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Covering Queensland's Sunshine Coast Hinterland



# Hinterlandgrapevine Online

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## Our Thoughts

The wet weather has been welcome to the Sunshine Coast area in view of the dry period that the area has endured.

It is common that long dry spells are broken by unruly weather. And so too it is in this instance.

Watching the news on recent nights one can only be amazed at the stupidity of people who venture into the sea when it is so rough and dangerous, particularly when those people are told by the experts (lifesavers) that the sea is so dangerous.

Why should these lifesavers then be expected to go out into that same sea to rescue those foolhardy surfers who refused to be told.

## PHOTOS FROM THE CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST IN MALENY'S APEX PARK?

Our intrepid roving photographer, Rowley took a number of photos at Maleny's Christmas breakfast in Apex Park.

To see these photos click here to go to the web site then click on the heading Christmas at Apex Park 2007

Thanks to Rowley for these photos

*Click here to go to our "Gig Guide" (Must be connected to the internet at the time)*

## Rain in town to continue

The Sunshine Coast hinterland faces the prospect of continuing heavy rain during the first week of the 2008 year due to an upper trough system moving through the area. On the first day of the year nearly 80mm fell with other falls in the area being, Peachester 20mm, Beerwah 19, and Palmview just 3.

The constant rain of the past seven days is about to get worse, with forecasters predicting more wet weather and strong winds on the way.

Pat Stacey of Maleny Weather Station said, "December 2007 brought 236mm of rain to Maleny township. With more than half coming in the

last week of the month."

Obi Creek at Maleny township was flowing strongly over the town weir but was still well below the height of the Maple Street Bridge.

**Photo Below: Obi Creek flowing behind Riverside Centre, Maple Street, Maleny.**



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## Truthful Jones Tells...



us that the other night his elderly neighbour had just returned to her home from an evening of religious service at the Maleny Catholic Church when she was startled by an intruder.

As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, "Stop - Acts 2:38!" (..turn from your sin...)

The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As Constable Bob cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar, "She said she had an AXE and two 38's!"

Constable Bon said to Truthful, "If only they were all that easy."

## Need Help buying a car? New or second hand

Suncoast Auto Brokers are able to get such good deals because they only deal with the sales manager. Traditionally, the public doesn't see this person; they are the one out the back, calling the shots. Their network and reputation is such that they have established strong relationships with these managers and they are more than happy to do business with us. They are happy to pay S.A.B for this service as it also saves them money, they don't have to pay their salesperson commission, or maintain their company car.

The other reason is just plain old good negotiating skills and because Dan has spent so many years in the industry. Click here for more info.

## Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

*In world of color, what place does white have? Is it even color? But, when you're using it in decorating, white's more than nothing, more than the lack of specific shading, because in the presence of white, you can feel the presence of light itself. It's more than a fresh blank canvas waiting for a brush stroke.*

*We know that the meaning of color varies from one culture to another, and a color can take on a new shade depending on where you are. For example red is normally a warning.*

*White is no exception to this. In contemporary Western culture, we associate white with purity. In many cultures, white is a traditional color of mourning, and this rings true, because white gives you room; you can stretch out and think in white. You can contemplate things. You can, perhaps, rest in peace without having to leave this world.*

*How can you make use of the properties white offers in your home? White was, for a long time, used as a neutral, and it still is. Many landlords insist on a tenant re-painting in white, and white's the default for many people when*  
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*it comes to walls or sheets or even dishes.*

*But you can take control of white, and use it to your interior's advantage.*

*Look at a room that's all done up in white. It may seem sterile, or more appropriate for a hospital than a home, but imagine how you could play with color in there: a cluster of orange pillows and a pitcher of sunflowers on a nightstand, or a blue coverlet and blue alarm clock. Each color that you place in this room of white will not only stand out, but it will also change the mood of the room.*

*With an all-white room, or even one that's just heavily reliant on white, you can play with color. Red one day, sea-foam green the next. You can bring in a simple bowl full of water with gray-green stones and see how it stands out. Toss a couple of throw pillows on a white sofa in a white room and watch the room change before your eyes.*

*Anything that would get lost in the distracting colors of a room will get your full attention in a room that's all white.*

*Even if you just decide to have more white in your home accessories, it can provide a calming effect. A white room can be dress up or down with colorful table linens, curtains, and flowers.*

*White isn't just the absence of color; it's a backdrop against which color is free to play and reflect, soothing our hearts and calming our minds.*

*For more information about paint or "how to hints" click here to go to the*

***Maleny Paint Place***  
*web page.*

## Early Intervention and Treatment is the Key

Can't quite make it to the toilet in time? Have to get up several times in the night to pee? Your not alone.....urinary incontinence is a common health problem that affects millions of Australians.

The good news is proper assessment and treatment can help restore a person's dignity and confidence.

