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## Our Thoughts

We are lucky to have the kindness of the Emergency Service volunteers to help us through those tough times, whether it be helping stranded climbers down from the Glasshouse Mountains or assisting with flood preparations and rescue in the present Queensland floods - Thanks SES volunteers.



*SES Team - Graeme Cheal, Lou Spann, June Friske, Tony Borg, Neil Halpin and Alex Beitz who are members of Glasshouse Mountains SES*

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## Montville Celebrates Australia Day

The Montville Village Association will celebrate Oz Day with a breakfast outside the Montville Village Hall.

The day will commence at 7am on Saturday January 26th. and there will be a presentation of the Montville Citizen of the Year Award at 8am.

The Guest Speaker will be Bev Hand.

## Mt. Tibrogargan claims another

On Sunday January 20th Mt Tibrogargan claimed another life, this time that of 19 year old Annabel Choy. The longed-for trip ended in tragedy when Annabel died after falling 150 metres to the base of the mountain. A piece of rock she was holding on to broke free and she fell backwards.

Friends said that Annabel was a much loved member of the QUT Cliffhangers Rockclimbing Club. She and her climbing partner had completed Troposphere and were then moving around the Halfway House to do some more climbing when she has fallen.

She is believed to have been changing over her safety clips when the accident happened just before 2pm.

Mt. Tibrogargan is a very popular climbing peak in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland near the township of Beerwah. Whilst it is

believed Annabel is only the fifth person to die from a climbing-related accident on Mount Tibrogargan since 1962 there have been a long list of successful rescues of stranded climbers by police and emergency service members.

Many of those rescues have been co-ordinated and led by Graeme Cheal, who has been performing mountain rescues for 35 years with the Glasshouse Mountains State Emergency Service Volunteer group.

It is because Mt Tibrogargan hosts a wealth of varied climbing experiences that it has become so popular for sporting climbers. Often climbers overstate their experience and underestimate the difficulties of the climb or are not prepared for the climb that they become victims of this popular mountain.

Police are preparing a report into Annabel's death for the coroner.

## Maleny Show approaches

**The 2008 "Maleny Show" will be held on Friday May 30th and Saturday 31st. This year there will be some extra special events associated with the show.**

**There will be a Bush Poets competition sponsored by Sun-corp Banking at the Riverside Plaza on the Saturday. Whilst details of this event are not finalised at this time it is sure to be something not to be missed.**

**There will also be a special photographic competition and details of this will also be available in the not too far future.**

**However something we can do now is to renew our membership before January 31st. Any inquiries can be made by phone on 54942008. Help the committee out by renewing those family tickets as soon as possible.**

**Show secretary, Lyn Burgess said, "This year will be an extra special show."**

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**Truthful Jones Tells...** us that he has watched society change over the last 50 years. He compares some scenarios of going to school in the 1960 versus school in 2008.

**Scenario: Johnny and Mark get into a fistfight after school.**

1960 - Crowd gathers. Mark wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up mates.

2007 - Police are called, SWAT team arrives and arrests Johnny and Mark. Mobiles with video of fight confiscated as evidence. They are charged with assault, AVOs are taken out and both are suspended even though Johnny started it. Diversionary conferences and parent meetings conducted. Video shown on 6 internet sites.

**Scenario: Jeffrey won't sit still in class, disrupts other students.**

1960 - Jeffrey is sent to the principal's office and given a good paddling. Returns to class, sits still and does not disrupt class again.

2007 - Jeffrey is given huge doses of Ritalin. Counselling to death. Becomes a zombie. Tested for ADD. School gets extra funding because Jeffrey has a disability. Drops out of school.

**Scenario: Billy breaks a window in his neighbor's car and his Dad gives him a whipping with his belt.**

1960 - Billy is more careful next time, grows up normal, goes to college, and becomes a successful businessman.

2007 - Billy's dad is arrested for child abuse. Billy is removed to foster care and joins a gang. Psychologist tells Billy's sister that she remembers being abused herself and their dad goes to prison. Billy's mum has an affair with the psychologist. Psychologist gets a promotion.

