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The first passengers returned to Phuket airport this week since the airport went under lockdown in April. Photo: Tanyaluk Sakoot

## PHUKET AIRPORT REOPENS TO FIRST DOMESTIC FLIGHTS SINCE LOCKDOWN BEGAN

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The first passengers to arrive at Phuket International Airport since the island went under lockdown in early April made their way into the arrivals hall just after 5pm last Saturday (June 13), marking the beginning of domestic flights returning to Phuket.

Just 19 people disembarked Thai Vietjet flight VZ306, which touched down at 4:55pm after arriving from Suvarnabhumi in Bangkok.

Although the Airbus A320 serving the new daily domestic flights

between Bangkok and Phuket can carry 180 passengers, only 37 people boarded the plane as it headed back to Bangkok as flight VZ307, taking off for the capital at 5.25pm.

As is now customary with any local developments regarding the COVID-19 restrictions, confirmation of the airport reopening came just hours before the order signed by Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) Director Dr Chula Sukmanop came into effect at midnight last Friday night.

The first flights to serve Phuket since the airport lockdown was lifted, Thai Vietjet flights VZ 2306/2307,

are currently scheduled to operate daily until at least June 30.

Thai Vietjet added another Bangkok-Phuket-Bangkok daily flight on Tuesday, when Nok Air and Thai AirAsia also began operating one daily flight each between the capital and Phuket.

At the time of going to press, Thai Lion Air was to begin three daily flights between Phuket and Don Mueang airport in Bangkok starting today (June 19).

“More airlines, such as Thai Smile and Bangkok Airways, will start domestic flights to Phuket next month. Right now we are organising flight

slots for them,” Phuket International Airport General Manager Thanee Chuangchoo told The Phuket News on Tuesday (June 16).

Mr Thanee also confirmed that airlines were now authorised to fill all seats on domestic flights, following Dr Taweessin Visanuyothin, spokesman of the Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) in Bangkok, announcing last Friday that domestic airlines could sell all seats on a flight “because planes have good ventilation systems and flight-times are short, about one hour.

“Infection on average needed at least two hours of exposure, he said.

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## Domestic flights return to Phuket

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...However, airline passengers must continue to wear face masks," Dr Taweessin added.

The order last Friday made Phuket airport possibly the last airport in the country to be approved to operate. At the time the order came into effect 25 other airports were already approved to operate domestic flights, and a further 11 airports were already approved to operate domestic flights and specially authorised international flights to return tourists to their home countries.

Meanwhile, Phuket airport GM Mr Thanee on Tuesday said that he had not received any updates as to when international flights to Phuket may resume.

"Even though the current order [banning all inbound international commercial passenger flights from entering Thailand] will end on June 30, I still am not able to confirm any international flights on July 1. I must wait for the CCSA to decide when this will happen," he said.

### Travel Requirements

Domestic arrivals at Phuket International Airport will not have to observe a 14-day self-quarantine after arriving at Phuket airport, Mr Thanee confirmed to *The Phuket News*.

In a public notice issued last Friday, the Airports of Thailand management team at Phuket airport (AoT Phuket) specifically noted that passengers outbound from Phuket must not have a body temperature higher than 37.3°C, must wear a face mask all the time, and must complete the travel declaration form via the AoT



Passengers arrive at Phuket airport on Tuesday. Photo: Tanyaluk Sakoot

Airports application (available on Google Play and on Apple's App Store) and register on the Thai Chana platform (ThaiChana.com).

Passengers inbound to Phuket also must not have a body temperature higher than 37.3°C, must wear a face mask all the time, and must complete the travel declaration form on the Thai Chana platform when arriving.

All passengers were instructed to strictly follow the advisory, and urged to allow extra time for their journey to account for any delays.

Phuket International Airport Deputy General Manager Kanyarat Suttipattanakit said that the airport was "100% ready to serve" all passengers using the airport.

"Every part of the airport has been cleaned thoroughly throughout the two months we have been closed. People can be assured that the airport is very clean to walk through.

"Also, all shops inside the airport have been cleaned properly, and follow all the health guidelines to protect passengers from contracting COVID-19," she said.

## COVID-19 fallout spirals, may cost island B280bn

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According to current estimates, the fallout from the COVID-19 crisis may end up costing Phuket more than B280 billion in lost revenues, reports Phuket Chamber of Commerce President Thanusak Phungdet.

Mr Thanusak told a press conference on June 10 that by the end of May COVID-19 had already cost Phuket about B120bn in lost incomes.

"And if the situation hasn't improved by the end of the year, it will have cost us another B160bn, costing us a total of at least B280bn," he said, adding that the damage done to Phuket's economy was "unprecedented".

"I think that July, August and September still will not bring tourists, and I do not expect foreign tourists to start coming until October," Mr Thanusak said.

Mr Thanusak said that moves to reopen the island's tourism industry so far have had little effect.

"Opening the beaches and allowing hotels to reopen is just a matter of preparation. In reality, we have to rely on the airport, but the airport is not open yet," he said.

Mr Thanusak also said that he expected the push to boost domestic tourism to take time to yield results, as it will take time for confidence to build among those wanting to visit the island.

Although Phuket has not had a confirmed case for three



Phuket Chamber of Commerce President Thanusak Phungdet said COVID-19's damage to the Phuket economy was 'unprecedented'. Photo: PR Phuket

weeks now, people will not seriously start considering coming to the island until more time has passed and confidence is restored among potential tourists.

"I believe that after about June 22, after 28 days has passed since our last confirmed case, could be the start of more intense business on the island," he said.

Mr Thanusak called on people and business owners to hold on and not give up hope before tourists return in enough numbers to revive the island's economy.

