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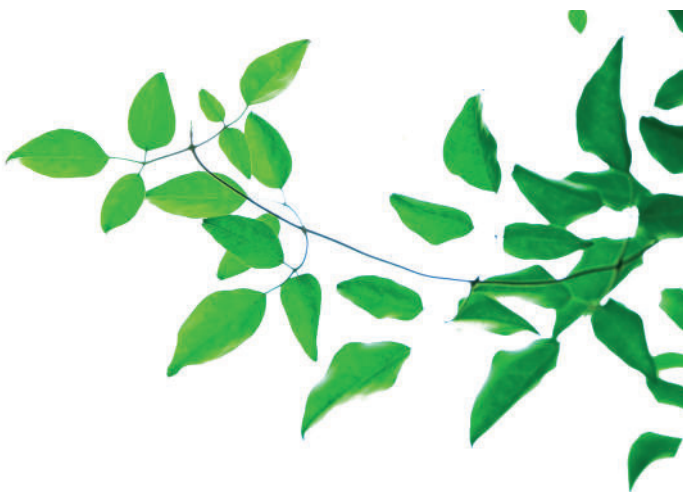
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LUMINESCENT LEAVES DISCOVERED IN SECRET FOREST

JASMINE CHRICHTON

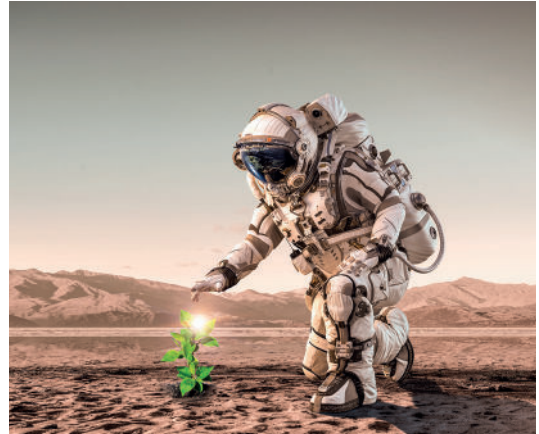
Intrepid explorers find strange glowing plants in Hunter Valley Writers garden

Willow Gore and Jasmine Crichton, two of our reporters, have been out looking for strange activity after receiving an email from one of the Sun Street locals. The two set off on February 14, bringing lots of supplies, food and water. The next morning, they woke up in their tents to find the majority of their belongings stolen. Willow and Jasmine were distraught to find their things gone, so they went on a walk to try to find anything that could have taken their things. After a long two hours of walking, the two were about to give up and head back to camp, but then they saw a strange glowing light deep in the forest. ... CONTINUED ON PAGE 10



ANT STEALS CRYSTAL NECKLACE

MORE LOCAL NEWS
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OUR BRAVE WEEKLY ZOOM CORRESPONDENTS HAVE LANDED ON MARS! READ THEIR FULL REPORT INSIDE

We sent five young reporters to Mars to investigate Elon Musk's new colony. You won't believe what they found there!

BREAKING NEWS: Elon has cancelled all return flights and our reporters are now trapped on Mars! Luckily, we have a Zoom writing session with them every Monday, so we can all stay in touch.

**Our brightest young
correspondents visit
Elon Musk's brand
new colony**

LIFE ON MARS: GENIUS SCIENCE OR A TERRIBLE MISTAKE?

MALI FERGUS

LIFE ON MARS IS FULL OF HARDSHIP AND PAIN

Just one day on the red planet can put you in a hospital. But spending years on it, like our feature scientists, can disable you for your whole life.

The artificial gravitational fields are crumbling, causing hundreds of fatalities each week on a Thursday. Is this purely a coincidence, or is there some foul play afoot?

REBEL ROBOTS?

Reports from up in space have shown that the artificial life they created to sustain the planet have started to colonise it for their own!

"It's been terrible," said Dr Alvaro Martini, Green-Mars™ Adaptation team.

Just yesterday, an anonymous source reported that Mars AI have started going on armed protests with automatic weapons. This led reporters to ask: "Why did they bring guns to Mars in the first place?" Since then, many government agencies have come through and said that it was just a last precaution. But was that just another government cover up?

FIRST INTERGALACTIC MOVIE SHOT IN SPACE

Star Wars: Episode XIV is in production now, It is said to contain the cast of the original trilogy, despite them all passing away many years ago, as well as a new set of protagonists, a new main antagonist and newfound footage of Luke Skywalker's father!

The movie has now changed directors three times because of space debris hitting them in their heads.

