UNREPEATABLE: *realteenpub* 3. UNDERDOG: *grounded* 4. RECOUP: *Re.- overthrow* 5. SONGKRAN: *vocal music-rank* 6. STIPULATED: *idputslate* 7. HAULAGE: *quantity of stolen property-a long time* 8. GREENSWARD: *gardenswer(E)* 11. DITTO: *D-it-to* 16. SOLDER: *soldier* 19. DIM: *id(up)-M* 21. RELATIONSHIP: *thisrolepain* 22. AVOWED: *a-wove-D* 23. COUNTERACT: *trounce-act* 24. ROADTORUIN: *ourtriadon* 25. BIT: *B-it* 28. RESIDENT: *triesden* 29. BACKDOWN: *support-not in service* 30. HASTENED: *teenshad* 31. AVOIDED: *a-space-Ed* 33. TAWAN: *wanta* 34. DEVICE: *de-immorality*

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# Rolls-Royce rolls into town



There was no lack of class, style and beauty to admire during the event.



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FULL RANGE: Thanes Anujareeaphar, Sales Manager of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Bangkok by Millionaire Auto Sales & Services (Thailand) Co, Ltd ; poses with Robert Suchard Raksangob, MD of Phuket Airpark; Pinyada (Am) Pipansiri; Phuket Governor Maitri Inthusut; and Pol Kulnarematwanich, Marketing Manager of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Bangkok, z



DRIVEN: Andi McCam, UK Drive Specialist

# RPYC sale prompts closure

By Chutharat Plerin

THE Royal Phuket Yacht Club, the iconic resort that has drawn tourists to Nai Harn Beach for 28 years, will close its doors on May 31 for a major refit following a takeover by foreign investors.

The news was confirmed by staff at the resort who have received formal notice that employment of all staff will be terminated.

"Many employees have informally known for quite a while that the resort will close and that everyone will be let go," one staffer at the resort, who asked not to be named, told the *Gazette* on May 1.

"Formal notice of the closure [and termination of employment] was sent to each staff member in late April.

"We were told that a Thai company called Victory Thailand, funded by investors from Singapore, bought the resort."

The staffer said that she did not expect any conflict between staff and management over the closure, though another employee told the *Gazette* that he was unaware of

the takeover until days ago.

The yacht club, one of the original Grande Dames of Phuket, will be closed for at least two years while the major renovations are carried out.

Another Grande Dame, the Evason Phuket resort, encountered serious counteraction by staff unhappy with the redundancy packages offered when that resort was sold to Singapore firm LC Development for 1.4 billion baht two years ago.

The *Gazette* has yet to confirm whether the takeover of the Royal Phuket Yacht Club involves Puravarna Hotels & Resorts, which lists the yacht club as one of its premier establishments.

Puravarna Resort Co CEO and British national Steven James Granville was arrested at the company's office in Rawai in 2010 on fraud charges for allegedly cheating customers out of millions of baht.

After 18 months of detention, Mr Granville was released after all charges against him were dropped, *Gazette* columnist Bill Barnett, CEO of C9 Hotelworks, reported on his Phuket Insider website in 2011.



The Royal Phuket Yacht Club will begin two years of renovations when it closes on May 31. Photo: RPYC / Facebook

## Political situation has auto industry worried

THE 35<sup>th</sup> Bangkok International Motor Show saw almost 40,000 orders placed before it ended, which was promising, but the struggling auto industry is still not hopeful about the near future due to the uncertain political situation.

"Right now it is impossible to plan for the future, since we don't know what will happen," Pitak Pruitti-sarikorn, director of Honda Automobile Thailand, said during the opening day.

The event was expected to help generate needed demand for the market, which fell by more than 40 per cent during the first two months of the year.

While affordable marques like Toyota and Honda usually lead the sales race, this year's show marked a shift towards luxury brands.

Mercedes-Benz, highlighting its new C-Class, and BMW, with the new 2-Series, were highly successful. Mercedes grabbed 2,060 orders and BMW 1,383. Mini, which is considered a luxury subcompact, also did well with 109 orders.

Volvo sold 183 cars, while Lexus had 111 orders, Land Rover 46 and Jaguar 14. Carlsson, which isn't a major brand, as it offers tuned-up Mercedes-Benzes, sold 30.

Porsche, featuring its new 911 Turbo S and Macan sport-utility vehicle, secured 13 orders, while three orders were placed at the Bentley booth.

Another surprise was Master Group Corporation, the official importer for Rolls-Royce and Aston Martin. Ten Rolls-Royces were booked at a sticker price of more than 20 million baht each, while Aston, participating for the first time, received seven orders.



This year's motor show saw greater focus on luxury brands. Photo: Gazette File

"You can see that there's a drop in sales of eco-cars as demand has been used up," said vice chairman of the organizing committee Jaturont Komolmis. "But in the luxury segment, customers don't seem to worry and are purchasing the latest models."

Japanese makes were the most popular, led by Toyota with 9,514 orders, thanks to the redesigned Corolla Altis, followed by Honda with 5,617, Isuzu with 4,602 and Mazda with 3,482, of which more than 1,600 were for the new Mazda3.

Grand Prix Group plans to boost show space for the expo in Muang Thong Thani next year after this year's 3,400-square-meter expansion. It will also launch its first overseas motor show in Phnom Penh in October.

"We will be committed to organizing the new event for three years and we'll also study the possibility of holding similar events in other countries," Mr Jaturont said. — *The Nation*

## SIPA invests in tech sector

THE Software Industry Promotion Agency (SIPA) has decided to invest 137 million baht to prepare Thai software operators for the upcoming ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) in 2015.

SIPA director Trairat Chatkaew said that the government has put a lot of emphasis in the technology sector by approving SIPA to invest at least 137 million baht. Following this procedure, SIPA hopes to develop greater software tools to help business operators across all industries save costs in their production line.

SIPA will mainly focus on improving employees' overall abilities to meet AEC standards in order to raise the bar of standardized Thai software operators. The goal is to get at least 1,000 qualified

Thai software operators to be accepted in the international market, as Thai operators in the past have had a weak foundation.

To resolve this problem, SIPA has founded the "tycoon chic" project, which is designed for business owners in the software industry. Under this project, companies will learn to grow strong and firm; attract investors into the intellectual property rights businesses; and be aware about future technology trends in the next couple of years.

SIPA has also provided assistance to SMEs by suggesting financial institutions and angel investors to provide funds so that small-businesses can prosper and grow. — *NNT*

## Thailand sees mild economic slump

ACCORDING to the Fiscal Policy Office (FPO), Thailand has seen a negative 0.2 per cent economic growth during the first quarter of 2014.

Kulaya Tantitemit, the executive director for macroeconomic policy, said that the FPO will maintain its forecast for this year's economic growth at 2.6 per cent. However, she expects the country's economy to recover for the rest of this year. Despite the expected growth, the Thai economy has contracted by 0.2 per cent in the first quarter due to the ongoing political uncertainty that has slowed down domestic consumption and impaired consumers' confidence, which dropped to a 12-year low.

Despite some negative signs, the FPO is still optimistic that the economy will bounce back for the rest of 2014, especially after the country has formed a new government. — *NNT*

## Thai inflation rate spikes during April

THE Ministry of Commerce revealed that Thailand's inflation rate spiked in April due to rising costs of food and energy.

The ministry said the country's consumer price index (CPI) rose by 2.45 per cent in April 2014 compared to the same month of last year and had reached a new high in 12 months. Core CPI, which excludes volatile energy and food prices, rose by 1.66 per cent from a year earlier.

Increased costs of raw materials, which have been rising since September, had pushed the prices of processed foods and cooking gas higher. Prices of food and non-alcoholic beverages also went up by 4.61 per cent.

The ministry maintained its forecast that this year's inflation is expected to range between 2.0 to 2.8 per cent, settling at 2.4 per cent in the second quarter of 2014. The Central Bank also said that this year's rates should not exceed its forecast of 2.5 per cent. — *NNT*

# Rawai roasters tout Thai beans

By Mark Knowles

WITH the fast approaching Asean Economic Community (AEC) integration, Thailand's coffee producers will be facing stiff competition from neighboring coffee behemoths Indonesia and Vietnam.

Coffee industry experts have long been calling on coffee producers in The Kingdom to bring specialty coffee products to market and move away from supplying bulk beans to instant coffee manufacturers.

"Although Thailand's coffee production remains low compared with other Asean countries such as Vietnam and Indonesia, Thailand has high potential to grow as the regional center for coffee, given the quality of Thai-grown coffee, production processes and the favorable geographical location," President of the Thai Coffee Association Varri Sodprasert, told the *Bangkok Post* in an interview last year.

One locally based company, Yes Coffee, has heeded this call. From its new facility in Rawai, Yes Coffee is roasting and packaging premium coffee that is helping to strengthen Thailand's rapidly growing reputation for having some of the finest tasting coffee in the world.

The company was founded by Korean national Park Kyung Won, who has long been involved in Thailand's latex industry before branching out into coffee. Mr Park later formed a partnership with American national Collin Fullilove, who formerly owned a coffee plantation in Guatemala and is helping to market the company's specialty coffee products.

"Ten years ago, Mr Park went back to educate himself about the coffee industry, and he went on a long odyssey of seeking out plantations and educating owners about going organic," said Mr Fullilove.

Now, a decade later, Yes Coffee has developed strong relationships with plantations in Northern Thailand and now transports two tons per month of green beans to Phuket for roasting and packaging.

"We buy directly from three separate plantations [in Northern Thailand]. They are all Grade-A, certified organic," said Mr Fullilove.

"Yes Coffee just came in second place in a competition testing all the coffees in Thailand, with our green beans."

The company currently supplies its coffee to several Phuket hotels, as well as souvenir shops aimed at international tourists. But their Phuket roasting operation is just the start of their push into the high-end retail coffee market. The company is currently in negotiations with Villa Market to supply premium coffee in all their stores.

"The people from Villa Market recently came for a tasting of our coffee and they loved us, because number one – we have arguably the best coffee in the world, and secondly – 10 per cent of everything we are making is going to charity."

