

[Go in style in hearse fit for a queen](#) . Go in style in hearse fit for a queen Friday, 22 August

ROYAL RIDE: Top: The rare Rolls Royce Phantom VI, that once carried the royal family around New Zealand, being re-conditioned into a hearse. Bottom: Princess Anne, Prince Philip and the Queen in the car, March 1970. The Rolls-Royce Phantom VI used in the Queen's 1970 tour has been transformed into a hearse and will take a distinguished place in the fleet of Gee and Hickton Funeral Directors in Lower Hutt later this year.

A piece of history that carried the royal family around New Zealand is to give Wellingtonians' final journey an illustrious twist. During the royal tour the front grille and radiator were smashed when the car hit a sheep on a country road. It was one of two identical limousines bought by the government for the royal visit, which was the first time Prince Charles and Princess Anne had been to New Zealand. It was transformed into a hearse by an Auckland funeral home. The other car became the governor-general's till 1996 and the sheep-damaged one was sold to an Auckland cabaret club and used as a limo for clients. The company is having it fully reconditioned in Auckland. Gee and Hickton bought the car this year. It struck me how much that meant to her generation, how they loved the royal family, he said. General manager Gavin Murphy said the idea of buying the car came from hearing of his grandmother's experience winning a radio competition during the Queen's visit - just to sip tea at a lakeside spot where the monarch had sipped her tea. It's a piece of New Zealand history. My grandmother would be tickled pink to go out in something like this. The 6. Mr Murphy would not reveal the price but said the car was in mint condition.

.2-litre V8 - which will be available for funerals from November - would have electronic ignition added to avoid any starting problems

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[All Cruel That Remains](#) s All That Remains - Patricia Cornwell Cruel and Unusual - Patricia Cornwell both read by Kate Burton other Patricia Cornwell Audio Books [click here Brand New: abridged Still shrink wrapped 5 CDs All That Remains - Patricia Cornwell A serial killer is loose in Richmond specializing in attractive young couples whose bodies are invariably found in the woods months later – minus their shoes and socks. Chief Medical Officer Dr Kay Scarpetta finds herself tracking a killer whoscrupulously eliminates every clue rendering all her forensic skills useless. This time it's her courage and intuition on the line in a race against time. Cruel and Unusual - Patricia Cornwell Killing me won't kill the beast are the last words of rapist-murderer Ronnie Joe Waddell written four days before his execution. But they can't explain how Dr. Kay Scarpetta finds Waddell's fingerprints on another crime](#)

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[School children refused on buses](#) . School children refused on buses By HEATHER McCracken - Auckland City Harbour News Friday, 15 August

JASON OXENHAM/Auckland City Harbour News TURNED AWAY: Tracey Williams and daughter Alma, 11, who was told she couldn't ride public buses because she's a school pupil. A mother is fed up with bus drivers refusing to let her 11-year-old daughter ride the bus to school. It's completely wrong and it shouldn't be occurring to children, she says. Tracey Williams says her daughter Alma has been turned away from public buses three times while on her way to Ponsonby Intermediate. Ms Williams is angry Alma was left at the roadside alone, and has felt frightened and bullied by the drivers. This is a public bus, she's a member of the public, she pays a fare. A dedicated school bus is available on the route, but is too crowded. The third time it happened I was standing there and I got on to the bus and said 'you have to let this child on the bus'. A lot of kids go to that school from out of zone and rely on that bus to get to school, she says. But Ms Williams says children should be able to ride any public bus if they choose. She says she's been turned away by more than one driver, and she's seen other children stopped from boarding too. Alma walks from her Western Springs home to catch the 010 bus outside Motat every day. Ms Williams says bus operator Stagecoach have been sympathetic to her complaints, but the problem keeps occurring. One driver didn't even open the door, he just yelled out 'school bus', she says. Stagecoach northern region general manager Warren Fowler says the incidents have been taken very seriously. Ponsonby Intermediate School principal Wim Boxen says he

was made aware of one incident earlier this year, but he spoke to Stagecoach and believed the matter was dealt with. These changes were communicated to our people and the driver concerned was counseled on the new process, Mr Fowler [says](#). Immediate action was taken after Ms Williams' first complaint in March, and the drivers' duty list changed to make sure there was no confusion over whether children could ride public buses. Our charter states quite clearly that school children can travel on both public and school buses, he says. He apologises unreservedly that the problem has occurred again. The safety and security of the many thousands of people who use our services every day is a priority

[Kiwi designs lightweight, eco-friendly coffin](#) . Kiwi designs lightweight, eco-friendly coffin

