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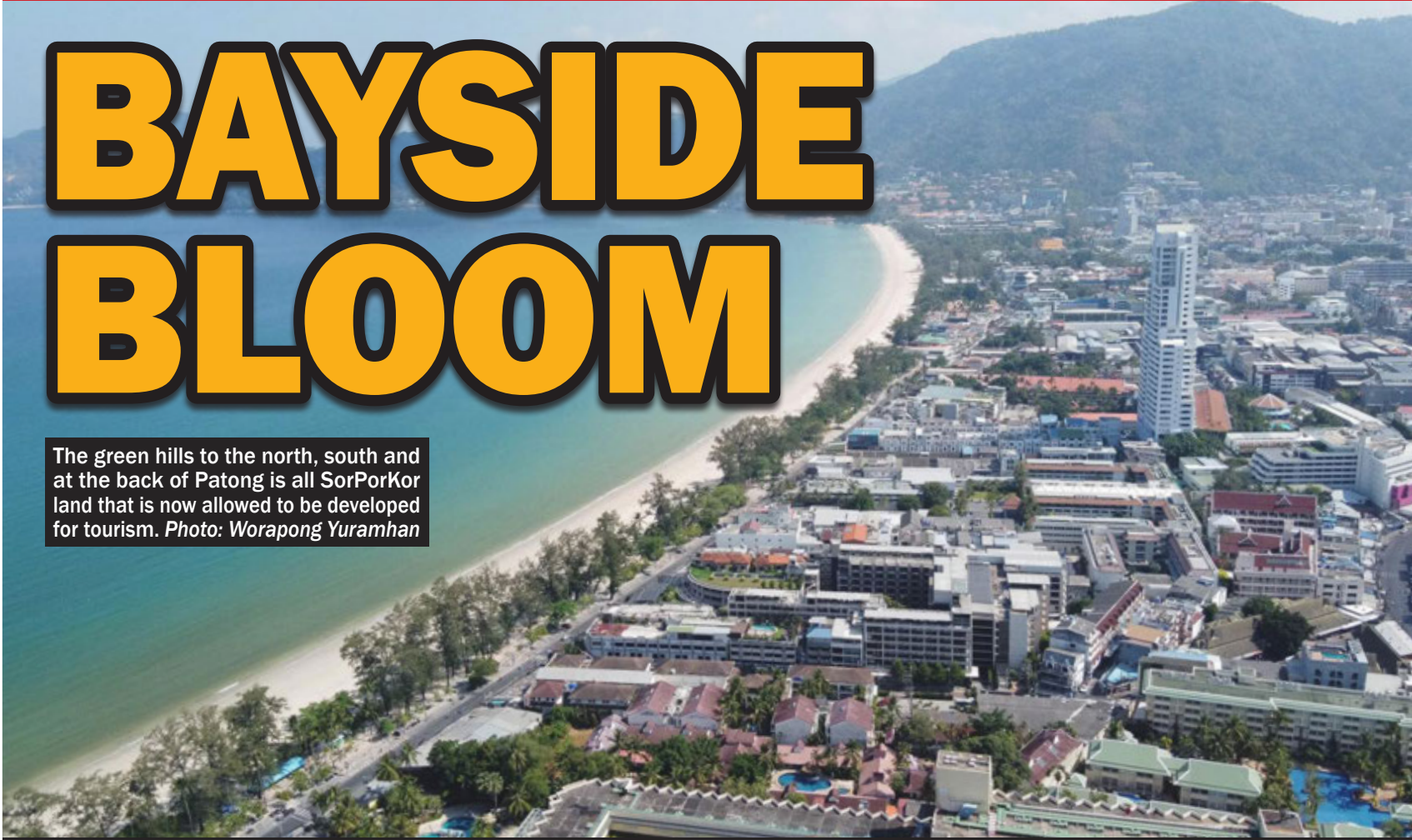
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The green hills to the north, south and at the back of Patong is all SorPorKor land that is now allowed to be developed for tourism. Photo: Worapong Yuramhan



## CHANGES IN LAND USE OPEN DOOR TO WIDESPREAD DEVELOPMENT AROUND PATONG

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The Phuket branch of the Agricultural Land Reform Office (Alro) has confirmed that more than 13,000 rai of state land dedicated to helping poor farmers is now open for limited development, including huge tracts of land to the north and south of Patong, and along the hills the line the back of the resort town.

The news follows Alro Secretary-General Secretary-General Vinaroj Sapsongsuk announcing last Friday (Nov 13) that holders of SorPorKor land may now develop their plots into apartment buildings, gas stations and food-processing plants, among other developments.

So-called “SorPorKor land” became available through Alro after the agency was formed under the Land Reform Act of 1975. The land-reform project intended to provide poor farmers with what was deemed to be degraded forest areas so that they could eke out a living growing crops on state land.

Under the “nine rights” laid out in the act, farmers allocated SorPorKor land were issued a SorPorKor land-use document and were allowed to use the land for agricultural purposes only. The land-use rights were allowed to be passed on to family members, but the land could never be sold legally as it was to forever remain owned by the government.

However, Alro has now revised

the uses that farmers are allowed to develop their SorPorKor land for. The new regulations now allow 12 uses: farming, gas station, drinking water plant, market place, vehicle dealership, retail shop, post office, healthcare facility, restaurant, school, apartment complex and food-processing plant.

The new uses are allowed now, Phuket Alro Office Chief Ammarit Kongkeaw confirmed to *The Phuket News* on Monday (Nov 16). However, people already allocated SorPorKor land must register their intent to use the land under the new uses, Mr Ammarit explained.