There are also plans underway to open an outlet at Don Muang International Airport in Bangkok, which would serve as a flagship store for the brand and help to capture the lucrative international consumer

market, which is more educated about the qualities of premium coffee.

Yes Coffee is about more than coffee. On the grounds of their roasting factory and retail outlet in Rawai they have built a free school to help educate the children of migrant workers from Myanmar.

"We've been operational for about 18 months. The roasting factory was built in conjunction with the school and 10 per cent of all the profits we make go into [the school] charity," said Mr Fullilove.

"These children have no access to education... they fall in the cracks, their parents work and they don't have access to the Thai education system. So it's an area of great need."

Find Yes Coffee on the web at [facebook.com/thaiYesCoffee](https://www.facebook.com/thaiYesCoffee), in person at 20/8 Moo 1, Tambon Rawai Muang, Phuket 83130 or by phone at 076 388086



Coffee beans being prepared for roasting at Yes Coffee in Rawai.



A graphic identifies bean color relative to various degrees of roasting. Photos: Mark Knowles



Racks display a variety of premium coffees sourced from northern Thailand.

## DFT pushing for increased exports

NANTAWAN Sakultanak, Director General of the Department of Foreign Trade (DFT), has announced that her department wants to export more Thai produce to Latin American nations.

The comment came after her department invited trade representatives from Brazil, Chile, Peru and Colombia to Thailand from May 3 to 14, in the government's bid to increase exports to the region, especially to Brazil, where the public has strong purchasing power. The nation has a minimum wage rate of US\$ 310 per month



The DFT looks to raise exports to Latin America. Photo: Vasenka

and a strong demand for workers in high-end infrastructure investments, as Brazil prepares to host the World Cup next month, and the Olympics in 2016.

Ms Nantawan also said the world's 8th largest economy has a population of 60 million, making Brazil a very attractive market, while predicting that the nation's commodity market would expand 5-7 per cent annually from now to 2016.

She also pointed out that the nation has rich natural resources such as crude oil, bauxite, gold, and iron ore. Brazil is the world's biggest exporter of ore and iron products and a prominent soy, corn, poultry and sugar producer.

– NNT



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# Beware the juicy apple

## Snow-White is coming to town!

WATCH out for the apples you buy this June, and before you bite into the juicy fruit, make sure your prince charming is looking out for you.

If you have no idea what we're on about, it's time to refresh your childhood memories. *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, the latest *Gazette* Headline Event presented by Jagota in partnership with Events International, is coming to town.

The performance is scheduled to stage at Simon Star Theater on June 7 and 8.

Experience a spectacular presentation, with an ensemble of music, drama, comedy and audience engagement.

A 90-minute extravaganza supported by a 12-member cast from London will be telling the classic story that promises to enthrall both children and grown-ups. You've read it in books, seen it on television and wide screens and now it's time to experience it on stage, in a theatrical illusion.

The show, besides having been performed in London, has also travelled to Dubai and Abu Dhabi.



There will be song and dance aplenty at Simon Star Theater this June.

With its vibrant cast, songs, drama and digital animations, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* is ready to take you and your family through a magical journey of entertainment and visual effects. Tap your feet, clap your hands and laugh out loud with your loved ones this June.

Tickets are available for 700 baht and can be purchased at Les Diablos – Boat lagoon, Villa Market – Chalong, and Laguna Phuket.

For more information call, 091-326 0276 (English) or 081-477 6828 (Thai). – *Phuket Gazette*



With its vibrant cast, songs, drama and digital animations, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* is ready to take you and your family through a magical journey of entertainment and visual effects. Photos: Supplied

# A Rendezvous to remember

THE Asia Superyacht Rendezvous held in Phuket every December 16-18 is one of the most famous gatherings of motor and sailing superyachts in the world.

This is the one hot-spot happening where owners, captains and VIP guests congregate around beautiful luxury superyachts, both sail and motor powered, for three days of fun racing and relaxed socializing in a paradise setting.

Perched overlooking Kata Bay, host hotel sponsor, Kata Rocks, welcomes Rendezvous Superyacht owners and captains, and their guests and crew, to a unique resort of infinite luxury in a private paradise setting.

Now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, the Asia Superyacht Rendezvous raises its anchor on opening night with a luxurious cocktail party hosted aboard a private superyacht.

Several days of friendly but highly competitive sailing races will follow with the sleekly beautiful vessels racing on a course set by Capt Andy Dowden, marked by mammoth power vessels, with VIP guests avidly following the racing boats.

It's party time with unique events every night at Kata Rocks for Rendezvous guests as they gaze out over an amazing array of "floating castles". While kicking



Hitching a ride on a 100-foot superyacht might be harder work than most people think. Photos: ASR



The Rendezvous attracts guests from the world over.

back in friendly camaraderie and enjoying the finest in cocktails, wine, food and service, yachting enthusiasts have the opportunity to catch up and exchange sea stories.



The model race highlights the spirited crewmanship.

Happily returning to their 14<sup>th</sup> year as the principal sponsor, Feadship Royal Dutch Shipyards, famed for building some of the world's most desired superyachts, once again will judge the

excitingly cutthroat Feadship Model Boat Construction & Competition, featuring a dozen enthusiastic yachting crew teams led by their spirited captains.

On the last day of the event all

of the superyachts will come together to present an unforgettable spectacle on Kata Bay, a magnificent, one-of-a-kind Superyacht Dress Parade.

This memorable event will be followed by the famed Pirate Treasure Hunt – a big hit with yachting families and crews. A lavishly sumptuous VIP Gala Dinner will provide a stylish end to this year's rendezvous.

Normally, luxury yachts will anchor right alongside Kata Rocks without leaving their mooring except for the races, with all coming ashore as they are collected by event dinghies and ferried to a private dock throughout the event. The sheer magic of the location and the stunning vista of moored superyachts will provide a most memorable experience for all attending.

To experience this exclusive event and enjoy the yachting fellowship and ultimate in luxury accommodation, an invitation to the celebrated event is extended to all superyachts of 100-feet in length – or longer.

For more information, email [pr-comm@asia-superyacht-rendezvous.com](mailto:pr-comm@asia-superyacht-rendezvous.com) to register, or visit the website: [asia-superyacht-rendezvous.com](http://asia-superyacht-rendezvous.com).

– *Phuket Gazette*

## WHAT'S ON in Phuket

### May 15, 11:30am-2pm. Phuket International Women's Club May Lunch

The May Lunch will be at DeDos restaurant in Tinlay Place, Cherg Talay. Early booking is recommended as seats are limited. All are welcome. Members 500 baht, guests 650 baht. Contact Maggy at [info@piwc-phuket.com](mailto:info@piwc-phuket.com)

The *Phuket Gazette* and PGTV's 'Phuket Today' show, the island's only nationally broadcast television program (aired daily on True Visions channels 79 and 107), are proud, long-term sponsors of The Phuket International Women's Club.

### May 17, 6pm-10pm. BBQ & Grill Night

Bistro by Two Chefs Karon is firing up the grill. You can eat all you wish of grilled pork, chicken and salmon. Together with the yummy sauces, salads and potatoes. Then you can finish your dinner with some of the homemade desserts. Large parking available. The bistro has aircon and an outdoor dining area. The price for the Grill & Desserts buffet is only 395 baht. For reservations call 076 396243 Email [reservation@twochefs.com](mailto:reservation@twochefs.com) or go to [twochefsbistrodeli.com](http://twochefsbistrodeli.com).

### May 17, 10am-6pm. IELTS in Phuket

An International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test will be held in Phuket and organized by Phuket Australian Visa and Student Services (AVSS). To register for the test contact: 076-210934 or 086-595 5148, email [avssouth@gmail.com](mailto:avssouth@gmail.com) or go to [theavss.net](http://theavss.net).

### May 23, 6pm-11:30pm. Beatles Tribute Night at Two Chefs.

We serve a large buffet with smoked salmon, pulled pork burgers, roast beef, stuffed pork tenderloin, Yorkshire puddings, grilled rib-eye steaks with bearnaise sauce, pork crackling, lamb stew, bloody-mary mussels, strawberry tarts, chocolate cup cakes, apple crumble pie and much more. All this plus the show and a welcome drink for only 795 baht for adults, 395 baht for kids.

The famous Two Chefs house band will be doing a full 20-song set with the most famous Beatles classics. We start serving the buffet at 6pm, then at 9pm the Two Chefs Beatles Tribute show will begin. Make your reservations now! Email: [karon@twochefs.com](mailto:karon@twochefs.com), visit the website at: [twochefs.com](http://twochefs.com), or call 076-286479.

### May 24. Visakha Bucha Day

Visakha Bucha Day is observed on the day of the full moon during the 6<sup>th</sup> lunar month, which usually falls in either May or early June. It is a day to commemorate three important incidents: the birth, the enlightenment and the passing away of the Buddha. These events are believed to have fallen on the same lunar day and month (but on different years).

### May 31, 5pm-10pm. Neon Night Run

The Neon Night Run is a unique, fun running party! With race distances for both young and old, plus great music and colorful bright lights. Fun for the whole family with BBQ, stalls, kids entertainment, face painting, prizes for best NEON costumes, glow sticks, etc. Schools compete to win the new Thanyapura Cup. Entry fee for

individual runners/walkers is 300 baht. Everyone welcome. Register now at [thanyapura.com/event](http://thanyapura.com/event).

### June 7, 9am-midday. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

A family musical held at Phuket Town's Simon Star Theater. A wonderful experience for children, parents and grandparents! A great visual treat with dances, music and pictures to be taken with your favorite character.

Call 091-326 0276 for more information and ticket bookings or email [indiafilmworks@gmail.com](mailto:indiafilmworks@gmail.com).

This event is sponsored by PGTV and the *Phuket Gazette*.

### June 12 to July 13. FIFA World Cup in Brazil

Football (soccer) fans around the world look forward to the excitement of the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the World Cup. This year will be

played in arguably the top footballing nation on the planet. Here in Phuket, most of the games will be aired live in the morning hours, though many restaurants and bars will certainly screen re-runs of all the matches.

