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EXPECT QUEUES AT COAST TAXI RANKS

There is an old Maleny thought that there is nothing to do in Maleny on New Year's eve so many local young people and some not so young intend to go down the coast for New Year's eve parties.

It is worth remembering that Christmas and New Year revellers should be prepared for a long wait at taxi ranks across the Sunshine Coast from tonight, with increased demand and a driver shortage combining to guarantee frustration for revellers.

Take care at these ranks as over recent times they have become very dangerous places as far as violent incidents are concerned. We have seen a number of people around Queensland becoming involved in seemingly innocuous incidents and then receive fatal or serious injuries.

Remember "ONE HIT CAN KILL AND IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYBODY".

On the other hand drink driving is not a solution either. If you are providing your own transport ensure there is a designated driver. If that is not possible book into accommodation near to the party.

One good night's party is not worth months spent in a hospital bed or worse having someone else's death on your conscience. See you in the New Year.

IN WOODFORD, TONIGHT WITH PERRY UOMO

Cribb Island alumni, child star, celebrity stylist & Publicist, major minor international movie actor, now on-line business man... PERRY UOMO, that ambidextrous all rounder of community broadcasting is highly excited, counting the sleeps to Woodford Folk Festival.

"I am moist, rehearsing madly, tracking down the big names to appear on our show and coordinating the video technologies that will make IWT a household name in tents right across the Festival."

Uomo reveals that various guest Performers and venues around the festival will be harnessed, using live TV crosses during the show. "It's going to give our live variety format a hugeboost, bringing festival offerings into the naughties."

While tightlipped about much of the content, Perry reveals, "We are doing a commercial hour, which is only 47 minutes, what with ads, station ID's and so forth, But 3 guests per night, live crosses, our own items and spruiking my products via infomercials will keep us very busy."

"IWT is a homage to early variety TV in Australia. My early heroes were Graham Kennedy, Edna, Auntie Jack and Norman Gunston: a closet queen, 2 transvestites and a manic depressive! Wow, no

wonder I have issues."

This rare moment of reflection aside, Perry is doing what all born stars do before starting a big assignment: preening, talking vacuously about his own ability, and raising the stakes. "If I learnt anything at all from my work in the Adult Film Industry, it's that that I can handle anything..."

Perry, his fiance Marika, Monte Vidayyo and the World of Perry Show Band will grace the stage from 10.30 pm every night until 31st December, on the Greehouse stage at Woodford Folk Festival. Don't miss this R18+ extravaganza!

"We are hoping folks will wear their lingerie, slumber wear, or FUR. We will be!!!"

Need Help buying a car?

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Christmas is over and we have all spent a bit more money than we thought we would.

If you intended to buy a new or used car don't worry because Suncoast Auto Brokers can save you money - [CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT HOW](#)

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Truthful Jones Tells...

us that his neighbour Paddy told him that;



"A herd of donkeys can only move as fast as the slowest donkey. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the rear that are killed. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole because only the fittest survive thus improving the general health and speed of the entire herd.

In much the same way the human brain only operates as quickly as the slowest of its brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol kills brain cells, as we all know, and naturally the alcohol attacks the slowest/weakest cells first....

So it is as plain as the nose on your face that regular consumption of Guinness will eliminate the weaker, slower brain cells thus leaving the remaining cells the best in the brain.

The end result, of course, is a faster more efficient brain.

If you doubt this at all, tell me, isn't it true that we always feel a bit smarter after a few pints?

So at this Christmas time of year enjoy a few more pints of guinness. Not only will; it help to celebrate this time of year but it will bring you back next year stronger and wiser.

All the best for this holiday season from Truthful.

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This week's Saying
Time and tide wait for no man
.....Think about it

Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Painting Techniques

Before commencing your painting take a little extra time to use masking tape and newspaper to protect switch plates, light fittings etc and drop cloths to protect furniture and surfaces that could be accidentally damaged or splattered by the paint.

When painting an entire room always work on the ceiling first. The advantage of this is that any paint that splatters on the walls can be cleaned up easily or painted over.

Make sure you are using clean rollers, trays and brushes. Tip some paint into the tray. Do not put too much as it makes loading the roller difficult and spillage easy.

Paint the edge of the ceilings first. Using a 60mm brush to paint a border between the ceiling and wall slowly and accurately.

Once the roller cover is firmly fitted onto the roller frame, take the roller and put it into the paint and let it saturate all the fabric. Roll the roller over the ribbed area of the paint tray to squeeze out the excess paint.

Apply the paint in a zig zag pattern so you form a large

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M or W. Smooth out the paint without reloading the roller.

Having used masking tape to protect the edges of wood work or glass, use a brush to paint around the edges of doors, windows and baseboards.

Fill in the open area with the roller. Never stop painting mid wall. If you stop the paint mark will show when the job is finished. If you need to take a break stop at a window or door or better yet after an entire wall.

Hint

Roll-On - Painting hallways can involve many architraves and skirtings. Its a good time to think about trying out a paint pad. These little foam pads with wheels can really speed up the job, taking the fuss out of edges.