THE GOOD NEWS

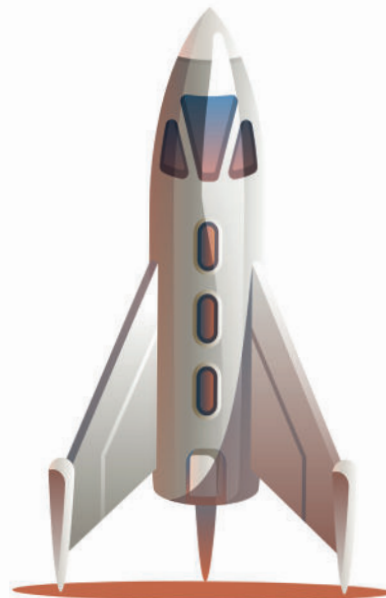
A new food has been discovered deep in the Martian caves. The scientists have christened it: Marsberry.

People have been very frantic about the new fruit and have been running the red rocky streets in happiness. I think I can hear a parade going on now, with very loud—

Was that a *gunshot*?

VERY SAD NEWS

The reporter who was writing this article has very sadly passed on. They discovered the body at 3:33 in the afternoon. She was trampled when the violent protesters stormed her house.



Rover 47, the space shuttle that carried our reporters to Mars

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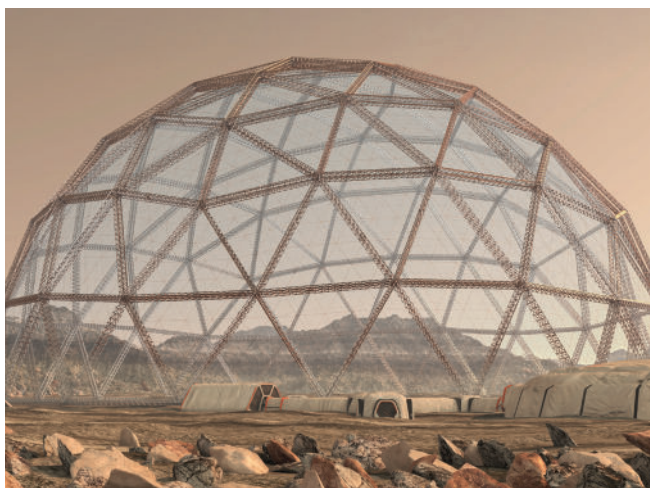
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MARS HUB

SIENNA HARDY

The installation of the new MarsHub beside the veggie greenhouse is underway. Builder Sophie says, “It’s going to be the grandest MarsHub we’ve built so far, with room for over a thousand people to live safely on Mars. It is still a bit of an experiment. We’re working on changing the air currents into breathable oxygen and making artificial air that is still safe for us to breathe. I won’t spoil the development of the space too much but I’ll give an overview of the first floor. It will have chargers for all the MarsHub Rovers that we use to get around. Being eco-friendly here on Mars is super important if we want to keep the air clean, that’s why we’re opting to store the sunlight and any wind that comes along and use it for energy to charge Rovers, cook meals and even just turn on a light.”

Thanks to builder Sophie for letting us interview her. This operation in building the new MarsHub will continue over the next few months and hopefully we’ll have enough resources and open living slots to provide for more people on Earth wishing to move to Mars.



With more on the topic of the brand new MarsHub, we’re here with interior designer, Wren.

What can you tell us about the living space and the rooms in the new MarsHub, Wren?

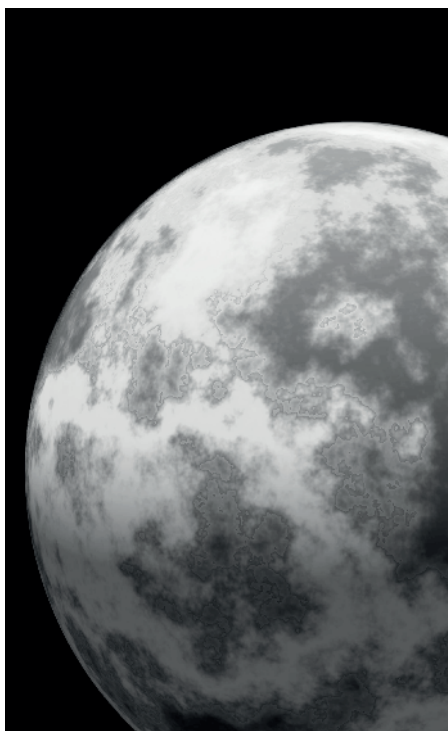
“I have this plan to use one-way mirrors for the walls so that, if you’re on the inside of the Hub, you can see all the landscape below but if you’re on the outside, you’ll only see a reflection of the landscape outside the Hub. I’ve got an entire team on board to help with painting the doors and ceilings in the Hubs. We’re going to paint them like the scenery outside the Hubs and the furniture will be out of this world.”