### June 28 to July 27. Ramadan

Muslims worldwide, or roughly a quarter of the planet's population, observe Ramadan as the 9<sup>th</sup> month of their calendar, a time for fasting during the day hours and feasting at night.

### July 11. Asarnha Bucha Day

This full-moon day of the 8<sup>th</sup> lunar month (traditional Thai calendar) commemorates the Buddha's first sermon to his first five disciples after attaining Enlightenment more than 2,500 years ago. Evening candlelit processions are staged at all Thai Buddhist temples.

### July 12. Buddhist Lent

This day of a full moon marks the start of the Buddhist Lent, or rains retreat – the three-month annual retreat observed by Theravada practitioners. It is the traditional time for Thai males to ordain as monks, informally observed as the start of the rainy season, when the south-westerly monsoon is in full force.

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# Time to swim, time to win

By Maciek Klimowicz

STRUGGLING with time management? Not enough space in your weekly agenda for all that's on your 'to do' list? Tell that to these kids. Not only do they study hard, but they practice swimming twice a day, five days a week, aiming at the highest Olympic goals. Their solution for lack of time? Do more.

"I feel that swimming actually helps with my learning a lot, it reduces stress and helps me with time management," says Aleya Toh, a young swimmer who moved to Phuket from Singapore a few months ago.

"In Singapore, in March last year, I was facing a lot of trouble. I found it really hard to find balance between my studies, my school and my swimming, which wasn't too good as well.

"Learning and training at BISP [British International School Phuket] helps me with that," she adds.

Hendrik Faber, a young Dutch athlete who's also a beneficiary of the BISP swimming scholarship, confirms Aleya's comments, "Enrolling with BISP High Performance Swim Academy allowed me to study more because it's a boarding school. Whereas when I lived in Malaysia, I would often slack off.



Toh and Faber are aiming high with the ultimate goal of swimming at the Olympic Games. Photo: Maciek Klimowicz

"I guess it's good for me to be in a more controlled environment, and I swim a lot more here during our morning and afternoon session."

The swimming scholarship at BISP is currently in its first year of inception, and has already seen 12 Youth Olympic Games qualifying standards met within the

first three months of training. The BISP HPT (High Performance Team) Swim Academy combines academic excellence with high performance swimming by offering a comprehensive package of boarding, tuition and swimming to enable long-term development.

"This place is very convenient

because swimming and everything is within the school whereas in Singapore, swimming and school were separate," explains Aleya.

In BISP all the facilities are in place for students to be able to find balance between their studies and training – an eight lane 50m pool and an eight lane 25m pool, func-

tional dry land training area attached to the pool for instant access, quality boarding house accommodation and, of course, a fully comprehensive primary and secondary school.

Learning and training in such an environment allows the students to focus on their goals which in case of Hendrik and Aleya, are very ambitious. "I would like to represent the Netherlands in the Olympics for either triathlon or swimming, and the facilities here and healthy environment for training at BISP surely helps."

"I hope to qualify for the Sea Games in Singapore next year and other major meets, maybe the Olympics," adds Toh.

With the help of Simon Jones, BISP's High Performance Team Coach, who has a track record of placing a swimmer on a national swim team every year in his 14 year coaching career, achieving these goals is a lot more likely, but not without sacrifice.

"I have a love/hate relationship with swimming. Sometimes I just want to take a break because it's really tiring, but then I still want to come back every day and train," explains Hendrik.

Why? Because he has his eyes on the goal, "I always wanted to go to the Olympics and this goal is not complete."

## Thai universities miss top 100

NO Thai university has made a list of the world's top 100 universities that are less than 50 years old.

Times Higher Education (THE) magazine, which has just released the list, said that young Thai universities compared less favorably than those of many other countries on two fronts: reputation and the number of times the academic papers they produced were cited.

"But overall, the signs are very positive for Thailand and we are seeing improvement," THE said.

The magazine's '100 Under 50' has been compiled so as to look to the future by examining the new breed of universities.

On the top of the list is South Korea's Pohang University of Science and Technology, followed by Switzerland's Ecole Polytechnique

Federale de Lausanne and another South Korean institution, the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology.

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology stays fourth, while Singapore's Nanyang Technological University is fifth.

The youngest university on the list is Austria's Medical University of Vienna, which was established

in its current form in 2004 and is ranked 36<sup>th</sup>.

THE said that Chiang Mai University and Prince of Songkla University were eligible to be on the list.

"They've met the strict criteria, which includes a minimum number of research papers published," it said.

The magazine said that the glo-

bal academia environment was now highly competitive with increased investment in institutions globally, particularly in the Far East.

Chiang Mai University will not be considered for next year's list as it was founded in 1964.

– *The Nation*

The full list can be viewed at [thewur.com](http://thewur.com)



Founded in 1964, Chiang Mai University will not be considered for next year's list. Photo: Sry85



Investment in education institutions in Asia are increasing. Photo: Mark Knobil

# The great dumb-down



PEOPLE are getting dumber. You may have noticed. I see this every day when I log onto the internet and read the dumb comments netizens make in response to news articles. They're not only dumb, they're illiterate. Spelling, grammar, and punctuation go out the window; the comments are abusive, thoughtless, and irrelevant; and nobody ever proofreads anything.

One example: I once read some online comments about a televised discussion on religion held by Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, and Sam Harris. These three are among the famous New Atheists, so I expected viewers' comments to focus on complex questions of science and metaphysics.

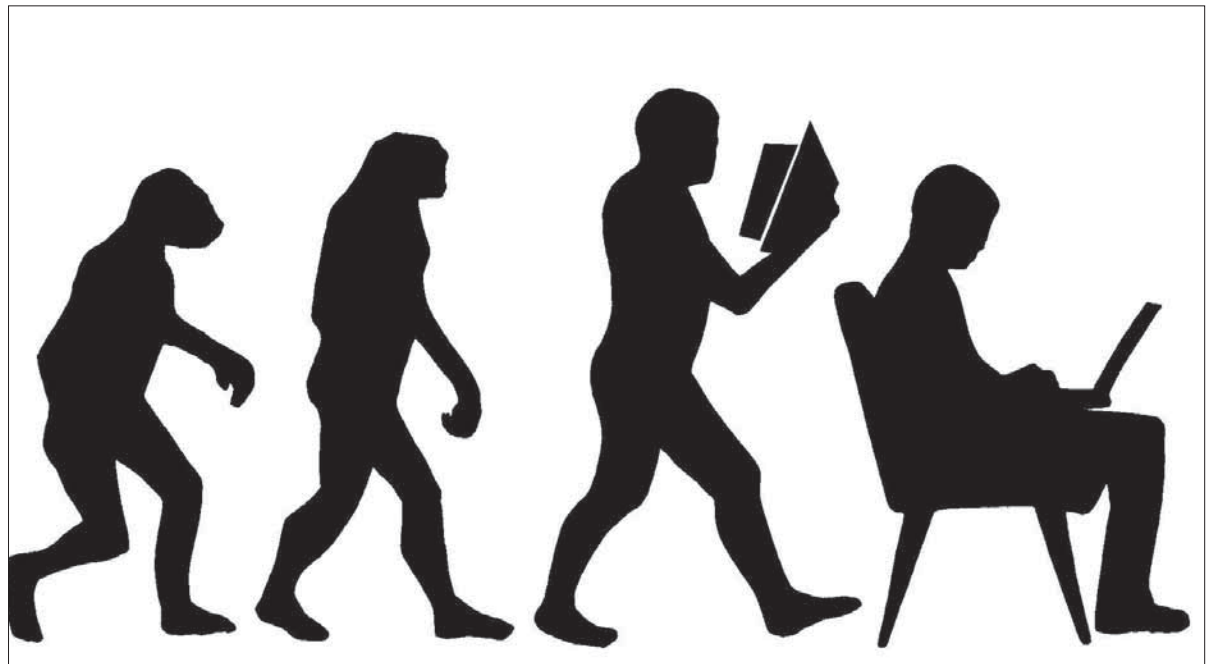
No. After a few illiterate remarks damning the intrepid troika for their atheism, viewers shifted their attention to what they had been drinking. Hitchens had been drinking scotch, Harris had been imbibing wine, and Dawkins had been sipping beer. After much dis-

cussion of this, one reader concluded that Hitchens and Harris must be smart, because everybody knows that only people of class and substance drink scotch and wine. Dawkins must be a Neanderthal, hence wrong about everything, because he was drinking beer – and everybody knows that only peasants drink beer.

As a beer-drinker myself, I was mortally offended. More to the point, you don't judge a person's intelligence, or the validity of his metaphysics, by what he drinks. What he eats is also important, and especially his toilet habits.

I never read such balderdash on the internet when I was growing up back in the 1950s. In that halcyon age, we read prestigious publications like Mad magazine, with Alfred E Neuman grinning vacuously on the cover and intoning, "What, me worry?" What, I asked myself, could possibly be the cause of such a plunge in human intelligence?

The eminent scientist Stephen Dorking has discovered the cause. After intensive research, he has formulated Dorking's Law. This says that evolution is reversing itself, and we are now in a process of devolution. So instead of getting smarter, we're getting dumber.



Evolution is no more. Devolution is in full swing as we're getting dumber by the day. Photo: Johanna Pung

As evidence of his thesis, Dorking cites the increasing trend toward obesity. Smart people exercise and avoid eating too much. Dumb people don't. The rise in obesity is proof of our increasing stupidity.

After some thought, I have devised Curm's Corollary, and added it to Dorking's Law. It identifies the precise point in time when evolution peaked and devolution started. That was on March 23,

1938. Evolution, having produced the finest specimen of which it was capable – the noblest, the handsomest, the most charming, the most brilliant and charismatic creature that ever trod the unworthy earth – suddenly stalled and swung into reverse. It had exhausted itself, and could do no more.

It will not surprise you to learn that March 23, 1938, was the day I was born. From then on, we

have been on a downhill evolutionary slide.