Saturday, 16 August

A New Zealand company has come up with a [new](#), eco-friendly coffin which hopes to find favour with pall-bearers through its featherweight construction. The 'Essence' coffin from manufacturer Return to Sender is made from plywood rather than solid timber, has integrated handles, requires less glue and does not need an artificial wood grain finish. I wanted to make an affordable coffin which used as few resources as possible. An empty coffin is just 20kg and designer Greg Holdsworth [says](#) it can be held with just one arm, allowing women, children and elderly mourners to take up the role of pall-bearer. Celebrants and funeral directors have been telling me it will give friends and family more choices in who carries their deceased loved one. Using minimal materials makes the coffin extraordinarily lightweight. It's a completely different style of coffin. Funeral Directors Association of [New](#) Zealand president Neil Little said eco-coffins had been around for some time now and the attraction of this model may come down to its futuristic design. An eco-coffin is generally coffin shaped, a bit rustic looking and made out of pine. It's quite modern looking. We have a funeral at the moment we are using one for. Mr Little said his Auckland business, Davis Funeral Services, reported eco-coffin sales were helped by being a bit trendy . I guess our only question is how 'eco' is ply, I suppose. We have had three or four used so far. But the interesting thing is it's not really an economy option. Mr Little said some people heard eco-coffin and thought it meant economy rather than ecology. Mr Holdsworth said the idea came to him when he saw his father-in-law -- a lover of woodwork and old wooden boats -- buried in a plastic woodgrain-coated coffin. Because most of them are made of solid timber they tend to cost a bit more than your average casket. The Essence coffin comes with a woolen mattress, pillow and biodegradable lining and has been strength tested with a 137kg volunteer. This didn't reflect his values or his passions during life, he said.

[Judge finds a flaw in the law](#) . Judge finds a flaw in the law [Friday](#), 15 August

The High Court has put a block on the police practice of making drink-drivers pay for a doctor to take their blood samples. The ruling by Justice Christine [French](#) is a win for Christchurch barrister Andrew Bailey and may mean urgent changes are needed to legislation, the Christchurch Court News website reported. He was fined \$600 and ordered to pay court costs of \$130, medical expenses of \$102. Bailey's client was convicted in the District Court of drink-driving in March. Bailey took an appeal to the High Court over whether the District Court judge had jurisdiction to order payment of the medical expenses.60 and an analyst fee of \$93, and disqualified from driving for six months. There was some argument before me as to whether it was fair and reasonable for defendants to have to pay the medical expenses when all they were doing was exercising their statutory rights to have a blood sample taken, said Justice French. The order to pay medical expenses has been routinely imposed all over the country for many years. The District Court is a creature of statute, and it follows (that) the power to make the order must be derived from a statutory provision. Such policy matters were for Parliament to consider. She ruled that legislation covered only the payment of the analyst's fee, but did not give jurisdiction to cover other medical expenses. The police practice had been to pay the doctor's fee for taking the sample, but if the sample showed the driver over the limit reimbursement from the offender was always sought. The appellant had argued that a fine was not meant to reimburse the police for costs and a

person should not be punished for exercising their statutory right to a blood test. She ruled that the medical expenses could not be classed as reparations or a fine. Justice French said a deeming provision similar to the one used to collect the analyst's fee was needed. At the hearing, Bailey gave the example that in drug cases the offenders were not expected to pay for police surveillance operations. The appeal is therefore allowed and the order to pay medical expenses quashed. There is no such provision and accordingly no jurisdiction to order payment of the medical expenses.

[Music- -Trunk -Concrete Blond AudioBook Collection Harry Coyote NEW Michael Connelly Bosch - s The Concrete Blonde - Michael Connelly The Last Coyote - Michael Connelly Trunk Music - Michael Connelly all read by Dick Hill Brand New: abridged Still shrink wrapped 9 CDs The Concrete Blonde - Michael Connelly They called him the Dollmaker... The serial killer who stalked Los Angeles and left a grisly calling card on the faces of his female victims. With a single faultless shot Detective Harry Bosch thought he had ended the city's nightmare. Now the dead man's widow is suing Harry and the LAPD for killing the wrong man — an accusation that rings terrifyingly true when a new victim is discovered with the Dollmaker's macabre signature. Now for the second time Harry must hunt down a death-dealer who is very much alive before he strikes again. It's a blood-tracked quest that will take Harry from the hard edges of the L.A. night to the last place he ever wanted to go — the darkness of h](#)

[Grudge theory as lab forms leaked](#) . Grudge theory as lab forms leaked Wednesday, 20 August **Police are investigating a malicious person who is mailing old Hutt Hospital lab papers to patients' neighbours. Four laboratory forms - including patients' names, addresses and clinical details - have been sent anonymously to former patients - but at their neighbours' addresses. It is understood the employee has told officials he is mystified by the allegation, and it is possible someone with a grudge may be trying to frame him. Other forms were sent to media with a handwritten note claiming they were found in a recycling bin at the Lower Hutt address of a health board employee. All the forms found so far are from 2002. Hutt Valley District Health Board's chief operating officer Jill Lane said the board was very concerned at the breach of patient privacy, and the matter had been referred to police. Ms Lane said it appeared someone with access to old files was acting with malicious intent. The envelopes are of an old style that has not been used by the board for many years, and all the addresses are in the same handwriting. We have an obligation to ensure all personal health information is kept secure and confidential and we currently cannot understand how this has occurred. We are very sorry this has occurred. She said there was nothing to support the claim that the forms were dumped in a recycling bin.**