Well, you heard it here. The new MarsHub will be mind-blowing! Get in to book your spot in the new MarsHub—but be quick, slots will sell out.

NEW MOON

PRAVIN PARAMARAJAH

“This is just incredible!”
**PILOT OF SPACE
EXPLORER XII**



One of our Mars satellites has discovered a new moon and four astronauts are trying to explore it. The moon is said to be only 20 metres long and is the smallest moon ever known.

“This is just incredible,” said the pilot when the astronauts reached it. They managed to land on the moon to look at its surface. On it were a lot of rocks and copper ore. They also found a material harder than diamonds and tougher than tungsten. The astronauts have collected a small sample of this material.

People are constantly debating whether they should consider it a moon or just an asteroid. What do you think? Is it a moon or just a meteorite? And did you even expect that the “rocks” were actually edible and quite a tasty food?

The food has all the vitamins and 100 milligrams of consumable iron (around 10 times more than needed for a human). Plus it increases your strength and makes you 50% less likely to get sick. All from just one teaspoon. The new material is harder than diamonds and is going to be studied to see why it is so strong.



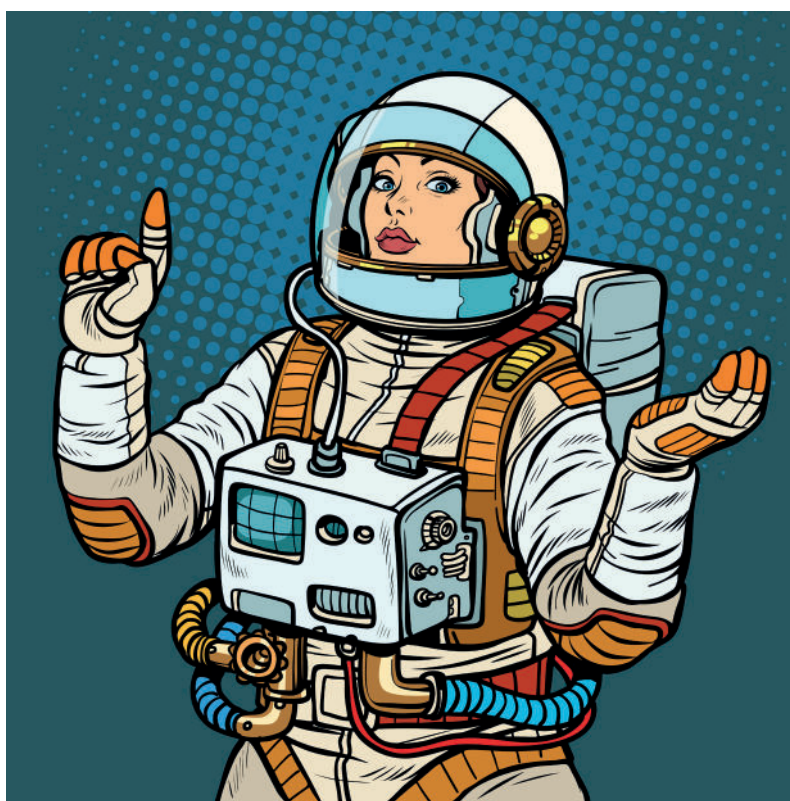
Big puffy feet—model: Amelia Lar



Shiny colours—model: Ella Johnny



The red tie—model: Lockyava Berner



Astronaut Madison Lost-Stanley

Your fav reporter brings you all the fashion news

FASHION REPORT

Madison Lost-Stanley returns from her Earth trip with some startling ideas for our Mars fashionistas

KEIRA GURNEY

Stop in your tracks, Mars, because fashion from Earth has blocked the pathway! Astronaut Madison Lost-Stanley has just come back from her investigative trip to Earth to study the Earth-native's way of living. Ms Lost-Stanley said that there were many peculiar but beautiful fashions there.

"It was like something us Marlings could never have thought of. The clothes are shiny and oddly shaped, but while I was there, I found myself buying as many clothes as I could, even the ones that showed shoulders."