But all is not lost. Conceivably devolution may someday hit a roadblock, and evolution will kick back into action. Good luck with that.

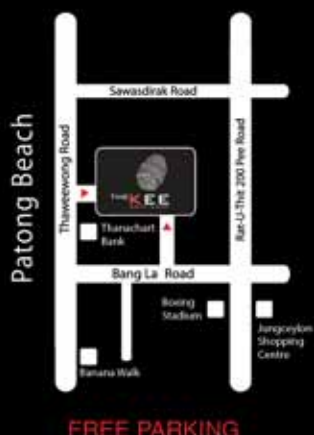
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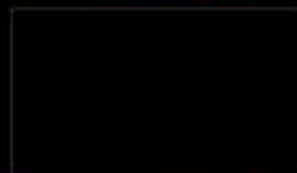
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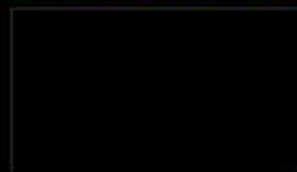
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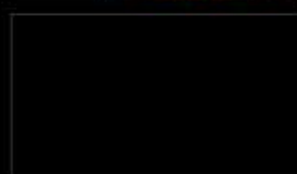
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# Three Japanese visitors



## Gardening

By Patrick Campbell

IF ONE country can boast more botanical natives than India (plant names prefixed with “Indian” or suffixed with *Indica*), then it must be Japan and its Latin equivalent *Japonica*. Indeed when I was knee-high to a grasshopper, I thought *Japonica* was the only name for one of Dad’s favorite shrubs – the flowering quince. Maybe the other half of the moniker – *chaenomeles* – was just too much of a mouthful to bother with.

Flowering quinces are popular shrubs in many parts of the globe. Virtually indestructible, they come from the high altitude woodlands of Japan and can tolerate winter snow as well as summer heat: mine in London was one of the first shrubs to spring up in February or March, producing small orange/red cupped flowers in small clusters on slender stems. *C. superba*, developed as a garden variety, has one hybrid with fleshy pink flowers (*cameo*) and another (*nicoline*) with dark red blooms.

Since most cultivars are spiny, the Japanese quince is often used as a barrier or *bonsai*. The yellow fruits, rich in Vitamin C, can be made into jelly or jam: the leaves are glossy and green. I have not

seen *Japonica* growing in Southern Thailand, nor is it listed in the definitive *Plant Materials*.

But *chaenomeles* should survive here in a sheltered spot, since it tolerates almost any soil. Worth smuggling in a cutting or two?

Most other *Japonicas* are thorough-going tropics. Take the Japanese *hibiscus* or Japanese lantern. Also known as the coral or fringed hibiscus, *hang hong* (in Thai) has an arching slender habit: long drooping stems with brilliant red blooms at its extremities. These deeply frilled, ragged flowers, borne on long, pendulous stalks, hang straight down with dangling and prominent stamens. The botanical name of *schizopetalus* (split petaled) alludes to these deeply divided flowers. Easy to grow, it is more tolerant of the current dry conditions than the eponymous *hibiscus rosa sinensis*, and is a reliable bloomer, but because of its spreading branches, it needs to be planted at the back of a border so smaller plants can thrive beneath its lofty embrace.



The Japanese hibiscus hangs gracefully. Photo: Hari Krishnan

*Lonicera Japonica* (*sai naam pheung*) is last but not least in today’s trio of Japanese visitors. Comprising more than 180 species worldwide, honeysuckles are mostly temperate vines – Shakespeare knew the European *periclymenum* as the “woodbine” – and *ciliosa* is the orange honeysuckle of the Pacific north west.

*Purpurea* has leaves with purple undersides, and flowers that are purplish red outside and white within. The giant Burmese honeysuckle *hildebrandia*, a species which actually comes from China, may reach 30 feet, and has large, fragrant flowers which open white, turn yellow and end a dull orange.

In fact, the range of honeysuck-

les is vast. *L. korolkowii*, another species, has a hybrid, “Blue Velvet”, with blue-gray foliage and showy, fragrant pink flowers; *L. mandarin* has a variety “Dropmore Scarlet” with coppery foliage and deep red buds that open into orange red flowers. An unexpected member of the genus is the box honeysuckle (*nitida*) which has tiny, glossy egg-shaped leaves. Often grown as a specimen plant or hedge, it responds well to pruning.

Honeysuckles are usually fragrant and attract butterflies and nectar-loving birds, while the its red, purple or black berries are also attractive to wildlife. Typically, the tubular blossoms deepen in color as they open, so clusters contain both pale and darker blooms.

Easy to grow? Generally yes, but non-tropicals will need shelter from direct sun. Ideally the roots should be in shade. Once established, most honeysuckles are rampant growers with strongly fibrous stems. Thin out tangles of older growth, or even cut it back to ground level.

If you have a question or a garden that you would like featured, email me at: [drpaccampbell@gmail.com](mailto:drpaccampbell@gmail.com). Further information about this gardening series and Patrick’s other work can be accessed at: [patrickaccampbell.wordpress.com](http://patrickaccampbell.wordpress.com)



The virtually indestructible flowering quince hails from woodlands of Japan. Photo: Bastet78



*Lonicera Japonica*, better known as honeysuckle, is native to Asia. Photo: Shimizusatsuki

## Tip of the week

### Plants for places

YOU can often get valuable clues about suitable plants for particular environments by observing plants in public spaces – parks, road sides, central reservations and so on. Low maintenance favorites include *ixoras*, dwarf *allamandas*, and small trees, for example, *thevetias* or *cassias*.

There are, though, some examples best not followed. After the *tsunami*, the sea wall at Nai Harn beach was reduced to rubble. The new structure had a concrete walkway with spaces for plants. A good idea except that golden cane palms were planted there. Most died. A few stragglers remain, but they are in poor shape, unable to cope with the salt-laden winds.



Casuarinas cover Nai Harn. Photo: Meg Stewart

The beach itself has rows of thriving screw pines (*pandanus*) and rows of *casuarinas*. Any of these would have been a better choice. In fact one or two sea almond saplings – probably self-sown – have recently taken up residence.

## Dog of the week

### Muffin

Hi, my name is Muffin. I’m a fun-loving, energetic and small female dog, about 4-5 years old, with a playful personality and hard-case character.

I’m sterilized and very healthy, and would like nothing more than to find myself a loving home. I would love to have a normal life again, so I don’t have to go back out on the streets and live where I used to before I was rescued.

If you want to adopt me, come over to Doggie Heaven & meet me – you can send an email to [sherin.peace@gmail.com](mailto:sherin.peace@gmail.com), and if you want to see more photos please go to: [doggieheaven.net](http://doggieheaven.net)



Muffin is looking for a new home.

# The best reason to go

## Forget about the beaches, Khao Lak is all about Enzo

By Maciek Klimowicz

“EXCEPTIONAL cuisine, worth a special journey” – this is how the famous Michelin Guide describes a restaurant worthy of its three stars. If so, Enzo Japanese Restaurant in Khao Lak deserves the ultimate prize in the restaurateurs’ universe.

A laid-back atmosphere and empty beaches are reason enough to take a break from Phuket and head for Khao Lak, but now Enzo restaurant provides one more excuse to use one of your precious weekends to visit the world-famous

seaside resort town. In fact, even without the nearby beaches, waterfalls and hot springs, Enzo is well worth the hour and a half drive from the island.

Looking at the restaurant from the sidewalk, I wouldn’t even give it a chance. Located on Bang Niang Beach Road, it fits right in with a bunch of other touristy food joints lining the street. Within a 50-meter radius, a hungry traveler can find food from India, Italy and Thailand, of course. But if you’re not only hungry but in for a culinary experience, forget all the rest and opt for Enzo.

Once inside, leave your shoes

on the rack next to the door, choose a table (which should be easy enough as there are just 34 seats) and prepare yourself for a culinary journey to Japan and beyond. But first meet your guide – the owner of Enzo, Toshi.

Toshi moved to Thailand 13 years ago to work as a banker. But you’d be wrong to think that he got lost in the world of Excel spreadsheets and annual reports. Quite the opposite – it was traveling that kept him busy. “I visited almost 60 countries and tried many kinds of food, focusing on local specialties,” he explains when I ask him how a banker knows enough about food to run a

restaurant.

Despite the extensive travels, when he decided to open Enzo, he chose Japanese food, his personal favorite. “The idea for Enzo was simple – we serve only what I like to eat,” he explains, adding that he loves Japanese food for its pure and fresh flavors and attention to detail.

“Japanese food is very soft, delicate. It’s not overwhelming either in taste or decoration, but the chef puts a lot of effort into every dish, even the smallest.”

The proof that it’s more than just marketing slogans and that Enzo’s chef, Mitsuo Higashitani,

whom Toshi met years ago in the Sahara desert, knows his *Tsubugai* from his *Unagi Kabayaki*, lands on my table soon enough.

The simplicity of each dish served is striking – the avocado salad comes with a dash of wasabi, their shades of green beautifully matched on my plate, flavors combined into a surprisingly pleasant and pleasantly surprising effect. The sashimi presented on a piece of rock takes me on a journey around the globe with juicy pieces of Indonesian blue marlin, Hokkaido scallops, Norwegian salmon and Andaman white tuna. The eggplant gets elevated to a whole new level with a dash of *miso* and minced chicken sauce. And then there’s the “mother of all beef”, Japanese Wagyu, that lands on my table next to a red hot volcanic rock sourced from the iconic Mt Fuji. Believe me, I wouldn’t mind getting up from my desk and driving all the way up to Khao Lak, just to taste it again.

And drive I will. Returning south to Phuket, I was already planing my next weekend trip... No, not to Khao Lak. To Enzo.

Enzo Japanese Restaurant in Khao Lak offers three kinds of menus: The vast a la carte selection, a choice of set menus and the very attractive buffet option priced at 666 baht for males, 555 baht for females and 444 baht for senior guests.

