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Land officials to face justice

■ Everyone involved with illegal land titles to be charged including 'owners' and officials

By **Kritsada Mueanhawong**

THE Royal Forestry Department (RFD) will press charges against at least seven officials for illegally issuing land titles for plots at Freedom Beach, on the headland south of Patong.

"Seven officers were involved in issuing land titles for plots within the protected forest at Freedom Beach," said Cheewapap Cheewatham, the former Sirinath National Park chief, who now serves as director of the RFD's Forest Protection and Fire Control Division.

"Two of them are RFD officers and the rest are Land Department officials."

Mr Cheewapap told the *Gazette* that formal charges would be filed this week, if the paperwork and supporting evidence was ready.

Last month, Eakkachai Sae-Iw began the defense of his ownership of 65 rai at Freedom Beach that the RFD had previously requested...

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Mr Cheewapap addresses rangers before raiding suspected illegal plots. Photo: Gazette file

Rawai expat fights death penalty for cocaine smuggling

MARIA Dapirka, 28, is fighting a possible death penalty after she was arrested in Vietnam for attempting to smuggle in nearly three kilograms of cocaine in her carry-on luggage.



Maria Dapirka

Family and friends claim that Ms Dapirka was mostly likely duped by a gang of drug dealers from Nigeria.

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Phi Phi encroachers charged in battle to reclaim public land

TWO property owners have been charged for encroaching on Hat Noppharat Thara – Mu Ko Phi Phi National Park beach land.

One suspect charged was developing a hotel project, while the other owned a vendor hut.

The charges come as the Royal Thai Marines spearhead the fight against land encroachment on the popular tourist island.

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Hungarian killer handed life sentence

HUNGARIAN-Israeli dual national Moshe David was sentenced to life in prison on Monday for the gruesome murder of Peter Reisz in 2012.

Gyorgy Lajos Kvalka, who confessed to assisting Mr David with the disposing of Mr Reisz's body, was also sentenced to life in prison.

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Hungarian killer gets life sentence

By Chutharat Plerin

HUNGARIAN-Israeli dual national Moshe David was sentenced to life in prison on Monday for the gruesome murder of Peter Reisz in Phuket in 2012.

The life jail term was handed down by the Phuket Provincial Court on Monday afternoon.

Mr David had earlier confessed that he killed Mr Reisz in a fit of rage after Mr Reisz had allegedly swindled him out of land and properties valued at 15 million baht.

Gyorgy Lajos Kvalka, who denied any role in the killing, but confessed to assisting Mr David with disposing of Mr Reisz's body and mopping up the blood at the scene of the crime, was also sentenced to life in prison.

Mr David and Mr Kvalka have 30 days to appeal their verdicts and sentences.

Mr David will soon face another murder trial – for the murder of 39-year-old Hungarian businessman, Laszlo Csapai in Samui.

Officers discovered the remains of Mr Csapai – a millionaire who founded a Hungary-based clothing store found throughout Eastern



Moshe David had confessed to killing Peter Reisz. Photo: Gazette file

Europe – buried under a villa owned by Mr David after a tip-off from the Hungarian police.

"After the trial in Phuket has concluded [on Monday], Mr David might appeal the decision or the sentence and he will remain in Phuket while any appeal is heard by the court," Surat

Thani Provincial Police Deputy Commander Somkiat Kaewmuk told the *Gazette* last week.

"But after that, he will be transferred to Samui, where he will be detained while he is tried for the murder of Mr Csapai – and continue to serve whatever sentence is handed down [in Phuket]."

Editor discovers beaten body floating off Nai Harn Beach

AN UNIDENTIFIED body was found floating in the ocean off Nai Harn Beach on Monday by a *Phuket Gazette* editor.

Jeremie Schatz discovered the body while surfing with a friend at the southern end of the beach. Together they towed the body to shore, and then hailed lifeguards, who notified the Chalong Police and Rawai Municipality officials.

"The man was wearing a yellow sports jersey [Liverpool FC] and looked to be Asian," Rawai Mayor Aroon Solos said.

The man was about 167 centimeters tall and had a tattoo of the monkey god Hanuman on his back "Police noticed that he appeared



Officials look at the body found off Nai Harn Beach. Photo: Rawai PR

to have been beaten, and it looked like he had suffered blunt force trauma to the head," Mr Aroon explained.

"Officers believe that the man died before ending up in the water, and that the death occurred less than 24 hours ago."

– *Natthaphol Wittayarungrote*

Taxi brawl lands Aussies in hospital

A DRUNKEN brawl inside a Phuket taxi landed three Australian tourists in hospital with minor injuries late on September 4.

A fourth Aussie tourist, Todd Taylor, 31, who was blamed for starting the fight, was taken to Thalang Police Station for questioning.

Taxi driver Jaran Chamnankaow told police that he picked up four passengers in Patong at about 10pm, and was asked to take them to a hotel at Mai Khao Beach, at the north end of the island.

But by the time they had reached the Heroines' Monument, an argument had erupted among the four Aussies and fists had started flying.



The Australian tourists were taken to hospital – none were charged.

Concerned about the wild developments in his cab, Mr Jaran pulled over and got out.

"They didn't want to stop fighting, so I stopped the car and called the police," he said.

According to witnesses, the fight continued by the side of the road.

"When we arrived, one of the young men and the two women were sitting and crying," Capt Suporn Muengkhai of the Thalang Police said.

About 100 meters away was the fourth Aussie, Mr Taylor.

"All of them were drunk and had cuts and bruises from fighting," Capt Suporn said.

No charges were pressed against any of the Australians.

"Mr Taylor was released from the station once he calmed down," he said.

The three Aussies who were hospitalized were released soon after receiving treatment.

– *Thawit Bilabdullar*

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Drug mule charges

Russian fights Vietnam death penalty for cocaine smuggling

By Mauri Grant

FRIENDS and family of Phuket expat Maria Dapirka are fighting to prevent a possible death penalty for the Russian after she was arrested in Vietnam for attempting to smuggle in nearly three kilograms of cocaine in her carry-on luggage.

Ms Dapirka, 28, who had been living in Rawai, was detained in Ho Chi Minh City's Tan Son Nhat International Airport on August 23 after arriving on a flight from Singapore, reported *The Voice of Vietnam*.

Police found two nylon bags containing white powder, weighing 1.87kg, inside her hand luggage, and another two nylon bags of white powder, weighing 0.93kg, inside a magazine.

Later examinations found the white powder contained cocaine, the report said.

Under Vietnam law, Ms Dapirka could face the death penalty for drug trafficking, but relatives are hoping to prove that she was the victim of a gang of drug dealers from Nigeria, reported Russian online newspaper *Gazeta*.

The family noted that Ms Dapirka had spoken about a man named Nick, who she had been living with in Thailand. The family alleged that Nick had given Ms Dapirka the bags of drugs without her knowledge.

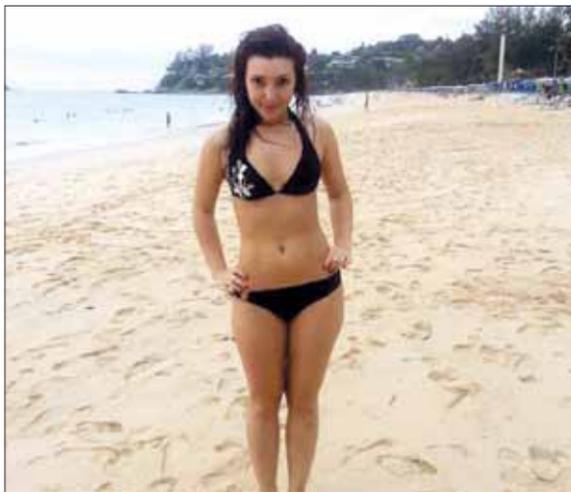
"Maria would not carry cocaine, she has always lived a strictly healthy lifestyle. She does not eat meat, does not smoke, does not drink [and] has always said that she thinks all of those things are really disgusting," Ms Dapirka's brother, Vadim, told the *Gazeta*.

Ms Dapirka's relatives reported that they have a picture of Nick, but are currently trying to track down his full name and current location.

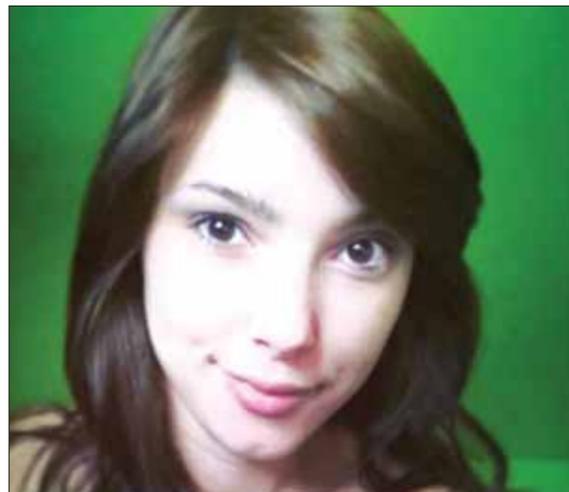
Ms Dapirka's friends have also



Maria Dapirka was found with more than 2.5kg of cocaine when she entered Vietnam. Photo: Facebook



Ms Dapirka was living in Rawai. Photo: Facebook



Russian national Ms Dapirka is being held in prison.

sent out pleas for help via social media websites.

One post by Julia Aleshina on Ms Dapirka's Facebook reads, "This is an appeal to all who communicated with Masha! If you know anything, if you were told something... if you know where and to whom she carried things, if you somehow can help. If you

live in Thailand or Vietnam, write me, I will pass it to her relatives. We need your help! Any kind of help."

According to the family's statement to the *Gazeta*, Ms Dapirka is being detained in a Vietnamese prison and does not have a lawyer to represent her.

Vadim, her brother, explained to

the *Gazeta* that the family had not heard from Ms Dapirka since August 23 and became worried, so they contacted the Consulate-General of the Russian Federation located in Ho Chi Minh City.

"An answer from the Vietnamese came quickly, reporting that the Consul would meet with Maria on September 12," Mr Dapirka said.



Rescue workers remove the body from the scene.

Police work to identify men hacked to death

POLICE are continuing an investigation in the hope of identifying two men who were hunted down and hacked to death at a fish-processing plant on September 3.

Witnesses told police they saw a gang of five men chasing two others from Sri Suthat Road into a fish-processing compound in Rassada at about 10:30pm.

"Both of the victims were 25 to 30 years old," said Maj Somchai Nooboon of the Phuket City Police.

"One of the victims was dressed in a t-shirt and shorts, and looked like he had been stabbed through the heart in the attack.

"About 15 meters away was the body of the other victim, face down in a pool of blood. He had a deep wound through his back into his chest.

"This man was dressed in a long-sleeved shirt and trousers, had shoulder-length hair and was wearing red earrings."

No forms of identification were found on either of the bodies, Maj Somchai told the *Gazette*.

Maj Somchai urged anyone with missing friends or family members, and whose descriptions match the bodies found, to contact the Phuket City Police.

- *Thawit Bilabdullar*

Tourist dies on day trip to Koh Phi Phi

A CHINESE tourist has died after being pulled unconscious from the water during a day trip with friends from Phuket to Phi Phi Island on September 6.

Tour staff spotted Wang Yuhua, 61, floating face down in the water, prompting the boat crew to quickly recover her from the water and speed her to Phi Phi Hospital.

Ms Wang was transferred to Vachira Phuket Hospital in Phuket Town, where she arrived shortly after 5pm. She was pronounced dead at 6:51pm.

The hospital listed the official cause of death as drowning.



Tourists play in the water at Phi Phi during a day trip. Photo: Gazette file

Ms Wang was to turn 62 on September 20.

Chinese Embassy officials have been notified of the incident.

- *Kritsada Mueanhawong*



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Shooting teens taken down

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

POLICE have arrested two teenagers, and expect to soon take into custody a third suspect, for shooting into a shop and then a family home in Phuket Town on September 2.

Butprom Choopeng, 18, was arrested on Friday, September 5 at a house in Bangthong village in Kathu. He was found in possession of a homemade .22-caliber handgun with one round of ammunition.

The second suspect arrested, a 17-year-old, was taken into custody at a house in Phuket Villa 3 in Wichit. The teen was found in possession of a homemade .38-caliber handgun with five bullets.

"This is a very serious case; these teens are fearless of the law. We realized that we needed to arrest them as quickly as possible," said case investigator Lt Col Somsak Thongkhang of the Phuket City Police.

Col Somsak explained that the teenagers were identified through CCTV footage after a gang of about 20 teenagers on motorbikes were

seen pulling up in front of the BR car rental agency on Phang Nga Road in Phuket Town at about 11pm on September 2.

"Three of the teens opened fire into the shop several times before speeding off on their motorbikes," he said.

Later that night, the same gang of teenagers opened fire on the home of Tawatchai Boonrit, who owns BR car rentals.

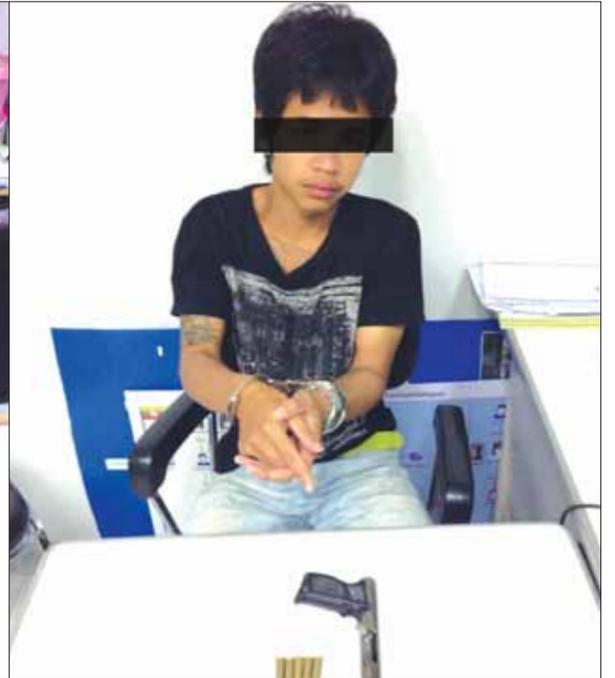
"They pulled up in front of the home, in Soi Surin 2, and fired several shots into the house before speeding off," Col Somsak explained.

No people were injured in either attack.

"They call themselves the Wan-Wai Gang," said Sirote Boonrit, the elder son of Mr Tawatchai. "Most of them are teens from Patong and Thung Thong in Kathu.

"They might be the same gang that my younger brother Bank has had trouble with."

Mr Butprom and the 17-year-old both told police that they took exception to Bank recently becoming involved with the girlfriend of one of the gang members.



Teens used homemade firearms and ammunition to shoot into a shop and a family home in Phuket Town.

Phuket City Police Superintendent Sermphan Sirikong confirmed that both teens arrested were charged with possession of illegal firearms, unlicensed possession of ammunition and carrying firearms in

public without a permit.

Police have since confirmed that Mr Butprom was also wanted on an arrest warrant for causing physical injury to a person in an incident last year.

"Mr Butprom and the 17-year-

old will remain in custody at Phuket City Police Station while officers continue their investigation," Col Sermphan said.

"The third suspect has already contacted the police and said he would like to surrender."

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The penalty for operating an illegal public transportation service is up to five years in prison, a fine of up to 100,000 baht, or both. Photo: Isaac Stone Simonelli

Police, Navy get tough on illegal taxi drivers

THE Royal Thai Navy and Patong Police have teamed up to take down any illegal taxi drivers found operating in Phuket's premier party town.

"We have arrested 13 illegal taxi and tuk-tuk drivers so far. There will be more to come," Patong Police Traffic Inspector Ekkarat Plaiduang told the *Gazette* on Tuesday.

"We made the first five arrests yesterday between 2pm and 4pm. Then, we started again at 7pm and arrested eight more illegal drivers."

The drivers have been charged with operating an illegal public transportation service, the penalty for which is up to five years in prison, a fine of up to 100,000 baht, or both, confirmed Maj Ekkarat.

"Between September 1 and 7, we did our best to warn all illegal

drivers about being arrested if they did not stop operating. We told them if they wanted to continue working, they must become legal," said Maj Ekkarat.

"We posted signs, handed out leaflets and had vehicles with loud speakers driving around Patong to let everyone know that we were coming."

Maj Ekkarat estimates that about 100 illegal taxis will be apprehended during the crackdown, but he did not specify any time frame for the operation.

The sweep on illegal taxis follows an order handed down by the National Council for Peace and Order, Maj Ekkarat noted.

"We let them run illegal businesses for too long. We gave them a chance to become legal, but they didn't take it," he said.

- Chutharat Plerin

Phi Phi property owners nailed for encroachment

By Chutharat Plerin

TWO property owners have been charged with encroaching on national park land on the popular party island of Phi Phi following a mass inspection of beach properties there last week.

On September 3, 60 national park officers took to Phi Phi beaches to talk with seaside vendors and inspect buildings suspected of encroaching on national park land.

"Following the inspection, officers filed charges on September 4 against two properties that have encroached on beach land," Hat Noppharat Thara - Mu Ko Phi Phi National Park Chief Chaithat Boonphuphantanti told the *Gazette* on Wednesday morning.

"The first is a hotel project owned by Karn Soonthornnon and the second is a vendor's hut belonging to Aran Ratakarn."

The two structures encroaching on the park's beach land are located in Lo Dalam Bay. If the property owners are found guilty, they could face up to 10 years in prison for breaking national park and also forestry laws, Mr Chaithat explained.

"Mr Aran and Mr Karn have been charged with illegal possession of national park land, under Section 16 of the National Park Act. If they are found guilty for this offence they each could face up to five years' imprisonment, or



The owners of two properties on Phi Phi's Lo Dalam Bay are facing encroachment charges. Photo: DNP

a fine not exceeding 20,000 baht, or both," Mr Chaithat said.