"The important thing is that we must not give up, do not lose hope and do not

think that Phuket cannot come back," he said.

"In addition, I ask the government that they must consider that this province has been hit harder than any other province. We have a large number of people affected by this.

"I have asked for the most social security support in the country. I submitted an application for the 90 days of social security support [for people left without income due to the COVID-19 situation] to be extended to a total of 180 days.

"The support for the first three months – March, April, May – is running out, and

our request for the support to continue through June, July, August is now being considered," Mr Thanusak said.

Mr Thanusak called on the government to help the island broaden its economic base beyond tourism-dependent industries.

"People must know that there are more unemployed people here than in any other province because we have one type of economy – tourism. Therefore our hardship is greater than any other provinces that may have industries, such as agriculture or exporting goods, to help them to recover," he said.

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# Phase 4 brings 'near normal'

## Governor brands latest easing of restrictions 'urgently necessary'

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Places that are legally registered as hotels in Phuket are now allowed to sell alcohol, according to the provincial order issued by Phuket Governor Phakaphong Tavipatana last Sunday (June 14).

The 42-page order, issued to introduce Phase 4 of the easing of restrictions imposed to prevent the spread of COVID-19, came into effect at midnight Sunday night.

In announcing the order, Governor Phakaphong said the raft of venues now allowed to reopen and the easing of the restrictions previously imposed were urgently necessary.

"If this is not done urgently, it might have a very serious effect on the people," he said.

In line with the announcement by Dr Taweesin Visanuyothin, spokesman of the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA), at Government House last Friday, alcoholic drinks are now allowed to be sold and served in restaurants.

However, page six of the order by the Phuket Governor specifically states, "The drinking of alcohol in restaurants, hotels and at other food and drink shops and other places



All registered hotels in Phuket may now sell alcohol. Image: PR Phuket

that are now allowed to open is now allowed under the law."

The order also points out that bars, pubs and karaoke venues are to remain closed, and that it is il-

legal to sell alcohol by promotional campaigns.

Of note, the sale of alcohol through promotional campaigns has been illegal under Section 30

the Alcohol Beverage Control Act since 2008.

The section specifically states that it is illegal to sell alcohol by

- using an automatic vending machine;
- hawking;
- providing a discount as a sale promotion;

• giving or offering privilege to attend any competition or performance, offering services, lucky draw or to earn any benefit to the buyer of alcoholic beverages in favour of buying or to the person who exchanges or trades alcoholic beverages with their packaging, labeling or anything related therewith; and

• dispersing, providing, giving or exchanging with alcoholic beverages or any goods or services, as the case may be, or distributing alcoholic beverages in the form of samples or in order to promote alcoholic beverage consumption by the public, including the determination of sale conditions as compulsory buying, whether in a direct or indirect manner, of alcoholic beverages.

Also now allowed to be held under the order issued Sunday, and effective from Monday, are conferences, training sessions, seminars, exhibitions, showcase events, art shows, music performances and

concerts, and events held in hotels, conference rooms, conference rooms and at showcase event venues.

Massage shops and sauna centres, including facial massage services in health centres, as well as spas and Thai traditional massage establishments may now also open.

Other venues now also allowed to reopen are water parks, theme parks, and children's playgrounds; kid zones in department stores, except ball pits; pre-school children nursery and kindergartens, and science and cultural parks

Also now permitted are group exercises and activities in public parks, as well as sports on outdoor fields.

All types of fitness centres and training facilities are now also allowed to open.

Government and private schools as well as tutorial centers can now be open for short training sessions and examinations for staff, though at last report from Bangkok, schools are currently not expected to be allowed to resume in-person classes for children before July 1.

Other venues that are to remain closed for now are game and internet cafes, fishing venues, snooker halls and venues where cockfighting and fishfighting "contests" are held.

## Curfew draws to a close

PHUKET POLICE TOOK the night off from catching curfew breakers last Sunday night (June 14), the last night of the nationwide curfew from 11pm to 3am.

Although the curfew technically came into effect for the last time at 11pm last Sunday, police decided to waive enforcement for the one hour through to midnight, Phuket Provincial Police Commander Maj Gen Rungrote Thakurapunya-siri told *The Phuket News* on Monday.

In total, 1,995 people in Phuket were arrested for breaking nationwide nightly curfew since it was introduced on Apr 3, noted a report issued by Phuket Provincial Police on Monday (June 15).

The report marked five people arrested in Patong for breaking the curfew. "Those five arrests were from the previous night, Jun 13, and had yet to be added to the total for the island," Maj Gen Rungrote explained.

The report noted that of 1,995 people arrested for breaking the curfew from Apr 3 to June 14, only 109 people were arrested at checkpoints. The remaining 1,886 were arrested by patrols.

The breakdown of curfew



The curfew patrols hit the streets for the last time last Saturday night into Sunday (June 13-14). Photo: Phuket Provincial Narcotics Control Management Centre

arrests as per each police station was reported as follows:

- Muang Phuket Police Station – 590
- Patong Police Station – 399 (5)
- Wichit Police Station – 281
- Thalang Police Station – 173
- Karon Police Station – 155
- Chalong Police Station – 143
- Kathu Police Station – 79
- Cherng Talay Police Station – 58
- Tha Chatchai Police Station – 42
- Sakhu Police Station – 38
- Kamala Police Station – 37

Thongchai Rattanadet of the Phuket Provincial Narcotics Control Management Centre, who also served on nightly patrols in and around Phuket Town during the curfew hours, told *The Phuket News*, "Our team alone arrested 420 people from April 3 to June 14. More than 90% of those arrested

were men aged from about 30-35 years old.

