

Phuket Gazette

July 30 - August 5, 2016

Now inside **THE NATION** every Saturday

56 Pages / 20 Baht

'IT'S STILL NOT DONE, SO THAT'S IT. I'VE NOW HAD ENOUGH.'

All aboard

■ Phuket's Governor issues ultimatum after continued delays in light rail project

By Chutharat Plerin

PHUKET Governor Chamroen Tipayapongtada is fed up.

After years of talking and planning a province-wide light rail project, Governor Chamroen is ready for officials to put up or shut up.

The governor has called on the Office of Transport and Traffic Policy and Planning (OTP) in Bangkok to sort things out in his office next week or dismiss the project entirely.

"The study plan started back when I was a vice governor," the governor said during a Phuket Provincial Hall meeting with OTP representatives on July 25. "Now, I'm the governor and it's still not done. So that's it. I've had enough."

The estimated 23-billion baht project has been listed in the Ministry of Transport's 2017 Action Plan, released earlier this month. For skeptics, being listed in the Action Plan is at least an indication that Bangkok is giving the light rail project serious consideration.

"I want this project to happen," Gov Chamroen said. "The longer we wait, the worse it gets. Now our new airport is under construction and is about to be completed in September."

"I just want to do something for my home town," he added. "So, I'm encouraging everyone here to just talk through whether or not we'll end up doing it. If not, we quit; we're not wasting any more



Governor Chamroen takes officials to task over light rail project delays. Photo: Chutharat Plerin

of our time."

The governor's comments come after the Ministry of Transport requested the light rail project's plans be drawn up again earlier this month, after raising safety concerns over roadway intersections with the proposed line.

"We'll do a workshop in my office next week," Gov Chamroen said. "I would like to be in charge of this project so I can pass on progress reports to the Phuket people directly. I want a summary of the whole system: the route, a rough estimate of the budget, all of it."

"I have no idea what you all have discussed with Bangkok. I barely had any chance to join in the meetings. What I do know is that Phuket's projects belong to Phuket's people, not experts in Bangkok,

or the Ministry of Transport. The people of Phuket will not have that," he added.

Gov Chamroen's comments were echoed by Phuket Chamber of Commerce Secretary General Charan Sangsarn.

"I've received a lot of comments and questions regarding the light rail project," he said. "So many people have asked me what is going on with the project, and I don't know what to tell them. I can't answer their questions because I have no idea what exactly is going on," Mr Charan said.

During the meeting Phuket Highways Office Director Patiwetwottisak Sookhii stressed the need for continuing safety studies and taking the time to implement the project correctly.

Continued on Page 4

Provincial government encouraging voter turnout

THE Phuket Election Commission is encouraging eligible voters to register ahead of the August 7 referendum on a proposed draft constitution.

Full story Page 3

BUSINESS



Islamic Council promotes province as halal hub to boost local businesses.

Page 11

PROPERTY



Brighten up your bathing experience with the latest bathroom lighting tech.

Page 18

LIFE&STYLE



There are two ways to become a Dive Master.

Page 16

SAY HELLO
TO OVER 150 GLOBAL DESTINATIONS



Hello Tomorrow

Emirates

LOCAL NEWS

Briefly

Tsunami buoy out of action

A TSUNAMI warning buoy off of Phuket's west coast has been broken for four months, officials confirmed on July 25.

Phuket Vice Governor Chokdee Amornwat said the buoy has not been working since March 22.

The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) is coordinating with the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration about fixing buoy 23401, located some 1,100km off Phuket's shores.

The MICT is also expected to install additional warning buoys in November.

– Kritsada Mueanhawong

Man injured after Bang Khu bike crash

A THAI man was left unconscious after crashing his motorbike into a guardrail at the Bang Khu Underpass in the early hours of July 22.

Phuket City Police reported that officers received calls from

Tourist Police Chief congratulates dept



Tourist Police Commander Surechet Hakpan and Phuket Provincial Police Commander Teeraphol Thipjaroen inspected officers and discussed the tourism situation on the island on July 21. Gen Surechet congratulated Phuket's officers on their work in the prosecution of Tranlee Travel Co Ltd, and the boat tour companies and operators involved in a collision which killed two Chinese nationals and left more than 20 wounded. Photo: Chutharat Plerin

locals about a motorbike that had fallen into a three-meter-deep ditch at 5:20am.

Police found the driver, Kittikorn Meejor, 26, passed out on the side of Thepkrasattri Road. Rescue workers from the

Kusoldharm Foundation took the victim to Vachira Phuket Hospital.

Mr Kittikorn's passenger, who was uninjured and asking passersby for help, reportedly seemed intoxicated.

– Winai Sarot

Scooter crashes into back of 6-wheeled truck, tailgate down

A YOUNG motorcyclist died after slamming into the back of a truck at high speed, sustaining massive head and neck injuries on Thepkrasattri Road on the morning of July 21.

Police named the deceased as Parinya Jansakul, 23. He reportedly hit another scooter being ridden by Boonrai Nanua, 53, before careening into the back of the truck, which was transporting septic tanks and had the tailgate folded down.

Ms Boonrai was only slightly injured.

Mr Parinya was taken to Mission Hospital for treatment but died a few hours later.

– Winai Sarot

Body of Aussie found in Rawai

THE decomposing body of a 30-year-old Australian was found in an apartment room in Rawai on the morning of July 20, after the landlord called police about a bad smell.

Police entered the room on the second floor of the apartment complex to find a bloody-mouthed body on the bed. They also found several hypodermic syringes and medications in the room.

Police said the man had been dead for approximately three-days.

– Kritsada Mueanhawong

Monitor lizard surprises Kata beachgoers

SWIMMERS at Kata Beach were shocked when a monitor lizard joined them for a swim on the afternoon of July 21.

A crowd of tourists began snapping photos of the native lizard, before it crawled off to a nearby brook.

– Kritsada Mueanhawong

Inspectors back at Jungceylon

INSPECTORS from Patong Municipality examined columns at Jungceylon Shopping Mall on July 27 to determine whether it is safe to reopen areas of the complex to shoppers.

Work to reinforce columns in the mall's parking area has been underway since June 5, shortly after it was discovered that some pillars in that area were damaged.

Kathu District Chief Sayan Chanachaiwong, who led the inspection, confirmed that there was "progress" in the repair work.

"It looks good in general. However, we still need time for technical and engineering scrutiny to know whether or not these sections are safe to reopen," Chief Sayan told the Gazette.

The work is expected to be finished in about a week.

– Kongleaphy Keam

Police hunting for shooting perpetrator

POLICE are hunting for a man who allegedly shot another four times in the early hours of July 27 in Patong.

Patong Police reported that the incident took place at a parking lot behind the VIP Room nightclub on Bangla Road.

The victim, Sayan Padungsap, 35, identified the shooter as 34-year-old Thanapon Pankaew before being rushed to Patong Hospital. Mr Sayan was transferred to the Intensive Care Unit at Vachira Phuket Hospital, where his condition was reported as critical at press time.

Mr Sayan was reportedly shot four times – in his stomach, right hip, left calf and left foot. Mr Thanapon fled the scene and is wanted for attempted murder.

– Winai Sarot

Broken power pole in Town

A DAMAGED roadside utility pole near the Jui Tui Shrine in Phuket Town is posing a danger to pedestrians.

Officials said it would be fixed "soon."

– Kongleaphy Keam



CFA CAT HOSPITAL

On Chaofah East Road, near Chalong circle, Phuket

We offer a wide range of services for your beloved cats



Call us: 076-283365, 083-5018488
<https://www.facebook.com/chaofahandamanpethospital>
www.chaofahandaman.com

Phuket govt encourages referendum draft voting

A GOVERNMENT-backed campaign is trying to raise public awareness in Phuket ahead of the August 7 vote on a new draft constitution.

Phuket Election Commission (PEC) director Kittipong Thiengkunagrit said on July 22 that his office is encouraging an estimated 297,000 voters to turnout for the referendum, which was put forward by Thailand's ruling National Council for Peace and Order through the Constitution Draft Commission.

"As part of the Election Commission of Thailand, it is our responsibility to make sure the voting is trustful and fair," Mr Kittipong told the *Gazette*. "Each province has its own committee, chaired by its provincial governor, to ensure fairness."

"Our goal is to get at least 80 per cent of eligible voters to cast their ballots," he added.

Thai nationals and naturalized Thai citizens over 18 years old – who have had at least 5 years of Thai citizenship – are eligible to vote in the referendum, as long as they have been residents of their polling location for at least 90 days.

A Thai ID card or any other card issued by the government with the holder's picture and identification number on it are also required.



Phuket Election Commission Director Kittipong Thiengkunagrit said officials are hoping for an 80 per cent voter turnout during the August 7's referendum on the draft constitution. Photo: Kongleaphy Keam

Mr Kittipong stated that several projects have been established to raise awareness of the constitutional referendum in Phuket. The PEC has reportedly set up a network with each local government in order to conduct public relations campaigns to encourage people to vote.

"We have all village leaders and student volunteers in our network – 280 students from seven schools are also canvassing to help raise public awareness of the vote. A hundred of those are Territorial Defense Students who will also assist at 50 polling stations," he said.

Mr Kittipong said there are

370 polling stations in Phuket. However, people who are registered in other provinces may not cast their vote in Phuket if they did not register to vote outside their home district by July 7.

"There are 3,065 voters who have registered to vote in Phuket from elsewhere, either on line, by mail, or in person," he said.

Phuket Provincial Hall has confirmed that a ban on alcohol sales will begin by 6pm on August 6 and continue until midnight of August 7 – the constitutional referendum day of voting.

If the referendum passes, the draft constitution is ex-

pected to be ratified within 30 days.

"This is a matter of national importance," Mr Kittipong said. "Thai people will have a chance to exercise their rights whether or not they accept the draft constitution. It's very important that Thai people understand the 279 sections in the constitution and be aware of what they are voting for."

On July 18, Royal Thai Police deputy spokesman Major General Piyapan Pingmuang said that an estimated 100,000 officers will be deployed to ensure voting on the public referendum is carried out without incident.

– Chutharat Plerin

Shooting accomplice surrenders

ONE of perpetrators involved in the Phuket Town slaying of a hill-tribe woman surrendered to Phuket City Police on July 23.

Police reported that the man claimed he was only the driver.

On July 8, two suspects shot a woman in the head in a souvenir shop on Phang Nga Road Phuket a little while after 4am.

The *Gazette* confirmed that the woman was a hilltribe, non-Thai citizen from Chiang Mai, named Wenlang Sae-Lee. The 22-year-old was found lying in a pool of blood, after being hit by a 9mm bullet above her left eyebrow.

After examining CCTV footage, police identified the suspects as Wuthipong Janduang, 41, and Mongkol Rakmuean, 29.

A court issued warrants for the arrest of the two on July 22, charging them with murder, attempted murder, illegal possession of a firearm, carrying a firearm into public without permission, and property damage.

The next day, Mr Wuthipong surrendered at Phuket City police station.

"Before the incident, Mr Wuthipong said Mr Mongkol came to pick him up, but they switched positions shortly afterward. Mr Mongkol then told him to drive to the shop and shot into its entrance."

Police said they are still searching for Mr Mongkol and are exploring possible motives behind the shooting.

– Kritsada Mueanhawong

Phuket Marine Chief replaced, yet again

PHUKET Marine Office chief Surachai Burapanontachai was transferred at the end of July to the Marine Department headquarters in Bangkok.

Mr Surachai took up the position as the department's acting secretary.

Mr Surachai left his post in Phuket this week after handing over his duties to his replacement, former Samut Prakan Marine Office chief Surat Sirisaiyas.

The incumbent Phuket Marine Office head had taken up his position just four months ago, replacing Phuripat Theerakulpisut after a barrage of



Mr Surachai will be the acting secretary of the Marine Dept. Photo: Gazette file

serious boating accidents and continued public disgust and tourist complaints over the presence of jet-ski rental businesses on Phuket's beaches.

– Kongleaphy Keam



SMOOTHER and YOUNGER SKIN with JetPeel

rapidly & dramatically improves appearance and texture of your skin.

Special price

1 session	3 sessions	5 sessions	12 sessions
1,350 THB	3,600 THB	4,500 THB	9,000 THB

Conditions: For more information and booking appointments please contact: Skin Center at Phuket International Hospital, call +66 76 361 888 Email: SkinPIH@gmail.com Free consultation 1,000 THB. These prices exclude doctor fee and hospital services charge. These prices are non-transferable.

Valid until 31st December 2016

Phuket International Dermatology Institute

+66 76 361 888

SkinPIH@gmail.com

www.phuketinternationalhospital.com

Tel. 076 361 888

MEMBER OF 3DMS Southern Group

Farangs apologize for Phi Phi fellatio

A FARANG couple surrendered to police on July 24 after a video of them engaging in oral sex in a Phi Phi Island hotel hallway went viral earlier this month.

The Irish man and American woman were caught by locals who could see them from the road on July 18. The video, which lasts about two minutes, shows locals asking the couple in poor and explicit English, "Why you do this? You not do this in public." The pair then stop and walk away from the scene.

Public outrage over the pair's behavior lead police to mount a search.

"The woman is a 21-year-old exchange student and the man is a 24-year-old tourist," said Lt Col



The pair apologized for their actions. Photo: Kritsada Mueanhawong

Atthapong Saeng-jaiwuth of the Krabi tourist police.

"The two said they were drunk at the time of the incident, and that after they were confronted by locals they stopped. The man later left for Koh Tao, while the woman returned to Chiang Mai," he added.

After the pair found out

about the spread of the video on social media, and that the police were looking for them, they surrendered at the Phi Phi police station.

The two were charged for public nudity and acting inappropriately in public. They were fined 2,000 baht each.