"They could also be charged with encroaching on forest land under Section 54 of the Forest Act.

If found guilty of this crime, they could face another five years in prison, or an additional fine of up to 50,000 baht, or both."

Both property owners are facing the charges under the National Council for Peace and Order's campaign to clean up beaches in Phuket and surround-

ing tourist areas, he confirmed.

"At this time, we have charged only these two people, but we will continue our inspection of other potentially illegal buildings on the island," Mr Chaithat said.

"We want to make sure Phi Phi's beaches are cleaned up and ready for this coming high season."

Officers also initiated changes among beach vendors during the September 3 inspection.

"We talked to the beach vendors about the future of the beach and heard what they had to say about the cleanup," said Capt Prinyatham Poonpitagtham of the Royal Thai Marine Corps.

Chair operators are allowed to stay on the beach while authori-

ties determine whether or not they cause a problem for tourists, he explained.

"What we plan to do for now is to allow the beach chair and umbrella operators to move their belongings further back from the water, so that there is more space for tourists to lie on the sand," said Capt Prinyatham.

"They will be restricted to only one row of chairs on the beach." Additionally, the beach area would be re-organized by the end of the month to maximize safety.

"Part of our mission is to set up designated areas where sailboats can anchor, as well as zones that are safe for swimmers," Capt Prinyatham said.



Mr Jeerasak was charged.

Airport driver hits motorbike with sidecar, faces charges

A TAXI driver based at Phuket International Airport has been charged with reckless driving causing injury after slamming into a motorcycle with a sidecar in the early hours of September 6.

The accident occurred on Thepkrasattri Road, about 800 meters north of the Keha housing estate in Thalang.

Taxi driver Jeerasak Kakate, 46, said he could not avoid hitting the sidecar as he was following a passenger van at speed when the collision occurred.

Both vehicles were heading southbound toward Phuket Town, Mr Jeerasak told police.

"We were moving pretty quickly," he said.

"The van swerved to the right, leaving me with no time to avoid the collision."

Rojjanapa Inthorn, 30, who was driving the motorbike with sidecar, suffered extensive cuts and bruises to her legs.

She was taken to Thalang Hospital after receiving first aid from Kusoldharm Foundation rescue workers.

Maj Kitthiphum Thinthalang of the Thalang Police confirmed that Mr Jeerasak was charged with reckless driving causing injury.

- *Thawit Bilabdullar*



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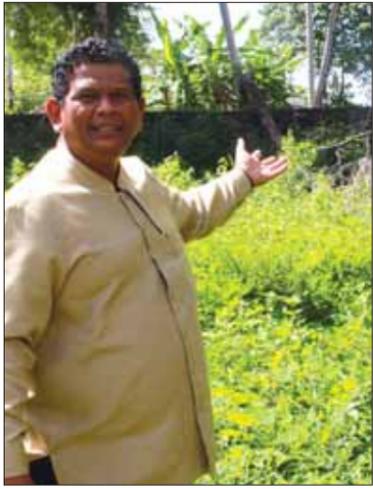
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Mr Ma-ann points to the illegally built wall before it was demolished last Saturday.

Illegally built seaside wall torn down in Bang Tao

AN ILLEGAL beach wall built near Bang Tao Beach after the tsunami in 2004 was demolished last Saturday, officials confirmed to the *Gazette* on Wednesday.

The demolition order followed a complaint from a local landowner who told officials that the wall cut off his legally-owned plot of land from the beach, said Cherng Talay Tambon Administration Organization (*OrBorTor*) President Ma-ann Samran.

"Following an inspection of the area [yesterday], I can confirm that this wall is illegally-built, as it is on public beach land. It has also been constructed without the permission of our office," Mr Ma-ann said on September 5.

An *OrBorTor* civil engineer confirmed that any wall or fence built on beach land needed permission from their office, otherwise it would be demolished by the *OrBorTor* within seven days.

Kawin Varanusupak said that the wall interfered with his client's access to the beach.

"I don't know how they got permission [to build the wall], because the *Chanote* [title deed] for my client's land clearly shows that his plot is the only one facing on to the beach – which is public land," Mr Kawin explained.

"The person who built the wall claimed he owned a 400-square-meter plot in front of my client's land. He then built a wall to separate it, cutting off my clients beach access."

Mr Ma-ann said the owner of the wall pulled down the structure last Sunday.

– *Natthaphol Wittayarungrote*

Firefighters 'sink' fire-ravaged fishing boat

FIREFIGHTERS breached the hull and partially sank a Taiwanese fishing boat off Phuket's Saphan Pla Pier in Rassada late Tuesday night to stop flames from spreading to other vessels.

The fire teams arrived after midnight to find smoke billowing from the boat, which was moored close to the pier.

"We believe the fire broke out in the engine room," Maj Rachan Punwai of Phuket City Police said. "The boat was in port for repairs. Luckily no one was on board when the fire broke out."

The boats tied up between the Taiwanese

vessel and the pier prevented firefighters from reaching the flames.

"We couldn't get close to or access the engine room. All we could do was soak the boat to stop the flames from spreading," Maj Rachan said.

After two hours of preventing the blaze from spreading, firefighters obtained the boat owner's permission and breached the hull with an axe to flood the engine room and douse the fire.

"The cost of the damage is estimated to be about 3 million baht," said Maj Rachan.

– *Kritsada Mueanhawong*



The cost of the damage to the boat is estimated to be about 3 million baht.

Officials butt heads over beachfront beautification

By Chutharat Plerin

ONE of the 14 Patong Municipality councilors who on September 5 voted against a project to bury the power cables along the beachfront road has come forward to explain the decision.

"The council supports the project, but we will not sacrifice the town's kindergarten-expansion plans or disaster-relief fund in order to beautify the Patong beachfront," councilor Weerawit Krueasombut told the *Gazette*.

"The project is supported by about 200 million baht dedicated from a previous national budget, but the Provincial Electricity Authority cannot hand over the funds until Patong Municipality comes up with about 77 million baht of its own to contribute toward the project."

Patong Mayor Chalermluck Kepsup's push to get the project approved was shot down at the council meeting when 14 of the 18 total town council members voted against Mayor Chalermluck's proposed sources for the funds.

Mayor Chalermluck lashed out at the council's decision to stall the project.

"We need the councilors to approve the project. They've got to have better reasons for stopping it than voting against me just for the sake of politics," she said.

Mr Weerawit, however, pointed out that the council had long supported the project.

"The council proposed this project as part of the post-tsunami re-development, but it was denied



Mayor Chalermluck lashed out at her councilors for voting to stall the cable-burying project. Photo: Saran Mitrarat

by officials in Bangkok at that time," he noted.

The disagreement was the source of funds, he explained.

"We are not bad guys doing things for no reason. [At the meeting], we talked about how we could raise the money," Mr Weerawit said.

"We agreed to source about 40mn baht from tax revenues collected, but we could not allow the depletion of the disaster-relief fund by 24mn baht or take the 12mn baht allotted to buy land so we can expand the Patong Mu-

nicipality Kindergarten."

The kindergarten, which is the only government-run nursery in Patong, currently cares for 475 children up to 6 years old.

"The facility is overcrowded. In order to expand it, we need to buy the land next door," Mr Weerawit explained.

Mayor Chalermluck countered that 12mn baht was too expensive for the plot of 92 square meters.

"We need to compare the price with land prices in the area," she said.

But the clock is ticking to get

the project approved, Mayor Chalermluck noted.

"Patong Municipality has until the end of the month to come up with the 77mn baht, otherwise the Provincial Electricity Authority will have to hand back the 220mn to support other projects," she said.

"But I'm not giving up. I still have some time before the end of the month. I will hold another meeting and lobby whoever can help me to push this project through. The project is good for everyone; it will create a much nicer image of Patong."

French tourist crashes through salon window

A French tourist injured her leg on September 5 after she lost control of her rented motorbike and crashed through a window of a Phuket Town salon.

Rescue workers from the Kusoldharm Foundation called to the scene on Phang Nga Road by the startled salon owner found Nastasya Kotnarovsky, 27, with minor injuries to her left leg and scratches all over her body.

Ms Kotnarovsky and her friend, Keno Feldmuller

Gennant Kuhlmann, had just rented two motorbikes from Baifern Motors, located on the same street as the salon, said Sakda Saejiew, rental shop owner.

"The German man was riding ahead of the woman and went to make a u-turn in front of the salon," explained Mr Sakda.

"The girl sped up to catch up with him and lost control of the bike, and crashed through the salon window."

– *Athip Karndee*

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A tour guide is inspected in Phuket Town. Photo: Santi Pawai

Sweep begins for illegal tour companies, foreign guides

OFFICIALS on Monday began a sweep through Phuket in a move to rid the island of illegal tour companies and illegal, foreign guides.

"We have 1,601 tourism businesses and 4,428 guides registered in Phuket. We need to confirm that every business and every guide is legitimate," said Santi Pawai, director of the Ministry of Tourism and Sports Phuket office.

"All companies and guides who are unable to produce the appropriate paperwork to prove their legality when we arrive will be given two weeks to provide it."

Any tour company found operating illegally after the grace period will have their businesses closed until the paperwork can be produced, confirmed Mr Santi.

"Any illegal guides found working on the island after the two-week period will be arrested," he added.

The ministry is also working out a plan to standardize wages, and language classes are being organized so Thai-national tour guides can improve their communication skills.

"We realize there are many problems between Thai-national tour guides and tour companies, including huge variations in wages and the hiring of illegal, foreign guides," said Mr Santi.

"To combat these issues, we will set a standard tour guide wage and offer language classes so that Thai tour guides can develop their communication skills in the languages of key tourist markets.

"We will also have a monthly class for guides that started working illegally but are now legal, so that they can be brought up to speed with the rules and regulations of the industry."

- Athip Karndee

Marine chief orders all yachts out of Ao Yon Bay

By Chutharat Plerin

THE Phuket Marine Office this week ordered all yacht owners with vessels moored in Ao Yon Bay to move them to other anchorages in Phuket – or face six months in jail.

Local Marine Office Chief Phuripat Theerakulpisut admitted to the *Gazette* that he had signed the order a full three weeks ago, on August 18, but gave no reason as to why it had not been given to the boat owners until his staff arrived at Ao Yon on Monday.

The staff told yacht owners and operators that they had one week to move their boats, though the written order did not give any deadline for compliance.

"This applies to all boats in Ao Yon, including longtails, but will not affect any other anchorages around Phuket," Mr Phuripat said.

"We will send officers to check next week. If any boats are still there, we will press charges."

As the order from the Marine Office refers to a proclamation by the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO), the charges include disobeying a direct order from the NCPO, which carries a



Phuket Marine Office Chief Phuripat Theerakulpisut.

penalty of six months in jail, Mr Phuripat said.

No mention was made of what would happen to the boats of any owners or operators charged.

"As Phuket is a tourism destination, this order is being issued

for national security [reasons] and to ensure the safety of marine transportation," the written order stated.

Mr Phuripat told the *Gazette* on Wednesday that he had "no idea" about a one-nautical-mile exclu-

sion zone that was to be established around the Royal Thai Navy base at Cape Panwa.

However, he did maintain that the order was for "national security" and loosely explained that it was issued "so the Royal Thai Navy vessels can come and go [from the Navy base] without any other boats around".

Mr Phuripat noted that the order provided him with a clear opportunity to remove boats that had remained moored in Ao Yon for a long time.

"Some boats have been moored there, and not moved, for far too long" he said.

Mr Phuripat added that the closure of Ao Yon would encourage more vessels arriving and departing Phuket to moor in Chalong Bay.

"This will make it easier for the owners and crews on yachts arriving in Phuket to declare themselves to the Customs and Immigration officers at the one-stop center on Chalong Pier," he said.

"It will also make it much easier for officials to identify which vessels have not cleared Customs or Immigration – and are avoiding doing so."

Safety cited in 'get AIS or go to jail' order

MARINE Office chief Phuripat Theerakulpisut on Wednesday told a meeting of Phuket yacht owners that all foreign-registered yachts in Thai waters must be fitted with AIS (Automatic Identification System) devices by October 1 – or the owners will face six months in jail.

The news, delivered at a public meeting at the Royal Phuket Marina, followed Mr Phuripat confirming just days earlier that foreign yachts would need to be fitted only with AIS receivers, which is a standard safety requirement around the world.

It also extends beyond the remit of the official order signed by Phuket Governor Maitri Inthusut on September 2, which states that all foreign yachts are to install "AIS Class B system or higher class appropriately".

"This applies to all foreign yachts, includes cruising and sailing yachts," Mr Phuripat said. "The AIS must be on at all times while the yacht is in motion."

However, Mr Phuripat said his office was willing to be "flexible" in enforcing the new regulation.

"For boats that arrive in Phuket with captains who don't know about this order, we can give them about 10 days to obtain an AIS transceiver," Mr Phuripat explained.

"But those who ignore our repeated requests will be charged for disobeying an order issued by the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO), which carries a penalty of up to six months in jail."

Mr Phuripat explained that he would sign into effect the same order for all Thai boats registered to carry 25 or more passengers



A screen showing the vessels in Phuket fitted with AIS.

"as soon as possible". However, for now, no other Thai vessels will be required to carry AIS.

Several foreign yacht owners told the *Gazette* that they understood and supported the move to improve safety on the water, but questioned why a great majority of Thai-registered boats would not be required to carry AIS devices.

"I agree with it, but it's very short notice," said Swedish expat

Goran Jonsson, who owns a 63-foot private yacht and has lived in Phuket for more than a decade.

Mr Jonsson explained that the one-month deadline presented difficulty for foreign-flagged boats being issued Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) numbers – and then the boat owners must obtain the hardware and have it installed on the boat.

"The hardware is about 35,000 baht fully installed, but it will take some time to get it to Phuket and then install it as well.

"The strange thing is that, if this is for safety, why apply it only to foreign boats? Even if the foreign boats have AIS installed, the captains cannot see the Thai boats on the system, because the Thai boats will not have it. On the water, the same rule should apply for all vessels." - Chutharat Plerin

Migrant teen lucky to be alive after baby dies in premature birth

A TEENAGER was rushed from a Phuket worker's camp to hospital on Monday with serious blood loss after giving premature birth to a baby girl, who was found dead at the scene.

Myanmar national Zar Ni The, the 19-year-old wife of one of the migrant workers at a Phanason Parkville estate worker's camp on Sri Suthat Road, went into labor prematurely, reported Capt Udom Petcharat of the Phuket City Police.

"When we arrived, the baby, who weighed only about 1.5 kilograms, was already dead," Capt Udom said.

"Mrs Zar was rushed to Vachira Phuket Hospital [in Phuket Town], where she underwent emergency treatment. She is now in a stable condition."

Mrs Zar was lucky to be alive, said Dr Jetsada Jongpaiboonpattana, the director of the hospital.

"Many women have given birth by themselves without any mishap. However, if the birth is premature, it can be very dangerous for both the mother and the baby if professional medical attention is not sought," Dr Jetsada said.

"To ensure it is a safe birth, all pregnant

women should consult a doctor at least six times during the first three months of their pregnancy.

"Pregnant women can still continue to work for the first three months, if the doctor deems them to be healthy, but the work should not be too strenuous."

Police City Police officers delivered the body of the infant, who was born two to three months early, to Vachira Hospital, where a postmortem examination will be carried out to determine the cause of death, Capt Udom said.

- Kritsada Mueanhawong



Police question a worker at the camp.

Vendors seek help

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

HUNDREDS of beach vendors on Monday presented a formal letter to Phuket Governor Maitri Inthasut, demanding fair treatment, and requested that it be forwarded to the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO).

The group, led by Palat Jantarasopin, leader of the Tourism Service Operators Club and beach vendor Chakkarin Charoenjit, outlined nine key requests that would enable vendors to continue to operate tourism businesses on Phuket's beaches, which are considered by law to be public land.

"All the locals need is a place to earn a living. They want to do their job, not change to other jobs," said Mr Palat.

"We would like to ask the Governor to recognize that we are in trouble, about 1,000 of us have lost our jobs," Mr Chakkarin said.

"We have been following rules and conditions issued by local authorities. We beg for another chance. Please tell us what to do so that we can do the jobs we are good at."

Rattana Salee, from the Nai



The out-of-work beach vendors appealed for their concerns to be treated sincerely and fairly.

Harn Beach Massage Group said, "We would like to know when we will be allowed back on the beach. We need a clear answer. Giving massages is the only job that I have been doing for 20 years."

"We need money to live - we cannot change our jobs."

Governor Maitri promised the protesters that solutions would be announced before the coming

high season, which traditionally starts after the end of October.

"We now have a local office open at which vendors can register. This way, we can look at the situation more closely and provide ideas about alternative ways to solve the problem," Governor Maitri said.

Late last month, government offices opened to enable beach

vendors to register. More than 370 vendors who lost their jobs during the Patong and Kamala beach cleanups registered their complaints with the Kathu District Office and demanded assistance from the NCPO for loss of income.

"A solution must be found and implemented before the high season arrives," Gov Maitri said.



Seas were too rough to pull the warship alongside. Photo: RTN

Navy deploys warship for rescue mission

THE Royal Thai Navy base in Phuket deployed the HTMS *Chonburi* to rescue six fishermen last Sunday after their longtail boat stalled and their anchor rope broke in strong waves off Koh Mai Thon.

The Navy was notified of the men's predicament at about midday.

"We kept in contact with the men through mobile phone. After 40 minutes of searching, we found them about three nautical miles south of Koh Mai Thon," Lt Cdr Natthanai Lekjaikla, captain of the HTMS *Chonburi*, explained.

"It was too dangerous to bring the *Chonburi* alongside the longtail, so we brought the fishermen on board one by one, pulling them through the water by using a life preserver and a safety tether."

