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**Frank's been to see The New Sheriff in Town.
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Idolised as one of Britain's most popular fighters Frank Bruno claimed his title of Heavyweight Champion at Wembley Stadium in September 1995 beating Oliver McCall and thereby ensuring that he was etched into the hearts of the UK public forever. To this day he is still recognised as a national treasure. Recently this former WBC World Heavyweight Champion was in town to host a VIP dinner and Q & A session at the new Robin Hood Tavern located in The Avenue Shopping Center 2nd Road.

Arriving guests were greeted by four beautiful “ringside girls” who showed them to their respective tables. For the lucky VIP ticket holders a specially constructed boxing ring with tables inside awaited them. Frank arrived early for the event, taking time out to greet everyone in attendance with a handshake and a quick chat before sitting down and giving the guests a ‘blow by blow’ account of his life story. No stone was left unturned as Frank was very open and candid when talking about the highs and lows of his fantastic career and the troubles he faced as the stardom and limelight began to dwindle away.

Frank along with the VIP guests enjoyed a sumptuous 3-course dinner provided by The Robin Hood Tavern during which time the boxing legend continued to share stories on a number of different subjects. After dinner, it was time for the Q & A session and again Frank did not hide from any difficult questions asked giving a real insight into his life and what he has endured over the years. After the Q & A Frank received a standing ovation with the crowd chanting “Bruno, Bruno, Bruno”

The final round of a fantastic evening was completed with a book signing by Frank of his new Biography “Let Me Be Frank”. The book offers a deeply personal story, Frank talks about his battle with mental illness, his time inside a mental facility, the impact his illness has had on his family and his career - and his long road back to stability.

A fantastic and well-organised event enjoyed by all who attended and credit to the team at The Robin Hood Tavern for putting on one of the most memorable nights of the year.



If you haven't been to the Robin Hood Tavern you should really get along there soon to see what they have in store.

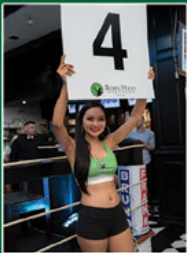
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Hi Readers

So pleased to have Frank Bruno on the cover of this month's Pattaya Trader Magazine..Looking extremely dapper in a 3 piece suit he charmed everyone he met whilst visiting The Robin Hood Tavern in The Avenue, 2nd Road. Friendly, humble and disarmingly honest he spoke candidly about the mental problems he has had to overcome and it does nothing to lessen his iconic status as a British National Treasure to be so open. In fact the beloved Royals: William, Kate and Harry have encouraged celebrities to come forward and discuss their problems in order to put an end to the stigma surrounding mental health. Go to YouTube to view their "Heads Together" channel .

We should also like to thank the team at Robin Hood who did such a marvellous job of hosting the Bruno event for giving our readers a fantastic discount offer. Go to our 'Dining in Detail Feature" (page 25) to get a voucher which allows 20% off your entire food and drinks bill. In fact more and more of our advertisers are including these offers for you so keep your eyes peeled and your scissors handy or if you are reading this online grab a phone and take a photo of the coupon and you can show that to claim your discount.

Enjoy !

Gloria
Assoc. Editor

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COMING TO THE SMALL SCREEN



THE GOLDEN GLOBES 2018

Last month virtually everyone wore black at the Golden Globes in a show of solidarity for the anti-sexual harassment group "Time's Up". Formed after allegations against Harvey Weinstein came to light, in addition to raising nearly \$15 million for a legal defense fund Time's Up is advocating for legislation to curtail workplace harassment across all industries.

Certainly the theme of women's empowerment was carried throughout the whole awards ceremony culminating with a near Presidential speech by Oprah Winfrey. "Big Little Lies"

won Best Limited Series, Best Actress: Nicole Kidman, Best Supporting Actress: Laura Dern and best supporting actor Alexander Skarsgard. Also another TV series dealing with domestic violence although in a more sci fi vein "The Handmaid's Tale" was awarded Best TV Series Drama and Best Actress TV Series Drama Elizabeth Moss.

The remaining TV series awards went to "This is Us" "The Marvelous Mrs Maisel" "Master of None" and the fabulous " Fargo" with Ewan McGregor collecting Best Actor for a limited series.

The Globes are always a useful indicator of critically acclaimed, recent series that may be worth scrolling Netflix for and also available this month are:



Altered Carbon (Season 1)

Starring Joel Kinnaman (House of Cards) and Renée Elise Goldsberry (Hamilton) this will be Netflix's first big Original futuristic sci-fi production in a series. Based on the novel series of the same name, this 10 episode series will see technology enable us to have our memories 're-sleeved' into other bodies meaning you cannot die.



Marseille (Season 2)

Netflix's first French original series is back for its second season. The political drama hasn't received quite the same amount of attention as House of Cards but it's definitely worth a watch. The series follows Robert Taro, mayor of the French city of Marseille who is not free of corruption or controversy.

Most of the cast return for the second season which hopes to gain better reviews than the first which was criticized mostly for its poor dialogue.



Seven Seconds (Season 1)

Expect this series to crop up in the news as it picks up on a family who has been bereaved after a white cop kills a black teenager. The incident blows up and attracts national attention. It takes a look at media coverage and also tries to tackle real social problems behind such events. This first season is set to include breakout stars such as Regina King and Clare-Hope Ashitey. It will act as an anthology series going forward and has been created by Veena Sud. Veena best known for her role in producing the critically acclaimed series, "The Killing".



Coming Soon to The Big Screen



FIFTY SHADES FREED – Romance Thriller

**Jamie Dornan,
Dakota Johnson,
Luke Grimes**

Good grief yes another Fifty Shades! The third in the trilogy sees newlyweds Christian and Ana embrace a shared life of luxury. But just as Mrs. Grey steps into her new role there are threats that could jeopardize the couple's happy ending.



PETER RABBIT– Animation

**Daisy Ridley, Margot
Robbie, Elizabeth Debicki,
Domhnall Gleeson**

Feature adaptation of Beatrix Potter's classic tale of a rebellious rabbit trying to sneak into a farmer's vegetable garden.



BLACK PANTHER– Super Hero

**Chadwick Boseman,
Michael B. Jordan, Lupita
Nyong'o, Martin Freeman**

After Marvel's Captain America: Civil War, King T'Challa returns home to serve Wakanda as his country's new leader. However, he is challenged for the throne and as Black Panther must battle to prevent Wakanda from being dragged into a world war.



EARLY MAN– Animation

**Tom Hiddleston, Eddie
Redmayne, Timothy Spall,
and Maisie Williams**

A prehistoric comedy adventure from Nick Park and Aardman, the creators of 'Wallace & Gromit' voiced by an all-star British cast.



SAMSON– Drama Adventure

**Jackson Rathbone,
Billy Zane,
and Taylor James**

After losing the love of his life to a cruel Philistine prince, a young Hebrew with Supernatural strength defends his people, sacrificing everything to avenge his love, his people, and his God.



ANNIHILATION– Sci Fi Thriller

**Natalie Portman, Jennifer
Jason Leigh, Gina
Rodriguez, and Oscar Isaac**

Based on Jeff VanderMeer's best-selling Southern Reach Trilogy, A biologist leads her team into mysterious terrain known as "Area X" where nature has reclaimed the land. There, they face contamination, disappearances, and deadly creatures. .



GAME NIGHT– Drama Mystery

**Rachel McAdams and
Jason Bateman**

Max and Annie's weekly couples game night gets kicked up a notch when Max's charismatic brother arranges a murder mystery party, complete with fake thugs and faux federal agents. So when Brooks gets kidnapped, it's all part of the game...right?



THE WAR WITH GRANDPA – Comedy

**Robert De Niro,
Marisa Tomei,
and Christopher Walken**

Upset that he has to share the room he loves with his grandfather, Peter decides to declare war in an attempt to get it back.

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PATTAYA FAMILY BIKE DAY

Taking place at the Thai Polo and Equestrian Club. Following the ride there will be a BBQ dinner and plenty of children's activities.



FEBRUARY 9-10

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FEBRUARY 9-10

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CHINESE NEW YEAR

2018 is the year of the Dog go to page 12 to find out more



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FEBRUARY 24-25

THAILAND MUSCLE AND PHYSIQUE CHAMPIONSHIP

For all you Bodybuilding fans out there check out the poses at Royal Garden Plaza, 2nd Road, Pattaya



IDEAS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

This Valentine's day if your budget doesn't quite stretch to the romantic dinner and two dozen long stem roses, then here are some simple and inexpensive ideas for you to make and give to still show you care.

For example if you believe the way to the heart is most definitely through the stomach then how about some cute cut out toasts with love heart fried eggs to greet your loved one in the morning. Or if you want to go even further then get the heart shaped cookie cutter out

..... Making cookies is a great way to get kids involved as well - as is printing love hearts on fruit or making love heart paper chains.

For more spontaneous ideas... well you can decorate the bedroom with love heart balloons and flower petals or add some stickers to a bedroom or bathroom mirror and remember Red Pink and White generally are the colour themes to use !



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Or if you like darts we also have a darts area with ample seating and a digitized scoring system.- Why not join our team playing in league games every Friday ? .

You will also hear a great selection of music being played.both modern and country and there is also an extensive drinks menu featuring cocktails, imported beers and some fine Prosecco. Look out for our new food menu which will be finalised in the next few weeks and some live appearances from guest bands to keep everyone entertained.

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RED IS THE COLOUR OF CHINESE NEW YEAR



Red is the colour of Chinese New Year from the lanterns adorning streets, restaurants, shops and houses to the red envelopes given to children by their parents and grandparents. The money in the red envelopes is meant to bring them good luck and ward off evil spirits in fact it is even nicknamed "Lucky Money" as red is perceived by the Chinese to be a lucky colour.

Officially, 14% of the population of Thailand is Chinese, although a greater percentage may identify themselves as "Thai-Chinese" and obviously the visiting tourists will boost the number celebrating in The Kingdom. This is especially true in Bangkok where the city's Chinatown area is usually the scene of a large party and a plentiful display of red lanterns can be seen Chinese New Year's Celebrations are the most important of the whole year for Chinese people the general premise being to wish family, friends and relatives health and luck for the coming year. Although officially, for this year, the date is February 16th the celebrations can go on for many days with national holidays public events and family celebrations at home.



As previously mentioned red is China's good luck colour and is also believed to scare away spirits of bad fortune. Legend has it that it all began with the Nian, a ferocious beast that would terrorize villagers on the New Year, eating crops, livestock, and even children. But villagers learned this half bull with a lion head was afraid of three things: fire, noise, and the color red. Nian was defeated and from then on the color red was considered to bring good luck and good fortune to all. The Chinese also usually wear red on New Year's Day to go with the upbeat mood as black or white is symbolic of death and mourning and therefore not appropriate for the New Year's celebrations.

Since ancient times, Chinese people have been using the Chinese Zodiac animals to represent the years. Each lunar year is related to a zodiac animal, beginning at Chinese New Year. The 12 zodiac animals recur on a 12-year cycle. For example, this year 2018 is the year of The Dog as it was in 2006. Also 2018 is going to be the Year of the Earth Dog and is supposed to be a good time for lifestyle changes (time to quit smoking or change residence) and for the start of new business ventures. Dog is man's good friend who can understand the human's spirit and obey its master, whether he is wealthy or not. The Chinese regard it as an auspicious animal. If a dog happens to come to a house, it symbolizes the coming of fortune. Let's hope it brings good fortune to us all.