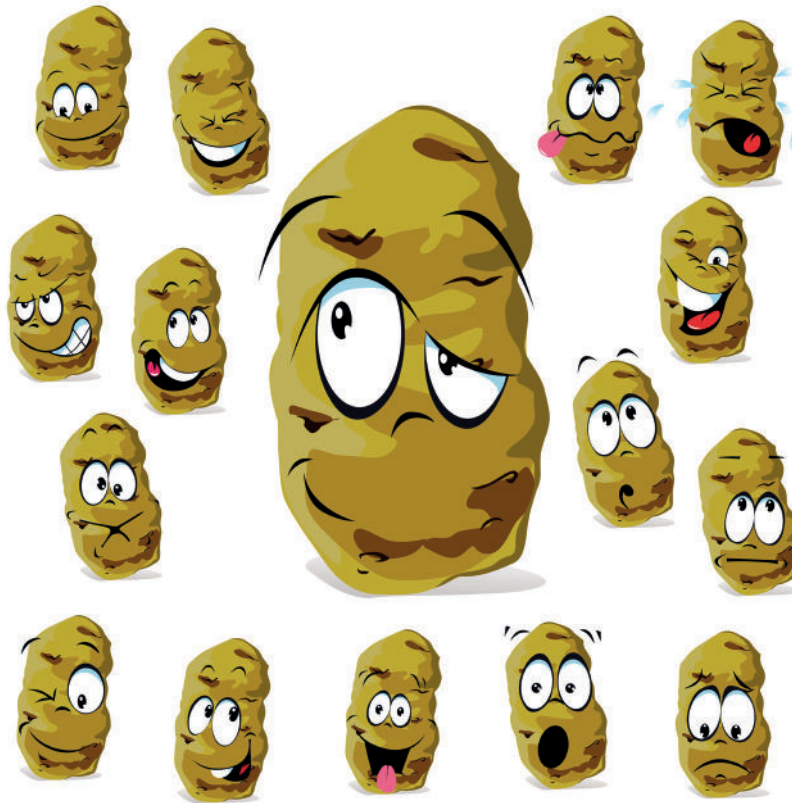
Yes, you heard that right, Mars! People on Earth are futurist and think outside the box. They even let a little shoulder be seen. Unlike us Marlings who right now are into cosy jumpsuits.

But let's get on with the fashion. Madison brought back three outfits, and your favourite models of Mars have tried them on for us.

Okay, Mars, let's get this fashion into our stores. This is our future, and the new fashion in Mars.

While we're at it, why don't we give Earth's new craze a try—it is called social media. Apparently, it's a great platform to show fashion.

GIANT HYBRID POTATO INFESTS MARS



MAISIE COTTERILL

Giant hybrid potatoes and other root vegetables are inflicting chaos on Mars. A giant potato just smashed the glass greenhouse dome, unleashing the wrath of all the roote vegetables. It's not only potatoes inflicting this massive amount of damage, it's carrots, onions and radishes as well.

The vegetables have been seen eating humans! The vegetables claim that they have been eaten for far too long and now they are showing us how they feel.

They have been described as normal everyday vegetables except 100 times bigger and bulkier with rippling muscular arms and legs (some with carved tattoos) and glowing green eyes. They may look funny, but the dangers they hold are

beyond human limits. In fact, they are so incredibly dangerous that they crushed NASA's space station leader, Bill Nelson, fracturing all of his bones before eating him.

"This is so terrifying," said Terry Bite, ex-astronaut. "Not just for me but for my children. I just hope I live a little long—" he never finished his sentence as a huge beetroot grabbed him and swallowed him whole before this reporter's very eyes.

Scientists are saying that a new element they discovered back in 2052 called Terronium (Te3) is impacting the water quality, manipulating the atoms and DNA in the vegetables when they are watered and turning them hybrid. This theory was proved correct after multiple DNA tests on

the water and a mutant carrot captured by Lieutenant Sprout (before losing an arm), confirming they both had traces of Te3.

"It took a while, but we finally found the cause," said Professor Trundy, head professor of the Mars lab. "Now we are just working on a cure."

Until this happens, the professor suggests everyone stays inside their dome for their own safety. After all, who knows the limits of these dangerous, despicable creatures.

ROGUE BLENDERS SIGHTED IN SUN STREET

**“The noise was like a natural
disaster.”**

ELEANOR MARTIN

People have been hearing strange noises in Sun Street. Bob the gardener at Hunter Valley Writers went to investigate.

Bob was cleaning the shipping containers at 10.52am. He stepped to the side in the nick of time. BOOM! The blenders burst, breaking the cargo container.

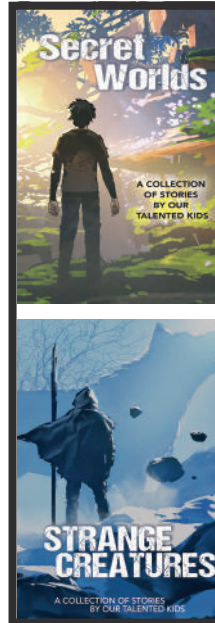
Bob says, “I was lucky I wasn’t in the way. They blended everything they saw—trees, ants, motorcycles ...”