- Kritsada Mueanhawong

Light rail irks Gov



An overview of the proposed light rail route. Image: Gazette file

From Page 1

... "I'm concerned about two things: the safety of motorists and commuters - I want to see how the platforms work, how to get on and off - and whether or not this system is going to be more efficient," Mr Patiwetwottisak said.

"We are currently in the middle of improving our main roads and increasing their traffic capacity. We are also working on improving the safety of our road crossings. So, when we talk about intersections with the light rail system, it's worth taking our time over."

"Don't get me wrong, I want to see the planners being more active," Mr Patiwetwottisak said.

"Please fix what you are asked to fix; this is something I do not really see happening," Mr Patiwetwottisak said. The Department of Highways fully supports this project, but again, I would like to make sure it is safe."

Governor Chamroen agreed with Mr Patiwetwottisak's comments, but said he doesn't expect the project to be completed before the end of his tenure.

"Think about it this way: what does Thailand expect from Phuket? The government

expects millions of travellers to come here every year," Gov Chamroen said. "In three years, it's very possible we'll be getting 18 million visitors annually."

Suthin Uthaitamrong, a member of Phuket's Land Transport sub-committee offered an explanation of the repeated delays in the planning process.

"From what I've heard, we are very close to completing the final plans for the rail system," Mr Suthin said. "The rail will run through Koh Kaew from Phuket International Airport."

"The route is a main corridor and would require at least one underpass and a flyover for the project to continue," Mr Suthin said.

"This system requires a number of projects to be connected and we have to talk through how we're going to accomplish that, otherwise we will just be wasting our time on something that will never be approved."

Project manager and OTP secretary Sirigate Apirat said the Mass Rapid Transit Authority of Thailand will handle the project's budgetary concerns while the OTP applies for an Environmental Impact Assessment after final plans are approved.

**BREATHING
INTERRUPTIONS*
DURING SLEEP
CAN BE
LIFE-THREATENING**

*Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) is a common serious sleep disorder mostly associated with aging, overweight and a lack of exercise. Sleep specialists recommend an overnight study called Polysomnography (PSG) to reveal an individual's current sleep data, number of times breathing is impaired during sleep, and the severity of sleep apnea.

Take the Sleep Disorder Test @ **only 16,500 Baht**
for your early detection and better quality of life.

Consult our expert doctors at the Neurology Science Center today.
Call 1719 ext. 3750-1, or e-mail us at info@phukethospital.com

MEMBER OF **BDMS**
Bangkok Dusit Medical Services
Southern Group

300 more tour buses coming to roadways

PHUKET Governor Chamroen Tipayapongtada announced on July 23 that 100 new tour buses will be added to the province's transportation network next month.

Speaking at the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa in Karon, the governor said that the approval of these buses is the first step in a much larger tourism promotion endeavor that would see the 'doubling' of the number of tour buses on the island.

"Phuket provincial departments worked with the Department of Land Transport, the Phuket Tourist Association and the Bestlin Group Co Ltd to create solutions that would standardize tourism services in Phuket," Gov Chamroen said.

"We're calling this effort the 'Livable City and Safe Travel Project', and we're focusing on



Governor Chamroen (right) tours one of the buses. Photo: Gazette file

inter-departmental efforts to enhance the safety and convenience of our tourists."

Governor Chamroen said the first 100 buses will be put into service on August 15, and that due to a subsidy agreement with the bus manufacturer, lo-

cal tour operators can begin using the buses immediately, without having to make any down payment or paying any installments on the new vehicles.

A contract between the Bestlin Group and local shops

bidding for tourist stops would purportedly pay not only for the Sunlong buses, but also the drivers' wages.

"Furthermore, the bus operators will receive money from those shops, and the buses will belong to the tour operators after six years under contract," Gov Chamroen said.

"We currently have more than 300 tour buses on the island, but it is not enough, especially during the high season and festivals," he added.

"In the past, we've had to import buses from other provinces which are old, unfamiliar with the routes, and could lead to an increased number of accidents."

The governor said that the next phase of the 'Livable City and Safe Travel Project' will put an additional 200 buses on the roads.

- Kritsada Mueanhawong

Teen leaves newborn in toilet bowl

AN EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD Songkhla student living in Phuket allegedly abandoned her newborn baby girl in a Krabi gas station toilet bowl on July 25.

Police in Trang's Nayong District reportedly checked passengers on every bus until they identified a female passenger with blood on her clothes, still bleeding from delivery. The woman was questioned by police until she admitted she was the mother of the abandoned baby.

The driver stopped at a gas station in Khlong Phon municipality in Krabi, where the woman gave birth in a bathroom stall. She then re-boarded and the bus continued its journey to Songkhla through Trang.

The baby girl was reportedly discovered by none other than the town mayor, who was using the men's toilet at the gas station when he "heard a baby crying".

The mother has been charged for abandoning the baby, but is still undergoing medical care at the hospital.

- Kritsada Mueanhawong

Mom Tri's Kitchen
at Villa Royale, Kata Noi Beach

Elegant Dining By the Sea
Open every day from 07.00 to 23.30 hrs.
Reservation please phone +66 (0)76 333 568

www.villaroyalephuket.com

Beached Russian yacht finally freed



It took officials about 2 weeks and multiple attempts to salvage the yacht. Photo: Kritsada Mueanhawong

OFFICIALS and volunteers on July 23 managed to successfully salvage a yacht that had been grounded at Ao Nang Beach since July 6, after breaking free of its anchoring during a storm.

The vessel's owners, a Russian man and his Ukrainian partner, were on the mainland when the boat went adrift.

Alexander Travkin, 31, and Julia Mironova, 29, say the 12-meter yacht was worth about 30 million baht and that they have suffered a loss of about one million baht from items lost or destroyed aboard.

They were anchored about 100 meters from the shore off Ao Nang when they took another boat to the beach at about

6pm, only to return at about 10pm to discover that their floating home had been swept away.

"We finally salvaged the yacht after days of preparation and effort by officials and some private sectors. The yacht will now be towed to Phuket for repairs," said Krabi Marine Office Chief Boonchaw Tangsiripaisal.

"I'm glad that the yacht is finally salvaged and would like to thank everyone for their help."

Several previous attempts to retrieve the yacht over the past two weeks, including use of a backhoe to try to dig the boat out of the sand, were unsuccessful.

– Kritsada Mueanhawong

Officials discuss Samui port aboard cruise ship

GOVERNMENT officials are getting excited about making Koh Samui a hub for cruise ship tourism to Thailand.

Officials met with private-sector cruise ship experts while touring a ship docked off of Samui's gulf coast on July 24. The tour comes after last week's announcement by the government in Bangkok that it has approved a plan to build a cruise port on Surat Thani Province's largest island.

"None of the ports in Samui are deep enough to handle major cruise ships," said Pataraporn Sithivanich, the Tourism Authority of Thailand's Executive Director for the Americas Region. "So cruise ships have to anchor about five kilometers off of the coast, meaning that it takes a while to transport tourists from the ship to land."

Ms Pataraporn said the TAT estimates the number of cruise ship passengers to Samui to increase from an estimated 1,000 to 3,000 tourists per ship annually.



Port construction issues were discussed on July 24. Photo: Suchat Hankij

EAS Maritime Agencies general manager Wattana Choksuvanich said increasing cruise tourism necessitates the expansion of other infrastructure projects on the island.

"It would be wonderful to have a standard size cruise terminal on Koh Samui, but the island's roads, public toilets and tourist attractions also have to be greatly improved before we're capable of accommodating such a mass influx safely."

Mr Wattana said he esti-

mates that tourists coming to Samui could spend 5,000 baht each.

"So, if a cruise ship with 3,000 tourists docks, we will have 15 million baht coming ashore just from that one ship," Mr Wattana enthused. "Koh Samui will become a cruise center for the entire Gulf of Thailand, with transfers to Bangkok and Chonburi Province, possibly even to Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and Australia," he stated.

– Suchat K

Four-year-old killed in pick-up accident

THE father of a four-year-old girl killed by a pickup truck in a temple has stated he will refrain from cremating her body until his family receives compensation.

Burmese parents Zo Ao and Cho Ma Rui held the funeral in the temple where their daughter was run over on July 19 by Bopit Kinrum, 38, from Buriram Province.

The funeral, held at Laem Suwannaram Temple in Koh Samui, was open to the public, including those coming to the temple to make merit during Buddhist Lent.

"We demand 300,000 baht in compensation for the loss of our daughter. The driver, the police and we have come to an agreement on this issue," said Mr Zo.

Mr Zo said that Ms Bopit brought a wreath to the funeral and gave 3,250 baht to help with the expenses.

"We barely had enough



The girl was only four years old. Photo: Suchat Hankij

money for the funeral," he said. "I had to borrow more than 10,000 baht for the funeral. We need compensation, or we won't burn her body. We want to be treated justly, not differently just because we are migrants."

"People blame the parents for not supervising the girl when she was killed. All I know is that a pick-up truck killed that girl, and that is a big loss for her family," said sympathizer Mitteera Kumprom. "I support them as a part of basic humanity."

– Suchat Hankij

Tour guide, officers save tourist from drowning

A CHINESE tourist is recovering in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Krabi Hospital after nearly drowning while snorkelling near Koh Hong on the morning of July 25.

"At the scene, we found Chinese national Guobiao Guangdong, 26, in a very serious condition. He was choking after breathing in water, so officers applied first aid and then rushed him to hospital, where he was admitted to the ICU," said Jampen Pormpakdee, chief of the Koh Hong protection zone.

The tour guide told officers that the incident occurred while Mr Guangdong was snorkelling.

"There were a total of 10 tourists in the tour group and they were snorkelling in shallow water, about one meter deep. We were alerted to the situation when someone shouted for help after finding that Mr Guangdong was in



Mr Guobiao breathed in water while snorkelling as he may not have received instructions on handling the gear. Photo: Kritsada Mueanhawong

trouble," said Mr Jampen.

"I think Mr Guangdong breathed in water because he did not know how to use the snorkelling equipment very well. It was very lucky that the officers and tour guide were there to help," he added.

Mr Guangdong was reportedly on a six-day trip to

Thailand with his sister.

"To avoid any such issues in the future, we again emphasize that tour guides provide tourists with instructions about how to use the snorkelling equipment before letting them go into the water," said Mr Jampen.

– Kritsada Mueanhawong

China vehicle entry decline alarming

THE flow of Chinese tourists entering northern Thailand by road in their own vehicles has dried up completely after the introduction of tough new regulations making it too costly and time consuming for them.

Chiang Rai Chamber of Commerce deputy chief Pakaimass Viara said on July 25 that no Chinese tourists have crossed the border at the R3A Highway through Laos in the past month, putting a dent in tourism revenue.

Ms Pakaimass attributed the drop off to new regulations implemented by the Ministry of Transport.

Chiang Rai Tourism Authority of Thailand director Lertchai Wangtrakuldee said Chinese tourists who wanted to travel to Thailand by car must undergo a driving test and buy car insurance.

"We are trying to solve this problem by suggesting the affected tourism business owners send a petition to the relevant agencies asking them to loosen the regulations," he said.

Mysterious cow tail thief hits Krabi

A KRABI villager was dismayed to discover that his cow's tail had been chopped off and stolen when he left the animal out to graze overnight.

Udom Yala, a villager from the coastal region of Khao Khram in northern Krabi, said that the animal is still in pain, despite the incident taking place nearly three months ago.

The cow, named Lai, is three months pregnant. She is still frightened of strangers and doesn't let anyone but Mr Udom near her.

"Lai is one of the four cows I have. About three months ago I let them graze outside overnight. The next morning, when I went to untie them, I found that Lai was bleeding from the tail and had tears in her eyes," Mr Udom told the *Gazette*.

Mr Udom, who has yet to file a complaint to the police, still fears that Lai's wound may become infected.



spokesman Colonel Kritsana Pattanacharoen stated on July 23 that the car crash at the Ratchaprasong intersection was an accident caused by the driver, Kaneungnit Thechoeran, suffering an acute stroke. She suddenly lost control of the car and crashed into the shrine while several tourists were worshipping at the Brahma statue, he said.

He said the incident was not linked to the deadly attack at Erawan Shrine last year, but Royal Thai Police commissioner-general General Chakthip Chaijinda had ordered officers to closely investigate the case and keep the public updated on the findings.

Thai Airways to resume US flights soon

THAI AIRWAYS International plans to resume flights to the US west coast next year and add more destinations in China after taking a year off to achieve international safety compliance.

The national carrier is also now energetically firing off marketing and sales gimmicks and clearing up flight-management and service issues in order to become profitable and beat the tough competition.

Charamporn Jotikasthira, president of THAI, said on July 25 that Seattle or San Francisco would be returned to its direct-flight network by next year.

Resumption of service to the US follows the International Civil Aviation Organization's lifting of the ban on Thai airlines for safety problems.

Officer's alleged bribery video probed

NATIONAL police chief Pol General Chakthip Chaijinda on July 25 ordered an investigation of a Chon Buri Highway Police officer, who appeared in a widely shared video allegedly showing the officer demanding a bribe from a motorist.

"The bribe was allegedly demanded to spare the motorist from being punished for a traffic infraction," said deputy police spokesman Pol Maj-Gen Piyapan Pingmuang.

Gen Chakthip instructed Central Investigation Bureau chief Thitirat Nonghanpithak and Highway police chief Sommai Kaosamran to assign a committee to investigate the case.

He said both the person giving the bribe and the recipient would be held accountable.

Gucci monk apprehended in the US

US AUTHORITIES have apprehended former jet-setting monk Luang Pu Nenkham, who now goes by his layman's name Wiraphon Sukphon, Department of Special Investigation (DSI) chief Pol Colonel Paisit Wongmuang said on July 22.