Continence Advisory Service, Clinical Nurse Consultant Sue Torr, said incontinence was one of those topics that nobody talked about and the stigma often associated with it contributes to the myths and misconceptions about the condition.

"Incontinence isn't a condition someone should feel embarrassed about. The truth is it's a common health condition. "It's a treatable condition that can be easily and simply managed through approaches such as strengthening exercises for the pelvic floor muscles."

Recent reports show the economic cost of urinary continence in community-dwelling Australians will be \$1.26 billion a year by 2018.

Ms Torr said incontinence could impair the quality of life and independence of sufferers, particularly the elderly.

The Sunshine Coast and Colooloa Health Service District's new Dry Up Program for older people can help reduce the health risks and needless embarrassment that is often associated with incontinence.

"Seeking help from a professional with continence expertise can help improve the condition or even cure it," she said.

The Dry Up Program starts at the Caloundra Health Service on February 6 (10am-12pm) and runs for six weeks. To find out more contact Sue Torr or Erica Mohr at Nambour Community Health on 5470 4750. Make sure to book early to avoid disappointment.

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## The "NUT" Award

It matters little what the monetary penalty is or how much education is given there are some drivers who just will not take notice of the road rules.

They are not only a danger to themselves but they are a danger to other road users who have no control over the prevailing situation, not through their actions but the actions of the inconsiderate drivers.

Each week we will bring you the contender for the weekly "NUT" award - that is the weakest part of the car's safety - "The Nut behind the wheel"...

Let us see if we can do our little bit to improve road safety around our town.

If you know the person mentioned please have a quiet word to them.



This week's award goes to: - the motor cyclist who at about 11.30am last Friday overtook over double lines and exceeded the speed limit in Bunya Street outbound in front of the primary school. No room for any cars coming out of Lawyer Street or anyone about to cross the pedestrian crossing.

## Mum's favourite Recipes

### Sesame Chicken Kababs

- easy evening meal on these warm afternoons.

#### Ingredients

500g chicken thigh fillets, skin off : 1 Tbsp sugar : 1 clove garlic, crushed : 1 Tbsp sesame seeds : 1/2 tsp white pepper : 1 Tbsp olive oil : 1 Tbsp soy sauce : 4 green onions, cut into 4cm lengths

#### Method

1. Cut each fillet into 6 and combine with remaining ingredients. Set aside to stand for 15 minutes or longer, if possible.
2. Thread chicken onto four skewers with green onions and cook on lightly oiled barbecue plate or cook under grill for approximately 10 minutes, or until cooked through.

Serve with a leafy salad or steamed vegetables



After that first reconnaissance visit by Miguel and Manuel to the dam, and the subsequent follow

## Chapters 11 & 12

with the details of construction

easily downloaded from the web pages. Their target was changed to the less mundane turbines, which although not causing the dam to fail, would send the message that the GDS were a force to be reckoned with, and that they could strike at will.

Thus Carlos and his group of plotters began assembling the pipe bombs in the garage of the house which he had rented. Their construction was quite

They had constructed 30 bomb casings from galvanised water pipes, 50 mm in diameter, threaded at both ends, and 250 mm in length. As well, they had made the threaded caps and tested them. In each pipe, in the centre, they had drilled a 1.5 mm hole, for the fuse. By containing an explosive in a pipe, a simple low grade explosive can produce a relatively large explosion.

The explosive content was fine black powder, match heads, nails and broken glass, as the shrapnel itself would be the main source of damage. A large firecracker was placed inside the tube, with the fuse protruding from the hole, which was epoxied in place. Then the volatile material was carefully poured into the pipe, as at this dangerous stage, friction could cause a spark, and a spark ignition. It was not packed tight, as a space allowed the explosive to pressurise, producing a larger detonation. The caps and all threads were meticulously cleaned then screwed tightly, wrenches over rags, on the ends, and the bomb was now ready. Their plan was to tape three bombs together, for a more devastating explosive force.

The explosive ingredients were easily acquired. Miguel and Manuel's uncles and grandfathers,

*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"**

up visits, the student plotters realised that their grandiose dream of blowing the abutments to destroy the dam would require too much explosive force. Far above their capabilities to acquire, and well beyond their immature expertise. They were not funded like the rebels in the hills.

Pipe bombs however, were within their scope and financial means,

safe if they followed the internet advice, as they would only explode when the fuses were lit. The contents were passive, and safely handled, which is why it was the choice of protesters and mail box destroyers. The delayed action of the burning fuse gave any ratbag enough time to distance himself from potential personal injury. The code of the coward.

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## LA PRESA LINDA (Continued)

relatively wealthy farmers, were avid hunters who made their own bullets, and were happy when the boys showed an interest in helping make their own ordnance. Thus the amounts of black powder stolen, were never missed.

