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Covering Queensland's Sunshine Coast Hinterland



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Our Thoughts

I thought that we live in a democracy. It is our right to make our feelings heard but, like it or not democracy accepts the arbiters decision.

New information centre for horse flu in Caboolture area

A Community Resource Centre has been opened at Caboolture to provide information to the local community about Equine Influenza (EI).

Located at the Department of Primary Industries & Fisheries (DPI&F) office at 71 King Street, the office will be open for 8am to 6pm Monday, Thursday and Saturday.

To stop the spread of this highly contagious virus, DPI&F is working hard to ensure every member of the community is aware of how the virus is spread and how it can be contained.

Details of how to kill the virus (detergent and disinfectant and exposure to sunlight) and how to manage decontamination of a site are available from the Caboolture office.

Individuals or groups wishing to be kept informed on a regular basis should contact staff at the Community Resource Centre by visiting or calling the centre on 5495 6910 or 5499 2480.

For more information visit www.dpi.qld.gov.au or call 13 25 23.

Maleny fire officers farewell Peter Hopper

Over the last 25 years the Queensland Fire Service, Maleny Auxiliary has come a long way from one small vehicle with a very limited response ability to house fires and no accident response



capability to a very well equipped unit which can handle most accident and fire incidents that are likely in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland area. During that time two long serving Captains have overseen the changes, Laurie Benecke and Peter Hopper.

Peter has decided to call it a day and his retirement party was held recently. Peter is well known in the Maleny community and will continue in the area. All the best to Peter and Melanie in their retirement.

Woodford DVD Launch - Discover the magic

"It's really special. I think it's the best festival I've ever played. It's covering more aspects and more dimensions than just playing music for as many people as possible. It's like 10 times more than that. There's a real ethic behind it." said John Butler from The Woodford 0607 DVD.

Browndog productions has released the third Woodford Folk Festival DVD. This truly, extraordinarily entertaining film will be talked about for many moons.

Every year, from December 27 to Jan 1, a valley in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland is transformed for six days and nights of celebration, 500 events, 22 stages, 2,500 performers, 130,000 aggregate audiences.

Discover the essence of one of the

world's great festivals on this captivating DVD which features The John Butler Trio, Kaki King, Greg Sheehan, Hamell on Trial, Umbilical Brothers, Ash Grunwald, John Williamson, Mal Webb, Gerry Connolly as The Queen, LAB-JACD, The Woodford Eleven, Circle of Rhythm, Dva, Greenlife, Victor Valdez & Waiting for Guinness, Wild Marmalade, Zanzibar le crazy Frenchman, Inventions in Time, The Fumes, Tom Tom Club, The Flamenco Crew, Sean Choolburra, Big Rory, Zanzibar le crazy Frenchman, Damsels in Distress, Mr Qwirk, Curried Away, The Fire Ceremony, 3 Minutes of Silence, The Rhythm Festival, First Sunrise of the Year & The Opening Ceremony.

Click on this story to have a quick look here of the DVD teaser.

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Truthful Jones Tells...



us that he was sitting in the corner of his favourite Irish Bar the other night when a man stumbles up to the only other patron at the bar and asks if he could buy him a drink.

"Why of course," comes the reply.

The first man then asks: "Where are you from?"

"I'm from Ireland," replies the second man.

The first man responds: "You don't say, I'm from Ireland too! Let's have another round to Ireland."

"Of Course," replies the second man. Curious, the first man then asks: "Where in Ireland are you from?" "Dublin," comes the reply.

"I can't believe it," says the first man. "I'm from Dublin too! Let's have another drink to Dublin."

"Of course," replies the second man. Curiosity again strikes and the first man asks: "What school did you go to?"

"Saint Mary's," replies the second man. "I graduated in '62."

"This is unbelievable!" the first man says. "I went to Saint Mary's and I graduated in '62, too!"

About that time in comes one of the regulars and sits down at the bar. "What's been going on?" he asks the bartender.