Bob says that he hid under his rake and shovel to keep clear.

The blenders climbed up to Hunter Valley Music and scrambled all the violins they could get.

Bob says, “The noise was like a natural disaster. I don’t know why they wanted the screeching violins, but somehow they did.”

Bob narrowly escaped with a few violin scratch marks.



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Thankfully, the police were able to take care of the blenders.
The police have now banned rogue blender breeding.

Two months later, Bob arrived back in the garden. He says
everything is okay now, but he is a bit worried about the
magpies because they keep pecking off the tree branches.



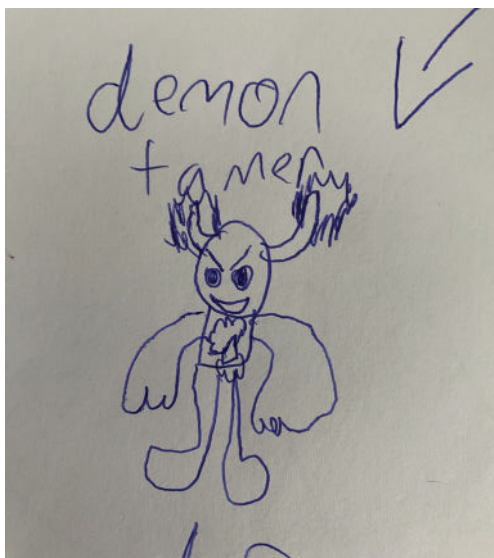
Bob the gardener



A TERRIFYING STORY BY JAXON MORRIS

THE DEMON

Once there was a demon with long sharp horns and red skin with red eyes. There was a problem. He wanted to curse the universe, but that wouldn't happen because the demon was in the city and there were guards everywhere. The demon had teleported to the city and he walked with cars crashing slowly around him. He found the museum and walked in with the guards shooting at him. It wasn't working. He was excitedly killing the guards, one by one. And then it happened. He had the book in his hands. He cast the spell. It finally happened. He cursed the world.



TRAGEDY ON TABLE TOP

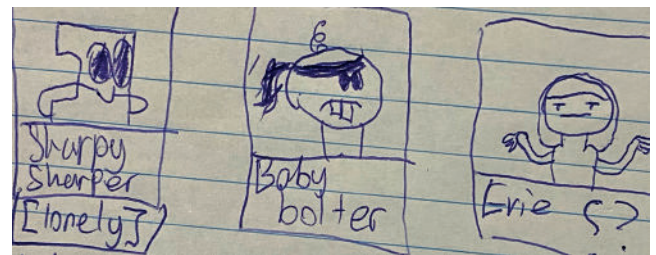
EVIE BURNS

The following story may not be good for some people. We warned you, so don't sue us.

Yesterday, Mr Whitnessler Pencicella died a horrible death after being sharpened too much.

The pen police have released a statement.

"We got bored and decided to just dim it down. Here are the suspects:



If you know anything, please contact 0434 288 123 (News Reporters) or visit the pen police at 74878854, next to the rubbish dump.

THE LONELY SHARPENER

WILLOW GORE

This is a very sad report from the exact setting where this horrible ... MURDER happened. A lonely sharpener has just murdered a pencil. The murder was recorded on a security camera in East Maitland. Sadly, the sharpener is still on the loose, so watch out and be aware.

After looking at the footage, we can see that the sharpener murdered the pencil, Mr Whitnessler Pencicella, by tripping him over and then lying on the table top beside him so he could sharpen Mr Pencicella until the pencil was only a small piece of lead.

In the days leading up to the crime, witnesses say that Mr Pencicella thought it would be a good idea to tease the sharpener and tell him that he was blunt and broken.

So beware. There is a lonely sharpener out there murdering pencils and he is probably out to get other drawing and writing equipment such as pens, rubbers, rulers and colourful textas and crayons. Watch out and make sure that you are not the sharpener's next victim. Good luck and stay safe.

