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## Our Thoughts

Well, this week we saw another "Americanised" tradition slip boldly into the Aussie way of life. That is the halloween tradition calling on neighbours.

Not only has Australia embraced this American tradition it has added its own taudy side to the event.

Youth on both the Gold and Sunshine Coast needed to be arrested for disorderly behaviour and damaging of property whilst on this "trick or treat" escapade.

In one case a large number of CARTONS of eggs were confiscated after the youths in whose possession were found had started to deface property and vehicles with them.

It is one thing to usurp other contries traditions and try to assimilate them into Aussie traditions but it is another to add ad-estructive side to the game.

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## The time has come for the Watoto Children's Choir

**T**his Sunday night at the Maleny High School activities Centre will be a special treat with a performance by the Watoto Children's Choir.

This concert is to raise some awareness about the plight of over two million Ugandan children.

Look in the eyes of a Watoto child and you will not only see hope but you will see a soul transformed by God's faithfulness and provision and a life rescued from a bleak future, changed in virtually every way possible.

Hopefully, Watoto child will be future leaders equipped to make a lasting impact in their community and on Uganda.

Watoto Child Care Ministries accepts children between the ages of 2 and 12 and these children remain a part of their new Watoto family for life.

Siblings are typically kept together and new ones added as they're placed in homes of eight with a new mother. They have chores, attend school, do homework, play hard, and have daily family Bible study.

This is an exciting

time for Watoto as some of the first Watoto children have now graduated high school and are attending universities.

Already, we are seeing the promise of a changed country start to take shape.

And the miracle is that these young adults once knew only despair and hopelessness but now are educated, confident, loved and have a purpose.

You could make a difference in the life of a child by providing sponsorship which would be used to provide physical, spiritual and educational care for that child.

Tickets for the Maleny Concert have been available from Top Notch Business Centre, Maple Street. Remember, you have to be seated by 6.45p.m.

It is guaranteed to be a concert not to be missed and I am sure that it will open your heart to these young people.



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## Truthful Jones Tells...



us that his neighbour, Tim O'Rourke was walking his Irish Setter down near Baroon Pocket Dam.

He picked up a stick and threw it, the dog went and retrieved it and brought it back. Tim then threw it in a different direction and the dog once again went and retrieved it and brought it back. Tim then threw it in another direction and it landed in a small lake.

The dog went down to the water's edge, walked across the water, picked up the stick and brought it back.

Well, Tim was astounded. He couldn't believe what he had seen and threw stick in the lake again, and the dog once again walked across the water to bring the stick back.

As he went into town, he promised that he would show his dog's wonderful new trick to the first person he came across.

Once back in town the first person the dog owner came across was the local town drunk (who shall remain nameless).

Tim dragged the unnamed person back to Baroon Pocket Dam to show him what his dog could do.

Once again, the dog owner threw the stick into the small lake and the dog went to the water's edge, walked across the water, picked up the stick and brought it back to it's owner.

Once the drunk saw that, he turned to the dog owner and said; "Why that's great, mister! But when are you going to teach your dog how to swim?"

Some people just don't get it - do they?

*This week's Saying*  
**A clean tie attracts the soup of the day.**  
.....Think about it

## Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

**Q: I need to paint my wooden front door, which is currently stained. It also has scratches at the bottom from a dog. How do I fill the scratches and prepare the door? -- Jim C. Witt.**

A: The best way to proceed would be to take the door off its hinges and lay it flat over some sawhorses (you can also do this with the door still in place, but it's easier and results in a better finish if you can lay it down). Sand the door with 80- to 100-grit sandpaper to remove dirt, light scratches, and any clear finish that might be over the stain. Apply a paste-type exterior-rated wood filler over the deeper scratches using a putty knife, allow it to dry, then sand the filled areas. If necessary, repeat this operation.