**Scenario: Mark, a college student, brings cigarettes to school.**

1960 - Mark shares a smoke with the school principal out on the smoking area.

2007 - Police are called and Mark is expelled from School for drug possession. His car is searched for drugs and weapons.

**Scenario: Vinh fails high school English.**

1960 - Vinh goes to Remedial English, passes and goes to college.

2007 - Vinh's cause is taken up by local human rights group. Newspaper articles appear nationally explaining that making English a requirement for graduation is racist. Civil Liberties Association files class action lawsuit against state school system and his English teacher. English is banned from

core curriculum. Vinh is given his Y10 anyway but ends up mowing lawns for a living because he cannot speak English.

**Scenario: Johnny takes apart leftover firecrackers, puts them in a model plane paint bottle and blows up an anthill.**

1960 - Ants die.

2007 - Security and ASIO are called and Johnny is charged with domestic terrorism. Teams investigate parents, siblings are removed from the home, computers are confiscated, and Johnny's dad goes on a terror watch list and is never allowed to fly again.

**Scenario: Johnny falls during recess and scrapes his knee. His teacher, Mary, finds him crying, and gives him a hug to comfort him.**

1960 - Johnny soon feels better and goes back to playing.

2007 - Mary is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces three years in prison. Johnny undergoes five years of therapy. Becomes gay.

**Truthful thinks that this can be applied to many parts of today's life. Truthful thinks that change is not always for the better and sometimes "Those good old days are just that - good old days".**

## *Time for a change ... Paint place Maleny relocates*

**We at Maleny Paint Place are are presently preparing for a change of location. As from February 18th Maleny Paint Place will be relocating to Shed 6 / 14 Lawyer Street, Maleny.**

**This is in the same shed at Hinterland Auto Electrics. (Ronnie Wilson). Just drive down off Lawyer Street in front of the sheds and you will find plenty of parking in front of Maleny Paint Places new location - much more convenient than finding parking spots at the present location.**

### **Paint Place, Maleny**



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Click on the word Paint on the right hand side of page.

**Come on down to have a look at the new store - more room so bigger range of products, still at great prices.**

**This weeks notices brought to you by Maleny Paint Place**

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## *We don't want the mozzies!*

The recent rain was much needed. It has replenished local water holes and dams. Unfortunately, with the warm weather at this time of year comes the mozzies and the "great Australian salute" is not enough to keep them away.

Now it is time to have a check around your yard to eliminate any possible breeding places for these little pesky critters.

Until recent years most local councils did not allow rainwater tanks because they were great breeding places. Here are a few tips to help eliminate these small but dangerous insects.

- \* Throwing out containers in your yard that hold water (ie: tyres, tins, jars, etc)
- \* Changing water in bird baths and pet bowls frequently.
- \* Cleaning roof gutters on a regular basis
- \* keep a check on water carrying plants
- \* Emptying pot plant saucers every week or filling them with sand

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- \* Keeping swimming pools clean and chlorinated
- \* Keeping ornamental ponds and fountains stocked with Australian species fish
- \* Creating a frog-friendly garden
- \* Rainwater tanks must be properly maintained fitted with mosquito-proof screens and/or flap valves on every opening, including the overflows.

Why is it important to keep mosquitoes away? Mosquitoes carry mosquito-transmitted arboviruses such as Ross River, Barmah Forest, Japanese encephalitis and dengue.

The smell of oil of citronella repels blood-feeding mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas. This oil is all-natural. As a non-toxic substance, many people prefer citronella to other chemical repellants.

By far the best way to combat them though is to deny them a breeding place.

## *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 drivers of any number of cars driven by able-bodied people who persist in parking in the disabled car parks in Maple Street, Maleny.

Please spare some consideration for those who genuinely need to use those spots - some day you may NEED to use them yourself.

## *Mum's favourite Recipes*



**Shepherd's Pie** - usually double recipe  
Another summer night light meal & easy too...!

### **Ingredients**

500 g Beef mince : 1 jar bolognaise sauce : 2 cups chopped vegetables  
mashed potato

### **Method**

1. Brown 500g mince in a frypan. Stir in bolognaise sauce and 2 cups of chopped vegetables. Cover and simmer gently for 20 mins.

