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Our Thoughts

We should all think quietly for the family of the Australian soldier killed in Afghanistan this week.

After all he was there for you and I. His family has paid an all too high a price on our behalf.

This is not a comment on the reason "why" he was there but a comment on the the fact the he "was" there on our behalf.

We should be thankful that some Aussies, in many walks of life are prepared to do our "dirty" but necessary work.

These people, not only in our defence forces but people such as nurses, police, emergency workers put the good of our nation ahead of their own personal lives.

Without these people we would not enjoy the fruits of our country as we do today.

Just take a moment to think about this families loss.

Top Bakery IS A "Top Bakery"

Congratulations to Tom and Anne of Beechhouse Bakery on their recent win at the "Great Aussie Pie Competition" held in Sydney recently.

Tom, or maybe more fairly put Anne decided to enter and they came away with a bronze medalion for their chunky beef pie. This should be of no surprise to those who have been fortunate enough to taste this little "beauty".

"Come on Tom - you have swung the lead long enough it is back to work we go!!!"

Maleny Precinct still divides our village

Following a very determined campaign by both sides of the Maleny Precinct project the Caloundra City Council has received over 2500 submissions to their controversial plans to develop the Maleny Precinct on land previously owned by the Porter family.

Mayor Don Aldous said the council was in the process of reviewing all the submissions received during recent community consultation. "It is now a matter of waiting for the report to come to council before we'll be in a position to comment on the future of the site," he said.

The preferred option of the Caloundra City Council's land at Obi land includes an 18-hole golf course, a hinterland park and garden, and limited residential use. A preliminary plan is presently available from the Caloundra City Council for

inspection.

The council expects a report on the options for the Maleny Community Precinct site to be completed in November.

Cr Aldous said "There is a small minority of people in Maleny who want to debate precinct issues on a daily basis rather than waiting for the Council's report."

Cr Aldous said the information from the recently completed submissions would be considered in a report which will address The Council's draft structure plan for the site, possible variations to the draft, or possible alternative options. At this time nothing is definitely in or definitely out.

"This is definitely the avenue to achieving the best possible outcomes for the site and for community," he said.

Charity Auction

Maleny R.S.L. - Saturday night at the Maleny R.S.L. Hall.

Proceeds to Maleny Hospital Aux

DON'T FORGET

The Conondale Quilt Show is on this Saturday and Sunday at the Conondale Community Hall.

There is always a great range of very crafty quiults on show.

For information phone Mary Smith on 5494 2863.

Local drilling consultant and well known Maleny identity, Jervis Sparks has written us another story about his adventures as a drilling consultant in remote areas.

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This week's Saying
The old pipe gives the sweetest smoke

.....Think about it

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LA PRESA LINDA

The Dam on the Rio Lempira Jervis Sparks

Forward

This work of fiction was formulated while I lived in mining and construction camps around the world, in Asia, in Africa and in Latin America, during the last five decades of the 1900s and the first decade of the new millennium.

Based loosely on my own experiences, this novella was a fun project, as a great sport for us primary producers is greenie bashing, NGO bashing and in putting down the feral media.

The goodies win and live, the baddies lose and die. The best ending.

Many of the quotes have been collected over the years from articles and books, and for those, I am beholden to those nameless authors. As this story is not for sale, therefore, there is no copyright infringement.

This book is also a tribute to those men and women who live in often abject conditions and locations to bring to all those pampered liberal do-gooders the accessories which make their inutile lives comfortable. Without us, there would be no electricity, no automobiles, no radio, no TV, no computers and no cell phones. Reflect about it.

And finally, have your Thesaurus at hand.

Prologue

Miguel Ortega, sitting high above the right abutment of the dam shrugged, and the 'chips' on both shoulders moved. A one time university student, he had failed his exams due to a lack of ability, laziness and self pity. There is always an underclass of failures on any university campus, and in Latin America it is a fertile breeding ground for the perennial anti-American

rabble. Never could they see that it was the greed of their own people and the rigid control of the Catholic priests which caused most of their problems, and it was so easy to chant the Marxist mantra of Capitalism for the failure of their own dreams. They would never realise that in their Republic they had a rigid caste system and that they were as racist as any nation. The men grew moustaches to prove that they were of European (Spanish or Portuguese) lineage because the original Maya were not hirsute.

Just a pawn in the drama about to unfold, and not the sharpest spine on the porcupine, as he gazed down on the dam below, he failed to see any of the beauty of the scene, the timbered hills, the green tinted river or even the form of the massive engineering project. Although that was the view Miguel was staring at, it was not the view he was seeing. The narrowness of his vision had placed him in a tunnel as dark as some of those under the massive walls of the

graceful structure beneath. The scene through the viewfinder of his camera also left no impression, but that is what his leader had instructed him to do.

