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Our Thoughts

The school year is quickly coming to an end and schoolies week starts very soon.

Younger people will start to celebrate and part of that celebration is certainly to be visits to night clubs down the coast.

As we have seen of recent times they can very quickly change from a place of fun and enjoyment to a deadly one.

There has been an increase in the occurrences of "glassings".

If attending these places remember that life-style can change in a heartbeat. No one is immuned.

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The Maleny State High School has a chaplaincy program which is available for Pastoral Care of all members of the School community in co-operation with the School's Guidance Counsellor, Administrative personnel and other members of staff. Referrals to School personnel and outside agencies will be made as appropriate.

Presently the Chaplain is Chris Davis.

The Chaplain also interacts with parents in a supportive role. The Chaplain is involved in general activities within the daily life of the School, including excursions and camps.

To assist with communications Chris now has a reactive web site which can be accessed publically.

The web site is www.chappy.com.au

By clicking here you will be taken directly to that web site.

"Their Racing"

The Melbourne Cup is one thing that is important enough to "bring Australia to a standstill. Did you know that First race-meeting held at Flemington, with the winning post sited along the bank of the Maribyrnong River in 1841 was the forerunner to this iconic horse race.

It was in 1875 that Cup was first run on a Tuesday. In 1877 the first Tuesday in November was declared a public holiday and today each year, on the first Tuesday in November sees the Melbourne Cup run at Flemington in Melbourne.

As Aussies will party for any reason Australia stops for the cup running each year and Melbourne Cup parties are held in places where only two people live together.

Maleny relives history through the years

Volunteers and members of the Maleny Historical Society have been working hard over recent weeks to get "Priscilla Cottage" ready for this year's "Pioneer Day".

Priscilla Cottage, now located at the intersection of Bryce Lane and McCarthy's Road, Maleny will be a living insight into Maleny's past with many demonstrations and items reminding us of a long past era on display. Those displays will include working antique engines, the pioneer cottage furnished as it

In Maleny "THE Melbourne Cup Party" is held by the Maleny RSL Sub Branch. The Melbourne Cup Luncheon this year is on Tuesday 6th November, commencing at 11.30am.

Bring your partner and win prizes for the smartest dressed couple, best dressed female for "Fashion in the Hall" and the most spectacular hat.

On arrival you will receive a complimentary glass of champagne, a delicious lunch will be served, television broadcast of the races plus sweeps throughout the day.

A fully licensed bar will be operating so don't miss this event, tickets are \$20 per person - bookings can be made with Karen at Top Notch Secretarial Services on 54 943677 or Helen on 54 358031.

was when occupied by the Bryce family, the school band, and a wood working display.

There will be a food stall on site so make a day of it and take plenty of time to view the various displays.

Historical Society spokesman, Harvey Bryce said, "Priscilla Cottage is about to be joined by another historic house, "The Lawley Homestead".

Pioneer Day is on this Sunday (October 28th) from 9am to 3pm.

Learn how it was to live in yesteryear.

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Truthful Jones Tells...

us that his mate, his wife went to a Maleny solicitor as she wanted a divorce.

Well, Mrs. O'Connor, so you want a divorce? the solicitor questioned his client. Tell me about it. Do you have a grudge?

"Oh, no, replied Mrs. O'Connor. Sure now, we only have a carport." The solicitor tried again. "Well, does the man beat you up?"

"No, no," said Mrs. O'Connor, looking puzzled. "I'm always first out of bed."

Still hopeful, the solicitor tried once again. "Well, does he go in for unnatural connubial practices?"

Sure now, he plays the flute, but I don't think he knows anything about the connubial."

Now desperate, the solicitor pushed on. "What I'm trying to find out are what grounds you have."

"Bless you, sir. We live in a flat -- not even a window box, let alone grounds."

"Mrs. O'Connor," the solicitor said in considerable exasperation, "you need a reason that the court can consider. What is the reason for you seeking this divorce?"

"Ah, well now," said the lady, "Sure it's because the man can't hold an intelligent conversation."

Well, you can't win them all - no matter how hard you try.



Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Which is Better - Oil-Based or Water-Based Paint?