2. Spoon sauce into a pie dish, top with mashed potato.

3. Bake at 180°C until top is golden, approx 20 mins.

Serve with steamed vegetables.

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Lars, Hank and Willie had known that the students proposed some type of altercation on the observation platform, so had planned accordingly. Although they never understood the use of the loud hailer, the volume of which would have been too low to be of any significance. Just another misguided miscalculation by Carlos. Maybe he wanted to be filmed for posterity. Lars had set up a firing position, and collected his weapon, so he waited for Willie to heli-lift him there.

Willie knew that his signal would be when he saw movement on the platform, and when he did so he would lift off the two men. So he waited, and when he saw Carlos running to the forward railing with his captive Penny, he pushed in the igniter circuit breaker, and squeezed the trigger switch which started the turbine. There was a high pitched whine and a grumbling rumble as the engine turned over. Then when the exhaust-gas temperature gauge settled into the green, he opened the throttle. As the temperature needle climbed, he pushed the lever forward into flight idle. When all the gauges were in the green, he disengaged the rotor brake and pulled on the collective

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while increasing the power to lift the Huey. Nudging it forward with a push on the cyclic, the Huey was airborne.

Suddenly Lars whirled around, for out of the mist and surging over the dam wall came the wop-wop-wop sound so familiar from the past, that a shiver of joy rushed through him. The Utility Helicopter Bell 204 with Willie Chandler in the right hand seat touched down and Lars scrambled aboard next to him, then the Huey One arrowed down the river to where his spotter Hank were waiting. Known as a slick or transport chopper (as distinct from the gun ships) from that famous Asian conflict, its 48 feet long rotor blades caused its distinctive aural signature.

Downwind from the two groups of revolutionaries,

or the remainder of them, those sounds were not detected, so Lars and Hank were lifted to his firing position, 1,300 yards from where Carlos was holding the trussed Penny. It was the long distance sniper range, approximately 1.2kms, and both men settled on their stomachs in the grass.

As he hunkered down, he reflected briefly on the sniper's code, think of the lives you're saving, not the one you're taking. Ha, he snorted,



*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"**

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## LA PRESA LINDA (Continued)

none of the ones I am taking are worth treading on this planet. The answer is not really by guns, but these guys only know the “gun answer”. So be it. The word sniper was first applied during the eighteenth century by British army troops in India. The snipe was a bird so difficult to shoot, that only the most disciplined, well trained and artful hunters could take it down.

As they waited, Lars, the Vietnam sniper told Hank about other snipers in conflicts past. At Gallipoli, the foremost marksman was Billy Sing, a trooper in the 5th Australian Light Horse, who amassed a score of over 150 kills. Private Thomas Barratt, a British sniper was awarded a posthumous Victoria Cross in WW1 - he was killed by a shell, not a bullet. The first American credited with killing a German soldier in WWII was sniper Corporal Koons, at Dieppe in 1942. The most famous of the Russian snipers was Vasili Zartsy, a hunter from the Urals, who killed 242 Germans at Stalingrad. In Vietnam, the Winchester hunting rifle (7.62mm M40) was used by the Marines and U.S. Marine Charles Mawhinny had 103 confirmed kills. U.S. Army Adelbert Waldron had 113 confirmed, but the most famous was Carlos Hathcock with 93 confirmed. He still holds the record for long range sniping - 2500 yards using a scoped .50M2 Browning. It was said that for every 15,000 rounds fired by an infantryman, the comparison was 1.2 rounds fired by a sniper team to score one fatality.

Lars' weapon was the M-40A1 Marine Corps sniper rifle, forty-four

inches long, weighing 14 lbs with the scope. The barrel, heavier than most other rifles, distributed heat more evenly from the powder discharge, reducing warpage. Lie on stomach, elbow under the rifle's receiver with the rifle resting on the heel of the left hand. This elbow was the pivot for the shots needed to take out the three terrorists. Wood butt firmly snugged into the right shoulder, right hand wrapped around the stock, trigger finger lying alongside the guard. A box of Match-grade 7.62, 173-grain ammunition, each bullet had identical serial numbers, indicating that they had been manufactured with the same batch of gunpowder on the same day, eliminating the vagaries in powder that might randomly alter muzzle velocity. His pouch carried 50 rounds, and the 6X scope gave him the same view at 600 yards as if he was looking at the target at 100 yards with the naked eye.