[Plague](#) The Great Influenza : The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in History by John M. Barry (Read by Scott Brick) in CD Format **The Great Influenza : The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in History by John M. Barry (Read by Scott Brick) in CD Format Brand New (still shrink wrapped): 19.5 Hours 16 CD The connection among public health epidemic disease and politics can be seen throughout history from the responses to the Black Death in Italian cities in 1348 to the response -- or lack thereof -- to the resurgence of tuberculosis on the part of the New York City Department of Health in the 1980s. John M. Barry spells out this connection in fascinating detail in The Great Influenza. In his meticulous description of the dire consequences that resulted when short-term political expediency trumped the health of the public during the 1918 influenza pandemic Barry reminds his readers that the gov**

[Arrest after hit-and-run kills road safety advocate](#) . Arrest after hit-and-run kills road safety advocate Tuesday, 19 August **A 62-year-old man has been charged with the hit-and-run death of a well known road safety campaigner and Ironman competitor in Northland. Frederick Joseph Ogle, 48, was on his regular Saturday morning bike ride on State Highway 14 west of Whangarei, when he was struck by a car which then sped from the scene. The front of the car had been damaged and the windscreen was broken. Police said the car - a white, mid-90s model**

Subaru station wagon - was seen driving at speed on Western Hills Drive, Whangarei, shortly after the accident. The alleged driver has been charged with failing to ascertain injury and dangerous driving resulting in death. Police put a call out asking for [people](#) to report sightings of the station wagon and today announced a vehicle had been secured and was undergoing forensic testing. Police are still collecting information on the car's movements and want anyone who saw the car or has information on the crash to get in touch. He will appear in Whangarei District Court today. -

[NEW CONNELLY](#) City of Bones - Michael Connelly Read by Len Cariou A Harry Bosch Novel - abridged **Brand New: abridged Still shrink wrapped 5 CDs 6 Hours City of Bones - Michael Connelly On New Year's Day Detective Harry Bosch fields a call that a dog has found a bone — a bone that the dog's owner a doctor feels certain is a human bone. Bosch investigates and that chance discovery leads him to a shallow grave in the Hollywood hills evidence of a murder committed more than twenty years earlier. It's a cold case but it stirs up Bosch's memories of his own childhood as an orphan in the city. He can't let it go. Digging through police reports and hospital records tracking down street kids and runaways from the 1970s Bosch finds a family ripped apart by an absence — and a trail ever more tenuous into a violent terrifying world. As the case takes Bosch deeper into the past a rookie cop named Julia Brasher b**

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[Dead transient's ankles, wrists bound](#) . Dead transient's ankles, wrists bound By MARK STEVENS and - Thursday, 21 August **Supplied DEATH:**

Selwyn John Wallace, 52, pictured about a month before his body was found floating off an Auckland wharf. Police were appealing for information. Selwyn John Wallace, 52, was found floating under Wynyard Wharf last Sunday. A man whose body was [found](#) floating off an Auckland wharf had his wrists and ankles bound. Situations that some people outside the police believe that should be 'black and white' are often grey. An autopsy failed to reveal any injuries but Detective Senior Sergeant Mark McHattie [said](#) today that police would continue to treat their inquires as a homicide investigation. The bindings were of freely available bungee cord type material. Mr Wallace was discovered with bindings on his wrists and ankles. Police had earlier said that Mr Wallace was obviously unwell and shuffled around the streets in the days before his death. However, it's not clear yet whether any one else was involved with his death. In the 24-hours leading up to his death, police believe Mr Wallace was walking in Margot St, Epsom, Park Rd in Grafton and Newton Rd, [Newton](#). They want people who may have seen Mr Wallace to call them, and have released pictures of him taken shortly before his death. Mr Wallace had a distinctive gait in that he shuffled more than walked and those who were in contact with him before he died described him as being visually unwell," he said. It's also possible he was walking in and around the central City area and the Viaduct Basin during that period, Mr McHattie said. Mr Wallace had lived in Huntly, Hamilton and Auckland in the months before he died and had, at various times in his life including the weeks immediately before his death, been in the care of Mental Health Services. "It's quite possible he had visited food outlets and used public transport to assist him get around the city last weekend. He was also wearing blue jeans and jandals. At the time his body was found and in the 24 hours before that, he was wearing a nylon zip-fronted

black, light blue and white striped jacket that had the words RIP Curl on the back. Police appeal for anybody who might have seen him to call 0800 996 973 - With [Failed Waikato air show promoter charged](#) . Failed Waikato air show promoter charged

