

Time for alchemy – we're ready

by Marilyn Scott

Ending of the first quarter; in astrology the quarter is represented by the square. Challenges, tests – a time to sharpen our focus. A time of review, being clear, reflecting on the journey and the beginning – three months prior when that new beginning sparked into our life.

How's it going? What's the progress, the feeling, the rhythm of the movement, the sense of achievement? As we move toward our goals and intentions, time to stop, take account; how have my thoughts, actions, ambitions and dreams brought me to here? Where do I stand? What surrounds me? How is my body? What messages is she sending? We need to sharpen our listening skills.

Each year builds on itself with considerable power and force, focused intention and sense of mission... since the great birthing in 2012; the year I saw the new world birth, during the last quarter of 2012. The energy builds, the speed



increases, the boundaries become finer. Clarity of thought and purity of heart is at its greatest need. We come together, we unite our focus; passion drives our soul. Our purpose rises from deep places; we know, no doubt can rob us... we understand, we see, we know. The mission will be completed.

Dark clouds descend; it has long been prophesied, this time of sickness of the mind, hearts shrivelled by the cancer of greed. The sickness seems to spread. Are there any free from its crawling tentacles? Of course; we need to keep our memories safe, safe from thieving hands. We need to nurture the Sacred Flame that burns at the

core of our being. Our minds clear, we know the way. Close your ears to those who wish to confuse. We are not part of their world. This time of purification was also prophesied... long ago; those that saw with their seeing eyes, in times of ancient lands. We must bring our focus back to the Golden Flame that illuminates all we are. We know. They cannot steal... keep yourself safe.

Two worlds exist as one; we need to keep our boundaries firm. Trust yourself, hear what you know. Silent, night creepers cannot touch you. They are ghosts... their darkness descends back to the underworld; Hades will take care. Many walk with us, we never walk

alone. Ahhh... that song, Gerry & the Pacemakers, I remember clearly, with goosebumps and lasting recognition. It was a message sent; it filled the room... no space to doubt, 'You'll never walk alone' – such kindness and inconceivable care. A visit from the Pleiadians (another magick happening here at Mahalia) used the very same words: "We are your friends, you never walk alone." Yes, may sound fantastic; a mirage or heightened imagination, or "what has she been smoking?" But there is much we don't see or understand. Much more than you think exists.

"It's time," I said, as the New Year burst its excitement through the welcoming entrance. "It's time to be who you are, do what you've come to do." It's time to do it... no more putting off. We're ready. We need to hold our vision firm; don't be distracted by those whose wishes are sinister... yes darkness walks amongst us. Don't give it any time; your focus is most powerful; it feeds all you honour with its presence.

Time to be clear, with clarity vibrating our every cell; living in our

world... there's work to do. This is a most significant beginning. Future generations will read and learn how their new Golden Age begun. They will sit in awe at your bravery, your focus and intention, your unceasing care for our Sacred Mother and the many generations that will follow. Journey well, play your part; let's ignite the Great Circle... time for Alchemy.



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ASTRO FORECASTS

by Tina Mews

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HEAVENS?

Aries

It feels like a new beginning; however, spend your energies wisely because Mars, your ruler, is in retrograde mode from April 16 until June 29. This isn't your most energetic phase in life but excellent for reviewing your true wishes and wants. Clarify your purpose and investigate your most cherished beliefs, but beware of restlessness.

Taurus

You can be a great strategist who prefers to function as the power behind the throne. However, at the moment you might have to express your true beliefs to others and assert yourself in regards to an important issue. The Full Moon period (April 22) might be especially intense.

Gemini

This is a time when you are filled with new ideas that change your course of action and inspire you to make spontaneous decisions. You might stir up others with your plans only to find out that you need to take a step backwards and let things develop during Mars retrograde. Key relationships might need restructuring because their purpose has shifted.

Cancer

The time seems to be ripe for initiating a new order concerning your career path or work routine. Set your intention and restructure your daily life in a way that you can achieve more independence to do the things you really like to do. Focus on what makes you feel healthy and content.

Leo

What you need at the moment is more space for your spontaneous self-expression. Search for those buried talents and gifts and nurture them. Enrol in a study course or go on a journey. Be aware of situations that make you feel stifled and restless.

Virgo

You are in a phase of your life where lots of your energy is focused on restructuring your home so that it is the place of nurture and peace that your soul is yearning for. Find out what supports and what challenges this process of making your home the sanctuary and base of your personal power.

April

The Sun entered the sign Aries at the last Equinox (March 20) marking a change in season with shorter days and nights that are slowly getting longer until the midwinter solstice in June. Aries energy is standing for emergence and new beginnings. It drives on the will to separate from the past in search for a new identity, new adventures or a new form of self-expression. Individuals with a major Aries signature in their chart are said to be headstrong and quick acting; they need to feel in control of their lives. They love challenges and feel alive when on a mission. They might lack the persistence, skills or patience to complete everything they have started by themselves and at times have to rely on other people's cooperation. Not every idea turns out as initially intended, but this might not be the deeper purpose behind the deed. Very often Aries paves the way and sows the seeds that other people then successfully cultivate.