Generally, you'll want a water-based primer over stucco, dry-wall or plaster over wood and an oil-based (solvent-thinned) primer over metal. Although this is also changing.

For your finish coat, especially for exterior exposure, a high quality acrylic-based paint will usually stand up to ultraviolet light (sunlight) much better than an oil-based (solvent-thinned) paint.

Can I Use Acrylic Over Oil Paint?

Yes you can, and you can also use oil over acrylic. Just make sure the surface is properly prepared by thoroughly cleaning and sanding to remove any gloss finish if necessary. It's not the kind of paint you choose that's important - it's how well you prepare the surface before you apply the paint. Proper surface preparation is the secret to every successful paint job.

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and dry. Make repairs to all surfaces so they are smooth and free of holes and cracks. Dust all surfaces. If dirty, wash with cleaner to remove grease and grime. If the walls are "glossy", the surface can be made non-glossy by roughening and thus dulling the surface with sandpaper, or by chemically preparing the surface with a "liquid sandpaper."

On exterior surfaces, scrape and remove any flaking paint. Use wire brush on porous surfaces. Surfaces should be clean, dry and free from any contaminants before painting.

Mildew MUST be killed prior to painting. For the best mildew treatment, scrub the surface with a solution of one part bleach, three parts water, plus 3 ounces of tri-sodium phosphate, and 1 ounce of laundry detergent. Wear rubber gloves. Then rinse well with fresh water and let dry completely before painting.

How Do I Find Out What Kind of Paint is Already on the Surface?

It is sometimes important to know what generic kind of paint is on a previously painted surface that you are planning to repair, since some kinds of paint are NOT compatible with other kinds of paint.

For all your painting requirements call into the Maleny Paint Place at 12 Bunya Street, Maleny. (Next to the primary school.)

For more information click here:

Every one can find fault, few can do better.

This week's Saying
A hungry man is an angry man

.....Think about it

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Steve Irwin Way - Accidents

It is not long ago that the Steve Irwin Way was Highway No 1 around Australia. That is until the present four lane highway replaced it between Caboolture and the Caloundra Turnoff. By completing this bypass it was planned to take the stress off the two lane highway through Beerwah and Landsborough.

Today, once again that same piece of road, now known as Steve Irwin Way is overloaded, under funded and an outdated thoroughfare used by more than four million commuters a year. Maleny residents would use that specific piece of road, if not on a daily basis then on a weekly basis.

In recent months there have been a string of crashes on the road, some involving fatalities.

The Main Roads Department has plans to upgrade the road, residents say it is too little too late. Two of those residents are Caloundra councillors. They say if the state government does not fast-track its plans, more lives will be lost.

Councillors Dell Winkler and Anna Grosskreutz say action is needed immediately to reduce the accident rate.

Main Roads recently began the planning phase to upgrade the road from the southern Bruce

Highway interchange to Caloundra Street at Landsborough.

The planning options will not be released until mid next year to early 2009 and construction will begin in 2011 at the earliest.

Plans to upgrade the northern section of the road from Landsborough to the Caloundra Road interchange are entering the detail and land-acquisition phase and construction is scheduled to begin in mid-2008.

State member Carolyn Male said Main Roads was addressing the danger points on the road ahead of time.

"We're getting in early before it gets to the stage where it is overloaded," she said. "

"Don't forget it does take a while to build a road.

"The design phase is very important and we want to make sure we do it right.

"I have asked them (Main Roads) to do the intersections first, especially at the Mooloolah-Connection Road and the Landsborough intersections."

Ms Male said she did not think the road was particularly dangerous.

She said many accidents were most likely due to circumstances other than the state of the road.

But Ms Winkler disagrees.

She lives near the Hardwood Road intersection which she says has claimed several lives in the past five years. "The state government should be ashamed of the way they have neglected us.

"Now it's far too late. Something's got to happen before any more lives are lost."

Mrs Grosskreutz travels on Steve Irwin Way every day and is pushing for Main Roads to immediately reduce the speed limit to 80kmh.

"There would hardly be an intersection along that road that wouldn't have a high accident rate," she said. "There's almost never an appropriate time to overtake someone.