Wednesday, 20 August

The man behind Wings and Wheels over Waikato has pleaded not guilty to fraud charges relating to the promotion of the failed event. Ken Ross faced 10 charges in Hamilton District Court today relating to statements and promotional material about the show. Ross pleaded not guilty to the charges today and was remanded on bail but had to surrender his passport, the reported. The event was to have taken place at Hamilton Airport in March this year but was postponed indefinitely, despite ticket holders and sponsors having committed money. Another allegation was that he attempted to deceive the public in a brochure by saying Airshow. It was alleged Ross made false statements to Hamilton [International](#) Airport management about a supposed organising team and his affiliations with an [international](#) air show organisation.nz had secured a US-based jet aerobatics team, when this was not the case .co. The Commerce Commission, which was involved in an investigation into Ross and two of his companies, would also file criminal charges under the Fair Trading Act, the court was told. Other charges related to questionable sponsorship dealings involving the air show by one of Ross' companies. It [said](#) there was about \$65,000 that had already been spent and could not be recovered. The commission said in June that ticket holders would be refunded hundreds of thousands of dollars after it got a court order freezing Ross' assets. -

[Death of quad bike rider a 'freak accident'](#) . Death of quad bike rider a 'freak accident'

Monday, 18 August

The death of a Christchurch quad bike rider at a motorsport rally at the weekend appears to be a freak accident and safety practices were above board , police say. Stephen Hales, 33, was killed during a Canterbury ATV motorbike association hill climb race at the Ashley Forest in North Canterbury on Saturday. He was found unconscious and still wearing all of his protective equipment, including his helmet. Sergeant Brent Register said Mr Hales failed to negotiate a left-hand bend, collided with a clay bank and was thrown from his bike about 60m down the road. There have been briefings. There was no problem with safety. He's an experienced rider. Everything has been above board in that respect, Mr Register told . The event organisers had a permit to use the road and it was closed to all others at the time. Unfortunately it was a freak accident. Several attempts were made to resuscitate Mr Hales, but he was pronounced dead when the rescue helicopter arrived 18 minutes after the crash. -

[Lost Harry Bosch](#) Lost Light - Michael Connelly Read by Len Cariou A Harry Bosch Novel -

Unabridged Brand New: Unabridged Still shrink wrapped 9 CDs 10 Hours Lost Light - Michael Connelly Fed up with the hypocrisy of the LAPD Harry Bosch has resigned and is forced to find a new way of life. But the life of a retiree doesn't suit him. He has always devoted himself to justice and he is still drawn toward protecting-or avenging-those whom the law has failed. When he left the LAPD Bosch took a file with him- the case of a film production assistant murdered four years earlier during a \$2 million robbery on a movie set. The LAPD-now operating under post 9/11 rules-think the stolen money was used to finance a terrorist training camp. Thoughts of the original murder victim are lost in the federal zeal and when it seems the killer will be set free to aid the feds' terrorist hunt Bosch quickly finds himself in co

[PM rescued after guide dies on mountain](#) . PM rescued after guide dies on mountain 7:07am -

Friday, 15 August

GOTTLIEB BRAUN-ELWERT: The former nuclear physicist had been a professional mountain guide for more than 30 years Photo 1 of 3

Gottlieb Braun-Elwert GUIDING HAND: Braun-Elwert was the mountain guide for Prime Minister Helen Clark - he took this photo of her in 2004. Photo 2 of 3

HAPPIER TIMES: MPs Damien O'Connor and David Parker with Helen Clark and Peter Davis on the summit of Hochstetter Dome at the head of the Tasman Glacier in this photo taken by guide Gottlieb Braun-Elwert on the trip in September 2005. The Prime Minister was

among a group that tried in vain to resuscitate her friend and adventure mentor Gottlieb Otto Braun-Elwert. Photo 3 of 3
Alpine battler

LATEST: Prime Minister Helen Clark was rescued by snow mobile last night after a tramping expedition close to Lake Tekapo turned to tragedy. Clark and cabinet minister Damien O'Connor were rescued late last night, and spent the rest of the night at Tekapo. Braun-Elwert, 59, who has guided Clark on numerous trips in the area, died from a heart attack at a hut in the Two Thumb Range, at the northern end of Lake Tekapo. understands the incident happened at the Rex Simpson Hut, 1280m up the range about 4pm yesterday. A plan is being formulated this morning to bring Braun-Elwert's body out, along with the rest of the party which included the PM's husband Peter Davis and cabinet minister David Parker. The group also included senior Cabinet ministers David Parker and Damien O'Connor. She [said](#) there was no danger to the couple or anyone else in their seven-strong team, despite atrocious weather conditions. A St John Ambulance spokesman said they received a call about an incident on Mount Gerald, in the Tekapo district, at 3. Police Area Commander Dave Gaskin [said](#) members of Clark's party carried out CPR for a considerable time until advised by ambulance staff to stop. We immediately dispatched the Westpac rescue helicopter from Christchurch, with a St John advanced paramedic on board, to Tekapo, he said.53pm. A spokeswoman for the Prime Minister said Clark and Davis had been on a skiing holiday in the area for two days. Because of the severe weather conditions, it was not possible to send the rescue helicopter to the site of the incident. In 1981, he founded Alpine Recreation Canterbury Ltd, a climbing, skiing and recreation business based at Lake Tekapo. Braun-Elwert was a member of the Canterbury-Aoraki Conservation Board and a Tekapo resident. Braun-Elwert had spoken of Clark and Davis as his most regular clients. He's a terrifically careful and amazing person in the industry, a friend of Braun-Elwert said last night. In 2001, they had to abandon a 6000m summit bid on Aconcagua in the Andes because of bad weather and illness in a fellow climbing party. He had guided them on more than a dozen occasions, on either cross-country skiing or climbing expeditions in New Zealand, South America and other countries. It takes her (Clark) about 24 hours to tune out of her special work environment, and then she's like everybody else, Braun-Elwert told in an interview in 2000. They crossed New Zealand's highest guided pass, the 2105m Ball Pass on the Mount Cook Range, in 2000, and later climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak. Braun-Elwert's wife, Anne, did not want to talk to the media last night. Braun-Elwert's wife, Anne, did not want to talk to the media last night. The couple have two daughters.