The New Moon in Aries on April 7 carries the energy of a new beginning and is a good moment in time to start a project. Uranus, planet of innovation, is conjoined the New Moon signifying a boost of creativity as well as the courage to follow our instincts. Pluto, Lord of the Underworld, is also part of this New Moon pattern indicating that we have to face our fears and be conscious of our deeper motivation. Saturn, the keeper of boundaries, harmoniously aligned with the New Moon, is promising success if we manage to be consistent and responsible, but flexible enough to allow for a shift in perception. The task is to become aware of those inner and outer boundaries that do not need to be defended anymore.

Mars, the planet of drive and ambition, planetary ruler of Aries, is commencing its retrograde phase on April 16 (until June 29). Mars is retrograde for about 10 weeks every 2 years. When the principle of action and energy is in this mode vitality can be depleted, which is frustrating in regards to projects that just have been initiated. However, this has not to be taken as negative, because this slowing-down period gives time for reviewing,



planning and correcting. There might be less energy available to achieve our goals. Mars retrograde coincides with the transiting square of Jupiter and Saturn (March – May).

As mentioned last month, Jupiter and Saturn are in the waning phase of their 20 year cycle that started in 2000, which is associated with socio-economic contraction. The task is to find the correct balance between expansion and growth (Jupiter) while remaining within the limits of what is possible and justified (Saturn). Therefore, we need to investigate into our deeper self and find out what we really want at the moment, whether our desires (Mars) are aligned with the will of the cosmos. The question is if we are on the right track and if not, we can expect difficulties or feelings of discontent.

Otherwise, we will be supported in some way, if materially, emotionally or spiritually. Interestingly, Pluto, the outermost planet and regarded as the higher octave of Mars, turns retrograde on April 17, the day after Mars changes direction, indicating that there could be some important event that changes consciousness.

The Full Moon on April 22 in deep-probing Scorpio opposite the Taurus Sun carries a similar message, but highlights the potential for drama and crisis, if we choose to go that way. We are asked to judge wisely in regards to where to put our energy and what to wish for. Mars retrograde is in truth seeking Sagittarius, slowing our activities down so that we can align ourselves with our purpose. We might be able to grow in our awareness of what is kept buried in the subconscious and motivates us behaving in a certain way.

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Libra

Information can be highly charged at the moment urging you to be more conscious of your ways of communicating. Nevertheless, you might have initiated new relationships recently which require a completely different pattern of interaction. Be open to surprises, remain flexible and allow your mind to shift.

Scorpio

Your health and your work are in the spotlight at the moment needing your full attention. This is a great moment in time for changing bad habits and committing to a healthier way of living. Let go of whatever is no longer useful to you. Your values have shifted and you are ready for a new approach.

Sagittarius

During the last six months you have been searching for a new identity feeling at times irritated or frustrated. Nevertheless, the 'new you' is emerging from a refreshed base of vitality and creativity. Mars retrograde in your sun sign might require some reviewing and revisiting where and how to spend your energies so that it supports your purpose.

Capricorn

At the moment you might find it helpful to review parts of your life and take stock. What is your grand plan and how does it align with your purpose in life? Family and home are especially at the focus of your attention now and there could be sudden surprises or changes in this area.

Aquarius

This is a good time for strengthening, improving or initiating a more expanded communication network with like minded souls. Sharing your ideas is important and creates opportunities for yourself and others. You might have to review and restructure your group activities and align them with your current needs.

Pisces

Your focus might be on your life's path and where it is taking you, or whether to take on more responsibilities or not. Review your goals and ambitions, especially if you feel frustrated with your current situation. Some planning might be needed to re-align your life direction with your spiritual purpose.

Nimbin Garden Club notes



Garden Club members at their Christmas Party at the community hall on Jarlanbah

by Andrew Barton

Well hasn't it rained recently! Don't get me wrong, it's been great for our gardens, but not so for our garden club visits. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our March visit, but we have some great ones coming up.

For our April meeting, we are heading to James Creagh's "Tutti Frutti Farm" on Saturday 16th from 2-4pm. It is an uncertified organic farm that has numerous bee hives to help pollinate the

many hundreds of fruit and nut trees. They produce many products including beeswax, comfrey ointments, beeswax candles and furniture polish, mead and honey vinegar, just to name a few.

The aim at Tutti Frutti farm is to think sustainably, producing what they can using local organic ingredients. It should be a very informative meeting. The address is 4148 Kyogle road, Lillian Rock, 14 km from the Nimbin post office. New members are always welcome! We all bring a small plate

of afternoon tea to share, and we have a plant table that members bring cuttings/plants to so that we can share with each other.

As a club we are always looking for new and interesting properties. Whether it be a lovely garden, a great regeneration project, or you just want to share your labour of love. If you are interested in hosting the garden club, or know of a friend who might, feel free to email us:

nimbingardens@gmail.com

trivia

Devised by Martin Gill

Questions

- Who is generally thought to have invented bifocal spectacles?
- Ahura Mazda was a god in what ancient culture?
- What is the most common source of vegetable ivory?
- Who is being touted as the new singer in AC/DC?
- In which Australian state are the APY Lands?
- Who was the first woman in space?
- The German company Steiff is famous for making what?
- Who wrote the dystopian science fiction novel *The Handmaid's Tale*?
- What are the legal colours for a jack in lawn bowls?
- In what war was the Charge of the Light Brigade?