Now lightly sand the entire door one more time using 120-grit paper. Remove all the dust with a vacuum or by blowing with compressed air, then apply one coat of New Look acrylic sealer primer undercoat, followed by one or two coats of New Look gloss exterior paint.

If the door had been painted previ-

ously with an oil based paint then use Newlook quick grip instead of the Newlook sealer primer undercoat.

If the color you have selected is dark, you can have the primer tinted to a darker shade so that it's easier to cover with the finish paint.

All the materials you need - including the wood filler, primer, paint, sandpaper and brushes - are available from Maleny Paint Place, 12 Bunya Street, Maleny.

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## Watoto (Swahili for children)

**W**hilst we, as a community this week will be working to raise money to assist the Watoto Children's Choir we should think a little about what this event is really about.

Since 1986, over 30,000 boys and girls have been abducted in Northern Uganda and forced to become soldiers, laborers and sex slaves. These children are taken by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), a rebel group that has waged war against the Ugandan government for nearly two decades.

Whilst optimism about prospects for peace in northern Uganda is growing the country is still in the grip of the continuing civil war between the rebel Lord's Resistance Army and the Ugandan Government.

Making peace is no simple task. The population is traumatized by continuing violence, and HIV/AIDS rates in the conflict areas are almost double the national average.

Forced into sexual relationships, many girls become pregnant and give birth in the bush, with only other young girls to assist them. Events that are seen as everyday occurrences in Northern Uganda would leave all Australians bewildered. To make things worse for these children those born in captivity as a result of rape by one or several LRA soldiers are often seen as unacceptable outsiders.

Male children are regularly abducted. The children who survive deliberate killing and disease are brutalized, are forced to serve the LRA army as conscripts and sex slaves, and are forced to commit crimes themselves. For children who are abducted, captivity can last for years.

For those who do survive at home the lack of any water is a big problem, more of a problem than food. Villagers need to wake up around four in the morning and go out to search for water, sometimes returning home at mid-day and that is

just for that day's water.

Some children became so thirsty they drink their own urine for relief. Other times, are unable to urinate because their thirst is so great and their bodies so dehydrated.

For most abductees, release or escape does not end their ordeal.

To make things worse corruption in Uganda is widespread. Within 9 years of National Resistance Movement's reign, public corporations which are the backbone of Uganda's monetary economy, have been bankrupted by Museveni's appointees. This means that the country has no real means to provide for the people of Uganda.

Coupled with this there is little hope that peace will come to the country in the near future.

Any future that Uganda and its people have must come from outside the country and it is the more financial nations that will have to carry the biggest burden if this country is once again to be a safe place to live for its residents.

*So when we see these talented children and the joy they bring we must show them that there is hope. What we can do as individuals may appear to be very little when combined means a lot.*



## Mum's favourite Recipes

### Bar B. Q. Burgers - great for a Sunday lunch

**Ingredients** - 1kg minced beef - 1 small onion, chopped finely - 2 cloves garlic, chopped - 2 tblsp barbecue sauce - 2 tblsp Worcestershire sauce - 2 tblsp fresh parsley, chopped - 1/2 cup breadcrumbs - 1 egg, lightly beaten - 1 large onion, sliced - 6 slices cheese - 2 tomatoes, sliced - 6 bread rolls - 1/2 lettuce

**Method** - Put beef, small chopped onion, garlic, sauces, parsley, breadcrumbs and egg into large bowl and Mix until combined.

Shape mixture into 6 burger patties.

Cook burger patties on barbecue until browned on both sides, cook large sliced onion as well. Add sliced cheese to the top of burgers for 2 minutes or until melted.

Split and toast rolls, then add lettuce and tomato, burger patties with cheese and onion.

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## Chapter 2 Part 2

These photos were duly sent to Willie, who was in the country for other duties than a volcano watch, so he saw an action which had completely eluded the complacent

perimeter of the dam were assuming a greater importance than those inside.