Unknown to them, computer whiz Linda-pa, with Marina looking over her shoulder, had hacked into their email systems, following the trail from the initial downloads to the collection of the lethal components. In the campus cafeteria Marina and Fernando noted the mounting excitement of the plotters and their smug superiority, so they realised that their target date was drawing close. The word went out to Willie and the dam engineers.

### Chapter 12

So as the 10 selected rebels moved slowly down from their camp on the slopes of Zihuanava, the first faint tremors were their only early warning, and all eyes looked up to the mouth of the volcano. For those left behind, rebels and families, there was nothing to see, not even smoke, all was as usual. So they went about their normal desperate duties, eating, feeding children and diligently helping to create the next generation of psychopathic rebels. With no outside communication, even radio, they were unaware of their impending doom, four hours and 20 minutes away.

At 0235 a persistent tremor, indicating the movement of hot liquid rock through the volcanic system, began to shake the ground under the volcano and by 0512 the tremor changed to a pulsation that Inge knew was similar to those that

preceded other explosions. The queen had started to make her move on this chessboard of destiny. A subduction move, as the western edge of the Caribbean Plate slid under the southern edge of the North American Plate.

It was precisely at 0907 on that sunny August morning, that Zihuanava, the grand master in this drama, blew its top, and so irrevocably changed the fate of all the followers of the Liberation Army of Socialism. With that first explosive sound, their plans started to unravel like a cheap Asian sweater. First a gaseous dark cloud billowed up to 50,000 feet, then at 0923, a magma wave burst through the southern flank. The roar and spectacle was awesome, and magnificent. The vulcanologists were spellbound. As were the local crews at the seismic stations throughout the country recording this massive violence of nature, as its power made all their recording instruments dance to their scientific delight.

The pyroclastic flow of super hot rocks, ashes and steam travelled the five kilometres down at a speed of 500 kilometres an hour from the crater through a breach in the south-east wall, and destroyed completely the guerrilla camp and all its remaining inhabitants. All were buried as hot mud covered them, and which continued for a total of 15 kilometres, also entombing everything in its path. The explosion actively increased, and those lahars, the deadly flows of thick muddy waters of silt sand and rocky boulders continued towards the rivers which all flowed downstream to the dam. Rivers

changed courses, and at the dam site the engineers looked to the north as the skies darkened.

One river which did not change course was the Rio Lempira, on which the rebels and their small flotilla now journeyed placidly towards the dam. Just downstream from them was the camp of the vulcanologists.

However, there was an impact, which slowly developed, when lahar dams across small tributaries of the Lempira breached, sending a surge hurtling towards the dynamite barge.

Inge was engrossed at her computer, entering all the data of the gigantic eruption, while her two compatriots were avidly recording all their various instruments scattered within a radius of 20 kilometres, and many kilometres away from the camp. These instruments were located on the slopes and around the base of Zihuanava. It had been proven that data collected from seismographs on Mount St Helens was the most important tool for predicting an impending volcanic eruption. Seismometers, with their probes embedded into the ground to detect seismic movement, passed on this information to the seismographs. This was radioed back to Inge. The two men were not in any danger from the turbulence, nor from the guerrillas.

Inge however, was. She did not notice the rebels and their dynamite laden barge, which had been caught in an eddy, slowly swirling at the perimeter of her camp.

*To be continued...*

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*Have you thought about an exchange student?  
Well, here is a chance.....?*

**H**ave you ever thought about hosting an overseas student for 12 months? Well, if you have then here is an opportunity. We, at the Hiterlandgrapevine Online received the following letter from Magdalena, a 15 year old girl from Germany who would like to study in Australia. **(CLICK HERE TO SEE MORE)**

**To whom it may concern,**  
my name is Magdalena Gruendl. I'm 15 years old and I live in Germany. At the moment I go in th 10th grade at the Joseph-von-Fraunhofer-Gymnasium in Cham, which is like a High School. I have always wanted to spend some year abroad in Australia, to experience a new culture, another school, to meet new friends and to come to know the experi-

ences of an exchange year. I read in our Newspaper about a Ecuador exchange student who searches for a host family and in this way he found one. SO I decided to do it in the dame way. Can you print my letter which I send you in the newspaper, so that I will find a host family? I also send you some photos of me.

My parents are glad to host an Australian pupil. Can you help me in any way? Unfortunately it's too expensive to do it with an organisation. I send you a letter which I write if you find a host family and to know me better.

I'm really looking forward to an answer from you.  
Happy New year!

Yours sincerely  
Magdalena

## *"Possums on the Road"*

Local performers Dale and Patsy Slight are well known for their charity concerts for the elderly and charity bodies.

They are holding a night of fun and music at the Maleny R.S.L. on January 19th starting at 6.30pm. Tickets are \$10. Inquiries 54944990

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to our "Events Guide"  
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