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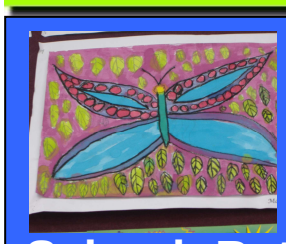

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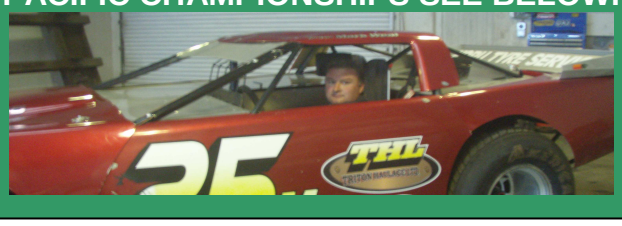
MARK WEAL COMES THIRD IN SOUTH PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS SEE BELOW.



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Gadgets Galore

By Abby furmage. **Editorial**

Gadgets are good to use to communicate to people around the world. Gadgets like a computer can help you to do your homework more easily. Gadgets are fun to play on like computers, listening to your mp3 player, or iPod or have a nice hot cup of tea for dinner made by your electric jug. The world has changed because of electrical gadgets. Our lives are completely different to last century because we didn't have computers, cell phones, I pod, mp3 players, electric jugs, toasters and TVs. electrical gadgets have blessed to our lives in many ways like it has made some jobs easier then before. Electrical gadgets have also made new jobs. Joyce Townsend works as an office administrator she said "my job would be impossible to do without electrical gadgets". She really needs a computer and other office gadgets to help her. Sue Furmage explained how she "couldn't live with out an electric jug" because she would have to ask her husband to put the fire on and boil a pot of water for a cup of tea in the morning .Electrical gadgets are a part every day life and bless people in many ways. In today's society there are many gadgets that all aged people can't live without gadgets like cell phone, toaster, TV, mp3 player and I-pod. Terry Furmage said that he couldn't live without a toaster because he likes toast to eat for breakfast. Lots of people can't live without a cell phone because you won't know where you are going to go for the weekend and to play games on their cell phone. It is fun and makes our lives interesting and easy all these electrical gadgets in the world. Our world has changed far the better because of electricity gadgets.

Electronic gadgets liked the most by people surveyed

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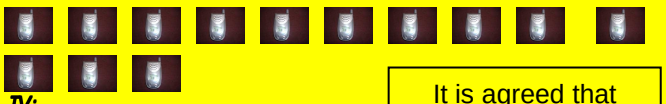
Cell phones:



TV:

Alarm clocks:

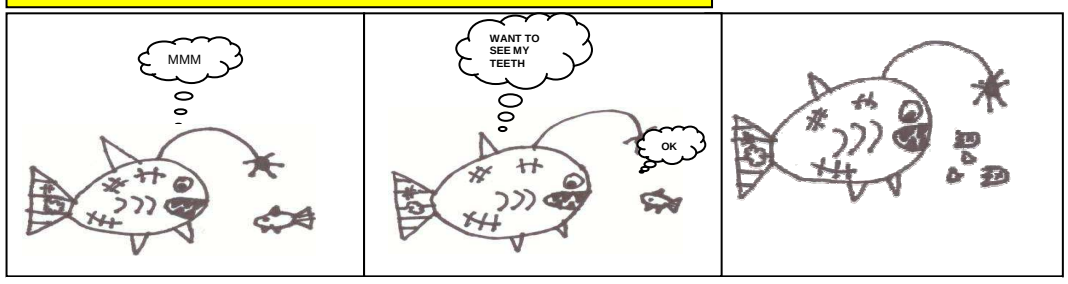
It is agreed that electronic gadgets help us with our lives!