The *Chonburi* returned to Cape Panwa with all six fishermen safely on board at about 3:45pm.

Somsak Takimjit, 48, explained that he, along with his friends and nephews, rented the boat and set out from Ao Makham for an overnight fishing trip last Saturday.

"It was frightening," he said. "The large waves kept hitting us and we were constantly bailing out water... We are very thankful to the officers. We are very lucky to be alive and safe."

- Kritsada Mueanhawong

Costs, lack of demand delay bus service to Karon

HIGH costs and lack of demand has forced operators of the Airport Express Bus service to push back the launch of its new route from Patong to Kata-Karon, until late October.

However, bus company chairman Prakob Panyawai is working on adding two more bus stops in Patong, Phuket Land Transport Office (PLTO) chief Terayout Prasertphol confirmed to the *Gazette*.

"We met with Mr Prakob earlier this week. He experimented with running the bus from

Patong to Kata-Karon to see if it was worth it," Mr Terayout said. "The answer was no; it costs too much because of the hills."

"He is now trying to come up with a new plan to launch the service and make sure the company will not suffer."

Among the strategies under consideration are using an even larger bus from the airport during peak passenger times, but using vans when there are fewer passengers.

- Chutharat Plerin



The Airport Express Bus. Photo: Gazette file

Royal Forestry Department to take down land officials

From page 1

...the Land Department not issue land titles for.

Mr Eakkachai's lawyer estimated the land to be valued at "about a billion baht" and Mr Eakkachai had already secured a 400-million-baht mortgage against the land.

A panel has been set up to investigate the titles and has until October 19 to submit its findings.

However, Mr Cheewapap warned that more charges were pending, notably for land titles illegally issued for plots deemed to be within Sirinath National Park.

"We have concentrated our investigation on several large plots for which claimants have presented *SorKor 1* documents to prove right of ownership," Mr Cheewapap explained.

"From our information, *SorKor 1* documents have never been is-



Cheewapap Cheewatham

sued for plots of more than 100 rai. We believe those documents are illegal and we will charge all people involved in the case.

"We are preparing our evidence and will be ready to press charges within the next few days. We will charge those claiming to own the land and every person who was involved in issuing the land titles, including officials."

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Thai-Malay border top smuggling entry point

SADAO, on the border in Songkla, which sees up to 300 billion baht in border trade annually, has become a top entry point for smuggled goods stolen from Malaysia, a recent police report claims.

A recent study by Lt Col Somkiat Khamchu of the Kuanmeed Police in Songkhla has raised a number of points about methods used by Thai-Malaysian networks that deal in stolen cars.

Col Somkiat said that in most cases, tourists drive the vehicles across the border for the gangs.

They present car documents to Customs Department officials at the border checkpoint and fill in a "simplified customs declaration" form for a 30-day permit, which is renewable, to bring the vehicle into Thailand, reported *The Nation*.

His study, entitled: "Legal measures in prevention and suppression of trans-national car theft in Thai southern border provinces", says cars are smuggled on customers' orders, or demand, and brought in using false declarations or forged documents. They would then be falsely registered with the Land Transport Department as vehicles assembled from imported parts.

Col Somkiat explained that this crime provided opportunities for both gangsters and car owners.

The large number of vehicles crossing the border has prompted officials – overwhelmed yet keen to promote tourism – to merely check car papers, rather than the vehicles themselves. Those documents could be forged, he said.

Customs Department chief Somchai Sujjapongse said he has urged officials not to get involved in such scams or they would face punishment, as their operation is aided by CCTV security cameras and data-processing records.

Police probe firm for hire of confessed child killer

POLICE are set to investigate a firm that provided security guards to a Bangkok condo project after one of its guards was charged with sexually molesting and killing a four-year-old girl.

The victim's body was found in a sewerage pipe last Saturday. Police say the suspect faces charges on several counts, including attempting to cover up his crimes. Police will also object to any bail request for him.

Maj Gen Rassadakorn Yingyong, chief of Metropolitan Police Division 8, said the suspect had identified himself as Chatree Seedee.

"We believe the suspect is not a Thai national because he speaks Thai with a Myanmar accent. He also doesn't possess a Thai national ID card," Metropolitan Police Deputy Commissioner Amnuay Nimmano said on Monday.

"We will check if his employer has followed all the laws."

According to ongoing investigations, Mr Chatree has never had any ID card, reported *The Nation*. Over the past year, he managed to get a job and worked as a temporary security guard at the apartment complex. Through his job, he became quite familiar with his victim, who lived in the same neighborhood. She called him,



Chatree Seedee told police he was drunk when he committed the crimes on September 3. Photo: The Nation

"Bro Security Guard".

Mr Chatree told police that he was drunk when he committed the crimes on September 3 – the same day the girl's family started searching for her frantically. According to Mr Chatree, he strangled her when she resisted his

sexual advances and tried to call for help.

The girl's father said he could not accept what had happened and that his heart was burning with anger and pain.

"I was very close to my daughter. I am divorced. We often

hugged each other," he said, wracked in grief.

The Rights and Liberties Protection Department on Monday gave 100,000 baht compensation to the father, in line with the law that promises remedial action for victims of crimes.

School launches safety training in flood-ravaged provinces

A SCHOOL initiative in Phitsanulok's Bang Rakham district that plans to introduce flood education, following serious flooding in several provinces, has been picked to serve as a model for public schools nationwide.

During an inspection trip to flood-hit schools in Phitsanulok and Sukhothai on Monday, Kamol Rodkhlai, secretary-general of the Basic Education Commission, visited Wat Phrom Kesorn School in Bang Rakham, which suffers flooding every year.

Mr Kamol learned how the school teaches students to swim and how to row a boat.

The project, aimed at boosting students' safety by adapting to frequent flooding and enabling them to assist others, also encourages parents to let their children practice boat-rowing at home under their guidance.

Flood-education will soon be included in

the curriculum for schools in flood-prone areas around the country, reported *The Nation*.

Principal Uthai Khom-avudh said his school, located in the Yom River basin, was subject to repeated flooding, especially from August-October, prompting him to come up with the project. The school also has an early school-term schedule to cope with time lost if floods force the school to close.

The current flood threatens to swamp this school, and has already caused several schools in Sukhothai's Sri Samrong district and Phitsanulok's Phrom Piram district to close.

Mr Kamol said schools at risk would be urged to prepare for floods in a step-by-step approach, by monitoring weather forecasts, moving belongings to higher ground, reporting the flood situation to the educational service area office and more.



Several provinces in Thailand have been inundated by recent floods. Photo: The Nation

Yingluck not to face formal charges for at least one month

THE Office of the Attorney-General has deferred filing formal charges against former prime minister Yingluck Shinawatra until at least next month, pending the outcome of a 14-day joint investigation.

Ms Yingluck faces charges of dereliction of duty over her government's allegedly corruption-ridden rice-pledging scheme.

Public prosecutors on September 4 cited "weak evidence" from the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) in calling for a joint panel to be set up within 14 days – and for the panel to spend up to 14 days investigating her case, reported *The Nation*.

Ms Yingluck's lawyer Norawich Lalang welcomed the decision to set up the joint

committee and expressed willingness to cooperate fully in providing further testimony.

Ms Yingluck had accused the NACC of unusual haste in investigating and drawing a conclusion regarding her case.

Wanchai Rujanawong, spokesman for the attorney-general's office, said the investigation was aimed at strengthening the case against her and plugging all the loopholes so



Former prime minister Yingluck. Photo: Reuters

that it would be "perfect" before prosecutors brought it before the Supreme Court's Criminal Division for Political Office Holders.

Mr Wanchai said he had decided to conduct further investigations because he did not want to

see the case rejected by the court.

"The NACC dossier just stated that corruption took place at every stage, without giving details, such as where, when, how

and who. Also, they failed to explain how the accused was involved," he said.

"If the case is to be taken to the court, we need to gather more 'complete' evidence. Now it's insufficient."

The NACC submitted its investigation report to state attorneys on August 5, with the recommendation to seek Ms Yingluck's indictment by the Supreme Court's Criminal Division for Political Office Holders.

Mr Wanchai insisted there was no outside pressure, as the prosecutors had followed the law and judicial process. Whether there would be further examination of witnesses would depend on the joint committee.

Taking tourists' safety to heart

FIRST PERSON



Malika Chergui, 61, from Morocco, has been a Tourist Police volunteer for nine years. Before retiring in Phuket, she was a business and family woman in Italy. Now, she spends her time helping tourists alongside the Tourist Police. She patrols the streets of Patong, using her language skills – she is fluent in Italian,

Spanish, German, French, Arabic and speaks English well – to assist in any way possible.

Here, she talks about the importance of police volunteers and discusses what she believes are the biggest issues and most pertinent safety tips for tourists.

A LOT of tourists come to Phuket, and police are sometimes not enough when one of them needs help. Language differences pose a significant barrier when police are trying to sort out what has happened and what needs to be done.

Tourist Police volunteers can act as go-betweens, helping everyone understand each other.

I appreciate the effort police have made to help tourists, and that they have organized a group of volunteers to work with them.

Tourists, on the other hand, could help the police by being aware of their surroundings and staying safe while on holiday.

If I could offer my advice to all incoming tourists, I would suggest that they always keep a copy of their passport.

Also, I would advise them not to use illegal taxis. Use registered ones. That way, the driver can be tracked down if something goes wrong.

When renting a motorbike, it is very important to have a valid driver's licence and to be an experienced rider. Helmets are also important, they are designed to protect both drivers and passengers – so anyone riding a motorbike should wear a helmet.

I think one of the biggest issues among tourists is fighting. Tourists come here to have fun,

and there are a lot of people coming from many different countries. This sometimes makes it hard for them to get along – especially when drinking is involved.

Our job as volunteers is to calm them down, give them water and assist them if they need to go to a hospital. Whatever happens, we cannot – and will not – walk away.

Another issue I often see is tourists who are not properly informed about Thailand's laws and regulations, and what services or activities they should avoid.

One example of an activity to avoid is renting a jet-ski. We have gotten reports so many times from tourists that were scammed by jet-

ski operators for "damaging" the rented jet-ski.

One way we can help tourists avoid situations like these is by encouraging police, hotel staff and airline staff to inform incoming visitors about what to avoid while here, and to hand out safety tips.

We want them to have a great, safe trip and to keep coming back.

Just a few months ago, I was able to reunite an Australian boy with his family after he became lost on Bangla Road. I was very touched by the event, and I thought to myself, "I love my job".

It is very important to me that people who are in trouble get the help they need, so they can continue to enjoy the rest of their holidays. This is my favorite part of volunteering, and what I find to be the most rewarding – this is what I do, and I won't give it up.



Ms Chergui on the job.
Photo: Tourist Police



Western looks sometimes make for higher prices. Photo: Saran Mittrarat

Looks speak

Island View

By Maciek Klimowicz

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

I'VE been disturbed by my electric bills recently. Ever since I moved into a new, cheaper house a few months back, my electric bills got substantially higher.

In my search for the energy-sucking culprit, I spent one Saturday evening turning different household appliances and gadgets on and off, and checking the electricity meter readings. The result of this little experiment made it clear – the electric cooker was to blame.

Looking for a way to save money, I made a decision to switch to gas, which meant an initial investment in a gas bottle, a regulator and a cooker. In search of a good deal on all of these appliances, me and my girlfriend set out in two different directions to widen the search area. The surprise came when we met again to share the results of our hunt. Hers – a cooker, a gas bottle and a regulator for less than 5,000 baht. And mine? More than 6,000 baht for the exact same set.

With a little spare time on our hands we decided to conduct yet another experiment by sending my girlfriend to ask for the prices in the exact same shops that I had just visited an hour earlier. The results? A 5,000 baht price tag. And yes, my girlfriend is Asian. We have all been there, haven't

we?

It's like the time I took my bike to a garage and asked for a quote on the cost of a new coat of paint. It will be 20,000 baht, the mechanic said; more than double what my Thai friends told me such a job should cost (the bike remains in its original hue until this very day).

Just like when I try to convince the man guarding the entrance to the Bang Pae waterfall that my work permit proves that I live, work and pay taxes in Thailand. This is something that should entitle me to a ticket at a local price, which happens to be 10 times lower than the one for tourists, shouldn't it? Well, apparently, it doesn't.

My western looks speak louder than that precious blue book.

I got used to this common occurrence, and now treat it as something natural. It's a part of life in this country.

On the bright side, boycotting places that charge me more money just because of the way I look saves me quite a lot of money.

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

Do executors need a work permit?

A friend of mine recently passed away in Phuket and I am an executor of his estate. To sell his property I will have to be in Thailand for a few months.

The Royal Thai Consulate General in Brisbane has confirmed I can be issued a single-entry non-immigrant visa that will give me up to three months to sort out these affairs.

Do I need a work permit?

John
Australia

Yaowapa Pibulpol, Phuket Provincial Employment Office chief, replies:

Please note that carrying out the duties of an executor or an inheritor is not considered "work" in Thailand. So, you will not need a

work permit.

However, when you appear before Immigration officers upon arrival, I suggest that you explain that you are here acting as an executor. You may need to provide them with the address of the hotel where you will be staying.

Just be sure to clarify why you are visiting and why you will need to be here for an extended time.

The correct type of visa will be provided by whichever Thai Consulate General you are contacting.

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Do I need to worry about taxi mafia?

We operate serviced apartments, and are often requested by our guests to pick them up from Phuket Airport and vice versa, as they are worried about the antics of the Phuket taxi mafia. What have authorities done to tackle this ongoing problem?

Serviced apartments,
Phuket

Terayout Prasertpol, chief of the Phuket Land Transport Office, replies:

In keeping with the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO)'s decree, "black taxis" are no longer allowed to pick up travellers from Phuket International Airport.

However, most serviced apartments or hotels provide a taxi service for their guests and these



Green plates are allowed, but taxi mafia are not. Photo: Saran Mittrarat

taxis are allowed to pick up hotel guests at the airport.

Private cars that work for a hotel or serviced apartment can also charge for this service, as long as the driver knows his destination and the passenger has worked out a deal with the hotel.

Some of the larger hotels rely

on the green-plate taxis and these are also legally registered and allowed to operate.

It's a complex issue, but I can assure visitors to Phuket, from now on, they will have a safer and more pleasurable experience getting taxis from the airport to their destination.

Time to build a bus culture

EFFORTS by the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) to rid Phuket of its notorious transport syndicates and establish safe, reasonably-priced public transport took another big step forward with the recent introduction of real metered taxis.

The term "real metered taxis" refers to those allowed to pick up and drop off passengers anywhere, as is normal in Bangkok and most urban centers in civilized nations around the world.

However, the lack of public response to the new Airport Bus service [see page 9] indicates that more needs to be done to wean local residents off the culture of driving that has become firmly cemented during the decades-long stranglehold of our roadways by local mafia.

Throughout that period, a climate of fear prevented any improvements in public transport. Even as the BTS Skytrain and MRT underground trains were built in the capital, public transport in Phuket remained stuck in time.

It seems hard to believe that the blue *songtaew* [pick-ups and buses] still seen lumbering along managed to survive, but perhaps the vehicles' lack of usefulness to tourists and other high-paying clientele is to be credited.

One of the many other "lowlights" of the period came when efforts to set up a pick-up *songtaew* route from Patong to Karon resulted in the savage beating of a driver. Similar incidents have been reported in many other parts of the island.

The one notable exception during this transport Dark Age was the introduction by the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization of four pink bus routes that have helped students and low-wage workers living in and around Phuket Town.

Unfortunately, this network has been of little benefit to the majority of people living on the island. Its confusing route system makes it difficult for most local residents to master – and almost impossible for most foreign tourists to figure out.

Thus, the vast majority of island residents and tourists have been forced to take to increasingly congested roads in whatever form of conveyance they could afford, most often motorbikes. The results have been needless injuries and deaths.

However, when a bus service is finally presented to Phuket motorists, instead of getting on board, they choose to continue using their cozy cars and less comfortable, but incredibly convenient and dangerous motorbikes.

Perhaps what needs to be provided are the age-old school buses. Doing so would at least instill the concept of buses as a regular transport option in the minds of Phuket's youngsters and at the same time get many children off motorbikes during the dangerous "school run" during peak hours.



Leave the dolphins where they belong

I have to agree with Peter Harris, Ric O'Barry and the many others who are opposed to this barbaric and unnecessary business that is soon to open in Phuket.

I went to one in Florida 30 years ago (we all know the States does things big) and swore never again.

Finding these beautiful, intelligent creatures fascinating, I have taken the opportunity of swimming with the dolphins in Florida, New Zealand and Zanzibar, in the wild – the sea! What an experience and thrill each time. What a privilege.

Phuket, with its natural beauty and bountiful sea life, could offer the same, without the cruelty the dolphins have to bear in a confined and unhealthy space.

Let us hope and pray that the authorities put a stop to this before it starts, and take a stand when it comes to wildlife.

Jan
Bang Tao

Calling for a fair trial

Re: *Gazette online, Phuket Russian woman fights death-penalty drug charge in Vietnam, September 9*

This is a very delicate and sensitive story to comment on without having all the details and information to establish the truth.

We can only hope that the Vietnamese justice system provides Maria with a fair trial and investigates in depth the allegations.

Once the death penalty is carried, it is not reversible. It would be horrible if the truth were discovered after an execution.

Lucien
Gazette forum

Yet another life taken

Re: *Gazette online, Bread truck kills man crossing Phuket road, September 3*

Whether it is a bread truck,

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water truck, cement truck or minivan, they all drive like they're in sports cars.

Speeding and recklessness have once again cost an innocent person his life.

Rather than practicing law enforcement and taking action to prevent this kind of thing, the police just sit back and dole out meaningless charges with minimal consequences after the fact.

Worse yet, there are no plans to change it.