He squeezed off his first shot, and one second after being fired, the bullet hit the centre of Carlos' chest. He never even heard the sound which killed him. In that nanosecond, it was his moment of peripeteia. Then the second and the third shots, his first target down before that third round, muttering, “take that you thugs. Some capitalist ideologically inspired gunfire”. All three targets were down, and so was Penny, in a faint. The unused loud hailer rolled over the edge, and fell below into the bushes.

As they continued to concentrate on their objective on the observation platform, simultaneously they noticed a flash of light from their

right. It was Fidel Campos, the guerrilla leader, with Inge as his hostage, running for the Cessna. Tango had the Cessna on full power, lined up at the start of the runway, ready to release the brakes for his flight to his dream.

A radio call from Willie, and this was the long shot. At 2,600 metres on that calm cloudless afternoon, Lars selected the Cessna's cockpit, the left hand seat, and fired. The Cessna had just started its take off roll, when it rocked with the impact, and veered into a tree. Four + hits, his sniper kills now beat the Vietnam record, even though Tango was only wounded. His long range shot also eclipsed that other record.

Twisting back the throttle grip on the collective to reduce power, Willie landed the Huey. He and Bob cautiously approached the wrecked Cessna, unnecessarily as it turned out, as the three occupants were unconscious, and Fidel had been securely handcuffed by the police. The aircraft did not catch fire. Bob then turned his attention to Inge, sitting in the shade of the tree next to the Cessna, rattled but recovering fast.

The Cessna 172 Skyhawk is a four seat, single engine, high wing airplane, and more of these have been built than any other comparable aircraft. First built in 1956, there are still in production, being the most successful mass produced light aircraft in history, with more than 40,000 having been built.

Meanwhile, Cal and Chepé had reached the observation platform and raced towards where a dazed

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## Lifeline Telephone Counsellor Training Course starts soon...

Do you want to become a Lifeline Volunteer Telephone Counsellor?

Lifeline's next course commences on Thursday 7th February 2008 and finishes on Thursday 5th June.

Training will be held every Thursday between 5.45pm and 9pm at their Client Services Centre, 37 Duporth Avenue, Maroochydore.

You can phone 5443 5366 for a brochure.

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

Suncoast Auto Brokers can save you money when buying a new car. Click here to go to their web site.

## Have you ever thought about hosting an overseas student?

Recently I received an email from Magdalena Gruendl who is a 15 year old girl who lives in Germany and she is looking to study in Australia for 12 months.

If you have ever thought about hosting an overseas student then here is an opportunity for you.

You can read about Magdalena on our local online news web site <http://www.hinterlandgrapevine.com> and look for the story on the front page or just click on this story when you are connected to the internet.

Her email address is included in the story so you will be able to contact her direct if you want further information.

## Those who expect to be hunted will be.

## LA PRESA LINDA (Continued)

and tearful Penny lay. Quickly untying her, Cal carried her down to his waiting Jeep and then sped to the hospital in Lindacita town, where the doctors pronounced her all shaken up, but with no injuries. She was sedated and slept for 24 hours. Inge was sleeping in a nearby bed.

Chepé did not touch the bodies just looked at them, marvelling at the accuracy of the shooting. All heart shots. In fact, the only bullet inflicted fatalities in the whole drama. They had overstayed their welcome. Luis soon arrived with his team of forensic policemen, who performed their duties and departed with the bodies. They were eventually returned to their families with a plausible explanation, as deceased males with bullet holes were not actually a rarity in El Cristobal.

As Chepé later summed up the incident, "all it takes a couple of warning shots to the heart, then you can really get serious with any terrorist. It seems that the legal system in the so called free world would never recognise the victims, but seem to only condone evil. As if the bully with the AK-47 was actually only a little old lady in the garden trimming her roses with a secateur".

Whingers usually find themselves with a lot of space around them.

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