[Audio Caspian Prince CD Book - NEW](#) Prince Caspian by C. S. Lewis performed by Lynn Redgrave - Audio Book Unabridged (many copies being sold elsewhere are Abridged) Get Other Chronicles of Narnia Audio Books [click here](#) Prince Caspian by C. S. Lewis performed by Lynn Redgrave -Audio Book New Unabridged 4 CDs 4 Hours Narnia...the land between the lamp-post and the Castle of Cair Paravel where animals talk where magical things happen...and where the adventure begins. Peter Susan Edmund and Lucy are returning to boarding school when they are summoned from the dreary train station (by Susan's own magic horn) to return to the land of Narnia -- the land where they had ruled as kings and queens and where their help is desperately needed. About the Author C S Lewis (From Wikipedia) Clive Staples Lewis (29 November 1898-22 November 1963) commonly referred to as C. S. Lewis was an Irish author and scholar of mixed Irish English

[\\$170m blowout if Transmission Gully hits snag](#) . \$170m blowout if Transmission Gully hits snag Report reflects risk of massive project but route is 'right answer' Thursday, 14 August Transmission Gully would take almost eight years to build - and the project could blow out to more than \$170 million over budget - but support for it appears to be growing. Figures in a report issued to The by the Transport Agency show the project's 95 percentile estimate - effectively a worst-case scenario cost - could balloon to \$1.02 billion price tag.19 billion, significantly higher than its current \$1. The project's preferred route, made public the previous month, has been touted as \$275 million cheaper than the previous designation. It is a

one-in-20 scenario that could be sparked by something as simple as delays caused by bad weather. He pointed to other estimates that show \$200 million could be saved if construction went off without a hitch. Principal project manager Rob Whight said the higher cost estimate stemmed from the risk of tackling such a massive project. That's the reality of any project, he said. Risk will exist all the way until the day you finish the job.. . The trick is to get the balance of risk right.. It suggests that more than 24,000 vehicles would use the highway each day, recommends one mega-contract be let for its construction, and predicts that if it is not built, the coastal highway faces rush-hour gridlock. The Scheme Assessment Report is the culmination of more than two years of investigation into the inland highway proposal, now out for public consultation. Funding remains the biggest hurdle - local governments have till late next year to find \$600 million. The report confirms the discovery of a previously unknown splinter of the Ohariu Fault, and that land acquisitions alone will cost more than \$50 million. Of the more than 2000 submissions already received on the preferred alignment, 90 per cent are supportive. Support for the project appears to be growing. We seem to have hit the right answer. We've put it forward as a preferred route for good reason, Mr Whight said. Earthworks would cost \$130 million, bridges \$91 million, retaining walls \$67 million and ground improvements \$64 million. The report finds \$53 million will have to be spent on land acquisition alone - 188 hectares have already been bought. Traffic studies predict a 15 per cent increase in vehicle movements on the coastal highway between 2016 and 2026, and an almost 40 per cent increase in heavy vehicles within 20 years. Traffic studies predict a 15 per cent [increase](#) in vehicle movements on the coastal highway between 2016 and 2026, and an almost 40 per cent increase in heavy vehicles within 20 years. Since September 2004, State Highway 1 between McKays Crossing and Linden has been closed 51 times. Delay times on the highway are predicted to [increase](#) between 2006 and 2026 by 40 per cent in the morning peak, and 80 per cent in the afternoon rush hour. The existing coastal highway was not designed to cater as the primary through-route for the volume of freight and other traffic now using the route, the report says.