SQUIDMAN

BOY BECOMES TERRIFYING SQUIDMAN IN UNDERWATER WORLD

HENRY WANG

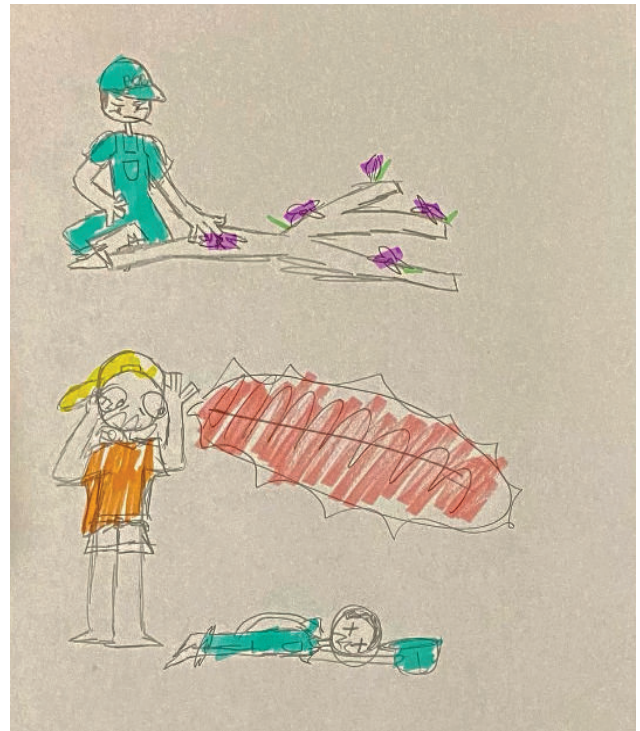
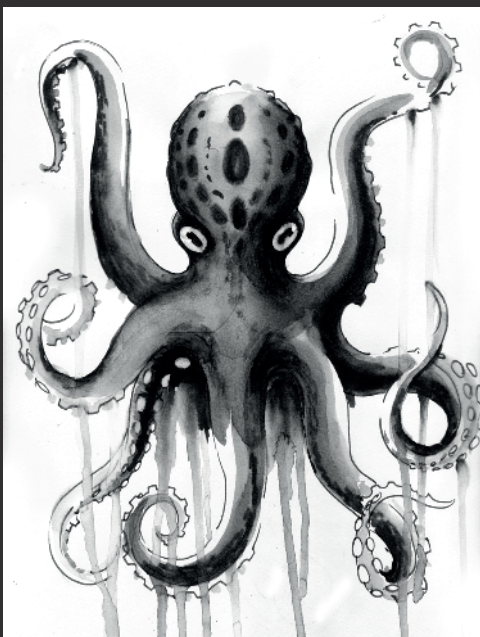
As I walked through the garden, I tripped into a bush and when I woke up I was shocked because I was underwater and breathing.

I saw a fish behind me. The fish was talking! I was so shocked that I fainted.

I woke up in an underwater hospital with another fish talking to me. He said, "You fainted on the sidewalk, sir."

I was hungry so I walked out and got a fish burger, but the fish in my burger was alive.

After I ate the burger, I teleported back to the garden.



THE DEADLY FLOWERS

WAS BOB THE GARDENER POISONED?

CHELSEA FARROW

The magpies have struck again! They have pecked down a huge branch in the garden at Hunter Valley Writers.

Bob the gardener was not happy. He decided he wasn't going to clean it up. He said, "I ain't cleaning that! That's the magpies' fault, not mine!"

It turns out that the next day, after leaving the branch there, there were flower buds growing from it. Oh, what was Bob to do?

Another gardener was hired. His name was Jerry. As soon as Jerry stepped onto the property, he saw a blender lying in the grass next to an old violin covered in moss. Jerry hesitated to pick it up and decided to leave it there.

While Jerry was walking into the garden, Bob was staring at the branch. He was going to pick a flower. He touched the flower and then he flopped to the ground.

"He's dead!" yelled Jerry.

Bob was dead.

Jerry carefully picked up the branch and disposed of it.

At Bob's funeral, a blender was standing there laughing at him.



Photo taken by Nathan's friend Ryan on his Polaroid and smuggled out by a friendly rat

REPORTER AND FRIENDS TRAPPED IN SECRET CAVE AT HUNTER VALLEY WRITERS

HO LONG "NATHAN" YIP

On 9 March 2023, Nathan, Sean, Ryan and Rick Astley were playing soccer. Sean accidentally kicked the ball so hard that it flew into the Hunter Valley Writers garden. Nathan went to grab the ball and found an arrow pointing to a brick in the path. Nathan stepped on the brick and a portal opened in the tree next to the path.

Nathan called his friend, Sean, to look at it. The stupid Sean pushed everyone in the portal and walked away. Luckily, Nathan grabbed Sean's foot as he fell and pulled Sean down.

Nathan and his friends landed on the ground. They were in an enormous cave under the garden at Hunter Valley Writers!

