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Our Thoughts

Elections come and elections go but we must remember that who we put in as our representative, irrespective of the level of government should represent all the people of the electorate concerned.

If we vote for somebody who cannot or will not represent their electorate as per the will of the people of that electorate then we, as voters can blame only ourselves.

As a result we should take the voting process seriously and make a judgement that is best for OUR community.

Peter Slipper

...has he done enough

Now that the Federal election date has been set for November 27th 2007 it is time that we started to think about who we want to represent us for the next period of Federal Parliament.

Politicians of all levels are there to represent the people of the electorate that they represent. Unfortunately, although we are in a democracy the average citizen can have some say over their politicians when an

election is due. The rest of the time they are slaves to their parties. This goes to all sides of the political sphere.

On September 14th we at the Hinterlandgrapevine Online asked the sitting member for our area, Fisher, Peter Slipper M.P. what has he done specifically for our area.

You can see his reply by clicking on this story. Has he done enough to win your vote to be a member of the next Parliament?

Right in our own yard we have a world class natural wonderland

Spring is well here and the weather is almost perfect for those wanting to enjoy the outdoors. Right on our own doorstep there are a number of bushwalks of various lengths that we can enjoy.

One of those is the Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk which starts at Baroon Pocket Dam (Montville side) and winds its way through warm subtropical rainforest and tall open eucalypt forest to end at the Delicia Road Conservation Park.

You do not have to take the whole walk to enjoy some of the

area's natural attractions. You can choose between half-day strolls or full-day walks. It is estimated that it would normally take about 5 days to complete the full walk.

Whichever walk you take you will experience some of the range's most scenic areas: warm subtropical rainforest, tall open eucalypt forest and picturesque waterfalls.

Whilst the majority of the walk is estimated as suitable for moderately fit people there is a steep descent from Gheerulla Bluff but the graded track is good and it includes vari-

ous sets of stone steps. The creek crossings are easy; there are pedestrian or vehicular bridges over most; hardly any rockhopping is required.

As with any activity one must be responsible for one's own safety. So, plan your trip carefully. Make sure your equipment is adequate for the walk planned and is in good working condition.

Always take a first aid kit and wet weather gear as accidents can happen and the weather can change without notice. Drink water frequently to avoid dehydration. Take your own supply of water

if possible as even mountain streams can be contaminated by giardia and other organisms that cause diarrhoea.

It is always advisable to walk in a group or within sight of a group rather than alone and leave a plan of your walk with someone responsible so they can call for assistance should things go wrong.

Just go out and enjoy the natural benefits we have in our own area. If you have any queries you can contact the Environmental Protection Agency on 07 3224 5641.

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Truthful Jones Tells...

that his neighbour, Mick had been picked up at Ma-roochoydore drunk and had to appear at the local court last week.

When he appeared before the Magistrate he was given a stern lecture on the evils of drink.

Mick had never had to appear in court prior to this so in view of the fact that this was the first time that Mick had been drunk and incapable, the case was dismissed on payment of ten dollar costs.

"Now don't let me ever see your face again," said the Magistrate sternly as Mick turned to go.

"I'm afraid I can't promise that, sir," said Mick. "And why not?" asked the Magistrate.

"Because I'm the barman at your regular pub!" replied Mick.

Truthful feels that this is a good lesson to us all in not making a judgement on others without looking first at your own life. - Wise man that Truthful...



What is happening at the Maleny Bowls Club

For many of us we have most likely not thought of lawn bowls as a social activity that would appeal to us.

Well, maybe we should have a closer look at what is actually involved in being a member of the Maleny Bowls Club.

Social bowls is a growing social activity. Maybe you are not interested in the serious side of lawn bowls but the Maleny club has a number of social bowls games each week.

Why not visit the club to find out a little more about club activities.

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

It doesn't matter how careful you are when you paint. There are always little dramas that make the job a bit frustrating. Here are a few hints that might help with those little annoyances.

Paint Spills

First contain the spill from spreading. Scrape up as much paint as possible working from the outside of the spill inwards to help prevent further spreading. Kitty litter can also be used to soak up paint.

Wet paint on carpet & materials

Most acrylic paints can be washed out of carpet & material so long as it is attended to immediately & the paint stains are kept wet. Rinse the affected areas immediately with water, sponge out & rinse with clean water, detergent cleaners can also assist.

Ensure that no diluted paint run off flows into sewer, stormwater or any natural waterways.)

Most oil-based paint can be thinned with mineral turps & then washed out with warm

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water & detergent, then rinsed with clean water.

Caution must be taken with the use of thinners & cleaning products. Do a small discrete test area on the affected material with the cleaner/thinner to ensure that it will not damage the material to be cleaned.

