

ASTRO FORECASTS BY TINA MEWS

YOUR MONTHLY REVIEW OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HEAVENS

October

At last month's spring equinox (23rd September), we entered the zodiacal domain of Libra, the sign that is most concerned with relationships and their dynamics. Librans are said to be idealistic and socially inclined. They are forever seeking to establish a 'fair' balance between themselves and their partners. In general, partnership issues are always the focus of our attention at this time of the year. Venus and Mars, the two planetary force fields that rule all matters of love, passion and relating are both passing through emotional intense and secretive Scorpio (conjunction was on 3 October) at the moment. Additionally, Venus will be retrograde between 8 October and 17 November, so we can expect relationship dramas to intensify, especially concerning sexuality, money, work and the correct amount of commitment to each other's course. Let's be willing to consciously create open channels for honest emotional interchange, because many of us will have to deal with longtime build-ups of personal and collective baggage. Scorpio energy is powerful; it attracts or repels, heals or destroys.

What's more, we are about to finish a 584 day Venus-Sun cycle, with the new one starting on the 29th. Up to that moment in time, we might have to do some rethinking and restructuring of our habitual patterns especially in regards to relating, but also with reference to our entire value system. The task is to contemplate and reflect upon whatever we feel passionate about. Who is driving the chariot, what are the motives behind? Do our value judgments align with our current life's direction and purpose? On a collective level, many cultural, social and religious beliefs are in the process of shifting; a new set of values can be seeded. We may help and actively speed up this evolutionary development with a deep felt willingness to truthfully examine our long-held grievances and fears, and then move into a different more liberated space. The new Venus cycle takes us all the way to June 2012. Not everything can be carried over to the next great cycle. Needing less on all levels might be best for everybody involved, including the planet.



Aries

Relationship issues will be on your mind, maybe even causing you some headaches. It includes both personal and business partnerships. Things might have to be reorganized, and a new perspective has to be brought in. On the other hand, it could well be a time for self-renewal, if you manage to control your emotions.

Taurus

In your emotional life you might have reached a climax point; relationships could take on a different dimension, while you are looking for new values and meaning. Avoid being possessive; instead attempt to establish a balance of shared responsibilities, where everybody involved has to pull their share of the load.

Gemini

The focus right now is on your creative expression and how to release your creative energy through your everyday activities. Your values in regards to work and daily routine are changing and you feel more than usual emotional about what you do. Follow your impulse to work for a

new and better life, but take care of your physical and mental energy.

Cancer

At the moment, your desire for more happiness and fulfillment is testing your equally strong need for security. Examine your values and beliefs and align yourself with your highest known truth; then act with strength that derives from your own inner centre.

Leo

Harmonious family relationships are important for you; they are the reflection of your inner strength. However, changes are part of life and all value systems are under scrutiny right now. Traditions, which lost their meaning, need to be discharged and old family karma can be dealt with now.

Virgo

You are recognized for your incredible analytical faculties. However, holding onto opinions too strongly could cause problems in your relationships at the moment. Attempt not to hide behind your defenses, instead establish new ways of communicating your feelings.

Libra

This is a truth-finding time. More than ever before you are asked to make decisions and let your real values known to the world around you. Examine any attachments to old fears, material possessions and non-regenerative habit patterns especially in regards to relationships. There might be a need for re-orientation and renewal.

Scorpio

For sure, you will need to proceed with extra caution in these emotionally intense times. Pay attention to your impulses and investigate the motives behind. On which level do you intend to operate: the resentful and destructive scorpion, or the idealistic and high aiming eagle, or even the phoenix - the magical bird that rises from the ashes of its old self?

Sagittarius

The memory of what truly feels right is stirring in your subconscious. The chance is that non-integrated impulses could take over, casting a shadow over what you aim to accomplish. It is

essential to assimilate your past and distill its meaning. This process will clear the way for a new start with a more refined set of values.

Capricorn

'No man is an island onto himself'. At this moment in time cooperation and tolerance in your dealings with others will pave the way towards the attainment of your goals. There is a need to question your habitual ideals of living and replace isolationist attitudes with humanitarian concerns and altruism.

Aquarius

What is your 'work in the world'? You are in the process of reformulating your values and redesigning the role that you would like to play in the greater collective. Avoid being too self-centred; instead be willing to give your best. Act with the right spirit and you will

attract the support of others.

Pisces

At this moment in time you might be passionately seeking a new philosophy to live by. Try to delve into the deeper layers of your values and understand how they shape your emotions. You might feel like sharing your insights with others, which could help in healing old wounds.

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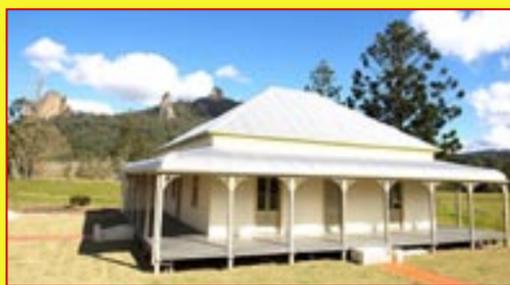
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Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps

Reviewed by Stephen Wright

You'd think that resurrecting Gordon Gekko amid the ruins of the global financial meltdown would give a director who is alleged to have some political nous, like Oliver Stone, the opportunity to take a ball labelled "Disaster Capitalism Sucks" and really whale it out of the park.