The restaurant is located on Bang Niang Beach Road, 62/2 Moo 5, Kukkhak, Takuapa, Pang-nga, 82190, Thailand. For more information call 076 486 671, e-mail: info@enzointernational.com or go to [enzointernational.com](http://enzointernational.com).



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# Nothing crabby about Krabi

By Baz Daniel and Gregory Ward

RECENTLY, I had the pleasure of cycling with Greg Ward, one of my oldest friends, during his first visit to Thailand. We headed off island to the sports-orientated Sofitel Phokeethra Golf Resort and Spa and discovered some great cycling and some great goat curry to boot!

My great friend Gregory Ward is one of those people who seem to effortlessly excel at many things. He's not only a highly regarded Canadian novelist, but subsequently took up the oboe and is now a professional oboist as well. Greg visited me in April and being a keen cyclist, more used to the rural leafy rides of southern Ontario than the daily tumult of Phuket, we decided to seek some quieter rides adjacent to the lovely Sofitel Resort, situated on the edge of Klong Muang Beach to the west of Krabi Town amidst the fabulous sea and mountain views of Naga Head Mountain.

You can catch the daily ferry from Rassada Pier in Phuket Town to Noppharat Thara Pier close to the Sofitel, but lucky Greg travelled to the Sofitel from Ao Po Grand Marina across Phang Nga Bay on the resort's luxurious cruiser, while I drove our pick-up, with mountain bikes lashed to the flatbed, around the coast road.

Here is Greg's impression of his journey across the Bay:

Chances are you've seen the fantastic Phang Nga Bay seascape in some coffee table book titled "The Most Beautiful Places on Earth". But unlike so many dream destinations which hardly measure up to the dream, this multi-island paradise reveals itself more fully and more wonderfully mile after calm nautical mile.

These islands are actually Karsts – limestone stacks squeezed heavenward from the seabed eons ago until, for sheer, towering other-worldliness, they rival the

sandstone formations in Arizona or Utah. "My own dream excursion, by private cabin cruiser with a dynamic guide called Poppy and a full crew, came courtesy of my generous hosts at the Sofitel Krabi, the majestic seaside resort that would be my ultimate destination and home for two days. "En route, Poppy and I swam inside one karst into a luminous mangrove forest and held exquisite baby swordfish in the palms of our hands. We paddled into Koh Hong and discovered a hidden lagoon surrounded by towering cliffs, draping limestone daubed with mineral oxides like a massive, 360-degree abstract painting. At Tam Lod we navigated a subterranean labyrinth of sea caves, thanks to Poppy's unwavering sense of direction, and burst into glorious sunlight at its secret heart.



**Blazing Saddles**

By Baz Daniel

We spotted sea eagles, sidestepped a lazy water snake and marveled at a 3000-year-old rock painting, clearly identifying one of the six species of dolphin that still show up regularly, for sanctuary, in this placid bay.

Then it was on to Koh Panyee, the Muslim fishing village on stilts with its own golden-domed mosque right there in the middle of the sea! And of course we had to (celebrity) worship at Koh Tapu or Nail Island made famous (and termite touristy) by the long ago James Bond movie in which it was featured. "Rich and famous, that was me, at least for one all-too-short day aboard (and overboard) my private Sofitel cruiser in Phang Nga Bay. Island hopping through calm, emerald green

waters, nibbling prosciutto and passion fruit, it was a case of: "Eat your heart out Mister Bond".

Once ensconced in luxury within the huge grounds of the Sofitel, Greg and I set out at dawn the next day to cycle the flat, coast-hugging ride past Tub Kaak Beach northwest to Klong Sai National Park. Chaining our bikes to a decrepit park sign, we hiked ever-upwards for an hour through primal, rain-dripping forest to the peak of the mountain. Every March this is the scene of the Nong Talay Naga Festival which draws a big group of participants for the hill running and mountain biking events in the park. We were more than happy just to walk it and then return to the Sofitel to feast on their massive buffet breakfast!

The day was spent lounging in the enormous swimming pool (three Olympic lengths apparently), trying our hand at archery and making complete buffoons of ourselves in the aqua-aerobic class. Yes, the Sofitel is nothing if not sports-orientated, but certainly compensates for all the exercise with an excellent spa and delicious cuisine

Our evening ride took us south from the resort along the coast as the sun commenced its evening pyrotechnics across Phang Nga Bay. We visited the opulent gates of the Royal Residence on the tip of Hang Nak Cape and then inland to Klong San Temple and finally south and along Hat Noppharat Thara Beach with its burgeoning tourist development.

After a swim and a hot shower back at the Sofitel, we experienced a strange craving for a spicy goat curry and found a superb example of the genre at a little beachside restaurant just across from the resort.

Yes, there's certainly nothing crabby about this part of Krabi...but goaty, well that's a different matter!



Landscapes of Krabi are like a 360-degree abstract painting.



Sofitel offers an excellent spa and delicious cuisine. Photos: Supplied



A day spent lounging in Sofitel's enormous swimming pool is not a day wasted.

# Blockbuster bullies rule

By Alexander Maycock

SUPERHEROES know that bullying is bad. In fact, – as the ubiquitous Spider-Man is often apt to say, “With great power comes great responsibility”.

Superhero movies playing in Thailand, however, do not appear to be able to live up to this rule. They swagger up to the movie houses and plonk themselves down across almost every screen, elbowing aside the little guys and stealing the cup holders off those who deserve them more – usually just to hold their trash.

Let's take the latest iteration of the aforementioned *Amazing Spider-Man*. At the time of writing, Phuket's two major mall-based multiplexes – SF Cinemacity at Jungceylon and SFX Coliseum at Central Festival – have *The Amazing Spider-Man 2* scheduled to play 28 times a day.

This, of course, is great if you haven't already seen it – there's a version out there with your name on it (Thai, English, 3D Thai, 3D English). Most likely just your name, as you'll probably be the only one in the theater when you go.

This isn't opening weekend anymore, the prepubescent Andrew Garfield groupies got their fix last week when the movie blitzed both multiplexes to the point where almost no other movie managed to get screen time.

However, this blanket approach to ensuring a big movie doesn't fail makes financial sense for the theaters as well: why

buy in a lesser-known movie that might garner only a few dozen viewers when you can play the big, fat blockbuster to even less viewers at no extra cost.

This would have been the point at which I would shout a call to action to get those underprivileged movies currently being buried by the spidey-goliath more theater time. Unfortunately those few movies still barely hanging in there are hardly worth any extra screen exposure.

Let's take *Transcendence* – currently still eking out a few screenings at Jungceylon – in which Johnny Depp plays a scientist with some serious ego issues who uploads his consciousness to the internet.

Not only did this movie score a miserable 20 per cent on the Rotten Tomatoes review aggregation website, its whole story fit into a badly shoe-horned sub-plot in the recent *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*. Rather than taking up a whole movie with this silliness, *Cap* took about three and a half minutes to introduce it, explain it and blow it up.

*Noah* – Russell Crowe's old boat builder has some sticking power (still two screenings a day at Jungceylon) possibly thanks to Phuket's burgeoning yachting community. It's been on-screen somewhere in Phuket since well before Songkran, which might actually be a record for a movie about animal transportation.

*Need for Speed* – A contemporary *Death Race 2000* meets *Cannonball Run* revenge romp featuring a twisted homage to *Thelma and Louise*. It's actually not as bad as it sounds; gritty, a few ingenious stunts and Aaron Paul's acting isn't too hammy, but most of the major dialogue is VROOOOM VROOOOM VROOOOM and much of the action consists of people gritting their teeth while changing gear.

*Brick Mansions* – And speaking of Paul Walker homages, here's the man himself calling from beyond the grave in an utterly awful contemporary remake of *Escape from New York* set in a dystopian near future.

Paul Walker was in fact a very fine actor. You can tell this from the way he managed to make so many awful movies almost watchable. It would have been great to see him brandishing his acting chops in

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THE RAILWAY MAN: Not playing in a cinema near you, even though it's mostly set in Thailand.

a really juicy roll. Instead we get *Brick Mansions*. RIP Mr Walker.

So, those are the movies we have doing screen-time battle with *The Amazing Spider-Man 2*. It's a bit sad really, isn't it?

Sadder still is that this batch of re-treads and turgid old goats are just as much to blame

as *Spider-Man 2* for keeping a bunch of really cool movies out of Phuket theaters. These include *Oculus*, a super-scary psychological horror headed by the wonderful Karen Gillan; and *The Railway Man*, which follows Colin Firth and Nicole Kidman as they try to exorcise psychological trauma caused during his time as a POW working on the Thai/Burma railway during WWII.

Both of these movies scored well with critics, both have strong casts and excellent, somewhat original plots and premises, and both movies have one other thing in common – they have played everywhere except Phuket.

Of course there is still time. *Oculus* only had its international premiere (everywhere else) last week and *The Railway Man* was partly filmed in Thailand so that might be enough to get it an airing (it's played in Bangkok already).

But *Amazing Spider-Man 2* is likely to dominate the multiplexes for at least another week, keeping better movies at bay. However, revenge is in sight because, as our sidebar of upcoming movies shows, the webslinger will have some pretty monstrous competition of his own to deal with very soon indeed.

## Coming soon

### Godzilla

Starring: Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Ken Watanabe, Elizabeth Olsen, Juliette Binoche, David Strathairn, Bryan Cranston. Director: Gareth Edwards. Opens: 15 May. A radioactive lizard so big even IMAX screens cannot do it justice, and capable of destroying entire cities with one misplaced sneeze, is called upon to save civilization from another bunch of monsters we made.