In Latin America, all mothers are devout and all children have religious names. After all, all bets must be hedged if you are to live out your allotted span, and it is well known that the Lord above was benign to namesakes. Miguel, which in English is Michael, was named by his pious mother after the patron Saint of soldiers Saint Michael, who had evolved biblically from Archangel Michael, the Saint who led the angels against Satan. He liked his name and he was fervent for opposing the Great Satan, the land of capitalism to the north. A solipsistic attitude indeed.



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"

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LA PRESA LINDA

(Continued)

Placing his camera back in his belt pouch he then made the first mistake in a chain of seemingly unrelated mistakes in a web of tangled intrigues and events. Of course he never knew this, and was never credited with it. He was, now and forever, a loser, with the bad habit of overstating his own importance. What he did, was to take off his shirt and wave to where he assumed was another conspirator on the opposite dam abutment, the agreed signal that he had

completed his reconnaissance. Hastily donning and buttoning his shirt, he slid from his position and made his way to Manuel at the bottom, then taking three hours to the rendezvous pickup point ten kilometres to the north.

The mistake was left lying on the ground, his plastic university ID card, dislodged from an unbuttoned shirt pocket.

The few ants trundling over it showed no interest, nor did the anteater tracking them.

Buying a new computer has never been easier

Today computers and the internet are important tools in any home. Whether it be for a home office, student's education or home entertainment.

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Because your needs are not like everyone else's Dell makes it easy for you to customise your computer. Happy computing.

MALENY MOWERS DEMONSTRATES LATEST TECHNOLOGY

The latest technology for your garden and farm use is always available from the Maleny Mower Shop at 12 Bunya Street, Maleny and Peter was keen to demonstrate this latest lawn mowing technology at a recent farm display.

There is some objection to this new technology from certain parts of the Maleny Community because it has a tendency to reduce the growing obesity trends if used to excess. It would



also reduce the amount of greenhouse gas being puffed into the atmosphere by those dirty, noisy, smokey work easy motorised mowing machines.

What do you think...

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Truthful Jones Tells...



us that he remembers when he was a young fellow he lived for a short time in Sydney. After a heavy night out on the tiles with a work mate they were walking home when they saw a young woman, down on her luck.

She had decided to end it all one night by casting herself into the cold, dark waters of Sydney Harbour. As she stood on the edge of the dock, pondering her fate, Truthful's mate noticed her as they strolled by. "You're not thinking of jumping, are you?" he jokingly asked. "Yes, yes I am." replied the sobbing girl.

Putting his arm around her, Truthful's mate coaxed her back from the edge, "Look, nothing's worth that. I tell you what, I'm a sailor and am sailing off for Europe tomorrow. Why don't you stow away on board and start a new life over there. I'll set you up in one of the lifeboats on the deck, bring you food and water every night, and I'll look after you if you 'look after' me."

The girl, having no better prospects agreed and the Truthful's mate snuck her on board that night. For the next 3 weeks the sailor would come to her lifeboat every night, bringing food and water and making love to her until dawn.

Then, during the fourth week, the captain was performing a routine inspection of the ship & it's lifeboats. He peeled back the cover to find the startled young woman and demanded an explanation.

The young woman came clean; "I've stowed away to get to Europe. One of the sailors is helping me out, he set me up in here and brings me food and water every night, and, and.....he makes love to me every night."

The puzzled captain stared at her for a moment before a small grin cracked his face and he replied; "He sure is darlin', this is the Manly Ferry! Who say's those country blokes are slow when they go to the big city.

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

It is important that you have the right paint roller when you decide to paint. A paint roller has a handle, a roller cover, and a cage. The roller cover is also referred to as the sleeve.

Here are a few things to look for to choose the right paint roller:

- * You should pick a handle that is made up of steel and comes with a plastic grip that will be threaded. The threading on the handle of the roller will let you use an extension pole for areas that you cannot reach. When looking at the handle be sure that it feels comfortable in your hand.**
- * When choosing a roller make sure that the cage on the roller can be replaced easily.**
- * When you choose a roller make sure that the roller cover will stay in place and not slip off. Also make sure that the cage will not slide off as well.**
- * If you are doing a job where you will be using oil-based paint you should choose a roller cover that is made from natural fibers. Some of the natural fibers you**

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can look for are sheepskin, mohair, and wool. You can use a synthetic-fiber roller cover but natural ones tend to work better with oil-based paints.