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An Quick Insight To February With “Big Red”



The month of February has a few traditions that we can all get involved with such as Valentine’s Day on the 14th February. Valentine’s Day, also known as Saint Valentine’s Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine is a day during which you’ll see a lot of Red - red love hearts, red roses and chocolates wrapped in red wrapping !

The day before Valentine’s Day is Shrove Tuesday which is on the 13th February and if you are keeping in with the colour red, you could add some delicious strawberries and strawberry syrup to your pancakes in the morning.

Then the 16th February marks the beginning of the Chinese New Year which will be the year of the dog. This celebration is celebrated all over the world but unlike our Gregorian calendar which corresponds with the earth’s cycle around the sun, the Chinese year is based around the moon. Which is why it is known as a Lunar New Year. In Longstanding tradition, people will give gifts of money in small red envelopes and there will be red lanterns and decorations everywhere..

What Does Red Mean?

The colour red can have many meanings and it can also have an impact on our emotions, perceptions, physical and spiritual too. Why these events have red involved is probably due to red being associated with meanings of love, passion, desire, romance and in different cultures it means joy, purity and celebration. For China this brings good luck and

also represents happiness and prosperity. Red is also a highly visible colour which enables people to make quick decisions and that’s why you will see it used on Sale signage or any advertising where they want to focus your attention quickly. It also symbolises action, confidence and courage but can also be associated with anger. So, when you put all these together you get an over confident ‘Ginger’, who lives in Thailand, is more prone to sunburns and can be spotted a mile away !

Having Red Hair In Thailand

Living in Thailand is something that I’ve always wanted to do, but settling down over here means I have to be extra cautious especially as, like most redheads I have fair skin. The Thais compliment white/fair skin and they always tell me how nice it is but leave me to cook in the sun for more than 20/25 mins on a clear day and you may as well be selling me off as a lobster at Rompho Market. Also Thais find red hair colour, unusual and some of them who I speak to say that they like the colour and want to know if I have a younger brother.- I don’t know why!

I have to say I have done very well so far as I have only bought a couple of bottles of suncream and that’s only for use when I take some time off of work and relax for a short break. However as with every workplace or group of friends you will always be given a nickname. So that’s why this has been written by “Big Red”

Red-Haired Celebs

I am in good company though there are plenty of red-haired famous faces such as Ed Sheeran who in 2017 scored the most-streamed album and the song of the year making red hair cool as do these others well known throughout the world:



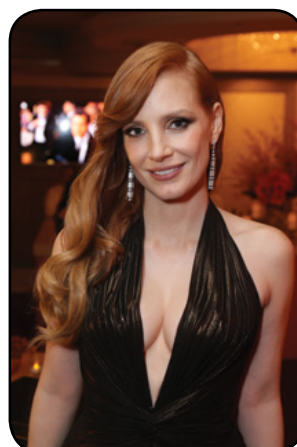
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The First Pattaya International Ladies Club lunch of 2018 was held at the decorative La Ferme restaurant last month and a really good time was had by all – the sunglasses providing plenty of photo opportunities !



If you would like to join this friendly group of ladies and attend their monthly coffee mornings or lunches visit www.pilc-pattaya.com or go to the Pattaya International Ladies Club Face Book Group



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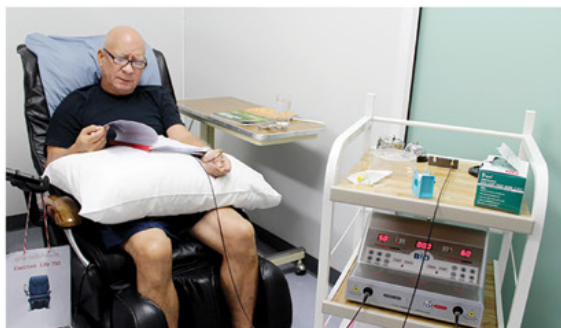
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FEBRUARY GAME RELEASES

Wow it's February already! So let's dive right into this month's releases.



Shadow of the Colossus

This is a remake rather than a remaster of the original game that came out way back in 2005 on the PlayStation 2.

I remember playing this enchanting game, with its amazing art style, music, and unique combat. I guess it was like an early Monster Hunter as you travelled the lands on your brave horse 'Argo' seeking and then defeating the many giant colossi. Each enemy lives in its own unique arena and there are an excellent variety of foes who each have a puzzle element you need to work out in order to defeat them. I remember the overall effect being very dream like. This game is regarded as a classic. The only criticism I felt was with its control system.

The remake, rather than just a re-texturing or general graphical improvement, has been re-built from the ground up. Some were concerned that this would destroy the original atmosphere but looking at recent gameplay I can say there is no need to worry, it looks amazing. And yes, the controls have also been updated to make the experience much more enjoyable. So highly recommended this one.



EA Sports UFC 3

For Xbox and Ps4. The popular martial arts fighting game gets its third release. Conor McGregor will once again be the fighter on the box cover. New to the series is an added career mode which sounds fun you can make promotional choices to build the hype and make more fans. But watch out for the microtransactions and loot crates, which aren't too popular with the series fans.

Metal Gear Survive

This is the first metal gear game to be released after the departure of the series creator Hideo Kojima. The series moves on to survival horror instead of its usual stealth based



gameplay. This is more of a spin off from the series, a four-player co-op. Looking like the last metal gear game but with co-op and Zombies even the map looks the same. More like a modded version? We will see if this is fun enough to survive against the possible backlash of scorn from the die-hard fans. Out this month. For windows, ps4 and Xbox.

The Nintendo Switch continues to build its library with many

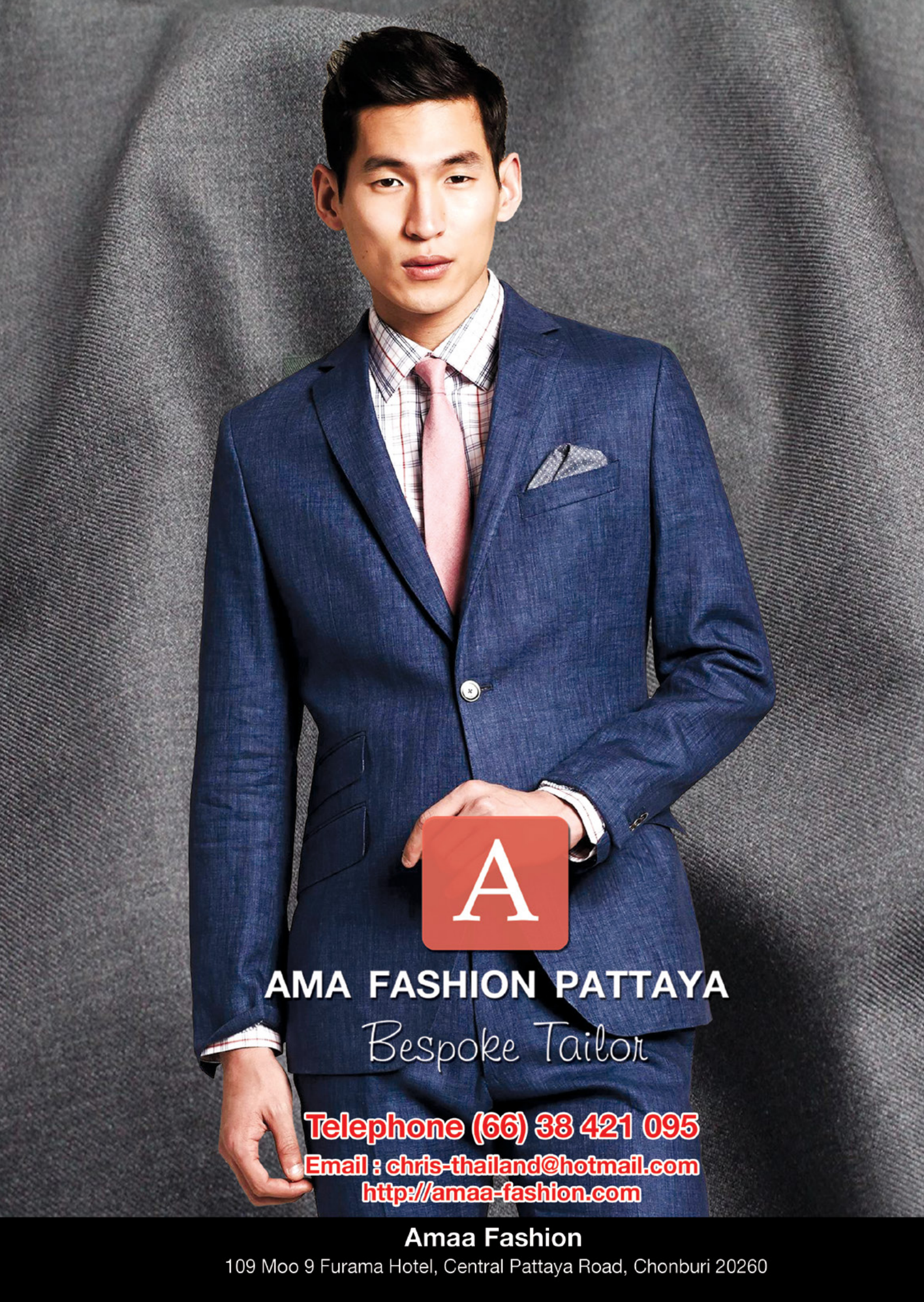


ported games from recent times. Watch out for Bayonetta and Bayonetta 2 along with Payday 2. Bayonetta received rave reviews for its Wii U releases. A third person fighting game much in the style of Devil May Cry sees you controlling a magic, gun toting witch. The game play is really frantic and borderline insane, in a funny way.

For us PC users we get Civilization VI: Rise and fall, the first official expansion pack for this turn-based strategy game. The expansion adds new features so that you experience the potential rise and fall of your civilization during your historical journey. Sid Meirers's Civilization series started way back in 1991. This epic turn based strategy game lets you build your civilization from humble beginnings in competition against the A.I, or humans in multiplayer. You have diplomacy, warfare and exploration at your disposal to win. This game has great depth and the learning curve can be daunting. However, I remember it being great fun even if you don't know all the ins and outs. Follow the tutorials and give it a go but be warned watch the hours pass by very quickly.

And that's my pick of the main game releases, so there is plenty to try out, have fun!