Nathan found a portal button embedded in the cave wall. When he tried to press it, the guards saw them. They all froze in their places.

Ryan saw dragons and eagles, trapped in cages.



Unfortunately, Nathan has been unable to finish his report because of the horrible guards. Hopefully, he will escape in time to write a full report for the next edition of the Sun Street News.



Detective Evie Buttle Bom

ANT STEALS CRYSTAL NECKLACE

WILLOW GORE

This report comes to you all the way from the super-cool Hunter Valley Writers studio, where a mum has given birth to a tiny human as small as a strand of grass. Although she is so small, the tiny human is also smart and could walk as soon as she was born, so her mum let her go for a walk to return her grandmother's crystal necklace.

One of our observant young writers says that they saw a giant ant rip the crystal necklace out of the tiny girl's hands and take it back to the ant's family.

I, the news reporter, looked through security footage and saw the girl talking to Evie Buttle Bom, daughter of Professor Buttle Bom. Evie Buttle Bom is a detective—not a very good one, though. So the little girl began to talk to Evie, but Evie just said, "I'm clueless and all I can say is that it's gone."

If anyone has any information, we ask you to please contact 0434 288 123 (News Reporters). The crystal necklace has been missing for two months now.

LUMINESCENT LEAVES

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JASMINE CHRICHTON

Willow and Jasmine approached the light, pushing the big leaves aside. They came across a clearing with all their stuff spread out in front of them. Surrounding their things were glowing plants. Their stuff was hard to see in the light, but it was quite easy to see the glow around it.

They grabbed their stuff before heading back to camp, and they decided to bring some of the plants back as well.

Later that day, the two went to sleep happily.

The next morning, Willow and Jasmine realised that some of their stuff had moved around.

Someone—or something—was in their tents.

They rushed around their tents before realising that the plants were missing. They rushed back home and asked the police to search their things for any fingerprints, other than their own. The police found an unidentified, non-human fingerprint.

To this day, no one has figured out who owned the fingerprint ... and the luminescent plants have only been multiplying. The plants have been found in other forests and groves.

Will we ever figure out this mystery? Who knows!

UNPLEASANT MAN STEPS ON MIRROR

EVIE BURNS

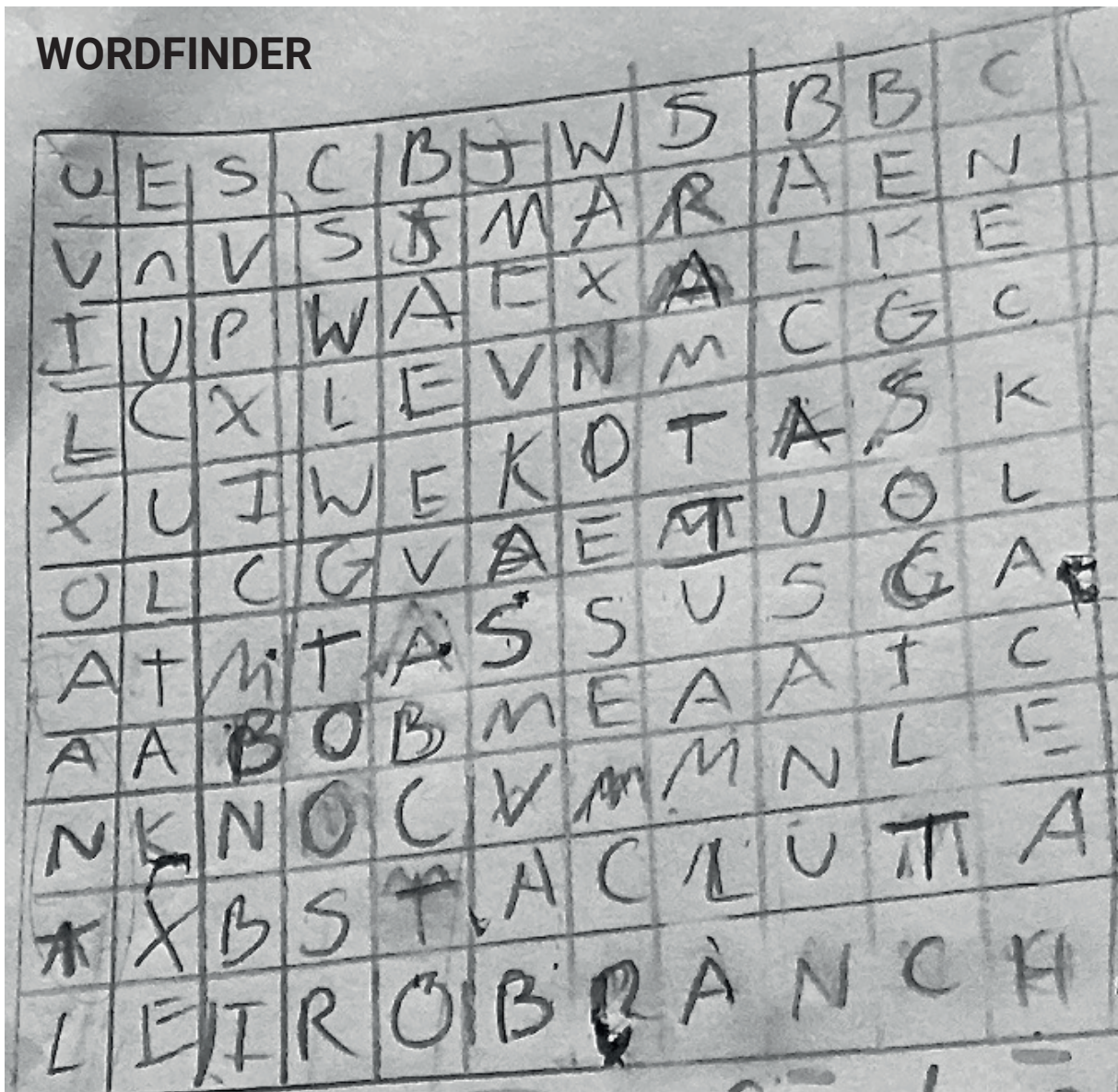
At 12.56am a man knocks on Audrey's door. What happens next will shock you ...