"The most common reason we were given by the people arrested was that they were going to a friend's house for a meal and to hang out. Others said they were going to see their girlfriend or boyfriend," he added.

"We tried to explain to them that they could have organised to see their girlfriend or boyfriend at another time, but they still maintained this was why they were out during the curfew. Sadly, they just did not use any common sense," Mr Thongchai said.

"However, whatever reason people gave for being out during the curfew, we recorded it and passed it on to police for them to decide whether they would be charged or not," he added. *The Phuket News*

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# Foreigners now allowed on buses

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Foreigners are now allowed to travel on interprovincial buses, the chief of Phuket Bus Terminal 2 has confirmed. The rule change was announced last Saturday and came into effect on Monday (June 15).

Chop Puttasupa, Chief of Phuket Bus Terminal 2, the main interprovincial bus terminal on the island, told *The Phuket News* on Monday, "From today, all foreigners are allowed to buy tickets and travel on interprovincial buses as long as they comply with the health regulations to prevent the spread of COVID-19."

Mr Chop explained that all foreigners were banned from boarding interprovincial buses under a nationwide order brought into effect months ago when the nationwide lockdown began.

"At the time there were serious concerns about foreigners travelling between provinces, especially since it included foreign workers from Myanmar, Malaysia and other countries," he said.

"So the Department of Land Transport issued its own nationwide order to ban all foreigners from travelling on buses between any provinces. But now, foreigners are allowed to enter or leave Phuket for any reason," he said.



A passenger has his temperature checked before boarding a bus to Bangkok. Photo: Phuket Bus Terminal 2

All people travelling by bus must comply with the new health regulations to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Mr Chop noted, including wearing face masks at all times while at the bus terminals and while travelling.

All people arriving or departing Phuket by bus must register their travel with the Phuket Provincial Police via the web platform gophuket.com, Mr Chop pointed out.

They must also register their entry

and exit of the bus terminals through the Thai Chana web platform, he said.

"Further, all people travelling by bus must complete a Tor 8 ["tor bairt"] form at the bus terminal before boarding their bus," Mr Chop commented.

"This is just basic travel information so if there is an incident health officials will be able to investigate and find out who might be affected," he said.

Ticket vendors will provide the Tor 8 forms when people buy tickets in person at the bus terminal, Mr Chop explained.

"People who buy bus tickets online will be handed a Tor 8 form when they collect their ticket when they arrive at the bus station," he added.

"For more information please contact 076-373193," Mr Chop said.

*Additional reporting by Khunanya Wanchanwet*

## Tourism players ramp up domestic push with discount campaigns

MORE THAN 80 BUSINESSES, including hotels, tour agencies and restaurants have already joined the "Phuket Great Time" domestic tourism campaign organised by the Phuket office of the Tourism Authority of Thailand, and TAT Phuket Chief Napasorn Kakai is calling for more.

The campaign aims to help tourism-related businesses across the island promote their products and services on the road to recovery from the current economic situation brought on by the COVID-19 fallout, Ms Napasorn explained at a "Finally, We Meet Again" press conference held at the Jungceylon shopping mall in Patong on June 9.

Also present at the press launch were Patong Mayor Chalermluck Kebsup and Phuket Tourist Association (PTA) President Bhumikitti Ruktaengam.

Business owners can



PTA President Mr Bhumikitti formally announced the launch of the association's 'Phuket Endless Discovery' card. Photo: PR Patong

register to promote their business, products and services on the Phuket Great Time website without any charge, Ms Napasorn explained.

"The target group of this project is Thai tourists. TAT Phuket also has marketing

and promotion plans to attract tourists to come this coming 'Green Season'," she added.

The website opened for tourists to use on June 15.

Tourists can book rooms or services through the website until September 30 and have

a chance to win lucky prizes, such as special discounts, gift vouchers and souvenirs, Ms Napasorn explained.

People with enquiries were asked to contact TAT Phuket by calling 076-211036, 076-212213, texting email to tat-phuket@tat.or.th, or through TAT Phuket's official Line account @TATPhuket

PTA President Mr Bhumikitti also formally announced the launch of the association's "Phuket Endless Discovery" card, offering specially priced vouchers for hotel rooms.

The cards, to be sold only from June 5 to Sept 30, are classified as four types by price range, as follows. Silver – B1,290; Gold – B2,590; Platinum – B3,990; and Pool Villa – B7,990.

Each card is for a two-night stay for two guests, including breakfast.

A release announcing the new "Phuket Endless Discovery" campaign explained

that the PTA will set up the platform for guests to select and buy the cards and for hotels to register to take part.

The campaign will be promoted through a website, Facebook pages and other social media, the release added.

All monies received through the campaign will be transferred to the corresponding hotels on the fifth day of the following month, with B100 for each card purchased deducted to buy medical equipment for local hospitals, the release noted.

People looking for more information about the "Phuket Endless Discovery" campaign were asked to contact Phanatchanok Jaiyen Vice, PTA President of Domestic Marketing, by calling or texting 081-6930042, or by sending an email to info@phukettourist.com. *The Phuket News*



# PSU moves forward with new 150-bed hospital

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The Prince of Songkla University (PSU) Phuket campus is moving ahead with its Andaman International Health Center medical facility, with the hospital's clinic currently scheduled to open in October.

The hospital, to be built on 17 rai at the PSU Phuket campus in Kathu, is expected to be operational within three years with 150 beds capacity and serve approximately 600 outpatients a day.

The PSU Phuket Hospital is just one part of the health center to be built at the site, which is also to include the Andaman International College of Health and a Wellness Center.