But like *Green Zone*, a film I reviewed a few months ago, *Wall Street 2* takes aim at its target, and after making a whole lot of promises and a whole lot of noise, fails to pull the trigger.

Released from an eight-year stint in prison in 2001 for various financial crimes, and finding that the shady antics he used to get up to are now mainstream market practice, a haggard Gordon Gekko (Michael Douglas), starts to re-brand himself as a prophet of doom for the coming financial storm.

Several years later Wall Street trader Jake Moore (Shia LeBoeuf, who appears to be about twelve years old)

is shackled up with Gekko's estranged daughter, Winnie, (Carey Mulligan – last seen by me a couple of years ago in the now legendary *Dr Who* episode, 'Blink'). Moore is also raising millions for cold fusion research that will apparently save the world and "make a difference."

Stone's film quickly establishes that there are Good Capitalists – who live in humble Manhattan apartments decorated with throw rugs and Mexican pottery and only want to invest in Green Power – and Bad Capitalists, who are oily, cowardly, greedy sociopaths who buy expensive art and smoke cigars the size of your arm.

Jake Moore is a Good Capitalist, and his mentor, Good Capitalist Lewis Zabel (Frank Langella) throws himself under a train when the financial meltdown comes along, after being shafted by Evil Capitalist Billionaire, Brenton James (Josh Brolin). Zabel was already in despair anyway, bewailing the 'old days' when he knew everyone on Wall St and there were no pesky Chinese with

unpronounceable names to deal with.

Anyway, Jake Moore is very angry about all this and resolves to bring down Evil Capitalist James, save the world with Fusion Power and reunite girlfriend Winnie Gekko with Dad. To do this he enters into a secret alliance with Gordon who also wants payback on James and in between sheds tears of regret at his failed fathering abilities.

By the time we work all this out, the film is in serious trouble. Gekko's major speech when launching his book *Is Greed Good?* to an audience of ordinary folk, is supposed to be a scathing attack on the market system that has brought the world to the brink of disaster.

By any standard, it should be the platform that launches the film. What we get is fairly lame pontificating in a trite speech that tries to flap its wings but crashes ignominiously into the shrubbery. Gekko's moral trajectory takes something of



the same flight-path. First he repents, then he's evil, then he repents again, and so on and so forth.

The Good Capitalists win and the world is saved. The system continues but now it is a force for Good. Political realities, such as the fact that having used taxpayer dollars to shore up a corrupt system, governments now expect us to submit to "austerity measures" to pay back the debt while banker bonuses skyrocket again, are conveniently ignored.

The fact that the system is broke and can't be fixed, that Green Capitalism is something of an oxymoron, also gets lost in what is frankly a bizarre exercise in political excuse-making.

Nimbin Crossword

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by 5ynic



Across

1. Twig blossom
3. Break out of jail? Fresh water emerges
7. Swear word
8. Nightgown? Fall
10. Perch-family gamefish
13. With hard growth(s) on the head – e.g. a unicorn or certain toads
15. (and 25 across) British/Austrian built car (5,6)
18. Corporate-speak for BS (Init)
19. N2O (ha ha ha)
21. North East (init.)
24. Cuban drum
25. See 15 across.
28. What plants grow in (other than hydroponic solution)
29. See 22 down.
31. Make smooth by rubbing with an abrasive surface?
32. Neaten (4,2)
33. Gunge

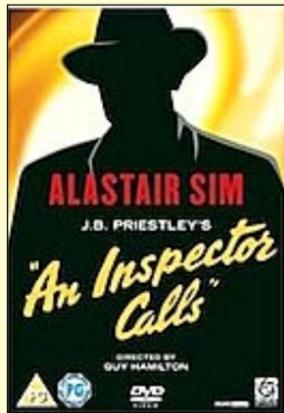
Down

2. Gang hard man
3. Quiet!
4. Ready coffee beans for grinding
5. Non-smoking (Init.)
6. Scottish valley
9. Polymers and monomers of fossil fuels, some of which never decompose
11. Not having enough? Socially awkward
12. Thus
14. Scam
16. Rust, for example
17. Picked 1st, 2nd and 3rd!
18. "Mottled", or cowboy beans
20. Contained by? (2,2)
22. (and 29 across) newspaper, radio, or TV counsellor (5,4)
23. Horribly boring card game
24. Twisted
26. Commies?
27. Exists?
30. Manuka tree
31. Editors mark – "check spelling!"

Reviews from the Crypt

by Stephen Wright

An Inspector Calls: J.B. Priestly (1945)



You can't trust fame. Not that I would know, but one has only to take a peek at the histories of literature or music to see how the famous and acclaimed become the derided, or the forgotten. J.B. Priestley was one of the world's most famous writers, during his life turning out plays, novels, travel books and so on.

As a playwright, he packed houses across several continents, and his most popular play was *An Inspector Calls*, a play later made into a film with Alistair Sim in the title role. Priestley became obsessed with the idea that all time recurs, that we do the same thing over and over, that time is endless and circular. He grafted the idea onto several plays, but most notably in *An Inspector Calls*.

A provincial and insular bourgeois family, gathered one night at the family home are suddenly visited by a police inspector making enquiries about the suicide of a young woman. The inspector seems to have an almost supernatural knowledge about the way the family is connected with the dead woman, and one by one all their dark secrets are revealed.

But who is the Inspector? Is he even real? What does he really want? It's hard to take Priestley seriously in his novels. Even though his politics were progressive – he was a founder of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament – he seems strangely old-fashioned in his style. But *An Inspector Calls* is worth revisiting, a great idea beautifully constructed.