Audrey has a mirror as her doormat because she doesn't have the time to lift her head up. When Audrey looked down, she saw the man reflected in the mirror. He was chugging a bottle of nail polish. Horrified, Audrey ran for her life.

We would re-enact this, but we are on a tight budget.

The man is under arrest for nail polish slaughter. The mirror is being interrogated by police.

WORDFINDER



ELEANOR MARTIN

Can you find all of these words?

NECKLACE

BOB

ANT

UNPLEASANT

MARS

BRANCH

MAGIC

SQUIDMAN – THE SEQUEL

HENRY WANG

As I tripped into the bush, I got teleported again to the underwater world. I met my goofy friend Jeff the snail. We went down the road to find the lost treasure of Atlantis. Just as we spotted the treasure, we fell down a steep cliff and landed on our backs on a sea urchin. We got up and ran towards the treasure, and when we got it, we returned it to the Eye of the Reef.

I placed the treasure inside the Eye and was instantly teleported back to the real world. I went back home and told my family my incredible story.

GOOD NEWS!

ANT CONFESSES

“I do have the crystal necklace!”

AUDREY LEWER

BREAKING NEWS: This is a follow-up on the theft of the crystal necklace. The ant has finally made an appearance. A note arrived on our newsroom doorstep this morning, covered in sticks and mud and grot. The note said, “Sorry for the messiness. I do have the crystal necklace! The guilt has been haunting me for ages. As much as I need to sell this necklace to feed my family, I can’t ... I am a good ant. So, I will return it. And it should be there by the time you read this letter.”

We have the sleeve with the necklace in it now. And ... it’s officially confirmed, there is a crystal necklace here!

In return, Anty will be rewarded 73c to pay for this week’s dinner.

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SPECIAL REPORT



THE SHOP WHERE THE DUEL OCCURRED

WITCHES DUEL IN HIGH STREET

“One minute the two women were looking at ingredients, the next there was a spell being thrown in every direction.”

KEISHA PETERSEN

It has been revealed that two witches had a duel on the morning of 21 February.

Clarissa, a well-respected witch in her town a couple of kilometres away, came into the potions store in High Street to get her ingredients. A witch named Janet tried to get the same ingredients as Clarissa.

Information provided by the locals says that Janet is a witch aged 26. She has been in practice since her early teens. Her record, provided by

the police, says that she is a minor healer in our community.

When interviewed, the shopkeeper said, “It was like a flash. One minute the two women were looking at ingredients, the next there was a spell being thrown in every direction. I was blown to the ground, but I could still see the bright colours flashing and spells being

said. I only freaked for my life!”

When the police arrived, they were very wary about entering the shop. It is unclear exactly what happened in the shop, but when the spells stopped and police finally entered, one police officer observed that, “They were simply gone!”

Some onlookers from outside the shop say that

it was a set-up, because when the police went back into the shop, they noticed that all the items on the shelves had vanished. Others say that the women used all the items when duelling with each other.

The people of Maitland are shocked at the possibility that this could have led to a much bigger fight.

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