No Excuse
Gazette forum

Spike in crime levels

Re: *Gazette online, Men hunted down, hacked to death in Phuket, September 4*

I have a feeling that crime in Phuket has reached critical levels.

This is based on my personal experiences, news media reports and statistical data made public by numerous sources.

Has the Thai government issued any current statistics on Phuket crime?

Me
Gazette forum

A bus would be great, if it's set up properly

Re: *Gazette online, Costs, lack of demand delay Phuket Airport Bus service to Karon, September 5*

I took the bus last week. A ride from the airport to the Heroines' Monument cost 60 baht.

However, since there were only 11 passengers, we were stuffed into a minivan, at the parking place for the big buses.

Immediately, the driver turned

into a wannabe Formula 1 driver.

You can have a good system, but if it's been executed in an amateuristic way like this, it will never be successful.

Charles
Gazette forum

Please keep up the taxi cleanup momentum

Re: *Gazette online, Police, Navy get tough on illegal Phuket taxi drivers, September 9*

Good news... keep it coming. These taxi and tuk-tuk drivers can't seem to follow any rules and need to be dealt with once and for all.

They continue to be one of the most undesirable elements in Phuket, particularly Patong, where they eat up all the public parking, clog the sidewalks with their stinking tin cans, speak in annoying gibberish and hustle aggressively for customers.

Please eliminate this nuisance for good.

Ed Sanders
Gazette forum

How much do local marine officers know?

Re: *Gazette online, Phuket Marine chief plays down 'get AIS connected or go to jail' order, September 5*

I maintain that Phuket maritime operations are managed by people who are not qualified.

I challenge Phuriphat Theerakulpisut, chief of the Phuket Marine Office, to take an exam for deck officer or captain for either the US Coast Guard or the UK Coast Guard.

As Phuket's marine chief, he should surely possess the basic knowledge necessary to pass either exam.

Concerned
Gazette forum

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WHAT'S ON in Phuket

September 18, 11:30am-2pm. Phuket International Women's Club September Lunch

The September lunch will be at Bollywood, Phuket Town. Early booking is recommended as seats are limited. All are welcome. Members 600 baht, guests 750 baht. For more information contact Maggy Wigman on 86-594 1758, email info@piwc-phuket.com.

September 19, 11am-11pm. Curry Fridays at Navrang Mahal

Navrang Mahal Indian Restaurant presents Curry Friday's. Here is your chance to enjoy an authentic and lavish Indian Curry Buffet every Friday. Buffet highlights include: Tandoori chicken, mutton vindaloo, butter chicken, matat paneer, bombay aloo, garlic naan, basmati rice, vegetable samosa, aloo tikka and more. All you can eat for only 449 baht net! Venue: Navrang Mahal Indian Restaurant, only at Karon Branch. Open Daily: 11am to 11pm. For reservations, please call 076-286464 or visit the website: navrangmahal.com

October 4, 7pm. Dinner and Rock Party at Bliss

Dinner and Rock party at Bliss in celebration of giving to needy kids in Phuket through the Rotary Club of Patong Beach. Opens at 7pm and closes at midnight. Tickets are 3,000 baht at the door or 2,500 baht in advance.

For more information call 081-892 9207, email davidarell@yahoo.com or go to rotarypatong.org This event is proudly sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette*.

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October 16, 11:30am-2pm. Phuket International Women's Club October Lunch

The October lunch will be at Divino, Cherng Talay. Early booking is recommended as seats are limited. All are welcome. Members 600 baht, guests 750 baht. Contact Maggy Wigman on 86-594 1758, email info@piwc-phuket.com

October 23. Chulalongkorn Memorial Day

Chulalongkorn Day commemorates the reign of Rama V.

November 4, 9am-4pm. PIWC presents The Melbourne Cup

The PIWC presents The Melbourne Cup, "The Race That Stops a Nation". For more information contact Maggy Wigman on 086-594 1758, email info@piwcpuket.com or visit 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 to sponsor this annual charity event.

November 6. Loy Krathong

A festival traditionally performed on the full moon night of the 12th lunar month, which usually falls in November. Loy Krathong is not a public holiday

November 7-8. 2014 BISP International Football Tournament



British International School Phuket (BISP) in Thailand is proud to host for the thirteenth consecutive year, the seven-a-side Football Tournament. Over 1,000 young players from all over Asia are expected at this exciting competition.

For more information email BISP Athletics Director Jeff LaMantia at jlamantia@bisphuket.ac.th

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November 20-22. The Phuket

International Sportfishing Tournament (PIST)

Registration on November 19 from 6pm onwards at the Tamarind Bar & Grill in Chalong. For more info, visit: phuket-international-sportfishing-tournament.com.

This annual event, now in its 10th year, is proudly sponsored by 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).

Dec 5, 2014, His Majesty the King's Birthday

His Majesty the King Bhumibol

Adulyadej's 87th Birthday. Also marked as Father's Day in Thailand.

Dec 10, 2014, Constitution Day

This day commemorates the signing of Thailand's permanent constitution by King Prajadhibok (Rama VII) in 1932, which marked the beginning of Thailand's transition from an Absolute Monarchy into a Constitutional Democracy.

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Dec 31 New Years Eve (Day)

New Years Eve is a public holiday in Thailand.

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Thanyapura's royal visit



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Nature-Culture: Art exhibition by Chompu Saetae



From left: Marie-Laure Fleury, general manager of Boathouse by Montara, pictured with artist Chompu Saetae.

Clean up at Ya Nui Beach



Krix Luther and the Clean the Beach Bootcampers received some surprise guests during last weekend's clean-up at Ya Nui Beach. Army personnel seeking illegal beach vendors were equally surprised to find the workout crew filling trash bags. But that didn't stop Krix from inviting them to join in the fun, and pose for this group photo. Image: Siam Aircam

Cooking classes at Dusit Thani

Media FAM trip participants enjoyed a sunset cocktail and bbq seafood dinner at Casuarina Beach restaurant and brushed up on their cooking skills with a Thai cooking class at the resort's Ruen Thai restaurant.



From Left: Kanjana Hongtong, columnist for 'Guru Travel'; Pimpacha Kakham, senior writer, 'The Nation'; and Phittinanth Itthisukananth, marketing manager, True Corporation.

TAT Haad Yai Roadshow



From left: Suraphol Kampalanonwat, president of Tourists Business Federation of Songkla; Saeree Panitkul, provincial chief administrative officer for Songkla; Panu Woramit, director of TAT's Hat Yai office; Kul Soonthorn Vijit, president of Songkla Professional Guide Association; and Samrit Boonrat, Haad Yai Deputy Mayor.

Spanish premium coffee brand Catunambu launches in Phuket

FG Interthai Marketing Co Ltd recently hosted a grand opening event for their Catunambu coffee showroom, service and training center in Phuket.



From left: Jim Cromzigt; Taratip Arunwan; Tawin Phonpai; Ploen Visas; Patcharin Amommetakij; Suneo Sundisamrit; Chirapreeya Saengbun; Wirat Kaewmanee; and Jaime Borrás.

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Fully furnished, 1 bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, terrace, WiFi and cable TV. Price: 9,000 baht per month. For more information, please call 081-606 2827(English & Thai). Email: nij017@hotmail.com

POOL VILLA FOR RENT

1,2 bedrooms, fully furnished, Bang Tao, SAT TV. From 18,000 baht. Tel: 093-713 2278, after 5pm.

7,000 BAHT PER MONTH

1-bedroom house, furnished, WiFi + cable TV, quiet area. For more information, please call 081-892 4311. <http://panwagreen.weebly.com>



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Phuket city, bypass road, opposite Tesco Lotus, 45sqm, 3 Fl at the corner with swimming pool view 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, kitchen, fully furnished (2 aircons, hot water, washing machine, refrigerator, TV, microwave, 24 security and internet provided). Pls contact 088-4769612. Email: annano1@hotmail.com

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- ▶ Ability to communicate clearly in English
- ▶ Clear thinking in order to identify what makes a good news story
- ▶ Initiative and enthusiasm to track down a story
- ▶ Photography skills
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- ▶ Knowledge of Burmese an advantage
- ▶ Driver's license

Good salary for the right candidate.

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A. Muang, Phuket 83000
Tel: 076-273555 Ext.402 Fax: 076-615240

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Seeking experienced candidate to join our busy office and provide high-quality service to our guests.

Role will include:

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- Sale of training packages
- Booking accommodation/logistics
- Daily customer inquiries
- Attendance of classes
- Prepare daily reports for management
- Cash handling/receipts

Must have good English, both spoken & written, and be experienced in the use of Excel

Tel: 076-367071-2.

Email: will@tigermuaythai.com

ACCOUNTS ADMIN ASSISTANT – 13-15k

Seeking candidate with a "can-do attitude" to support our operations manager with daily administrative tasks, including petty cash.

The role will be varied, with new challenges each day. The goal of the role is to take on all duties/tasks that will assist the operations manager in implementing a number of projects.

Experience in accounts, administration would be advantageous. Good English skills, both written and spoken, are a necessity as you will assist in preparing communications for staff. And personal transport preferred as position will require delivery of documents, etc.

Tel: 076-367071-2.

Email: will@tigermuaythai.com

TELEMARKETERS FOR CHIANG MAI

Call center (outbound) in Chiang Mai looking for French or German-speaking agents for appointment setting (no sales). WP+Visa. Free room provided first month. Apply with CV and contact details. Tel: 083-420 6120(English). Email: jobs@cmmid-intl.com

BOAT CREW

Two positions available on the Chalong-based premier power catamaran Blue World – a Chinese Speaking Tour Guide and a qualified Boat Engineer. Both vacancies are for Thai Nationals. Excellent conditions and rates of pay. Please send photo and CV to Mike. Tel: 085-475 0447 (English). Email: blueworldsafaris@gmail.com

OPC'S WANTED. KOH SAMUI.

OPCs wanted for Koh Samui. Good sales people. Must speak English. Good salary. Tel: 077-413598, 093-680 2498. Email: opcbiggy@yahoo.com

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We have a position open for a Qualified Full-Time Personal Trainer / Fitness Instructor. To apply, email or call for full job description / requirements. Tel: 085-783 0141 (English). Email: liam@phuketfit.com

FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER

We are hiring Food & Beverage Manager. Good salary with work permit. Experience working with Thai staff preferred. Tel: 081-905 8353. Email: hbangt_ao@oceanresortgroup.net

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English speaking TO and Sales Reps needed. Experience in timeshare only. Start immediately. Tel: 076-342794, 088-450 1833. Email: hr@davidvacationclub.com

CONDOMINIUM MANAGER

A medium-sized condominium development in the Cape Panwa area is looking to appoint a CJP Manager to take over the day-to-day running of the estate. Applicants should ideally have related experience and possess a good knowledge of English. Salary in the range of 30,000 to 50,000 baht per month. Tel: 089-695 0088 (English & Thai). Email: to_recruit@hotmail.com

ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

Small company based in Kathu is looking for a pleasant, service-minded Thai lady with advanced English and computer skills. Duties will involve payroll, basic accounting, reception skills and team organisation. Tel: 094-593 0729. Email: ritalouisedobson@hotmail.com

EXPERIENCED CS STAFF WANTED

Native English Speaking Customer Service Agent needed for E-commerce Fashion Retailer. Work Permit. High Salary. 5-day Work Week. Work on Macs. Tel: 076-282759. Email: carla@holyclothing.com Web for full Details Here: <http://bit.ly/ROwNBD>

LIVE IN HOUSEKEEPER

Thai lady to live in with small family in Kathu. Duties include cleaning, laundry, pets, some childcare and cooking. Tel: 094-593 0729 (English). Email: ritalouisedobson@hotmail.com

Employment Wanted

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

I am a software developer from Brisbane, Australia. I have experience in business enterprise development with one of Brisbane's leading software providers, as well as a wide range of software and IT skills. Tel: 086-363 4115. Email: christopher_rada@hotmail.com Web For further details of my experience, see my LinkedIn profile at <http://lnkd.in/bNRvAen>

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. Savoey Seafood)
- ▶ Taurus Travel (Aroonsom Plaza)
- ▶ Khun Woody's Sandwich Shoppe (Aroonsom Plaza)

Tel: 076-341644
Tel: 076-344521-2
Tel: 076-290468

PHUKET CITY

- ▶ Earth Language Training Centre School (Phang Nga Rd)
- ▶ Sin & Lee (Thalang Rd)
- ▶ iTree complete printing service (Tesco Lotus Phuket Town) bank zone

Tel: 076-232398
Tel: 076-258369
Tel: 076-255425

CHERNG TALAY

- ▶ Chaba Supermarket (at the Laguna gateway)

Tel: 076-325586

RAWAI

- ▶ The Network property office (Saiyuan Rd)

Tel: 076-388144

KARON

- ▶ EuroStyle Tailors (Luang Por Chuan Rd)

Tel: 076-396911

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Bartender on a Remote Island

Golden Buddha Beach Resort is a remote eco-resort set in lush tropical forest on 1,500 meters of beach-front facing the Andaman Sea. The resort consists of 28 villas, a clubhouse with bar, shop and dining area; and a pizza bar on the bay. Activities include yoga, diving trips to the Surin Islands and Richelieu Rock, sea kayaking, nature tours, Thai massage, and so on.

We are looking for an adventurous, motivated, fun and experienced bartender to join us for the season, starting November 1 through to April 30.

Responsibilities: Your drinks should be good; you should be attentive; and able to communicate with our very international clientele. Ensuring the bar area is fully equipped and well stocked, and maintaining the appearance and cleanliness of the bar area is part of the job.

Golden Buddha Resort is a very special place. It is not for everyone, but maybe it is for you.

Requirements :

1. Male or Female—age 23 years or older
2. Professional experience as bartender
3. Good command of spoken English and Thai
4. Pleasant personality, service oriented, flexible and resourceful
5. Ability to work long hours at peak times

Please send resume, a recent photo and salary expectations to Khun Pissa Tipsombut
pena@goldenbuddhaharesort.com
www.goldenbuddhaharesort.com



Executive Assistant

Sought for Hughes Krupica law firm www.hugheskrupica.com

- Thai, 24yrs up
- University degree required
- Good English skills
- Personal admin; Business admin
- Petty cash; Invoice and basic ledger Prep
- Good organization skills
- Willingness to work hard

Salary: Competitive
Location: Hughes Krupica Consulting Company Limited (Phuket)

Job Type: 9:00 - 18:00 / Mon.- Fri.
 Full Time, Permanent

Please send your CV in English to email:
enquires@hugheskrupica.com
 or tel: +66 86 9606609

Financial Controller

The Financial Controller oversees the day-to-day activities of the financial team and ensures the company's finance function is organized and efficient, as well as produces accurate financial and management accounts.

Duties include:

- Management of the finance function and overseeing the finance team
- Preparation of budgets, forecasts and cash flows
- Maintenance of financial ledgers and accounting processes
- Preparation of Monthly Consolidated P&L and Balance Sheet
- Timely production of statutory and internal financial reports
- Financial modelling and analysis
- Cash management and treasury duties
- Ensuring that appropriate systems and internal controls are implemented and maintained
- Overseeing the Payroll process
- Preparation of VAT returns
- Must be fluent in written and spoken English
- Salary 100,000 baht + monthly depending on experience

Interested parties please forward CV to
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SALES PERSON
 Sales person wanted for smart home systems integration company. Please email CV. Tel: 084-443 9863 (English). Email: daragh@techworx.asia

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 English speaking TO and Sales Reps needed. Experience in timeshare only. Start immediately. Tel: 076-342794 , 088-450 1833. Email: hr@davidvacationclub.com

HOUSEKEEPER NANNY WANTED
 Filipino housekeeper/nanny needed. Free room, food and visa, and good salary. Tel: 081-893 7720. Email: cc@bayshoreprojects.com

REAL ESTATE SALES STAFF
 We need 3 sales staff: 1 English speaking, 1 Russian, and 1 French / Italian speaking. Send CV with photo. Tel: 081-893 7720 (English). Email: cc@bayshoreprojects.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: 081-893 5492 (English & Thai). Email: jtissier@aquamasster.net

LIVE-IN HOUSEKEEPER
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 Looking for part time host / guest attendant in Phuket. English speaking. High pay. Email us. Tel: 098-487 4168 (English). Email: aarenlee@ilike-phuket.com

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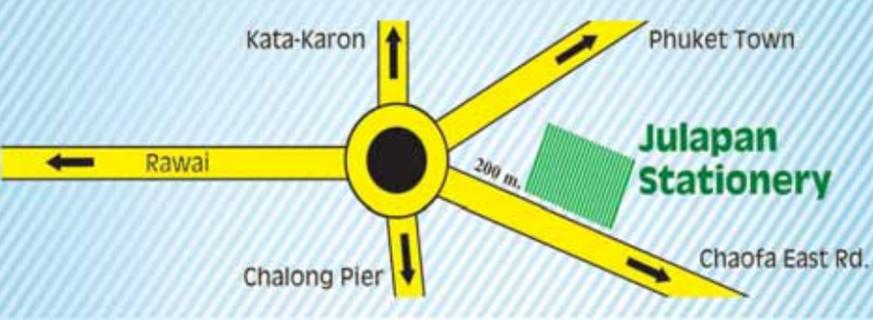
SALES / OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE
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 Well established event taking place in Phuket every December requires a Thai or Foreign national who has exceptional English language skills, reading, writing and speaking. Must be able to meet deadlines, work on own initiative and be a team player. Tel: 076-346927, 081-979 6320(English). Email: gordon@asia-pacific-supearyachts.com

DIGITAL CONTENT / MEDIA ASST.
 Knowledge in Graphic Design/VDO Editing (Adobe Suite preferred) - Fluent in written and spoken English (Native-Level Preferred Thai national) - Ability to take pictures and VDO is an advantage. Please send your CV to aey@princessyachtss.com or call 076-238 060.