For paint spills that have dried

In some situations dry paint can be scraped off with a razorblade scraper (eg glass & glazed tiles). In most cases acrylic paint can be softened with methylated spirits this can aid in removal of the paint. Oil based paints dry harder; mineral turps may soften them if they have not fully cured. If methylated spirits or mineral turps do not affect dry paint spills a paint stripper may need to be used.

For advice on paint strippers & paint removal products contact Selleys Customer Service on 1300 555 205.

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Unmasking

Always remove masking tape before the paint is completely hard so it wont chip and crack. Removing tape while the paint is still relatively wet will prevent most problems.

All your paint and paint accessory needs are available at the Maleny Paint Place, Bunya Street (Next to the Primary School), Maleny. For more information click here to go to our web site.

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Newest Toastmaster is inducted

Maleny Toastmasters were delighted to welcome their newest member, Martin Pedder at his induction into the club recently.

Martin gave a very entertaining icebreaker speech and proved to be an experienced speaker through his earlier training in Speechcraft courses.

If you would also like the opportunity to develop your communication and leadership skills as well as fostering self confidence and personal growth in a supportive and entertaining environment please come

along for a visit.

Maleny Toastmasters meet at the Maleny Baptist Church, Cnr. Landsborough and McCarthy Roads, Maleny on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7 pm.

For more information please ring Dianne on 4393 1265 or Shirley on 5494 3933."

Photo Below. Martin Pedder is inducted by Pat Wyllie Area 22 Governor.



Mum's favourite Recipes

French Toast

- Not good for those on a diet - serves 4!



Ingredients: - 8 eggs - 1 1/2 cups milk - Sea salt - 8 thick slices of bread - 40g butter.

Method: - Preheat oven to 180°C. - Place eggs, milk and a good pinch of sea salt in a bowl and whisk to combine.

Soak a bread slice in egg mixture for a minute each side until bread is moist. Heat an eighth of the butter in a large pan over medium heat. When sizzling add bread and cook each side until golden brown.

Transfer to a baking tray and set aside. Repeat with remaining slices. Bake in oven for about 5 minutes until puffy.

Tip: If you don't want to pan-fry with butter first, simply place soaked bread on a greased baking tray and bake until puffy and golden. For an extra indulgent treat, substitute some or all of the milk with cream.

Serving Suggestion: Serve with bacon, a knob of butter and a drizzle of maple syrup.

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When you're in a fight and you've got two hands tied behind your back remember the advice of your ol' man - use your head....

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La Presa Linda

The Dam on the Rio Lempira

Jervis Sparks Chapter 1

Pawns cannot move backward, only forward, although never to final greatness, and mostly they become pushed aside in the chessboard of life. A perennial underclass. The lowly but significant pawn is moved around the board, providing cover and foiling moves.

However, with no idea of the overall game plan, Manuel was another whose life hadn't quite gone according to plan, another of the pawns. He made the second mistake. Miguel and Manuel had been photographing the dam abutments for locations to place explosives, and his error occurred back in the capital of Santa Marta when all the plotters were gathered with their leader, Carlos Romero, to consider the next steps.

There were seven of them and three were girls. All were students, current, pretending or failed, and they called themselves the Group of Saviours (Grupo del Salvador), GDS for short, and although one of many student protest groups with names forming blood-stirring acronyms, they were the most volatile and nihilistic. Not that they considered themselves anarchy dangerous, they just wanted to promote liberty, that most ill-defined word in any lexicon. History shows that as soon as any nation achieves liberty, another group

overthrows it to achieve their own version of liberty.

These seven people were not students of history however, and fuelled by cheap aguardiente, a cane alcohol, and visions, they

again. Manuel's mistake was to boastfully have a fellow plotter take a heroic photo of himself draped in weapons, and this was included in the innocent dam photos he had developed at the student drugstore. The druggist, riffling through the photos before placing them in the folder with the negatives, spotted this out of sequence shot and quickly made a copy of the film. In time this was passed on to his friend Fernando dela Cruz, who instantly recognised Manuel. Manuel was not the sharpest pencil in the box either.

Fernando came in at this stage, and walked up to Miguel. "Is this yours?" proffering the ID card. "It was found in a nearby alley". Turning pale, Miguel grabbed it, not offering thanks, then stuffed it into his pocket and turned back to his group. Second class citizens whom inhabit the backdrop of life.

A scenario was forming. Copies of the ID and the photos, had been passed on to the dam engineers, to their CIA colleague and to the Lindacita authority, Luis, all of whom are soon to enter into the story. It was Luis who had found the wayward ID.