"I travel the road every day and see behaviour of tailgating and overpassing. "The other problem is that there are a number of townships and subdivisions which come off that road which don't have proper exiting and entry lanes."

Australia Zoo a destination for a lot of the traffic so this particular section of road whilst being important for our tourist traffic is also an indication of road conditions in Queensland.

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Mum's favourite Recipes
Brownies
- usually double recipe they disappear so fast!

INGREDIENTS 8 slices wholegrain bread - 2 teaspoons mustard - 4 eggs - 4 slices salt- and fat-reduced ham - 2 tomatoes, sliced

METHOD 1 Preheat a sandwich maker. Cut a 7cm hole from four slices of bread. Spread mustard over remaining slices.

Place cut-out slices of bread onto sandwich maker. Carefully crack an egg into each hole. Top with ham and tomato. Cover with remaining bread slices, mustard-side down, close sandwich maker and cook for 2 minutes for soft eggs and 6 minutes for firm eggs. - Cut into triangles and serve.

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Chapter 2 Part 1

As the Aerolinas Cristobal 747B tilted on its finals into Conchita airport, Santa Marta, Cal Donovan felt all happy warm and stretched in contentment, like a well fed and sleepy cat. For he was returning to his favourite country after a three week mission successfully sourcing vital drilling equipment and spares in Miami, Florida. He continued to smile even when the aircraft was barely wheels down and the excited Latino passengers were on their feet, pushing, shoving and hauling bulging shopping bags down from overhead lockers. Cal grinned when he saw them stuffing in the airline's blankets and pillows while glancing shyly at him, relaxed and patient and still strapped into his seat. He was very fond of the people too. The fasten seat belt sign was in English, not Spanish.

Cal was in charge of the geotechnical engineering, the drilling and grouting operations for the largest dam to be built in this Central American Republic of El Cristobal. La Presa Linda, 140 metres in height and 1,000 metres long, straddled the Rio Lempira, the Republic's longest river.

El Cristobal was named after that great navigator Cristobal Colum-

bus, as legend had it that the crew of one of his ships, the Santa Maria, first stepped ashore in search of water in 1494. Likewise, the caravel gave its name to the capital, changed over time to Santa Marta.

Cal, an old hand in the drilling business had worked on all the continents, on big civil engineering projects such as the Kremasta Dam

countless mineral exploration prospects as well.

Still smiling in the cab from the airport where six lanes of traffic negotiated four clearly marked lanes of highway in a mad cacophony of horn blowing and jet-fighter like jinking, he reached the city. Downtown Santa Marta bustled, such as third world cities do, chaotic traffic, incredible noise, eye watering smells, and a moving tide of people, although there was no sense of wasted motion about it all.

Safely at his destination, the hotel El Nuevo Mundo, he showered then went to the bar in the lobby. This old hotel had such a colonial Somerset Maugham charm that it was the favourite of the only five expatriate engineers who were actively involved in the USAID funded dam's construction. Those other four, were seated under slowly revolving fans waiting for him while drinking cuba libres. With high ceilings, potted palms, deep leather chairs, the waiters constantly brought round trays of little snacks called bocitas (mouthfuls) and ceviché, shell fish marinated in lime.

He had brought each of them the items they had asked him to purchase in Duty Free Miami, cameras and computer electronic gear, bet-



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"

in Greece, Mangla in Pakistan, Guri in Venezuela and many other dams around the world, as well as

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ter quality than that which could be purchased locally, so it was a warm welcome.

Bob Varney was the eldest, the project engineer in charge of all the surveying, and making sure all the construction phases occurred on schedule. Joe Chepé Chapman in charge of all mechanical operations and maintenance, could fix everything, with a screwdriver and a withering glare. Lars Svenson the electrical engineer from Minnesota who had a handshake which made eyes water, and Hank Malone, civil engineer and geologist, the overall project manager, completed the group. Between them, these five expats, all good friends from previous assignments, were possibly the greatest group of dam engineers ever assembled on one project. All were fluent in Spanish and top experts in their specific fields. They were good mates, good buddies, a good team. They were also military veterans, mercenaries, and civilian engineers, from that famous civil war in S-E-Asia.