Generators to power Tauranga City this winter

Generators to power Tauranga this winter to keep businesses running and homes warm **Photograph/Hamish Finlayson**

By Hamish Finlayson

New Zealand Generators Limited and Trust Power are putting in $8'000'000 generators to power Tauranga City this winter. The wires to the Greeton switch yard are about ten kilometres long. As the project runs at the moment it is believed to be secret. Trust Power have never put in generators before but are very excited. When the generators are running they will make a low hum or drone sound. Trust Power are putting in the generators because not enough power can be brought into Tauranga through the national grid. The lines are too small so the diesel generators make more power. Two thousand five hundred houses can be powered by one generator. It is costing trust power big bucks to have them there spending $100'000 per week. They have 11'000 volts going through to the big transformers. Altogether there is thirty three thousand volts in the yard. It is very dangerous just walking in the inside of the fence. Due to the high petrol prices to put diesel into those generators cost big money. There are ten generators three big ones and seven container sized ones. There are four small white transformers and two big transformers. They are up at the Ruahihi Road switch yard. Hay bales have been put in near the generators to help stop the noise affecting the local residents. Trust Power did a test run of the generators three weeks ago, a man comes each day to fill up the generators with diesel. The local residents have made a contract with trust power for the times they are allowed to run them. After the power goes into the big transformers it runs along to Greerton were it goes through the switch yard and heads to Tauranga homes. In an emergency the B line takes an emergency signal to the Wairoa switch yard when there they can shut down the generators.



BC spend $6,000,000

Diggers at work Picture / Nico Aandewiel

By Nico Aandewiel

Bethlehem College is building a new Performing Art Centre that will cost between 5-6 million dollars. Before building started, there was 2-3 years of planning for the project. On site there will be around 20 people working at a time. They will be driving lots of trucks like concrete trucks, bulk trucks, cranes, diggers, rollers and a bulldozer and many more. The performing Art Centre is hopped to be finished by the end of the year. That will include the building up and a path way down and car parks in the Bethlehem college grounds. The Performing Art Centre will be used to have assemblies and shows so the current Event Centre will be used for sport. The Performing Art Centre was originally going to be put on sport field number 1. however the site was moved for building purposes. When Mr. Ackland building supervisor was watching getting started he was pretty comfortable that noting was going to go wrong at all, the only small thing that has happened is that the Performing Art Centre was in the way of the primary cross county, because it was in the way of some tracks. The Performing Art Centre is right by the Primary swimming pool, which is opposite L-block. Currently it looks like they are going well to get the Performing Art Centre finished around the end of the year. They're also moving tones of dirt from place to place. Mr Ackland would be very happy to get the Performing Art Centre be finished near or just a little bit past next year. The Performing Art Centre is a great idea because; the Intermediate and Secondary can use the event centre for fun games without the Primary students practising for Christmas and Easter services.

Mark Weal comes third

Mark Weal showing trophy **Picture / Emileigh Weal**

By Emileigh Weal

On March 15 2008 the Weal family went to Bluechip speedway in Tauranga to see what place Mark Weal would come in the South Pacific Championships. Mark Weal is a Limited saloon driver and is number 25. There are 38 drivers in his class. There are two heats and one feature race each night Mark Weal has been racing for two years and already has come third in the feature and has won a number of heats races. Mark said that he was very excited about coming third and afterwards had a beer with everybody while the children cleaned the car. The car has 500 horsepower (hp) and is a burgundy colour. The race track is a quarter mile long. The fastest lap time that Mark has done is 15-18 seconds in one lap it is one of the fastest lap time for his class. There are 10-15 laps in one heat. Mark has not been in any major crashes just minor. He says a big thank you to all of his family, pit crew and sponsors. Mark says that" racing has made him relies that he should've got into racing a long time ago and you should give things a go". His wife Megan Weal said that she was very excited especially the first race. While Meagan was watching the race, she was very busy videoing the race so that when Mark watched the video he could improve. When the race finished they went to the pits to congratulate Mark. The pit crews are Steve, Debbie, Felicity and Logan Simmonds, Megan, Angus and Emileigh Weal. Some of Shane McDonald's pit crew also help with the car. Megan and the kids usually get home about 10:30 and when there are fireworks, demolition derby and races like that happen a lot of people turn up and there is a lot of traffic. There is a t-shirt that supports him. It is a navy blue with yellow saying number 25. Megan loves racing she enjoys watching motorsport (which is on Sunday at 3:00) and Megan says that when Mark is so close to winning she explained how she is jumping in her seat. Angus aged 6 (their son) also jumps in his seat in and Angus love going to the pits and helping with the car and has been to every night except a couple.

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