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Our Thoughts

The State road toll has passed the 200 dead mark and continues to rise at 1 extra death a day. At this rate we will reach a total over 400 by the end of the year. The death toll has not exceeded 400 for over 12 years.

The Sunshine Coast area is one of the areas adding heavily to this terrible statistic. If this number of deaths were to take place in a year in the Iraq War or the same number of deaths were caused by unsafe work practises then The Nation's population would want questions answered and immediate direct action taken.

It appears that we, as individuals think that because it is a road death that it is alright. As members of our society we all have a responsibility to do our bit. If we all obeyed the road rules this statistic would not be out of hand.

The major causes of these terrible road accidents are the same today as they were 30 and 40 years ago - speed, not paying enough care when driving - fatigue - driving under the influence of liquor or a drug - failing to obey road signs.

We all know what the cause of the problem is so it is not as if we are dealing with "the unknown". When a love one close to you is killed it is too late to make a change so why not make it now.

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Watson's Day out

About 70 members of "the Watson clan" and from Maleny and their friends joined forces at the Maleny Bowls Club on Sunday July 15th to enjoy a social day of bowls and some social interaction in the sunlight.

Whilst the day was a social day some bowlers took the bowling very seriously and went toe-to-toe as can be seen in the photo right.



Patriarch of the Watson Clan, Doug Watson, (Photo above) shows his expertise at throw-

replacement.

Have you ever wanted a day "with a difference" then you too can organise a social day of bowls and a great B.B.Q. Lunch. Just

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ing the the big not quite round ball. The day was a social success with all players, even those novices who had not played lawn bowls before this day.

Members of the Maleny Bowls Club catered for the day and provided a steak and salad lunch and refreshments during the day.

The day also successfully raised some much needed money to help a Maleny resident who has just had a kidney

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Truthful Jones Tells...



us that one of our Irish residents walked into the Maleny pub last Saturday night. The bartender asks him "What'll you have?" The man says, "Three pints of Guinness please".

The bartender pours him three pints and the man proceeds to alternately sip one, then the other, then the third until all three are empty. He orders three more.

The bartender says, "Sir, I know you like them cold. You don't have to order three at a time. I can keep an eye on it and when you get low I'll bring you a fresh cold one."

The man replies, "You don't understand. I have two brothers, one is till back home in Ireland and one in the States. We made a vow to each other that every Saturday night we'd drink together. So right now, my brothers have three Guinness Stouts too, and we're drinking together. The bartender thought this was a wonderful tradition.

Every week the man came in and ordered three drinks. Then one week he came in and ordered only two. He drank them and ordered two more. The bartender said to him, "I know what your tradition is, and I'd just like to say that I'm sorry that one of your brothers died."

The Irish man replied, "Oh, me brothers are fine - I just quit drinking."

This week's Saying

I can't imagine a person becoming a success who doesn't give this game of life everying he's got.

.....Think about it

Puppy love is the same all around the world

I found this little piece in an article about China and wondered how it would be accepted in Australia.

China will ensure that children taking part in new compulsory dance exercises at school do so in large groups, an attempt to calm parents worried about puppy love blossoming between their offspring, local media reported.

The Education Ministry said it was introducing seven sets of dance steps to all primary and secondary schools amid concern over declining physical activity and rising obesity among schoolchildren.

One routine would involve senior pupils learning to waltz together, the announcement said, prompting some parents to air their concerns.

The Xinhua news agency said they feared that encouraging boys and girls to dance hand in hand would heighten the risk that their children would fall in love and neglect their studies.

"Four students will now be grouped together to perform the waltz and they will change partners regularly as soon as one song finishes. This way, the risk of young love will be lowered," the newspaper quoted a ministry official as saying.

It makes you wonder if the same concern is found in our schools, and if so how is it handled? Perhaps our parents knew more than we did when they learnt to do the waltz!!!!!!

It only takes a dry twig to start a raging bush fire.....

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

How do I touch up?

Use a dry brush and feather the paint over the surface, brushing in all directions. You may have to thin the paint a little so the brush marks will be minimal. More than one coat may be necessary to hide black marks. When touching up with an egg-shell, semi-gloss or gloss enamel, you may see a slight higher sheen than the existing finish. This will dull with time. Using a dry brush and only enough paint to cover the repair or stain will lessen the effect.

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Sign of the times.....

Phil, one of our readers sent in a photo of a sign he saw near the Landsborough Railway Station recently.

The station is becoming more popular with commuters to Brisbane and as a result car parking is at a premium in the area.

One resident has apparently had enough and is reminding motorists of the consequences of parking in his driveway. I am not sure though of how many people still remember the lowly cake tin nor how many cars these days are still made of metal.

But it is a good thought though!!!