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**[Norovirus infects more as hospitals struggle](#) . Norovirus infects more as hospitals struggle [Thursday](#), 21 August Eight more people
- four staff and four patients - have been infected with the highly contagious norovirus as Dunedin hospitals battle to stop its spread. The Otago District Health Board said today that eight people had developed symptoms since 5pm yesterday. Wakari Hospital had removed visiting restrictions, as they had no patients or staff with symptoms, Ms Boivin said. There are currently 30 patients in isolation at Dunedin Hospital and three wards are closed to admissions at the hospital, operations manager Megan Boivin said. The majority of clinics operating will be in areas where physical isolation from the wards can be maintained. We are going to continue with some outpatient clinics and procedures tomorrow (at Dunedin Hospital). We are starting to increase the [number](#) of services that we can provide based on assessment of the clinical urgency of the cases and our ability to continue with our isolation protocols. Ms Boivin said a small number of patients would be seen within the main hospital due to their clinical need and**

specialised equipment. However, we urge all visitors and patients who do come to the hospital to abide by our hand hygiene enforcements if they do need to be in the hospital. The hospital regretted the continued inconvenience to patients and staff. The norovirus has wreaked havoc on the two hospitals' ability to carry out day to day duties with more than 150 infections reported by the DHB since the start of the month. She said people should continue advice given yesterday - that anybody with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from work or school until they have been [free](#) of all symptoms for 48 hours. West Coast District Health Board public health officer Vern Newcombe said yesterday lab tests had confirmed the outbreak at the Kowhai Manor Rest Home. There was no further information available today on the spread of the norovirus at a rest home in Greymouth.
- . **DHB spokesperson Bryan Jamieson said that about half of the 24 residents of the rest home had been infected and some staff were also experiencing symptoms**

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[The many shades of blue](#) . The many shades of blue By KATHERINE NEWTON Friday, 22 August /The **OUT IN FORCE: Recruits at yesterday's graduation ceremony at the Police College in Porirua included, left to right, Pillemon Goto (Zimbabwe), Nao Yoshimizu (Japan) and Cesar Lamban (Philippines). A Zimbabwean and a Japanese man walk into a police station. Constables Pillemon Goto and Nao Yoshimizu yesterday became the first ethnic Zimbabwean and Japanese nationals to join the police at a graduation ceremony at the training college in Porirua. The start of a joke? No - just the changing face of New Zealand police. Mr Goto decided to join the ranks after being impressed by police when he arrived in New Zealand from Zimbabwe in 2002. Their class, wing 252, also included graduates of Malaysian, Filipino and Turkish descent among its 76 graduates, reflecting the growing diversity of [New Zealand's](#) police officers. Mr Yoshimizu, who moved from Japan when he was 14, [said](#) language and cultural barriers meant he had to put in extra effort during the 19-week training course. The moment I got into New Zealand I was really inspired by the way they spoke to me. Our wing has a lot of different nationalities, and I think that's good for our country. The range of nationalities graduating was very positive, he said. He was supported at the ceremony by all his family, andby staff from the Japanese embassy. Having an ethnically diverse force would help police when dealing with an increasingly multicultural population, he said. In 2007, Pacific, Asian and other ethnicities made up**

6. Embassy information and culture centre director Suguru Minoya said staff were very proud of Mr Yoshimizu, and hoped his participation in the force would improve cross-cultural relations. Maori made up another 11.1 per cent of sworn police officers in New Zealand. The Minister's Prize for first in wing was awarded to Constable Christopher Murcott, who has been posted to Gore.5 per cent.

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***[Caught in a cycle of wet weekends](#) . Caught in a cycle of wet weekends Friday, 15 August
ROSS GIBLIN/The GROUNDBOG DAY: Island Bay soccer players Connor Weston, 7, and Khallum Vithal, 8, are sick of rainouts. Another weekend, another wintry blast. Spokesman Bob McDavitt said a week-long weather cycle had locked in at weekends, with rain on every Saturday since June 21. MetService has confirmed what most of us know - it has poured down every Saturday for the past seven weeks. More bad weather is expected in the next few days, with showers around Wellington tomorrow before heavy rain on Sunday and Monday. Seven-day cycles are common in winter time, it takes that long for one weather system to clear as another comes in, but unfortunately this one has set in so that it arrives every Saturday. Connor Weston, 7, a midfielder for the Island Bay Whalers soccer team, has had most games in the past two months called off and played his 20-minute match last weekend in a chilly 7C. Junior sports teams are having their winter season ruined by cancellations. It's been raining so much and I would have liked to play more games. It was so cold I couldn't feel my hands. His father, Paul Weston, who coaches the team, said: The kids struggle to stay motivated. It's no fun, he said. We've only got a few games to go and they're like: 'What's the point?' Capital Football general manager Keith Palmer [said](#) some teams in the 14-to-17-year-old grades had played as few as four games this season, which officially ends on August 31. They practise more than they play. The wet weather has also forced rugby and rugby league to drastically shorten their seasons. Soccer clubs met this week to discuss long-term solutions to the rainouts - including pushing Wellington City Council to build more artificial pitches in addition to the \$750,000 artificial field to be built at Nairnville Park this year. Head groundsman Trevor Jackson said some had been closed for the past eight weeks. The council's 45 sports fields are inspected each Friday.***