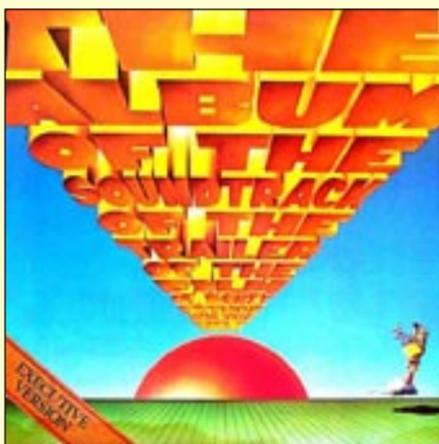
Monty Python: The Album of the Soundtrack of the Trailer of the Film of Monty Python and the Holy Grail (1975)

The witch-burning scene in Monty Python and the Holy Grail, is one of the funniest things the Python crew ever did, I think.

On the little-known album that accompanied the film, John Cleese as a demented logician demolishes Sir Bedevere's logical proofs of witchery – if she weighs the same as a duck, she's made of wood – before embarking on a mad rant about his sex-starved, illogical wife.

By 1975 the Pythons were ready to take on the big screen, and the entire album

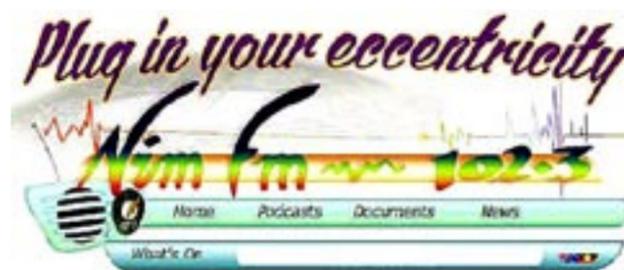
is presented as a kind of footnote to the film, a sort of seedy soundtrack to stardom, set at Holy Grail's imaginary launch in a decrepit cinema apparently located on the Silbury Hill neolithic earth mound. Scenes from the film are interspersed with brilliant and hilarious skits with cinematic themes; the glittering premiere of Holy Grail in London where celebrity car crashes result in the body parts of film stars scattered over the red carpet; an interview with a film director who claims



to have made a film starring the deceased Marilyn Monroe and so on.

Lines from the Holy Grail film have entered common parlance now. Phrases such as, 'One day lad, all this will be yours'; 'How do you know she is a witch?'; 'What is the airspeed velocity of an unladen swallow?'; 'Your mother was a hamster' and 'Good idea O Lord!' evoke a kind of wit, political sensibility and intelligence that not only hasn't dated but now seems more relevant, and urgently required than ever.

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My Mother is a Crazy Dog Lady

by Beau, as told to Caroline Ladewig

Beau's crazy mother is a volunteer carer who brings home all sorts of foster 'kids'.

Charlie

Our household was pretty quiet after Poppy left. It was just me and Jackson. As much as I hate to admit it, it was nice having him around. The serenity didn't last long though. It was only about a week before Mumma C came home with a black puppy.

The black puppy was called Zoe. I think she was Lab X with many things. Zoe's name was changed to Rani, and then to Charlie. It took Mumma C a while to work out what suited her.

While puppies were cute to have around and they got us lots of attention at the beach, they were also a lot of cleaning up for poor Mumma A. There was lots of couch time cuddles with Charlie, but lucky for me she had to sleep in the hotel with Jackson so I was back in the bed with the mummies!

Our beach walks were slowed down quite considerably with Charlie. Firstly there was the constant stopping so random people could gush over her. This really sucked for me because I was getting no random stranger love anymore. Everyone wanted to pat the cute puppy. Then there was all the rests for the poor little baby. Charlie would just stop walking and sit down when she was tired. Mumma C would often forget that Charlie didn't



have the stamina of me and Jackson and would walk us way too far down the beach. She'd then end up having to carry Charlie all the way back. This of course resulted in lots more gushing by random strangers.

I was a bit concerned that Charlie would be another keeper, just like the other Charlie. Fortunately though after just three weeks a family came to look at Charlie and loved her. If they didn't want her there were lots of people at Lennox beach that were interested anyway!

The family that looked at Charlie came back to pick her up at the ARRG adoption day. There had been a box of unwanted puppies dumped at the Centre the day before the adoption, so there was quite a bit of competition for new loving homes. Charlie was one of the lucky ones that day.

For my family, it was back to just me and Jackson, again.

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What's in a word?

by Brendan Hanley

I miss Bum. I really do. I don't mean I miss bums. There's still plenty of them around, and a lot of them are extremely hard to miss.

No, I mean I miss the word "bum"... and "butt" or "ass" simply won't do. An ass is a bloody donkey. A butt is the arse end of a cigarette, not a person... and I personally think cigarette butts have a much more offensive odour than most bums. Ask any dog.

On the aesthetic side of things, the word "bum" is soft and round and smooth and... well... everything a bum should be. An "m" is heaps better than a double "t" and even looks like a bum. And when you see a nice bum go by you say "mmmmmm... nice bum"... not "ttttttt... nice butt!"