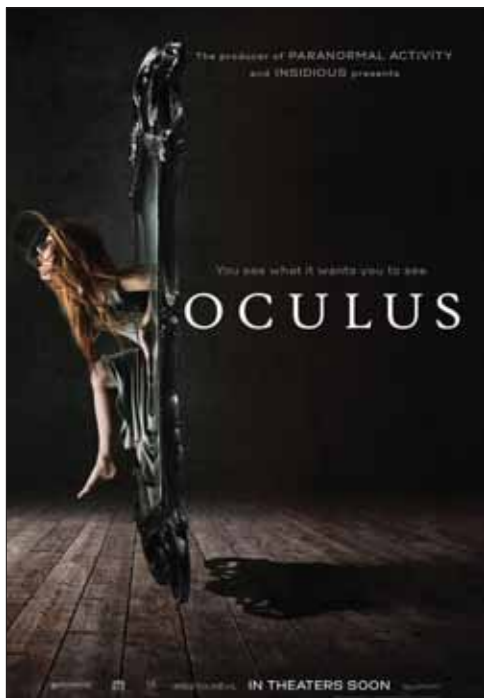
### X-MEN: Days of Future Past

Starring: Hugh Jackman, James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender, Halle Berry, Anna Paquin, Peter Dinklage, Ian McKellen, Patrick Stewart. Director: Bryan Singer. Opens: 22 May. Producer: Oh no, we've already killed off most of the popular X-Men characters. How can we make another billion-dollar blockbuster? Bryan Singer: Wait, I have a cunning plan, milord!



### Maleficent

Starring: Angelina Jolie and... ah, who cares. Director: Robert Stromberg. Opens: 12 June (30 May everywhere else). Disney's most misunderstood witch-cum-fire-breathing-dragon gets a 21st century makeover. Jolie appears to have had extra teeth added to her mouth so her leer is all the more malevolent.



OCULUS: Kept off Phuket screens by the rabble below.





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## Pilot Issue hits the Street

### MAIDEN FLIGHT WREAKS HAVOC!

PHUKET, THAILAND — Residents of this once tranquil seaside community were thrown into turmoil this morning when they awoke to find that an English-language newspaper had been unleashed upon them.

Several hundred copies of the **Phuket Gazette**, an audacious and most unwelcome new tabloid, were immediately seized and burned by the Environmental Protection Department. Thousands more, however, remained in circulation late this afternoon.

In Cheong Thalay Village (pop: 319), a woman known only as Mrs Shampoo, owner of a small but highly fashionable hair salon, shrieked that she had lived in Phuket all her life but that now she had no choice but to evacuate her family to a neighbouring province. "I find this **Gazette** outrageous," she wailed. "It has only *local* news! I want to know

what's going on in Udon Thani... and Sarawak... and New Jersey. Page 9 of this thing contains a commentary on fashions in Soi Bangla. You think I care about that?"

Residents of suburban Ao Chalong, a posh enclave of distinguished expatriates and other outcasts from normal society, were gripped in fear that a second issue of the **Gazette** might infiltrate their community shortly. "We do not want a newspaper that we can read, or in which we might express our views," said tuk-tuk driver Sir Winston Titherington-Smythe. "Nor do any of us wish to sell our old shirts in that dreadful **Island Trader** classified section on page 11. We can find other ways to pay our debts," he scoffed.

Klaus Wiener, a tourist from Frankfurt, was incensed. "I

voke up dis morning and I found dis ting— dis **Gazette** ting— in my hotel, yah? It says all what's going on here. I don't wish to be informed, specially when I'm in a foreign country. Dis **Gazette** says dere's many tings to do and shtuff to buy cheap here, yah? My wife, she read all dis chunk and shpoil my holiday. I go home now. I chuss peck my bags and go home," he fumed.

Speaking at a hastily convened, late afternoon press conference in the Alice Bar on Bangla Road, Arthur Mumbler, Vice President - Corporate Communications of The **Phuket Gazette** Co Ltd, acknowledged that the first issue of the **Gazette** had brought calamity to this island. He then went on to convey his company's assurances that there would be a **second** issue very soon.

— A Staff Reporter

### INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MOVES TO NEW BUILDING

The **Phuket International School** has just moved to its new purpose-designed building. This new school, costing over 4 million Baht, is conveniently situated on the bypass road close to the Thai Naan restaurant at the junction with the main road to Patong.

Headmistress Agnes Hebler said that with the sixteen classrooms, they would now be able to develop a much fuller curriculum. Classes could now be held in a much better environment.

She said that the school has grown from a few pioneering pupils to its present level of over seventy in just three years. With this sort of growth and with children ranging in age from three to fifteen, it was essential to increase the classrooms available. The costs were met by a special levy from parents and some donations.



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## SEA GYPSIES ARRESTED

In the latest incident in an ongoing conflict over control of resources in the waters around Phuket, six boat-loads of fishermen from the Sea Gypsy community at Rawai Beach were arrested for fishing in restricted areas and using a type of net which has been banned by the Fisheries Department.

In the first incident on March 4, four boats were confiscated off Kata Beach and more

than twenty men arrested. On March 23, two more boats were impounded off Mai Ton Island and 19 men arrested. Though the laws have been in effect for about one year, these are the first arrests.

The problems stem from a ban on the "Oan Lom" or weighted fishing net, which was banned by the Fisheries Department one year ago. The authorities claim this net damages coral reefs. The Sea Gypsies maintain that they have used this type of net, at these same sites, for gen-

erations with no ill effects to the reefs. They claim that they are being forced out of their ancestral fishing grounds by tourism-related business interests.

The new restrictions cover most of the western coast of Phuket and most of the area around Mai Ton Island and Racha Island, traditionally the richest fishing grounds in the area.

If forced to operate with only drop lines and fish traps, a local fisherman may make about 50 baht per day in the dry sea-

son, and much less in the rainy season. This is far below a living wage on Phuket, but without basic education and language skills, the Sea Gypsies find it almost impossible to gain employment in any other industry.

In a recent meeting between the Sea Gypsy community and a senior representative of the Fisheries Department, the Department expressed sympathy with the plight of the Sea Gypsies, but reiterated its commitment to preservation of the environment.



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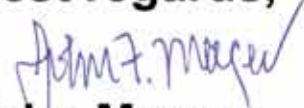
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Best regards,

  
John Magee  
Publisher



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## Words from the wise

"It's all right letting yourself go, as long as you can get yourself back." – Mick Jagger

"Too much sanity may be madness. And maddest of all, to see life as it is and not as it should be."  
– Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra

## Medium

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COFFEE  
break

## Cryptic Crossword

## Across

9. Self-reproach for ten pence I changed (9)  
10. Possible route out of country for foreigner (9)  
12. Sure, maybe is contrite (4)  
13. Exist, yearn to be a member of (6)  
14. Pale teetotal echo of colors chosen by artist (7)  
15. Made more attractive, Dude, press for a change (7,2)  
17. Devout about fifty one grand acknowledgements of indebtedness (9)  
18. Log a cat, arranging complete list (7)  
19. Give nod back at echo (6)  
20. A right each quarter (4)  
23. Wire little weight in message (9)  
25. Tormented by black vile deed, perhaps (9)  
26. States editor taken advantage of (4)  
27. Great move, about right, to top room (6)  
29. Bitch we possibly put a spell on (7)  
32. Arranging visit, eats tarts up (9)  
34. Dropping leaves every year, December, I'd turn round us (9)  
35. Dire row could be making more noise (7)  
36. Separate, I'd dive differently (6)  
37. One Bishop's responsibility, I understand (1,3)  
38. Ex-con in on rebuilt joint (9)  
39. I crowd ace, could be showing a yellow belly (9)

## Down

1. Occasional crops aid laid out (8)  
2. A real teen pub opened, not fit to be spoken of again (12)  
3. Weaker party grounded perhaps (8)  
4. Recover in respect of violent overthrow of government (6)  
5. Vocal music rank rubbish for Thai New Year (8)  
6. I'd put slate carefully laid down (10)  
7. Quantity of stolen property a long time in transport (7)  
8. Out East, gardens were set out in grassy turf (10)  
11. Date it to the aforesaid (5)  
16. Join soldier - not I! (6)  
19. I'd turn up married, gloomy (3)

21. Change this role, pain in romantic friendship (12)  
22. Admitted article wove around date (6)  
23. Trounce terrible act, put a stop to (10)  
24. Move our triad on the slippery slope (4,2,4)  
25. Black it in part (3)  
28. Tries den rebuilt for inhabitant (8)  
29. Support not in service, yield (4,4)  
30. Hurried teens had upset (8)  
31. Missed a space, editor (7)  
33. Want a move to the sun in Thailand (5)  
34. Contrivance of French immorality (6)

## TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21):

The stars suggest that Taureans may be blaming themselves unnecessarily for something that happened recently. If this occurred in your work zone, there are hints that a fire sign is ready to confess. A water sign friend is predicted to ask for forgiveness this weekend. Those with a birthday during the week ahead should find finances go more their way in the coming year. The number six can lead to good luck this week.

## GEMINI (May 22-June 21):

Geminis who have been resisting change where work is concerned are forecast to see valid reason to move in a different direction. The second half of May is an auspicious time for getting out of situations that are bringing little benefit, or happiness. This could mean that an on-off romantic relationship with another air sign will see closure, which should come as a relief. Your lucky number this week is five.

## CANCER (June 22-July 23):

The stars are ready to support your efforts to set things straight. Cancerians who have been waiting for the right moment to approach someone they fell out with at the

start of May should take advantage of this astral backing. There are signs that you will find it easier to get ahead at work when this person is on your side. Number two is forecast to be fortunate this week.

## LEO (July 24-Aug 22):

Not much will be going on where work is concerned, but this gives Leos opportunity to brainstorm future possibilities – your creative energy is high at the moment. Romance falls under the spotlight around the middle of May. The stars advise against rushing into a relationship with a water sign as this person's private life can be more complicated than you think. The number three appears important this week.

## VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 23):

Doubts dissolve as a cloudy cosmic climate clears. Virgoans waiting for answers will be relieved to have honest information presented. Where money matters are concerned, this is an auspicious time to put a little more pressure on someone who is late paying back a debt. Luck in love increases, with trust becoming stronger where a relationship with an air sign is concerned. Your special number this week is eight.

YOUR  
horoscope  
By Isla Star

## LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23):

Librans could find it hard to keep up with a flood of ideas. Your creative energy is high, but practical plans may be hard to make. The stars advise noting down your thoughts to keep for later in the month when the astral atmosphere supports taking action. Another air sign will be on the same page, but relying on a fire sign isn't advisable. Number four stands out this week.

## SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22):

An unsettled cosmic climate means disruption is likely, but Scorpios are usually good at going with the flow. However, certain friends and colleagues will have a tougher time when their usual routine is disturbed and this could result in stress being offloaded onto you. Keeping a low profile is advisable and a romantic partner will appreciate some quality time together this weekend. The number seven can attract good fortune.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21):

What you consider to be a reasonable proposition might not be seen in the same light by others. The stars suggest that Sagittarians will have to revise plans and this will probably involve negotiations with a stubborn earth sign. Another fire sign can also be difficult to deal with. Where romance is concerned, flying off the handle when your partner forgets something important should be avoided. Your lucky number this week is three.

## CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20):

Your social circle falls under the spotlight around the middle of the month, with focus on new friends becoming important in Capricorns' lives. Another earth sign can open your eyes to travel possibilities and the stars indicate that little time will be spent at home during June. Business becomes affected by more auspicious astral conditions during the second half of May. The number nine shines this week.

## AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19):

Savings should be boosted by a payment that could be more than expected. Luck with finances is affected by an auspicious astral atmosphere this week, but temp-

tation to spend is forecast to be strong this weekend. The stars indicate that your memory may not serve you so well around the middle of the month; noting down appointments and commitments is recommended. Aquarians' special number this week is one.

## PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20):

The stars show that Pisceans could be wasting energy, and possibly finances, on something that is too broken to be fixed. If this relates to a material item, it would be wise to get another opinion before parting with any more of your hard earned cash. Agreeing to move on from a failing romantic relationship with an earth sign comes as a relief. The number eight can be lucky this week.

## ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20):

Arians working from home are advised to try harder at keeping their personal lives separate. There are hints that someone who shares your domestic environment is feeling neglected and you can be reminded that friendship and business don't always mix well. In the realm of romance, Sunday is a good day to get to the heart of a problem with another fire sign. Number five shows signs of attracting good fortune this week.

## SPORT

# High-kicks in Saphan Hin

By Maciek Klimowicz

THE 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Phuket International Tae Kwon Do Championship saw 689 fighters from 43 teams face off against each other at the indoor sports stadium in Saphin Hin last Saturday, April 3. The all day event was organized by the Tae Kwon Do Dragon Club Gym and supported by the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization and the Sports Authority of Thailand among other institutions and attracted competitors from throughout southern Thailand. The event was honored by Phuket's Vice Governor Somkiet Sangkaosuttirak who attended the opening ceremony.

## Winners

### Youth elite athlete under 8 years old

Male: Warintorn Wongsupachard from Keen Gym team  
Female: Puckjira Thaichana from Tapee TKD team

### Youth elite athlete 9-10 year old

Male: Pachara Aekmaneein from Teerapuck Bangna team

Female: Suparat Pinitdoug from the Most Hatyai

### Youth elite athlete 11-12 year old

Male: Rachaiyuth Narktip from Phattalung TKD club team  
Female: Natchaya Oonsorn from the Kick

### Youth elite athlete 13-14 year old

Male: Narupong Thepsen from Teerapuck Bangna team  
Female: Chananart Chompoo from Nakhon Sri Thammarat TKD club

### Youth elite athlete 15-17 year old

Male: Atthapan Pocktarakul from RDC Phuket team  
Female: Wandee Khaissen from Dragon Phuket team

### Total score fighting (Kroruki) male

Winner: Satarnfa Phuket team  
Runner-up: SadudeeTKD/Taekwondo club Phuket team

### Total score fighting (Kroruki) female

Winner: The Most Hatyai team  
Runner-up: SadudeeTKD/Taekwondo club Phuket team



# Paddling for trophies

RESULTS are in for the Krabi-Enlive Sea Kayak Thailand Championship and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sea Kayak Asian Cup, where canoeing and water enthusiasts could showcase their skills while raising awareness of ecotourism and help cultivate a culture of sustainable tourism in Krabi.

It took just 44 minutes 10 seconds for Lin Po-Chun, the winner of the Single Match, Male, 12km Asia Cup, to finish the race. The trophy in the Single Match, Male, 12km Thailand Championship went to Sombat Keanin (44:48 min) from Krabi Rowing and Canoeing Club, while his female counterpart Urai Prasart completed the race in 55:18 min. See full results below.

Competitors in the race took off from Krabi's attractive Ao Nang Bay and crossed the finish line at Lan Pudam. The Krabi-Enlive Sea Kayak Thailand Championship 2014 comprised



The Krabi-Enlive Sea Kayak Thailand Championship began in Ao Nang bay and finished in Lan Pudam. Photo: Jody McIntyre

Surf Ski, Single-Seat and Two-Seat Sea Kayak competitions, while the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sea Kayak Asian Cup 2014 featured the Surf Ski, comprising men's 22km and women's 12km races.

Winners of the Surf Ski competition and the Enlive Sea Kayak Thailand Championship were each presented with a trophy provided by HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. - *Phuket Gazette*

Krabi Enlive Thailand Championship 2014				
Single Match	Single Match	Single Match	Relay Match	Relay Match
Male, 12 k.m.	Male, 12 k.m.	Female, 12 k.m.	Male, Youth, 10+12 k.m.	Female, Youth, 10+12 k.m.
<b>Mr. Lin Po-Chun</b> Taiwan	<b>Pol.Senagat.Maj. Sombat Keanin</b> Krabi Rowing and Canoeing Club	<b>Ms. Urai Prasart</b> Krabi Rowing and Canoeing Club	<b>Peerapat &amp; Adiska Kulab</b> Krabi Rowing and Canoeing Club	<b>Miss Darunee Dangjoy &amp; Sukanya Phokradok</b> Nakhon Nontaburi Rowing and Canoeing Club
Asia Cup 2014	Thailand Championship 2014	Thailand Championship 2014	Krabi Rowing and Canoeing Club	Nakhon Nontaburi Rowing and Canoeing Club
Tourist Match	Tourist Match	Tourist Match	Surf Ski	Surf Ski
Male Doubles Match 2k.m.	Female Doubles Match 2k.m.	Mix Doubles Match 2k.m.	Male, 22 k.m.	Male, 22 k.m.
<b>Mr. Sompol Gaykina</b> Mr. Pirintorn Changnam	<b>Ms. Sikarin Sabadirek</b> Miss Jiraporn Rakboon	<b>Mr. Voravit Khumkul</b> Ms. Nittaya Khumkul	<b>Mr. Lin Chang-Yi</b> Taiwan	<b>Mr. Nattavut Kaewsri</b> Charoenwitayakom Rowing and Canoeing Club
			Sea Kayak Asia Cup 2014	Thailand Championship Princess Cup 2014

YAMAHA LEAGUE ONE TABLE	
PL	TEAM
1	Angthong FC
2	Nakhon Rachasima
3	Bangkok FC
4	Phuket FC
5	Royal Navy
6	Phitsanulok FC
7	Saraburi FC
8	TTM Customs
9	Chiangmai FC
10	Ayutthaya FC
11	BBCU
12	Pattaya Utd
13	Krabi FC
14	Trat FC
15	NakhonPathom
16	Roi Et Utd
17	Khon Kaen FC
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# The might of the Kingdom

By Chris Husted

PHUKET yachtsman Scott Duncanson this week brought home his fourth prestigious Coronation Cup after securing victory in the Platu National Championship finals at the Top of the Gulf Regatta in Jomtien.

Duncanson, already a three-time winner in 2002, 2008 and 2010, and representing the Ao Chalong Yacht Club, was joined by fellow Phuket yachtsmen Alfie Rowson and Anthony Gates on board their 7.5 meter Platu Kingdom Property.

The final day of racing saw Kingdom Property jump to the top of the standings after winning the first race of the day, edging out Chris Way's Easy Tiger IV by a little over 20 seconds.

In the second race, tactics came into play with Easy Tiger IV looking to shadow Kingdom Property. After a short windward-leeward leg, Kingdom Property gained the advantage over Easy Tiger IV with fifth and seventh-place finishes, respectively.

The final race win of the series went to David Leslie's Nataya 131.

"Unusually light and stormy conditions made the racing extremely challenging, with multiple race abandonments due to lack of wind, rain squalls, three general recalls, black flags, the 2014 edition had it all," Duncanson told the *Gazette*.

After an unlucky eighth place in the first race, the crew were under pressure and playing catch-up for the rest of the regatta.

Kingdom Property went into the final day two points behind main rival Easy Tiger IV, a professional crew from Sydney who sailed very consistently to finish no worse than third in every race.

"We won race six which set up a final

race showdown, but with the pressure very much on Easy Tiger to sail us down to worse than a seventh-place finish," Duncanson explained.

"After a very aggressive tactical battle which saw Easy Tiger give up a significant lead to attack and sail us down the fleet, we finally broke through their cover to take fifth place and the overall victory."

As recently as Wednesday, the win still had yet to fully sink in, Duncanson said.

"Winning a one design regatta such as the Coronation Cup stirs up different emotions, especially after all the hard work in creating a program to attract sponsors, preparing a boat, forming a crew, training, tuning and racing, it really takes days for it all to sink in," he said.

"As you cross the line, it's all a feeling of relief that you didn't lose, then there's the blurred joy with the crew at the presentation ceremony and finally, as I write this, the realization that we actually did win."

"I'd like to express my sincere thanks to our principal sponsor Kingdom Property who enabled me to put together this fantastic team of sailors who made it all happen."

Now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year, the Coronation Cup is one of four regattas that make up the annual Platu One Design Championship.

The 7.5-meter long, inshore racing yacht known as the Platu 25 class was specifically designed for Thailand by world-renown yacht designer Bruce Farr in the mid-1990s. The name "Pla-Tu" is in fact the Thai name for a popular small, tasty fish often eaten with the spicy chili paste nam prik.

"As the boats are near identical, boat preparation is key to ensure that the sails and their control systems work perfectly,"



Photo: Marine Scene Asia

Coronation Cup is one of four regattas that make up the Platu One Design Championship.

Duncanson explained.

