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JOKE OF THE DAY

Margaret arrived at the introduction agency to meet her latest computer-matched date. She was horrified.

"You have to be kidding," she whispered. "He's short, old, fat, bald, appallingly dressed and he clearly has a problem with personal hygiene."

"There's no need to whisper," said the receptionist "he's deaf as well."

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The Squid



No joke

Bauple cane grower Graham Botcher was scratching his head all day yesterday hoping someone was playing a practical joke but as night fell it seemed the unbelievable had happened.

The start to the season was bad enough, with rain holding up harvesting and a gear box blowing out of one of his trucks last week.

On Tuesday after a long day he and the boys left their harvesting equipment where they were cutting, down a side road more than 3km from the Old Bruce Highway into Bauple. That was about 9pm, just before the rain started.

Yesterday at 7am his dark orange Same tractor and nine-tonne tipper bin were nowhere in sight with not a mark on the ground to give a clue.

If anyone has any idea who would find their way to the remote cane paddock on a dark and rainy night and flog a tractor and trailer, Graham or the Tiaro police would love to hear from you.

Branching further into stupidity



If a thunder storm had hit in the past few days, one could understand why the branches of these trees in Central Avenue, Hervey Bay, are broken. There hasn't been a storm however, so it's puzzling to understand what possible reason the vandals who did the damage could have had to commit this senseless act. 08h1549a

Seems they still need to perfect the skill of listening to one another.

dead. He's my best mate."
Ah. Time to take another call.

A whale of a tale

A sea of colourful whale tails will line the Seafont Oval during the Whale Festival on August 9.

Copies of the A4 size whale tails will be sent to schools around the Fraser Coast and will also be available from whale watch boats and at the Fraser Coast council administration centre.

Once the whale tails have been coloured the kids can write a message of welcome on the back, attach a paddle pop stick to the bottom and stick it into the ground at Seafont Oval to become a part of the sea of whale tails.

"We hope to have enough to make the shape of a whale," Save Whale Tail project co-ordinator Scott Sheehan said.

At the end of the festival the tails will be collected and used to create collages that he hopes will

be sent to the participating schools.

Setting it straight

Federal Liberal president Alan Stockdale is the man throwing spanners into the pending Liberals-Nationals merger in Queensland, not Queensland party leader Mark McArdle.

A report in the Chronicle yesterday about the merger said Mr McArdle was demanding that a Liberal had to be president of the new party but an adviser from the office of Queensland Nationals leader Lawrence Springborg is anxious to set the record straight.

Mr McArdle is the one pleading for boys in the background (that's the "we must have a Lib president" Mr Stockdale) to stay focused on what the merger is all about: getting together a party that can match it against Anna.

Million-dollar baby

In case you haven't noticed, riverside land in Maryborough is now pricier than land on the Esplanade at the Bay. It may be to do with a shortage of Heritage City land with river views.

The first block of riverside apartments - on the corner of March and Wharf streets - is due to be unveiled next week and those in the know reckon there will be no change from a million.

Talk is dead

On Tuesday evening a young Hervey Bay couple was discussing the fine art of perfecting relationships when the young lass asked her bloke if he thought chivalry was dead.



Noticing after a while that he still had not answered the question, she asked him again.

The answer: "Who's chivalry again? Poor bloke, what did he die from?" was enough to put her in stitches for the rest of the evening.

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