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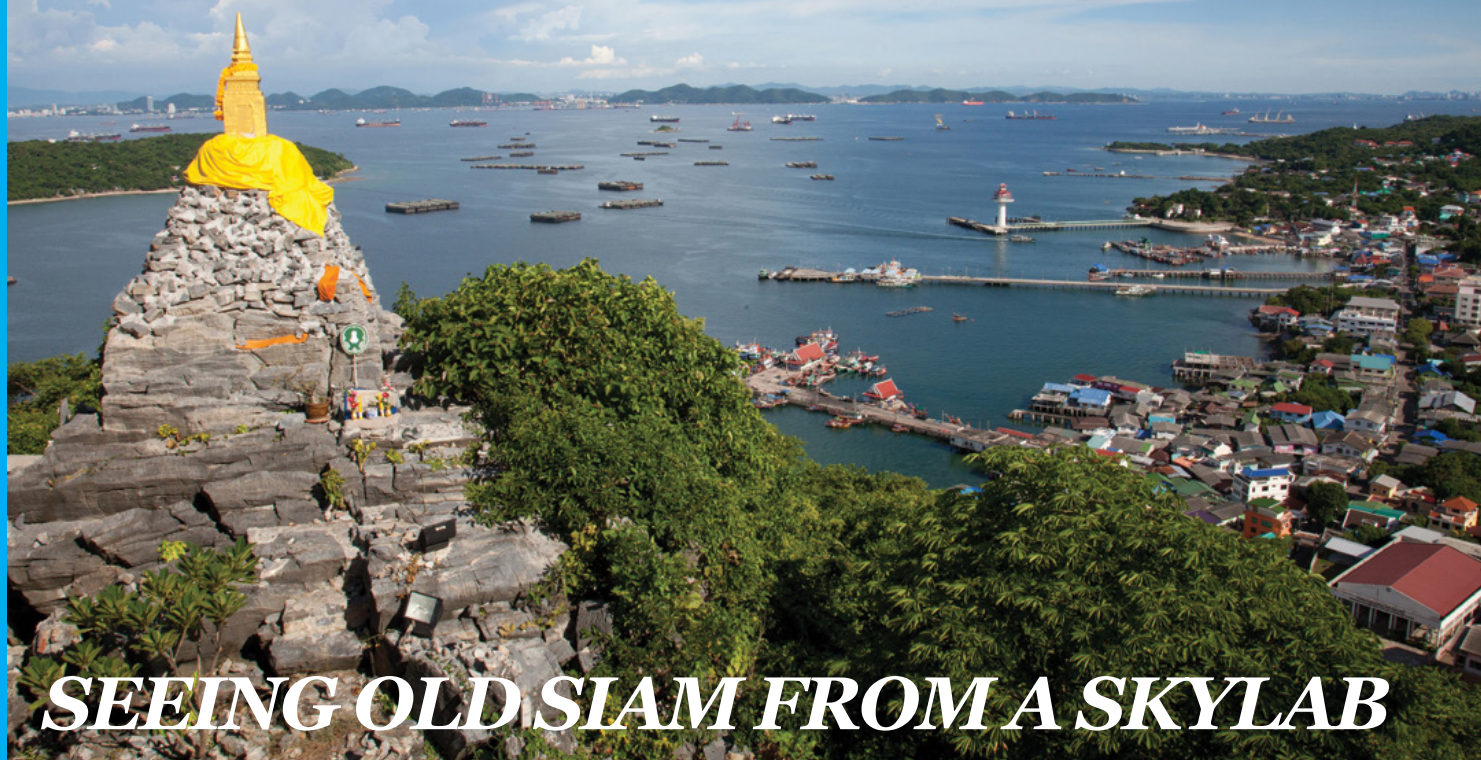
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SEEING OLD SIAM FROM A SKYLAB

How to escape all the other tropical holiday escapists? Try these two getaway routes on the Gulf, not far from Pattaya.

I'm orbiting Koh Si Chang in a Skylab. Thailand's famous tuk-tuk has mutated on this island not far from Pattaya into an odd beast that resembles a junked NASA space station. A Si Chang Skylab is a stretch three-wheeler with the nose of a motorbike and the lusty heart and lungs of an old Corolla.

Like all good islands Si Chang has a story. Being only 120 km from Bangkok, it was a favoured hangout for Siam's royals in the late 19th century. Kings Rama IV, V and VI used it as a weekender, often for pretty long weekends. They built palaces and gardens, with Rama V — Chulalongkorn — being the most prolific constructor. To borrow from Coleridge's poem *Zanadu*, "In old Si Chang did Rama V a stately pleasure dome decree ..." And today you can wander the beautifully restored terraced parklands, ponds and gardens that he created around his Chudhadhuj Rajthan palace.

My Skylab trundles along the island's narrow concrete paths with no worries about cars or trucks. There are none, just Skylabs and motorcycles. My pilot drops me at the Chudhadhuj Zanadu, amid the pavilions and walkways where Siam's kings once strolled and Thai romantics still do. Nearby is Mai Rim Talay ("Wooden House by the Sea"), a photogenic green and white pocket palace that was probably a royal guesthouse.

Today I'm looking out from it at a flotilla of bulk carriers, container ships and barges. Tranquil Koh Si Chang now sits in the middle of Thailand's busiest shipping channel, just off Sriracha town and Laem Chabang port.

"This used to be a fishing island," says my driver. "But the Gulf has been fished too much." Like many among Si Chang's 5000 residents he now looks to tourism. Across the 25 sq km island I see numerous home stays. I'm staying at Somewhere, Si Chang's newest and most stylish little hotel. With plenty of louvres and tiles in blue and white marine architecture, it has just 20 rooms, a pool, restaurant and the best Skylab on the island, a customized goer that you'd never call space junk.

Surprisingly, given the island's proximity to Bangkok, there is no escarpment of glitzy beachfront resorts. Si Chang has been "saved" from becoming a tropical tourist purgatory by its lack of good beaches. Its lone decent stretch of sand (and by Thai standards not a particularly flash one) is the narrow west coast strand of Tham Pang.





I hire a motorbike and continue orbiting the craggy island. The sea is everywhere. Monitor lizards and free-range pigs wander the road. There's a constant windfall of leelawadee, frangipani flowers. The streets are rubbish-free and the homes brightly painted. I head up to the white "Buddha Footprint" temple perched on a ridge overlooking the sea. From this here one can see survey a grand a panorama of islands and ships adrift between here and the Thai mainland, 12km away. Further south, the towers of Pattaya bristle on the horizon like a Cancun gone walkabout.

So, what's there to do on Koh Si Chang? Rattle around in a Skylab or motorbike. (Everyone leaves their keys in the ignition — with nowhere to run, there are no bike thieves.) Dine or have coffee in town or a sunset beer at the Chong Khao Khad viewpoint. Chat with the locals (there are very few foreigners). In short, there are no big deal, gotta-do-see-buy imperatives on snoozy Si Chang, a living, working Thai island. And that is its real attraction.

On weekends escapees from Bangkok briefly swell the island population. But, come Monday, this fragrant island is yours again. Tamarind trees instead of bling bars, one 7-11, one bank and a fleet of Skylabs. What less could one want?

Information: Get to Koh Si Chang by ferry from Sriracha, 30km north of Pattaya. The 45-min trip costs 50 baht and runs hourly until 8 pm. See www.kohsichang.net. Staying: try Somewhere Koh Sichang resort: www.somewherehotel.com



Laem Mae Phim, Rayong's Almost-Secret Shore

Unsung Laem Mae Phim sits on the same Gulf coast as Koh Si Chang but in Rayong province well south of Pattaya and Koh Samet. With a shoreline of empty beaches, shade trees and a few food stalls, the Mae Phim peninsula is popular with weekenders from Bangkok but remains largely off the radar for foreigners. There are good offshore island dive sites and a selection of mid-range and upmarket resorts.

One standout spot is the long beach beside Ao Khai ("Egg Bay") fishing village. It offers, in the wistful words of Professor Henry Higgins, "an atmosphere as restful as an undiscovered tomb" — although a whole lot sunnier. The four-star Centara Q Rayong resort and its cheekily named Quicksand restaurant look out onto this balmy bay where two fishing boats, one kayak and a brown dog constitute a crowd.



When you've done with siestas and beach strolls, Mae Phim allows several good excursions. In nearby Klaeng town visit the memorial to hometown hero (and Thailand's "Shakespeare"), the prolific 19th century poet, Sunthon Phu. His epic poem, Phra Aphai Mani follows the romantic adventures of a Byronic hero across ancient Siam, including to Koh Samet.

And while you're in Klaeng, pay a visit to the unique KruKung Museum, a superbly curated, private exposition of mid-20th century Thai daily life. The museum's faithful, period recreations of, for instance, a whole grocery shop, a 1960's hair salon, school room, village cinema or complete rural café — all hitherto "unremarkable" environments — are now remarkable indeed.

Information: Centara Q Rayong resort: www.centarahotelsresorts.com

Khun Gio - Take Care Kids Thailand



A recent visitor to the Pattaya Trader at Chaiyapruerk Towers was Khun Gio from the Take Care Kids Foundation Thailand. Khun Gio had been invited to pop in to see us so that he could explain exactly what his foundation does and how it benefits local abused children in Pattaya. This was especially timely as Take Care Kids was a recent beneficiary of 74,000 baht from the excellent Souled Out bash last month at the Robin Hood Bar an event that The Pattaya Trader was very happy to support. Khun Gio was also eager to relate that this amount of money would be enough to keep the foundation operating for around three months, and the real beneficiaries of course would be the children they care for.

Pictured are Eva and Khun Gio with the kids at Take Care Kids.

Although Khun Gio has been living in Pattaya for over fifteen years, the foundation was founded in 2010. Originally a media journalist in his native Italy, it was never on his mind to open a shelter for abused and deprived children in Thailand, but things took their own direction. After meeting Father Ray and helping out with the annual rice collection as Khun Gio himself says "It all started from just 1 kilo of rice". For not being a person who could sit idly by as a man of action he felt he had to help in whatever way he could and so in 2013 after fulfilling all the legal Thai requirements, Take Care Kids Thailand officially opened as a shelter for children. As a shelter, Take Care Kids is only allowed to take children from two and a half years of age and upwards, presently the average age at the shelter is 6 years old.



Mostly these children are sent to him from "Child/Women protection" and have often been the victims of sexual or physical abuse.

The individual stories of the children are a little harrowing to relate, but Take Care Kids act as a foster family, making sure the children are fed, have shelter, are protected and above all are registered for school. Often it is hard to tell relatives how important it is for children to be educated and after looking after these children and giving them the full attention of all the team at Take Care Kids the eventual aim is to return the children to a family member that is capable of looking after them. However, you can imagine the nightmare scenario of tracing distant relatives that could be anywhere in the Kingdom. And if they don't manage to find family and the mother is still incapable of looking after her kids, then the children are sent to state foster homes when they are ready to do so. .

However before this can happen and they are able to integrate with other children Khun Gio and his staff have to give specialist care and look after the welfare of their charges morning, noon and night. Through their specialist experience they understand the children's problems completely and work at providing loving care as well as the basics to survive.



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The Take Care Kids Thailand shelter makes no distinction as to the colour or creed the children are and in fact religion is not high on the agenda for the shelter, the absolute priority being the children and the care needed to keep them happy and educated. For even if they stay just a couple of years at the shelter the hope is that this period will set them on the road to a happy, normal life and take them away from abusive situations and memories.

Take Care Kids complies rigorously with all the Thai Laws necessary for it to be officially classified as a foundation but as such it relies completely on donations from well wishers, Khun Gio does not get any remuneration for his dedication and hard work. He cites his "salary" as being the reward of seeing former shelter kids come back to visit at Christmas for the annual party.