“The new uses are in effect already. People can come to the Phuket Alro office,” he said.

Mr Ammarit told *The Phuket*

*News* that 8,206 rai of SorPorKor land in Phuket was already occupied by legally entitled holders. The remaining 4,864 is not occupied, but still held vacant by the Land Reform office.

Asked to confirm how the volume of land administered by the Phuket Alro office had fallen from more than 32,000 rai in 2014 to just over 13,000 rai today, Mr Ammarit said that a lot of SorPorKor land had been handed back to the Royal Forestry Department, but that land reclamation actually occurred in 1994.

Mr Ammarit was unable to confirm how much SorPorKor land surrounding Patong was occupied, and could now be developed. However, he did admit that large areas of land around Patong was SorPorKor land,...

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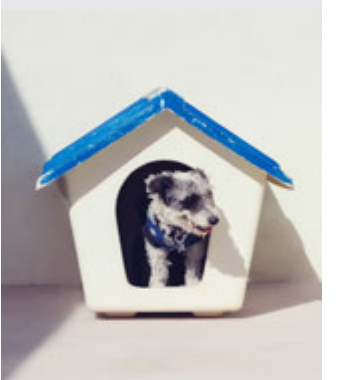
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## Tsunami-warning buoys deployed

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The MV SEAFDEC on Monday (Nov 16) departed Phuket on a 14-day round-trip to repair and reinstall Thailand's two tsunami-warning buoys located west of Phuket.

The ship, named after its governmental agency owner the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), left the Phuket Deep Sea Port at 1pm with a team of 30 experts from Thailand's Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) on board.

The team will first install a new fully operational buoy to replace the one no longer working as 'Station 23401' in the multi-national 'Bay of Bengal array' located some 600 nautical miles west of Phuket.

The buoy was reported in September to have been inspected by the Indian Navy,



The tsunami-warning buoys will be reinstalled during the 14-day round-trip by the team of DDPM experts. Photo: DDPM

and believed to have been scavenged for parts.

The team on board MV SEAFDEC is expected to install the new buoy on Nov 19, Suwat Pabpeung, Chief of the National Disaster Warning Centre (NDWC) Operations Division, told *The Phuket News* on Monday.

The team will collect the scavenged buoy and bring it back to Phuket, Mr Suwat added.

The team will then reinstall the other tsunami-warning buoy, designated 'Station 23461', at its proper location in the Andaman Sea, some 280km northwest of

Phuket, Mr Suwat explained.

The buoy was confirmed in September to be adrift from its designated location, believed to have been struck from its anchoring lines by a passing ship.

A team of DDPM experts on board a Royal Thai Navy boat in late September recov-

ered the buoy, which was still transmitting real-time data, and brought it back to Phuket for repairs.

"Both buoys will need six to 12 hours to start transmitting real-time data again," Mr Suwat said.

The team is expected to return to Phuket on Nov 28, he added.

Present for departure from Phuket today were DDPM Deputy Director-General Chettha Mosikrat, along with DDPM Region 18 Chief Prapan Kanprasang and Phuket Vice Governor Wikom Jakthi.

"After they have completed their mission and returned to Phuket, all officers and crew members on the ship will be held for 14 days in quarantine in accordance with the Ministry of Public Health measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19," Mr Chetta said.

"Please have confidence in the tsunami-monitoring and warning system... I have

focused on improving the country's tsunami analysis and warning system to be more efficient, especially so that the information on which the decision for issuing a warning is provided faster, so that people can receive correct information from government officials and we can prepare to evacuate people in a timely manner," he added.

"The money spent on the tsunami-warning system is a worthwhile investment in order to reduce the loss of life and property of the people," Mr Chetta said.

"Therefore, I would like to ask everyone – officials, organisations, volunteers and networks fishermen and other people – to unite and help look after and maintain the tsunami-warning system and the warning towers in their areas so that they can be used continuously in order to provide us with effective early warning," he said.

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## SorPorKor changes open to help tourism

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...and he noted that the SorPorKor land around Patong was the most valuable. "Definitely, the Patong area is the most expensive land on the whole island," he said.

The move to expand SorPorKor land use followed Deputy Agriculture Minister Thammanat Prompao announcing last year that he wanted to improve how government land was being used, and how SorPorKor land could be used to support the tourism industry, Mr Ammarit explained.



The yellow-shaded areas show the SorPorKor land around Patong. Image: DSI

Mr Ammarit explained in his report that most of the land in Phuket is not suited for growing crops, and much of the undeveloped land in

Phuket had little access to the large volume of water supply needed to grow crops.

"I also explained that some people had asked whether they could build a hotel on their [SorPorKor] land so they could make an income, and employ people," he said.

Mr Ammarit also suggested allowing some 90 hotels currently being proscribed for being illegally built on SorPorKor land in Phuket to be allowed to stand but the owners charged rent, with the rent gained being spent on community projects.

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# Coming clean about COVID

## Health officials break silence on Dutch COVID infection in Phuket

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Phuket health officials have publicly recognised the 38-year-old Dutch national confirmed as infected with COVID-19 in Phuket, saying that the man arrived on the island after being infected in his home country.

Details of the case were announced through a press conference broadcast live through Facebook on Nov 11, a public relations exercise Phuket officials have not used for months.