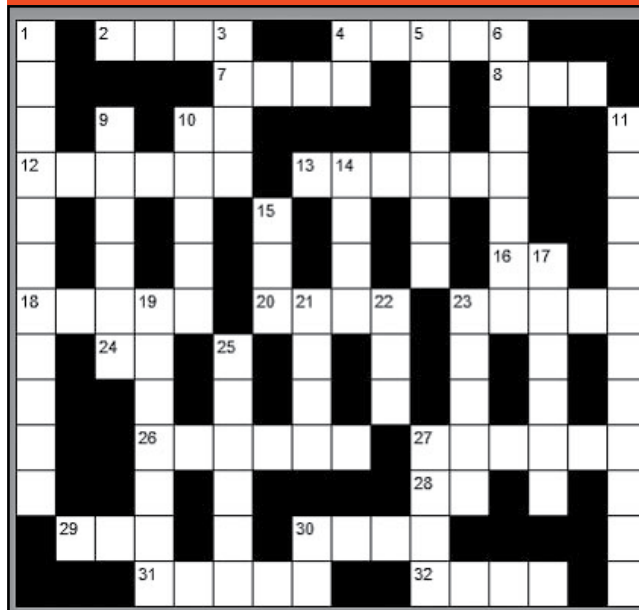
Answers

- Benjamin Franklin. This may be a myth, but he was certainly one of the first to wear them.
- He was a Persian God and still holds a place in the Zoroastrian faith. He must be pretty important to have a car named after him.
- Vegetable Ivory, a.k.a. Tagua Nut comes from species of palm trees. Got to be a good thing.
- The rumour mill is tipping Axl Rose ex Guns n Roses. A man whose name is an interesting anagram.
- Angaru Pitjanjatjara Yankunytjatjara lands are in the far North West of South Australia. Go to Alice and drive south for a few hours. But get a permit first – the APY people own it freehold.
- Valentina Tereshkova was a Russian textile worker and skydiver and became the first woman and the first civilian to go to space in 1963.
- They make teddy bears. Anyone who watches the Antiques Roadshow would know this.
- Canadian author Margaret Atwood. A good read it is too.
- They can be white or yellow. Men usually call it the Jack, women call it the Kitty.
- That particular piece of idiocy took place in the Crimean War.

Nimbin Crossword

2016-4

by Synic



Across

- Skip meals (quickly?)
- Cries wetly?
- Large South American flightless bird
- Nimbin Summer?
- Massive fighting staff
- Closed
- Move from client to server
- Jesuits (init.)
- Hurts
- Lose hair (seasonally?)
- Bet against (on the money market)
- You (archaic)
- Electrical charge
- Underground burial chambers
- Forum poster (init)
- Annoy? Insect!
- Ass?
- Do best
- (And 14 down) Marvel antihero with self-healing superpowers (4,4)

Down

- Abrahamic prophet from Palestine (5,6)
- 1982 Cyberpunk film
- Bachelor's degree
- In the womb
- Chef? Abba? Saab? Ericsson? Ikea!
- Prayer beads
- Hits? Straps?
- Persian prophet (born around 3000 years ago)
- See 32 across.
- Edge (of a volcano or cup?)
- Foster father to 1 down
- Communication
- All
- Account at the bar? Betting shop
- Drink noisily
- Obsessive? Sad
- Umbilical
- Real life (init.)

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- **Sunday 10th** – Club visit: South Tweed Trippers
- **Sunday 17th** – Club visit: Cudgen Seagulls
- **Tuesday 26th** – Club visit: Gold Coast Ladies Bowls
- **Sunday 1st May** – Club visit: Evan Heads Raw Prawns
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The good, the sad and the tragic

The world according to Magenta Appel-Pye

"Why should I fear death? If I am, death is not. If death is, I am not. Why should I fear that which cannot exist when I do?"
—Epicurus

Last month we lost the exuberant Ian "Hoss" Hosken after a long battle with cancer. We were blessed to be partying with him for his 65th birthday four days before his passing. Such a generous gesture, giving his friends a chance to say how much we loved him.

Hoss's wake was a beautiful celebration of his life with a traditional smudge ceremony, wonderful stories and music. We resurrected the brass band from the Mullumbimby Music Festival and



played the haunting New Orleans Funeral March, finishing with the crowd dancing to 'When The Saints Come Marching In'. You couldn't have wished for a better send-off. Hoss inspired us all to appreciate every day, enjoy life to the max and keep partying.