In Thailand they had been called Farangs, Gweilos in Hong Kong, Bules in Indonesia and Long Noses in the Philippines. In other countries Yangguizzi, Gaijin, Infidels and in Vietnam, Ong Tay (Mr Westerner). Here they were Gringos. Why were they so indifferent to those seemingly nationalistic and pejorative insults when all other third world peoples went into frenzies of rage whenever they were given a national identity label? Worldliness, experience and unselfishness was the answer. They looked at the big picture. They were givers, not takers. They were libertines, altruistic, objective, empirical and

never subjective. They were true egalitarian professionals.

As they drank and yarned, their relaxed minds were far away from the job. They knew the present problems and little of the problems brewing, but for a short period they just wanted to enjoy the camaraderie of a few happy hours with their rum and cokes, and cold beers. They always enjoyed listening to each others anecdotes, memories which lingered and beguiled. And, as Chepé would say, to sniff out the wildlife.

They always stayed at this hotel when they were in Santa Marta, leaving the Hiltons and Sheratons to the tourists and El Cristobal high society. Nostalgic low key charm and friendliness was their criteria. The El Nuevo Mundo was the epitome of honest Latin American hospitality, a formidable ingredient in their endorsement, as after all, they were residents rather than visitors.

Another person who always realised this, although he had his own apartment nearby, was Willie Chandler, a cultural attaché at the U.S. Embassy. He was of course the CIA station chief, and both he and Lars had been involved together in the conflict in Vietnam. Willie had been a chopper pilot with Air America, at that time the largest airline in the world, Lars was the Vietnam specialist, the American sniper. It was estimated that American troops fired 300,000 rounds for each enemy casualty. The statistics for the Swede was less than two shells per kill. He had been in the same team as Carlos Hathcock, the most famous of the American snipers who had made the record for long

range sniping – 2500 yards using a scoped .50M2 Browning. Those past skills were to prove crucial in the troubles ahead, although neither were aware of the extent of these troubles when Charlie came in and joined the men.

“Push down your collective and buy us a drink, you old fokker” bellowed Lars, whose voice always increased in volume in proportion to each drink consumed. Bob said it was because Lars thought people became deafer after each drink.

As they say Down Under, “the man they couldn’t root, shoot or electrocute” responded Charlie, and signalling Pepé the waiter, proclaimed, “a little rum is always good for the soul”.

“A lot is better” added Chepé.

“Amen” the others muttered, thinking more of the project than of their souls.

On its last orbit of the recording (daylight) day the special Central American Satellite (CA-9) passed over the mountains of El Cristobal and its very high resolution photos were recorded at Langley, Virginia. All the Langley analysts had noted, and concentrated on, was the thin plume of smoke now rising vertically from the volcano Zihuanava. As a cross check, the weather satellite GOES-8, which was in geostationary orbit with a photographic view of half the globe confirmed the volcanic activity. This satellite took a photo every eight minutes of the earth’s midsection from longitude 10o W, near Africa, to 180o W in the mid Pacific. After dark it snapped infrared pictures, and it was a godsend for the National Hurricane Centre in Miami.

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This week's Saying
**you can be surrounded
by people and still feel as
lonely as a country
dunny.....Think about it**

Horse flu really hurts

Member for Fisher Peter Slipper Mr Slipper recently addressed some 200 horse owners at a rally organised by the North-coast Active-riders Group (NAGS) to raise awareness of the concerns of those in the non-racehorse sector about the effects of E.I.

"While the EI crisis is being addressed, there is financial support available to affected horseowners to reduce hardship and stress - this is an important and practical measure that helps make up the overall industry approach to the problem," Mr Slipper said.

There is also a general knock on effect to many people such as farriers, coaches, feed suppliers and the like who get their income from the pony club movement. The E.I. crisis has brought their livelihood to a standstill.

As a result of the Department of Primary Industry ban on the movement of all horses all Maleny Pony Club events for the remainder of 2007 have been cancelled unless the DPI lift this ban on horse movement.

Mr Slipper urged those who are dependant on the horse industry and are presently disadvantaged to contact Centrelink to take advantage of the available support services.

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