The DSI was informed by US officials about Mr Wiraphon's arrest as per Thailand's request.



The DSI had filed six charges against Wiraphon including a violation of the Computer Crimes Act, public fraud, money laundering, statutory rape of a girl under 15 and taking a minor from her parents. Col Paisit explained that the extradition would have to wait for an American court judge to inform Mr Wiraphon of the charges and give him a chance to appeal to fight those charges first.

DSI deputy chief Pol Lt Colonel Pong-in Intarakhao affirmed that all hinged on the US court's discretion – whether to extradite him – but there was a high chance Wiraphon would be sent back to Thailand.

1000 families may face eviction orders

THE ORDER to take back Agricultural Land Reform Office plots from people wrongly occupying land meant for poor farmers could see more than 1,000 families in the South forcibly evicted from homes on the contested land.

An ALRO officer said people who fail to verify legal occupancy will have to move out and the land would be seized – whether they are rich or poor.

Car full of tourists crashes into Erawan Shrine

SIX FOREIGN tourists were injured when a car crashed into a crowd of worshippers at the Erawan Shrine on July 22.

The Thai driver, a 51-year-old woman who suffered a stroke behind the wheel, was also injured in the accident and is in a stable condition after undergoing brain surgery, according to police.

Four Indonesians and two Singaporeans were injured.

Royal Thai Police deputy

Phuket Gazette

All aboard the gravy train

WITH so much media focus on the current government's intentions with regard to democratic development, less attention is being paid to some fiscal moves that the administration has been making.

One significant piece of new legislation, which seems to have largely slipped under the media radar, was the Cabinet approval last month of a new Land and Building Tax draft bill. When promulgated, it will modernize local tax collection throughout the Kingdom. Academics have been demanding such legislation for decades as it would increase revenue to local authorities in a much more equitable and straightforward way than currently exists.

In terms of infrastructure development, numerous road-building 'mega-projects' are already underway across the country. Moving forward, the long-awaited Phuket light rail project (see front page) is just one of at least 18 mega-projects the central government wants to open up for bidding by year's end. The total investment of 1.6 trillion baht is aimed at stimulating the economy.

The potential for corruption here is, of course, a major concern, and the administration must do its best to ensure adequate transparency. Being realistic, though, if we use the graft levels of some previous elected governments as a benchmark, then keeping the inevitable skimming to simply 'lower levels' than we've seen in the past should certainly be an achievable goal.

There can be little doubt that the proposed Phuket light rail project, if and when it ever gets underway, would serve as a major boon for our all-important tourism industry. It is an undeniable fact that Phuket's notorious public transport 'system' has been and remains a huge turn-off for prospective tourists, both foreign and domestic.

Thus, we support the effort by Phuket Governor Chamroen Tipayapongtada to expedite the drive to finalize plans for the project's construction. This is probably the best, and possibly the last, chance the island will have to get such a system built. This is one gravy train we cannot afford to miss out on simply because some bureaucrats in Bangkok are too busy bickering over minor details.



Phuket in throes of garbage crisis

Re: Opinion: Reconsidering our stance on plastic marine pollution, Jul 24

A well written article about Phuket's environmental crisis.

I have just returned from cycling at Prom Thep Cape and Ya Nui Beach. The roadsides are littered with garbage that has been fly-dumped, including, surreally enough, a huge broken mirror and a complete porcelain toilet.

The hillside adjacent to Ya Nui Beach is covered in trash that had clearly been thrown from a high vantage point. There is no hope.

*Baz Daniel
Gazette forum*

A mistake by the powers that be

Re: Chinese drivers entering Thailand drops to zero, Jul 26

They buy fuel, they buy food and they still see attractions. They do stay in hotels and guest-houses, and I think it is another mistake by the powers that be.

What about someone traveling by road around the world?

*Andrew Cutting
Facebook*

Article should be reprinted in Thai

Re: Phuket disgrace: plastic pollution in the Andaman, Jul 25

With what I have seen over several decades, this article should be reprinted in Thai language. There appears to be little

Letters to the Editor

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

or no respect for the environment by the locals.

Take a look at the beaches and what do you see... M-150 bottles, beer bottles, plastic bags, foam and so on. The beaches and waters surrounding Phuket are truly – literally – a garbage dump.

*Rooster
Gazette forum*

Seems like market manipulation

Re: Phuket traffic nightmare: Number of island-based tour buses to double, Jul 25

So Phuket will be 'safer' by introducing a further 300 poorly driven buses – an interesting concept.

It smells of sharp practices and manipulation of the market as well, if they will only visit certain venues.

*Mister Ree
Gazette forum*

Necessary to report abuse to authorities

Re: Krabi thief chops off cow's tail, Jul 26

Why has he not filed a complaint with the police?

If people do not bring this to the attention of the police, then animals will never stand a

chance in Thailand. We do have a law here, but the more nonchalant people are about it the less the police will have experience in using it. Use it people. If you see abuse, then report it.

*Natasha Eldred
Facebook*

Nothing done to solve marine issues

Re: Phuket marine chief replaced – again, Jul 20

Saying goodbye to Phuripat was a good step forward, but why has nothing really been done regarding the jet-skis, boating accidents, parasailers and other beach problems?

Speedboat drivers and 'captains' should be properly educated and tested in a licence program that complies with international standards and then made responsible for their acts.

It's back to business as usual for the massage people at Nai Harn Beach.

*Buster
Gazette forum*

Spend some money on rubbish bins

Re: B9mn allocated for pier improvements, Jul 25

Maybe they could spend a bit on rubbish bins at the boat end of the pier, so tourist do not have to walk through the stinking garbage left on the pier from the day before. Or better still, collect the rubbish and wash the pier down each evening.

*Phil Phelan
Facebook*

The Phuket Gazette is Published
in association with The Nation Multimedia Group PCL

Managing Director: Oranee Hildebrand
General Manager: Natthira Susangrat
Publisher: The Phuket Gazette Co Ltd

Contact us:

Editorial: news@phuketgazette.net
Advertising Sales: adsales@phuketgazette.net
Classified Advertising: classads@phuketgazette.net
Website services: anna@phuketgazette.net
Gazette Guide: guide@phuketgazette.net
Events Sponsorship: events@phuketgazette.net
General: info@phuketgazette.net

Telephone: 076 273555 (10 lines) **Fax** 076 615240
79/94 Moo 4, Thepkasattri Rd, T. Koh Kaew, A. Muang, Phuket

The views expressed in the Phuket Gazette are often those of the writers and contributors and do not necessarily reflect those of the Publisher, the Editor, the shareholders or the directors of The Phuket Gazette Co Ltd.

Volume 23 Issue 31

Copyright © 1994-2016 The Phuket Gazette Co Ltd

Promote local involvement

FIRST PERSON

EVERY time that the government takes any new initiatives in the country, there is never any real involvement at the grass-roots level.

In my opinion, any sort of public hearing by the government doesn't always have the desired impact. The government spends a lot of money trying to publicize and promote it, and tries to get locals as involved as possible.

However, what they don't know is that locals hardly care about these issues at all.

The government sends promotional materials such as pamphlets and documents to people's homes, but most people don't ever bother to read them. Even efforts to educate people by having the Kamnan (village headman) inform them at local meetings are useless, because most people either don't attend the meetings, or don't listen if they do attend.

These national policy-making matters are none of their concern. They do not get any money from joining these initiatives or learning all this new information. So, they have no reason to spend time on it. People are uninterested to the extent that some say they would willingly spend that time gambling or playing cards instead of attending 'boring' meetings. In their opinion, gambling could – at least potentially – help them earn some money.

Any time there are meetings organized by the government, the first question that locals ask is "What's in it for us?"

We cannot entirely blame



Tueanjai Subanjong is a Phuket native and has spent more than 20 years volunteering for local projects. She is a community representative of the Srisoonthorn sub-district and is also involved in many Corporate Social Responsibility projects, such as saving preserved forests and volunteering for the National Human Rights Commission, among others.

Here, she talks about the problem of lack of local involvement in politics and country development, and some suggestions to improve the situation.

anyone for this mentality either. It is a capitalistic world and people care about nothing except money. It's human nature to care about being rewarded, especially if their financial situation is not stable to begin with.

That is exactly the mentality that politicians exploit to manipulate local people. They have money, and they use it to control everything. Corruption is a serious problem in our society these days. Phuket, as well as the whole Thailand, is controlled by these politicians. As they say, you may not think about politics, but politics always thinks about you.

Locals wait to see how much money politicians can give them; once they have it, they will do as they are told.

This is a very worrying situation, and it is worsening, not only here in Phuket, but all over Thailand as well. The government needs to think of a better solution to solve this problem.

There are several possible ways to approach this issue. I cannot guarantee that these will

work, but at least it is worth a try. The government should do whatever they can to improve the standard of living. If families are financially stable, they will be more open-minded toward new ideas.

When the situation at the grass-roots level is stable, people will be more open toward education and care about something other than money. Gradually, the whole system will improve. If the locals have money and education, no one can cheat and manipulate them anymore.

So, how can we improve the standard of living? In my opinion, the first and most important step is to stop corruption. Secondly, the state budget must be used in as transparent a manner as possible. Thailand is not a poor country, but we do need to deal with the problem of corruption and misappropriation of funds.

It is important for us to help each other and rectify the situation – ultimately, it is our national duty to improve Thailand as much as possible.



I feel at home in Phuket for several reasons, but finding affordable beef to cook definitely belongs somewhere near the top. Photo: Starstone

Then there was beef

Island View

By Zohaib Sikander

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

FOR me, one of the most exciting things about moving to Phuket was all the delicious Thai food one could ask for. However, once I had moved, there was just one thing I craved – a nice, juicy beef steak.

Thai people can cook a lot of different kinds of food, with spices that can make the sweat drip out of every pore and burn your taste buds to a crisp, yet keep you going back for more. Much as I love it though, there's one thing I feel they can't do justice to, and that is beef.

I searched high and low for any local restaurant with a good beef dish. I tried Khao Pad Nuas from over 20 eateries, in addition to other beef dishes that cooks swore 'were the best I would find anywhere in Thailand'. But sadly, as much as I love Thai people and their cooking, their beef dishes were always a disappointment.

Cooking with chicken is fun, but can get monotonous after a while. The craving for beef – real man's meat – kept rearing its nagging head. I went to several shops, but all I could find was over-priced imported angus beef.

Then one day, at Makro Kathu, the 'halal' beef products section caught my eye.

There, much to my delight, I discovered the most reasonably priced beef I had seen in all of Phuket. That night, I bought a massive one and a half pound beef rib-eye for 250 baht, hardly believing my good fortune.

The sweet, meaty smell of my slow-grilled steak wafted out of my condo's tiny kitchen for the next hour or so, and I couldn't have been happier.

The first scrumptious bite made me realize that I had struck gold. The tiny halal beef section in the corner of Makro Kathu had evaded me for almost a year now. What a joy it was to finally be able to cook steak in the comfort of my own apartment, whenever I wanted. Incidentally, that week I had a whopping seven steaks, one every night of the week.

I feel at home in Phuket for several reasons, but finding affordable beef to cook definitely belongs near the top. Sometimes I think Phuket has everything one could ask for – beaches, party places, monsoon, mountains... and beef. Definitely, beef.

Words from the Wise

"It's fine to celebrate success but it is more important to heed the lessons of failure."

– *Bill Gates*

"You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty."

– *Mahatma Gandhi*

Issues & Answers

Are flashing lights legal in Phuket?

THERE seems to be an ever increasing fashion for 'strobing' or flashing brake lights on the backs of vehicles in Phuket.

Sitting behind them for just a few minutes gives me a horrendous headache, that I imagine could be quite dangerous for an epileptic. Are these lights legal? If not, what are the PLTO or police doing about it?

Discover Thainess
Patong

Lt Sompop Imsamran of Phuket Traffic Police replies:

Installing flashing lights

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

Submit your issue at:

www.PhuketGazette.net/IssuesAnswers

similar to ambulances or police cars is surely illegal. According to Land Traffic Act BE 2522 (1979), Title 1 Use of vehicles, Section 13: Cars and motorcycles cannot use flash lights, siren signals, whistle signals nor faltering sound, except emergency vehicles, military and police vehicles, or when permitted by the regulation.

You can take video evidence to a police station and the police will look into it.

Five emerging leadership stocks



Finance

By Don Freeman

FROM a technical standpoint, the stock market is starting to look more and more like a strong bull market rather than another countertrend rally, but we can't be absolutely certain the worst is over – especially with earnings season underway, the ever present possibility of another black swan event, like the Paris and Brussels terrorist attacks, and some scheduled uncertainties such as the June Brexit vote and the November US Presidential elections.

However, if the US markets or major market indices can break to new highs, I would expect a continuation of the bull market that would likely see the following stocks become leadership stocks for investors:

Small cap Ligand Pharmaceuticals (NASDAQ: LGND) is a biopharmaceutical company focused on developing or acquiring technologies that help pharmaceutical companies discover and develop medicines.

While the biotech sector has given investors a less than stellar performance lately, Ligand Pharmaceuticals could have an action-packed 2016 with potentially five new product approvals from partners, advancements and expansion of its license portfolio and revenue growth forecasted to be approxi-



There is talk that Apple and Samsung might move from the current LCD materials for screens to organic light emitting diode (OLED) based screens. Photo: Universal Display Corporation

mately 60 per cent. The Company will report Q1 earnings on May 4.

Large cap Broadcom Ltd (NASDAQ: AVGO) is a leading designer, developer and global supplier of a broad range of analog and digital semiconductor connectivity solutions. Last year, Avago bought Broadcom in a blockbuster US\$37 billion merger that achieved commanding positions in diversified sectors such as wireless, wired infrastructure, industrial markets and enterprise storage. On the negative, some see the Company as having too much debt from the recent merger (\$14B).