Assoc Prof Pun Thongchumnum PhD, PSU Phuket Campus Vice President, explained at a recent meeting of the PSU Phuket Campus Promotion Committee that the Andaman International College of Health will provide short-term and long-term courses for students.

The college will begin accepting nursing students in academic year 2020 and both dentistry and medical technology students in academic year 2022, he said.

The college is to produce medical personnel, including doctors, nurses, dentists, medical technicians and even traditional Thai medicine practitioners.

Last year alone saw some 5,820 patients at hospitals located in Phuket,



Assoc Prof Pun Thongchumnum PhD, PSU Phuket Campus Vice President, said the hospital was expected to open within three years. Photo: PSU Phuket

Phang Nga and Krabi transferred to receive medical treatment at the Songklanagarind Hospital at the PSU Hat Yai main campus, Prof Pun explained.

From there, some patients had to be referred to see specialists in Bangkok, he added, pointing out the number of patients in the area who needed to seek treatment elsewhere.

"To solve the problems and lighten the cost for patients having to travel [to other hospitals], PSU will establish the Andaman International Health Center," he said.

The health centre project and its hospital have been some time coming, Prof Pun noted. The project was added to the university's strategic plan for the years 2018-2022, and approved by the University Council on Jan 12 last year.

Construction of the PSU Phuket Hospital, which is currently also being called the Songklanagarind Hospital Phuket Campus, in deference to the main Songklanagarind Hospital at the PSU main campus in Hat Yai, is to be rolled out in three phases, explained Assoc Prof Dr Phuttisak Phuttiwiboon, head of the university committee overseeing the project.

Phase one is the hospital's medical clinic, open to PSU staff and local people, which is expected to open in October.

The second phase will see the completion of the main hospital with 100-150 beds, Prof Phuttisak said.

The third phase of the hospital's construction will see the number of inpatient beds at the facility expanded to 300, he added.



All six fishermen were found alive and well. Photo: Eakkapop Thongtub

## Navy rescues six after storm swamps boats

LIFE JACKETS KEPT six fishermen alive and well in the sea until they were found by a Royal Thai Navy last Friday (June 12).

The fishermen, all in the one longtail boat, were thrown into the sea by a storm some 1.5 miles southwest of Koh Maithon at about 3am.

The four – Abi Wareesri, Preechaprakon Hasup, Witoon Mahawannasri and Nikorn Faipet – were fishing alongside two other men in another longtail boat after setting out on a fishing trip, departing from Ao Makham last Thursday.

Two of the men, Suthep Hapsup and Arthit Bannpoom, were both rescued by Navy patrol boat *Tor 229* on Friday morning.

The other four were rescued later in the day.

Vice Admiral Chongchai Chomcherngpat, Commander of the Royal Thai Navy Third Area Command based in Phuket, was on scene to oversee the search and rescue operations during the day.

"Luckily, all people survived this incident because they were wearing life jackets," V/Adm Chongchai said.

"A Navy helicopter found the [remaining] four men at 11:20am, and a boat safely recovered them and brought them back to the shore at 12:30pm," he said.

All six were taken to Vachira Phuket Hospital for medical treatment, he added. Eakkapop Thongtub



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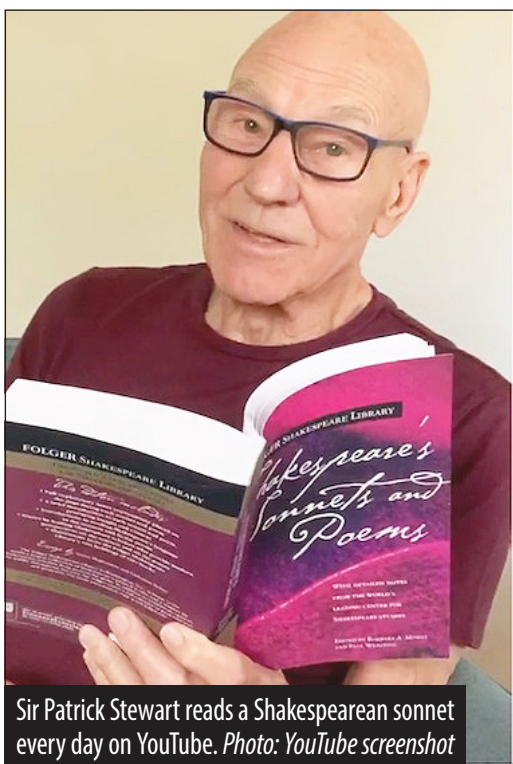
## THE PLAY'S THE THING!

Joel Adams

Around the world, theatres had all gone dark by May of 2020. This had never happened on a worldwide scale, and the last major closure of theatres in England was during the black plague during Shakespeare’s day. This is unprecedented, an amazing time. But many thespians have risen to the occasion to keep on giving to their public and doing the thing they love the most. I have included a few links at the end of this article.

Many theatres round the world are streaming their filmed plays on the internet or TV channels to supply their audiences with entertainment and cultural input during this trying time. Even Wikipedia in its article ‘Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the performing arts’ lists many of the theatre companies’ offerings and where to find them.