Next was the unexpected death of Jon English, a great Australian musician

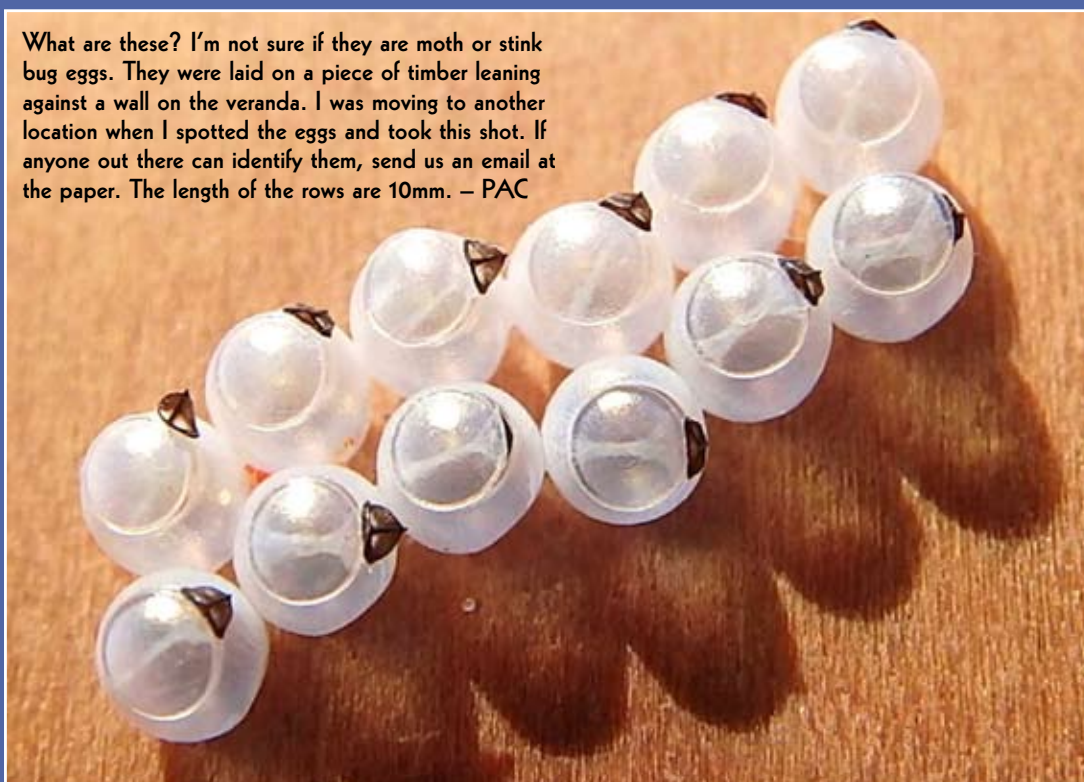
and lovely guy. Jon died at 66 from post-operative complications, reminding us that surgery is always risky and there are no guarantees.

Also joining the legendary Band on the Other Side was Keith Emerson, composer and the greatest keyboard player in rock history. At 72, Keith was suffering nerve damage which hampered his playing and he was worried that he would perform poorly at upcoming concerts and disappoint his fans. Tragically, he shot himself in the head.

Next time you hear someone trash an artist who dares to keep doing what they love even though they are past their prime, tell them to have some compassion and appreciation for the person's whole journey, not just the glory days. We must always keep doing what gives our lives joy and meaning. Vale.

Nosin' around with PAC

What are these? I'm not sure if they are moth or stink bug eggs. They were laid on a piece of timber leaning against a wall on the veranda. I was moving to another location when I spotted the eggs and took this shot. If anyone out there can identify them, send us an email at the paper. The length of the rows are 10mm. — PAC



She says / HE says

with Aunty Maj and Uncle Norm

She says

Dear Mrs Day, I can relate. As soon as daylight saving starts, and ends, I jump out of bed and change the clocks. I know it takes a few weeks for the body clock to get adjusted, but that's OK.

Uncle Norm, however, like your husband, also hates it. He never changes the clock in his car. I would find it confusing to read two different time references, but Norm finds it comforting that, at least in his car, some things stay the same, especially something as important as the concept of time. He is someone who thinks time is fixed and regular as, well, clockwork.

This issue really points to the larger picture of how people experience their world and, ultimately, themselves. Some people are good at adapting and moving forwards. They, typically, are the survivors, and therefore it stands to reason that practicing flexibility and adaptation would be a good thing. Others are so fixed that they do everything they can to resist the only thing we can truly depend on — change.

It seems that in your relationship for things to stay as they are, things will have to change. You should train your husband to deal with change better by shifting the furniture around when he's out. Change bedrooms, get a new pet. Hell, why not change husbands?

"I don't mind going back to daylight saving time. With inflation, the hour will be the only thing I've saved all year." — Victor Borge

Send your relationship problems to Norm and Magenta:
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Dear SSHS,

My husband hates daylight saving and whinges about it all summer. Thank goodness it's over now because I can't take much more. Could you shed some light on the subject?
— Mrs S. Day

He says

Dear Mrs Day, daylight saving goes back a long way. Benjamin Franklin, who coined the saying "early to bed early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise" was the American envoy to France. In 1784 he published a letter suggesting that Parisians should be awakened every morning at sunrise by church bells ringing and cannons firing (I hope Mike Baird isn't reading this).

The real bonehead we have to thank, however, is a Kiwi named George Hudson, who came up with the idea for modern daylight saving in 1895, and the arguments have been raging ever since.

Like everything foisted on us by governments and people with too much time to think, daylight saving works for some and not for others. Personally I think it's bollocks. Each year my body clock takes longer to adjust to having to get up an hour earlier. Indeed, a mate of mine complained, quite legitimately, that in summer he gets his morning stiffy at the bus stop.

Then there's the pain in the arse of dealing with appointments and such like over the border in Queensland, trying to work out just what is the time up there!

I reckon people who crave that extra hour of sunlight after work should simply start and knock off an hour earlier and leave the rest of us cranky old shits in peace. Fat chance of that. So next summer I'm putting my clocks back an hour instead of forward and I'll work to Uncle Norm Time.