So how can you possibly help Khun Gio and all the children under his care ? The first step is to go on the foundation's FaceBook page and like Take Care Kids Onlus. You can then take a look to see what the foundation is all about and you can also view regular updates of the current projects that they are involved in. Or if you really want to get involved and do something proactive why not arrange your own charity event and send the donations to help these unfortunate children who have ended up in a situation they had nothing to do with creating?



Khun Gio is an intenseman.....as well as Italian.....german.....meticulous accounts for every baht and strives to do the best that he and his team can to care for each and every one of their wards. He provides the children with another chance in life and so richly deserves our Pattaya Personality recognition for this month.



Have a think about what you may be able to do to help, it does not have to be as grand as a large Soul Event. Why not host a coffee morning, or a charity walk ? It really does not matter how much you raise, as every baht will help the children have a second chance in life.

You can contact Khun Gio at info@takecarekids.org or 085 248 0194.

Dining

By GLORIA JONES



CROWN OF INDIA RESTAURANT

For those of you who may not already know, the Crown of India restaurant has the same owners as that great Pattaya Indian restaurant namely the long established, much loved Alibaba. So you can be assured that you will be getting great authentic Indian food when you visit the Crown of India, this restaurant concentrating on cuisine from the North and South of the country.

You can easily find the restaurant by travelling along Pattaya 2nd road (past Pattaya Klang and the Hard Rock Hotel towards the Dolphin roundabout on the walkway just by the entrance to the Tropicana hotel). In fact the walkway enables the restaurant to offer an outside dining terrace as well as in door air conditioned seating. So if you favor eating al fresco watching the world go by then you can do so at this restaurant.

Inside, the decor is less themed than Alibaba. Brighter and lighter this younger cousin has an opulent use of gold with its ornate ceiling and gilded frames housing interesting pieces of jewellery and old images of characters in traditional Indian dress. Also unlike Alibaba the staff themselves do not wear such a traditional costume but are nonetheless very smart in their Nehru collared jackets. In fact there is such an extensive menu you would do well to leave yourselves in their very capable hands of suggesting dishes for you. When the Trader visited the manager suggested a variety of barbecue and more sauce inclusive curries and a mixture of vegetarian and non vegetarian.

In fact for any of our readers who are vegetarian you will find a great selection here and of course the beauty of Indian food is that the herbs and spices used in its preparation can result in a really flavoursome dish even if it does not include meat. So for our starters we had vegetable samosas 3 perfectly fried triangles sitting on a blue plate that really complimented them. In fact the presentation of all the dishes was great with decorative and inventively cut carrots cucumbers etc. framing the main ingredients. The samosas were piping hot and delicious really great value at only 80 baht.

Then our next starter the Chicken Tikka came to the table still sizzling and steaming. Even the shredded cabbage and onions absorbed all the sauce and juices from the barbecued chicken making them a pleasure to eat.

While we waited for our main course it was good to hear authentic Indian music being played quite lively and modern in tempo. Also time to survey the menu where again there were just as many vegetarian options as non vegetarian.

I personally prefer to opt for the breads rather than rice when visiting Indian restaurants as we already have so much rice in Thai cuisine but for those that do like this accompaniment there is Plain, Pulao Basmati or Biryani to choose from. Biryani being rice flavoured with spices and layered with Chicken, Lamb, Fish or Prawn. However the bread selection was equally extensive with Roti, Naan bread and more unusual options Parantha (layered bread) and Kulcha (stuffed with onion or marsala). Then came the main course the Butter Chicken which for my taste could have had a slightly thicker sauce but the spinach with paneer and the dahl were completely delicious.

Over all I have to say the meal was flavoursome, rich and satisfying. Crown of India is open from 11 a.m. until 1 a.m. get along there and give it a try.

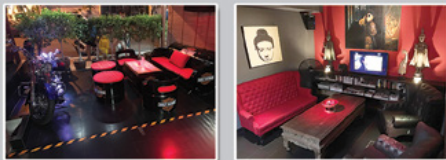
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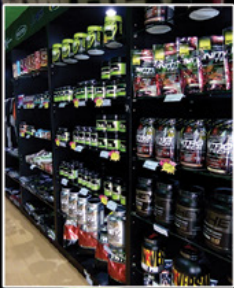
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SUNNY'S - WATCH THIS SPACE !



There's a pretty dynamic team at Sunny's which probably goes a long way to explaining the venue's success in quite a short time. I call it "a venue" rather than just a restaurant as it is set in a large area of land and really does cater for the whole family.

Sunny's offers parents the chance of a much needed break whilst enjoying their great food. There are some really excellent facilities for the kids both inside and out where they can let off steam and have fun. With a paddling pool swings and loads of playground equipment, the whole area is gated so the kids can play safely with 17 cameras to keep a watchful eye. There is also a soft play room again video monitored so parents can rest easy while eating their meal. Sunny's have a candy floss and popcorn machine - fun for

parties and a kid's menu as well as a 1/2 price version of what Mum and Dad are eating

Already marked out as a successful family destination the team at Sunny's have not rested on their laurels but already spelled out some extras for 2018..Already available is the new Thai Party Hire with different sizes of bouncy castles including lovely ones that slide straight into the pool perfect for kids parties and delivered, set up and then collected back from your home.

Watch this space for their Mediterranean themed steakhouse with an entirely new menu.

Watch this space for their brand new menu refined from the bestsellers over the last few months

Watch this space for home delivery service

Watch this space for organically grown vegetables and fruit brought straight from the garden to the kitchen as the ultimate in freshness straight to your plate. Already mangos can be picked from the mango tree outside for anyone choosing a dish such as mango salad

Watch this space for a pick up/drop off service. Right now Sunny's will of course organise a taxi service home for their diners but they are looking at this possibility for the ultimate in transportation so no guests need worry about having to drink and drive.

Watch this space for changing specials and keep an eye on their Facebook page to see what's going well certainly when we visited the lamb burger was very popular.



This was one of the delicacies served up to us as well as a glorious salt and pepper King prawns with an apple and ginger purée which complimented prawns perfectly. The lamb burger, mentioned has is a double burger with 250 grms of meat really succulent with an excellent tzatziki dressing . Amazingly this burger is now so popular that the extremely hungry amongst us have actually ordered it as a triple burger ! Or for those who prefer a spicier taste as well as the extensive Thai menu prepared by Sunny's Thai chef overseen and inspired by the now pretty famous Gerry - there is a Kra Pow burger which is absolutely delicious with the homemade (of course) coleslaw and Cajun spice French fries. Even the baked potato is beautifully presented with crème fraîche added to the creamy mashed potatoes inside. Each plate is lovingly prepared and presented from the beautiful prawn rice encased in half a pineapple to the artistically drizzled oil and balsamic on the plates of the burgers and of course the steak. We couldn't go to Sunny's without sampling a steak from Gerry who made Steak House in Pattaya so famous - and it really did not disappoint. - More of this when The Trader tells you all about this real Pattaya Personality in next month's edition.

As well as great food they have a fantastic selection of soft drinks and draft beers including Sunny's own brew They will even charge your bill 50-50 to your Biz Paye card - so what more could you want - if you haven't yet tried Sunny's for yourself I suggest you get along there with all speed.



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96FM - Back with a vengeance!



After a year and a half of indecision over the ownership and direction of Pattaya People Media Group's flagship radio station, 96FM, popular radio and TV presenter Barry Upton has been drafted back in to bring back the 'music first' policy that proved to be so popular amongst the Pattaya community over recent years.

'Sunshine Hits' that bring back so many memories are featured alongside the best of the new stuff in the best playlist of Ex Pat targeted 'wow' music in the region.

Weekdays begin with the always fun 'Morning Glory' breakfast show airing between 8am to noon featuring guests galore and other live events. Barry Upton is your host, helping to make the sun shine even brighter. If you'd like to join Barry on the show, maybe having an event to promote or an interesting subject to feature, contact him by e-mail: barry@pattayapeople.com.

Coming soon will be a midday to 2pm show called 'Let's Do Lunch' which will be live from our booth on the ground floor at the Central Festival Shopping Mall in the heart of the city and next to the beach.

From 2pm to 4pm, our very lovely and charming D.J.- S.J. (Sarah Jayne) is providing a little 'Afternoon Delight' with some aural delights.....'just for you' (said in a cool sexy voice).

Paul Rosenberg's 'Sundowner' show from 4pm to 6pm takes us from late afternoon into the night time zone as 'the sun goes down'.

The weekend schedule is now being finalized and will soon be published but expect the best entertainment possible.

When Barry Upton first moved to Pattaya, over eight years ago, he became an instant hit on 96FM with his mid morning show 'Behind The Music' which later translated onto the TV screen as a regular popular feature. After a year of these, he was offered the chance to host the flagship breakfast show, cheekily renaming it 'Morning Glory'.

As a career long music producer with many international hit pop records under his belt, he then moved his recording studio over to Pattaya from the U.K. and it wasn't long before he was producing his own jingles for 96FM. This gave him an identity and an edge over the regions competition which a few years back was much more extensive than of now. His irreverence with certain guests was also a welcoming departure from what had gone previously and was influenced by the open and fun lifestyle Pattaya offers. After a while, certain special guests were filmed chatting with Barry in the 96FM studio for future airings on PPTV.

After seven years of getting up early and being production manager for TV and radio, besides presenting, Barry parted company with Pattaya People Media Group. He could then pursue a project he'd had on the back burner concentrating on writing songs for a beach based musical feature film which is now well on the way. However, due to recent managerial changes at the company, owner Niels Colov invited Barry back to help improve the entertaining output of all medias and together they are doing just that.

The online version of 96FM is now up and running as is the 'app' so that the message of 'come to Pattaya, the most fun city in the world' can be heard internationally. The other radio stations, Kiss FM on 91.75 featuring dance style music aimed at a younger audience, and Russian Radio 90.75 also come under the Pattaya People Media Group wing and can be accessed on a daily basis.



The future for radio in Pattaya is bright with a whole lotta 'Sunshine Hits'. Get your kicks on 96 !!

PATTAYA PEOPLE TELEVISION – A New Era



Recent changes in management at Pattaya People Media Group has meant a fresh approach to the company's output. From what has been a mainly commercial driven format, the only 24 hour local TV channels accent will now be on good quality entertainment and information of interest to Expats in the area.

As with the radio, Barry Upton is now back in charge of editing the TV output schedule with a wish to produce more fun programming, even if there is a subliminal commercial aspect.

Plans are now being made to film a regular 'fly on the wall' reality property series which is sure to attract a wide viewing audience who will be eavesdropping on viewings of condos and houses in the Pattaya region. 'A Home In The Sun, Pattaya' is the working title right now and should be debuting this month with weekly updates.

A former favourite series 'Pattaya Stories' will return with some famous, and not so famous but interesting, people who live in the area chatting about their lives and thoughts about moving to this region of Thailand.

After hearing from so many people about their sad loss of not seeing Barry's 'Behind the Music' informative programmes over the past year or so, the good news is that, not only will the earlier shows be repeated, but that new ones are in the offing and soon to go into production.

Finally, travelogue style features such as the highly popular 'Koh Chang' series are to resurface plus a look at the many interesting facilities Pattaya has to offer, in and out of the city.

There are so many undiscovered places to visit that have not been reported on, these shows will be unmissable in everyone's quest to become more knowledgeable about the surrounding area. If you would like to help in the making of these programmes by either suggesting a topic or facility to cover, even taking part yourself, then please contact Pattaya People and let us know your suggestions.