The news followed a blanket silence on the case as health officials in Bangkok focused on the case of an Indian man staying in Krabi travelling through Phuket later testing positive for COVID-19 while undergoing medical tests for a work permit. Officials said they tested 290 people who had some form of contact with the Indian man, but found no subsequent infections.

Leading the press conference on Nov 11 was Somsuk Sumtarnprateep, Deputy Chief of the Phuket Provincial Health Office (PPHO).

Mr Somsuk explained that the Dutchman and his family members arrived on a private jet, landing at Phuket International Airport.



Details of the Dutchman's infection were announced on Nov 11. Screenshot: PR Dept

Mr Somsuk later told *The Phuket News* that he could not confirm where the Dutch family had arrived from.

"I am not sure if they visited the airport in Bangkok before they came to Phuket International Airport. They are long-term tourists who signed up under the Special Tourist Visa (STV) in Phuket province," he said.

"The Dutchman is the first case found at an Alternative Local Quarantine (ALQ) hotel [in Phuket], but this foreigner was infected outside our country, not in Phuket province. His wife and child were detained as they are [in] a high risk group.

"We checked them on the third and fifth days after they arrived. It [the infection] was found at the ALQ hotel on Nov 5. This Dutchman was separated and placed under care at the hospital that the hotel has partnered with. His wife and child are still in quarantine and we are waiting for their test results," he said.

Mr Somsuk declined to reveal which ALQ hotel where the Dutchman was confirmed as infected and where his family were staying.

"Further, there were four other crews [sic] on the private jet who had been in close contact with the

Dutchman. They were checked and had no symptoms. They stayed in quarantine for three days at the ALQ hotel, then they left our country by scheduled flight," Mr Somsuk said.

"After that, we checked and confirmed that there is no additional risk to people from the Dutchman," Mr Somsuk assured.

During the live broadcast, Mr Somsuk explained that the 'Phuket Model' now involved seven measures to counter any spread of COVID-19.

"The last case of a COVID-19 infection in Phuket was almost six months ago, so we have not had a

new case of infection for half a year," Mr Somsuk said.

"We have high safety, but we have never neglected the protection and prevention of a second wave of infections, as we know that if an outbreak happens again, all people will be badly affected. The businesses that have not been recovered would suffer even worse," he admitted.

Mr Somsuk identified the seven measures to prevent a second outbreak as: 1. Virus protection from a foreign country; 2. Quarantine; 3. Testing and tracking; 4. Tracing and Tracking; 5. Treatment; 6. Law enforcement; and 7. Co-operation from everyone.

"If it [a second outbreak] happens in Phuket province, it may eventually require a lockdown," Mr Somsuk later explained to *The Phuket News*.

"For example, if a light-level outbreak happened in a housing estate, that village would be locked down. That way, they won't let others get in trouble in this situation," Mr Somsuk said.

"It depends on the situation in real time and other factors. We will consider the risk. Then the area will be shut down only in some areas, but not the whole subdistrict, district or province," he said.

## Police hunt 7-Eleven robber

POLICE ARE TRYING TO track down a knife-carrying man who robbed a 7-Eleven store in Wichit early on Nov 11. Officers believe the suspect is the same man who robbed a 7-Eleven store in Kalim, north of Patong, one week earlier.

Officers were called to the 7-Eleven store in the Klong Mudong area in Moo 6, Wichit, at 4:55am.

Store staffer Chutinan Thongkhao told police that a man entered the shop at 4:40am. He was wearing a red long-sleeved shirt, black jeans, a helmet and a white



The man jumps over the counter while committing the robbery. Screenshot: CCTV / Wichit Police

face mask. The man carried a knife, jumped up the counter and pushed her to stand beside fellow staffer Khantima Soda.

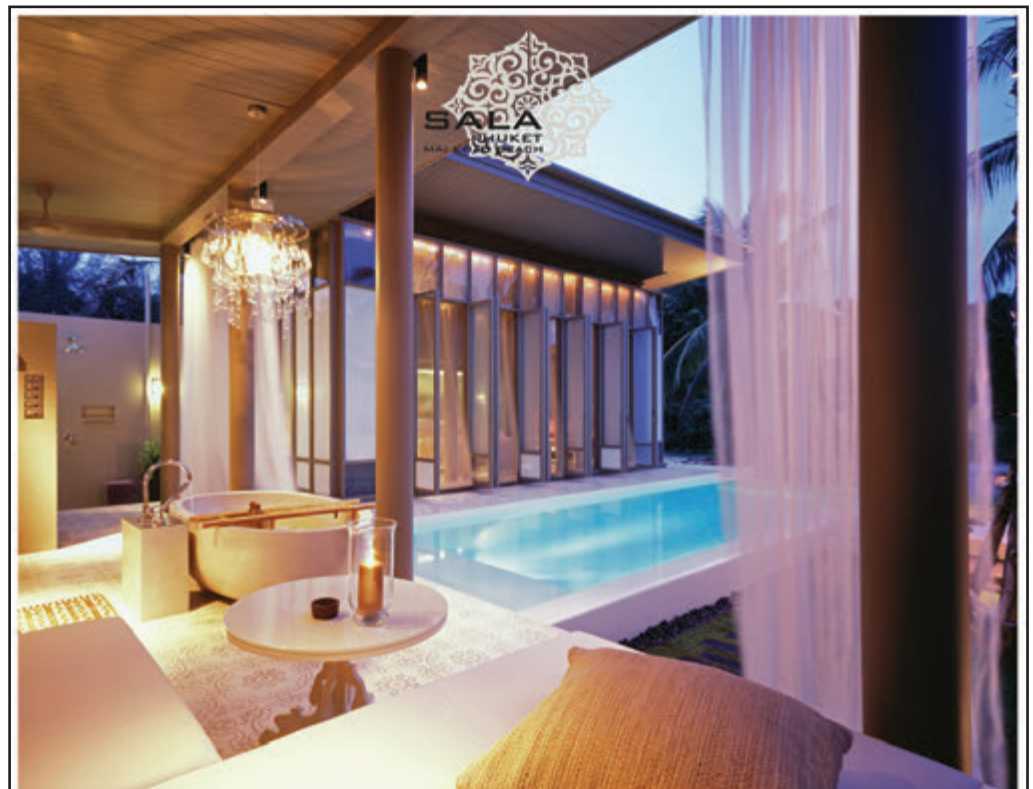
The man ordered Chutinan to open a cash register, but she replied that she could not open it. The man looked under