Live in Chalong?

Place your **GAZETTE CLASSIFIEDS** at **Julapan Stationery**



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Bulletins

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Phuket's leading agency is now looking for one position only to represent us and deal with our Chinese speaking clients. You should have extensive knowledge in sales and know Phuket island well. Reading and speaking Chinese is a must. Terms and conditions will be presented at the interviews. Please send your resume to the email address below. Tel: 076-341045, 081-459 0152. Email: info@phuket-condos-homes.com

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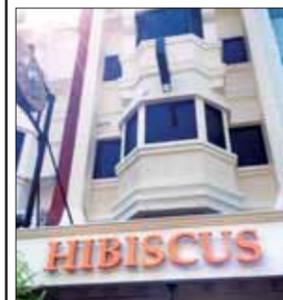
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If you want to drink that is your business

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Email: phuketaa@yahoo.com

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Bar & Restaurant Equipment

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OPTIONS (NEWSPAPER ONLY - NOT WEB):

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Box with red headline	350 baht	<input type="checkbox"/>
Box with black background	350 baht	<input type="checkbox"/>
Box with color background	500 baht	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photo	650 baht	<input type="checkbox"/>

NUMBER OF INSERTIONS: issue(s)

ONLINE OPTIONS:

Web link	350 baht	<input type="checkbox"/>
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All ads in the newspaper run online automatically and free charge.

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Your ad with photo displayed by PGTV on 3 cable networks, 70 times a week **350 baht**

Total cost of your classified baht

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Please note: We are unable to offer refunds for any unused ads.

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.....	700 Baht
.....	840 Baht
.....	980 Baht
.....	1,120 Baht
.....	1,260 Baht
.....	1,400 Baht

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HI-FI AV RECEIVER
Cambridge Audio 540R V.20, excellent cond: 7,900 baht. 9-inch Acer monitor: 18,506 baht. Tel: 080-041 4240.

Personal Services Wanted

HOUSE BAND & DJ WANTED
House Band & DJ wanted for Beer Garden Restaurant in Khao Lak for high season. Contact Joe or Oot on 085-808 7363 (English & Thai). Email: kolaz58@gmail.com

Golf Stuff

BLUE CANYON MEMBERSHIP
Family Membership. Maintenance paid through 2014. 760,000 baht, including Transfer Fee. Tel: 091-224 1773(English). Email: smolar@hotmail.com

GERMAN TEACHER NEEDED
We are looking for a German teacher for a 10-year-old child from 22-28 Dec 2014 and for 1 Jan 2015 - every morning for two hours in Patong. For more information, please call (41) 079-3696 535.

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JOIN RAWAI BACKGAMMON CLUB
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BACKGAMMON
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To help Phuket students have a great start this school year and to prevent more serious problems, we provide help for:

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- Orange amplifier. Price: 40,000 baht.
- Vintage French-style bookcase. Price: 170,000 baht.
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Phuket Gazette

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Cable TV coverage – broadcast 68 times a week throughout Phuket.

Catch the show at these times

Phuket Cable Co (PC) - Covers all Phuket Channel 1, with 19 shows a week
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Sat & Sun: 10.30am, 9.00pm.

Rawai Cable - Rawai and Chalong, Kata, Karon. Channel 1, with 28 shows a week
Mon to Sun: 10.00am, 1.00pm, 7.00pm, and 10.00pm

KDTV (Kamala Cable TV) - Covers Patong, Kamala, Surin, Bangtao. Channel 4, with 21 shows a week
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- Now available in 4,222 premium hotel rooms around the island, all day every day.**
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 - Kata Beach Resort & Spa: 275 rooms
 - Outrigger Laguna Phuket Resort & Villas: 77 rooms
 - 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
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Red SUV, 7 seats, 2007 model, 2.4l V6, Tiptronic / Automatic. Excellent Condition. One farang owner since new. 500,000 baht o.n.o. Tel: 081-837 5774. Email: slarti@onthenet.com.au

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11. OVERLY: *lover*-Y 12. SOONER: rather 13. CORONET: Cor-*note*
14. OURS: *orus* 15. SHOPLIFTER: *pilfers*shot
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24. CALLFORANOTHERONE: *norcanfallheretoo* 27. PENPAL: pen pal 29. CHEW: C-hew 30. BANGTAO: ban-*goat*
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From left: Chanaphat Choosuk, sales executive for Radenska Thailand; Kongsap Puangkam, assistant manager for DaVinci Restaurant Kata; Sutavadee Chailerd; and Porsiri Yaonun, sales officer for Radenska Thailand.



Vladimir Polic (second from left) CEO of Radenska Thailand at the Phuket launch of Radenska Water.

Kata Sea Breeze Resort annual staff party



Supaporn Phatharaworanee (center) poses with with family and staff members at the resort's annual staff party, with the theme 'Cowboy & Cowgirl'. Ms Supaporn thanked the staff for their hard work, dedication and loyalty over the last 13 years and their continued efforts to make the resort successful.

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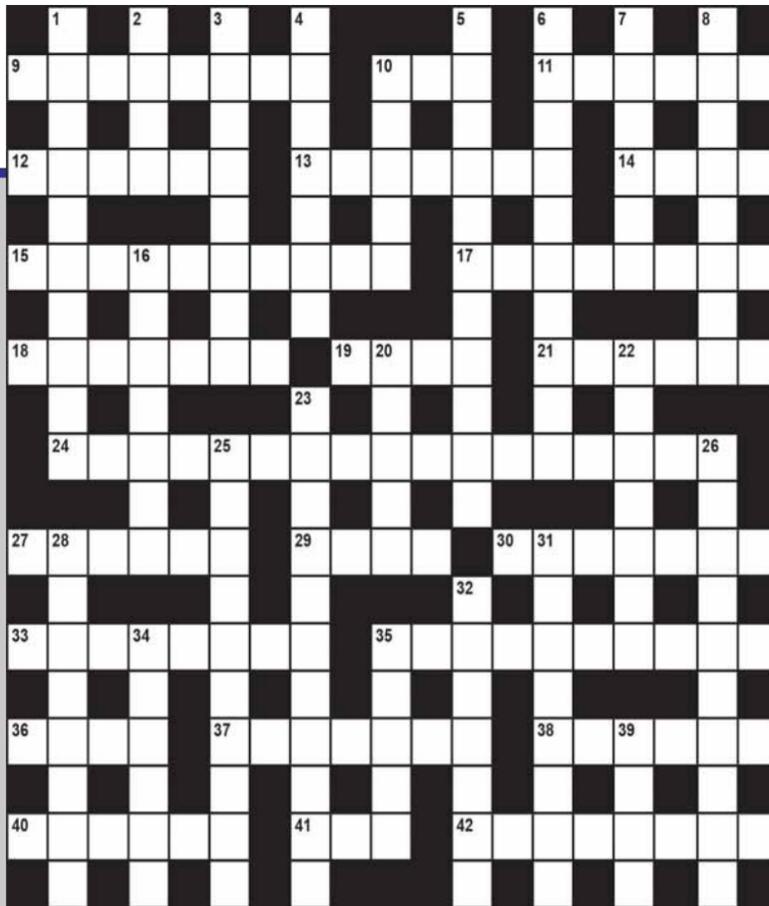



COFFEE break

Cryptic Crossword

Across

- 9. First out East work for a flame barrier (8)
- 10. Thus turn an old coin (3)
- 11. Different lover unknown - too much! (6)
- 12. Rather earlier (6)
- 13. Cor, note new Peer's head-piece! (7)
- 14. Belonging to ourselves, or us perhaps? (4)
- 15. Kleptomaniac pilfers hot product (10)
- 17. Shot that almost hit target close to young lady (4,4)
- 18. Shorten for a span (7)
- 19. Arrange time for piece of news (4)
- 21. Unhappy first person who loves being cruel (6)
- 24. What to do on finishing the bottle. Nor can fall here too, drunkenly! (4,3,7,3)
- 27. Someone corresponding to yourself (3,3)
- 29. Almost cut into shape and masticate (4)
- 30. Prohibit goat wandering in Phuket beach (7)
- 33. I can roam about to find Italian food (8)
- 35. Show door pin cut badly (10)
- 36. Add a sign (4)
- 37. Most important gen. laid out (7)
- 38. Fed, ate badly - a loss (6)
- 40. Note new notice is standard (6)
- 41. Many left to go back (3)
- 42. End of a century, could be, i.e., in tens (8)



Down

- 1. Being in fear of China possibly, so chip in to cover, Old Boy! (10)
- 2. Incline to be slim (4)
- 3. Last ring prepared for a bird (8)
- 4. Work a city in obscurity (7)
- 5. Mug intern an unusual understudy on a joint election ticket (7,4)
- 6. To learn his move to the left passage facing the altar (5,5)
- 7. Improve former move (6)
- 8. Or flits about second to the flower dealers (8)
- 10. Rose carefully, right, as more painful (5)
- 16. Sounds like a fillip for the Prince (7)
- 20. Anxious time in grammar (5)
- 22. Dry spell for Doctor, nothing (7)
- 23. Almost apt call I cry out (11)
- 25. Wall of broken state in an uncultivated area (6,4)
- 26. Note, late board possibly made more complex (10)
- 28. Echo millions feeling sick sending electronic messages (8)
- 31. Sailor and German worker plentiful (8)
- 32. Yearning for long mixed gin (7)
- 34. Attack idiot, feel sick (6)
- 35. Portray Father in time (5)
- 39. French consumed a lot (4)

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23):



A full moon in your relationship sector comes with an edgy Mercury link that could spell trouble unless

handled with care. Over this week, it's best not to tempt fate, particularly when discussing awkward or sensitive issues. Yet, a commitment to a project could prove very rewarding. Home and family affairs scintillate this weekend too.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23):



There's a chance you may feel a tad unfocused earlier in the week, which can lead to mistakes at work

or around everyday tasks and chores. However, things snap back to normal midweek, as an opportunity to negotiate a good deal shows up. Later, interruptions to a plan could bring an unexpected opportunity your way.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22):



There's a heady, romantic full moon showing up on Tuesday which can be perfect for a romantic evening out, as long as you

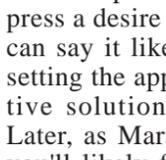
refuse to talk about contentious matters. Keep things easy-going to avoid heavier under tones. On another level, inspiration strikes over the weekend and could see you making an unconventional decision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21):



Complex issues linked with home and family matters could come to a head early on, and may result in a spat unless you can suppress a desire to be blunt. If you can say it like it is without upsetting the apple cart, then positive solutions may be found. Later, as Mars enters your sign you'll likely feel almost reborn and ready to tackle anything.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20):



Try not to make too many promises on Tuesday, as you could find it hard to keep them. Not through any fault of your own, but because circumstances might conspire to upset your best laid plans. It helps to understate, rather than overstate your case. Later, a Venus-Pluto link hints that a romance may have far-reaching consequences.

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20):



A full moon in your sign on Tuesday enhances feelings and dreams. Your priorities may be based on shadowy impulses, so clarify your motives before taking action. From midweek the mist dissolves, with a Mercury-Jupiter link helpful for key conversations or interviews. Finally, you'll be keen to take steps that ensure your progress.

YOUR horoscope

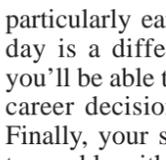
By Patrick Arundell

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19):



Don't take anything at face value as things may not be as they seem. This includes important purchases and financial transactions too – particularly early on. Yet, Thursday is a different matter, when you'll be able to make money and career decisions based on facts. Finally, your social life can start to sparkle with plenty of opportunities set to emerge.

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21):



The full moon early on can bring a very positive atmosphere to the week, particularly if you're holding a fun event or celebration. Yet, Mercury's clash with Pluto might coincide with an argument as a certain issue comes to a head. There's an air of intensity around so go easy, although joint finances get an ongoing positive boost.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21):



Be careful around discussions concerning your career or personal ambitions, as there's a chance of conflicting views – losing you ground in

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20):



The week ahead has two phases. The first enticing you to pay attention to subtle intuitive nudges and the second encouraging action. Tuesday's full moon may push you to follow a dream, but try to avoid impractical ideas too. Later, action and adventure call, with a desire to explore fresh options and perhaps to travel.

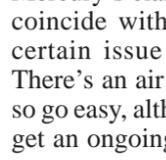
the process. Avoid making important agreements for the first few days, as things may not be as they seem. Later, a key relationship sparkles with fresh energy and incentive as Mars glides into Sagittarius.

CANCER (June 22-July 23):



The Pisces full moon might coincide with a desire for spiritual or other knowledge that can give you that extra edge, enabling you to live life to the full. You could benefit greatly from this as long as information is from a reliable source. As Mars enters Sagittarius for a few weeks, the urge to exercise can help you lose a few pounds.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23):



Go easy with joint finances, especially if considering buying on credit, as influences that fudge the facts suggest you could make a costly mistake. Give yourself a few days grace if possible. Plus, should you need to hold an important conversation, avoid jumping to conclusions. From the weekend, lively, romantic and creative options show up.

High-tech health at new hospital

By Maciek Klimowicz

CONSTRUCTION works have started on the much hyped circular Apple computers headquarter in Silicon Valley, California, but Phuket is about to beat the IT giant with the opening of the new high-tech Dibuk Hospital later this month. And yes, it's round too.

Walking around the new hospital building leaves one quite impressed. And walking around gains a whole new meaning in a building that's actually round. This futuristic, spaceship-like circular design isn't there just for the jaw-dropping visual effect – it's all about practicality and efficiency.

"We used a circular design to provide more happiness and great service for the patients," said Piriya Atisook, hospital director.

"Patient care areas are on the outer ring while the staff areas are in the center core. This reduces the distance that the doctors and nurses have to walk to reach our patients. Every area in the building is close to the nurse's station," he explained

By reducing the distance between the staff and patients, the designers aimed to increase productivity and make the interiors more welcoming for the patients, their relatives and hospital staff.

The seven storey building contains an outpatient ward with nine examination rooms, while three entire floors are dedicated to inpatients, with 16 beds on each floor.

"We calculated that 16 is the efficiency threshold that allows staff to pay the most care to the patient," explained Mr Atisook.



[/b>This innovative system makes it much simpler to generate reports and trace patients' medical history. Diagnostic machines are also integrated into the electronic record system, automatically feeding precise data about the patient into their record for easy access.]****

When the first-stage of the Dibuk Hospital opens, there will be 32 beds available for inpatients, while the full capacity of 224 beds is expected to be reached next year, when two further circular buildings are completed. The hospital will also have six emergency beds and will share an ambulance service with Bangkok Hospital Phuket. Its location, south of Phuket Town, will reduce transport times for emergency patients from the south of the island, and hopefully contribute to saving lives in the crucial early minutes of critical care.

In addition to increasing the efficiency of staff and convenience to patients, the designers worked on the project with the environment in mind.

"The building is covered with aluminum composite outside which is easy to maintain and helps save energy. The walls of

the building work like a refrigerator, reflecting the heat from the outside," explained Mr Atisook. This innovation is expected to lower the use of energy for air conditioning to just 20 per cent of what the Bangkok Phuket Hospital uses.

The green aspect of the new hospital doesn't end there, it also includes a water recycling plant as well as a system that collects rain water for reuse.

Another resource that is about to be saved thanks to the innovations in the new hospital, is paper and at the same time – time. The hospital uses an Electronic Medical Records system (EMR) making Dibuk

Hospital the second in Southern Thailand to utilize this solution.

QR (Quick Response) codes will be used to store information about patients, which is more convenient for the customers, easier for the staff to use, and in general more, safe and efficient. This innovative system makes it much simpler to generate reports and trace patients' medical history. Diagnostic machines are also integrated into the electronic record system, automatically feeding precise data about the patient into their record for easy access.

"The doctors don't need to waste time looking for medical records," adds Mr Atisook.

The 60 staff members, including eight doctors and 30 nurses, work closely with the staff of Bangkok Phuket Hospital – sharing resources and experience. Data, such as X-rays and test results, can be quickly transported



The circular building design increases efficiency . Photos: Mark Knowles



Data from diagnostic machines is automatically added to patients' records

between the two locations to benefit the patients. While the Bangkok Phuket Hospital takes care of the most complicated cases, the Dibuk hospital will focus on more common diseases and simpler procedures, together offering Phuket patients the most complete treatment possible.

"Our philosophy is so called

'empathy care' meaning more attention and personal, individual treatment," explains Mr Atisook.

The Dibuk Hospital inpatient wards are expected to open later this month, once the Ministry Of Public Health grants it's approval to the new hospital. The outpatient clinic is already up and running."

Channel 3 faces blackout, lodges lawsuit

THE conflict between the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission's broadcasting committee and the operator of Channel 3 analog programs has escalated – with legal suits lodged and talk of counter-suits. This follows the committee's decision this week to order cable and satellite TV networks to stop broadcasting Bangkok Entertainment Co's (BEC) programs within 15 days. Three out of five broadcasting commissioners – Supinya Klangnarong, Thawatchai Jittrapanun and Peerapong Manakit – voted for the shutdown.

Cable and satellite TV operators said that they must comply with such a decision and would prepare measures to minimize the impact on Channel 3 viewers. But they would prefer that BEC and the committee solve the problem through talks, so Channel 3 could still air on their platforms.

One major advertising agency said that the decision would lead to industry chaos.

NBTC Secretary-General Takorn Tantasith said that the BEC could ask the NBTC's 11-member board to hold a special meeting to look into yesterday's decision by citing that it was unfair. He said he expects to get the committee's official decision within seven days and then he would forward it to cable and satellite operators.

BEC yesterday filed a criminal suit against Supinya on the grounds of alleged malfeasance, defamation, and a breach of the Computer Crimes Act. It also filed suits against Thawatchai and Peerapong for alleged malfeasance. The cases are in connection to the commissioners' recent comments on BEC's decision not to simulcast its analog programs on the digital channels of its sister company, BEC-Multimedia. BEC's legal team said the filings were an attempt to protect the company's legal rights.