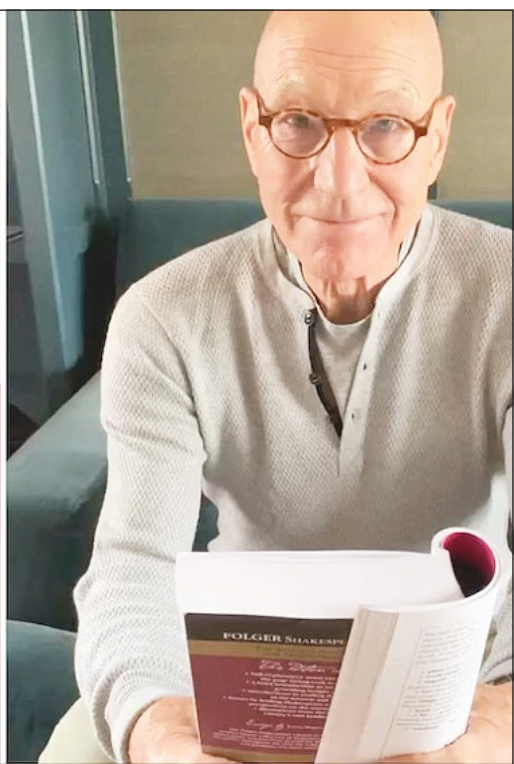
Playwrights too are rising to the occasion and writing plays about the present situation, some made to be performed on Zoom or other online socially distanced media. I made a video of one of them, a play called ‘A Dog, a Cat, and a Bird Contemplate Quarantine’ by Christina Hamlett and



Sir Patrick Stewart reads a Shakespearean sonnet every day on YouTube. Photo: YouTube screenshot

published in *Plays Magazine*. I shortened the title to ‘*Pets in the Pandemic*’ and played all the parts. You can see it on YouTube under ‘Pets in the Pandemic - Just So, Mr. Joel’

I suppose you could look at this all as making the most out of a terrible situation, and of course any situation that causes deaths is terrible, and we commiserate with those who have died or lost loved ones. However, I prefer to look at the theatrical developments



as previously hidden opportunities surfacing to lead us in new and exciting directions. As the old proverb says, ‘Necessity is the mother of invention.’ In this time of our need for uplifting input, we are seeing the theatre come through in wonderful ways.

As I mentioned last month, the pandemic has led to Theatrix’s creation of a new Youtube channel, ‘Just So, Mr. Joel and Ms. Myriam,’ dedicated to supplying quality stories and songs for kids staying home, and the reception we have received has been very encouraging. Therefore, we plan to continue this project indefinitely with posts at least weekly. Theatrix is now also planning to expand and produce plays online for older audiences, some of which we hope to make available in real time, in other words, have audiences watch them as they are being performed. When you think about it, this could be an exciting new form of theatre not limited by location, that could be born out of this crisis.

As many parts of the world begin to open up after the onslaught of the epidemic begins to pass over, I for one hope that things do not return to ‘life as normal,’ not only because I wish to continue with online productions, but because there have been many other benefits of this time of humankind withdrawing from our frenetic pace of life. I’m sure every-

one can think of ways they and the world have benefitted from this time. But just to name a few...

I have realised that so many of the things that I thought were essential to life could be foregone and life could even get better without them. I have had time to do things I have always wanted to do, to give thought to ideas that were passing fancies before.

And then there are all the benefits that have come to the environment through the changes of late. Sea life is thriving, the seas are clear and beautiful, the skies are free of pollution in many very polluted areas around the world, and much, much more. I dread returning to the life we lived before. I was very relieved to read that.

Thailand is planning to close all national parks some months every year to give them a break from human activity. I hope we live our lives differently and never return to ‘normal life’, which was really anything but normal or natural.

In closing, I want to share a small part of a hilarious monologue an 8-year-old online student of mine, Alex Tuzov, wrote with his father, John Tuzov. It’s called ‘*The People Zoo*’.

PENGUIN in South Africa: Here I am, big plump African penguin in his prime... Come on, take your pictures!... I can’t believe this! It’s been a month and no people... something bad must have happened to people... like a creepy predator ate them all... I think I should go... and take a look... Look! Look at that poster of a green round monster with little crowns all over its body... The corona monster swallowed them all... (in eulogy) You know what, I’m gonna miss them. People could be a pain in the beak sometimes, but they were big, gentle, intelligent, funny creatures... Wait a minute... a little girl behind that window, and an old man on the balcony! They’re alive!... It’s like a people zoo!... Maybe we can even feed them, let’s go get some fish!

Sir Patrick Stewart reads a Shakespearean sonnet every day on YouTube. See a complete playlist of the sonnets read at YouTube: Zsuzsanna Uhlik. Sam Neill sings, reads poetry and tells humorous stories during this time of isolation, all on Twitter. See Twitter: TwoPaddocks

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# Don't leave me!

Separation anxiety can make its mark as we start to return to our post-lockdown 'normal' lives. Photo: Dominik QN / Unsplash



## UNLEASHED

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**M**any people are often quick to say their dog suffers from separation anxiety, when in reality the dog's response can often be conditioned over time by our activities.

In true cases of separation anxiety, your dog will typically anticipate the separation from associated cues in his environment. Your dog learns these cues, many of which are subliminal, from your pre-departure routine. The main things can be: Alarm clock ringing, kids getting dressed, you picking up car keys etc.

The minor details, however, are shown in your body language, things that we don't notice we're doing. The anxiety begins with the initial cue and steadily grows until you actually leave the house. To round it off, we can often

exacerbate the situation by trying to pacify our dogs and tell them "I'll be back soon, you'll be ok."

Your dog, however, cannot control the situation so his frustration level rises and the distress grows steadily, peaking usually within 30 minutes from the time you left. From there the anxiety levels slowly decline at a variable rate but as a dog slowly recovers, any stimuli may re-sensitize him, such as another dog barking, a car driving by, or a delivery man coming to the door.

There are numerous signs and symptoms exhibited with separation anxiety such as excessive barking or whining, scratching or digging, chewing furniture, doors, window frames, etc or frantic pacing. An increased frequency in urination, wet footprints from sweaty paws, drooling or a highly exaggerated greeting routine are all symptoms to look for.