the counter and found some cash placed on a drawer. He grabbed the money and calmly put it in his jean pockets. Then he jumped across the counter and walked out of the store.

Through CCTV footage, the man came and left the scene by riding a red unknown model motorbike towards the Muengthong-Khaokhad Rd.

The man made off with about B9,000 cash, said police.

Police believe the robber may be the same man who robbed the 7-Eleven in Kalim on Nov 5, as he remains at large. *Eakkapop Thongtub*



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## Thailand's first 'e-ferry' arrives

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The first electric-powered ferry to be brought into service in Thailand was presented in Phuket on Nov 10, at Ao Por Pier on the island's east coast, where the new 'e-ferrys' will provide services to 10 islands in Phang Nga Bay.

While the e-ferry 'Nop-malee' was presented with much fanfare, it has yet to be confirmed when the e-ferry will be brought into service.

According to 'Ao Por Smart Pier' office, the e-ferrys will operate 10 routes to islands in Phang Nga Bay: Naka Island; Koh Panak; Koh Khai; Koh Yao Noi; Koh Yao Yai; Koh Hong (Phang Nga); Koh Panyee; James Bond Island; Phi Phi



The e-ferry was presented at Phuket's Ao Por Pier amid much fanfare on Nov 10. Photo: PR Phuket

Island; and Koh Hong (Krabi).

The e-ferrys were built by Banpu NEXT in collaboration with boatbuilders Sakun C, and Phuket Patri Tour Co Ltd, which will operate the e-ferrys.

Each boat is 20 metres long and registered to carry 90 people on board, with seating for 74 passengers. Powered by a 625 kWh Li-Ion (LiB) battery,

the aluminium-hull e-ferrys can travel at speeds of about 15 knots, and "are agile and still stable on water waves", said a release announcing the launch.

Banpu NEXT CEO Somruedee Chaimongkol said using one e-ferry for one year would save 26,250 litres of petrol, equal to a CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction of 69.3 tons.

## Tonino Lamborghini to launch new luxury hotel

TONINO LAMBORGHINI, the Italian brand famous for its luxurious products and designs, has unveiled plans to launch its inaugural hotel project on Phuket as part of a landmark collaboration with Utopia Corporation.

Scheduled to welcome guests in 2023, Tonino Lamborghini Boutique Hotel Phuket will be a one-of-a-kind luxury resort nestled directly on the beachfront at Chalong Bay.

The low-rise retreat is the vision of Alexander Wong, founder of Alexander Wong Architects, whose original avant-garde style has won multiple global awards.

"After the opening of our branded hotels in Suzhou, Kunshan and Huangshi, the launch of a real estate project in China, and our latest residence project in Brazil, today I am proud to announce the partnership Utopia Corporation for the development of the Tonino Lamborghini Boutique Hotel Phuket, which represents another great milestone for the Tonino Lamborghini Company in the hospitality industry," said Ferruccio Lamborghini, CEO & Vice President of Tonino Lamborghini Company, and heir of the Lamborghini family.



Tonino Lamborghini Boutique Hotel Phuket will be set directly on Chalong Bay.

"Our goal is to bring a branded Tonino Lamborghini experience to the best places worldwide, and soon we will bring the Tonino Lamborghini spirit to Phuket: one of the world's finest tourist destinations."

Construction will start in August 2021, with completion expected by July 2023. The hotel is expected to celebrate its grand opening in November 2023.

Utopia Corporation was established in 2015 and presently is the largest real estate developer in Phuket. The company has developed and constructed nine real estate projects in Phuket within four years, including apartments, villas and commercial complexes, with a total construction area of 120,000 square metres, an investment of B8 billion and a total of nearly 2,000 keys, the release noted.

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# Artists launch ‘Do They Know It’s Christmas?’

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Leading Phuket singers, musicians and music students are keeping the beat with their food security drive to help families on the island still in need of food staples and household necessities due to the COVID crisis.

The project is being co-ordinated by Legend Music Recording Studio in Koh Kaew, owned and operated by producer and composer, and long-term Phuket expat, Gary Crause – one of the driving forces behind Phuket artists coming together in June to produce their own version of ‘Lean on Me’ to boost food relief efforts driven by the Help Phuket Today campaign.

The latest installment to keep the Lean On Me Food Donation drive going through the Christmas period is their latest recording and video of ‘Do They Know It’s Christmas?’ recorded by students, teachers and parents of the Phuket Academy of Performing Arts and the UWC Thailand Junior School Choir.



Students, teachers and parents of the Phuket Academy of Performing Arts and UWCT Junior School Choir all took part in creating their version of ‘Do They Know It’s Christmas?’.