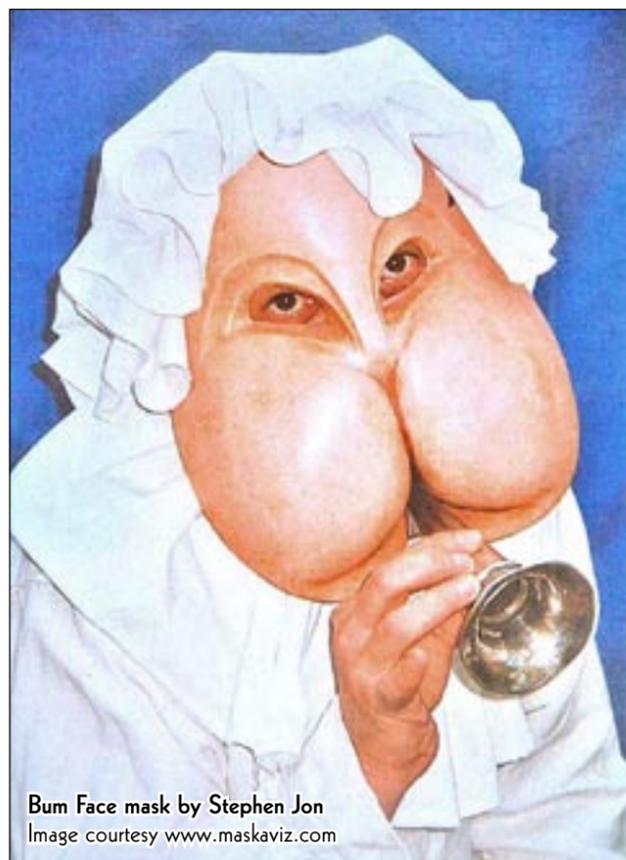
It's blatant Americanese. Americans say "shoot" for "shit", "bathroom" for "toilet", "ass" for "arse" and "blowjob" for preferred ex-presidential pranks. They even say "blow



when they mean "suck!" It's a whitewash mentality. Trouble is, if you go around saying "shoot" in America somebody's liable to.

For decades the Yanks have referred to vaginas as "beavers", but these days "pussy" rules. I wonder if it's because in real life the beavers are being wiped out by feral cats the same as our Aussie wildlife. Pussy is "fanny" in Oz, fanny is also another word for "butt" in the US which is "bum" in Oz, which is also "hobo" in America. Are you confused enough yet? Do you know your bum from your fanny or your butt from your pussy?

Actually the word "tits"



Bum Face mask by Stephen Jon
Image courtesy www.maskaviz.com

has become acceptable in America now too, almost replacing boobs, jugs and hooters. It's the sanitized expression of a society with butts for bums, dicks for brains, shoot for shit, band-aids on its nipples and pubes, and sex that happens on a

screen you pay for with your credit card.

And all this because Americans don't say bum, and lately, neither do lots of Australians.

Dunno about you but... I miss bum!

More from Brendan next month.

Fruit of the vine

by Terry Beltrane

It's a Sweet Thing

With the new global labelling laws being introduced regarding wine nomenclature, we wine drinkers are going to have to get used to some new names on wine labels. Australia does however, make a couple of wine styles that are considered generic i.e. they are unique to us and not reproduced elsewhere. These wines include the famous Liqueur Muscat and Liqueur Tokay wines (commonly referred to as Muscat and Tokay) from the Rutherglen district of NE Victoria. ("Sparkling Burgundy" is another but we'll deal with that one some other time). Made respectively from the Frontignac and Tokay grape varieties these wines are made from overripe fruit that has begun to dehydrate and shrivel to an almost raisin appearance on the vine; and they need a long, hot and dry summer to do so. If fermented to dryness, where all the natural sugars are converted into alcohol, these grapes would yield alcohol concentrations of 20-30% in the finished wine, well beyond the levels in which



wine yeast normally function.

Most table wines are fermented to 'dryness', i.e. no residual grape sugar, is left in the wine and are commonly within the 11-15% alcohol range. On the other hand fortified wines (strengthened by the addition of grape wine spirit) are usually around 18% in alcohol concentration. This concentration of alcohol prevents any residual natural grape sugars from being 'attacked' by yeast and re fermenting, thus spoiling the wine. Grapes for Muscat and Tokay, being exceptionally concentrated in sugar and flavour, with fortification, produce wines of intense varietal character and sugar levels so high as to earn the classification of "Liqueur" in style: and are truly magnificent.

Once made, these wines are placed in small oak barrels and stored in a hot environment, usually a corrugated iron shed, and left to mature for at least two years before bottling. The better examples are matured in this environment for several years, some as long as twenty years or more, resulting in wines with an unctuous mouth feel in texture and of extraordinary complexity and length of flavour. Muscats are commonly described as "fruit cake and raisins" in flavour and Tokay as "black tea, toffee and caramel". Older wines additionally exhibit molasses and butterscotch flavours adding to the

ambrosial character of these fabulous wines. The hot maturation conditions result in substantial evaporation of water from the wine (and therefore more concentration of flavour, sugar and alcohol) and each year there's less wine in the barrel. Winemakers call this "the angels share". You'll rarely see a vintage date listed on these wines as they are, for the most part, blended from barrels (casks) of wines of different age. This allows the winemaker to 'stretch out' the older stuff which adds complexity and aged characteristics to the more recently made fruity younger wines.

Given the very low juice yields from these shrivelled grapes and the amount of work and time in making them, these wines are ridiculously inexpensive to buy, simply because there is little demand for them - buggered if I know why? Amongst the better examples, wines from Seppelt, Morris, Buller's and Chamber's wineries are of excellent quality and can be bought locally for around \$10-15. You can pay up to \$50 for the top of the range 'show wines'.