Does your dog follow you from couch to fridge, to kitchen counter and back to couch? Scratch the door of the loo whilst you're busy and then follow you to wherever you're heading next? Some owners

think it's "cute" but this acute awareness of an owner's every step, could be the genesis of a problem that needs to be addressed.

One of the reasons separation anxiety seems more prevalent today than a few decades ago is that it is often misdiagnosed by the average pet owner. However, just because the symptoms are there, doesn't mean your dog is suffering from it. For sure, house soiling can be related to anxiety but there are many other potential causes such as incomplete house training, lack of access to appropriate elimination areas, unreasonable owner expectations (expecting the dog to "hold it"), fear, excitement, marking, submissive elimination, or physical incontinence.

Also, dogs are masters of routine, so things like changing jobs, moving house, girlfriend moving in, are all things that can upset their routine and trigger things like separation anxiety. And should we react in the 'wrong' way in these instances, we can very quickly make the problem worse.

A good example of this is getting a puppy during the holidays, or more prevalently, during a lockdown – which can be a very BIG mistake. The first few days and weeks is amazing, where the pup is the centre of endless attention, and everything is fun. And then almost overnight, the puppy is very much pushed to the outside as we're now busy getting ready for school, work, and real post holiday / lockdown life.

Such a change can be quite dramatic for a dog, especially a young pup – and as events unfold, it can quickly spiral into serious anxiety if we're not careful and end up reinforcing the wrong behaviours.

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## POP QUIZ

1. In the Looney Tunes cartoon series, what was the name of Marvin the Martian's big fluffy friend?
2. In which year did KFC founder Colonel Harland David Sanders die?
3. What is the capital of the Isle of Man?
4. Which animal is scientifically called *Canis lupus familiaris*?
5. The sentence "May I have a large container of coffee?" is used as a memory aid for what?

Answers below, centre

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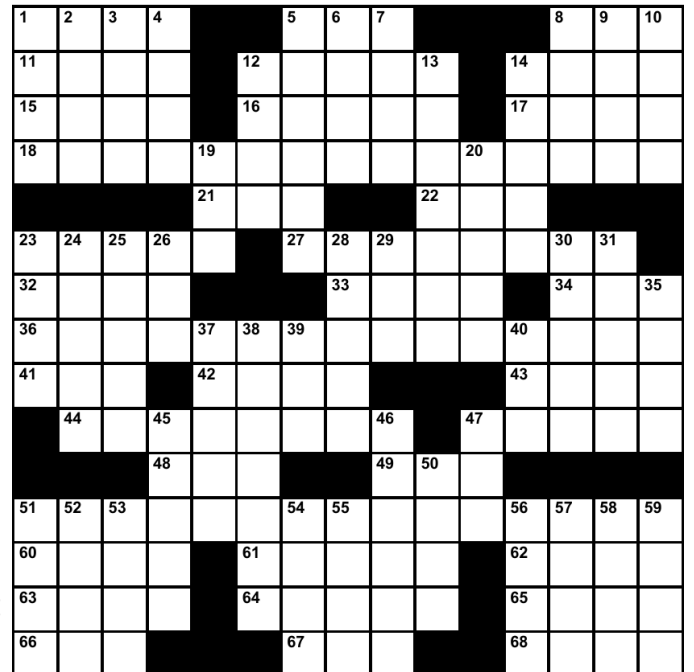
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## Crossword by Myles Mellor & Sally York

- Across**
1. "Back in Black" band
  5. Went to McDonald's
  8. "For shame!"
  11. Boxing Hall of Famer Max
  12. Director's order
  14. Old world 'you'
  15. Isaac's eldest
  16. Bead material
  17. German guy
  18. 1981 movie based on an Edgar Rice Burroughs book
  21. \_\_\_\_\_ Jong
  22. British fliers
  23. Cry of delight
  27. Backed up
  32. Masterstroke
  33. Covering
  34. \_\_\_ good turn (be helpful)
  36. 1993 film based on a book by Frances Hodgson Burnett
  41. Early riser
  42. Small battery
  43. Tabloid fodder
  44. Crossbreeds
  47. Bel \_\_\_ (soft cheese)
  48. "All over the world" singers, for short
  49. Lead-in to Vegas
  51. Shrek the Third character
  60. \_\_\_ Pet (novelty item)
  61. Choose
  62. Take cover
  63. Female crook
  64. Where to get a fast buck?
  65. High-fat spread
  66. College degree
  67. 2nd letter addendum
  68. Posh British school
  24. Blah
  25. Good, in Guadalajara
  26. Special \_\_\_ (military force)
  28. Ransack
  29. Rigid
  30. Murphy of movies
  31. Executors
  35. A chip, maybe
  37. Bird of prey
  38. Yuletide singer
  39. Corinne Bailey \_\_\_ 2007 Grammy nominee
  40. Nutritional abbr.
  45. Kathmandu country
  46. Bread portions
  47. L.A. clock setting
  50. Lowest female voice
  51. Dudley Do-Right's org.
  52. "This is bad!"
  53. Gentle
  54. Almost food
  55. Kennedy and Bundy
  56. Toeguard
  57. Checked garment
  58. Thought: Prefix
  59. Vegas light
- Down**
1. Aid and \_\_\_
  2. Spanish for house
  3. Beatles "\_\_\_ Prudence"
  4. Actress Penelope
  5. First name in mysteries
  6. RPM indicator
  7. Dublin country
  8. 1969 Oates novel
  9. Que \_\_\_, \_\_\_
  10. "Show Boat" composer
  12. Half a Tolstoy novel
  13. Coming closer
  14. Grand \_\_\_ Auto
  19. "Little Women" sister
  20. Zitone, e.g.
  23. Fall times, abbr.