***. Even one junior game could cause a muddy mess, he said
[Maori culture not a hit with visitors](#) . Maori culture not a hit with visitors By JOHN HENZELL - Thursday, 14 August The haka, Whale Rider, and even Mike Tyson's moko have all failed to put Maori culture in the minds of [international](#) tourists. A new four-year study by Landcare Research found that instead of Maori culture having a worldwide profile with which to boost New Zealand's [biggest](#) export-earning industry, international tourists not only know almost nothing about it but in some cases were put off by it. International visitors know almost nothing. Researcher Chrys Horn told the Ecotourism [New](#) Zealand conference near Greymouth yesterday that although tour operators showed interest in Maori cultural tourism, the sector faced significant hurdles with attitudes of tourists from outside and within New Zealand. New Zealanders are generally less interested than internationals in Maori experiences, although a small number are very interested. They're lucky if they***

understand the term Maori and know what it means, she said. The research project, set up with Ngai Tahu and Tuhoe iwi, was designed to help rural Maori groups set up eco-cultural tours by finding out what tourists seek. Some New Zealanders were very nervous about what they didn't know (but) feel they should know more so they feel embarrassed to go to these things. Will visitors pay more for Maori products? Not at this stage, she said. It found international visitors were often unaware the cultural events they went to were Maori, could not recognise Maori people or products, and a restaurant menu heavily decorated with Maori motifs was found to make people less likely to go to that restaurant. There is a lot of 'build it and they will come' (attitude) but tourist demand is a whole lot more complicated than that, she said. Another Landcare Research worker, Helen Fitt, said they had been told by Maori groups that there was huge potential in cultural tourism. It's the one thing that sets us apart. Te Urewera Treks co-owner Jo Doherty told the conference its region had been sidelined by most tourism but they were using the strong Maori culture in the area, where 90 per cent of the population is Maori, as a point of difference to attract tourists. But she said the area's reputation, especially after the raids on suspected terrorism camps last year, meant some felt unsafe or uncomfortable. You'll hear Maori language spoken as part of everyday life, she said. Maori Tourism Council chairman John Barrett said Maori stories were an integral part of his eco-tourism operation on predator-free Kapiti Island north of Wellington and the key was authenticity. She quoted one journalist who kept her car doors locked and acknowledged: That's not going to change overnight.

[More people seeking gambling help](#) . More [people](#) seeking gambling help Tuesday, 12 August
The [number](#) of new clients seeking Gambling Helpline support increased by nearly 10 per cent in 2007, Ministry of Health statistics show. The ministry's annual gambling statistics report showed the number of new [people](#) seeking phone or face to face help was up from the 2006 figure of 2648 people. Minimising harm group manager Barbara Phillips said it was encouraging that over 85 per cent of clients reported they had lost less money in the four weeks prior to their reassessment than in the four weeks prior to their first assessment. The ministry said the change in the number of people seeking help from its problem gambling services did not necessarily equate to a change in the prevalence rates of problem gamblers. They showed that slightly fewer than 45 per cent of new Gambling Helpline clients were identified as New Zealand European/Pakeha, and that Maori and Pacific Island people were over-represented. The data showed in the vast majority of cases non-casino pokie machines were the primary source of harmful gambling.3 per cent and 1. Statistics suggested that at any given time, between 0. Analysis of the 2006/07 New Zealand Health Survey estimated that one in 19 were at low risk and one in 50 were at moderate risk of their gambling being a problem.8 per cent, or 10,000 and 50,000 adults in New Zealand were likely to score as problem gamblers on standard questionnaires.6 per cent of gamblers met the criteria for problem gambling. A further 0. The Ministry of Health statistics also showed there was a substantial increase (24. The behaviour of each severe problem gambler was also likely to affect between seven and 17 other people to some degree. Those statistics referred to people requesting help as a result of concerns about the gambling behaviour of friends or family members.4 per cent) in the number of interested other clients contacting helpline services. -

[Police seize Veitch papers](#) . Police seize Veitch papers Saturday, 16 August
/The POLICE SEARCH: Police today executed a search warrant at the home of former broadcaster Tony Veitch. It is understood the former broadcaster and wife Zoe Halford, pictured, were home at the time. Police raided the home Veitch shares with wife Zoe Halford in Herne Bay, Auckland, about 10am yesterday after getting a search warrant. Police have seized items from former TVNZ presenter Tony Veitch's home as their investigation into the alleged assault of his former partner nears completion. At least three detectives have been working on the investigation, started after Veitch's admission five weeks ago that he lashed out at his former partner Kristin Dunne-Powell after a row in 2006 at his St Heliers home. The pair were believed to be home at the time and had cooperated with officers, said police spokeswoman Noreen Hegarty. It is understood a

policewoman phoned Veitch on Thursday requesting that he visit Auckland central police station. The admission followed revelations by The that he had broken Ms Dunne-Powell's back in four places that night and paid her more than \$100,000 in a confidential agreement. Ms Hegarty said police spoke to Veitch during the search, but there was no formal interview. Plainclothes police officers arrived at Veitch's home yesterday and emerged carrying a box with papers and a computer hard drive. I don't know whether those items were found or not [found](#). There would be specific items listed on that search warrant. Veitch's lawyer, Stuart Grieve, QC, who arrived at Veitch's home after police left, declined to comment. She would not comment on whether police planned to make an arrest, but said the investigation was nearing completion. A report from TVNZ management on their handling of the Veitch saga is due to be sent to Broadcasting Minister Trevor Mallard in coming weeks. Employment lawyer Douglas Alderslade is understood to have been with Veitch during the police search. Veitch met a lawyer and TVNZ executives in December and told them about the incident. Last month, Veitch resigned from both his TVNZ presenting job and his Radio Sport breakfast slot - the same day police announced Ms Dunne-Powell had laid a formal complaint. . It is still unclear what was said, but TVNZ has said the events were not reported to chief executive Rick Ellis