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TR Motorsport Recruits Danish Wonder Kid



TR Motorsport has a proud history of nurturing young driving talent and has developed the careers of several drivers over the years helping them to realise their motorsport dreams, not only in Thailand but also throughout the world. Recent success stories from the TR Motorsport development program are Sandy Stuvik and Jack Lemvard who have both now become professional racing drivers.

Sandy Stuvik:

- Thai National Karting Champion
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- Asian Formula Renault 2.0 Champion
- Euro Formula Open (F3) Champion
- Formula GP3 Race driver
- Asian GT Race driver



Jack Lemvard:

- Thai National Karting Champion
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- Toyota One Make Race Champion
- Pro Car Champion
- Honda Racing Fest Champion
- Thailand Super Series Champion
- Asian Touring Car Champion

The latest addition to the TRM family is Danish Protégé 'Victor Conrad Spliid Jensen', the 16-year-old has already proven himself on the track with both Karts & Cars and is well ahead of other drivers in the same age bracket and

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shows a real thirst to learn. All of us at TR Motorsport are excited at the chance to develop the career of a young driver like Victor.

Decisions are never taken lightly at TRM and we had been studying Victor's progress throughout 2017, it soon became apparent that the young Dane had real potential and under the guidance of Racing Coach Jack Lemvard, he continued to improve over the season, resulting in his first race win and becoming a real contender for the driver's title. When Victor's father approached us and asked if we could aid in his sons further development the decision was an easy one to make, not only is it the great potential he shows, it is his ability to listen and learn fast that made the decision so easy.

The 2018 season promises to be a very demanding one for Victor, as we will be entering him in several Championships. He will drive in the 'ALTIS' Class of the Toyota One Make Race Series and Class-C of the Super Production Championship in the Thailand Super Series where we have set a top 5 position as an end of season goal. Victor will also be racing in the 3K Toyo Championship and the Super Turbo Series; both these Championships will be used as practice, allowing him and the team to hone his skills further. If all this wasn't enough he will also be competing in the DD2 Karting Championship, racing Shifter Karts. All these events will play a major role in his development.

Victor, when asked about joining TR Motorsport, said the following:

"I am very happy to have the chance of working with Thomas and TR Motorsport, I was impressed to see how they work with data analysis to help set up the car and develop their drivers. They have built a new car for



me that I will use for the Super Production Class of the Thailand Super Series. I have already completed over 200 laps around Bira Circuit in Pattaya to get a feel for the car and by the end of the first day my lap times were already competitive, so I know this is the best way forward for me regarding my career."

Victor's father added:

"Having previously witnessed how TR Motorsport uses data logging to analyse their drivers and car setup I asked them to join us on a race day in 2017 and apply this analysis to the race car to see if Victor would be able to understand and improve further this way. Victor loved it, and at the end of the year we agreed to join TR Motorsport for the foreseeable future. TR Motorsport have been very successful for the last 15 years on and off the track and we are confident with this new joint venture we can replicate the success of previous years, I feel the team has my son's best interests at heart and I know they will strive to get the best out of him. Both Victor and I can't wait to get going"

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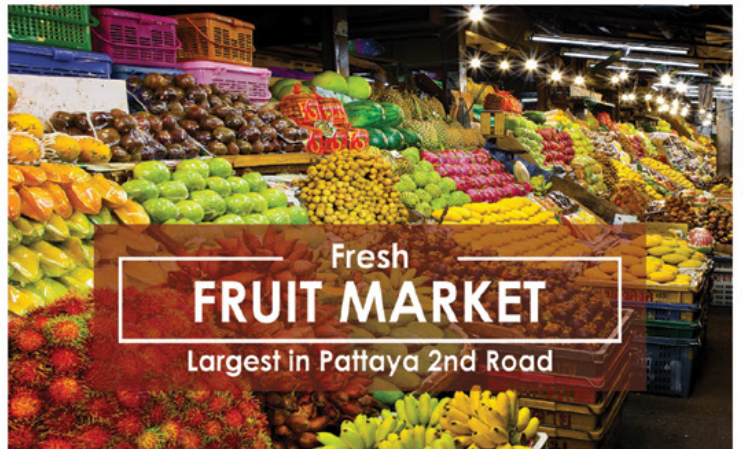
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Ocean Marina Yacht Club crowned Best Marina Development in Asia at 2018 Christofle Yacht Style Awards



Mr. Napong Paripontpochanapisuti, Acting Assistant Managing Director, Residential Business, Ocean Property Co. Ltd (left) and Mr. Scott Finsten, Harbour Master, Ocean Marina Yacht Club (right) receiving the award for “Best Marina Development” in Asia at the 2018 Christofle Yacht Style Awards.

At the inaugural Christofle Yacht Style Awards in Phuket Ocean Marina Yacht Club were crowned “Best Marina Development” in Asia, seeing off stiff competition from marinas throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Announced at a lavish gala dinner in Phuket and attended by more than 300 of the region's marine industry movers and shakers, the awards recognise the best of the yachting industry in Asia and internationally.

Speaking about the win, Mr. Scott Finsten, Harbour Master of Ocean Marina Yacht Club, said “It's a proud moment for myself and all the team at Ocean Marina Yacht Club. We are very honoured to have been recognised for all our hard work and we will strive to further improve our facilities and deliver a best-in-class service to our customers.”

Ocean Marina Yacht Club is the largest marina in South East Asia with 380 wet berths for yachts upto 65 metres (215 foot), hard stand and dry stack storage, and haul out capabilities upto 75 tons. A fully serviced marina with onsite tenants supply marine products and services ranging from refit and repair, to chandlery and charter services, there is also an onsite hotel with restaurants, fitness, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, meeting and conference facilities.

“It's humbling to see the competition at the awards and that we were announced as the winners, and while this award is very gratifying we are not resting on our laurels. We are undergoing further expansion of our facilities this year that will see an additional 60 berths added to the marina, replacement of some older berths and improvement in overall efficiency,” added Mr. Finsten.

With the Thai government's EEC project driving infrastructure development, and recent changes to the customs regulations allowing international yachts to stay longer, the signs are positive for continued growth in Thailand's East Coast marine leisure sector and Ocean Marina Yacht Club's expansion will cater to the increased demand.

Ocean Marina Yacht Club is home to the Ocean Marina Pattaya Boat Show and the award-winning Top of the Gulf Regatta Presented by Ocean Marina. The Christofle Yacht Style Award is the latest in a string of accolades won recently, including “Best Marina in Thailand 2017” from the Asian Lifestyle Tourism Awards as well as “Best Amateur Sports Event of the Year in Thailand” at the Asian Sports Industry Awards (2016) and “Asian Regatta of the Year” at the Asian Marine & Boating Awards (2014) for Top of the Gulf Regatta.

About Ocean Marina Yacht Club (a prestigious project by Ocean Property)

Situated on Jomtien Beach in Greater Pattaya, Ocean Marina Yacht Club is Thailand's premier marina resort complex and the largest in South East Asia, a short drive from Bangkok and just one hour from Suvarnabhumi Airport. The world-class marina is complemented by a yacht club, accommodation, fine dining and recreational facilities as well as two luxury residences – San Marino and Ocean Portofino.

Ocean Marina is home to the annual Ocean Marina Pattaya Boat Show and Top of the Gulf Regatta Presented by Ocean Marina, and has been the official venue for leading international events including Cata World Cup, 24th SEA Games, as well as large-scale concerts by Grammy, Cool FM and more.

Recent awards include: “Best Marina Development” in Asia (Christofle Yacht Style Awards 2018); “Best Marina in Thailand 2017” (Asian Lifestyle Tourism Awards); “Best Amateur Sports Event of the Year in Thailand” (Asian Sports Industry Awards 2016) for Top of the Gulf Regatta; and “Asian Regatta of the Year” (Asian Marine & Boating Awards 2014) for Top of the Gulf Regatta. www.oceanmarinayachtclub.com.

Entries are now open 2018 Top of the Gulf Regatta



Photo by Guy Nowell.

Scheduled for 27th April to 1st May, 2018 at Ocean Marina Yacht Club in Pattaya, entries are now being taken for the 14th Top of the Gulf Regatta.

There will be upto 12 classes, ranging from Optimists (competing in the Thailand Optimist National Championships) to dinghies, the one-design Farr 25 Platus competing for the Platu Coronation Cup, keelboats and multihulls, as well as an International One Meter (IOM) Radio Controlled Yacht Class. The NOR can be viewed and downloaded from the event's website at <http://www.topofthegulfregatta.com/notice-of-race>, and entries can be made online at <http://www.topofthegulfregatta.com/enter-here>.

"The diversity of boats and sailors of all ages, makes the Top of the Gulf Regatta unique. We're expecting upwards of 200 boats and 700 sailors and friends joining us for some top quality sailing off Ocean Marina Yacht Club from 27th April to 1st May next year," said Mr. William Gasson, Co-Chairman of the Top of the Gulf Regatta Organising Committee.

The multi award-winning regatta and penultimate event in the 2017/18 Asian Yachting Grand Prix, has developed a reputation for delivering top class racing from one of the best waterfront settings in Thailand, Ocean Marina Yacht Club. The regatta is hosted by the marina, which provides safe berthing and peace of mind to boat owners and crew, while onshore the marina base provides an après-regatta scene second-to-none.

"Top of the Gulf Regatta's social scene is quite unique. After each day's racing, all boats return to the marina and sailors gather on the lawn for sundowners. It's a real sailors atmosphere with people trading stories of the day, making new friendships and all in a fun, relaxed atmosphere," commented Mr. Scott Finsten, Harbour Master of Ocean Marina Yacht Club.

Looking to grow the Regatta's charter fleet, organisers have listed a number of charter opportunities at www.topofthegulfregatta.com/charters which include monohulls ranging from 53-foot Beneteaus to 25-foot Platus, as well as a selection of multihulls including a Perry Prestige 57 and a 53-foot Fountain Pajot Catamaran, amongst others. "We are receiving more requests from overseas sailors who wish to charter and compete. In response to this, we have put together a collection of available quality charter boats – racers and cruisers, monohulls and multihulls – all of which are suitable for racing at the Top of the Gulf Regatta. We aim to grow the charter fleet this coming year event and this is an area of the regatta we will continue to develop for future editions," added Gasson.



The one-design Platus provide some of the closest racing, seen here in the final race of the 2017 regatta. Photo by Guy Nowell.

For more information about the 2018 Top of the Gulf Regatta Presented by Ocean Marina:

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FISHING THE NEW ART OF SEDUCTION



So far it's all been about the cheesy gifts, romantic walks, overpriced dinners and crowded bars. Valentine's Day is so commercialised that it is now all about luxury, showering each other with expensive presents or cuddling at home with a pizza and a bit of Netflix. It is almost guaranteed that you will feel a tinge of disappointment, there are only so many times you can send or receive a cute teddy bear with an "I love you sign"

This year forget the vinegar and order the fish!

What's more romantic than a fishing rod and waders, I can't think of many things. Girls, swap your heels and purses for some waterproof fishing trousers and guys don't worry about buying fancy footwear and try on some angler's boots. This will get both of you looking your best and ready for the day. Most importantly instead of trying too hard to impress the other half, you can just relax and enjoy the look of your Valentine dressed in rubber.