“Fellows, I’m as serious as a heart attack. We have a volcano and we have insurgents, and both are a threat to the dam”. At that stage the student agitators were a fuzzy factor, and although Willie mentioned them, no connection to the dam had been linked.

At that moment three foreigners, unknown to the engineers, entered the lobby and settled down

into the soft seats. They were Scandinavian, two seismologists and a vulcanologist, loaded down with gear in rectangular aluminium boxes. Two men and a stunning blonde. One of the men settled the formalities of registration, and Wil-

lie, who knew every expat in Santa Marta waved a hello to them.

Relaxing his stranglehold on an icy bottle of Pilsner del Oro, “Hay-zoos” Chepé breathed, rather inelegantly “I’d rather feel that than feel sick”. The others winced.

There had been increasing seismic activity throughout the Republic, and these experts had been recruited to set up their instruments and record these so far rather mild but with increasing frequency, tremors. Seismographs measure earth movements, inclinometers detect slope changes, thermometers monitor temperature changes, and gauges sniff the air. Interpretations could be a prelude to an earthquake, or a volcanic eruption. Earthquakes are often the first signs of the reawakening of a dormant volcano, as are other pre-eruption activities such as leaking gases (sulphur dioxide), steam and ashes. A volcanic eruption is a blow out at a point of weakness in the earth’s crust, often caused by the shaking of an earthquake which opens a fissure. Magma (molten rock and gases) held under tremendous pressure by the weight of the earth’s crust bursts through, eventually resealing itself by rapidly cooling magma. The earthquakes can occur many

*We continue with our serialisation of the adventure “La Presa Linda” written by Jervis Sparks.*



*Jervis Sparks is an international drilling consultant and local Maleny identity.*

**His profession takes him all around the world, mostly to most remote areas. This has given him an insight into an adventurous life style.**

**He has previously written a number of technical books and articles for industry magazines and also a book on his life’s adventures.**

**Now he has written a purely fiction adventure novel and we are pleased to be able to serialise it over the next few weeks.**

**A full copy of this book will be available from the “Hinterlandgrapevine Online” web site in the “Stories of Interest Section”**

Langley experts. It was the shape of a large habitation on the flank of the volcano, which should not have been there. And had not been there three weeks previously. So he discussed this with the engineers, and they knew irrevocably, that the problems outside the

# LA PRESA LINDA

## The Dam on the Rio Lempira

Jervis Sparks

months previously, slowly allowing the magma to penetrate a cavity under the volcano.

Because there was no actual civil war in progress, there were no press corps, TV cameramen and the like, so there were no phoneys hanging around the bars of Santa Marta at that time. The only foreigners in the El Nuevo Mundo were the engineers and the seismic people, while the other hotels catered to the other non residents and tourists. The guys were happy about that, as they knew from past experience that those media poseurs could rarely spell the name of the country they were in, and their TV cameramen were always complaining, "just where in the U.S. of A are we anyway"? That group of people (genus: reporters) were only interested in themselves, their own tribe, so they were both useless, although very, very dangerous.

After drinks, their dinner was usually devoted to the destruction of the Chilean grape harvest, bottles delivered to the command of "think we could damage another of those"? And so the camaraderie continued.

However, the night was not yet finished for yet another player was to enter into the drama. Not too gracefully either, as she tripped and fell over Lars' extended foot. Cal was fast and caught her before impact, and Chepé, equally fast, fielded her laptop on its trajectory to demolish the table top of drinks and bottles. Barely muttering thanks, she turned her full attention to Lars, calling him a chauvinistic oaf. If looks could kill, he would have been fatally wounded.

To defuse the situation, all the men

stood up, and as they were all over six feet in height, the diminutive newcomer slowed down her tirade and rage. "Please sit down Miss and recover, we'll sort it out" they almost all said in unison.

Sipping the cuba libre quickly thrust at her, she slowly apologised, then succinctly stated that she was a green activist who was going to thwart the mighty dam constructors, which would destroy the land of the Maya and the spirit of the last great chief who had proclaimed that their hearts and souls would be shattered if the earth was ever disturbed.