A second group of plotters, far



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"

made the decision that would ultimately lead to yet another failed dream. History is also replete with failed dreams, as well as in most people who walk this earth. When people are only half educated they can become very dangerous indeed. The GDS were the only really active student group, as all the others floundered in ideologically induced inertia, a few loudly shouted slogans, then back to a deep sleep

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LA PRESA LINDA (Continued)

more determined and capable, were also seriously fuelling up on aguar-diente, and they were also in Santa Marta, however in a much poorer section of the city. Equally un-enlightened, their program was to overthrow the government, not for liberty, but to take over the wealth that that the current government was putting into its own pockets. Thus their aim was not as altruistic, but was eminently practical when you were poor, and the rich were getting richer. They knew that they could never beat the oligarchy of 14 families who controlled 80% of the wealth of their country, as it was estimated that half of the U.S. aid of \$400 million a year went into their trouser pockets, but that some of that percentage could be diverted. Not that the wealth would then flow on to the campesinos, as they had other personal and materialistic priorities. Their party, the Liberation Army of Socialism, was known by the letters LAS, although the American Embassy said it stood for Latin American Syndrome. The Embassy had only vaguely heard of the GDS.

There is no such thing as God's own country, and Chepé would have had a word with Him if the rebels had claimed that for their own birthplace. After all, Chepé was a Texan.

A tape recording of their conversations would have revealed a remarkable similarity in content, the same unoriginal, immutable and belligerent rhetoric, worn revolutionary cries for freedom, down with the oppressors and plenty of vivas. To achieve liberty for our

downtrodden people, we must push the despised Gringos from our country, intoned Carlos Romero the student leader, with barely controlled animosity. Fidel Campos, the LAS leader sprouted the exact same words.

"We will start a national campaign of harassment against the economic interests of the oligarchy and the anti-people government, and declare those interests as legitimate military targets".

The GDS were for the glory, the LAS were for the dollars, and who in their unrealistic cosmos would argue against those aims. It was all a recipe for entropy. They were the epitomé of negative stereotypes.

Two revolutionary movements, neither following any principles of meliorism. The student group and the other, hard core Marxist and Cuban motivated and funded, they would both move against the dam unknown to each other. They were not as senseless as the media would like to explain, but in reality, extremely dangerous. It is so very true that revenge has no end date.

Miguel and Manuel may have been pawns, plodding along one step at a time, but the GDS and LAS were not. They were more powerful pieces, like rooks, and could make big moves.

**When Lady Luck comes
your way lend a hand
to the bloke on the floor
- you never know when
you'll be there....**

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Shirley Aldrick of "Fifth Avenue Collections" is having an open house to introduce Fifth Avenue Collection's newest designs and she would love it if you joined her to see that range.

Shirley invites you to take a friend and join in the fun. Who knows...you may even win a door prize.

This is sure to be a great time to do a little early Christmas shopping or perhaps buy something special for yourself.

There will be lots of lovely choices of jewellery available.

She has a gift for you and each of your friends!

The open house is over two days, 20th and 21st October - this weekend in fact. The time is 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. both days, and her address is 29 Centenary Drive, Maleny.

She looks forward to seeing you.

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This week's Saying

**Great talkers
are little doers**

.....Think about it

The Big Book Sale

Don't forget the "Big Book Sale" at the Maleny Community Centre this Saturday between 9am and 4pm.

Funds go to the Maleny library.

**A candle loses nothing by
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Scouting Memorabilia

2008 is officially "The Year of the Scout".

The Maleny Scout Group is looking for items of scouting memorabilia. Scouting has had a long tradition in Maleny and the surrounding area. There must be a million stories in the Maleny scouting world and the present scout group members would love to hear some of those stories.

They would also like to find some scouting photos of yester-year and the stories behind those photos.

Anyone with photos and stories could contact Ms Karen Binstead at Top Notch Business Services which is opposite the police station in Maple Street, Maleny. She can be contacted on 5494 3677.

DID YOU KNOW!!!

Why is it that when you get a little drunk and go to bed, you can feel the room spin?

It's because the alcohol changes the density of some of the bits of your balance system.

Your balance sensors are in each inner ear on each side of your head. There is a small blob of jelly, attached to the VIIIth Cranial Nerve.

The blob of jelly normally has exactly the same density as the liquid (endolymph) which surrounds it. So the little blob of jelly in the liquid will neither sink nor float - but it will move if there's any acceleration going on. When it moves it stimulates the VIIIth Cranial Nerve, which then sends signals to your balance centres in your brain.

When alcohol gets into the blood stream, it slowly diffuses into the endolymph, and makes it more dense. So the little blobs of jelly begins to float, and this stimulates the VIIIth Cranial Nerve, giving you the impression that your bed is spinning.

As the night wears on, the alcohol gradually diffuses into the blob of jelly as well, making it as dense as the liquid it floats in - so the spinning sensation lessens. After a few more hours, the alcohol begins to leave the endolymph, so now the blob of jelly is slightly denser, and you get the impression of spinning in the opposite direction.

So you could go to sleep with the room spinning one way, and wake up with it spinning the other way.

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