"When told the reason for daylight saving time, the old Native American said 'Only the government would believe that you could cut a foot off the top of a blanket, sew it to the bottom, and have a longer blanket.'" — Anonymous



with Bob Tissot

Hello and welcome to *On Air*, radio for the auditorially disadvantaged. It's great to have you listening.

Well, Easter has been and gone, but I thought that in the spirit of fecundity and procreation (which is what Easter's all about anyway) I'd bring you up-to-date with some of our newborn programs.

Wednesday is a good place to start, with Colin at 11am. Colin has taken over from Helmut who has taken a sabbatical. Later in the day you'll find Terri at 6pm, who has returned from a break and has this new midweek spot and at 10.30pm. Scott comes in with some fresh new sounds. Thursdays at 2pm sees Mick in the hot seat, and over on Saturday night we've got Dean at 6pm slipping in after Rebel Radio. Check them out. Continuity with change... only on Nim-FM.

And now it's time for (drum roll) Spotlight, where we look behind the microphone and find out who owns that voice. And today we're talking to Martin, the producer of *Das Sofa*, our German language program, and *Kaput Radio*.

OA: Martin, how are you?

M: Astonished at how kaput the world is. Perhaps not completely kaput, but kaput enough for me to make fun of it.

OA: Let's face it Martin, it's pretty kaput. So tell me how you got started in community radio.

M: I was expecting that question. I detected something, a stirring, in 1999, and in 2000 I joined Nim-FM which was an irresistible force in town and became one of the largest institutions at the time in terms of membership numbers.

OA: Had you been interested in radio before that?

M: Not community radio. I was a ham operator in Germany for a while.

OA: Did you build all your equipment?

M: Yes, you built your equipment, your transmitter. But it's not so much broadcasting as peer-to-peer-casting.

The goal was to get real huge distances on FM. As you know here at Nim-FM it's difficult. 15 years of our signal bouncing off the caldera rim.

OA: If only the walls could talk.

M: Yes. So this interest morphed... I was interested in current affairs but I didn't want to replicate the format based on fear and sensationalism, I wanted to inject some fun. A satirical take on our fucked-up-ness. I started podcasting with Warwick in 2002 and suddenly we were outside the caldera and because of Nimbin's international reputation, people were interested. I started getting emails from all over the



world, even from Hans Island, which is just a miniscule rock in the Arctic Circle: we literally broke the ice.

OA: OK Martin. Life before Nimbin.

M: We arrived in 1985, and started in Melbourne. We had a baby coming and were looking for somewhere rural. We tried North Queensland but a lot of the places seemed redneck and racist and we ended up in Nimbin, the most tolerant place in Australia.

OA: Have you always been into satire?

M: Well, I want to engage people in thinking about environmental and political issues, but the information is sometimes so depressing you just want to kill yourself after listening to it. This is why I present the information as satire, to try and ameliorate the depression.

OA: Any unfulfilled dreams, Martin?

M: Well as you know I had a health issue last year and nearly died. So this year feels like a new life and my main dream is to help people, have fun and enjoy what I have. And I want a canoe for the next big flood.

OA: Martin, thanks for chatting.

M: A pleasure.

Who gives a FUKUSHIMA?

Do you give a FUKUSHIMA? I do! I have done since it first happened.

I actually imagined they would deal with it overnight. It was so bad when it happened, that every nation in the world should have forgotten their differences immediately, and pitched in together to fix it, before too much damage was done to the air and sea, animals and people... and the future!

It should have been fixed immediately. It hasn't been! We are now in year six of meltdown, leakage, seepage, never-ending contaminated soil and water containment, lethal discharge into the Pacific Ocean, air pollution, oceanic mutations, behavioural aberrations and mysterious deaths, and back on the land, cancer and other radioactivity-caused ailments ever on the increase.

If it continues unabated, we will all perish miserably in a world beyond our wildest, worst wonderings. Rampant cancers, thyroid destruction, mutation, sterilization, famine... who knows what else? It is already happening at an exponential rate, the closer to the reactors the more intense naturally. It's apparently affecting Tokyo seriously too... enough to give rise to "Evacuate Now!" opinions being publicly voiced.

Mass Media is hiding the truth from their customers in order to maintain a calm, predictably-profitable status quo, for obvious money-making reasons. Could the 2020 Tokyo Olympics have anything to do with it? Regarding those Games, I'll say it again: at least they won't have to spend a lot of money



by Mookx

on lighting! The whole place will be glowing in the dark by then!

Which brings me to the point of this exercise. It's well on its way to our east coast... if not already here!

Someone local ought to have a geiger counter and be checking-out our beaches for radioactivity. Now! Daily! This count should be broadcast in all local media, press and radio/TV along with the time and tides, weather, news etc. The idea behind this is to cultivate a presently-absent public awareness of the horror and the constancy of what is taking place. At the moment we mainly ignore it. When everyone becomes aware of the situation, then solutions will surface.

It's coming up six years of continuously pouring uncountable gallons of deadly radioactive water into the fabulous, romantic, picturesque, massively-inhabited, maternal Pacific Ocean... the very ocean that makes Byron Bay famous. So we ask, "How long before the bad stuff gets here?" Dr Helen Caldicott has been saying for years, "Don't eat Pacific fish/seafood!" Not very many people I know follow this advice. But if anyone oughta know, she should!