The ‘Do They Know It’s Christmas?’ video was released on Nov 1 and the final song ‘Shine A Loving Light’, is planned for release on Dec 1.

The recording of ‘Do They Know It’s Christmas?’ involved more than 70 people. The video can be seen on Facebook and on YouTube.

Meanwhile, ‘Shine A Loving Light’, to be released on Dec 1, was written by Gary and songwriting partner Rob nearly 10 years ago to help raise relief funds in the aftermath of the tsunami that struck Japan in March 2011.

“The song was originally recorded back then, but it has now been remixed so it can be relaunched to help with the current campaign,” Gary explained to *The Phuket News*.

‘Shine A Loving Light’ was originally recorded by the Phuket Musicians Collective. “Most of those artists are still on the island, and most were involved in the ‘Lean on Me’ recording,” Gary said.

Both songs make up a single that is available for pre-order on iTunes, with all sales going to the Lean On Me Food Donation program.

The singles are the lead into a 24-track Christmas album ‘Our Christmas Gift’, recorded by students of the Phuket Academy of Performing Arts which will be released mid-November, Gary said.

“The problem just gets worse and worse,” Gary told *The Phuket News* “Whoever can still help would be much appreciated.”

To contribute, simply scan and pay for Lean On Me food packs at any Villa Market in Phuket, or order the packs online via Villa Market’s online shopping portal.

# Smart Bus rides again

THE PHUKET SMART Bus resumed rolling from Phuket International Airport on Monday (Nov 16) and continued along its standard route down the west coast to Rawai Pier at the southern end of the island.



The bus started rolling again on Monday (Nov 16). Photo: PKSB / file

The service was stopped in March just before the island went into full ‘Tambon Lockdown’ and all foreign commercial passenger flights were banned from entering the country as a COVID-19 protection measure, Phuket Smart Bus Co Ltd (PKSB) General Manager Wanida Nimnuan explained to *The Phuket News* last Thursday (Nov 13).

Of note, Phuket Smart Bus was among the first to introduce ‘New Normal’ protection measures, with each bus cleaned with alcohol-based sanitiser after completing each run when the COVID-19 alarm sounded in January.

The bus service resumed on Monday, but only under a trial period to determine whether operating the service is viable during the current economic situation.

“The bus will pick up and drop off passengers at the existing 13 bus stops along the route, and the still fares range from B50 to B170, depending

on the distance travelled, like before,” Ms Wanida said on Nov 13.

“However, this is a trial period. We will have to see passengers’ response and the number of tourists or local people using our bus, so we can adjust the bus schedule,” she added.

During the trial relaunch, the bus will make its rounds along the route only four times a day, Ms Wanida explained.

The first Smart Bus will depart Phuket airport at 10am, followed by others at midday, 3pm and 5:30pm, she said. The first Smart Bus will depart Rawai Pier at 7:30am followed by others at 9am, 12:30pm and 2:30pm, she added.

“We are offering a new choice for travel on the island. If you want more information, please see our Facebook page or our website,” Ms Wanida said. *The Phuket News*

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## BLAZING SADDLES

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**B**oris Johnson is thinking of asking British doctors to issue prescriptions to their patients to go cycling in order to combat the huge wave of obesity and diabetes sweeping Britain, which of course also increases susceptibility to falling foul of COVID-19.

Thailand is also facing alarming increases in obesity, particularly among the digitally-obsessed younger generation. However, the possibility of cycling as a way of relaxing and exercising, is for many people a non-starter in places like Phuket because the roads and pathways upon which to try it are dangerous, polluted and often downright scary and the ambient heat can totally destroy you!

Deep in the heart of Rawai, an innovative Frenchman named Dianda Herve has devised a fascinating answer to the danger and heat problems of cycling in Phuket, through an Aqua-Fitness and Cycling programme which he conducts at his Ton Mai Spa.

Dianda conducts daily hour long aqua-cycling, running and general aqua work-out classes actually in the chest-deep water of the swimming pool at his spa with the opportunity of a healthy post work-out sauna, mas-



In-water workouts at the Ton Mai Spa in Rawai are providing many people with the right kind of exercise they need.

sage and then coffee thrown in.

The entrance to the Ton Mai (literally The Tree) Spa is right next to the little road leading to Wat Sawang Arom off Wiset Rd at the bottom of Rawai Hill. It's a charming space full of greenery and quietude with a huge Tamarind Tree at its centre, with sauna, massage, steam-room and restaurant as well as the pool and chill-out areas.

Dianda's story is as quirky and fascinating as Ton Mai Spa itself. He's a former French professional tennis player who suffered a life-threatening injury some years ago in Paris. In an effort to re-build his life he met a Shaman who turned him on to in-water

exercising and therapy and also, prophetically, predicted that he would travel to Thailand and then live here!

Subsequently, Dianda did indeed journey to Phuket and after searching for a location in which to open his spa eventually found and fell in love with the location where it's now situated.

Aqua-exercise of all sorts is particularly beneficial to the older body, of which I rapidly seem to be becoming an owner. So, I thoroughly enjoyed the cycling, jogging, trampolining and generally kicking about, splashing with hand-weights, aqua-dancing and pushing and pulling against the water's resistance which makes this form of


exercise so thorough, invigorating and totally safe against injury and over-exertion. All of the classes are closely monitored and orchestrated by Dianda himself, as he leaps about on the side of the pool, encouraging and haranguing his aquanauts in equal measure.