Supinya said that she was consulting with her legal team to consider a counter-suit, as the BEC lawsuit could be regarded as an attempt to stop the committee from ruling against the company. BEC filed the suits before the meeting.

Broadcasting committee chairman Natee Sukonrat said that the committee's decision did not mean the case had reached a conclusion, as a connected case was still under the consideration of the Central Administrative Court. He said that the committee should also prepare measures to remedy the possible negative impact of its decision.

The committee convened yesterday to consider whether to allow cable and satellite operators to carry Channel 3 analog programs on their platforms as they are now

only allowed to carry free TV channels. According to the committee, digital TV channels are the only free channels.

BEC also informed the committee of its willingness to talk about the latter's plan to have the company simulcast analog content as part of the NBTC's move in the digital TV era and have all operators switch to it.

Cable and satellite operators said that while they would comply with the ruling, the NBTC must communicate and clarify the reasons behind its decision.

Somporn Teerachanapong, chief executive officer of PSI Holdings – the country's largest satellite TV operator – said that the company must comply with the decision as it was just a business operator that obtained a licence from the watchdog.

Somporn acknowledged that this decision could have a huge impact on viewers, who might not understand the situation, particularly in regard to the NBTC's "must carry" rule.

The rule excludes existing analog TV channels as a free service after the start of terrestrial-based digital channels. Somporn said PSI Holdings would soon discuss the matter with the NBTC commissioners and seek a way to minimize the impact on audiences.

In the meantime, Somporn said PSI, along with other leading cable and satellite operators and on behalf of the Association of National Cable and Satellite TV Platform Operators, would jointly organize a press conference to tackle the issue before Channel 3 was removed.

A source from a major advertising agency acknowledged that both advertising agencies and advertisers would be hit hard if Channel 3 abruptly discontinued showing programs on cable and satellite, which represent 70 per cent of 23 million households nationwide.

The source said the unplanned shutdown of Channel 3, which was one of the most popular stations for advertisers, would be chaotic because her agency worked on deals with the station's clients one-month in advance.

The source added that selling and buying advertising this month and next month would still progress as normal. But if there was an unexpected change, it would be hard to imagine how the agency would cope with the number of planned deals with clients.

However, she said it had prepared several solutions to the possible problem; first was refunding money. The second measure involved recommending clients allocate the money for other media. – *The Nation*

Biotech sector ready to boom

I HAVE spent the last few weeks writing about planning for retirement and some of the common pitfalls many people make. Now it's time to turn our attention to opportunities in the market today. For those that have not yet invested and feel that they missed the market rally, I still see plenty of opportunities in today's markets.

The bull market is still intact because investors have no place else to put their money. Global interest rates remain at historical lows and, as a matter of fact, bond yields have been drifting lower this year. US 10-year Treasury Notes were yielding around 3% back in January. Now, they're paying around 2.4%. This is causing investors to buy stocks on any pullbacks.

Another sign that this is a healthy bull market is that all sectors are participating. Back in 1999 and 2000, it was just technology stocks that were rising while other stocks lagged. In looking at the stocks making new highs, we see that stocks from various sectors are participating. Stocks that have made recent highs include stocks from the biotech, semiconductor, telecom, energy, and mining sectors.

One sector that I like, and that continues to outperform, is the biotech sector. There are three factors driving this sector right now. One of these is the fact that Ebola outbreak in Africa has thrust biotech back in the news. The reality is that diseases like Ebola are continuing to pop up and affect a growing global population. The only way to fight diseases like Ebola is with drugs.

The second factor driving biotech stocks is mergers and acquisitions (M&A). The big pharma companies have seen many of their premier drugs go off patent. The result is that they need new drugs in their pipeline. While they do have large research and development (R&D) budgets, the easiest way for them to grow is to just buy a promising



Finance

By Don Freeman

biotech company with a hot new drug. Just last month we saw Roche do just that when it bought InterMune for \$8.3 billion.

The third factor is that several biotech names have very promising drugs about to come out. Amgen and Regeneron have new cholesterol drugs coming out that a lot of doctors are talking about. Perhaps the most promising drug comes from Gilead Sciences, which has a new Hepatitis C drug coming out. The new drug is expected to produce yearly sales of US\$12 billion to \$13 billion. Shares have risen 60% so far this year, but are still trading at only 13 times this year's expected earnings. This is quite cheap for a biotech stock with a sought-after drug.

One biotechnology stock my clients own is close to finding a vaccine for dengue fever, the world's fastest-spreading tropical disease. In the first year I moved to Thailand I had dengue fever and never experienced anything like it before. After seven days of trying to tough it out, I almost died, and was admitted to hospital. It can be very serious. A large, well known medical company, Johnson & Johnson is partnering with the University of Leuven in Belgium and the UK's Wellcome Trust in an effort to combat dengue fever as well.

For investors looking to play the sector, I recommend the iShares Nasdaq Biotechnology ETF. It is comprised of all the leading biotech names and is better for investors when it comes to market volatility. While this ETFs rise has not been as fast as Gilead Sciences this year, it's still up 21% year-to-date.

This ETF gives you the advantage of capturing the growth of the entire sector. Biotech is expected to show very strong earnings growth going forward because of the factors I listed above. Next year, the biotech sector is expected to see earnings growth of



The biotech sector is recession proof, making it ideal for investing. Photo: Kurt Barnett

35%. Corporate earnings for the S&P 500 are expected to grow only 15% next year.

What I really like about biotech is that it's recession-proof. No matter what, people are not going to cut back on drugs to treat their diseases. With an aging population and more people getting sick, this is a license to print money. We're seeing this not only in the US and Europe, but in emerging economies like Thailand and other Asian nations. More people have access to better health care than ever before and with that come more treatments. People will stop buying their Tesla automobiles if things get tough, but they still need medications to treat their heart disease, cholesterol and other ailments.

Because of all these factors, biotech stocks will head higher over the long-run.

It goes back to what I said in my earlier articles. If you're looking for a six month opportunity, the stock market isn't for you. But if you have a three to five year time horizon, biotech is certainly a place you want to be.

As always, feel free to give me a call, email or Skype and we can discuss if biotech stocks are right for you.

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NGV, LPG prices to rise: Ministry

THE Energy Ministry is considering adjusting natural gas prices so that it reflects production costs, although assistance will be provided for those affected by such a rise.

Permanent Secretary for Energy Areepong Bhoochaoom stated that changes would also be made to the prices of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and natural gas for vehicles (NGV), with costs moving in an upward direction.

Following the recent reduction of retail oil prices as part of the junta's energy reform plan, Areepong stated the hikes have been planned to make the domestic gas prices comply with market mechanisms and correspond to actual production costs.

Areepong said the price adjustment has already been approved by the junta and is pending consideration by the Committee on Energy Policy Administration. In the meantime, he revealed the ministry is trying to create an understanding among the public



The cost of gas is set to rise to reflect production costs. Photo: Varodrig

about the need for the price increases and assistance measures are being drawn up for all sectors that might be impacted.

The permanent secretary has discussed the matter as well as other projects with the new Energy Minister Narongchai Akrasanee.

He disclosed that on September 12 the minister is scheduled to visit Myanmar, where he will meet with his Myanmar counterpart to discuss possible future energy cooperation between the two countries.

- The Nation

Resort-style luxury in Layan

By Maciek Klimowicz

FOR many people who visit Phuket each year, both Thai and foreign, it takes just a short holiday on the island to start dreaming of a more permanent stay. It's for the dreamers like them that the increasingly popular resort-style apartment market is quickly expanding. Layan Loft, the latest development in this segment is here to make the dream of a life-long holiday come true.

The project, launched in 2014 and scheduled for completion in the second quarter of 2017, is situated on three rai of land in prestigious Layan. Overlooking the picturesque Laguna landscape, and offering magnificent views of lagoons and the Laguna Golf Course, Layan Loft offers resort-style apartments at an affordable entry price.

The seven-storey condominium is comprised of 140 units of four different configurations, namely 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom apartments, jacuzzi apartments and penthouses. The prices of the smallest, 22.4 square meter studio units start at 1.79 million baht, while the 2-bedroom apartments are priced from 3.99mn, jacuzzi apartments from 7.6mn and penthouses from 9.5mn.

The project boasts a prestigious and convenient location with easy access to the beach and a variety of entertainment options nearby. Layan Loft is just two-minutes drive from Layan Beach, two-min-



“The increasingly popular resort-style apartment market is quickly expanding. Layan Loft, the latest development in this segment is here to make the dream of a life-long holiday come true.”

utes drive from Laguna Phuket Golf Club and five-minutes drive from the nearest Villa Market – all this within one of Phuket's most serene natural oases. Being close to Phuket International Airport makes Layan Loft an attractive choice among international executives, especially those from Hong Kong and Singapore.

The project is tastefully designed with contemporary, minimalist interiors in pleasant, natural colors and big, translucent surfaces which invite more light, resulting in an open, airy ambiance. Separate deluxe furniture packages are available as well, starting from 270,000 baht.

With provisions for 53 parking spaces, Layan Loft will also offer exclusive services and facilities, including a restaurant with several gastronomic options, a fully equipped fitness center, spa, and an outdoor swimming pool and children's pool.

Additional facilities at Layan Loft will include high-speed internet access in all rooms, swimming pool sun lounge area and lobby, as well as a shuttle service to Layan Beach to further enhance the feeling that you are on permanent vacation.

For the more business-minded customers Layan Loft presents a tempting investment opportunity with the estimated rental yield, providing the participation in the “Rental Pool” program, of 7 to 11 per cent.

Directed at customers who intend to use their apartment for limited periods and investors looking for the best rental returns, the “Rental Pool” program will take care of the property management while rental income is split, with 60 per cent going to owners and 40 per cent to the Layan Loft Management Company – owners will have no maintenance costs and marketing and management fees to sustain. The “Rental Pool” will also allow owners to use their units two months a year in the low and high season and whenever the property is available.

For further information and images visit: layanloft.com



The seven-storey condominium is comprised of 140 units. Photos: Supplied



Separate furniture packages are on offer, starting from 270,000 baht.



Layan loft will feature a fitness center, spa, and outdoor swimming pool.

Pattaya condo market down 60% in first half

THE Pattaya condominium market shrunk 60 per cent in the first half of the year due to the effects of the political problems in Thailand, according to the Pattaya Condominium Market Research Report released by Colliers International Thailand.

Surachet Kongcheep, associate director of research at Colliers International, said about 3,800 units were launched in the first six months – about 60 per cent lower than in the second half of 2013. Surachet said the number of new condominium units launched in the first half of the year was significantly lower than the second half of 2013 – except in Jomtien area, which was 48 per cent higher. The political situation in the fourth quarter of 2013 and the first five months of 2014 directly affected the entire property market, including Pattaya city.

“There are more than 28,200 condominium units under construction in Pattaya city that are expected to be completed in the second half of 2014,” he said. “Nearly 18,850 units are scheduled

to be completed in the second half of 2014 in Jomtien, and approximately 4,290 more in 2015.

“Other locations have dramatically lower figures than Jomtien, because many large condominium projects [some with more than 1,000 units] have been launched in Jomtien in the past few years.”

Surachet said the average take-up rate in the condominium market in Pattaya was still similar to the past few years. He said the figure at the end of the first half of 2014 was approximately 73 per cent, a little higher than the previous six months.

This was due to the political situation, which had affected the consumer confidence of Thais, who postponed purchasing new property in the last quarter of 2013 and the first few months of 2014 across all locations in Thailand. Many foreign countries had also warned their people about travelling to Thailand during the political unrest, and the juntas had not cancelled martial law. This also affected the confidence of foreign tourists. Surachet said that all these

issues directly influenced the condominium market in Pattaya.

He said many foreigners bought a condo in Pattaya as a second home, while Thais chiefly bought a condo as a second home, an investment and a residence while working in Pattaya or nearby. Many condominium projects had been launched in the past three years and some were still available.

This was another factor impacting the market, because buyers had a lot of choices and could take more time before making a decision.

“Local Thais and foreign developers and big names from Bangkok are trying to attract more buyers through marketing campaigns such as a guaranteed yield in one to three years, which has attracted a lot of buyers,” Surachet said.

He said the average selling price of a condo launched in the first half of 2014 was approximately 62,000 baht per square meter – similar to the price in the second half of 2013.

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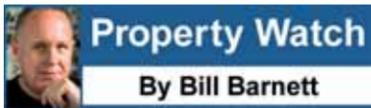
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Back to the romance of nature



Property Watch

By Bill Barnett

I'M NOT quite sure what happened to the age-old art of counting sheep, which can effectively – and quickly – put one in a blissful slumber. This was of course in days past, before Xanax.

Looking back at romantic notions – such as the classic folk adventures about Aladdin and Sinbad in *One Thousand and One Nights* – you can nearly reach out and touch the luminous half-lit canvas walls of a desert tent.

Over the years, travel has slowly transformed itself into more of an institution. The tents are all but gone and space has become restricted. At the end of the day, one has to wonder: Have we lost the sense of what real travel is all about?

Modern travel, with its mini-bars, key-cards, and a thousand and one takes on the same decor motif, has dulled our senses. What happened to the days when kids could pitch a tent in the outdoors, tell stories and listen to the sounds of nature outside. No

welcome drinks, no paper and pens with logos, or even, in the case of a more upscale stay – a pillow menu!

These days, thank goodness the travel business is again becoming a little more daring – albeit with the experiences often circumscribed by such marketing hash tags as “authentic” or “experiential”. The walls are suddenly coming down again, and one experience that remains close to my heart is the journey back to the time of tents.

In Africa, tents have been used for generations for all manner of travel. Here in Asia, one of the most noteworthy efforts was the Bill Bentley-designed Four Seasons Tented Camp in Chiang Rai. This resort demonstrated that there are still travellers yearning to return to the days of old. Yes, there are other fine examples as well, from the Aman-i-khas in Rajasthan to the Amanwana near Bali.

Recently, on a trip to Ubud, I had dinner with Anneke Van Waesberghe of Escape Nomade, who have created a line of luxury tents under the motto “Living Without Walls”. For a number of years Anneke herself has lived by a peaceful river high

above the bustle of Bali and has created an impressive line of quality products that are experiencing a revival in the market.

Using organic cotton and with careful attention to craftsmanship, she is starting to receive inquiries from hoteliers in places such as Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and the islands in the Pacific. What could be better on an exotic holiday than experiencing some old-world charm?

Part of Anneke’s vision is to create a line of travel accessories, decorative elements – and a healthy dose of imagination – to bring the tents alive for their occupants. Drinking cocktails as the sun sets in the tropical rainforest, my mind swirled with those tales from a time so long ago. In a way, they were more intoxicating than my rather stiff vodka tonic.

As Phuket continues to expand into Phang Nga Bay, up over the bridge where the roads lead to waterways, and the not so far away Mergui Archipelago and Burma Bank, how fantastic it would be to see new accommodation that provided travellers



Holidaying in a tent has a romantic, old-world charm. Photo: Bill Barnett

with a sense of location and place. Forget the TV, find time to talk, relax and enjoy the magic of strange faraway strange.

As for the sheep, let someone else count them.

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Outbound realty investment jumps

ASIAN outbound investment in real estate reached US\$16.2 billion (519 billion baht) in the first half of the year, representing growth of roughly 40 per cent from the same period last year, according to research by CBRE Research Asia.

Ada Choi, senior director of the company, said Asian outbound investment continued to show strength, and the company confidently expected full-year investments to surpass 2013, which was already a record year.

Meanwhile, in terms of sources of real estate capital, the first half of 2014 saw Singapore overtake China to become the largest source of Asian outbound investment – driven overseas by domestic yield compression and a lack of suitable assets. Hong Kong rose to second place for the first time, with domestic cooling measures in particular driving Hong Kong investors to look further afield, she said.

CBRE Executive Director of Global Capital Markets in Asia, Marc Giuffrida, said Asian investors continued to show a strong preference for trophy assets in global gateway cities and it was



Thai investors are seeking overseas property. Photo: Ukuran

no surprise that New York and London remained the top two destinations for real-estate investment.

It is interesting, however, that alongside a 40 per cent year-on-year increase in outbound investment, the company is also seeing the top five cities targeted for investment – and particularly London – now make up a smaller portion of the total, he said. This highlights how diversified global capital markets are becoming, particularly with the entry of Chinese developers, who have a strong focus on West Coast US and East Coast Australian markets, he added.

James Pitchon, executive director, CBRE Research and Consulting, Thailand, said that Frasers Centrepoint, a Singapore-listed company controlled by Thai tycoon Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi, was currently bidding for an Australian property group, Australand, with an offer that values Australand at 78.26 billion baht.

This is further evidence of Thai investors looking to diversify into overseas property investment, he said.

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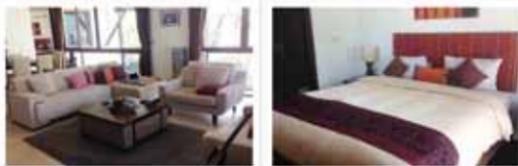


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Cape Panwa's hidden gem

By Mark Knowles

TRANQUIL Cape Panwa is one of my favorite parts of the island. With its lush jungle and curved roads with sweeping sea views, it's the perfect place for a weekend drive. What you won't see on your weekend drive though, unless you are in the know, are some of the Cape's hidden gem restaurants.

One such gem is The Mangrove Panwa Phuket Resort's M Bar and Restaurant. Nestled amongst coconut trees and guest bungalows, and fronted by a swimming pool, M Bar and Restaurant is a picture-perfect seaside bar. But, if you come here, you'll want to sample more than just the cocktails.

