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Husband exercised to death

A TRANSGENDER Ohio woman has been sentenced to four years in prison for killing her frail husband by forcing him to exercise.

Chris Mason, 41, was sentenced for reckless homicide in the death of 73-year-old James Mason.

She pleaded guilty earlier and could have got five years in prison. Mason's voice quivered as she tearfully apologised for the June death of her husband, who had heart problems. A surveillance camera caught Mason forcing her husband around in the pool.

Chris Mason also goes by Christine Newton-John, the name she took after her 1993 sex change.

"I want to apologise to my former husband's half-sister for her loss as

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well as to my family and for my loss," she said in court in an emotional tone.

Mason said the incident was "upsetting and devastating" for her whole family. "Jim had been in our family for over 45 years. He came up here from a small town and met my grandmother and my mother."

Cocaine dealers go bananas

BERLIN, AFP - A stunned supermarket saleswoman stumbled on 28kg of cocaine worth over 1 million euros (\$A2.0 million) while unpacking boxes of bananas in southern Germany, police said.

The crates of fruit, flown in from Colombia and imported into Germany via the Belgian port of Antwerp, were probably mixed up when they were being loaded onto the delivery trucks, Ludwig Waldinger from the Bavarian police told AFP.

"Some dealers must have picked up the wrong boxes," he said, adding that he would like to see the look on the faces of the drug dealers when they tried to get their fix from the nutritious snack.

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Rescue services show their stuff

MORE than 1000 people turned out to enjoy watching the capabilities of the RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service at Rescu-response Day at Paradise Lagoons yesterday.

The event unveiled the service's new logo and involved demonstrations such as winching a stretcher and bambi-bucket (firefighting), safety displays and EPIRB demonstrations by the Yeppoon Water Police.

The helicopter service's executive officer, Kay Becker, said event organisers were delighted with the turnout.

If you would like to have social photos from your event featured in The Buzz, give the Bully a call on 4930 4283.



1. Ken Morrison and Lyle Dobbs from the SES. ml22/0309/5

2. Shona Sandford from Sydney, Lorne and Kay Bauman of Gracemere. ml22/0309/1

3. Phil and Glenda Lawless-Pyne with their children Layla and Blake. ml22/0309/2

4. Jacky and Ruan Noonan with their children Harry and Olivia. ml22/0309/4

5. Peter Peirano and Bronwyn Fenech. ml22/0309/3

6. Damien, Brian and Alicia Caffrey of Yeppoon. ml22/0309/6

60 seconds



with Amanda Locker who is playing Sally Bowles in the upcoming musical Cabaret.

■ **My name is:** Amanda Locker

■ **D.O.B:** June 30, 1982

■ **Occupation:** Drama teacher at Yeppoon High School

■ **At school I was the kind of kid that:** Was always rehearsing for some sort of performance

■ **Something I'd like to change about the world:** That everyone could worry less and enjoy life

■ **The first LP/CD/Tape I bought was:** Alanis Morissette *Ironic* cassingle

■ **My favourite novel:** Billy Thorpe's *Sex, Thugs & Rock n Roll* Autobiography

■ **My favourite song:** *Still Got The Blues* - Gary Moore

■ **My favourite movie:** Anything with Adam Sandler or anything that is a musical

■ **The last time I cried was:** When I kicked my shin on my desk today! Definitely brought tears to the eyes.

■ **My most embarrassing moment:** The time I fell down the stage stairs at a musical rehearsal back at school. The entire cast witnessed the very bruising fall

■ **My first job was:** Working at Footlights Theatre Restaurant

■ **The best thing about my job is:** Seeing students excited about drama and helping them create work for the stage

■ **Away from my job I relax by:** Spending time with my fiancé, and watching movies

■ **My best travel moment:** Being proposed to on the Pacific Sun in the Isle of Pines on New Year's Day

■ **An epiphany I've had is:** I can't live without performing - I always have to be involved in something to do with the stage

■ **My worst Christmas party memory is:** Not being able to remember the measly four lines I had to learn for my staff Christmas party skit

■ **If I was down to my last \$10 I would spend it on:** Some Whittaker Coconut Slabs, a Wendy's banana smoothie and a magazine

■ **Something most people don't know about me is:** I still get nervous in front of crowds after so many years.

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