Mid cap Elbit Systems Ltd (NASDAQ: ESLT) is an international high technology company headquartered in Israel that is involved in a wide

range of defense, homeland security and commercial programs throughout the world. In their March issued earnings report.

They expect further revenue and profit growth this year as the European defense market recovers. The migration crisis and security fears are creating big opportunities for the company.

Asia-Pacific remains strong with defense spending growing sharply in India and Australia. The Company will report Q1 earnings on May 17.

Small cap Universal Display Corporation – NASDAQ: OLED – is a leading developer and deliverer of state-of-the-art, organic light emitting diode (OLED) technologies, materials and services to the display and lighting industries.

Some analysts have expressed growing excitement over a multi-year capacity expansion by

OLED display manufacturers and there has been talk that Apple might move its iPhone to OLED-based screens from the current LCD materials.

On the negative side, Universal Display Corporation would have some overdependence on mobile handset behemoths Apple and Samsung. Demand from both can be unpredictable and the Company has a habit of giving guidance that's too optimistic and leads to investor disappointment after earnings.

The Company will report Q1 earnings on May 5.

Large cap UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH) is a diversified health care company whose UnitedHealthcare division provides health care coverage and benefits services. Its Optum division supplies information and technology-enabled health services.

UnitedHealth Group recently surged to an all-time high after the company reported earnings on April 19 following a decision to exit most Obamacare exchanges in 2017.

At the same time, United Health Group is escalating an already aggressive effort to become a nationwide provider of medical care by targeting 75 markets across the country for expansion via its Optum healthcare services unit.

Again, earnings season is underway and there could still be plenty of surprises that either move individual stocks, sectors or the entire market in one direction or the other. Nevertheless, the above five stocks are at least worth having on your stock watchlist as they are potentially emerging as leadership stocks should the markets continue to power higher.

Is there room in your portfolio for the above potential leadership stocks?

Don Freeman, BSME, is president of Freeman Capital Management, a Registered Investment Advisor with the US Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), based in Phuket. He has over 15 years' experience working with expatriates, specializing in portfolio management, US tax preparation, financial planning and UK pension transfers. Call for a free portfolio review. Don can be reached at 089-970 5795 or email: freemancapital@gmail.com

Banks' net profit slides

ELEVEN banks listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand reported combined net profit of 101.35 billion baht for the first half of 2016, down by 4.9 per cent from 106.61bn baht in the same period last year, as many had set aside increased loan-loss provisions amid the subdued economy.

"Funding-cost management resulted in strong net interest

margins compared with the first six months of last year," said Usanee Liurut, senior analyst at Asia Plus Securities.

Siam Commercial Bank (SCB) reported the highest net among its peers of 23.36bn baht, but that was down by 11.4 per cent from 26.4bn baht a year earlier. SCB's loan growth was mostly driven by housing loans.

– *The Nation*

BDD launches app featuring 23,000 blacklisted companies

THE Business Development Department (BDD) has launched a mobile application allowing people to access its extensive database of blacklisted companies.

The BDD has already blacklisted about 23,000 companies this year for a number of 'actions' deemed illegal such as: intentionally registering a company name similar to that of a well-known rival; not being clear about the company's location; and missing deadlines for submitting account details.

Pongpun Gearaviriyapun, director-general of the BDD, said on July 20 that the blacklisted companies had engaged in one or more of these inappropriate actions.

"The department has re-

cently cracked down on these businesses for the sake of consumers and companies that have not broken these rules, which is unfair. Enterprises and customers are free to check whether a company is blacklisted via the BDD e-service application," she said.

The blacklisted firms account for about 3.6 per cent of the roughly 640,000 active companies in Thailand.

"Thirty-eight companies were found to have intentionally registered their company names similar to those of established, well-known businesses – a behavior that can lead to people being misled and cheated," Pongpun said.

The large number of blacklisted companies had unclear

office addresses, had missed their deadlines to submit their accounts, overstated initial investment figures (registered capital of above 5 million baht are the focus for BDD), and have had cases filed against them, or had their licences withdrawn.

The department has also recently withdrawn the business licences of 15 companies that breached the Foreign Business Act for having a nominee structure that allows foreigners to own a majority stake in a company in sectors protected for Thais.

Businesses types typically protected under the Act are firms in the service industry and tourism.

– *The Nation*

Above all communications Support
TOT Fiber 2U internet broadband service
over optical fiber cable provided by TOT
with speed up to 1,000 Mbps.

20-1000 Mbps

11100
TOT Contact Center

Sales and Customer Relation 0 7636 7399 www.tot.co.th

Phuket promoted as halal hub

Island's Islamic exports contribute to billion-baht export industry

By Sukawin Tanthavanich

PHUKET-BASED businesses are being encouraged to join a drive to promote the plethora of halal products made in the province to benefit from the billion-baht Islamic product export industry.

Speaking at the Phuket Andaman Halal Tourism 2016 seminar at the Phuket Graceland Resort & Spa on July 21, Komol Dumlak, Chair of Phuket Islamic Council, said the province has huge potential to help local grass-roots businesses profit from joining the initiative to make Phuket an international halal export hub.

"Prime Minister Gen Prauth Chan-o-cha played an important role in moving the halal industry forward in the country, since we export billions of baht worth of halal food annually, as it caters to people from all religions – not only Islam," said Mr Komol.

"Several hundred million baht is allocated annually to the Halal Food Research Laboratory at The Halal Science Center of Chulalongkorn University and other similar institutions," said Mr Komol.

About 30 per cent of Phuket's 386,605 residents are Muslim and there are more than



The Phuket Islamic Council launches a drive to encourage local businesses to benefit from Thailand's multi-billion baht halal product export industry. Photo: Sukawin Tanthavanich

200 businesses producing halal products, such as cashew nuts and dried shrimp, that are accredited by the Phuket Islamic Council.

"Many of those products are bought up by hotels that exclusively use only halal products. This helps support the local

hospitality and tourism industry," added Mr Komol.

"The 'Halal hotels' in Phuket have large halal food halls with no trace of alcohol and they have Islamic prayer rooms," said Mr Komol.

"Moreover, the major shopping venues in Phuket,

including Phuket Fantasea have separate zones for halal food counters," he added.

Locals with Halal businesses who wish to be accredited by the Phuket Islamic Council can visit the office at 57/28 Thepkasattri Road in Koh Kaew or call 076-377-546.

TCB to file case against company

THE Trade Competition Board (TCB) is to file a case with the Office of the Attorney-General over a major energy-drink producer allegedly forcing retail outlets not to sell the products of its rivals.

Board member Santichai Santawanpas said that Commerce Minister Apiradi Tantraporn chaired the board meeting last week in which it was decided to file the case.

Mr Santichai didn't reveal the company's name, although he said that it had the largest market share in the energy-drink sector in Thailand.

The controversy came after the company alleged that the rival company was engaged in an unfair practice by forcing traders not to sell its rivals' drinks by threatening to withhold its products from traders.

The firm may have breached the Trade Competition Act's articles, which concerns market-dominance practices that reduce competition and colluding with traders for market dominance.

If found guilty, the company faces a maximum fine of 6 million baht. The offence also carries a possible prison term of three years.

– The Nation

Businesses saddle up for Myanmar investments

BEFORE a crowd of around 100 Thai business people, General Chetta Thanajaro, a former commander in the Royal Thai Army, urged Thais to band together with bellicose rhetoric.

"Let's drive our country forward," Gen Chetta told the congregation at Boat Lagoon. "Our nation has been abandoned for too long. I believe we can compete with any country in the world, but only if we stand together." The general addressed the crowd at the establishment of a new branch of the Thai-Myanmar Cultural and Economic Cooperation Association (TMCECA) on the island on July 21. TMCECA's director, General Athichat Charoenying, said Thai business interests overlap with Myanmar's.

"There are a lot of business industries in Myanmar that



Ribbon cutting to open TMCECA's Phuket branch. Photo: Gazette file

we're interested in, like cement and power plants and hotels. Our members are following the government road map laid out by the Prime Minister and have discussed our plans with authorities in Myanmar," said Gen Athichat. "We have built good connections with their local government in terms of our business connections."

Gen Chetta officially announced the opening of the TMCECA Phuket branch at the meeting.

– Chutharat Plerin



PHUKET
INTERNATIONAL LAW FIRM

- Family Law/Custody /Divorce/Will
- Child Adoption
- Notary Public
- Litigation (Civil & Criminal Cases)
- Company Setup
- Business Contracts
- Property Law/Due Diligence
- Visa & Work Permit

Tel : 091-078 9595
info@phuketinternationallaw.com
www.phuketinternationallaw.com

Looking for a place to stay?

See more classified ads at

www.phuketgazette.net



Safe Smart Simple Storage Solutions

- ✓ Sizes to Suit all Budgets
- ✓ Personal & Business Storage
- ✓ Motorcycle Storage
- ✓ Left Luggage Service
- ✓ Archive Storage
- ✓ Storage Insurance Inclusive

Reserve Your Storage Space
Call 076 29 29 09
or visit mystorageasia.com

MY STORAGE
Secure, Clean & Cost Effective Self Storage

Mon to Sat 9am-6pm, Sun & Holidays 10am-4pm Jungceylon Shopping Center, Patong, Phuket

Saturday is seafood day at Nook Dee

Every Saturday is seafood day at the Nook Dee Boutique Resort in Karon, where diners can tuck onto an all-you-can-eat Thai style buffet every Saturday night.



Nook Dee Boutique Resort owner Watanyu Asawabengjang (center) and staff welcome diners to the Saturday seafood buffet dinner on July 23.

Jungceylon, Bangkok Airways target green season tourists

Jungceylon Phuket and Bangkok Airways are targeting green season tourists with a 'Beyond Boarding Pass' promotion offering gifts and discounts up to 50 per cent to Bangkok Airways passengers who present their air tickets at the Patong mall's Tourist Privilege counter. The campaign runs until Sept 30, 2016.



Prawit Janyasittikul (left), CEO of Phuket Square Co Ltd (Jungceylon), and Plermpis Kosolutasarn, Sales Director of Bangkok Airways PCL.



Window Design & Awnings





OUR PRODUCT LINE INCLUDES WINDOW DESIGN AND AWNINGS

- Tension Membranes Product • Retractable Awnings • Vertical Awnings
- Canopy • Tents and Warehouse Tents • Drop Arm Awnings • Pergola
- Insect Screen • Sunscreen Roller Blinds

WINDOW DESIGN AND AWNINGS CO., LTD.

70/89 M.4 Chowfatawantok Road, T.Vichit, A.Muang Phuket 83000
 Email: arunsawadde@hotmail.com www.tentphuket.com, www.windecor.co.th

+66 (0) 89 724 6914 +66 (0) 76 216 447 +66 (0) 76 216 448

Events in Paradise

Rock star drums up support for Laguna charity concert

Celebrity singer Justin Pongumpai popped in to Limelight Avenue in Phuket Town on July 14 to promote upcoming fundraiser 'Big Body+ Charity Concert 2016' featuring leading Thai rock stars Bodyslam and Big Ass, as well as Justin Pongumpai. The concert, to be held at Laguna Phuket on August 13, aims to raise funds for the Phuket Punyanukul School for children with learning disabilities.



(From L-R) Director of Phuket Punyanukul School Supanna Keawpermpoon; rock star Justin Pongumpai and Laguna Phuket's Director of Sales-MICE & Corporate Events Prapa Hemmin.

Sansiri PCL supports Phuket Raceweek 2016

Property developer Sansiri PCL put wind in the sails of the yachts competing in the 2016 Cape Panwa Hotel Phuket Raceweek with sponsorship support for the annual sailing event held this year July 20-24 at the Cape Panwa Hotel Phuket.



Cape Panwa Hotel Phuket Raceweek organizer and Managing Director of Media Business Services Co Ltd Byron Jones (left) with Sansiri PCL's Head of International Business Cobby Leathers.

READY TO MOVE IN

LH READY PACKAGE

Full Furnished Quality Detached House
from Land and Houses

Receive special privileges
up to **350,000 B***

88
Full & Move

88
Full & Move

inizio
Full & Move

* Terms and conditions are designated by company

076-615-188

• 88 Land and Houses Hillside Phuket, Construction Start: APR 2012 Expected Completion: JUN 2017. • 88 Land and Houses Koh kaew Phuket, Construction Start: MAR 2013 Expected Completion: DEC 2015. • inizio Koh kaew Phuket, Construction Start: AUG 2012 Expected Completion: MAR 2016.

Raceweek cruises to riveting end

By Duncan Worthington

AFTER three days of challenging conditions and tough racing, the sailors in the Cape Panwa Hotel Phuket Raceweek were looking for a final day bang.

Principal Race Officer Simon James and team left the sailors onshore as they headed off in search for wind, which turned into a search for the proverbial needle in a haystack. It was never found. While the sailors enjoyed the hospitality of the Bamboo Bar, racing for the day was called off at 12:55.

Two wins in the last two races of the series for Ray Roberts and Millenium Racing was enough for them to secure a two-point winning margin in IRC Racing I. On the windward/leeward courses there were often just seconds between the two, while Roberts and crew appeared to have the edge on *Oi!* over distance.

One more race would have brought a drop into play and for IRC Racing II this could have changed everything. It never happened and third place for David Dimmock and *Loco* in Race 3 of the series was their downfall, allowing Scott Bradley's *Imagine* to take top spot by a single point. Third place went to Ben Copley in his first outing on his new boat *Gust*. Of the four Beneteaus in



Remington on their way to winning the Cruising/Charter class on Race Day 4. Photo: Scott Murray

the class, *Fujin* placed highest, beating Richard Barnhurt's *Balance* on countback.