Understandably, that statement caused instant speechlessness, until Hank, recovering from his momentary aphasia, paternally suggested that she retire and sleep off the stress of her journey and somewhat unusual entrance, and that they could further continue the interesting conversation over breakfast.

So now, in this beautiful, at times forlorn, and now heading into chaos country, the cast had now assembled. With that in place, events now began inexorably moving towards a climatic conclusion at the dam site. The director had not appeared yet, and would not do so until the final act. Located 10,000 metres below them, this specific director was an unpredictable force, and could be likened to the queen in the game of chess. Able to move in any direction. She was known as the Caribbean Plate.

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## "Well Done Maleny Toastmasters!"

Maleny Toastmasters achieved excellent results at the recent Area 22 Conference and Speech Contests held at Buderim North on the 13th October.

Maleny Toastmasters' own Pat Wyllie was awarded the Area 22 Toastmaster of the Year award which is an outstanding achievement.

Jim Fraser entertained all in the 'humorous' section with his very enlightening views on travel with his 'Fear of Flying' speech winning second place. Marguerite May kept the audience entranced with her speech in the International section entitled, 'Public Benefactor No.1. The Sun', for which she was also awarded second place.

The conference was well run through excellent teamwork and very entertaining. Everyone is welcome to attend Toastmaster's meetings.

Maleny Toastmasters meet at the Maleny Baptist Church, Cnr. Landsborough and McCarthy Roads, Maleny every second and fourth Thursday at 7.00 p.m.

For more information please ring Dianne on 5494 1265 or Shirley on 5494 3933."

**Photo Below: Jim Fraser and Marguerite May proudly show their second place awards"**



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## An insight into Maleny History

Maleny Historian - Harvey Bryce



It might have been ABOUT 100 years ago when dairying started on the Range and people settled in this area, but it was only last weekend that an open day

was held at the Maleny Historical Museum to show "how it was in the good old days".



Locals, Jack Larney and Frank Rough (photo above) were on hand to show the "tools of mass punishment" or as other wise known, the manual labourer's toolbox.

Antique cars from both the Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club and

the Blackall Range Historic Car Society displayed their vehicles.

Members of the local Boy Scouts Group gave a demonstration of their roping techniques and had some fun on the finished triangle frames. Scouts attending showed that scouting is as relevant today as it was in decades past.



Visit the Maleny Historical Village web site at [www.hinterlandgrapevine.com](http://www.hinterlandgrapevine.com) (Community Groups & Follow prompts)

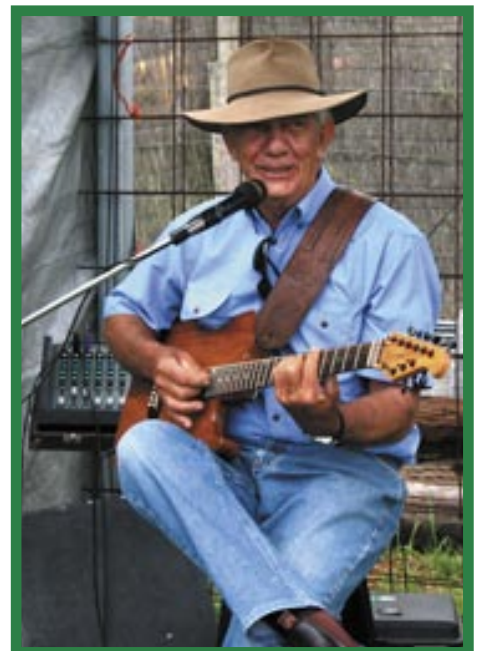


Photo above:- Local musician, Barry Burgum provided music and entertainment during the day. At one stage he said he couldn't sing in a particular "key" to accompany a couple of other musicians. The only "key" Barry knew was the one to open the "watchhouse" door.

*Good - on ya mate.*

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