Before our cooler nights start getting warmer, get yourself a bottle, instead of that bar of chocolate, and blissfully sip and savour after dinner - you won't be disappointed. And by the way, because these wines are fortified, they'll keep for months after opening, if you can keep your hands off them.

Meat raffle has juicy results

The Blue Knob and Nimbin Fire Brigades were swimming in meat when Damian and Chris at Nimbin Trailers donated 28 meat trays prepared by Damian, and Will and Warren from the Nimbin Butchery/Bakery.

Damian's brainwave was to raffle all the meat trays at once - one ticket takes all! Tray Transport was supplied by Peter Robinson from Nimbin Lifestyle Real Estate in the form of a trolley.

Volunteers from the Fire Brigades sold the raffle tickets in the three days leading up to the Nimbin Show, and demand was hot from meat-eaters and volunteer fire brigade supporters.

The raffle generated over \$1600 (including donations) for the purchase of fire fighting equipment. The winner was Vera from the Dunoon community sports club - probably just in time for the AFL and NRL grand final BBQs.

Most enthusiastic raffle ticket buyers award goes to those in Rainbow Lane - thanks. It's this community spirit and generosity that helps keep vital services such as the fire brigade functioning, and it's greatly appreciated.

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Nimbin Bushwalkers: Weeds, weeds and Wanganui

by Len Martin

As a 16-year old ten pound pom in the nineteen fifties, I grew up in pristine Hawkesbury Sandstone bushland in the outer Sydney suburb of Padstow. Fantastic floral diversity – no massive weed infestations. Amazing insect diversity – long since gone as a result of insecticides and, I suspect, those cane roads of the insect world – European honey bees.

The amount of destruction of Australian ecosystems in my short lifetime has been horrendous – and the destruction continues. Hence my angst on two recent bush-

walks. The first a 4hr circuit from Nimbin Rocks Co-op, the circuit track having recently been completed to give regenerators access to important rainforest remnants – the major barrier being lantana. The many attempts at biological control of lantana have failed and it continues to obstruct regeneration.

We walked through varied woodland. On drier slopes with near-complete canopy, lantana is sparse, but in damper areas it thrives, climbing and smothering wattles and she-oaks. One area with remnants of a magnificent palm grove,

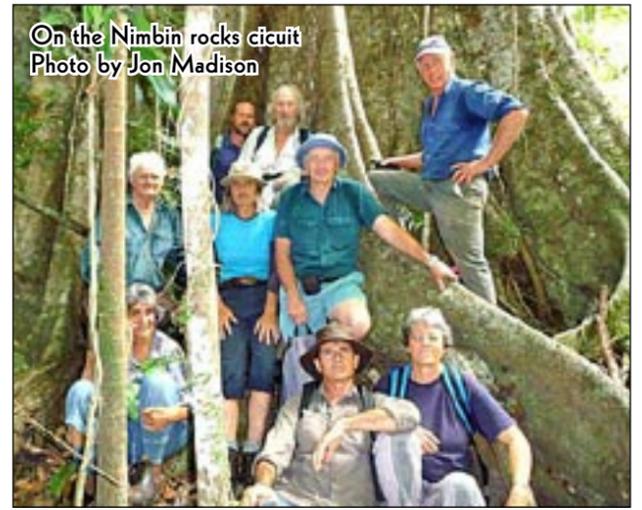
destroyed by fire in the eighties, is now a sea of lantana through which nothing regenerates and which prevents regenerative extension of a large rainforest remnant with massive figs, big red cedar and Richmond Birdwing butterflies. The track cuts through similar lantana patches which isolate several smaller but superb rainforest remnants. With access, local regenerators have the opportunity to help these remnants expand to their former glory. It can be done, as we have seen in rainforest remnants elsewhere on the coast.

Three of us left a day early

for the Angourie Overnight Camping Walk - in part, due to forecast of rain on the Sunday, but also because Kay and I had not back-packed for some years and were unsure how we'd manage carrying overnight camping gear, food and water more than 5km along the coast to Little Shelley Beach: "easy walking... wildflowers, bird watching and coastal landscape" (to quote our intrepid leader).

As for carrying gear, it was a doddle, modern hi-tech packs do make it easy. The day was grey and cold - but all the better for walking loaded. As for the wild flowers they were magnificent – some of the best we have seen – but alas only in patches – patches which brought home how much has been lost – destroyed by Bloody Bitou (African Bone Seed) - for that is the dominant vegetation over this stretch of coast, despite the valiant efforts (much in evidence) of National Parks to control it.

Bitou, introduced by sandminers to help "rehabilitate" the dunes they had destroyed, is a nightmare weed, infinitely worse than lantana, that has smothered and destroyed tens of thousands of hectares of coastal native vegetation over much of the eastern seaboard of NSW – don't



start me on miners paying taxes on their stupendous profits! Little Shelley Beach campsite is very pleasant, despite the ever-present Bitou and remnant sick Sheoaks. A spectacular ocean rock platform adjoins, but there were no encrusting worms, barnacles, algal growths, cunje - none of the rich biological diversity that were on 1950's rock platforms. Gone, perhaps, because of anti-fouling agents leaching from passing ships?