I mean, should we be investing in a radioactivity-

proof wet-suit industry, surfboards, flippers... the lot? "Come to sunny Byron. The hottest waves on the coast!" The annual surf competitions and rallies jointly sponsored by the uranium industry and the Cancer Foundation. The fish shop sells all sorts of cooked fish, and they don't even need a stove. 'Radioactive Surfing' or 'Radsurf' as it's known, has become 'the thing!' "Fry your arse at the Pass!" is a popular T-shirt logo. Don't need the lighthouse any more... all the cliffs are glowing at night from the crashing sea spray.

The Byron health industry booms. Resorts spring up everywhere and people who don't live near the sea come for the healing ocean waters. A five-minute dip will remove all warts, moles and other unsightly protrusions, including varicose veins, even nose-hairs (yes, and your nose too, if you stay in too long.) It's a great way to get a Brazilian!

Being actually dumped by a wave is something like the equivalent of a simultaneous colonic irrigation and a non-organic coffee enema (using hot coffee!) Very painful, they tell me! And even on a cloudy day, and with all their clothes on, people get "sunburn" just walking along the beach, because the sand is radioactive from high tides.

The restaurant scene will change. There'll be no more raw food! It'll fry even as you prepare it. A rare steak will be a rarity and "well done" the motto of the day! Steak tartare is off the menu, oysters aren't what they used to be and you can't find a sashimi in town. The beach-front public barbecues will be permanently "on". The cocktail bars will be serving creations like

'meltdown', 'fusion' and who could resist 'cherry bloom' made with radioactive cherries imported from Japan. It even has its own fallout! When you're driving home the cops are likely to pull you over and test you with a geiger counter. "You're glowing, driver... that's over the limit! Better step out of the car and come with us!"

Anyway, I want to have one more go at getting attention drawn to the reality of FUKUSHIMA and my totally workable, so-far-ignored plan to save the planet (or something like that). We need to make the world fully aware of FUKUSHIMA and the current situation. Given mass awareness and focus, surely a global solution will emerge.

I appeal to Byron Council to permit, assist and help promote a FUKUSHIMA Tide concert on the beach and the carpark, featuring top local artists singing my, and other songwriters' songs relevant to the issue. The sooner the better! The Rainbow Region can be a light to the world.

We make a clip (using drones etc.) of a few thousand people singing the FUKUSHIMA song on our Pacific beach... and when the time comes, all the people in the clip (and beyond) support it by getting 20 of their friends to do catch-a-fire! I'm talking Youtube and all other social media... like, subscribe, spread the word, go viral, go global.

I just need a nod and a contact from Byron officialdom and we can get planning. My email is: mookx@mookx.com Web: <http://nimbinheart.com/fukushima.htm>

PS: I always use capitals when I spell FUKUSHIMA. It's the same as shouting.

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April-May Walks Program

Sunday 17th April Brummies Lookout

Leader: Bill Potter (0428-737-747)

Grade 3: Walk along Brummies Road in Mebbin National Park and ascend steep track to lookout with a spectacular view of western side of Mt Warning. The lookout is 600m above sea level and the southern view extends all the way to the Byron Bay lighthouse. Be warned that there is a risk of falling off a precipitous cliff if you get too near the edge.
Meet: 9am at car park just over the bridge on

Tyalgum Road as it enters Tyalgum. We will car pool to start of walk on Brummies Road.
Bring: water, lunch, hat

Sunday 1st May Goanna Headland (Evans Head)

Leader: Michele Alberth (6632-1214)

onthedridge@aapt.net.au

Grade 2-3: Beautiful walk around the Headland, poss. swimming (at your own risk, beach not patrolled). Possibly also exploring Dirrawong Reserve

Meet: 9.30am at Chinaman's Beach carpark, Evans Head

Bring: water, lunch, hat, maybe swimmers.

Weekend Camp 12th – 15th May Binna Burra – Lamington National Park

Leader: Peter Moyle 0412-656-498

peterdmoyle@optusnet.com.au

I am planning on arriving after lunch on the Friday and camping for 2 nights, those attending are welcome to come for two nights, one night or for day trips if it suits. Lamington's Teahouse is a coffee shop/basic store close by that offers all the usual and is open for breakfast and lunch and does gourmet pizza on the Saturday night and is also licensed. If you Google up Lamington National Park and Binna Burra Lodge there is heaps of info. The latter is a hotel that also offers full facility camping and also has on site canvas Safari Tents with timber floors and beds as well as the usual hotel/lodge options.

The camping area has the usual tent sites plus spots for motorhomes as well as camper trailers, and has BBQs and a camp kitchen that can also be used by those who choose to stay in the Safari Tents. If you are planning on staying overnight bookings need to be made with the Lodge either through their website: www.binnaburrallodge.com.au or by phone 1300-246-622 or (07) 5533-3622. Bookings for accommodation need to be made at least a few weeks in advance, the

earlier the better to guarantee your spot.

On the Saturday we are planning to do the walk from Binna Burra to O'Reilly's, a walk of 22km. Half the walkers will drive to O'Reilly's and walk back, while the others will return in the vehicles after walking through. We will meet for lunch about half way. Those not wanting to do the all-day trip will be catered for with shorter walks at Binna Burra. The Lamington National Park has Australia's largest remnant sub-tropical rainforest and has extensive well-formed and gently sloping walking tracks of varying lengths that offer rugged mountain scenery, breathtaking lookouts and gorgeous fern gullies.