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That’s what Robyn Plim of Peregrian Beach thought about Dan from Suncoast Auto Brokers when he acted for her recently.

Why not join Maleny Toastmasters...

A very special night was held at Maleny Toastmasters last meeting when many achievement awards were presented to those well deserving members who had excelled in their individual goals.

Pat Wyllie was accredited as the Maleny Toastmaster of The Year

for 2006/07. Norm Siemon received the President’s Award for his many services to the community, especially in regard to the Speechcraft program and Marguerite May was delighted to be presented with the Achiever of The Year award.

These members know that Toastmasters is all about, learning new skills, striving for goals you have set yourself and feeling the satisfaction that goes with a job well done as well as enjoying the good company of others along the way. Why not come along to Toastmasters .

I HAD A DREAM

that in the late 1880’s & early 1900’s a survey of the land where the proposed Travers Crossing Dam is to be built revealed that there was a underground stream which would take the dammed water from above the ground and drained away and resurfaced in the Mary River in the vicinity of Bauple.

Has this underground stream disappeared or was it never there or are we going to end up with an empty dam even in times of reasonable rainfall?

Remember, if this comes to pass you heard it first in the “Grapevine” if it doesn’t, it was only a dream.

Mum’s favourite Recipes

Thai Pumpkin Soup (Vegetarian)

- A warmer for the winter night



Ingredients

* 1kg pumpkin (aussie sunrise gives good colour) * 1 tablespoon peanut oil * 2 cloves of garlic, crushed * 1 large onion, chopped * 1 teaspoon sambal oelek (I’ve left it out and it still tastes good) * 2 tablespoon (or more) chopped fresh lemongrass * 1 L (4 cups) water * 1 teaspoon chicken or vegie stock powder * 1 tablespoon fish sauce * 3 teaspoon lime juice * 1 cup coconut cream * 2 tablespoon chopped fresh basil * 2 tablespoon (or more) chopped fresh coriander.

Directions

Peel & seed pumpkin, cut pumpkin into 1.5 cm cubes. Heat oil in large pan, add garlic, onion, sambal oelek & lemon grass. cook, stirring until onion is soft. Add pumpkin, cook, stirring 1 minute. Add water, stock powder, sauce, juice. Simmer covered until pumpkin is just tender. Blend or process the mixture until smooth and return puree to pan. Add coconut cream & herbs, stir over heat until hot.

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An insight into Maleny History

Maleny Historian - Harvey Bryce



The continuing story of the Dixon Bros

The Sunshine
Coast was being set-
tled and Joseph Dix-
on, born in England
arrived in Australia
on the Tornado in 1864. In 1868
he teamed up with other Quakers
or Society of Friends, Elerit and
Allen after arriving at the Cobb
& Co Depot at Glass Mountains
(Glass House), the proprietor Wil-
liam Grigor agreed to guide them
to Meridan Plains (Sippy Downs)
where they were hoping to take up
land selection and grow sugar.

In 1865, sugar was first grown at
BLI Bli by W. Clarke and shipped
back to Brisbane on Petersen
Sawmills Steam Ships along with
Cedar logs.

"The Bushman William Grigor,
(who later became involved in our
sugar industry) was an expert and
would cut off a strip of stringy
bark to use to prepare a damper
on, then cook it on the coals. It
was very good and sweet.

We found the plain about a mile
wide and some miles long down
the Mooloolah River and ready to
plough. We then went across the
river through half a mile of vine
scrub and camped on a mountain
flat and stretch of grass. That
evening we lit a fire and threw on
a lot of branches. We were enjoy-
ing the fire when a snake came
out. I suppose it got too hot for
him. There was some playing
around this camp until the snake
was dispatched with a stick.

This country was at that time
uninhabited except for some tribes
of blacks and a few timber getters.
The black are tall athletic fellows
who live by fishing and hunting
possums, native bears (who live in
trees and eat leaves) and goannas.
The Bunya Nut is a great boon,
at certain times. When they fall
from the trees, the blacks collect
them and roast them. The nut is
larger than a brazil nut and the
pod is larger than a man's head.
The Bunya ping is good timber
and used by lining boards. I have
planted some trees 32 years ago
at the homestead in Buderim and
they bear fruit splendidly.

The blacks are naked, perhaps
a strap around them, the man
walking ahead with his spears
and Nulla Nulla a club used for
throwing. They like a good deal of
European Bee Honey found abun-
dantly in Hunan limbs and trees
(most of the bees were later deci-
mated by an introduced disease)
they will sell you a bucket full
for a shilling (10c) after suffering
great pain from bee stings. They
descend quickly with the aid of a
climbing vine then the gins brush
off the bees."

This great diary covers much
of your early development of the
coast. I would like to share more
next time.

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