"Nothing much," replies the bartender. "The O'Malley twins are drunk again."

Need Help buying a car? New or second hand

Suncoast Auto Brokers can save you money when buying a new vehicle. All you do is to contact them by phone or via their on-line "Fast-Track" contact form and advise them of your needs. They will advise you then organise the whole deal. [Click here for contact.](#)

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Q : I have a house with a lot of knotty pine paneling and cabinets that I'd like to update. What are the steps I need to take to paint them?

-- Jean K. Boorobin

A : Getting the knotty pine ready for painting will require a couple of steps. First, to remove surface grease and dirt, wash the paneling with a solution of warm water. If the paneling has a glossy finish on it, it should next be lightly sanded to rough up the surface so that the paint will stick.

The knots are the next issue to deal with, and what you do depends on the type of look you're going for.

Untreated, the knots will bleed through a layer of paint, which may or may not be okay.

If you want to do a whitewash effect with the knots showing through somewhat, then a single layer of a wash paint or a thinned down acrylic is all you need to do.

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You might want to experiment on a scrap board or in a closet to see what the final look will be.

Many of the larger knots in knotty pine paneling have tiny cracks in them, so if you want the knots completely hidden, you will have to use a wood filler prior to painting.

Apply the filler with a putty knife, let dry, then sand smooth.

Next, apply a coat of good-quality, stain-blocking primer - make sure it's a stain-blocking primer similar to the Zinsser Primer that works on knots.

Let the primer dry, then apply a coat of satin or semi-gloss paint for best adhesion and washability.

The Paint Place, Maleny can fix you up with all the materials you need, including a primer that's compatible with the finish paint.

If your top coat will be a darker color, I would suggest you tint the primer to a color that's close to the finish color, which will make the primer easier to cover.

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

This week's Saying
Everyone can follow a different track but they all end up looking at the same sunset.
.....Think about it

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Enjoy classical music?

Why not join Carisma – Australia's flute, cello and harp trio, in concert at 7pm. December 8th at the Majestic Theatre, Pomona.

The alluring combination of Anna Stoddard on tin whistle and flute, Janice Preece on harp and Sunshine Coast musician, Louise King on cello with special guest artist David Jones on world percussion, celebrating their latest ABC CD release 'Lily's Eyes'.

'Atmospheres' ABC classics label recording artists perform a collection of world music composed by Australian and international com-

posers.

Their latest collaboration includes a bonus Christmas carol CD – perfect for that special gift. CD signing after the show.

Tickets are \$25 (\$20 concessions, students - \$18 if in group of 8 or more. For bookings Ph (07) 5485 2330 or email majestic@spiderweb.com.au

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

Mum's favourite Recipes

Phad Thai

- the kids will love this one!

Ingredients: 250g pack Changs Thai Style rice noodles - 1 tablespoon oil - 1 tablespoon chopped garlic - 2 small chicken breast fillets, thinly sliced - 150g raw prawn meat, chopped - 280g can Changs bean sprouts, drained - 5 spring onions cut into 6cm lengths - 2 eggs, lightly beaten - 2 tablespoons lemon juice - 2 teaspoons sugar 2 tablespoons Changs Fish Sauce - 1 tablespoon Changs Thai Sweet Chilli Sauce

Method

Place noodles in a large bowl cover with boiling water. Stand for 10 minutes. Use a fork to loosen noodles completely. Drain, rinse with cold water.

Heat the wok or large heavy based pan until very hot, add the oil.

Add garlic and chicken; cook until the chicken is browned. Add prawns, cook for 1 minute. Add bean sprouts, spring onions, egg and noodles and, toss until thoroughly combined.

Combine all remaining ingredients, add to the wok, and toss gently to combine. Serve with some chopped roasted peanuts and lemon wedges.

How to use Changs Thai Style Rice Noodles

Place the noodles in a large bowl cover with boiling water. Stand for 5 - 10 minutes. Use a fork to loosen noodles completely. Drain, rinse with cold water. Noodles are ready to use, add or serve with stir-fries or soups.