## Answers to this week's Pop Quiz:

1) Gossamer; 2) 1980 (Dec 16); 3) Douglas; 4) Dog; 5) Pl (3,1415926, number of letters in each word)



## Solutions to last week's puzzles:



8	9	4	5	7	1	3	2	6
7	5	6	4	2	3	1	8	9
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6	1	9	8	5	2	4	7	3
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## GOT YOUR NUMBER

4

percent of the sand on Normandy beaches is made up of shrapnel from D-Day landings, broken down over the decades into sand-sized chunks.

8

consecutive years the US gaming industry has earned more than the US movie and music industries combined.

34

years of their lives the average adult will spend staring at screens, according to a British study.

1998

is the year when the annual Kona Underpants Run in Hawaii started as a protest against people wearing Speedos in inappropriate places.

2,450

Americans die from heart attacks caused by sex every year.

59.2

million dollars a year is the estimated amount the US would save in avoided robberies if Daylight Saving Time were extended by three weeks.

Source: Uberfacts

## ISLAND VIEW



Rainbow across Phuket. Photo: Gerard Wiseman

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## This week in history

June 19, 1961

Kuwait declares independence from the United Kingdom.

June 20, 1975

The film *Jaws* is released in the United States, becoming the highest-grossing film of that time and starting the trend of "summer blockbusters".

June 21, 2006

Pluto's newly discovered moons are officially named Nix and Hydra.

June 22, 1986

The controversial Hand of God goal by Diego Maradona in the quarter-finals of the 1986 FIFA World Cup match between Argentina and England is followed four minutes later by the Goal of the Century also by Maradona. Argentina win 2-1 and win the world cup.

June 23, 2016

The United Kingdom votes



Dancing mania during a pilgrimage to the church at Saint-Jans-Molenbeek, a 1642 engraving by Hendrick Hondius after a 1564 drawing by Pieter Brueghel the Elder.

in a referendum to leave the European Union, by 52% to 48%.

June 24, 1374

A sudden outbreak of St John's Dance causes people in the streets of Aachen, Germany, to experience hallucinations and begin to jump and twitch uncontrollably until they collapse from exhaustion.

June 25, 1950

The Korean War begins with the invasion of South Korea by North Korea.

Source: Wikipedia



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# Singapore, Azerbaijan, Japan F1 races ditched

## FORMULA ONE

AFP

Grands Prix in Singapore, Japan and Azerbaijan were cancelled last Friday (June 12) over logistical problems caused by the coronavirus, officials said, in a new blow to the disrupted season.

Formula One was thrown into chaos in March when the curtain-raising Australian Grand Prix was cancelled hours before practice was to begin, as the virus spread around the world.

With lockdowns being eased in some places, organisers unveiled plans to start the season with two races behind closed in Austria in July, followed by six other Grands Prix in Europe.

But Formula One said the decision had now been taken to cancel the races in Azerbaijan, Singapore and Japan due to "ongoing challenges presented by COVID-19".

"In Singapore and Azerbaijan, the long lead times required to construct street circuits made hosting the events during a period of uncertainty impossible," Formula One said in a statement.

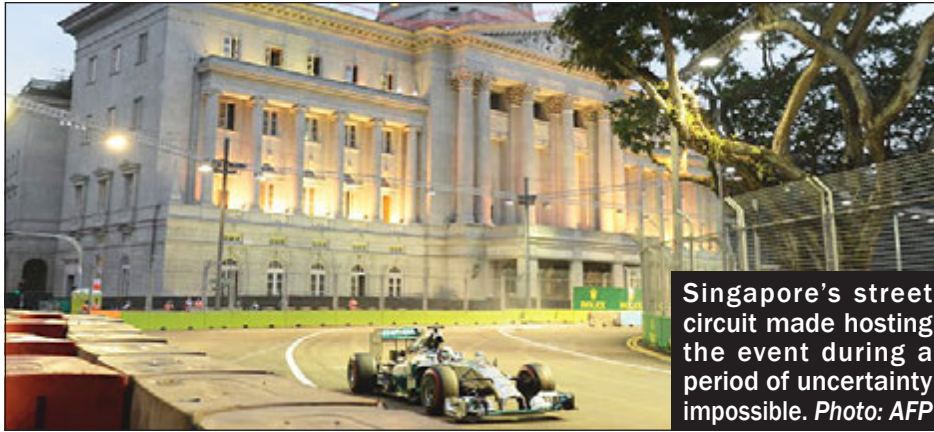
"In Japan, ongoing travel restrictions also led to the decision not to proceed with the race."

As well as the Australia race, Grands Prix in Monaco, France and the Netherlands had already been cancelled.

The Singapore F1, a night race around the city's floodlit waterfront, is a highlight of the calendar.

But organisers said they had not been able to start construction of the Marina Bay Street Circuit due to curbs imposed to fight the virus.

Other challenges include a ban on mass gatherings which, if still in place in September when the race was due to take place, would have made it impossible for



Singapore's street circuit made hosting the event during a period of uncertainty impossible. Photo: AFP

large groups of spectators to watch the outdoor event.

Travel restrictions would have also prevented tourists, who make up a large chunk of the F1's audience, from coming to the city-state for the race.

Singapore, which has recorded the highest number of virus cases in Southeast Asia, has just started easing curbs.

### Shortest campaign since 2009

The Azerbaijan Grand Prix, originally due to take place in June this year, is also a street race. It takes place in the capital Baku, with the track running along the shoreline and through the city's medieval old town.

The country has seen a sharp increase in virus infections since lifting a state of emergency at the end of May.