Weather to Paint

If it looks like rain, remember the painter's rule; if you wouldn't hang the washing out or wash the car, don't paint! Nothing is more disappointing than seeing you work ruined!

First Stop

Paint exterior doors and windows early in the day, prop them open to dry and they will be ready to close by nightfall.

Little Things

An artists brush, instead of a house painting brush will help you pick out small details in extra colours quickly and neatly.

Time Travel

Gently scraping the paint work can reveal your home's colourful history and give you some original colour ideas.

Cool Tip

If you are using water based paints, on a hot day, spraying walls with water before you paint will cool them down and make the job faster and easier - you can even paint them wet.

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Watch out for your Credit Cards

There was a customer in the paint shop a week or so ago buying some paint to give her barbie a bit of a spruce up before the Christmas parties.

When it came to pay the bill it was opted to pay on a credit card. Nothing out of the ordinary about that you might say, except that four cards were tried before one was found with some credit left.

This is the time of the year when the credit cards get a workout, so it's wise to spend a few minutes reminding ourselves of some of the ways that credit cards can bite.

And bite they can – credit cards can be a tool for making shopping easier but they can easily become a fee feast for the banks.

There are two types of credit cards – those that offer an interest-free period, and those that don't.

The interest-free period might sound fine, but remember you are eligible for it only if you pay the entire balance before the

due date or you are required to pay interest at an increased rate. This also goes for those “nothing to pay for XXX month” deals. They too can be a financial trap for the unwary

Whenever possible it is a good strategy to use a debit card, the withdrawals are limited to the amount you have in the bank account and therefore you do not need to worry about the slug when it comes time to “cash up” the credit card.

Now, back to the customer at the paint shop. What happens in a couple of weeks when the four cards are due for payment as when the credit card statements arrive, you can be stunned at the way seemingly insignificant amounts accumulate to several thousands of dollars.

Now that Christmas is over the after-christmas sales will be heavily advertised to extract even more money out of us. Consider easing back on your spending at these sales – it may well mean you avoid nasty shocks come January.

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 rider of the green motor bike who, on a number of occasions during the week before Christmas travelled along Bunya Street towards Landsborough Road at a speed that would allow little reaction time should something untoward happen. **NO SECOND CHANCES HERE.**

Mum's favourite Recipes

Cheddar Cheese Straws

- how's this for a quickie!

Ingredients: 1/2 cup butter - 1 lb grated cheddar cheese - 2 cups sifted flour - 1/2 teaspoon salt

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1. Cream together butter and cheese.
2. Add flour and salt.
3. Press dough into 9x9 pan and then flip onto a cutting board.
4. Cut into half and then cut each half into thin strips.
5. Bake at 400 degrees on greased cookie sheet for 15-20 minutes.



The U.S. Embassy housed an old Vietnam era Bell 204 helicopter, in top condition, because Willie, as well as being the pilot, was an excellent aircraft mechanic. The Huey was logo-free when compared to the airforce choppers of El Cristobal, and its function was clandestine and for emergency evacuation.

That gave the backup mobility needed for any action against the insurgent groups. Wil-

Chapter 10

lie was also able to obtain the sniper equipment required by Lars from the Embassy Marine guard, as the plan was to thwart any threats by stealth rather than a show of strength. The presence of Penny and even the volcano monitoring team were problems to consider, as a potential hostage situation was always hard to deal with against ruthless armed

men who would allow no lenity.

Charlie and Lars were of course concerned about Penny. "People like Penny, who was an altruistic and very caring person, were easily manipulated by the misanthropic environmental lobby, who were themselves very careless in handling the truth. They changed the words to suit their agendas, with scare

tactics and exaggeration".

"As well, these people claim that global warming is caused by human activity are gross alarmists, and politicians and documentaries which focus media attention on human activity causing heat trapping gases have frightened the public and caused dissenting and scientific proof to be overwhelmed. Global ocean currents cause the earth to heat, and warm phases over the years are cyclic, not human induced".

"Global warming has nothing to do with the decline of Kilimanjaro's ice cap, as claimed by that infamous and incorrect documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" and using the mountain in northern Tanzania as a 'poster child' for climate change is simply inaccurate. The decline in Kilimanjaro's ice has been going on for more than a century and the ice decline primarily is due to the vertical shape of the ice's edge, which allows it to shrink but not expand. There is also decreased snowfall and because the whiteness of new snow reflects more sunlight, this lack allows the ice to absorb more of the sun's energy. The level of nearby Lake Victoria, the world's largest tropical freshwa-



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)

ter lake, also declined in the late 19th century, when the decline of the ice cap began. The lake and the ice cap suffer from a precipitation decline caused by Indian Ocean variability. Three quarters of the planet is ocean, and 95% of the greenhouse effect is governed by water vapour”.

Listen to this garbage statement, continued Charlie. “In response to the recent news that China has surpassed the U.S. as the global greenhouse gas emissions leader, environmentalists absolve China of responsibility for global warming, and instead blame western demand for Chinese goods for Chinese emissions”.