Water is of course, some 800 times denser than air so each aqua-movement you make pushes so much more resistance, making you work harder and thereby gain a much more effective and muscle building work-out. Additionally, you are fully supported throughout by water, so you cannot fall off your bike and it's almost impossible to injure yourself in any other way.

Hundreds of scientific studies show that in-water work-outs are one of the most effective you can do for strengthening all of your body, as well as aerobic conditioning and flexibility. In addition, many studies show the huge mental benefits of this kind of programme of exercise, especially when conducted in group situations and in an outdoor setting.

The Ton Mai Spa and Dianda offer a wonderful way for Phuketians to 'get on their bikes' safely while staying cool and having a terrific work-out, with even a sauna, steam-bath and massage afterwards. Boris Johnson eat your heart out!




*"Bicycling" Baz Daniel has been penning his Blazing Saddles column, chronicling his cycling adventures in Phuket and beyond, since 2013.*



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# Crating a safe space



## UNLEASHED

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I cannot overemphasise the importance of crate training. It is such a useful skill and can help with house training and some other problems. First off, whilst we humans like our open spaces, high ceilings and open air surroundings, we need to understand that dogs prefer dens and enclosed spaces. This is why they often curl up under a chair, or table, or snuggle up under your feet, or next to something.

Crate training is an important tool, but it's not to be used continuously. Having a dog sleep in a crate at night, and then spend the bulk of the day in the crate while you're at work is unfair. If that's your situation, seriously consider whether having a dog is practical.

Also, with puppies, they sleep a lot! They're a bit like babies. We have no issue with putting a baby in a crib or a pram whilst they sleep, so we should

have no issue with putting a pup in their crate, whilst they sleep. Crates should be in a quiet room away from the hustle and bustle of the house, so the dog can learn to be on their own from time to time. Also, you can – and should – put your dog in their crate for small periods of time, even if you're not going anywhere. That way, they don't associate it with you leaving, and generally just get used to down time on their own.

Crating young pups, or using pen areas, as well as helping work on things like housetraining also helps keep your pup safe. You can't always watch them 24/7, and you need to follow similar practices as you would with a new baby. By crating our pups, we ensure they're not going to chew a wire, or the sofa, or basically anything they shouldn't!

You also need to make sure you have the right size crate for your dog. Big enough so they have room to move, turn and stand, but not so big that they can pee on one side, and sleep on the other. Nowadays, a lot of full size crates come with divider panels which you can move further back as your puppy grows – these are great as it saves hav-



Dogs like enclosed spaces, and sending them to their crate is to allow them to enjoy their safe space, not as a punishment. Photo: Mysaell Armendariz / Unsplash

ing to buy new, bigger crates as the pup grows. I also use lots of interactive toys, like Kongs, that the dogs can chew on whilst in their crate, but be mindful not to leave too many things in there with them, especially toys or beds that can be torn, or shredded. Less, is more.

Also, be mindful that overusing a crate, and confinement can lead to problems. Crating for an hour or so here and there is fine, but for continual longer periods, I'd look at using a pen area as well. Over using the crate can lead to things like the improper impulse control, or contribute to things like separation or isolation anxiety and ultimately, we also need to look at why the dog needs to be confined for the extended period as we want our dogs to spend the bulk of their time out and about with us exploring the world! Remember, crates are not used as a punishment, quite the opposite, they are there to be used as the dogs 'safe place'.

I've also noticed that a lot of folks

like to use the pee pads for dogs, and have often put them in the crates with their pups. This is a really bad idea. First, you're teaching your pup it's okay to pee (or worse) in their crate; and second, if you use them around the house, you're teaching your dog it's okay to pee (or worse!) on the floor indoors. I appreciate this can be handy for folks with dogs in apartments, but if you have quick access to an outdoor area, you're far better off teaching your dog to 'go' there. Either way, never put the pee pads in their crate!

*If you would like some more information on canine training, or behavioural issues, then please contact us on 091 654 1960, email info@k9pointacademy.com, or check our website www.k9pointacademy.com. CPA is accredited with the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT), as an American Kennel Club (AKC) Evaluator and a Professional Member of the IACP.*

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# POP QUIZ

1. What code word in the phonetic alphabet is also the name of a capital city?
2. Clint Eastwood was mayor of which Californian town?
3. In the 2001 film *Shrek*, which actress is the voice of Princess Fiona?
4. What six-letter winemaking term means the airspace between the wine and the top of bottle it is in?
5. What is the official language of the Flemish Community?

Answers below, centre

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### Crossword by Myles Mellor & Sally York