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.



This week's award goes to:-

multiple vehicles that do have to park in front of the pedestrian crossing in Maple Street near the Visitors Information Centre.

These vehicles block from the view of drivers of oncoming vehicles any one about to or just stepping onto the crossing.

This puts to danger not only those pedestrians about to cross but can cause tail to front accidents.

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Chapter 7

The tug of war was well and truly won by the women, Inge and Penny being in the women's team and all laughing with glee when the Gringos fell over each other as they were dragged across the line. Then came the soccer match which climaxed

towards the parking lot. Following, he counted the group, the same seven student plotters. They were photographed.

After the picnic, the engineers and their guests were seated

at various tables in the expat's mess hall, Penny with Cal, Lars and Hank at one table.

"Penny, there is always a moral loophole to all arguments.

Water = dam = power = electricity = better quality of life for the downtrodden and increasing population. Without it the rapidly increasing number of poor would only be destined to an even more wretched existence. Your

thinking must expand exponentially".

At another table the government minister was seated with

Chepé and Luis, and during the course of their conversations, whenever an oblique reference to corruption, famine, revolutionary militia or other unsuitable dinner topics were made, the government minister quickly switched to a new subject. He well knew that the twin ideals of corruption and incompetence were still pursued in his ministry with boundless enthusiasm.

"Wasn't it Lord Byron who said, what men call gallantry, and gods adultery, it's more common when the climate's sultry" boomed Chepé, "it's also easier to get your gear off in the tropics", as he drained his glass. The conversation imploded after that, so ordering drinks were the only further words spoken.

Conversation however, was avid at an adjoining table. Hans and Bob were with the volcano people, and listening with rapt attention as Inge described the three types of volcanoes on the planet. Basaltic volcanoes, like those in Hawaii, were not viscous or really volatile, but tended more to flow rather than violently explode. The intermediate type was Andesitic, and Zihuanava and Mount St Helens, Washington (1980), be-

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"

the picnic activities before the barbecue, and as the contestants were taking their places, Fernando noticed Manny and Miguel furtively sidling away to-

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LA PRESA LINDA (Continued)

longed to this group. Pyroclastic explosions. Rare but most catastrophic were Rhyolite volcanoes, with Yellowstone in Wyoming being a classic example. It is the amount of silica in the magma which defines those three types, the more silica, the more catastrophic, as silica makes the melt more viscous.

Continuing, she explained that basically, 90% of the volcanoes on the Pacific Rim of Fire were stratovolcanoes, which included Zihuanava, named because of the way they grow, layered volcanoes, experiencing many eruptions during their lifetimes. Shield volcanoes, from the word continental shield, such as on Hawaii, in the U.S.A., Africa and Europe, consistently erupt liquid lava, and form broad sloping cones.

So impressed and eager for more details, Bob asked them to visit and present their latest seismic findings and interpretations to the five expat engineers whenever they could. A tentative date was selected.

Back at Penny's table she questioned, "but what will your dam do? Tell me the positives".

Hank explained. "The dam will give electricity for lighting to read more easily, television to find new horizons of enjoyment and knowledge, and computers to expand the scope of experience and the mind. In other words, freedom. Communists do not want that - they want to subjugate, to keep the people fearful, ignorant and docile, to keep all the wealth and power. We have seen it in Africa and Asia, and here in nearby Cuba. How do you describe capital-

ism, Penny"? "Capitalism is financial terrorism".

"Penny, your statement is psychological terrorism. Sure, the capitalist landlord may rape an occasional girl, but the communists are gangs who rape everyone, young and old. And when the victims protest, their families are silenced after more of the women are raped. Rape is control".

"The bottom line is, even without the dam, these Marxist murderers and thugs will create more chaos, and destroy the life rhythms of the campesinos. They want power because they are corrupt. They are too lazy to work, so they control people by fear, and the people are forced to pay for their safety. And safety is never considered by those greedy tyrants. The inescapable law of the revolutionary is that the shameless corruption of his followers opens the doors to a counterrevolution".