There was controversy in IRC Racing III on Day 2, when three of the five-strong fleet couldn't finish by the stipulated time in the second race of the day, resulting in finishing points awarded (FPA) for those boats and three points awarded to *Phoenix*. Redress requested by the Race Committee saw the Protest Committee award *Phoenix* FPA and one point, while *Foreign Affair* and *Moon Smile* remained scored at first and second respectively.

As often is the case, everything comes out in the wash and no matter whether it is a single or three points for *Phoenix*, and with no drop race in the frame, *Phoenix* still wins the class. *Foreign Affair* held onto second and *Sailesapes Farrgo Express* held off the challenge from *Moon Smile* to claim third.

After a slow start to the series in the Cruising/Charter class, Jim Ellis and his crew on *Remington* found their speed and finished the series with a 3,1,1 scoreline and take out the title by a single point from *BeauX Esprits*, with

Venture placing third.

Despite a third in the last race of the series for Singaporean Clement Lim and his team on *Phuket Boat Lagoon Weasel*, they won the One Design Platu class by a single point from the all-female team on *Phuket Boat Lagoon Fox*, with *Absolute One Design* in third.

Four wins and a third in the final race was enough for Alan Carwardine's *Asia Catamarans Hurricane* to defend his Multi hull Racing class title from a fast finishing *Java* skippered by John Coffin, while Peter Wood and his

Top Cat placed third.

In *Firefly 850 Sport* John Newnham defended his title in style dominating the class with a 2,1,1,1 while *Voodoo*, skippered by Ian Coulson, comfortably placed second ahead of George Eddings' *Blue Noze* in third.

The only skipper in the fleet to keep a clean sheet this week was Mick Tilden on *Pixalux*, sailing a flawless series on his *Corsair Pulse 600* in the Corsair Class. Charles Robinson on *SuDu 4 (Yellow)* got the better of a tie on points with Zam Bevan's *Multihull Solutions H30* to secure second place. Credit goes to the duo of Jiamin Qu and Watcharich 'King' Aebi – a 15 year old Thai boy – who placed second in the first race of the series, only to fall off later and finish fourth overall.

Now in its 13th year, Cape Panwa Hotel Phuket Raceweek welcomed a record fleet of 47 boats, with a growing number of sailors coming from around the world to charter a boat and compete.

The increase in Thai sailors taking part (20 per cent of the fleet) is encouraging. While the fickle wind made it tough for all, the onshore facilities and services were commendable under trying circumstances.

Next year's raceweek is set for July 19-23.

WHAT'S ON in Phuket

July 29-August 7. Phuket SMEs and Real Estate Show 2016

The Dragon 88 Co. Ltd, the Planner Team, Easy Branches Co. Ltd. and AREA have joined forces to create the inaugural 'Phuket SMEs and Real Estate Show 2016'.

Exhibitors will include businesses from health, lifestyle, education, travel and sporting industries, among others. Organizers expect more than 500,000 visitors to the show, to be staged at the Promotion Hall on the first floor next to HomeWorks in the Central Festival East.

There will also be sales assistants on hand to assist exhibitors to communicate with customers in Thai, Chinese, Russian, English and French.

For more information, visit www.wowrealproperty.com or call 095-416 9559.

August 12. HM The Queen's birthday

Her Majesty Queen Sirikit's 84th birthday, which is also National Mother's Day, will be celebrated with performances, blood donation drives and candle lighting ceremonies. A public holiday will be observed all over Phuket and Thailand.

August 16-21. Thanyapura Triathlon Super Camp

If you're planning on racing your first 70.3 or are looking to improve your times, join the Thanyapura 70.3 Certification Camp.

Besides comprehensive coaching and group workouts, you will be evaluated to see if you're ready to complete or to improve at a 70.3 race.

You will receive a certificate by Thanyapura and a race time prediction.

A special discount is available on accommodation for guests wanting to stay and train for four extra days (before or after the camp). For more information, visit www.thanyapura.com.

Locals, tourists team up to clean up

THE Rawai Nai Harn Business Community organized a beach cleaning event on July 24 at Nai Harn Beach.

Supported by the Rawai *OrBorTor* and moderated by DJ Tom Tank of Radio 89.75, more than two tonnes of rubbish were collected from the front and back of Nai Harn Beach.

Spearheaded by Claude Baltes of SunSuri Phuket and Urs Aebi of Serenity Resort & Residences, and in cooperation with Rawai Mayor Aroon Solos, nearly 300 people participated in the clean-up.

The *OrBorTor* along with their team, staff from Atmanjai, Friendship Beach Resort, Old Dawg, Serenity Resort & Residences, SunSuri Phuket, The Mangosteen Resort & Spa and Chivitr worked with children and mentors from the Watsawangarom School, Rawai. They were also joined by local residents and several tourists.



Nearly 300 volunteers removed two tonnes of trash from Nai Harn Beach last weekend. Photo: Rawai-Nai Harn Business Community

"This was a successful event. Not only is the beach much cleaner, but we have now agreed with the *OrBorTor* chief how the private sector and the local authorities will work together to keep the beach clean in the future," said Mr Baltes.

"Thank you to all those who helped to organize and partici-

pated in the event."

The Rawai Nai Harn Business Community aims to promote local businesses in this part of Phuket and also launched a successful benefit card for local residents a few years ago.

For more information, visit www.rawainaiharn.com

– *Phuket Gazette*

King's Cup holds course

Celebrates three decades as marquee sailing event

THE prestigious Phuket King's Cup was first held in 1987 to mark the auspicious 60th birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the world's longest-reigning living monarch.

His Majesty the King was a passionate sailor and created yachting history in 1967 when he and his daughter Princess Ubolratana Rajakanya won a gold medal in the OK dinghy class at the 4th South East Asian Peninsula Games. Each year, a personal representative of His Majesty presents the trophies to all the winners.

The regatta brings together the best of the region's sailing community: the organizing committee led by Kevin Whitcraft; race officer Simon James and competitors from around the world.

"This year is the 30th Anniversary of the Phuket King's Cup Regatta, and it's been amazing for us to see it grow from a small seed back in the late eighties to bloom into the best regional regatta. We're delighted to be able to enhance sailing and marine tourism in Thailand," said Mr Whitcraft.

The regatta was jointly founded in 1987 by then-incumbent Flag Commodore of the Royal Varuna Yacht Club (RVYC) Chris King, Dr Rachot Kanjanavanit, Al Chandler, Adolph Knees and Mom Tri Devakul. The Phuket King's Cup has always sailed under the direction of the RVYC, with extensive logistical help from the Royal Thai Navy and



The regatta also has a very strong youth dinghy fleet that it supports with a year-round racing series to help foster the long-term appreciation of sailing. Photo: King's Kup Regatta

support from the Yacht Racing Association of Thailand (YRAT) along with provincial authorities.

The five-day race programme starts with a sail pass in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King. A procession of boats passes the Royal Thai Navy vessel *HTMS Klaeng* stationed off Koh Pu, each saluting an image of His Majesty.

A variety of downwind and round-the-buoys races and a popular scenic island passage race provide suitable challenges for the many competing divisions, including racing, performance cruising, cruising, multihulls and classics. The regatta also has a very strong youth dinghy fleet that it supports with a year-round racing series to help foster the long-term appreciation of sailing in the

Kingdom.

The regatta now ranks along with the Caribbean's Antigua Race week and Australia's Hamilton Island Regatta.

Phuket has become a Mecca for sailing enthusiasts and emerged as Asia's premier marine leisure destination.

The 29th King's Cup saw 89 racing yachts divided into 14 classes, 60+ dinghies and over 1,500 sailors competing from 18 countries. Sarab Jeet Singh, skipper of *Windsikher II*, won the premier racing division (IRC Zero) and is eager to defend his title this December.

The Kata Group of Resorts has been host to the event for many years, and it will continue to do so as the Kata Beach Resort & Spa remains the hub and headquarters for this prestigious event to be held from 3-10 December, 2016.

- *Phuket Gazette*

Delicacies galore

at lobster festival



More than 30 local eateries from all over Phuket are participating in the month-long Lobster Festival. Photo: Sukawin Tanthavanich

THE Phuket Lobster Festival 2016 announced its arrival with a splash at a press conference held at Tukabkhao Restaurant in Phuket Town on July 26.

The restaurant was decorated with a giant lobster attached to the door to commemorate the event.

The festival officially begins August 1 and will last throughout the month.

More than 30 local eateries from all over Phuket are participating in the event.

Each restaurant will provide an especially designed signature menu to its customers, featuring delicacies such as Lobster Thermidor, Phuket Lobster Spaghetti, Phuket Lob-

ster Sashimi and Lobster Onsen, just to name a few.

Festival representatives invited social media enthusiasts to share pictures via Instagram and Facebook with the hashtag #Phuketlobsterfestival2016.

At the end of the festival, the person whose picture receives the most likes on Instagram and the most likes and shares on Facebook, will be awarded the top prize of two free airline tickets from Phuket to Bangkok.

Additionally, other participants will also get a chance to win 50 'special' awards during the festival. Contest results will be announced on September 10.

- *Sukawin Tanthavanich*

Marina exec awarded

THAILAND based Wicky Sundram has been awarded Certified Marina Professional (CMP) status by the Global Marina Institute (GMI). He joins the ranks of six other CMPs across the Asia/Pacific region.

Mr Sundram is currently the Executive Director of Operations at Phuket Boat Lagoon. He has spent the last 18 years in the recreational boating industry. He has been actively involved with the development of sailing activities in Malaysia and played a lead role in developing an international standard marina at Langkawi.

GMI Chairman Mick Bettsworth said he is very pleased the industry has another CMP in Asia. Mr Sundram was pre-



Wicky Sundram. Photo: Gazette file

sented with his CMP by Andrew Chapman, President of the Marina Industries Association (MIA) at the Intermediate Marina Management Course held in Phuket from July 25-28.

- *Phuket Gazette*

ASIAN UNIQUE DOLPHIN SHOW

DOLPHINS BAY PHUKET

Open daily (except Monday)
11.00 / 14.00 / 17.00
info.dolphinsbay@gmail.com

HOTLINE : 076 - 374300
Call Center : 099 - 3137666
NEXT TO PHUKET ZOO

ID LINE: dolphinsbay

Becoming a super dive master

Diving
By Isaac Stone Simonelli

IF YOU'RE going to be a super Dive Master (DM), going from zero to hero isn't the ticket – at best you'll end up as Aqualad, making his debut in the 60s as the sidekick of the already lame Aquaman.

However, that doesn't stop the trend of people going from non-divers to professionals in a couple of months in Phuket or worldwide. That's not to say DMs with 60 dives, the minimum PADI requirement, won't eventually log the necessary experience to be extraordinary, but it does mean that the quality of any given DM is as varied as the marine world they'll be taking clients to explore.

It comes down to the diving bug. Some people inhale it on their very first breath underwater. From that moment forward – at least for the next couple of months or so – it's eating, sleeping and diving: total submersion.

On the other side of the spectrum there are a few of us – very few of us – who have slogged up the ladder from the bottom rung to the professional side of the industry over a decade.

It's the proverbial tortoise versus hare, where the real winner is some amiable creature in between.



The advantage of a drawn out DM course is that you work with several instructors. Photo: Gazette file

I walked the path of the tortoise, and though I don't think there is a rush for divers to collect certification cards up to their DM as fervently as Pokemon, I wouldn't recommend the route I swam.

The PADI Dive Master course was revamped in 2010, going from eight written tests to a single final written test. In 2005, I passed all but one of those eight tests before having a fallout with my instructor and giving up on the course – one test and twenty dives shy of completing it.

What most people finish in several weeks has now taken me an entire decade to complete. I am perhaps one of the

few people in the world that has had the unfortunate opportunity to take both the old and new PADI DM tests. Again, not something I would recommend.

The advantages of a drawn out DM course – the course I started anew and eventually wrapped up in Phuket last year – is that you work with a number of instructors, each of whom has a slightly different passion within the industry and a unique set of tricks for getting things done. Some can rattle off the Latin name of every flamboyant, beautiful nudibranch, others are gear heads and others still are teachers at heart.

Having the opportunity to

work with a variety of instructors creates a more well-rounded DM. However, long periods of not diving or simply not functioning as a DM in training leads to sloppy skills: your demonstration on how to clear a mask that was crisp and clear when you started the course can get messy over the months.