What's more romantic than the two of you at the side of a Thai lake, the sun shining

down on you, or in a boat with the slow sway of the water throwing you closer to each other and your hands touching as you grab the fishing rod. You get to look into each other's eyes, take in the potent smell of the grass around you and experience the unifying power of nature. The water might spray you both and then with no effort to you, you will get that natural wet look. Who needs all that pampering; just go fishing!

What's more romantic than catching your own food and preparing it together to finish off your perfect day? After a day spent fishing, you get to go home with your own trophy and revel in your success. There is something about the wild, untamed beauty of the outdoors that will bring out the adventurous side in you, what a great thing to share with your Valentine. There is a reason that fish is an aphrodisiac. What's more romantic than being able to send sexy, yet weirdly accurate Valentine's cards with messages like "I'm hooked on you" or "You're such a great catch" and my personal favourite

"You've got me hook, line and sinker".

Who doesn't want to hear that? Let's challenge the notion that there is only one-size-fits-all approach to romance and have yourself a fishtastic Valentine's Day. You never know, after your day of fishing there might be two less fish in the sea !

If I have just described your perfect romantic getaway or maybe a Valentine's Day you would like to try, there is an easy way to get you out there fishing, just check out your nearest tackle shop of fishing venue and experience a new kind of Valentine's Day.





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LOVE THE OCEANS



In this month of romance with Valentines, hearts and all matters to do with love it's time we started loving our planet, our oceans and the creatures that live therein.

Britain's beloved National treasure David Attenborough devoted an episode of his wonderful Blue Planet series to the mounting problem because in recent years there has been a mounting state of alarm at just how prevalent the problem has become. As microplastics from household and cosmetic products are washed down the drain ending up in the oceans being too small to be caught in water filtration systems. These small pellets termed "nurdles" are ingested by fish, thus entering the food chain not only for larger sea mammals but in the foreseeable future for anyone who eats fish and seafood !

"This is a planetary crisis... we are ruining the ecosystem of the ocean," UN oceans chief Lisa Svensson told the BBC.

Plastic from shopping bags and polyester fibres from clothing can reach the seas in wastewater via our washing machines. Anyone who saw the pitiful sight of a whale washed up on the coast of Norway could not have failed to have been moved and appalled by the fact that it was found to have 30 plastic bags and other plastic waste inside it's stomach Wardens had to put the whale down after realising it wasn't going to live and researches said that the fact it died from ingesting the waste was "not surprising" because the volume of plastic in our seas continues to grow.

"The Coast of Norway - what has that to do with us here in Pattaya ? " you may cry but the problem is really rather closer to home when you read headlines stating :

"8 Asian Rivers Responsible for Polluting 95% of the World's Oceans with Plastic" (Netshark)

So what can you do to help ?

Join a local charity like Green Pattaya to get involved with beach cleanings? Or decide yourself to pick up 3 pieces of plastic a day. either from the beach or wherever you encounter it.



Remember the term "single use plastic" and reuse any plastic bags as rubbish/trash bags. There really is no need for bin liners, nappy bags or "doggy doo" bags when a plastic bag can be reused for such a purpose

Or even better Get yourself a tote bag to bring out when you do your shopping and automatically refuse any plastic such as bags, straws and spoons if you don't need them.

Sign this petition at bit.ly/2p4XD4T

Which you might have already seen on Facebook (Go to Pattaya Trader Facebook page).

Started 3 years ago by Tossapon "Joey" Liptapanlop, a 28-year-old civil servant in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs it set out to encourage 7-Eleven to switch their plastic bag system from "opt out" to "opt in" (i.e. if you want you have to ask for it). He set his sights on 1,000 signatures, but soon forgot about the whole endeavor until an email from Change.org towards the end of 2017 alerted him to the fact that his petition had reached almost 10,000 signatures. It has since climbed to more than 20,000 backers. So his aim now is for 50,000 signatures at which time he says he will "present it to the people in charge".

So get involved !

Rant over.



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- In the case of a foreigner parent supporting his/her Thai child, the visa is valid for a year but can be renewed after the visa's expiration.
- For the parent accompanying a minor child who is studying in Thailand, his/her Guardian visa will depend on the validity of the child's student visa or duration of the child's studies.

The Guardian visa can be applied for at the visa applicant's home country at the Thai embassy or consulate there or it can also be arranged at the Thai Immigration Office inside the Kingdom.

What are the requirements?

The applicant has to provide the following information:

- 1) Birth certificate of the child as a proof of relationship to the child.
- 2) Admission Letter and Enrollment Form as proof of the child's enrollment in a school in Thailand.
- 3) Deposit of THB 400,000 in a Thai bank account. Therefore a Thai bank account needs to be set up.

Visa application process :

- An initial visa can be obtained from the applicant's home country from the Thai embassy. This visa is usually valid for 90 days it can be done simultaneously when the child who will be studying in Thailand applies for his/her pre-student visa.
- Along with the student visa of the child, the initial visa for the parent of 21 days can be extended before its expiration once all the requirements have been met into a full Guardian. This is done at the Thai Immigration office.



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Life Insurance or Life Assurance? Do You Know the Difference?



One of the questions I am asked quite frequently is what is the difference between life insurance and life assurance? I have lost count of the number of times that people have bought life insurance thinking they were getting life assurance and vice versa. All because nobody has taken the time to explain the differences properly. In simple terms at the end of the term of a life insurance policy there is no value in it. It is worth nothing. An assurance policy on the other hand will have value in it. It may be less than what was paid in or it may be more.

A life insurance policy in many ways is no different to your own car insurance. You can own a car for several years and each year you renew your insurance without making a claim. However if say

after five years you sold the car without making a claim and decided not to buy another one you will not get any money back from your insurer. It's gone. The policy has come to an end and that is it. You are owed no money. If on the other hand after two years you had an accident your policy will pay out the cost of repairing your car.

It is the same with life insurance. If you took a policy out for ten years and after five years you died the policy will pay out to your named beneficiaries the amount you were insured for eg \$200000. However if after the ten year term has finished and you were still alive the policy is worth nothing to you. You will get nothing in return.

There are basically two types of life insurance policies, term life and whole of life although there are variations on these. Term life is for a set number of years and is typically used as a condition of a loan or a mortgage. Someone buying a house will very often take one out to pay off their loan should they die. Whole of life is a policy that lasts a person's lifetime. It will pay out on the person's death. However premiums will have to be paid for the whole of the person's life unless there are any specific terms in the policy stating otherwise. In both instances above if you stop paying the premiums the cover will stop and you will get no money back

Life assurance on the other hand has value attached to it. If you died during the term of the policy you will get paid out in full. However if you took one out for say twenty years but after ten years you decided you no longer wished to continue it you will get money back. How much depends on the terms and what the policy was invested in. If the policy went the full term of twenty years and came to an end you will also get a return on your money. In that scenario it will normally be quite a bit more than the money paid in.

As always with these matters it pays to get proper advice. Each one has its advantages and disadvantages. Be sure that you have a proper understanding of what is presented to you and be sure that it is what you want.

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When the court's decision has been awarded but the losing party disregards it, a Legal Execution action, carried out by an Executing Officer, will come into place. Legal Execution Action starts by requesting the court to issue a Writ of Execution and to appoint an Executing Officer who may seize or attach the losing party's property or evict the losing party from his/her premise or demolish such property as per the Writ of Execution.

Attachment is a legal process of seizing or apprehending a property owned by the debtor to be transferred to the creditor or to be sold for the benefit of the creditor, to ensure compliance with a judgment. In order to get the Executing Officer to attach a Judgment Debtor's property, a request must be filed with the Executing Officer specifying the property to be attached. All the relevant documents must be submitted which includes a copy of the House Registration or Certificate of Incorporation of Juristic

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(Reference: The Legal Execution Department)



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SOME FINANCIAL ADVICE CAN BE WRONG FOR YOU.

Not all money advice is helpful. Some so-called tips could even set you up for financial failure. For example:

You should always go for the highest return. Of course you want to make the most money possible off your investments, but going for the highest return isn't always a smart strategy. It may not necessarily suit your goals

Don't ever go into debt. Conventional wisdom says debt is always bad, but it can be useful for some money management strategies. "Some people don't want any debt, and there are others who are totally comfortable leveraging debt,"

Pay off your debt before savings. Along the same lines, some people advise only saving money once your debt is paid off, but you may want to ignore that. Some of the debt you have may be cheaper than what your investments could earn.

Don't go into retirement with a mortgage. Being mortgage-free in retirement can be a good thing, but retirees shouldn't liquidate assets to do so. By dipping into retirement funds early, people could find themselves subject to steep tax penalties. Or they could end up prematurely depleting their cash reserves and making it hard to sustain their desired lifestyle in retirement.

Only invest in stocks that provide dividends. "People are obsessed with dividends, but there's nothing magic about them.

Use your age to balance your portfolio. A common rule of thumb is to subtract your age from 100 and use the resulting number as the percentage of your investments to put into stocks. The rest should go into cash or bond funds. That advice may have been good at one time, but with today's extended lifespans, it's too conservative. Putting half of your money in bonds at age 50 could be a good way to run out of cash in retirement.

You can't time the market. The prevailing wisdom for stock investments is to buy and hold for the long run because there is no way to time the market and avoid downturns. Lang says buying and holding is an important component of long-term investments, but a certain level

of timing is possible for short-term investments. Without a doubt, there are numerous managers who have erected [investing] strategies that rely on some sort of timing.

You only need a handful of stocks to be diversified. If you're buying individual stocks, more is better, according to financial experts. "A relatively small percentage of the stocks in any market make the most gains.. Investors need to own a large number of stocks to make sure at least some of those winners are in their portfolios. Another option is to buy mutual funds, which contain multiple stocks, rather than putting your money in individual companies.

The stock market is too risky. After the latest recession, some people have decided that opting out of the stock market is best. While it's true that stocks come with risk, skipping these investments could make it hard to have adequate money in retirement. "Even my 90-year old clients have 10 percent of their portfolio in stocks," says one broker.

Always sell when a stock goes high. The old adage is buy low and sell high, but experts says you shouldn't be too quick to sell your best-performing stocks. "If you sell all your winners for a fast gain, then you're left with all your losers," he says.

Stop investing when the market is down. The uncertainty of a down market leads many people keep money in their pocket rather than investing. However, "When there's blood in the street, that's a good time to invest." is an old saying.

You don't need a pro to help you pick stocks. We live in a do-it-yourself society, and people may be tempted to think they can pick a stock portfolio on their own, especially given the wide range of information available today on stock prices and trends. However, even the most thorough individual investor may not be able to match the breadth and depth of knowledge an investment pro possesses. The greatest likelihood is [a DIY investor] is going to have an under-diversified portfolio.