Despite my ecological doom and gloom, both walks were very enjoyable. At Little Shelley beach, we were joined on the Saturday by the rest of our group to walk south towards Lake Arragan and back (lots and lots and lots of BB). On Sunday we struck camp in the dry for a pleasant return to Angourie where the rains finally broke. As for me, I usually take gloves and don't consider it a real walk unless I've pulled a few lantana plants, or in this case, Bloody Bitou. Alas, for various reasons, the usual stalwarts could not join Michael Smith for September's final walk into the lantana-infested depths of Wanganui Gorge. Fortunately, Michael came upon three wood nymphs in the wilderness, thus making it an "Official Bush Walk"

(minimum of 3 persons required). So, I leave Michael to give his account of this idyll:

Our mid-week Spring walk was to Wanganui Gorge. I had the pleasure of escorting three ladies through this wonderland of cliffs, palms, rainforest and water. The substantial and determined Coopers Creek is wide enough here to part the canopy and let sunshine into the rain forest. Waters, darkened from recent rain, swirled around mossy boulders, a perfect place to share good company and munch through lunch.

This 3km walk has a cloud over it. Starting at the end of Upper Coopers Creek Road, you must first pass a new sign indicating that the walk is closed. I wrote to Byron Bay Council six months ago asking about the implications of this sign, and still await an answer. From there on the rest of the signs are in place, indicating the route. Just before we left on our walk another group also headed off. It is my opinion that as the track has seen no maintenance for a long time, this sign is there to limit liability, an insurance thing.

Wanganui Gorge, bold, neglected and beautiful. Do it as often as you can.



Loaded at Angourie
Photo by Michael Smith

Walks Program October

Saturday 9th October Mt Barney Lower Portals

Leader Don Durrant (6633-3138 at night)
Grade 4, 8km, 3hr return, classed as "easy grade 4" by leader with no steep or rocky bits and clear track. Great swimming hole and possibility of Rock Wallabies. Also option for the more intrepid to venture a further 0.5km up stream (via steep and rocky bits) to Barney Gorge.

Meet 7.30am Nimbin car park; 8am Kyogle Information Centre at bottom of town, then in convoy via Summerland Way, Mt Lindesay Highway, left onto Mt Barney Rd., left onto Upper Logan Rd and thence to Lower Portals car park for walk start at 9.45am. Bring food for lunch, water, swimmers. Camping option available at Flanagan's Reserve (07 5544 3128) just up the road from the car park – looks good [Google it] \$6 per adult per night with hot showers. Martins plan to go there Friday and stay over Saturday night.

Tuesday 12th October Blue Springs to Blue Knob Return

Leader Judy Hales (6689-1477)
Grade 5 4h return - a strenuous, short, steep climb up ridge to a lookout with panoramic views, but we will take it slowly. The really adventurous can, with the aid of a rope, then scale a small steep section to reach some grand forest on the top. The route up the ridge is well shaded and features fantastic Grass Tree Forests

Meet 9am Nimbin car park, 9.15am at the end of Symonds Road. Bring food and water.

Saturday 30th October Nightcap Range South of Mt Neville

Leader Judy Hales (6689-1477, or call secretary on 6689-0254)
Grade 4 (5 for waterfall), 8hr return mostly on old forestry roads Features Pholis Gap lookout, 3 historic forestry bridges, rainforest, cliff top, waterfall and view. Long walk, needs early start so we have easy pace to enjoy rainforest. Not very steep, just long steady climbs and descents (except for waterfall option). Fairly easy gradients, not difficult just a long way.

Meet 8am Nimbin car park, 8.20am Mt Nardi. Bring food and water.

DAY WALK GRADINGS: Grade 1-2 (Easy-medium) Opportunity to walk in natural environment. Suitable for beginners; Grade 3 (Medium) Opportunity to walk on defined and distinct tracks with some steep sections requiring moderate level of fitness Suitable for beginners; Grade 4-5 (Medium-Hard) Steeper, rougher terrain, off-track sections. Opportunity to explore/ discover relatively undisturbed natural environments mostly on defined and distinct tracks. Tracks can be steep. May be short sections of rock scrambling. Not suitable for beginners.

We are always looking for new walks and new leaders. Unless otherwise specified, visitors (non members) welcome, but will be required to pay a fee of \$5 per walk – deducted from membership fee when they join Club. Membership \$15/ head to Treasurer Kay Martin, PO Box 61 Nimbin 2480, phone 6689-0254. Visit <http://nimbinbushwalker.byethost7.com>

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Nimbin Garden Club Notes



Words and pictures by Gil Schilling

Terania Creek Garden

Despite the mostly crappy weather we have been experiencing so far this Spring, the club's visit to Jude Hill's Terania Creek garden took place on a beautifully clear and sunny Saturday afternoon late last month.

Jude, with help from her partner Pete, has spent the past couple of decades carefully designing, planting and working on her garden, and it shows in her award winning results.

This medium sized garden is divided into a number of rooms; each screened by native and exotic trees and shrubs and linked by meandering pathways. Each room in turn features grouped plantings of perennials and flowering shrubs as focal points.

Some notable flowering displays on the day were striped Hippeastrums, orange-red Clivias, large bright yellow torch lilies and the reliable Strelitzia reginae. Examples of Jude's quirky garden art distributed throughout also added to the visual richness of this garden. A good number of members, as well as visitors, thoroughly enjoyed Jude's informative tour before taking afternoon tea and generally catching up.

Last, an extra big thank-you to Jude for generously sharing some of her bromeliads with those who promised to give them

a good home. Again, the swap table was popular - thanks to those who brought something along.

Club Christmas Party

A reminder to members that the club's Christmas party will be held at the Blue Knob hall gallery and café on Sunday 21st November at 12 Noon.