Please let me know of your intentions to help planning the walks for this weekend and also to arrange the camp area. – Peter



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2016 Anzac Cup



Headers No.15 Chilo Pike watching his curved shot passing a valiant Byron Bay keeper



The Thistles keeper makes a fine save from Headers No.14

Sunday 6th March, Round 2 Nimbin Headers V Byron Bay

With only three minutes gone, Byron stun the Headers supporters by scoring as their No.10 picks up a pass and calmly slots the ball past the Headers keeper with the defence trying to keep up with play. 1-0

Then the Headers are on the attack – a nice ball is played through to a forward who hits a snap shot on the turn which the Byron keeper had to get down quickly, to stop the equaliser.

Headers frontman Beau Grabovsky is released with a lovely pass, then beating two defenders, he pushes the ball past the keeper who trips him, and as he stumbles trying to regain his feet the ball runs out over the goal line. The referee has no hesitation in awarding a penalty which the fouled player thumped low and hard past the keeper who dived the right way but could not get down in time, making the score one each.

Half an hour in, the Headers get a free kick on the eastern sideline when Ruben Mack is bowled over the line. The free kick is taken by midfielder Leon Kindermann, who smacks the ball over the top of players gathered in the penalty box. The ball falls and curls left towards the net and the Byron keeper has to jump in the air to take it.

Nimbin Headers get a corner kick; Leon Kindermann steps up to take it and thumps the ball in... it floats over the keeper and is headed off the line at the far post.

With four minutes left in the first half, Headers Leon Kindermann gets a free kick and finds forward Phil Courtney who hit a curling ball at the goal but the Byron keeper, Bob Kempnich holds it well. So at the break, the score is Nimbin Headers 1 Byron Bay 1.

This game was played in hot conditions and was very energy-sapping for the players.

With the second half underway, Headers player Chilo Pike collects a pass on the halfway line and, passing one defender, takes the ball down the right hand sideline then pushing the ball past another player and regathering the ball, heads inside towards the box and, out-running another defender, hits a shot that curls just under the bar and inside the post giving the Byron keeper no chance. 2-1 to the Headers.

Three minutes later, the Bay keeper pulls off a great diving save.

Next, a lovely pass by Chilo Pike on the left wing finds the on-running Beau Grabovsky who puts the ball just inside the left hand post with the keeper struggling to get there: Headers 3 Byron 1.

Another attack from the Headers produces a fine save from the Bay keeper, and after that a shot from the Headers just skims the bar. Soon after, a free kick is awarded to Byron after a collision with their keeper in the air.

The next attack by Beau Grabovsky produces another save from the Byron keeper, then down at the southern end Byron are through, but the forward shoots wide.

With 15 minutes to go in the match, the Headers have a corner and a shot on goal by forward Phil Courtney is saved again by keeper Bob Kempnich, who is putting in a man of the match performance.

Byron are attacking and have a shot, but again over the bar. Some nice passing football by the Headers finds Phil Courtney who lays off a ball for Beau Grabovsky, and as the keeper rushes out he places the ball just inside the left-hand post to put the Headers up 4-1.

With time running out, Byron are on the attack and get a free kick on the goal line just outside the box, and from it a well-timed header by a Byron player back across and over the keeper produces a well-deserved goal to make the score line respectable.

And the match finishes Nimbin Headers 4, Byron Bay Rams 2. A very entertaining game under oppressive conditions.

Sunday 13th March, Round 3 Lismore Thistles V Nimbin Headers

The Headers go to this game with many players out through injuries. Two of the injured players at the ground decided to play, just to help the team out.

With only a few minutes gone, Headers give the home team a penalty

that was put away: 1-0 to Thistles.

Then two minutes later, a cross from the left into the box caught the Headers defence out. A single Thistles player ghosts into the box unseen and jumps up to head the ball, getting a faint touch on it that sent it beyond the keeper: 2-0 Thistles.

About quarter time, there's a break by Thistles down the right wing. The ball is crossed to a player in the middle of the box who slams it into the net, but the linesman has his flag up for offside. The Headers dodged a bullet there.

On 37 minutes, Thistles go up 3-0 and it's looking like a long day for

receiving a yellow card, and after the restart Thistles get their fourth goal from excellent passing and a nice put-away: 4-2.

The Headers keeper makes another fine save to keep his team in with a slim chance of saving the game.

Thistles on the attack again, and a Headers defender gets deliberately pushed off the ball with the guilty Thistles forward passing the ball across the goal to an on-running player in the middle, giving the Headers keeper no chance. Thistles 5 Headers 2.

Another attack by the Headers and Phil Courtney nets a goal to put some



Byron Bay No.10 scoring a goal on the 3-minute mark



Headers defender Kyle Chaplin hold off a Thistles attacker

the Headers.

And the first half finishes Lismore Thistles 3 Nimbin Headers 0.

The second half begins with the Headers surprising the Thistles as Beau Grabovsky slots a ball in after breaking away, to make the score Thistles 3-1.

Two fantastic point-blank saves in a row by the Headers keeper stops Thistles from wrapping up the game.

Headers player Phil Courtney runs infield past a Thistles player and curls the ball around the keeper to put the Headers back into the game at 3-2 down.