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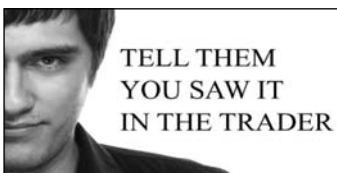
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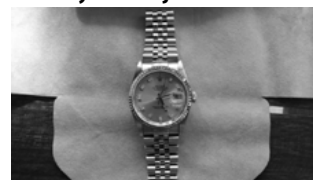
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Pattaya Sports Club

Promoting sports and supporting local charities. Clubhouse on Third Road, next to the Pattaya Driving Range. For club details call 038 361 167. Full details are posted on the club website: www.pattayasports.org

The Rayong-Pattaya Ladies Circle

RLC welcomes women from all nationalities living on the Eastern seaboard to meet socially for a program of social, cultural and welfare activities. They hold a very informal coffee morning once a month. For more info message their FB page @RayongPattayaLadiesCircle or email rayongladiescircle@gmail.com

Rotary Club of Eastern Seaboard

meets at 6pm every Thursday at The Siam Bayshore Resort, between Beach Road and Second Road in South Pattaya. The meetings on 1st and 3rd Thursday in each month will include guest speakers and on the 2nd and 4th Thursday there will be a presentation on club activities. Meetings are always followed by an informal a la carte dinner in the main dining room. Everybody is welcome to join us as guests; please check the website for important dates and information www.rotary-es.org



Travel Information

Please note, the following information is accurate as far as we are aware and is compiled from more than one source. If you find anything you believe is incorrect, please email us at: pattayatrader@pattayatrader.com

Train Travel in Thailand

Bookings: Tickets can be booked up to 60 days in advance in most cases.

1. On-line.

www.railway.co.th. Check the site to see what is available and ticket prices.

2. Travel Agents.

Usually a booking fee of up to 300 baht per person is levied.

3. At the station.

You can book at Pattaya train station 8am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Check your tickets after booking.

Cancellations: It is possible to obtain a refund from any station, although there is a cancellation fee.

Pattaya to Bangkok

The Roong Reung Coach Company runs a regular bus service from the North Pattaya Bus Terminal on North Pattaya Road to the Eastern Bus Terminal at Ekkamai, Northern Bus Terminal at Mochit, and Southern Bus Terminal at Sai Tai Taling Chin.

Suvarnabhumi International Airport

From Pattaya

Thappraya Road, opposite Foodmart Supermarket. Buses depart every hour from 7am until 9pm every day.

From Suvarnabhumi International Airport

Booking counter on Level 1 near Gate 8. Buses to Pattaya depart every hour 7am until 10pm every day. Passengers can alight at the North Pattaya, Pattaya Klang (Central), Pattaya Tai (South) intersections and corner of Sukhumvit Road and Theprasit Road.

- Buriram • Chiang Mai • Chiang Rai
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1. Eastern side of Sukhumvit Road, just past the Pattaya Klang (Central) intersection heading south, is the Nakhonchai bus terminal. Buses usually leave afternoons and evenings and can be booked in advance.

2. Western side of Third Road about 80 metres to the north of the Pattaya Klang (Central) Road traffic lights with a booking office.

3. Western side of Sukhumvit Road, just before the Pattaya Klang (Central) junction, is a bus station for travel to parts of north-eastern Thailand.

4. Roong Reung company operate a Yellow Bus that leaves from the North Pattaya Bus Terminal for many places in the north-east. All buses depart initially from Rayong and call in at Pattaya on the way.

5. Take a Roong Reung coach from the North Pattaya Bus Terminal to Mochit in Bangkok and book a bus to Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai.

- Cha Am
- Hua Hin
- Koh Samui
- Petchburi
- Phuket
- Surat Thani

1. Second Road heading north just past traffic lights at Pattaya Klang (Central), next to Tops Supermarket minivans leave regularly via Bangkok or directly.

2. Pattaya Tai (South) at the corner of Soi 10 a private minivan travels to Hua Hin every day.

3. The Roong Reung company operate a Yellow Bus that leaves from the North Pattaya Bus Terminal and goes to Cha Am, Hua Hin, Koh Samui, Petchburi, Phang Nga, Phuket, and Surat Thani among other stops.

Utapao Update



Pattaya-Utapao is due to benefit from a new long haul air link on Jan 28th, operated by Qatar Airways from Doha. This airline will bring numerous travelers from all over the world, thanks to its wide intercontinental network. So there is hope that Utapao will become a new modern terminal with more efficient immigration screening featuring more manned booths to rapidly process the passengers disembarking from the B787-8 jetliner.

Also two major Thai airlines Nok Air & Thai Lion Air, recently arrived at Utapao. Therefore the competition among carriers increases and hopefully this will persuade Bangkok Air to lower its airfares to Samui.

Also will that white bus (150 bahts per seat) be reactivated to and from Pattaya? It would be great if Utapao airport received a proper regular scheduled bus service, similar to the one running hourly to and from Suvarnabhumi.

thank you Michel at Jomtien

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Also Pattaya Expats Club have a new venture Business Forum at the Hotel Baraquada

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<http://www.pattayaexpatsclub.info/>



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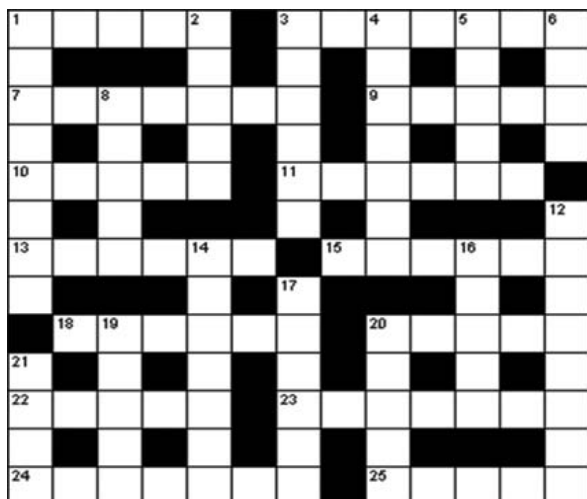
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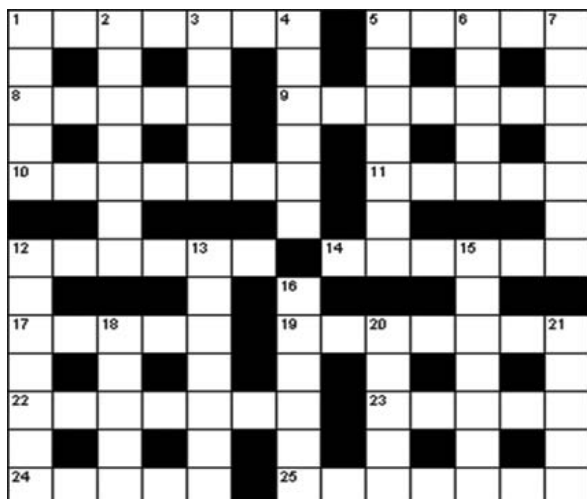


ACROSS

1. Large oval fruit (5)
3. Units of time (7)
7. Fished commercially (7)
9. Several music tracks issued together (5)
10. Irritated (5)
11. Birds of prey (6)
13. A business that serves other businesses (6)
15. Published (6)
18. Save from loss or danger (6)
20. Having three dimensions (5)
22. The relative magnitudes of two quantities (5)
23. Passage selected from a larger work (7)
24. School for special training (7)
25. Flowed back (5)

Down

1. Based on traditional stories (8)
2. Lubricated (5)
3. Happening without warning (6)
4. Alterations (7)
5. Stately (5)
6. Japanese form of wrestling (4)
8. Leg joint (5)
12. Enlightened (8)
14. Violent windstorm (7)
16. An earth pigment (5)
17. Cure (6)
19. Additional (5)
20. Periodic repeated series of events (5)
21. Elaborate song for solo voice (4)



ACROSS

1. Gallantry (7)
5. Subsequently (5)
8. Extreme happiness (5)
9. Considered unlikely (7)
10. Pills (7)
11. Paragon (5)
12. Gaped (6)
14. Concurs (6)
17. Proverb (5)
19. Recite (7)
22. Feed (7)
23. Water lily (5)
24. Frock (5)
25. Use again after processing (7)

DOWN

1. Established custom (5)
2. Arc of refracted light (7)
3. Publish (5)
4. Humble (6)
5. Risible (7)
6. Heading (5)
7. Conundrums (7)
12. Hankered (7)
13. Foes (7)
15. Flexible (7)
16. Fix firmly (6)
18. Angle less than 90 degrees (5)
20. Something that has survived the past (5)
21. Follow (5)

Important Phone Numbers

Banglamung Police Station

Sukhumvit Rd, Banglamung
Tel: 038 222 100

Banglamung Post Office

Tel: 038 428 225

Chonburi Immigration Office

Soi 5, Jomtien Beach Road

Jomtien Post Office

Soi 5, Jomtien Beach Road
(to 4.30pm Mon-Fri)

Tel: 038 231 944

Naklua Fire Brigade

Sukhumvit Rd, Banglamung

Tel: 038 221 000

Pattaya City Helpline

Tel: 1337

Pattaya City Hall

North Pattaya Road

Tel: 038 253 100

Pattaya City Hospital

Soi Buakhaw

Tel: 038 420 562

Pattaya Electricity

Banglamung office

Tel: 038 221 007

Hotline: 1129

(for electricity failures)

Pattaya Fire Brigade

Third Road, South Pattaya

Tel: 038 424 678

Pattaya Health Department

Tel: 038 429 374

Pattaya Memorial Hospital

Tel: 038 429 422

Pattaya City Police Station

cnr Beach Rd & Soi 9

Tel: 038 429 325

Pattaya Post Office

Sukhumvit Rd (nr Na Jomtien)

Tel: 038 429 341

Pattaya Tourist Police

Pratamnak Road, nr Fitness Park

Tel: 1155

Tel: 038 429 371

Pattaya Water Works

Tel: 038 222 462

Sawang Boriboon Rescue Service

Hotline: 1669

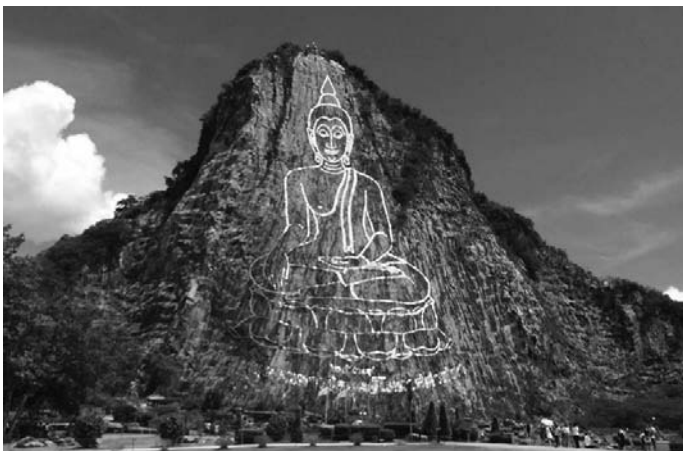
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PATTAYA – THE EARLY YEARS



The name "Pattaya" means the wind that blows from the SW to the NE at the beginning of each rainy season. The original name was "Thap Phraya", named after the army of King Taksin who came marching through here in the 18th century, conquering the Burmese invaders. Although the name has changed, Thap Phraya is still the name of the main road connecting Pattaya to Jomtien. For the next 200 years or so, Pattaya remained a small fishing village, a sub-district of Naklua; a worthless stretch of salty white sand, useless for growing rice or anything else on.