An Italian Buffet is the plan, at a club-subsidized cost of \$15 per member. Pre-payment to treasurer, Den Braidwood is required before the end of October.

Hippies at Next Meeting!

The next meeting of the club will be at Joanne Lane's Hippeastrum garden, 945 Boyle Road, Coffee Camp at 2pm on Saturday 16th October. Look for the Nimbin Garden Club sign.

In addition to a fine collection of Hippies, Joanne's garden also features an extensive collection of Bromeliads.

As always please bring a small plate to share, a chair to sit on and your cup. And don't forget the club swap table - if you have some surplus garden material (seedlings, cuttings, fruit and veggies, preserves etc), please bring them along.

Members' guests, visitors and prospective new members are always very welcome. For more information about the club, please contact either Michael (6689-7193) or Denise (6689-9324).



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Reflections on the Finals from a Coffee Drinking Soccer Fanatic

by Gary Whisker

A huge weekend of fantastic soccer for the Headers began with a sun drenched grand final at Oaks Oval involving the mighty grade 11's. Our opponents were the point score champions, Alstonville, a strong team full of good players.

The 11s looked the part as they lined up; smiling, focused and confident. The game started at break-neck speed, as the Headers looked to score first and pile on the pressure. Alstonville were stunned with the pace and power of a team which has grown stronger as the season has unfolded.

After a couple of near misses, Fin Floate scored a great goal which sent the already vocal and colourful Nimbin crowd wild with excitement... but wait ... the line's man had his flag up for offside! This however did not deter the fans, who sang, encouraged and cheered our valiant team through to a half time score of 0 - 0. This was not going to plan for Alstonville and they looked concerned as both teams went back to the changing rooms.

The start of the second half began at a similarly fast pace as Alstonville began to show why they have been so dominant all season. After relentless pressure, Alstonville won a penalty. This was by no means a foregone conclusion. Our goal keeper Ziggy Doherty was having an incredible game, and he duly made an acrobatic low save right that a goal keeper of the highest level would have been proud of. Unfortunately, the penalty taker was straight onto the rebound and he slotted the ball home to make it 1 - 0 to Alstonville. The pressure continued and a second goal quickly followed. This seemed to fire up the Headers and with 10 minutes remaining they poured forward looking for a way back into the game. Alstonville defended well, but eventually our goal came with Laura Rutley looping a teasing ball into the box for Tijana Vranic to head home, 2 - 1! Cue pandemonium in the stands as the fans erupted and dared to dream of an equaliser. Despite a continued valiant effort from the Headers the final whistle blew, giving Alstonville



Headers Fourth Division

a 2 - 1 win and securing the minor and major premiership. Gracious in defeat, players and fans alike displayed the kind of spirit that makes us proud to say we are Nimbin Headers. Congratulations to Ziggy who deservedly won man of the match. On a personal level Gary was so inspired by the spirit of how the 11's played their grand-final that he conciously took that energy and feeling into his elimination final.



The following day saw both the 4th and 5th division senior men's teams playing for a spot in their respective grand finals. The 4ths played a pulsating game against Mullum/Bruswick, finding themselves 2 - 0 down inside the first 20 minutes. A sweet strike that found the top corner from Gary got us back into the contest, only for Mullum to score just before half time. At 3 - 1 down it looked a long way back, but the boys came out firing in the second half, with golden boy Sundar doing what he does best to bring it back to 3 - 2. Philip then coolly stroked home a penalty and it was 3 - 3! The crowd was going wild and Mullum was under pressure. 10 minutes from full time they scored a great goal from the edge of the box, and despite all our efforts, they came out on top 4 - 3. Everyone who witnessed the game said it was the game of the season. We gave it our all, and we can feel proud for a wonderful season of often fluid and exciting soccer.

The 5ths were playing Ballina and coincidentally also found themselves 2 - 0 down early. Golden Boot winner Reuben scored to make it 2 - 1, but Ballina grabbed another

before half time to go into the break 3 - 1 ahead. A rousing second half saw Reuben score again and the lads battled courageously until the final whistle, eventually going down 3 - 2. What a game! Both senior teams had seasons to remember and look forward to next season with relish.

The junior presentation and AGM was held on Saturday, 25th September at the ground. The kids were thrilled to receive their trophies and there

was good support for the AGM. Steve Waddington will continue as the president, Mercer is Vice-president, Rainbow has taken over as treasurer and Simone will be secretary, with plenty of others putting their hand up for committee roles.

The raffle, supported by Nimbin Hotel and Backpackers, was drawn by Tubbs. Congratulations to Simone and family (pictured) who won first prize. All winners will be notified by phone. The senior presentation was held on that evening at the Hotel. A good time was had by all.

Twilight soccer begins on Friday, 29th October. This is going to be an eight-week season of social soccer held from 6 - 8pm playing 6-a-side. Cost will be a gold coin donation for each person when they play. You do not have to be a registered player to participate so get a team together and give either Gary (6689-1530) or Simone (6689-7142) a call for more information. If you are not part of a team but would like to play, give us a call.

The annual Phoenix vs Headers game is on 9th October, kicking off at 4pm. The Phoenix are a Sydney team who come up for the weekend. Registered senior players are invited to participate.

Also in the planning is a game between the 2 senior men's Headers teams. This should be a great afternoon toward the end of October.

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Fishing the Solitary Islands



By Pixie
Fishing reporter

After fishing elsewhere for the last 5 months, it was good to be back fishing the Solitary Islands off Wooli.