- Across**
1. Energy source
  5. Relaxation tubs
  9. Military VIP's
  14. "Road" film destination
  15. Make \_\_\_ for it
  16. Weird
  17. Prefix to berry
  18. Tra \_\_\_ (singing sounds)
  19. "Tokyo \_\_\_" movie
  20. Biblical combatants
  23. Place for pairs
  24. Make a sharp turn
  25. Odorous
  29. Laker, Lamar
  31. \_\_\_ Tomé
  34. Lecterns
  35. Argentina's Peron
  36. Drain pit
  37. TV first names in solving crime
  40. Actress, Blanchett
  41. Pet lovers' org.
  42. Bizarre
  43. Some TV drama sets
  44. Duel tool
  45. Matched
  46. Can
  47. Arles assent
  48. Sci-fi duo
  57. Less cordial
  58. Chaps
- Down**
1. Opening run
  2. Plantation of classic literature
  3. Norway's patron saint
  4. BMW's little success
  5. Pay
  6. Gambado
  7. "\_\_\_ Lang Syne"
  8. Hose woe
  9. Madhouse
  10. Hoist again, as a sail
  11. Stage solo
  12. Sort carefully
  13. Genesis brother
  21. \_\_\_ Lama
  22. Air purifiers use it
  25. Ladder rung
  26. Grinding tooth
- 27. Changes**
- 28. Happening right now**
- 29. 16 per lb.**
- 30. Early 20th-century art movement**
- 31. Hotel offering**
- 32. Love, Italian-style**
- 33. Selected**
- 35. Mock**
- 36. Disparaging remark**
- 38. According to**
- 39. Poinot's forte**
- 44. Puts out**
- 45. Down Under resident**
- 46. Highly skilled**
- 47. More eccentric**
- 48. Catchall abbr.**
- 49. Westwood campus, for short**
- 50. "I don't believe any of it!"**
- 51. \_\_\_ Romeo (sports car)**
- 52. Undercover agent**
- 53. River to the Caspian**
- 54. Be defeated**
- 55. Future atty.'s exam**
- 56. Shriek barks**

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### Answers to this week's Pop Quiz:

1) Lima; 2) Carmel; 3) Cameron Diaz; 4) Ullage; 5) Dutch

### Solutions to last week's puzzles:

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## GOT YOUR NUMBER

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in 20 million are the odds of any given person becoming a saint.

**58**

kilograms is how heavy some bear cubs and adult reindeer prey have been observed being carried off by golden eagles.

**1190**

was the year when The Louvre was originally built as a fortress to protect citizens from the Vikings. It became a museum in 1793.

**10,000**

people comprising roughly 27% of respondents to a BuzzFeed poll have sent nude photos to a person they have never met.

**1.7**

**million**

children in the US live in homes with unlocked, loaded guns.

Source: Uberfacts

## ISLAND VIEW



Happy kids in Patong. Photo: Michael Lee

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## This week in history

**Nov 20, 1985**  
Microsoft Windows 1.0 is released.

**Nov 21, 1905**  
Albert Einstein's paper that leads to the mass-energy equivalence formula  $E = mc^2$  is published in the journal *Annalen der Physik*.

**Nov 22, 1990**  
British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher withdraws from the

Conservative Party leadership election, confirming the end of her Prime Ministership.

**Nov 23, 534 BC**  
Thespis of Icaria becomes the first recorded actor to portray a character onstage.

**Nov 24, 1971**  
During a severe thunderstorm over Washington state, a hijacker calling himself Dan Cooper



(aka D. B. Cooper) parachutes from a Northwest Orient Airlines plane with \$200,000 in ransom

money. He has never been found.

**Nov 25, 885**  
Siege of Paris: Viking forces sail the Seine River with a fleet of 300 longships and lay siege to Paris.

**Nov 26, 1942**  
The movie *Casablanca*, starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, premieres in New York City. Source: Wikipedia

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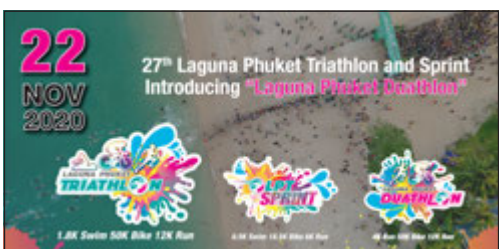
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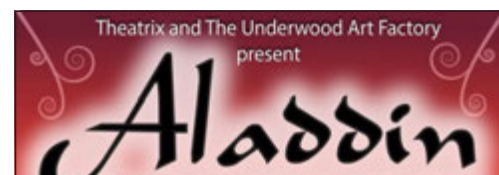


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# Cows gain revenge as they level series

## CRICKET

Neil Quail

The Thalang Cows secured a comprehensive six-wicket victory over rivals Patong Penguins in a return rubber played last Sunday (Nov 15) at the ACG.

Following the week's previous close encounter, when the Penguins emerged successful by a mere four runs, both teams knew that performances would need to be at level best in order to gain an advantage.

In deciding to bat first, Penguins again sent captain Michael Flowers and Seemant Raju out to face a Cows' bowling attack strengthened by the formidable pace of Sri Lankan, Ashan Fonseco.

And it was Fonseco who gained first blood with a fizzing delivery that clipped Raju's glove, allowing wicket-keeper Jeremy Bootsy to claim the catch with the score on 28.

Paddy Ledebouer then took to the crease, putting another 40 runs on the board alongside his skipper, before succumbing to the bowling of Curt Livermore in the 13<sup>th</sup> over for a score of 16.

Andrew McMillan (33) was next to join Flowers (32) in the middle although the captain's innings was soon brought to an end when he was clean bowled by Samir Khan.

Dan Nicholson hit a deserved 25 off 50 and his partnership with Anthony Van Blerk pushed the total to 158 in the 29<sup>th</sup> over. However, Livermore struck again as Neil Quail's catch ended Nicholson's efforts and the Penguins' innings concluded on 164-5 after the allotted 30 overs.



The Patong Penguins' Paddy Ledebouer is bowled during the return match against the Thalang Cows last Sunday (Nov 15). Photo: Supplied.

The Cows needed an aggressive start from openers Bootsy and Imtiyaz Mushtaq, only for the former to be picked off by Aiden Wood at leg-slip in the 5<sup>th</sup> over for eight runs, with the scores evenly paced at 35-1.

Mushtaq (21) survived only a further three balls, being straight bowled by Sajal Gaur, Ali Khan (4) was caught by Ledebouer and then Quail was dismissed LBW for three, both from the bowling of Wood.