1961 marked the year that was to change the face and fate of Pattaya. Had some of us been able to foresee what was to come, we would have been fabulously rich landowners. That was the year the first battalions of American servicemen who were involved in the escalating Vietnam War began to arrive in Pattaya for their Rest & Recreation. Plans for the construction of the world's finest and largest B-52 bomber base on the Royal Thai Navy airfield at Utapao were already in motion; the actual construction began in 1965 and was completed two years later. Just down the road there is a hill with a flat face on which is engraved a huge image of Buddha in gold. Well, that's where they cut into the hill to get the materials to build the runways for the base.



Naturally, word soon got around that there were thousands of soldier boys floating around Pattaya, so the more intrepid of the young single girls made Pattaya a favored destination for weekends and holidays. The ballooning presence of the American troops in Pattaya led to the growth of hotels, restaurants, bars, recreational facilities. Many Indian tailor shops came when the based ceased operation in 1975 and the economy

absolutely soared skywards. The US dollar became the common currency everywhere - you could pay for anything with dollars and cents; and if you asked what the rate of exchange was, they would say 'a nickle a tical' . A tical, was one baht, equivalent to 5 US cents, so it was exactly 20 baht to the dollar and it remained like that for years. That was also when the 'baht buses' came into being as the fare was 1 baht



Just to give you a little idea of what the cost of living was like back then, a taxi from Bangkok to Pattaya would cost Bht.200 and a small room in the centre of town Bht.300 per month. Chartering a fishing boat for the day to visit the nearby islands would be about Bht.180 or a speedboat for the entire day only 300 or 400 baht. Pattaya's beach was white with fine sand and the sea water still a beautiful aqua colour of the hue that you can still see should you go to Koh Larn.



WHERE TO FIND!

LIVE MUSIC AND SHOWS



Alangkarn Theatre (variety show), Sukhumvit Road (at 155km marker), Na Jomtien. Open 6pm onwards Thursday-Tuesday. Tel: 038 256 000 or 038 825 6007, www.alangkarnthailand.com

Alcazar Show (cabaret), Second Road, North Pattaya. Open 6pm onwards. Tel: 038 410 2247

Ankor Night Club & Lounge (nightclub), Walking Street Soi 16

Aqua Bar (nightclub), Mercure Hotel, Soi 16, behind The Avenue, South Pattaya

Bamboo Bar (live band), South Pattaya Road (20m to the left of Walking Street sign)

Blues Factory (live blues band), Soi Lucky Star, off Walking Street. Open 8.30pm. www.thebluesfactorypattaya.com

Colosseum Show Pattaya (cabaret), Theprasit Road. Open 6pm. Tel: 038 906 530, email: rsvn@ColosseumShowPattaya.com, www.ColosseumShowPattaya.com

Differ Pub (nightclub), North Pattaya. www.differ-pub.com

Dusit D2 Baraquad Pattaya (live band), Second Road, South Pattaya. Tel: 038 769 999, email: d2pa@dusit.com

FLB (live band), Walking Street

Flexx Club (nightclub), behind McDonald's, southern end of Walking Street

Hopf House (house band & Italian tenor), Beach Road (cnr Soi 13/1)

Insomnia (nightclub), Walking Street. www.clubinsomniapattaya.com

Jazz Pit (jazz music), Soi 5, off Second Road, North Pattaya. www.pic-kitchen.com

Lima Lima (nightclub), Bali-Hai Pier end of Walking Street. Tel: 089 990 2447

Lucifer's Disko (live band), Walking Street

Malibu (cabaret), Second Road, cnr Soi 13/2 (Soi Post Office)

Mixx Discotheque (nightclub), Bali-Hai Pier end of Walking Street. www.mixx-discotheque.com

Garden Resort). Cross Colours Band starts 9pm. Tel: 038 370 616, email: reservation@thaigarden.com

Play Club (nightclub), Soi Lucky Star, Walking Street. Open 10pm-6am every day

Roija Gentleman's Club (live music, soul), Theprasit Soi 7, South Pattaya

Rolling Stone 2 Bar (live rock n roll band), Walking Street, cnr Soi 16

The Pier (nightclub), Walking Street. Tel: 080 480 6661. Open

7:30pm to late

The Rendezvous Resort, Lake Mabprachan

Tiffany's Show (cabaret), Second Road, North Pattaya. Open 6pm onwards. Tel: 038 421 700, www.tiffany-show.co.th

Tony's Entertainment Complex (live band), Walking Street. Tel: 038 425 795, www.tonydisco.com

Utopia (live band), Soho Square, Walking Street

THE BIG GAME



I-Rovers, Soi LK Metro, South Pattaya. Tel: 038 489 494, www.i-rovers.com

Jameson's Irish Pub, Soi AR (Soi Sukrudee), Central Pattaya. Tel: 038 361 873, email: info@jamesons-pattaya.com, www.jamesons-pattaya.com

Kilkenny Bar, Soi LK Metro, South Pattaya. Email: info@kilkennypattaya.com, www.kilkennypattaya.com

Legends Pool & Sports Bar, Pattaya Klang (nr Third Road). www.legendspoolpattaya.com

The Players Lounge, East Pattaya. www.theplayerslounge.asia

Witherspoons, Soi Buakhow (nr Soi Lengkee), South Pattaya. Tel: 038 721 121, www.witherspoonspattaya.com

FOOD & DRINK



Access Inn, Third Road, nr Soi Lengkee, www.accessinnpattaya.com

Akvavit Grill & Bar, Jomtien Beach Road. Open 9:30pm to midnight. Tel: 038 233 672, www.akvavitjomtien.com

Bruno's Restaurant & Lounge Bar, Thappraya Road, Pattaya. Tel: 038 364 600, www.brunos-pattaya.com

Dicey Reilly's, Second Road, next to Royal Garden Plaza

News Steaks & Grill, Thappraya Road, South Pattaya. Tel: 038 267 174, www.newssteaks.com

Robin's Nest Restaurant & Guesthouse, Soi Diana Inn. Tel: 038 720 194, www.robinsnestpattaya.com

Tavern by the Sea, Beach Rd, North Pattaya Tel: 038 418 418

Wine Cellar, Naklua Soi 12, North Pattaya Tel: 038 226 054 or 080 204 5551

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AT THE MOVIES



Big C Cinema, Big C Shopping Mall, Second Road, North Pattaya
Major Cineplex, The Avenue Mall, Second Road, South Pattaya.
www.majorcineplex.com
SF Cinema (6th Floor CentralFestival Shopping Mall), Central Pattaya. www.sfcinemacity.com

SOCIAL SCENE



Anchor Coworking Space, Chaipayruak Road. Tel: 038 231 540, www.anchorcoworking.com
CouchSurfing, Triangle Bar, Soi Chaipayoon, South Pattaya. www.couchsurfing.org
Havana Bar, Hilton Hotel, Beach Road, South Pattaya
Lions Club, Jomtien Branch, www.jomtienlions.org, email: jomtienlions@hotmail.com
Momento Beach Club, Theprasit Soi 8, South Pattaya. Tel: 038 422 114, www.momentobeach.com
Pattaya Expats Club, www.pattayaexpatsclub.info
Pattaya City Expats Club, www.pcecclub.org
Rotary Club Eastern Seaboard, Siam Bayshore Hotel, South Pattaya. www.rotary-es.org
Rotary Club, Jomtien-Pattaya, Royal Cliff Beach Resort, Pratamnak Road. www.rotaryjomtienpattaya.org
Royal British Legion, Tropicalbar Thailand 39/132-133 Moo 10, Boonsumpan, Pattaya 20150. Meeting every Last Saturday of the month. Tel 089 807 2335 or 038 361 887
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Soi Diana Inn, South Pattaya. www.vfwpost9876.com

SPORTS & LEISURE



Archery Club, Pattaya - Shooting Park, Huay Yai. www.pattayaarcheryclub.com
Backgammon, B.G. House & Restaurant, Theprasit Road, South Pattaya. Tel: 081 664 9085, www.blot.asia
Bira Circuit, www.bira.co.th
Bridge Club, Altos Restaurant, Thappraya Road (nr overpass)
Cheers Bar, Pattayaland Soi 2 (Soi 13/4), South Pattaya. Monday Quiz League and Wednesday League, pattayaquizleague@hotmail.com
Chess Club, Brauhaus Restaurant, Second Road between Soi 7 & 8
Cricket Club, Horseshoe Point. Email: pattayacricketclub@gmail.com
Darts, www.pattayadarts.com
Hash House Harriers, PH3 www.pattayah3.com
Hash House Harriers, PBH3 **Bush Hash House Harriers** www.pattayahash.com/pattayabush.html
Hash House Harriers, PJMH3 **Jungle Monkey Hash House Harriers** www.pattayahash.com/monkey.html
Hash House Harriers, PJH3 www.pattayajungle.com
Lawn Bowls (indoor; for school-age and college children), Coco

Club, behind Phoenix Golf, Baan Amphur. Sue: 087 1358357
Megabreak Pool, Soi Diana Inn, South Pattaya. Tel: 086 033 6617
Muay Thai, Pattaya Boxing World, Sukhumvit Road, North Pattaya. Tel: 038 726 203, www.pattayaboxingworld.com
Nervous Wreck Bar, Soi Yamato (Soi 13/1), South Pattaya. Monday Quiz League and Wednesday League, pattayaquizleague@hotmail.com
Ocean Marina Yacht Club, Sukhumvit Hwy (km 157), Jomtien. Tel: 038 237 310, www.oceanmarinayachtclub.com
Palmers Bar, Pattayaland Soi 2 (Soi 13/4), South Pattaya. Monday Quiz League, pattayaquizleague@hotmail.com
Petanque, email: petanque.Th@gmail.com
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Pole Dancing Classes, Tony's Fitness Wong Amat Gym, Naklua Soi 16
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QueenVictorialInn, Soi 6, Central Pattaya. www.queenvicpattaya.com. Wednesday League, pattayaquizleague@hotmail.com
Rest Stop, Soi Chaipayoon, South Pattaya. Monday Quiz League and Wednesday League, pattayaquizleague@hotmail.com
Royal Varuna Yacht Club, Pratamnak Rd, South Pattaya. Tel: 038 250 116, www.varuna.org
Rugby (Touch), Horseshoe Point, next to Siam Country Club. Email: picrouch@hotmail.com
Seafari Dive Center, Soi 12, South Pattaya. www.seafari.co.th
Shenanigans, Jomtien Complex, Thappraya Road, Jomtien. Open 11:00am until late every day. Tel: 038 303 490, www.shenaniganshailand.com
Softball, pickup games at Thai Polo Club. Email: scrabbleking@yahoo.com
Tennis, (for children and teenagers 10-16 only) Ambassador City Tennis Courts, Jomtien
The Londoner, Soi Post Office (soi 13/2), South Pattaya. Monday Quiz League and Wednesday League, pattayaquizleague@hotmail.com
The Ranch, Third Road (opp. The Village), South Pattaya. Monday Quiz League, pattayaquizleague@hotmail.com
The Sportsman Pub, Beach Road Soi 13, South Pattaya. www.sportsmanpub.com. Tel: 038 710 609
Yoga, Balaji Studio, Soi South Pattaya 24. Tel: 089 748 6204, www.balajiyoga.com

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