With snapper season in full swing and kingfish, amberjack and samson fish just about to start, the next few months should see some nice fish being caught.



With that in mind, eight members of the Nimbin Heads Fishing Team headed to Wooli this month, with Pix, Cal, Zac, Ian, Dooee and plumbers Ashley, Rob and Josh heading out through the early morning bar for a glorious day of fishing. The bar was small, the swell about a metre with the ten knot southeasterly chilly breeze coming off the snow.

We started off bottom bouncing for a few pan size snapper, then Pix and Zac put out a couple of floaters out the back. The guys all chipped in and we set up a \$50 kitty for the biggest or best fish of the day. Zac pulled in the first decent snapper of the day, then only five minutes later, Pix hooked a bigger one but it wouldn't do to take the kitty. The 3 plumbers were hooking plenty of fish, but nothing too big. Ian and Dooee were getting a few tangles, then Zac started using soft plastics and was hooking up on some jigs and started jigging for bigger kingfish. We were a bit early in the season for kingfish but we were hooking up and having fun. Then your humble fishing reporter hooked up to a train going to the bottom of the ocean. This was going to be a good fish-fight yeeha!!!

After being dragged around the front of the boat under the anchor and back down the other side, tangling three more lines under the boat which had to be cut to release the mainline, we finally gaffed a 9kg mako shark which was looking pretty good for the biggest fish of the day... and the kitty! Only 10 minutes later, Cal was jigging down the back of the boat and hooked up to another good fishfight, and he was loving it. Every time the fish got close to the boat it started peeling line off again. Ashley hooked and landed two snapper on

the other side of the boat while Cal was still fighting the same fish. Finally he landed a 7½ kg kingfish and a personal best and it's all good.



Zac lands a snapper (above), Cal catches a kingfish (left), Cal and Pix with the biggest fish of the day (top)

The rest of the guys were hooking up snapper, trevally and small amberjack while bottom bouncing, with Zac still catching rat kingies on soft plastics. We pulled up anchor and made a few more moves for a few more snapper just to top off the day. Cal's 7½ kg Kingfish was deemed the better quality fish of the day and bagged the \$50 kitty. Good stuff Cal, and it's still all good with a day on the water, the sun's been shining, the fish have been biting and it's time to go home.

Tight lines guys! For you guys signing up for Fraser Island next year, it's only 254 more sleeps to go!

Bowlo Ladies Gala Day



Women bowlers from far and wide enjoyed an entertaining day at the Nimbin Bowling Club including this 'officer' who proceeded to perform a strip search on himself.

They're Racing!

The Nimbin Preschool committee is off and running with a repeat of its wildly successful Melbourne Cup High Tea at Nimbin Town Hall on 2nd November, starting at 1.30pm.

With sweeps, fashion stakes, a big screen, professional sound even "our own little (indoor) horse race", the event will be well worth the \$30/\$25 starting price.

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by David Hoffman,
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Most products advertise that with just a few minutes per day you can have the body of the 'hunk or spunk' that is modelling how to use the wonder gear.

Remember that if it has a miraculous results promotion or requires only a few minutes a day to work its miracle, then chances are that it is not going to be good, either short or long term.

Things you should look for in quality exercise equipment buys:

1. Does the equipment or device have more than one exercise or movement involved? If it does not, don't give it a second look.
2. How long each day will you need to spend on the equipment or using the device? Once a day for 2 minutes will not get you where you want to go. If you want to look at it from a different perspective try 'If I don't spend two minutes a day now doing an exercise regularly, why would this make it different?'
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Mon - Fri	8.55	9.00	9.10	9.15	9.18			9.35
	3.22	3.25	3.35	3.40	3.45			4.10
		4.30	4.40	4.45	4.49			5.00
Mon. & Thu. Only		12.45	12.55	1.00	1.05	1.15	1.17	
School Holidays		9.00	9.10	9.15	9.18			9.35
		3.25	3.30	3.40	3.44			4.00
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	3.20	3.35	3.50	3.55	4.00	4.05	4.15	4.20
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	3.25			3.44	3.50	3.57	4.00	
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Ref.#1325

LILLIAN ROCK \$303,000



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Ref.#1291

UKI \$699,000



The views are extraordinary, the silence perfect, and the location priceless. Live only 3 kms from Mt. Warning on 79 secluded rainforest acres bounded by National Parks on 2 sides, and a "private national park" on another. Enjoy first water rights from clear streams, an older style farm cottage on five cleared elevated acres, studio, shed, garaging, mains power, water storage, spring fed dam, oodles of established fruit trees, and fencing suitable for a wildlife sanctuary. Perfect for eco-tourism, a health retreat or your own bespoke domain. A rare opportunity. Don't blink!

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LILLIAN ROCK \$295,000



Peace, serenity and space beckons on this 13-share company titled multiple occupancy. 7 very usable acres, enough to have a couple of horses and grow fruit & veggies. The beautiful 3 bedroom plus sunroom 1920's solid Queenslander is north facing and has character. French doors throughout, leadlight windows, ornate 9ft ceilings, polished floor boards. Formal lounge and formal dining, and 2 decks to take in the rural views and watch the birds and wallabies in the lovely gardens. On mains power, council approved septic, indeed the house is also council approved. Plenty of water storage. Ready to move into! This property will sell fast, so don't miss out! Located in the gorgeous Lillian Rock, start your tree change today!

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