M Bar and Restaurant's new head chef Suriyan "Ken" Petchglah has worked for some of the best-known five-star resorts on the island and proudly sports the red, white and blue collar that marks him as a member of the Thai Chefs Association. While Chef Ken is well versed in serving up contemporary Western favorites for discerning international clientele (and is still happy to oblige if that's what you're in the mood for), here at M Bar, he has gone back to his roots.

Now, alongside Western dishes, he is serving up a host of delicious Southern Thai-style dishes that are bursting with fresh flavors and even fresher ingredients. Luckily for Chef Ken, the resort is conveniently located near the local fisherman's pier, which allows him to buy the catch of the day straight off the boat to ensure the highest quality. He combines this quality seafood with freshly picked herbs and spices, many of which are grown at the resort, to create some tantalizing dishes.

For starters, we had fresh vegetables – some boiled, some uncooked – accompanied by the rich and spicy dip known as *nam prik goong siep*. Made with dried shrimp, chilies, garlic and spices, and balanced out with palm sugar and lime juice, the dip is the perfect accompaniment to fresh veggies, which help mellow the heat from the chilies.

Next up was a turmeric chicken soup, a thin and delicate broth tinted yellow by the abundant turmeric root with tender pieces of chicken left on the bone for maximum flavor. Unusually for Southern-Thai dishes, this soup was very mild, and the turmeric melded with subtle hints of lemongrass, and perhaps galangal, to create a complex flavor. My Thai friends told me that the soup is also known for its medicinal properties, and with the abundance of fresh herbs and it's easy to see why.

For the main course it was time to sample the seafood – and before long, a sizzling fillet of white snapper landed on my table. The hearty-sized chunk of fish had a layer of crispy, pan-fried skin and was smothered in a vibrant red curry sauce. It was simply delicious. The textures of the flaky white flesh and crispy skin were perfectly juxtaposed and the curry sauce added a fantastic range of distinctly Thai flavors, without being too spicy.

So, next time you plan to take a Sunday drive, point your vehicle toward Cape Panwa and take in the fantastic scenery and wonderful food that can be found down in this hidden part of Phuket.

For more information about The Mangrove visit the resort's website: themangrovephuket.com.



Chef Ken proudly sports the red, white and blue collar that marks him as a member of the Thai Chefs Association.



Quality seafood with freshly picked herbs and spices are turned into tantalizing dishes. Photos: Mark Knowles

Selected pleasures at Iniala

SOME complain that, except for going to the beach, there isn't a lot to do in Phuket. There are a number of arguments for and against this opinion, and one of the latter is the island's abundance of food events.

Not a weekend goes by without an exclusive wine dinner or a lunch event. With this dizzying array of food events, it's getting harder and harder for resorts and hotels to find a competitive edge. Iniala Beach House, a boutique resort located just north of Sarasin Bridge, took aim at perfecting the experience, and succeeded.

Perfecting a food event begins with the logistics. For Iniala, a resort located not in, but north, of Phuket, the first task is to get the guests there. An establishment of this class doesn't really need much promotion, and most of the island's foodies would gladly take part in any event organized by the resort. However, for some, it's the getting there and back part that might

present a challenge.

This is even more pertinent when the price of a Sunday lunch includes a bottle of wine, which was the case with Iniala's latest incentive. Thoughtfully, the resort included transportation from and back to Phuket in the event's price, sparing guests the difficult choice between driving there on their own or enjoying a glass of fermented grape juice.

Before we get down to the food, there's one more element of a perfect food event that requires the organizer's attention: the atmosphere. A bit of a stiff ambiance might be expected in a six-star resort, but, to my surprise, once filled with the chatter of guests, the designer interiors of Iniala became rather friendly and relaxed.



Sandro Aguilera, Iniala Executive Chef. Photo: Maciek Klimowicz

"Normally this is an exclusive restaurant and an exclusive resort, but during the lunch the atmosphere is relaxed," explained Iniala Executive Chef Sandro Aguilera.

With a limited number of seats (usually no more than 35), the event felt exclusive and laid-back

at the same time, avoiding the lot of many other, similar lunches which cater to bigger numbers and as a result, turn into mass gatherings.

One more thing that greatly added to the atmosphere of Iniala's lunch was the resort's Kids Hotel, which was made available to the guests' children. While the kids enjoyed their own, toy-filled space, we adults could enjoy our meal without the children, which truly is a blessing – just ask any parent with young children.

With all the other elements of a perfect dining event in place, all that was left was the food. Iniala once again aimed for perfection and, once again, scored the bullseye. With a massive choice of starters

served buffet style and an impressive selection of mains on the *a la carte* menu, finding anything to complain about would be next to impossible, which was exactly the chef's goal.

"I don't want people to miss anything and then complain, so I give them no reason to complain. I make sure that everything they want is here. All produce is of the highest quality; everything is here to please," explained Aguilera.

Indeed, every single dish I tried that day, from the cold cuts and pates, through to mains such as Mediterranean *Mussels Provencale*, grilled Hokkaido scallops or tenderloin steak with porcini risotto, plus the selection of cheeses with a glass of Port wine for dessert, was simply... perfect. Just as it should be at a perfect Sunday lunch.

– Maciek Klimowicz

Follow Iniala on [facebook.com/iniala](https://www.facebook.com/iniala) not to miss the next Sunday lunch.

Life through a lens

By Maciek Klimowicz

ON AVERAGE, we spend 90,000 hours of our lives at work. That's 10 years behind the desk. Add the one-third of our lives we spend sleeping (roughly 230,000 hours) and you're left with very little time to actually... live. But there are people out there who, despite working long hours, do find time. One of them is Karen Cornelius, Primary Deputy Head at British International School Phuket, who uses her passion for photography to squeeze more out of life.

I met Karen in the teacher's room of the Early Years department at BISP where, surrounded by laughter and chatter of two-year-olds coming from a nearby classroom, she presented me with a small part of her camera collection and talked about her passion.

"I often say to young teachers when they are starting out, 'to be a good teacher one must be a good learner'," explained Karen.

"Having a passion for something beyond the classroom, that can be brought into the classroom and can also build one's understanding of the learning process, adds to your skill as a teacher, and your empathy for students as they grapple with new concepts."

For Karen, the learning process in photography began many years ago.

"I have probably been a photographer since I was tiny. My dad gave me a camera when I was little, and I used to take photos from very early on."

Today, she's not very proud of her early photos – and openly admitted that she had no clue what she was doing – but an early start helped her explore the different aspects of photography, darkroom work and developing photos. She tried her hand at travel photography

during a journey through Africa, and she shoots weddings and other events, but it wasn't until she enrolled in a diploma course from the Center for Creative Photography, in her native Australia, that she caught the experimental photography bug. Today, a quick glance at their website reveals that it's this branch of photography that occupies her the most. The abstract images made using double exposure techniques and experiments with infrared photography, are still mostly made using traditional film cameras.

"I like the lack of predictability that film provides. It's the challenge of what you're going to get, trying to visualize it be-

As a photographer, you're let into a space that other people aren't necessarily invited in to.



Karen believes we all have to find a work and life balance. She found hers through cameras. Photo: Maciek Klimowicz

fore it actually happens, the experimentation," explains Karen.

And, as if to prove that she is not stuck in the past, she adds, "I'm still studying, I'm doing a Photoshop course online as I believe we need to keep pushing our boundaries."

What draws Karen toward photography is the way this art form alters the artist's outlook on reality.

"I see the world quite differently. Wherever I walk, even without a camera in my hand, I'm framing up. I see more details. There are hundreds of people running around and snapping pictures but a photographer will have a different eye," she said.

"As a photographer you're let into a space that other people aren't necessarily invited into."

To have glimpse of that space, visit Karen's website and take a look at her photos of the place that, in her own words, gave her heaps of ammunition to play with – Phuket.

Some of which show our island as you've never seen it before.

For more information visit Karen's website: KarenCornelius.net



Photography helps perceive reality in a different, more interesting way. Photo: Karen Cornelius



Karen experiments with various digital and analogue techniques. Photo: Karen Cornelius

The art of buying plants

BUYING plants is not a new topic but worth a revisit. After all, every gardener worth his/her salt is always discovering new things. I recently bought some additional variegated *crotons* (a staple of any Thai garden) and more dwarf *tabernaemontanas*. Very different in appearance, they both do well in my patch, either in containers and as bedding plants.



Gardening
By Patrick Campbell

winkles, impatiens and so on) normally come in small, pliable plastic pouches, or if well established, in rigid plastic pots. Look for specimens that are neither pot-bound nor newly potted on. Recently transferred seedlings may well not have had time to spread their roots, so when you remove them from their protective pouch, they will lose most of their soil.

There may be no visible sign of larger plants such as shrubs having been too long in cramped circumstances, but it is worth looking for clues. If a plant has roots protruding above the pot's soil level, has sprouted roots through a pot's drainage holes, or is anchored to the spot and needs a good yank to dislodge it from its moorings, then the chances are that it has outgrown its confines.

My nearest nursery has a good supply, but being small in area, the plants there are closely grouped. The result? Both species were healthy but "leggy", with little or no foliage for the first foot or so. The reason? The lower branches (a single stem in the case of the *croton*) had been deprived of access to direct light. No problem. Once transplanted to less congested places in my garden, they have already begun to make up for lost time by producing shoots and leaves lower down the stems. Soon the *tabernaemontanas* will be symmetrical and bushy, and the *crotons* will sport large, colorful leaves all the way down the single, central stem.

Avoid leggy specimens or ones with dead twigs or branches. Once you get your plant home and remove it from its container by tapping the bottom and sides (it may, in extreme cases, mean splitting the pot to avoid damaging the projecting roots), you will see the tell-tale signs.

Now, of course, is the best time to buy plants. The recent abundant rain will have prompted growth spurts in potted specimens for sale, and, more importantly, will have rendered the top surface of your garden soft and moist. Ideal for new entrants now unprotected by plastic walls, and with roots freshly exposed to a new environment.

At least you have a vigorous specimen. It is, however, a good idea to gently tease out some of the roots so they are less compacted and to plant your new acquisition in a hole lined with soft compost so the plant can quickly spread its invisible wings. And unless the ground is soggy, water on a daily basis for the next week or two.

Plants in garden centers and particularly specimens such as annuals with small root systems (think marigolds, daisies, peri-

Always look for healthy foliage and strong



Now is a good time to buy plants, recent abundant rain will have helped growth. Photo: Louise Wolff

shoots, and avoid bare-root plants – which are in any case going out of fashion. If you do acquire a shrub or tree without a protective ball of soil around the roots, make sure that you plunge it temporarily in water, or better still, plant it immediately before the fragile system dries out .

If you have a question or a garden that you would like featured, you can email me at: drpaccampbell@gmail.com.

Further information about this gardening series and Patrick's other work can be accessed at: patrickaccampbell.wordpress.com





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Cyclist's paradise

PHUKET'S 2014 Cycling Festival was held last weekend in Phuket Town, featuring 70, 26 and 10 kilometer races for cyclists of varying fitness levels, with strong support from Thanypura and the *Phuket Gazette*.

While this was a good first step in promoting pedaling to our island's populace, there's so much more that could be done, as I realized while on a recent trip to the UK.

Last Thursday was Britain's annual Cycle to Work Day, a national event championed by multi-gold medal-winning Paralympic cyclist, Dame Sarah Storey. The aim of this life-enhancing initiative is to encourage everyone to get on their bikes and cycle to work for just one day.

Like the Earth Hour, an event during which many Phuket hotels, resorts and businesses join the global initiative to turn off their lights and air conditioners for an hour, this is merely a symbolic gesture designed to publicize and promote the ongoing adoption of more positive, sustainable behaviors.

According to the census data, 760,000 people in the UK regularly cycle to work. This number shows continuous growth as more enlightened Brits adopt the practice. Cycle to Work Day is designed to make these numbers skyrocket and it's projected that by 2021 more than one million people in the UK will be regularly commuting to work by bike.

In Britain, bicycles seem to be everywhere, and cycling is heavily promoted by all levels of government and officialdom



Blazing Saddles
By Baz Daniel

as a green, healthy and sustainable alternative to the blight of the infernal combustion engine (pun intended).

There's an enormous groundswell of support for both recreational and commuting cycling, perhaps most visibly highlighted by London's famous "Boris Bikes" – shared, publicly-available bikes used to commute around London's bustling streets – and vigorously supported by the city's flamboyant Mayor Boris Johnson.

During last week's Cycle to Work Day, Mayor Johnson announced further plans to build two new cycle routes crossing the capital from north to south and east to west, to encourage London-

ers to use their bikes. The central ethos of this initiative is to separate cyclists from other traffic by forming Europe's longest substantially segregated urban cycle-ways.

Johnson, who is frequently seen riding his own bike to meetings, is trying to make biking safer as the number of London's cyclists surge. Bikes account for 24 per cent of rush-hour traffic in central London, and the number of people cycling to work in the city more than doubled between 2001 and 2011.

"Getting more people onto bikes will reduce pressure on the road, bus and rail networks, cut pollution and improve life for everyone, whether or not they cycle themselves," said Johnson, who is widely tipped as a strong contender to be Britain's next Prime Minister.

I can't help but think that if the new Thai government is serious about "returning happiness to the Thai people", a great place to start would be to instigating more cycling events such as a Cycle to Work Day



The National Cycle Network passes within a mile of 55 per cent of UK homes. Photo: Supplied

Britain's excellent and extensive Sustrans National Cycle Network is a series of safe, traffic-free lanes and quiet on-road routes that connect every major city and passes within a mile of 55 per cent of UK homes.

When Sustrans was set up in Bristol in 1977, politicians had a vision of improving conditions for pedestrians and cyclists in their city. In 1984, they built a traffic-free route between Bristol and Bath along a disused railway path. The success of this route was phenomenal, and was followed by other routes in different parts of the country.

The National Cycle Network was officially born in 1995 with a grant from the National Lottery and has created better walking and cycling links all over Britain that make sustainable travel not just a choice, but rather the most obvious and convenient option.

The network is now 14,700 miles long and I have had the pleasure of cycling along several parts of it. I have cycled the Thames Path, which runs the entire 346-kilometer length of England's most

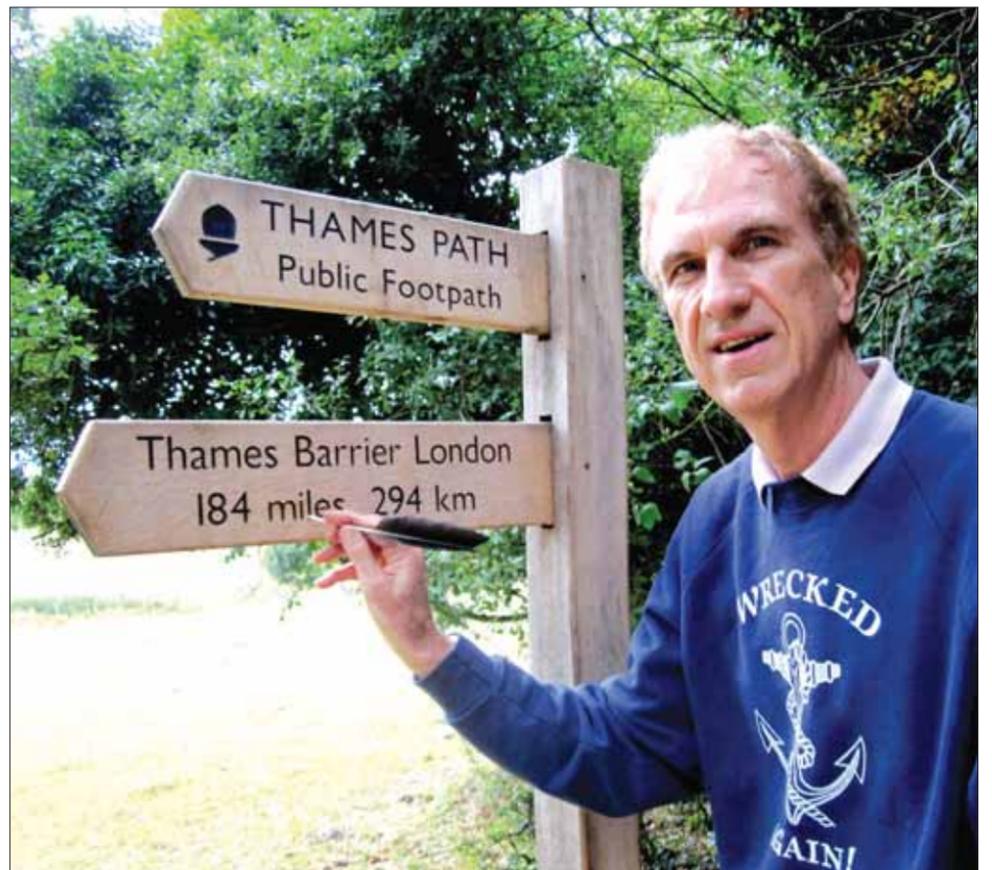
famous river, from its source in southern Gloucestershire through Oxford, Windsor, London and out to the Thames Barrier at Greenwich. I have also cycled the two paths of the Grand Union and the Kennet and Avon canals, which are a fascinating historical part of the Sustrans Network. And finally, I have cycled along Loch Ness in Scotland, although "Nessie" the famous monster from the loch's inky depths was noticeable by her absence.

Having just witnessed all this wonderful cycling activity in the UK, I can't help but think that if the new Thai government is serious about "returning happiness to the Thai people", a great place to start would be to instigate more cycling events such as a Cycle to Work Day, and most importantly, developing a Thailand Sustrans Cycle Network as a means of promoting the benefits to our planet.

Mind you, given the maniacal nature of Phuket's drivers, any biking promotions held here would probably benefit from banning cars, buses and trucks from the island's roads while they are being held.