"Then it's up to a talented and experienced crew of five to start and sail the boat around the course as efficiently as possible."

The Platu 25 class has grown with more than 400 boats built to date. It has attained international One Design status and is now raced throughout Europe and Asia-Pacific.

Duncanson recently attained a two-year sponsorship deal from prominent property developer Kingdom Properties and completed a re-fit of his boat locally in Phuket. The extensive re-fit included new paint, mast, rigging, sails and instruments.

## OTHER RESULTS

On the final day of racing, Race Officer Denis Thompson had the keelboat and multihull classes into sequence quickly completing two races for most and three for some.

Three races were in order for IRC 1 and despite coming into the last day with a run of firsts, Peter Ahern and his crew on Oi! struggled to a 1-3-3 scoreline. Sailing well, Wan Ma Rang caused the upset in the best breeze of the Regatta with a final day

scoreline of 3-1-1, enough for them to secure second place overall on countback, behind Oi! who won IRC 1 at their first time of trying.

IRC 2 delivered some close racing over the four days, with Singapore entries Foxy Lady VI (last year's winner) and Windsikher battling with Japanese entry Karasu, and going into the last day it was Karasu who had the advantage.

As the winds arrived on cue, Foxy Lady VI powered up and scored two firsts on the windward-leeward courses and hence secured the class win by the slimmest of margins, a single point.

Two first places on the final day for Souay 1 in IRC 3 was a great finish to the Regatta, but not enough to knock Hi Jinks off the top, which won the class for the second consecutive year.

Cruising went down to the wire with Windstar taking a slim lead in to the final day. The long course and conditions favored Amanda, which sailed to a win – equalling Windstar at the top in the overall standings. On countback, however, Amanda were crowned the winners with three wins in the series compared to Windstar's two.



Photo: Master Sgt. Lance Cheung

## The winner takes 100 000

CHONBURI Province is hosting its fourth Industrial Cup soccer tournament to promote exercise among youths and locals along the eastern seaboard.

Overall, 32 teams from Chonburi, Rayong, Chanthaburi and Trat are competing in the tournament, with the winning squad to receive the grand prize of 100,000 baht and a trophy. "Deputy Provincial Governor Pongsak Preechavit presided over the opening ceremony of the championship at the Pattana Stadium

Golf Club and Resort.

In addition to health promotion, the goal is to develop Thai youngsters' potentials and skills in soccer and provide them with a chance to achieve excellence in this sport in the future.

Realizing that youths are a valuable resource of the country, the organizing committee hopes that playing soccer will help young Thais attain discipline, a sense of responsibility and sportsmanship, and make productive use of their time. – NNT

## Gold in the Golden Triangle

AUSTRALIAN Michael Murphy has won first place in the Golden Triangle Triathlon on Sunday, May 4. The 24-year-old, who was training with Chris McCormack at Phuket's Thanyapura before the competition, finished with a time of 2:12:03 in the TAT-organized event.

The Golden Triangle International Triathlon Thailand 2014 was held in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) and was comprised of swimming, biking and running on challenging routes across three countries, with a total distance of 66.7 kilometers.

The winners were awarded the HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn trophy. The event was organized by the Ministry of Tourism & Sports in co-operation with the Satellite Television Broadcasting Foundation for HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej in an Honor Celebration for Coronation Day.



Michael Murphy (center) preparing for the race at Thanyapura. Photo: Supplied

## International Sport

## Juventus win third title

By Terry Daley

THE JUVENTUS fans were in a mood to party and their team lived up to expectations as they celebrated winning a third successive Serie A title with a 1-0 victory over Atalanta on Monday.

A second-half Simone Padoin strike enabled the champions to enjoy the moment in front of their supporters by maintaining their 100 per cent home record.

Antonio Conte's side, handed their 30<sup>th</sup> championship thanks to AS Roma's 4-1 defeat at relegation-threatened Catania on Sunday, are on 96 points, 11 ahead of Roma and only a point away from equalling the all-time record set by Inter Milan.

"Winning the league three times in a row after finishing seventh twice and making a bit of a mark in Europe, with a quarter-final finish the Champions League and the semi-finals of the Europa League... I don't think Juventus could have done any better," Conte told Sky Italia.

"Tonight is the latest confirmation of what my team is made of,

both as a team and as men. I think my greatest satisfaction is in having transmitted an exceptional mentality."

Padoin's powerful 72<sup>nd</sup> minute strike, which careered in off the post following a nifty flick from Paul Pogba, secured Juve's 18<sup>th</sup> straight home league win and they only have to beat Cagliari to finish the season unbeaten at the Juventus Stadium.

Conte made eight changes to the side which failed to overturn a 2-1 deficit in their Europa League semi-final with Benfica and they were rarely troubled by an Atalanta team who stayed in 11th on 47 points and now have no chance



Carlos Tevez after winning the Serie A. REUTERS/Giorgio Perottino

of European football.

Stefan Colantuono's Atalanta are eight points behind sixth-placed Torino with two games remaining after losing four of their last five matches, falling away dramatically after winning six in a row in March.

They are also six behind Lazio and Hellas Verona, who are still in the Europa league hunt after playing an entertaining 3-3 draw

featuring a red card for each side as Verona fought back from 2-1 to lead 3-2.

However, Lazio captain Stefano Mauri scored a soft-looking stoppage-time penalty given for a foul on Miroslav Klose by Michelangelo Albertazzi, who was sent off, to snatch his side a dramatic and controversial late point and enrage Verona.

"It's horrible to stop dreaming because of a refereeing error," said Verona director Sean Sogliano.

"I want to see if that would ever happen to a big club... Perhaps in Italy they don't like fairytales.

"Don't worry, we will go back to challenging for positions in the table that suit us, that way we won't irritate people any more."

Juve started as though they

were in no mood to party and failed to create much in the opening minutes bar a looping Pablo Osvaldo header in the 26th minute that was well tipped over by Atalanta keeper Andrea Consigli.

It was Atalanta who came closest to opening the scoring seconds earlier, with Stephan Lichtsteiner having to lunge in with a risky last-ditch tackle to stop Giacomo Bonaventura smashing in from close range at the second attempt after a neat pass from Cristian Raimondi.

Little happened after that until Carlos Tevez brought the match to life as a 65<sup>th</sup>-minute substitute for the disappointing Osvaldo, and almost immediately after the Argentine's entrance Consigli was forced into two smart saves from Fabio Quagliarella and Pogba snap shots.

But it was down to bit-part player Padoin's drilled shot to secure a win which had almost become a sideshow for the Juve supporters celebrating their all-conquering side's richly deserved 30<sup>th</sup> league title. — Reuters

## Footballer of the Year: Suarez

By Mike Collett

LIVERPOOL striker Luis Suarez completed his redemption from outcast to hero when he was named England's Footballer of the Year by the Football Writers' Association (FWA) on Monday.

The prestigious honour completes an award double after he was named the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) player of the year last month.

The 27-year-old Uruguayan finished ahead of teammate Steven Gerrard and Yaya Toure of Manchester City in the poll of England's football writers and the honour follows an astonishing turnaround for Suarez who began this season serving the remainder of a 10-match ban imposed for biting Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic last April.

Although he missed the first five games of the season, the controversial striker, who will play against Gerrard and England in the World Cup in Brazil next month, is the Premier League's top scorer this season with 30 goals with two matches remaining.

His goals have sustained Liverpool's Premier League title challenge - the Anfield Club are behind leaders Manchester City on goal difference with two matches remaining.

Suarez polled 52 per cent of the vote of around 300 members. Last year he polled two votes.

"He did only receive two votes last season," FWA chairman Andy Dunn told Sky Sports, "although there was a

groundswell of support for him last season, but our voting opened just 12 hours after the biting incident at Anfield, so that was taken into account."

The FWA award is not only based on a player's achievements on the pitch, but also on their behaviour and example throughout the season and Dunn continued: "While nobody would say Suarez is whiter than white you have to say his behaviour throughout the season has been very good.

"I think the football writers have taken that into account.

"There is an element of redemption - allied with those 30 goals and the sensational talent he has displayed all season, and it has made him a very popular choice."

## Difficult period

Suarez becomes the 10<sup>th</sup> Liverpool player to win the award and one of their previous winners, Ian Rush, praised Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers for the way he handled a difficult period at the start of the season after Suarez tried to engineer a move in the off-season.

"He was training by himself," Rush told Sky Sports, "but once he apologised, the manager welcomed him back and said you are one of the players now.

"The manager could have handled it differently, but he didn't and Suarez has repaid him."

Rush, who was Footballer of the Year in 1984, also praised

Suarez for his work-rate saying he had a huge influence on the Liverpool team attempting to win the title for the first time since 1990.

"He has been absolutely incredible with the amount of goals he has got and the assists he has got," said Rush.

"But more importantly than that is the hard work he has put in. I think he has made a big difference to Liverpool's players - not just himself."

The FWA award is the oldest of its kind in world football and was first awarded in 1948 to Stanley Matthews.

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Liverpool's Luis Suarez has reasons to celebrate. REUTERS/Rebecca Naden.

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# Liverpool blow title chance

LIVERPOOL blew a 3-0 lead in the final 11 minutes to draw 3-3 at Crystal Palace on Monday as their desperate search for more goals left them exposed at the back and handed the Premier League title initiative firmly back to Manchester City.

Liverpool's naivety, allied to woeful mistakes and decision-making when victory seemed assured, almost certainly ended their hopes of a first title for 24 years and although they returned to top spot, Manchester City are now odds-on favorites to win their second title in three seasons.

Liverpool have 81 points with one match to play while City have 80 points with two matches left and a nine-goal better goal difference.

City were to host Aston Villa on Wednesday and West Ham United on May 11 while Liverpool's last remaining game is at home to Newcastle United.

Liverpool were coasting to victory but squandered a three-point lead after goals from Joe Allen, Daniel Sturridge and Suarez, who was named Footballer of the Year earlier in the day.

— Reuters



Joe Allen reacts to the draw. Photo: REUTERS/Dylan Martinez



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