- * If you are using water-based paint (acrylic paint) you should always use a roller cover that is made of synthetic fiber.**
- * To get better coverage with the paint using a roller cover you should choose one that has fibers that are dense. For the length of the fiber a rule of thumb can be that the smoother the surface of what you will be painting the shorter the lengths of the fibers on the roller cover should be.**

TIPS

- * The first tip is to pick a good roller. Do not choose a cheap roller, as they will cause the paint to drip more and splatter. They also do not give as even as a coverage than with better roller covers.**
- * For painting smaller areas you can choose rollers that are specifically designed for smaller areas and trim. If you are a beginner it may be a good idea to brush the trim and then roll the rest of what you are painting.**
- * If you are painting walls and ceilings you should look for 230mm long rollers.**

*** Make sure that you also have a roller tray or roller grid. A roller grid can work better as you can take a lot of the paint off the roller and you will have fewer drips and you will not put too much paint on the wall.**

Quality roller covers are available at Maleny Paint Place.

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Snakes alive

There are about 120 species of snake in Queensland of which 20 are most dangerous.

Coming into the warmer weather all snakes are wakening from their winter hibernation and starting to find their way into our homes and yards.

Of the list of snakes that we may find in our area the most common that may be found in almost any suburban backyard supports one or more species.

These species include the carpet pythons, common tree snakes, keelbacks, yellow-faced whip snakes, white-crowned Snakes and small-eyed snakes. The White-crowned Snake thrives in the heart of the

city, in parks, and is very well known in the inner suburbs.

Major threats to snakes include destruction of natural habitats, the impact of roads and introduced predators and pests.

All snakes attempt to avoid biting humans, except if they are deliberately provoked or accidentally disturbed.

Even though snakebite happens regularly, death from such an event is rare in Queensland.

This seems to be a puzzle, given that more than a few Queensland snakes have extremely toxic venoms and that many live on the coast, where most people live. To avoid being bitten leave snakes alone.

Need Help buying a car?

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If your heart is in the right place so is your head.

Mum's favourite Recipes



Bar B. Q. Beef Burger

of my favourites - best cooked by Mum!

INGREDIENTS - 500g beef mince - 1 small onion, finely chopped - 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley - 1 egg, lightly beaten - 2 garlic cloves, crushed - Spray oil - 4 damper rolls, halved, toasted - 1/3 cup tomato sauce - 4 butter lettuce leaves - 4 slices tasty cheese - 4 large slices canned beetroot, drained - 2 tomatoes, thinly sliced - 1 red onion, thinly sliced (or sautéed if preferred) Fresh cooked chips to serve

Directions

1. In a medium bowl, combine beef, onion, parsley, egg, garlic and season to taste. Mix well.
2. Shape mixture into 4 even-sized patties. Place on a tray. Cover and chill 20 minutes until firm.
3. Spray a barbecue grill plate with oil. Preheat on medium. Barbecue patties for 3-5 minutes each side until cooked through.
4. Meanwhile, spread one side of each roll with tomato sauce. Top with lettuce, patty, cheese, beetroot, tomato and onion. Top with remaining half of roll and serve with chips.

Top tip

It is important that your patties are firm when cooking them on a char-grill so as they don't fall apart.

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News from our Scouting family

Scouting in Maleny has a very proud tradition and has been a very popular past-time in the history of Maleny until a few years ago when it was discontinued because of dropping numbers.

Well, it is once again a favourite past-time of a growing number of both boys and girls thanks to the dedication of Ms Karen Binstead and her supporters group.

Scouting is about ensuring maximised capabilities of our young people in a broad field of pursuits.

We are now able to bring you regular news from this group through the Hinterlandgrapevine Online Newsletter. You can get to the Scouts section by clicking on this story. If you want to come back regularly then bookmark it in your favourites or go to the Community Groups section of "The Grapevine" and look for the direct link to the Maleny Scouts Group.

Recycle your computer

We are all asked to recycle our used products so that we can not only save our environment but reduce the amount of toxic waste that goes into our landfills.

Each year we produce heaps of electronic devices. I look around my place and wonder about the number of used computers that will have to be disposed of and most of these items contain huge amounts of toxic waste. Similar items are mostly being dumped in local landfill sites.

These electronic products contain many toxic substances, including lead solder and toxic fibreglass boards. TV screens and energy-saving lightbulbs can have mercury in them. Mercury is a highly toxic substance, and if it gets into the local fisheries or water systems, we have a huge problem.

Most smoke detectors have a small amount of a radioactive substance in them. These smoke detectors should not be thrown into the normal rubbish for this reason?

Our generation continues to produce huge numbers of electric devices with a life expectancy of only a few years. Because of this short working life there has to be effective systems in place to easily and safely recycle all the resources tied up in them.

More effort should be made to ensure that these electronics be built from materials that are non-toxic and easily recycled. Until then we should have special recycling systems in place for our electronic waste.

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