Japan, whose Grand Prix was due to take place at the Suzuka International Racing Course in October, lifted a state of emergency last month and has suffered a relatively small outbreak.

But it still has tough travel restrictions in place.

F1 got the green light to start when the Austrian government sanctioned the season-opening double-header at the Spielberg circuit after organisers "presented a complete and professional plan" to combat

the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Hungarian Grand Prix will be brought forward to July 19 before a two-week break, followed by consecutive races in Britain and events in Spain, Italy and Belgium. All will likely be run without spectators while participants must adhere to strict safety protocols.

Regular health tests will be conducted with the number of team members and race staff at the venue also reduced.

The blueprint for the rehashed season features further races in Asia – the Shanghai and Vietnam races have only been postponed for now – and the Americas in September, October and November before finishing in the Gulf in Bahrain and Abu Dhabi in December.

On Monday (June 15) Xu Bin, director of Shanghai city's sports bureau, claimed that F1 bosses want two races to be held in the city in what is considered a key market for them.

"We are still communicating with F1 to see if there is any possibility of hosting two races in Shanghai, but there is no final decision yet," Xu told *Shanghai People's Radio*.

The 2020 season was originally to have featured a record 22 races, but now it is set to be the shortest campaign since 2009.

## COVID forces King's Cup postponement

### FOOTBALL



THE 48<sup>TH</sup> KING'S CUP football tournament has been postponed to next year, the organising committee have announced.

The decision was mutually agreed on June 11 by the organising committee and the Football Association of Thailand (FAT) in view of the global novel coronavirus pandemic.

A joint statement observed that with the threat of a second wave of COVID-19 outbreak lingering, it was prudent to postpone the four-nation tournament to next year.

"The COVID-19 situation is still far from safe," the organising committee said.

Last year, the King's Cup was staged in Buri Ram where Curacao lifted the coveted trophy after defeating Vietnam in the final.

However, the postponement of the King's Cup will have no effect on other events in the country with Thai League 1 returning on Sept 12 as planned.

The decision by the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) to approve the fourth phase of easing restrictions last Friday (June 12) means domestic football tournaments can resume but without any spectators at match venues.

This decision raised speculation of moving the

COVID-19 has forced the King's Cup to be postponed. Photo: Bangkok Post

Thai League 1 restart date forward, but FAT president Pol Gen Somyot Poompunmuang was quick to quash the rumour.

"The news that came out is unofficial," said Somyot. "We will have to study the protective measures stipulated by the health officials for the safety of everyone involved."

"We will inform the clubs about the official protocol but we will restart the leagues from Sept 12 because the teams need at least six weeks to get ready."

"The foreign players returning from abroad will have to be placed in a state quarantine for 14 days," he added.

Elsewhere, the Asean Football Federation (AFF) confirmed on Monday (June 15) that this year's AFF Suzuki Cup will be held from Nov 23 to Dec 31 in Vietnam.

The Asean Futsal Club Championship (Dec 2-7) and the Asean Futsal Championship (Jan 25-31, 2021) were also confirmed with Thailand hosting both tournaments. *Bangkok Post*



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**Triple blow cancellation for F1 > p11**

# FEAST AFTER FAMINE

## FOOTBALL

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The Premier League returned to action on Wednesday (June 17) after a 100-day COVID-19 enforced lay off and will now cram 92 games into six weeks of breathless action.

There is still much to be resolved within that tight time-frame although analysing the form of teams before the league was suspended is now somewhat irrelevant. The break will have been a blessing for some, a curse for others.

Liverpool are on the brink of securing their first Premier League title with their 25-point lead over second-placed Manchester City the largest lead of any team in top flight history.

The Reds have several records in their sights. They



Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool are on the verge of the Premier League title. Photo: AFP

could trump Manchester City's 100-point haul from a few years ago and also become the first team to win the league title in eight different decades. Thus far they have won every league game at Anfield, something that if maintained would see them become the first team to win all their home top flight games since Sunderland in 1891/92.

Manchester City should secure the runners up spot although their focus is more on contesting the two-year Champions League ban UEFA handed to them before the suspension of play.

Should the ban be upheld it would mean the team finishing 5th would qualify for Champions League action next season. Leicester will

be confident of holding onto 3rd spot meaning a dog-fight between the teams currently placed 4th through 9th.

Chelsea have a strong squad and will be confident of grabbing a 4th place finish. Tottenham will benefit from having star strikers Harry Kane and Son Heung-min return from injuries that threatened to curtail their

seasons prior to the break.

Manchester United also benefited from the suspension in play as injured stars Marcus Rashford and Paul Pogba received time to recuperate. It will be interesting to see how or if the latter is accommodated and whether this will disrupt the impressive rhythm and impact January signing Bruno Fernandes was exerting pre-break.

Arsenal showed definite signs of improvement under Mikel Arteta and he will be hoping the extra time afforded on the training field will allow his team's progress to continue.

### Hungry Wolves

Surprise packages Wolves and Sheffield United make up the chasing pack and will be keen to reignite the fine form both displayed prior to the break. The former are resilient and hugely entertaining going

forward, giving anyone a run for their money.

The Blades have been a revelation. Boss Chris Wilder is constantly demanding more from his troops and it will be interesting to see how they resume play, especially as they face a challenging run in.

At the bottom it is equally close with Aston Villa, Bournemouth, Watford, West Ham and Brighton all nervously glancing over their shoulder at the relegation trap door. It seems Norwich are doomed although, again, the form book is a blank canvas so they could well make a resurgence.

There are a lot of uncertainties as play resumes although one thing guaranteed is that after being starved of action and drama for so long, football enthusiasts will revel in the feast that awaits them in the coming weeks.



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