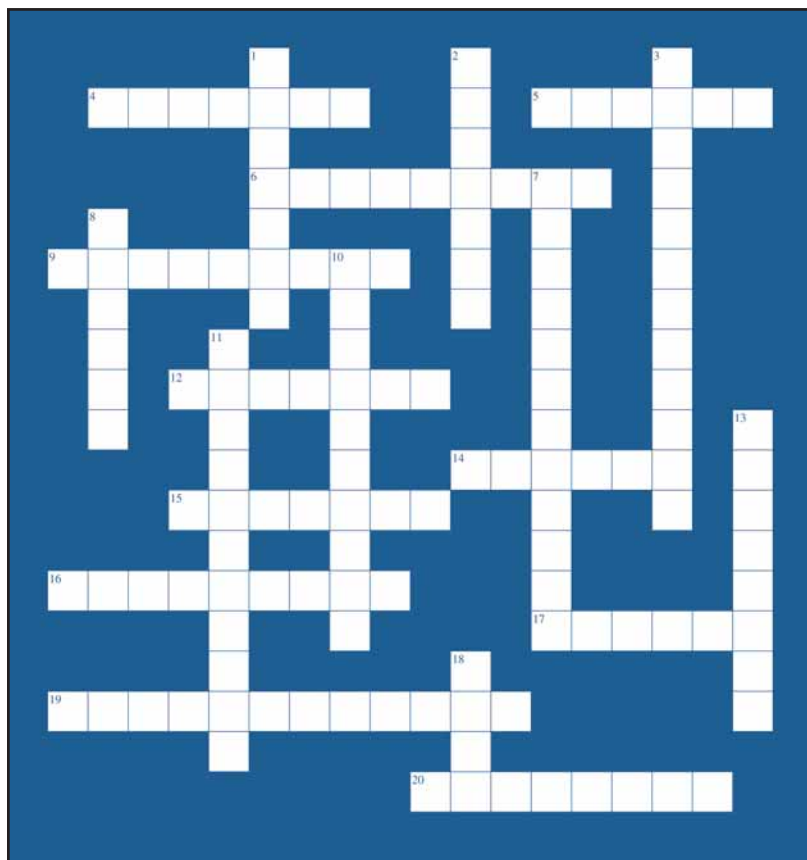
Because the DM certification is the introduction to the professional world of diving, it's important to understand why you're taking the course. If you're diving into the course for the certification card and to advance your understanding of diving, which was my motivation, you need to ask

yourself whether or not it's the right course for you. Would you be better off learning about sidemount diving or any of the other recent specialty courses offered by PADI, or just getting wet and enjoying the beauty of the underwater world?

Perhaps the most exciting and import role a DM plays in the professional community is leading guided tours for certified divers, showing them the secrets of each dive site: which sea fans on Koh Doc Mai have the Tiger-tail seahorse, which rocks to look under for juvenile Bamboo sharks and so on.

To do this well, there needs to be a balance between the kind of experience that only comes with time and the habits that can be maintained when you start to forget what your hair feels like without Andaman's salt in it.

The reality is that the some of the best trained DMs go through an internship or apprenticeship program. It throws them into the deep end of the industry, usually providing as many dives as they can safely manage in a week and building up their wealth of real-world experiences from assisting instructors who can show them how to manage a wide-eyed, panicking Discover Scuba Diver, to the trick to spotting a Crinoid Shrimp.



Gazette Crossword

Across

- 4. Showing courage and determination
- 5. Visa run destination
- 6. Phuket landmark
- 9. required
- 12. Scented native flower
- 14. Medical matters of the heart
- 15. Breed of dog
- 16. Rpad construction underway in Phuket
- 17. Tranquil
- 19. Mental condition. Unable to feel empathy
- 20. Dominant business

Down

- 1. The Scottish play
- 2. Ancient Thai capitol
- 3. Thailand to get a new one soon
- 7. Rear end
- 8. Go at a horse's pace
- 10. Let go of
- 11. The art of writing
- 13. Soft wool for scarfs and shawls
- 18. Phuket Town architecture style

Solution on opposite page.



Family Law/Custody /Divorce/Will

Child Adoption

Notary Public

Litigation (Civil & Criminal Cases)

Company Setup

Business Contracts Property Law/Due Diligence

Visa & Work Permit

Tel : 091-078 9595
 info@phuketinternationallaw.com
 www.phuketinternationallaw.com

A waiver for prostitution

Law, Life, and Society
By Robert Virasin

IN MY immigration practice, I assist many US citizens obtain visas for their Thai spouse or fiancé? Last month, a client went to the final interview and came out distraught and crying. During the interview, the officer informed my client that they received an anonymous message from someone informing them that she was engaged in prostitution. My client was angry at the suggestion that she was a prostitute, and demanded to know who provided the officer the information. The officer refused to disclose who made the accusation.

While my client was deemed to not have engaged in prostitution, there are many visa applicants who have been denied visas to the United States on the basis of untrue charges. They leave the US Embassy or Consulate confused and frustrated.

At the US Embassy, the Consular officer is given full discretion to determine whether an applicant qualifies for the visa. When the officer states that they have evidence that the applicant has committed an act that prevents them from issuing a visa, the burden of proof shifts to the applicant to prove that they have not committed the action. The officer will attempt to obtain a statement from the



At the US Embassy, the consular officer is given full discretion to determine whether or not an applicant qualifies for the visa. Photo: PublicDomainPictures.net

visa applicant confirming the accusation. A denial is generally not sufficient. It is difficult to prove a negative of an accusation.

For some young women without a formal education, their applications are closely reviewed for where they have lived and worked. Women who have worked in the service industry, such as a waitress or massage therapist in a high tourist area, are sometimes unfairly presumed to have engaged in prostitution. The visa applicant

should be ready to rebut such accusations with evidence. The United States Embassy in Bangkok does not allow attorneys or the US citizen petitioner to attend the interview.

If they have been falsely accused of prostitution, it is important to deny the accusation. They should have evidence ready to rebut the charges. Evidence can include employment letters, photos and documents that show that the applicant was gainfully employed in a legal profession.

If the accused applicant cannot convince the consular officer that they have never engaged in prostitution, they could be found inadmissible to the United States because of INA 212(a)(2)(D). This section of the US Immigration Code prevents someone who has engaged in prostitution in the past 10 years to obtain a visa.

However, the denial of a visa for prostitution is not the end for the visa applicant. An applicant who has been denied a visa for prostitution can

file to waive the finding. Unlike other types of waivers, there is no need to prove extreme hardship to the US citizen relative.

Section 212(h) of the Immigration and Nationality Act provides that the US Attorney General may waive the application of certain crimes, including prostitution.

The applicant has to demonstrate that their admission would not be contrary to the national welfare, safety or security of the US, and they have been rehabilitated.

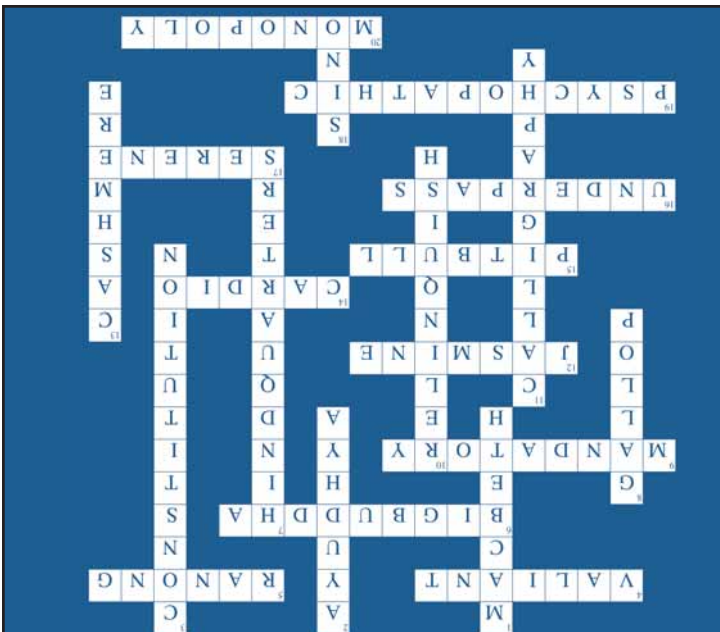
For those who have been denied a visa because of a finding of prostitution, the 212(h) waiver is an option to reunite the Thai national with their US citizen. Evidence of the applicant's reformation and good moral character is required.

The process is complicated and takes about six months to complete. Once the waiver is approved, the US Embassy will be notified and the visa applicant will be called in for another interview.

Robert R Virasin serves as managing director of Virasin and Partners. He is a licensed US attorney and a graduate of the University of California Los Angeles, University of Houston Law School, and Chulalongkorn University. Mr Virasin has practiced in US Immigration law for over 15 years and can be reached via email at info@virasin.com or his website www.virasin.com

Crossword Solution

Turn the page upside down to read the answers.



Light up your bathing experience

Property Inspector

By Mark K. Dietrich

MANY of the villas I have inspected have had one light for a good size bathroom, no wonder us guys miss the toilet so often.

If you're updating there are many wonderful options. When you visit a lighting supply house you may get a headache from the mind-numbing task of looking at all of the delightful lighting fixtures.

To make matters worse, most lighting supply houses only display five or 10 percent of the light fixtures that are available. The best success stories I can share come from both personal experience, and many of the jobs I have inspected over the years. New bathroom configurations and layouts create new bathroom lighting opportunities. The trick is to approach each bathroom with a new attitude.

The first thing to consider is that you have two lighting sources, and both should be considered. Windows and skylights, that pipe sunlight into a bathroom should be used whenever possible. There is no substitute for brilliant sunlight streaming into a bathroom space in the morning. Windows will let light in no matter which direction they face.



Every bathroom has a different setup that needs to be looked at with a brand new attitude and a fresh bouquet of ideas. Photo: midascodes

Artificial bathroom lighting is what most of us are used to. Standard light fixtures that use any number of different types of incandescent light bulbs can be found in tens of thousands of bathrooms across the island. But newer LED and energy-efficient fluorescent bulbs should be considered, as they create a different palette of color. Be aware that different bulbs produce noticeable color spectrums ranging from a warmish golden hue to a blistering white. The biggest

mistake you can make in bathroom lighting is to have too little. My experience has shown that you need 300 watts of incandescent lighting per 15 square feet of bathroom (5 sq. meters). A combination of different lighting fixtures almost always produces a magical effect. In my son's bathroom, I installed two recessed halogen lights over the vanity that are operated on a separate switch. Two other recessed lights, one in the center of the room and one over the tub, are operated

by a second switch. When just one switch is on, the bathroom has a nice welcoming glow. When both are on, the bathroom lighting is just right for bathing or brushing your teeth.

Indirect bathroom lighting is another trick that many people seem to ignore. This form of lighting forces the builder/developer and the electrician to hide the actual light fixture, and bounce light from it onto a wall or a ceiling. Indirect bathroom lighting is ideal if you are going for a dramatic look.

Almost all electrical lighting fixtures mount to the same electric boxes in walls and ceiling. Plan ahead to make sure you have enough side walls and ceiling clearance for larger fixtures.

Visit model homes while you're here on Phuket, to get real-time bathroom lighting ideas. You can also look at many of the home design and decorating magazines. Be sure all moving doors in wall cabinets are able to operate fully and not hit lighting fixtures. Some lighting fixtures can be mounted too closely to mirrors and cabinets creating huge problems.

Also take into consideration the overhang as many homes here on Phuket are designed to have 1 or 1.5 meter overhangs, which can greatly reduce the amount of natural light.

Follow these simple tips and there's no excuse for the boys to pee on the floor again.

Mark K Dietrich is a professional inspector and property builder with a Master's degree in building engineering. He came to Phuket after working for 25 years in the custom home and inspection industry in the USA, and has been working in Thailand for more than 11 years. Visit www.certifiedphuketrealstate.com or email him at propertyinspectorthailand@gmail.com or call 085-809 8755.

Showroom for Phuket developers

KOHLER officially opened its brand new full-option showroom in Phuket on July 22. This is the company's third addition in the country, with the other two located in Bangkok and Chiang Mai.

The 500-square-meter showroom located right before the Thepkrasattri Road-Nakorn Road junction, set to target developers for the mass supply of products to hoteliers and resort owners alike.

"Kohler is an established brand that is known worldwide for more than a century. However, we are targeting slightly different customers with this new store – walk-ins from hotels and resorts. We would like to mention that mass Kohler products are ready to buy at the shop. Developers can come by and check our product range," said managing director of Saengchai Panit Building Supplies Company Limited, Visit Sae-Teng.



Kohler is pre-ordering popular products to ensure they don't run out of stock. Photo: Chutharat Plerin

The opening ceremony was also attended by Kamol Lertsattha, managing director at Kohler (Thailand) Public Company Limited. "There are many brands in Phuket and all of Thailand. This provides another option for customers, who go for a variety of op-

tions and designs," said Mr Kamol.

Kohler has been operating since 1873, and has more than 30,000 companies as well as 50 factories around the world. 14 offices are in the Asian-Pacific region alone.

– Chutharat Plerin

Construction firms to bid for infrastructure

CONSTRUCTION firms have expressed strong interest in bidding for infrastructure projects worth up to 1.4 trillion baht in the final quarter of the year.

"When the government opens bidding for 18 or 19 infrastructure projects worth up to 1.4tn baht, all constructor firms will take part, which will double construction business growth compared to the second half of last year," said Sangworn Liptapanlop, president of the Thai Construction Association under Royal Patronage.

When the government opens bidding in the final quarter, it will initially be releasing a budget of around 10 per cent of the total project value for investment, he said, adding that this would be a major shot in the arm for construction industry growth in the second half of the year.

Mr Sangworn said the con-

struction industry normally had a market value of between 300 billion baht and 400bn baht a year from both public and private sectors, but if the infrastructure projects kicked off as expected later this year, the sector would see its growth double in the second half – while the construction industry would likely experience annual growth of more than 20 per cent from 2017 to 2020.

However, the final decision depends on the terms and conditions of the projects and their commercial viability. Phongsarit Tantiwuvanitchkul, executive director of Bangkok Expressway and Metro, said the listed company would pitch for all the main mass rapid-transit lines.

Bid documents for the contract were made available on July 15.

– The Nation

Minimalistic style villas launched in Chalong



The project is called Aticha Villa Town, and will be suitable for residents who want to live in the city in a modern, loft-style villa, close to the amenities of urban living. Photo: Aticha Villa Town PR

A NEW residential project was launched in Chalong, revealed Wanthwa Phuengchai, marketing manager of Phuket Exclusive Development Company Limited, on July 21.

The project will be called Aticha Villa Town, and will be suitable for residents who want to live in the city in a modern, loft-style villa, close to the amenities of urban living, but within the atmosphere of a holiday home or villa. Each property will feature a

private pool.

The target market for the new project is expats living in Phuket, the company revealed. The setup is located near Chalong Circle, which is a high security area.

