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The weather is getting better, the birds are chirping, the sun feels a little warmer, & the work is picking up. Lets' hope that the worst of the recession is over & we can get stuck into some good projects over the next few months.

At the recent NZ Contractors Federation Conference one of the key speakers was political journalist & analysts', Colin James. He has correctly forecast the results of 13 out of the last 14 election. And according to him National will win another term and possibly a third.

On a global level, James says that once we're through the current economic dip, business as usual will be different. There will be different rules for running the global economy, thanks to the power of China and India.

In the face of this and other global issues such as food and water shortages New Zealand has terrific competitive advantages over most other countries-abundant water, the ability to grow food, abundant energy and minerals (undersea) and a distance from the tyranny & mayhem. The Challenge is to manage them.

We have a beauty and emptiness in a crowded and ugly world. Most countries would kill for a list of these advantages, and some might."

Sometime we just lose sight of the advantages we do have in this great little home of ours!

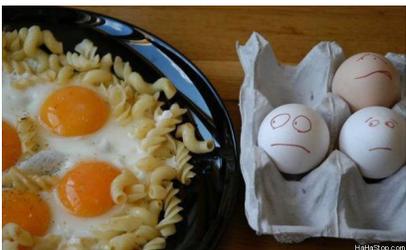
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BE IN TO WIN A SEAT TO SEE THE BREAKERS.

Forget the Warriors & The Blues; these guys are The Team to support.



Email us to go into a draw to join us on Oct 8th for the Breakers revenge game against last seasons Champions the Tigers at the North Shore Event Centre. Seats are court side under the hoop. You cannot get any closer to the action unless you are playing. Prize includes a meal & drinks. But no travel or accommodation. Entries close 30th Sept 2009.. Email entries with the name of the Breaker's Coach in the Subject Line to: breakers@gilescivil.co.nz. Multiple entries per company OK!



Who's next?

Self Made Millionaire.. Just when you thought all the good jobs had gone!

Outside the Bristol Zoo, in England, there is a parking lot for 150 cars and 8 coaches, or buses.

It was manned by a very pleasant attendant with a ticket machine charging cars about \$1.40 and coaches about \$7. This parking attendant worked there solid for all of 25 years.

Then, one day, he just didn't turn up for work.

"Oh well", said Bristol Zoo Management - "We'd better phone up the City Council and get them to send a new parking attendant..."

"Err ... no", said the Council, "that parking lot is your responsibility.."

"Err ... no", said Bristol Zoo Management, "the attendant was employed by the City Council, wasn't he?"

"Err ... NO!" insisted the Council.

Sitting in his villa somewhere on the coast of Spain, is a bloke who had been taking the parking lot fees, estimated at about \$620 per day at Bristol Zoo for the last 25 years. Assuming 7 days a week, this amounts to just over \$7.6 million)! And no one even knows his name.....

Next time you see a parking attendant...they may be onto something???

**Only when the tide goes out do you discover who's been swimming naked.
Warren Buffett**

construction solutions

Future Construction Workers???



Young Max & his best mate Jackson enjoy a play in a 12T digger. With our Driver, Ron.



A birthday present purchased at a charity auction by Max's Dad. The price included getting picked up from school in a big tip truck.

RECENT PROJECTS



New Pedestrian Crossing on Main Entrance to Massey University, Albany

WINTER AT THE BEACH

While the rest of Auckland has wrestled with mud all winter, our guys have been playing in the sand at Muriwai... a small 4 Lot subdivision with a lot of tricky retaining walls



GLENFIELD BOWLING CLUB.. Saved

This job involved a palisade wall & other walls, paths & fences as remedial work to stop the Glenfield Bowling Club becoming the Wairau Valley Bowling Club!

A bit of Photoshop fun.....



Why An Audience Matters

(More Than Talent)

We've been on Sean De Souza's mailing list for a number of years.. The article below is typical of Sean's good ideas..From Sean's Regular Blog:

I was lousy at marketing.

Well, let's put it this way: I was (and still am) an outstanding cartoonist.

And marketing was nowhere close to being my forte.

I'd write, but I'd agonise over it.

The only thing that kept me going was the audience.

Audiences are needed...and not just for those who are struggling

This is why writers, singers, speakers need an audience. It doesn't reflect on their ability to speak, write or draw. But in their ability to be appreciated.

The greatest speaker in the world becomes a bit of a washout if there are three people in an auditorium that seats five hundred. It saps your energy.

However, if those three people happened to be the only ones the speaker was expecting, then he/she will turn out a world-class experience. Which is why if you're starting up any venture, be it a blog or a website, or a newsletter or even a painting, I would get at least two-three people to visit (and bug you) so that you get and stay motivated.

The biggest issue is the appreciation, and not the ability to write, draw, and speak.

Being able to be very good at something, is a nice-to-have, but most writers, speakers, etc start out being very, very average. In some of my early speeches, I had to take a ten-minute break because I forgot what I was going to say. Early articles used to take me two days or more to write, and I'd struggle. But it was the audience (and believe me, back then they were tiny audiences) that kept me going.

Tiger Woods had an audience of two (his father and mother).

It was not his so-called talent that mattered. He didn't start out as the world's best golfer. But without the audience, he probably would never have gotten there at all.

Get an audience, no matter how minuscule. Your so-called talent will come with practice.

But if you don't have an audience, you'll probably never get off the ground.

<http://www.psychotactics.com/tell-a-friend>
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