"But when they say the land will belong to the people, they just change the ownership to a different landlord, but still a landlord. With this so called capitalism there will still be poverty. I know that the revolutionaries and student crazies don't care how many people not connected with their cause, innocent bystanders, are killed by their ideologically inspired gunfire, but will the new dam stop any of that? Just how do you distribute the land to the peasants, liberate and educate the Indios, muzzle the local and foreign capitalists, and yet create a community"?

"Hold on Penny, hold on. We don't murder people. Our dam

will not kill people. It will cause them to be relocated, but in the end will give them and their children a certainly improved life. NGOs have a blindness and incapability to face reality when it comes to concrete facts. Remember, Rumour is halfway around the world before Truth can get its boots on".

That conversational trail then foundered, so he and Cal told Penny more about the orphans, and she perked up. Hank then took her on a guided tour of the Lindacita orphanage, and Penny was delighted.

Alone at the table, Cal continued to ponder the vagaries of religion, as he had when he surveyed the worn women with so many small children who had clustered around them during the picnic. He had seen the same scene of desperation in Moslem countries where volatile rag heads charged out to murder everyone in the name of a person dead for 13 centuries, and reflected that even Buddhists who although did not slaughter en masse, were prone to corruption that belied the principles of their faith. It was all too easy to forget the finer points of all those faiths, which were truly well meaning. The problem with religions is that they are all based on faith, rather than logic.

Actually he rather liked the philosophy of an old campesino who would soon be relocated. He had a pragmatic approach to religion. He praised the Lord if the crops did well, and cursed Him if they failed. He didn't hold with praying.

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Psssssst Christmas is around the corner

This year The Maleny Scout Group is assisting you to enjoy this festive season by providing your christmas tree. They are in two sizes - approx 1.5M and costs just \$10.00 or for a bigger tree, approx 2M for just \$15.00.

For just \$5.00 they will even deliver it within the Maleny area for just an extra \$5.00.

The trees are available now for pickup at Maleny Historical Society at Priscilla Cottage, McCarthy Road. To make arrangements for the scouts to supply your tree just give Karen a ring during business hours on:-

5494 3677

Don't cause a house fire - Electrical product safety recall

Regularly on the evening news we see pictures of devastating house fires. Often we wonder how these fires are caused. Things that we use in our everyday lifestyle have the potential to cause these fires.

The Queensland Government Electrical Safety Office advise that a potentially dangerous bathroom heater/light combination has been recalled because of the risk of fire.

A spokesperson at The Queensland Electrical Safety office said a number of fires throughout Australia had been linked to these type of products overheating.

The nationwide recall is being carried out by Chief Kitchenware Pty Ltd, telephone: 1800 677 845 anytime from 9am-8pm (Mon-Fri), 9am-5pm (Sat) AEST.

The recall affects Airflow brand bathroom heater, exhaust fan and light combinations with the model/catalogue numbers :6600R,WE. 660A,WE. 6601A,WE. 6600ATP,WE. 6600X,WE. 6600H,WE. 6600D,WE.

The Chief Kitchenware Pty Ltd recall advises that owners should not use the heat lamps and should unscrew them and store them safely.

Owners have been advised to inspect the product label inside the unit behind the heat lamps and identify the model number as per the above list.

They should write down the brand name and model number and call Chief Kitchenware on its toll free number.

The Electrical Safety Office is part of the Department of Industrial Relations. Further electrical safety information is available at www.deir.qld.gov.au.

Don't put this off until later - check it now and take the necessary action as it is too late after the fire to change your mind.

**Night of the year tonight!
The Maleny Street Carnival**

Tonight is the night (Friday Dec 7th) for Maleny's annual Christmas Street Party.

Maple Street will be blocked off between about 5p.m & 11p.m. The IGA Fireworks will be at 7p.m.

Why not come along, meet friends and make new friends? See you there!

You'd be silly to miss it.....

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