Ms Wanthiwa stated that a total of seven villas are being constructed, each three storeys high, with an additional 'roof floor' that is part of the new concept.

The smallest property (128 square meters) is worth about

9.8 million baht, whereas the largest one (192 sqm) is worth about 11.6mn baht. The latter will consist of three bedrooms, four bathrooms, a living room, an office space, a kitchen as well as a private parking area.

These properties are designed around the 'minimalistic' design concept, which is rare nowadays, the company revealed.

Construction is in progress and is expected to be completed by December.

– Sukawin Tanthavanich

Movenpick Karon named Asian leader in sustainability

MOVENPICK Resort & Spa Karon Beach Phuket was named Asia's top performer in certified sustainable practices by Green Globe, an industry renowned certification body.

Green Globe's 2015 report on Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts revealed that the Karon-based resort has an overall compliance score of 86 per cent, while the group's overall average compliance score is 84 per cent, 2.5 per cent higher than the average of all Green Globe certified members worldwide.

The report commended Mövenpick Resort & Spa Karon Beach Phuket for its innovative initiatives, such as the introduction of a hybrid-limousine fleet and electric tuk tuks.

The certification cements Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts' position as the most 'Green Globe certified hotel company in the world', with 63 of its 83 properties worldwide now Green Globe certified.

"Green Globe has certified

Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts in 19 countries worldwide. This is a tremendous accomplishment when we consider the variety of countries and cultures, as well as the different types of properties and their diverse markets," says Green Globe CEO Guido Bauer.

The report also commended Mövenpick Hotels & Resorts for its "great passion for the development of its employees and supporting local communities", highlighting SHINE, the group's global corporate social responsibility program, which focuses on environment, employer and social sustainability, with an emphasis on education.

Jean Gabriel Pérès, President and CEO of Mövenpick Hotels & Resort, said that he was immensely proud of the teams' dedication to Green Globe commitments, especially in a world where resources are increasingly scarce and many communities are underprivileged.

– Phuket Gazette

PHUKET RENTALS

PROPERTY RESALE

Experienced Property Management and Rental Services

- Luxury 1-2 bedroom pool villas
- Managed by Banyan Tree
- Owner privileges and discounts through Sanctuary Club
- Membership to Laguna Phuket Golf Club

Price from THB 34.9 MB

- 2 bedroom condominiums in gated community
- Owner privileges and discounts through Sanctuary Club
- Membership to Laguna Phuket Golf Club

Price from THB 12.5 MB

- 1-3 bedroom apartments in gated community
- Swimming pool, fitness, and restaurant on site
- Owner privileges and discounts through Sanctuary Club

Price from THB 10.5 MB

Property types ranging from

Apartments, Townhomes to Pool Villas

Short to long term rentals from **THB 9K / week***

*Terms & conditions apply

076 362 333

Laguna Lifestyle Hub

390/1 Moo 1 Srisoonthorn Rd.
Changtalay, Thalang, Phuket 83110

More options available, please contact us for more information.

PROPERTY FOR SALE

2-STOREY SINGLE HOUSE FOR SALE



Burasiri Village. Koh Kaew. Next to BIS. 3 bedrooms (master bedroom with ensuite and walk-in closet), 3 bathrooms. Fully furnished, 4 aircons, kitchen with separate pantry. Parking for 2 cars. Communal swimming pool, garden and fitness.



For sale: 6.6 million baht or sell down payment: 400,000 baht. Long-term rent: 45,000 baht monthly, 520,000 baht yearly.

Tel: 089-840 5290 (Thai), 094-579 5666 (Thai / Eng.)



FIRE SALE PROPERTIES

We have a number of Fire Sale Properties for urgent sale at bargain price from 1.5 million baht. Most are in Rawai and Nai Harn. Condos, houses and villas. Located in Rawai. For more information, please call 080-124 1245. Email: kay@phuketandamanrealestate.com

KAMALA PROPERTY

3-house property with 520sqm for quick sale at 8 million baht. Tel: 098-736 9588 (English & Thai).

NEW KAMALA HOUSE

For sale new 60sqm house, fully furnished with internet, TV and cable. 2.5 million baht. Chanote title. Tel: 098-736 9588 (English & Thai).

MAI KHAO LAND



Beachfront land in Mai Khao. East coast. 3 rai-2 ngan-24sqw. For sale: 45 million baht. Tel: 081-867 6466. Email: jariya.sung tong@windyboats.asia

NAI YANG LAND QUICK SALE

Great investment. 8 rai. Prime piece. Nai Yang. Near airport. Road frontage. Chanote. 25 million baht/rai. Tel: 093-624 7487 (Thai). Email: supha2007@hotmail.com

HOUSE FOR SALE

Chalong. 36sqw, fully furnished, 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom bungalow. 3 million baht only. Contact Game. Tel: 076-288988, 093-749 2277 (English & Thai). Email: admin@phuketconsult.com

POOL SEA VIEW VILLA

Fully furnished, 4 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 2 office rooms. Maid's room, swimming pool. 4-car spaces. Urgent sale: 5 million baht. Nai Harn. Tel: 076-383 488, 081-537 7137. Email: khun app@hotmail.com

CONDO FOR SALE



Royal place condo, 3fl at the corner with swimming pool view, 45sqm. Fully furnished.

Pls contact 086-4769612 | annanoi@hotmail.com

FULLY FURNISHED POOL VILLA

Superb condition 2-storey on 440sqm plot. 2 large beds, 3 bathrooms, large living / dining, exercise room, kitchen & utility, 9m swimming pool. Full Chanote. Quiet but highly convenient location. 8.7 million baht. Located in Palai, Chalong. Tel: 076-282522, 085-438 2289 (English), 084-850 1701 (Thai). Email: arc Curtis1@hotmail.com

PA KHLOK HOUSE

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, western kitchen, large living area, large garden, laundry area, furniture and sound system with 14 speakers included. Quiet gated area near Mission Hill Golf Club, airport and BIS. 4.5 million baht. Tel: 061-238 0155 (English). Email: paulajlaydon@hotmail.com

BUNGALOW FOR SALE NAI YANG BEACH

6 bungalows, fully furnished. Home office. Restaurant. Car parking. 922sqm. For sale: 7 million baht. Tel: 086-691 7858, 086-593 4946 (English & Thai). Email: sak2522@hotmail.com

1 RAI 180° OCEAN VIEW YAMU HILL

1 or 2 rai, 180° ocean view. 24hr security, water & electricity supply. Freehold. 5.7 million baht/rai. For more information, please call 084-625 5090 (English). Email: yamu.hills.sunrise@gmail.com

LAND FOR SALE

Beautiful land of 724sqm. For sale: 6 million baht. -lease call 085-790 2021.

BAN KHAO THONG KRABI

1.2 rai land plot, 15 min from Ao Nang. Road access, water supply, electricity. Chanote Title. 2.5 million baht. Tel: 088-435 2742 (English & Thai). Email: saran ya_ab@hotmail.com

BUY DIRECTLY FROM OWNER

Apartments at Kata Beach. Pay 30% and move in. Flexible payment plan available. Tel: 081-618 7295 (English). Email: tvanhole@yahoo.com

CHALONG BEACHFRONT POOL VILLA



For sale / rent. 3 bedrooms. Tel: 089-649 9939. Email: siri_phuket@changrunner.com

LAND FOR SALE
3-minute drive to Surin Beach. 1.4 rai. 36 million baht. Tel: 081-868 7676.

THE ROYAL PLACE CONDO - PHUKET

45sqm. Freehold. Corner room, 5th floor, 2 balconies (great view), 1 bedroom, living room, 2 aircons, fully furnished, swimming pool, gym. Price: 2.3 million baht. Tel: 084-249 0526. Email: h.jabary@gmail.com

HOUSE FOR SALE TOP LAND VILLAGE



45sqw. 5 million baht, 2 bedrooms with big living room. Convenient area close to Bangkok Hospital, Phuket International Hospital and Tesco Lotus Samkong. For house inspection please call 086-198 1869.

2.5 RAI FOR 7.5 MILLION BAHT

In Thalang near Thanyapura (PIA), beautiful, flat land. Chanote title. Email: islandsmaker@gmail.com

PROPERTY SERVICES



RENTING BUYING SELLING

Large selection of foreign style condo's and villas. Go to www.internationalvillasphuket.com

Tel: 076-381188 | Fax: 076-381199 | Mobile: 093-621 3133
Head Office: 26/32, Moo 5, T.Rawai, Phuket
Email: nina.neale@internationalvillasphuket.com

Unfortunately, I Need To Sell Very Fast!

Available for buyers who can make cash payment and want to double their money quickly without any risks!

This is your chance!

I want to sell in Kata Beach center, Phuket: in small private apartment building with parking, pool, sauna, Jacuzzi.

- 2 Apartments - each 60sqm
- 1 Apartment - 2 bedrooms, 140sqm
- 1 Penthouse on the roof, 300sqm
- All apartments are fully furnished.

Sell now all for a giveaway price - 25 million baht. Because of the indiscretion / confidential, I will give an information to visitors face by face on the spot only. I take also a good offer for a part or single unit.

For an appointment, please send email to maurice.phuket@gmail.com

PROPERTY FOR RENT

BEACHFRONT ONE-BED CONDO

Luxury fully furnished at Dewa Residence in low season: 20,000 baht monthly. Located in Nai Yang Beach. For more information, please call 084-847 4377 (English). Email: stigisaan@gmail.com

KAMALA CONDO FOR SALE OR RENT

1 bedroom, fully furnished, 2 swimming pools, gym, restaurant, tennis court, sauna, shuttle bus to beach and town, parking, 24hr security. Rent: 18,000 baht per month. Sale: foreign freehold, 3.9 million baht. Size 77.86 sqm. Tel: 061-238 0155 (English). Email: paulajlaydon@hotmail.com

RAWAI SEA VIEW CONDOMINIUM



Short / long-term rental. 1 & 2 bedroom apts, fully furnished. Stunning sea view, large swimming pool, lift. Tel: 093-574 2533. Email: reservation@almaliresidence.com

KAMALA FURNISHED CONDO

2 bedrooms+aircons, 2 bathrooms, 90sqm, WiFi, cable, maid. 12,000 baht / month. Minimum 3 months. Tel: 084-716 0502.

2-BEDROOM CONDO



22,000 baht/month. Spacious (100sqm). Available now. In a friendly (12 unit) development, located between Bang Tao & Surin Beaches. Occupies 1/2 of top floor. Fully furnished. Western style kitchen. Washing machine. Aircon in all rooms. New 55" Smart TV + home theatre. Shares a large swimming pool area. Internet & UBC available. Utilities are extra. Contact Sean. Tel: 081-894 3839.

RAWAI - NAI HARN VILLAS



Rent & sale. 1-6 bedroom, suites for all budgets. Tel: 081-538 4588. Email: info@purimasproperty.com, www.purimasproperty.com

KRABI POOL VILLA FOR RENT

New 200sqm villa, fully furnished, pool, European kitchen. 25,000 baht/month. Ao Nang. Tel: 081-720 5119. Email: camnet@gmail.com

NEW KAMALA HOUSE

For rent 60sqm, fully furnished, internet, TV, cable. 20,000 baht/month. Tel: 098-736 9588.

SEAVIEW 2-BED APT PATONG

Fully furnished, pool, kitchen, WiFi. 16,000 baht/month. Email: bricothailand@hotmail.com

LUXURY VILLA ONLY 39,000 BAHT / MONTH



Has it all, pool in resort. Lush tropical garden by Laguna. Lease. Have another villa: 25,000 baht / month. Tel: 089-594 4067.

KATHU 3-BEDROOM & 5-BEDROOM VILLA

Golf and Lake views villa for rent. On the top of a private hill. 500sqm. New. Modern. Overlooking Loch Palm golf course, lake, mountain, valley views. Big pool, jacuzzi on the balcony, 2 modern kitchens, 2 living rooms, separate entrance. 10 min to beach, local market, shopping and intl hospital. 4km to BIS and Headstart Intl School. Secure, private, quiet, new furniture, maid, fiber optic WiFi. Long term. 3 bedrooms/3 bathrooms: 65,000 baht per month. 5 bedrooms/6 bathrooms: 120,000 baht per month. Contact Noi. Tel: 087-269 8492.

LARGE LUXURY ROOM FOR RENT



The Windmill Phuket Hotel is offering rooms for monthly rent. 50sqm with en-suite marble bathroom. Electricity, hot water, gym, swimming pool, daily breakfast and room cleaning is all included for 30,000 baht / month. Located at Rawai / Naiharn-Yanui Beach. For more info, please call 076-613860. Email: thewindmillphuket@gmail.com

BEACHFRONT HUGE VILLA

Located in the Cape Yamu project. 250,000 baht/month. Long term. Tel: 086-279 6283.

HOUSE FOR RENT OR SALE



In Srisoonthorn, Thalang, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fully furnished. Rent: 15,000 baht/ month. Sale: 2.5 million baht with furniture. 100.5sqm. Convenient location, 10 min to Laguna, 5 min to Tesco Lotus Thalang. Contact Kaye. Tel: 061-956 9622.

LUXURY HOUSE FOR SALE/RENT



Large luxury 4-bedroom house with private pool, walled, garden, in Sai Yuan, Rawai / Nai Harn area. For sale: 12.5 million baht or long term rent 45,000 baht, 1 year minimum. Tel: 095-061 2868. Email: l.dewis@hotmail.com

PROPERTY SERVICES

INTERNATIONAL VILLAS PHUKET
RENTING BUYING SELLING
 Large selection of foreign style condo's and villas. Go to www.internationalvillasphuket.com
 Tel: 076-381188 | Fax: 076-381199 | Mobile: 093-621 3133
 Head Office: 26/32, Moo 5, T.Rawai, Phuket
 Email: nina.neale@internationalvillasphuket.com

ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

LOVELY HOUSE + POOL

Fully furnished, aircon, TV. Free pool, WiFi. Long / short term. Rawai / Chalong near pier. Please call 089-475 1200 (English & Thai). Email: info@welcome-inn.com, http://welcome-inn-phuket.com

HOLIDAY IN NAIHARN

2,3,4 bedrooms pool villas available for rent. Tel: 085-787 3046.