The Phuket Cycling Festival was a first step in promoting pedaling on our island. Photo: M. Knowles



The UK's National Cycle Network is 14,700 miles long. Photo: Supplied

Sustainable retirement

By Jirawat Kuramorkanok

THAILAND is often said to be "The Land of Smiles". One reason for this is that we, as Thais, have our own unique way of living our lives, which could be described by the phrase "Sufficiency Economy".

As Thais, we are very familiar with the philosophy of a sufficiency economy. This is because we have grown up with it. I do not believe, however, that everyone achieves or understands the core values of its meaning.

However, the life of Manoon Jitvarin, a retired local gardener in the Kathu area, is a perfect example of someone living in a self-sufficient economy way. In 1994, he worked as a mechanic in Trang Province. He then decided to peacefully retire and work on his own farm in Phuket.

Not having a lot of money, he built a barbed wire fence around his plot of land and planted crops. On his farm, Manoon grows a variety of produce: mangosteen, longkong, dragon fruit, bamboo, parkia and so on. These crops are seasonally harvested, so he is able to earn money throughout the whole year. Nevertheless, the bounty is not only for sale, but also shared within his family and given



Manoon Jitvarin, a gardener in Kathu, sets an example for those wanting to live sustainably.

to other people in the community.

Manoon's sharing is aligned with the sufficiency economy philosophy of living created by His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, which teaches that a person should know

his/her abilities and use them in a way that benefits society and the nation.

When Manoon started his self-sufficient farm, however, he knew very little about growing crops.

Undaunted, he started to read up on the topic and use local community resources such as the District Agricultural Extension Office (DAEO), which holds seminars and provides education to all inter-

ested farmers. Manoon soon applied his newly-acquired knowledge of water systems, gained from attending a DAEO seminar, to his farm.

In addition to water issues, Manoon originally faced issues with fertilizers, as he didn't have enough money to buy it the right ones. He decided to use home-developed organic fertilizer and experimented with several formulas before finally finding a suitable one, which he still uses on his farm today.

Manoon's life is a good model for the sufficiency economy philosophy. Money nowadays seems to be an important factor in Thai society, especially in Phuket. However, the teachings of HM the King show us how to shape our lives under the word "enough". This is exactly what Manoon has done in building his farm, one that operates without spending a lot of money.

What Manoon is doing shows us that it is not necessary to see what others have, or are doing. What is most important is to be satisfied with what we have, and live reasonably, ethically and sufficiently.

In the end, the key to life is satisfaction, and utilizing the sufficiency economy philosophy can provide a firm path to lead us there.



Do you recognize the resources you waste? Photo:

Are we consuming only what we need?

Thinking Green
By Dr Peter W Harris

PRIME Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha recently said that his new government will adhere to HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej's "Sufficiency Economy" in running the country - self-sufficiency and sustainability to move the country forward. This philosophy emphasizes moderation, reasonableness, responsible consumption and the monitoring of risk.

As a community, we should consume only what we really need, and in our daily lives we must choose our products carefully, considering the impact our choices will have on others and on the planet. It is a middle path that promotes no extravagance and no frugality. It encourages sustainable moderation and broad-based development. Com-

munity sharing is the way forward.

Our challenge is to examine the way we do things, the decisions we make and our approach to life, so that we support the policies that promote the building of a sustainable Phuket. Engaging individuals and groups in a community-action process is key to both the quality of life and the sustainability of Phuket. Everyone must be involved as we learn from each other.

We are about to experience the Phuket Vegetarian Festival held in the ninth lunar month of the Chinese calendar. This festival bestows good fortune on those members of the Chinese community who strictly adhere to the vegan diet for spiritual cleansing. This is a successful event. It is this form of community engagement we need for all aspects of sustainability, so that we can deliver the "self-sufficiency" economy. - Dr Peter W Harris

Inspiring muscle flexing

By Maciek Klimowicz

LAST year's "Phuket Classic", an annual bodybuilding and modeling competition and the first of its kind in the south of Thailand, was held at Central Festival. The event was heralded as an outstanding success with the numbers of participants and audience in excess of expectations.

According to Wilaiporn Wannaklang, President of the Phuket Bodybuilding Club, organizer of the event, and reigning Women's World Champion, this year's 2014 Phuket Classic event promises to be even more successful. And on top of all that, it's the only such event in Thailand supported by the World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Federation.

The competition will be held at Central Festival on Sunday, October 12, from 11am to 7pm, with Phuket Governor Maitri Inthusut set to open the proceedings.

"Whilst specializing in body building and physique training, the Phuket Bodybuilding Club also aspires to promote better education of healthy lifestyle practices,"



Wilaiporn Wannaklang hopes to inspire others to take better care of themselves. Photo: Supplied.

said Ms Wannaklang.

"The journey taken to achieve the visual results, can't be overlooked" she added. "It requires focus and perseverance. It's about

making right choices. It provides a purpose and a goal, and to this end, it can be a sport for everybody, both young and old."

And if anybody is well-placed

to have an opinion on that matter, it's Ms Wilaiporn. From 2009 to 2013, she has won 21 awards including the first place in the 2012 World Bodybuilding & Phy-

sique Federation (WBPF) Women Bodybuilding (50kg class). She was also the champion of the 2010 and 2012 Thailand National Games Women Bodybuilding Open, the 2012 Siam Classic Women Bodybuilding Open, and won the first place of the Women's Bodybuilding class of the Mr Thailand competition for three years in a row.

This year more than 100 contestants are expected at the event competing in 12 different categories, including a separate category for tourists, with five foreigners already registered and more expected to sign up soon.

The audience will receive inspiration and motivation from watching the shapely muscles of the sculpted bodybuilders, get a chance to snap a souvenir photo and have a chat with the champions, and maybe learn their secrets about optimal training and diet.

Registration is open until September 20. To sign up visit the event's facebook page: [facebook.com/pages/Phuket-classic/131553903684222](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Phuket-classic/131553903684222).

Granger to return for 12th LPT start

SHE'S the darling of global triathlon who has charmed her many fans with a string of gutsy achievements during a 20-year career that has earned her over 15 Iron-distance Championship titles.

But despite these legendary triumphs on triathlon courses worldwide, Australian Belinda Granger rates Laguna Phuket Triathlon (LPT) – the "Race of Legends" – as her all-time favourite. And this year she'll make her 12th appearance in the event she describes as, "Truly the most amazing race experience on the planet."

Belinda first raced LPT in 2001 and has returned every year since then except 2004 and 2006. During these years she achieved podium finishes in each race and has been Champion twice, in 2008 and 2010.

She also took on the added challenge of Challenge Laguna Phuket (CLP), placing fourth in the inaugural 2013 event's women's field and among the top ten last year.

Her 12th LPT this year has added significance, as Belinda will be vying with fellow World Champions and top pros like Massimo Cigana (Italy), and Till Schramm (Germany) to name a few.

"It's really hard to believe that this will be my dozzenth time racing LPT," she said. "I knew from my very first time in Phuket that I would make this a race I would return to year after year – the best part is that over the years many of my family and friends have decided to join me in this annual trip.

"Every year I look forward to returning – the race course, the people, the food, the place – there are so many wonderful memories."

As well as racing LPT Belinda has been a global ambassador for the event, actively endorsing it to fellow triathletes and fans alike.

Prapa Hemmin, Laguna Phuket Triathlon's

event director and Laguna Phuket's director of sales –MICE and Corporate Events, said, "Belinda has become a true and valued friend of LPT and we've been delighted to see her competing here year after year.

"As well as always being an exciting competitor she's also been a fantastic global ambassador for LPT and we're truly grateful for her commitment to our event."

Confirmations are awaited from more big names, such as 2013 Laguna Phuket Triathlon Champion, Swiss Olympian Ruedi Wild who secured his 2nd consecutive LPT win last year; LPT's women's triple champion, Radka Vodickova, 2013 inaugural Challenge Laguna Phuket's Champion Rasmus Petraeus, 2013 LPT's and CLP's 3rd finisher in women's field Tamsin Lewis; and Ange Castle, who was in the top ten finishers of 2013, to name a few.

The 21st Laguna Phuket Triathlon (November 23, 2014) is the first world-renown international triathlon race in the Challenge Laguna Phuket Tri-Fest, a 10-day triathlon extravaganza to culminate by the 2nd Challenge Laguna Phuket (November 30, 2014).

The Laguna Phuket Triathlon is Asia's premier destination triathlon featuring a unique 1.8 kilometer swim, 55km bike and 12km run through spectacular tropical scenery. Over the past twenty years the popular race has attracted thousands of age group athletes as well as triathlon legends Mark Allen, Greg Welch, Craig Alexander, Paula Newby-Fraser, Michelle Jones, Chris McCormack and Chrissie Wellington, to name just a few.

The Challenge Laguna Phuket is part of the global Challenge Family series of events. The half iron distance event consists of a 1.9km swim, 90km bike ride



Granger's 20-year career has earned her over 15 Iron-distance championship titles. Photo: Supplied

and a 21km run. The event attracts age groupers as well as the best pro triathletes in the world who will be vying for a share of the 25,000 euros of prize money.

Registration for both races is still open

at: challengelagunaphuket.com

– Phuket Gazette

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Cilic claims US Open title

CROATIA'S Marin Cilic swept past Japan's Kei Nishikori 6-3 6-3 6-3 to win the US Open on Monday and reach the pinnacle of the sport one year after a doping ban kept him out of the year's final grand slam.

The big-serving Croatian overwhelmed a weary Nishikori in one hour, 54 minutes to clinch a ruthless victory and deny his 10th-seeded opponent's bid to become the first Asian man to win a grand slam.

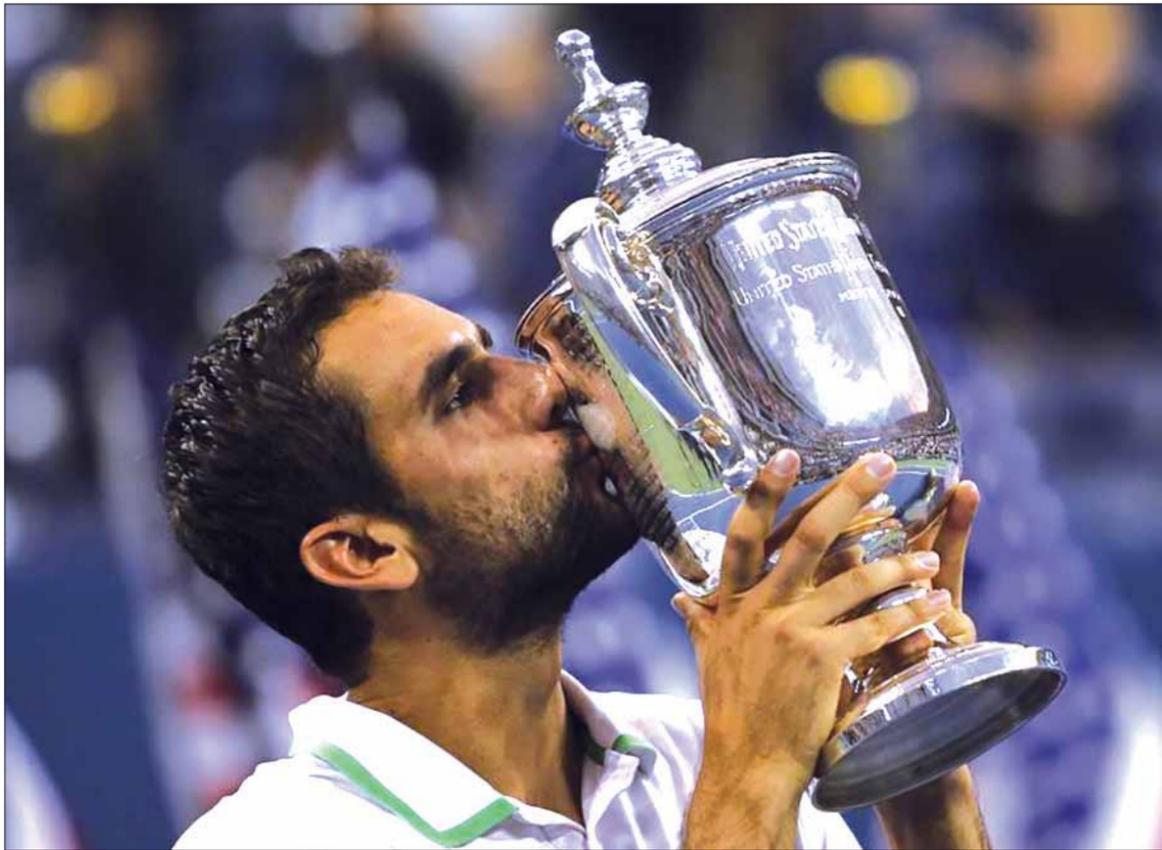
With the win, 14th seed Cilic becomes the first Croatian to win one of the sport's four grand slam championships since his coach Goran Ivanisevic celebrated a Wimbledon victory in 2001.

"This is all hard work in these last several years and especially this last year," said Cilic. "My team has brought something special to me, especially Goran, we were working really hard but the most important thing he brought to me was enjoying tennis and always having fun."

"I enjoyed my best tennis over here and played the best ever in my life."

The final marked the first time since the 2005 Australian Open that at least one of tennis's big three of Novak Djokovic, Rafa Nadal and Roger Federer was not playing for the title.

The two players walked onto the Arthur Ashe Stadium court under overcast skies and much more forgiving conditions than the swel-



Croatian Marin Cilic beat out Japans Kei Nishikori to win the U.S. World Open title. Photo: Eduardo Munoz/Reuters

tering heat they faced through much of the fortnight.

While both men were playing in their first grand slam final it was Nishikori who displayed more jitters as Cilic quickly found his range and unloaded on his helpless opponent by blasting 17 aces to Nishikori's two.

Nishikori had his opportunities with nine break chances but could

convert just one while Cilic was five of 11 and enjoyed a 38-19 edge in winners.

"It's a really tough loss but I'm really happy coming to my first final," said Nishikori, who appeared to run out of gas after beating three consecutive top-10 opponents and having to endure a pair of five-setters. "Sorry I couldn't get a trophy today but for sure next time.

"It was a really fun two weeks here. I hope I can be coming back next year."

'PRETTYNERVOUS'

Cilic had Nishikori on the back foot from start to finish, speeding through the opening set in 33 minutes.

The 14th seed, using his huge

wingspan to reach out and bash forehands across court and a booming serve to score easy points, again had an early break in the second and added another to go up 5-2.

Nishikori mustered a fightback to score his only break of the match and close to 5-3 but the relentless Cilic broke right back for a 2-0 lead killing any momentum his reeling opponent was building.

With a maiden grand slam within sight, Cilic kept his foot on the gas and grabbed an early break in the third.

The only nerves Cilic would show came when he double faulted on his first match point.

But it was only a momentary lapse as he buckled down and finished off a reeling Nishikori with a backhand winner before letting out a mighty scream as he fell onto his back and raised his arms in celebration.

"You never know when the nerves are going to kick in," said Cilic, who returned to competition last October after a four-month ban for what he always maintained was the result of ingesting a banned substance through a tainted supplement.

"I think both of us were pretty nervous in the first set especially."

"Everything I was working for and dreaming came today and I feel for all the other players that are working hard, I think this is a big sign, a big hope that if you are working hard things are going to pay off." - Reuters

US and Lithuania head to World Cup semi-finals

HOLDERS the United States ran riot in a 119-76 win over Slovenia while Lithuania beat Turkey 73-61 on Tuesday to set up a mouth-watering basketball World Cup semi-final.

Hosts Spain took on European champions France and Brazil clash with dark horses Serbia in the other two quarter-finals in Madrid on Wednesday this week.

The Slovenians held their own valiantly in the opening half against the Americans and were only 49-42 down at the interval as forward Domen Lorbek produced a superb performance.

The champions at times looked pedestrian in the first half as their captain James Harden

missed his first seven shots, with fellow guard Klay Thompson and athletic center Anthony Davis pulling the strings to keep them in the driving seat.

But the second period produced one-way traffic as the US hit top gear with six players finishing in double scoring digits. Thompson had a game-high 20 points while Harden and Kenneth Faried added 14 each.

Having arrived in Spain with a squad missing top NBA talent who turned down invitations to play, long-serving US coach Mike Krzyzewski was pleased with the effort.

"We played hard but we just couldn't finish in the first half and then the flood-

gates opened after that," he told a news conference.

Slovenia coach Jure Zdovc said: "We tried and for the first 23 minutes or so we were close but the power that they have was too much for us."

"They are a good team but they are not unbeatable and I think that the semi-final will be very different."

Former European champions Lithuania, who finished third in the 2010 World Cup, needed a strong final quarter to see off Turkey who made a brighter start and took a 14-6 lead.

Lethal long-range shooting hauled the Lithuanians back into the game as they nailed



Lithuania's Darius Lavrinovic (R) and Turkey's Kerem Golum. Photo: Reuters/Gustau Nacarino

10 of 19 three-pointers to turn a 40-36 deficit early in the second half into an unassailable 12-point lead in the closing stages. - Reuters

Still potential for summer World Cup

EUROPEAN football clubs have refused to rule out a summer World Cup in Qatar in 2022, saying they want to be given "strong, decisive" reasons before accepting a decision to move it to a different time of year.

The European Clubs' Association (ECA) contradicted FIFA president Sepp Blatter's view that a summer tournament was off the agenda, pointing out that cooling technology for stadiums and pitches had been an integral part of Qatar's successful bid to host the competition.

"It would be very, very impor-

tant to have strong arguments to convince the European game to disrupt its season in favor of a World Cup in another (earlier or later) part of the year," ECA vice chairman Umberto Gandini told reporters.

"There must be very, very good reasons for moving the World Cup from its conventional slot because it will jeopardize the entire game worldwide."

"We need to have more information before accepting the fact that our season will be disrupted."

- Reuters



FIFA President Sepp Blatter. Photo: Christian Hartmann

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