“Global Warming has become a religion, not a science” declared Lars. “It has become the core belief in a new eco-theology closely related to other modern belief systems, such as political correctness, chemophobia and various other forms of scare mongering, but it represents the vanguard in the assault on scientific man. Starry eyed Green groups sow ‘panic’ by running fear campaigns based on primitive computer modelling. All their evidence is spurious. Hurricanes existed well before global warming, and global average temperature has flat-lined since 1998 against a 4% rise in atmospheric carbon dioxide in that period”.

They decided to have a few beers as the best solution to work on their plans for the protection of the dam and other potential emergencies, so called the other engineers to join with them, musing that they were lucky that they did not have to rely on political correctness. Thus they could become very focused.

Cal told them about problems he encountered on his mining projects. That Oxfam has a dark side, its advocacy programs which is NGO code for political activism, with the global mining industry being a special target. Mining does not restrict human rights, Oxfam’s major brief, but Oxfam’s pitch is that it does not oppose mining, just the effects of mining. However it has no problem working with Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth who do oppose mining, the latter having a strong record of fomenting discontent in Third World countries. Masters of legerdemain. All collaborate in campaigns to block financing of mining projects in developing countries. As well, Oxfam campaigns to shift

the blame for economic disasters, especially in Africa, from corruption and the callous incompetence of its leaders to the failure of rich countries to provide aid. Friends of the Earth (Indonesia) have very strong links with terrorism, being associated with Abu Bakar Bashir, the spiritual leader if not the direct leader of Jemaah Islamiyah, the mastermind of the Bali bombings.

Chepé summarised it. “They cannot distinguish reality from fantasy, and even consider aliens cause global warming. They dash off opinions and pronouncements with slipshod regularity”. Climate change is political hot air he grumbled, as he reached for another beer.

The expat team knew that the rebel groups were not really kidnappers, which was the national sport in Colombia ahead of soccer, however they decided that to protect Penny it was best she stay with them at Lindacita. “We are lucky we just have to deal with just one blonde farm girl from Centerville, Ohio, instead of a horde of one-eyed environmentalists amid the mixture of two groups of nasties”. And those two groups, fatefully for them, did not realise that their opponents had set a counter plan in operation. They were not to know, like the ants in the opening stages of this drama, that they were being tracked.

Chepé had organised extra drums of chopper fuel (kerosene) to be ready with fuelers at the dam site heli-pad, and made sure that their radio links with Inge were operational for their regular seismic updates. The hospital in Lindacita was on full alert, including the mortuary, which when the final theatre played out, was the busier.

In the Art of War, Sun-Tzu discussed the importance of choosing the battleground. First create the advantage of topographical familiarity, and then conceal one’s strength.

Thus the plans of the La Presa Linda engineers were unequivocal, a little more so than those of the GDS and LAS. Zihuanava was more ambivalent. She had her own timetable.

Have a “Happy New Year’s” Eve.
Take it easy and come back safe next year.

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Child dies in hot car

Already this year a TWO-year-old girl has died after accidentally being left in a car in Perth during temperatures that reached 36 degrees.

It is never a good time to leave children alone in cars but from time to time one sees such instances in shopping centre carparks.

This tragic incident is timely reminder to everybody not to leave children alone in cars at any time, for whatever reason.

Is it worth the risk just to save a few seconds when shopping?

He got a lucky landing for Christmas

It may not have been what he wanted for Christmas but a crash landing is what he got in a paddock on Obi Obi Road, Mapleton.

Gin Gin pilot, Michael McMahon was flying his Beechcraft single engine plane from Archerfield Airport to his home at Gin Gin on December 23rd when at about 7500 feet and a few miles west of Maleny when a mechanical problem struck the engine leaving the plane with no power.

McMahon and his two passengers went through their safety checks and braced themselves whilst McMahon made a distress call.

Seeing a lake McMahon first thought that he would have to ditch into it but luckily he then saw a paddock that looked as if it would be suitable for a crash landing.

At first McMahon did not realise that there were two high voltage

power lines near the paddock but he saw them in time to make a dash over one and under the other landing heavily but safely in the paddock.

A local resident, Tony Moran first heard what he thought was a plane in distress and ran outside to see the plane come in fast and low for a hard landing in the paddock. It is unclear at this time how much damage has been caused to the aircraft.

McMahon said that when he has preciously flown this trip he has encountered low cloud and has had to fly under the cloud. In that instance low cloud would have given him less time to carry out his safety procedures and hence may this landing may have ended up a lot differently. The extra height on this occasion has allowed that little extra time to look around for a landing spot.

Emergency Services arrived at the scene to find the three occupants of the plane shaken but unhurt. Police and The Bureau of Air Safety will carry out an investigation into this incident.

Something to think about...

An interesting fact from the R.A.C.Q. that is worth considering:

A new small car on average costs the owner about \$120.00 per week to own and operate whilst a new 4wd diesel costs a massive \$354.00 per week to own and operate.

Just think about that for a moment.

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