A Headers player gets booked,

respectability into the Headers' score line. So the Headers scored three goals against a very good team.

Sunday 20th March, Round 4 Tintenbar V Nimbin Headers

After the trouble the Headers had last week with injuries, there were only nine players available for this game, and the only thing they got out of the match was more injured players as the ground was waterlogged and should not have been played on.

Tintenbar romped home winning 13-2. The Headers should have forfeited and given them a 3-0 win.

Life and death in Central America

by Warwick Fry

“Berta Caceres Vive!” (“Berta Caceres Lives”). This is the slogan of the street marches and graffiti of almost every town and city in Honduras, and appearing on scores of web pages and blogs since her assassination on 3rd March; or in the words of journalist and activist Karen Spring (based in Honduras for ten years), “Berta Caceres did not die, she multiplied”.

Karla Lara, Honduras’ best known female vocalist, author and singer of protest songs, described the popular mobilisations as being on the scale of the months of popular protest after the coup of 2009, while Canadian journalist Jesse Freeston described her assassination as significant as the assassination of Archbishop Arnulfo Romero in El Salvador in 1980, which triggered the twelve year civil war there.

Berta was winner of the 2015 Goldman Prize, also known as the “Green Nobel”, for grassroots environmental activism. (One of the first prizewinners when it was set up in 1990 was Australia’s Bob Brown). It was awarded in recognition of her work in organising the resistance to the illegal construction of the El Zarco dam on indigenous Lenca land for over a year. She was assassinated just a day after she had returned from organising a blockade there, where it was said that she was involved in a verbal confrontation with the manager of the site and a private security guard.

Beverly Bell writes (<http://otherworldsarepossible.org/bertha-lives-life-and-legacy-bertha-caceres>) of the work of COPINH since it was founded by Berta in 1990: “COPINH has successfully reclaimed ancestral lands, winning unheard-of communal land titles. They have stalled or stopped dams, logging operations, and mining exploration – not to mention free-trade agreements. They have prevented many precious and sacred places from being plundered and destroyed.”

This is not to mention her formidable work for Lesbi-Gay and Transgender rights and the reputation she gained for her work in the women’s movement.

Naturally this work earned her powerful enemies, especially after the 2009 coup when she played a prominent leadership role in the Popular Resistance movement. When I interviewed her in November 2013, she was under house



arrest under a concocted charge of being in possession of an illegal firearm. (This and other charges were later dismissed). Since she had begun organising the resistance to the construction of the Zarco dam over two years ago, the harassment escalated to numerous death threats. The OAS called on the Honduras government to provide her with security, yet in spite of this government ‘protection’ two armed assassins entered the back door of her house and killed her.

The government response was to try to make it look like an ‘inside job’. In the subsequent ‘investigation’ five members of COPINH were detained and held for several days and subjected to heavy interrogation. A Mexican visiting Berta, and the only witness (he was also wounded and escaped by feigning death) was almost abducted by Honduras police. It was only the intervention of the Mexican Ambassador that saved him as he was attempting to board a flight for Mexico.

A shocked world reacted when a few days after her assassination a COPINH colleague, Nelson Garcia was also shot and killed (although over a dozen COPINH activists have been murdered over the years). Two of the remaining investors in the Zarco dam project – a Dutch and a Finnish investor – immediately pulled out, along with US\$50 million in funding. 250 Academics and Environmental and Human Rights organisations signed an open letter to John Kerry to withdraw funding to the Honduras military. A group of US congressmen also lobbied



for the US to withdraw support for the Honduras government and to call for an independent investigation into the assassination.

The political violence prevalent in Honduras is often masked under the coup regime (and its US supporters – the FBI was present at the interrogation of Gustavo Castro Soto) as criminal violence. Easy to do while Honduras is rated as ‘the murder capital of the world’ with the highest per capita homicide rate. El Salvador has been a close second at times, depending on the fluctuating levels of gang violence.

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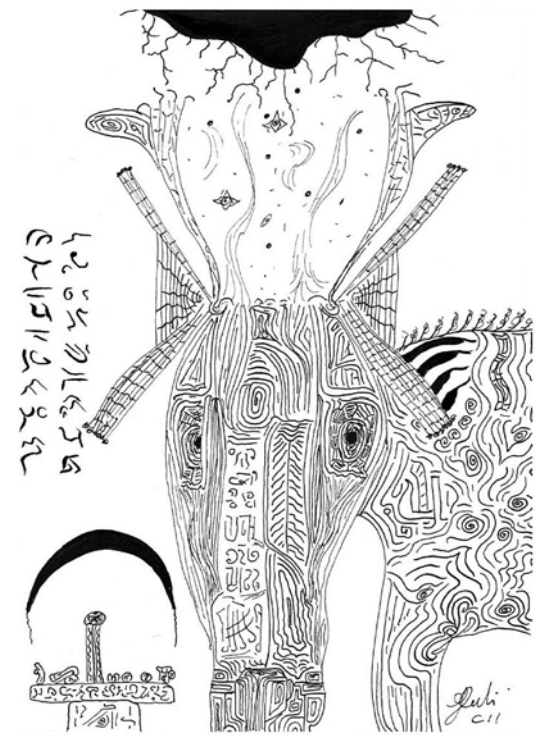
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