Fonseca was then joined by Samir Khan, another Cows' batsman with a point to prove after last week's below par performance.

In a scintillating partnership over the next 13 overs, Fonseca (58 off 52) and Khan (52 off 38) both demonstrated a commanding display of power hitting

to end the match in the 22<sup>nd</sup> over with six wickets in hand.

The win levels an unofficial series of matches, while a third rubber has yet to be scheduled.

Performances of note include the 50 not outs of Khan and Fonseca, while Livermore claimed three wickets for 28 runs off four overs.

If anyone is interested in playing or joining Friday coaching sessions for youngsters and adults, please contact via the ACG Facebook page.

### COMING UP AT THE ACG:

**Saturday, Nov 21:** Touch Rugby Tournament, from 2pm. Adults & Children welcome.

**Sunday, Nov 22:** Cricket Sixes Tournament.



The two finalists Sammy and Guy. Photo: Rob Knight

## Winter claims Kamala Open

### BOWLS

THE KAMALA OPEN Bowls Championship returned on Monday (Nov 16) as 14 players contested the first of this season's 'Majors' tournament.

With defending champion Greg 'Hollywood' Holman stranded in Australia due to COVID-19 restrictions, it presented a chance for a new name to appear on the trophy.

A round robin format reduced the numbers down to a final eight with surprising early casualties including current club champion Ron Blackwood and previous winners George Sasanow and Rob Knight.

The odds of a new winner were shortened even further when former champions Ulf Egerstaad and Dean Lambert were defeated by former UK county bowler Guy Winter, making his return to bowling after an 18-month

lay off. The 7-6 semi-final victory against Dean, one of many games to go to the final end, was particularly impressive.

In the other semi-final, Canadian Ken 'Sammy' Sampert triumphed against female Thai bowler Nit Noi Worada to set up a showdown between the best two bowlers on the day.

Despite a tentative start due largely to nerves, both bowlers found their groove from end 3 onwards as they reproduced the quality of bowls they had delivered in the earlier rounds.

A truly tight contest ultimately saw Guy use his experience to grind out a 13-5 victory and add another new name on the winner's trophy.

Kamala lawn bowls is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Private parties are welcome and all equipment is provided. For further details please contact the club on 0991307299.

Robert Knight

## Thailand hosts IOC Youth festival

### OLYMPICS

THE FINALS OF THE inaugural United Through Sports World Virtual Youth Festival are being hosted in Bangkok this week, an event that it is hoped will boost the Kingdom's bid to host the Youth Olympic Games.

The tournament, running from yesterday (Nov 19) to Sunday, is backed by the IOC, International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and Special Olympics. Over 100 international organisations and federations are collaborating to promote the Olympic values of inclusion, equality and non-discrimination and thousands of youths of all abilities and educational backgrounds are participating.

The opening ceremony last night included notable speakers such as IOC president Thomas Bach, IPC president Andrew



Patama Leeswadtrakul. Photo: Bangkok Post

Parsons, Special Olympics CEO Mary Davis, and former UN secretary-general Ban Ki-Moon.

Thai representatives included IOC member Patama Leeswadtrakul, National Olympic Committee of Thailand president Prawit Wongsuwan, Tourism and Sports Minister Phiphat Ratchakitprakarn and Sport Authority of Thailand Governor Kongsak Yodmanee. Bangkok Post

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# LEWIS IN SEVENTH HEAVEN

## FORMULA ONE

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Lewis Hamilton has equalled Michael Schumacher's seven-title record with one of his all-time great drives.

You'd never have guessed from Lewis Hamilton's typically cool demeanour when he arrived in Istanbul that he was standing on the threshold of greatness, but as he took the chequered flag to win the Turkish Grand Prix and a record-equalling seventh championship the weight of history finally hit him.

"I didn't want the visor to come up and for people to see tears flowing and all of that stuff," Hamilton said afterwards.

"I had always said that I would never let you see me cry... but it was too much."

But there's more to Hamilton that just numbers, and critics who claim his records belong mostly to his dominant machinery – as if Schu-



An emotional Lewis Hamilton after he sealed his place in the very highest of the sport's echelons at the Turkish Grand Prix. Photo: AFP.

macher and other multi-championship winners hadn't enjoyed class-leading cars – desperately undersell the Briton's ability.

Look no further than the Turkish

Grand Prix, where he sealed his place in the very highest of the sport's echelons with one of his greatest drives.

The Istanbul Park circuit proved the most devious of the season's

challenges. Freshly resurfaced, it was absurdly slippery for the bitumen still seeping to the top, and the cold temperatures meant the tyres, already sliding over the oil, struggled

to hold temperature. Then it rained, turning the track treacherous.

The Mercedes car couldn't comprehend the triple challenge of the conditions. Valtteri Bottas struggled, spinning six times to finish 14<sup>th</sup>.

Hamilton didn't simply win; he won by half a minute. And he won by half a minute after trailing by 25 seconds with a third of the race already run.

That sort of form turnaround doesn't happen over the course of an entire weekend, let alone two-thirds of a grand prix distance. It was a champion's drive.

It was all down to Hamilton's sublime but underrated feel for the car and tyres. When the rest of the field was overdriving and spinning out of contention, he deployed patience to bring all the variables of the lottery-like conditions under his control, then unleashing his abundant natural speed to devastating effect.

Already setting benchmarks for most pole positions, most podiums and most victories, he'll start 2021 as favourite for an outright eighth.

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