2 HOUSES FOR RENT IN PATONG

1 bedroom: 6,000 baht. 2 bedrooms: 8,500 baht. Quiet and nice place. For more information, please call 089-650 5135 (English & Thai).

STUDIO 2 BEDROOMS + POOL

Special rates in March/April for studio, 2-bed apartments. Shared pool, WiFi, maid service included. Starting 9,000 baht/month. Also 2-bed pool villa available. Chalong. Tel: 086-282 6221 (English).

8,000 BAHT / MONTH 4-BEDROOM HOUSE

Natural surroundings on sea canal near Boat Lagoon. Long term only. Tel: 081-892 4311.

STUDIO ROOM FOR RENT
 Please contact 086-4769612 email: annanol1@hotmail.com
 Royal Place condo, Phuket City, bypass road, opposite Tesco Lotus, 37 Sqm, 2 fl. Studio room, fully furnished.

3-BEDROOM HOUSE FOR RENT

40,000 baht. Quiet location near Wat Chalong. 3 bedrooms. 4 bathrooms. Secure small estate. Uninterrupted lake and mountain views. Parking for three cars. Swimming pool. Internet, cable TV, pool maintenance, gardener all included in price. Available until November 30th, 2016. Tel: 093-793 4258 (English), 085-696 0078 (Thai).

GREAT CONDO LOCATION

Long-term rent. DCondo Mine, 6th floor, new fully furnished, 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom condo with kitchen. 100m swimming pool, gym, internet, 2 cable TVs, 3 aircons, washing machine, parking, security. Close to all shopping malls. 28,000 baht/month. Located in Kathu. For more information, please call 081-893 9127 (English), 087-886 7895 (Thai).

RECRUITMENT

B2B (HOME-BASED)

TMILeads.com is looking for a professional inside sales representative with traceable references and at least three years of successful B2B sales experience. You would prospect for customers and sell our product by phoning and emailing businesses in the UK. This position involves 'cold calling' and is not an 'order taking' job. The position is home-based. Your geographic location is immaterial to us as long as you can work during normal UK office hours. Tel: +1-604-5150225. Email: vernchatten@tmileads.com

LISTINGS & RENTALS MANAGER

Phuket's leading real estate agency is hiring. Experience in real estate listings, rental and property management is a must. You will be responsible in signing up property owners to use our management services and rental properties. High salary and incentives await those who are qualified. Located in Patong. Tel: 076-341045, 081-459 0152. Please send CV / resume to info@proper tyinphuket.com

EXPERIENCED SALES REPS

Outreach is all via email. No cold calling. Must have minimum 5 years experience and be NES. Located in Rawai. Email: lucygreenway@punchagency.com

CHEF FOR CHINESE CUISINE

Brand-new restaurant is looking for a chef of Chinese cuisine. High salary. Working experience in China would be a plus. Please send your CV with current photo + expected salary to restaurant2016@outlook.co.th

GENERAL CLASSIFIEDS

BUSINESS PRODUCTS & SERVICES

PULSE TV!
PREMIUM EXPAT ENTERTAINMENT
 Over 110 English, French & German Channels
 Watch TV Shows, Sports & Movies. Live & On Demand All Streamed Directly to Your PC, Laptop, Tablet, Smartphone Or Our Set-Top Box
***FREE BOX**
 VISIT US AT **PULSE-TV.NET** OR CALL **0993166212**
*WITH EACH 12 MONTH SUBSCRIPTION

X10 resorts **X10 Khaolak Resort**
 Is currently seeking

- Executive Head Chef
- Head Concierge (Thai national)
- Guest Relation Manager (German speaking)

2-year experience in a similar role required.
 Please email your English resume to hrlahown@oceanresortgroup.net or call 076-428900 Ext.7777, 088-827 9329.

NEED A PA?
 Pan PA Executive Services. If you feel overwhelmed by your business or travel needs for your trip to Thailand, we offer help and advice to make your stay worry free and comfortable. At Bangkok. Tel: 099-431 9776, 092-915 4441.

BULLETINS

Alcoholics Anonymous
 If you want to drink that is your business
 If you want to stop that is ours
Daily Meetings
 Patong, Phuket Town, Chalong, Surin, Karon
 081-895 4763
 084-307 7408
 Email: phuketaa@yahoo.com
 Google AA Phuket

HARWELL LEGAL
 INTERNATIONAL LAW OFFICE
FREE CONSULTATION
Our Legal Services:

- Litigations and Notices Services
- Thai Wills & Testaments
- Marriage Registration and Divorce
- Child Custody and Adoption
- Real Estate and Land Due Diligence
- Work Permits and Visa Services
- Company Setup and Accounting
- Translations and Verifications
- Notary Services

Tel: +66-(0)76-383180 | Mobile: +66-(0)89-633 3662
 Email: office@harwell-legal.com
 9/51 Moo 9, Chaofa East Rd, Chalong, Muang, Phuket
www.harwell-legal.com

PARADISE Koh Yao
 BACK TO NATURE IN TOTAL COMFORT

Unique Opportunity In Paradise

Paradise Koh Yao, a contemporary 72 room boutique resort & spa is located on Koh Yao Noi, an island, just a 60 minute boat trip from Phuket in the spectacular Phang Nga bay.

Our shabby-chic design integrates seamlessly with the surrounding beauty of the natural environment. The resort's 'barefoot luxury' philosophy is complimented with a fully equipped yoga sala & an Activity center.

We are currently looking for a highly motivated professional to join our dynamic team at Koh Yao.

HOST CHEF (Exec. Sous Chef) (1 position)

Duties:
 Looking after the A-la-cart restaurant and the Chef's table - skilled in culinary creations, outgoing personality - close guest contact

- 3 - 5 years experience in quality culinary establishment
- fluent in English language, German an advantage
- creative with new product innovations
- preferably young locally assimilated foreigner

Comprehensive remuneration will be offered in line with experience

We are looking for high powered, self-confident candidates. If this sounds like you - send your resume with picture to joeraess@paradise-kohyao.com
www.paradise-kohyao.com

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

BAR FOR RENT
 BooGaLoo Bar. Soi Patong Resort. 4 rooms included. 3-year contract. Only 1.5 million baht. No rental fee paid. Tel: 087-280 6866, 086-273 2392.

BUILDING PRODUCTS & SERVICES

SIAM SUNSHINE
 Construction. Renovation. Shopfitting. Tel: 063-118 3839.

BOATS & MARINE

20M BERTH RENTAL AT RPM

Private owner offers 20m, front line, E dock berth for rent at the Royal Phuket Marina. Berth will accommodate yachts of up to 23m LOA and significant discounts are available for a long term agreement. Contact for further information. Tel: +44-7866-588 395 (English). Email: james@shayler.co

DRY STACK BOAT STORAGE

Royal Phuket Marina offers dry stack boat storage for boats up to 12m or 29ft. Safe and secure. Free lifts in and out. 1 call and your boat will be ready for you. Email: hello@royalphuketmarina.com Visit our website at www.royalphuketmarina.com

LAST LOT 2015 SEADOO 260

1,503cc, 260hp. Last stock on sale. Hot promotion! (firm price) with 1-year warranty from Seadoo. Full service from us (motor field). Located in Samut-sakorn. Tel: 092-269 6099 (English & Thai), 081-754 7599 (English & Thai). Fax: 034-423316. Email: csutivas@gmail.com

2006 REGAL 2665 COMMODORE

2006 Regal 2665 Commodore. Just serviced and ready for new season. Owner moving. Quick sale: 1.5 million baht. Tel: 080-826 4665. Email: legros_pat@yahoo.fr

HANDMADE WOODEN KAYAK



Made to order. Size: 5m length, 20-25kg weight. Tel: 081-566 5155 (Thai), 081-597 3377 (English).

YACHT FOR SALE

2009 Sunseeker Manhattan 60. Price: US\$985,000. Lying in Phuket, Thailand. Flybridge motor yacht. Accommodation for 6 guests. Please call 086-039 8193 (English & Thai). Fax: 076-616071. Email: dcc@maikhao group.com

THAILAND'S LEADING BROKERAGE AND NEW YACHT DEALERSHIP

LEE MARINE

International Marine Brokerage



SINCE 1997

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE POWER & SAIL LISTINGS

WWW.LEEMARINE.COM

MARTIN HOLMES
+66 81 891 7057
martin@leemarine.net

MARCUS OVERMAN
+66 81 968 1437
marcus@leemarine.net

JIM POULSEN
+66 81 891 3237
jim@leemarine.net



RECENT PRICE REDUCTION

Palmer Johnson 84 (1968 / 2013)

USD\$ 499,000



RECENT PRICE REDUCTION

Custom Power Catamaran (2012)
USD\$ 3,950,000



Azimut 82 (2009)
2,650,000 Euro



RECENT PRICE REDUCTION

Princess 21M (2009)
USD\$ 1,050,000



Northern Marine 64 (2001)
USD\$ 1,300,000



Riviera M400 Sport Cruiser (2007)
6,500,000 THB



Princess 54 (2010)
USD\$ 790,000



Sealine F42/5 (2009)
279,000 Euro



RECENT PRICE REDUCTION

Oyster 61 (1996)
USD\$ 490,000

GENERAL AVIATION

Let us....

Fly your brand

or promote your event!

THAILAND YACHT SHOW 2016

Thailand Yacht Show
11-14 Feb 2016

We add **buzzzzz**, and do it
where the message cannot be missed!

Tel: 076-273555
Ask for John or Oranee

Phuket Gazette

Of fashion, family and too many hats

By Simon J Hand

SUPERMODEL, Bollywood star and host of India's Next Top Model, Lisa Haydon has an enjoyably hectic professional life. Riding the wave of her popularity gives her little time to relax, however, particularly following her critically acclaimed role in the 2015 movie 'Queen' and her appearance in this year's top-grossing madcap comedy-romance 'Housefull 3'.

But when the star does squeeze in a few days off set, she will often find her way to the laid back shores of Phuket, where she can catch up with old friends and re-energize for the next wave of work.

It was on just such a visit that the *Gazette* recently caught up with Lisa at a luxury west coast villa resort.

It's been a particularly tough year for the Bollywood celeb, but she shows little intent of slowing down.

"I've just finished shooting for India's Next Top Model and it's just gone on air. So we spent about a month and a half working on that project and right before that I had the film release for Housefull 3. The last

few months have been quite intensive work," she explains. "I'm going back to India next to shoot a film called 'Oh, the Troubles of the Heart' ('*Ae Dil Hai Mushkil*') next. After ten days of doing that, I'm actually going on holiday, taking a month off."

It will be a month, she admits, that will also include a shoot in the UK. Not that she's complaining, in the twelve years since she first stepped in front of a camera in Australia, her star has never been brighter.

Lisa admits that she often looks to her large family for advice on the roles she chooses. "I wouldn't say they guide me in my career, but it's really interesting to have a perspective from people not in the business," she says. "So, I do take advice from them. I've never said this on record, but my dad reads all of my scripts. He doesn't do it to keep an eye on me - I always make him read them, because in some ways I perceive him as being the audience."

Lisa has often spoken of the enjoyment she finds in big family discussions around the dinner table. But the family

took a terrible hit earlier this year, Lisa's mother, Anna, passed away.

It was while volunteering with Mother Theresa that Anna met Lisa's father, Venkat. Experiencing her mother's commitment to social work and helping those in need has shaped Lisa's outlook on life.

"I grew up doing a lot of social work in India, working with people who needed rehabilitation in terms of drug and alcohol abuse, cancer or HIV patients, and abused women," Lisa says.

"My mother was very involved (in social work) throughout her entire life, except for the last ten years when she was a bit older and had eight children. Then she played that role in a different way - taking care of us."

A wry smile lights her face as Lisa recalls fond memories of a family complete. Her eyes shine, but she blinks away the tears. Ever the pro. When her mother passed away, Lisa's hectic schedule of shoots and press calls left her little time to mourn her loss. Her short stay in Phuket was the first chance she'd had to fully come to grips with the space left empty in her life.

"I think it's very important to play your different roles in

life as they come along," she says. "That's something that I'm aware of and would like to do more, but

I'm also an actor and it's very difficult to wear every hat at the same time.

"But, I would like to put that hat back on at some point."



Photo: BLING! Entertainment Solutions



"The perfect healthy escape"
 "Let Us pamper you in our First class spa"
 "Visit Us Today! Special price for one day pass!"



Thai Restaurant



Pool Villa



Hot spring pools



Cold water pool

OUR FACILITIES INCLUDE FULL BEACH RESORT, 2 RESTAURANTS, 2 HOT SPRING POOLS, COLD WATER POOL, EXPANSIVE SWIMMING POOL, GORGEOUS PRIVATE BEACH, FULL SERVICE SPA, FITNESS ROOM.

THE HOTSPRING BEACH RESORT IS LOCATED ON THE GORGEOUS NATAI BEACH IN PHANG NGA PROVINCE. WE ARE LOCATED JUST NORTH OF PHUKET ISLAND 25 MIN FROM PHUKET INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

WWW.THEHOTSPRINGBEACH.COM.T. + 66 (0) 76 580 000-28 | 79 MOO 8, NA TOEY, THAI MUANG, PHANG NGA PROVINCE

ISSN 1905 - 8268