[Great Book Scourby Alexander by Fitzgerald](#) The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald Read by Alexander Scourby Complete and unabridged The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald - Read by Alexander Scourby -AudioBook CD Brand New (still shrink wrapped): Unabridged 4.5 hours 4 CDs The Great Gatsby is a novel by the American author F. Scott Fitzgerald. First published on April 10 1925 the story is set in New York City and Long Island during the summer of 1922. The novel chronicles an era that Fitzgerald himself dubbed the "Jazz Age." Following the shock and chaos of the First World War American society enjoyed unprecedented levels of prosperity during the 1920s as the economy soared. At the same time Prohibition the ban on the sale and consumption of alcohol mandated by the Eighteenth Amendment made millionaires out of bootleggers and encouraged organized crime. Although Fitzgerald like Nick Carraway in his novel idolized the riches a

[Light bulbs' safety 'not a concern'](#) . Light bulbs' safety 'not a concern' Saturday, 16 August
Warning on eco bulbs A warning to the Fire Service about the potential hazards of energy-efficient light bulbs has prompted a fresh round of customer complaints to the Government's safety watchdog. Energy Safety spokeswoman Julie Allan said the agency had received 15 more calls yesterday after a spate of complaints about the bulbs scorching and smoking in the past fortnight. Ms Allan said some complaints cited concerns over the bulbs' tendency to flicker, blacken or smoke, which was a normal occurrence at the end of their lifespan. Previous complaints sparked a memo asking firefighters to catalogue the bulbs' possible failure in their fire investigations. The end-of-life failure has contributed to the perception that there is a fire hazard, she said. There had been only one reported case of a bulb scorching its surround and no resulting fires. At the moment we see no cause for concern over the safety of the bulbs. It's really an educative thing. Mr Collins said there were often problems with people pushing the bulbs into old and ill-fitting sockets or forcing them so hard the glass spiral cracked. Terry Collins, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority [products](#) manager, said there were up to 13 million energy-efficient bulbs in New Zealand homes and businesses and there had been just one reported incident of flames coming out of the side of the bulb. All energy-efficient bulbs imported met rigorous [New](#) Zealand safety standards, and the quality level would improve when the Government brought in a minimum energy performance standard in November 2009. The bulbs also needed to be in a sealed casing when outside and could malfunction on dimmer or two-way switches but special models were available for these purposes. Incandescent bulbs, which are being phased out of use, produced far more heat and posed more of a fire risk, he said. Energymad director Tom Mackenzie, whose company has trademarked the term *ecobulb* , said the business had sold four million energy-efficient bulbs and none had caused a fire.

[Kiwis gloomy on house prices](#) . Kiwis gloomy on [house](#) prices By DAVID HARGREAVES
[Wednesday](#), 20 August [New Zealanders](#)

have their gloomiest view in at least 12 years of likely future house prices - with an overwhelming majority expecting further falls, the latest ASB housing confidence survey shows. ASB chief economist Nick Tuffley said today that a net 55 per cent of respondents in the quarterly survey to July expected lower house prices, up from 34 per cent in the previous survey. However, a net 9 per cent of respondents - up 18 percentage points - now saw it as a good time to buy. The result is by far the most extreme reading since the inception of the ASB housing confidence survey in 1996, reflecting expectations that a weaker housing market will continue for the rest of , Tuffley said. The improvement in buyer sentiment coincides with a marked swing in interest rate expectations - from a distinct majority expecting higher interest rates to a more even balance between higher and lower rates. That is the highest reading in the survey since early last year and showed a glimmer of optimism , he said. However, respondents are increasingly downbeat on the outlook for house prices. Tuffley said mortgage rates had started to drop in May, while the reduction of official interest rates by the Reserve Bank the previous month would give people more confidence that mortgage rates will fall in future. Latest Quotable Value figures showed that the average house price in New Zealand was 2. Respondents might view some improvement in the ability to fund a house purchase, but their outlook for house prices suggests they will be in no hurry to act. Declining interest rate will help t gradually bring some stability back in to the housing market, Tuffley said.2 per cent lower in the three months to July compared with a year earlier. House prices remain high relative to incomes and there appear to be few magic bullets in the wings that will change this. But prices are likely to remain subdued in most regions for a couple of years. - More BusinessDay. That aside, there is a glimmer of hope on the horizon, with some easing of pressure on household finances like to come over the next year through lower interest rates and tax cuts.nz stories .co

[Hastings' \\$60m sports park gets council go-ahead](#) . Hastings' \$60m sports park gets council go-ahead [The Friday](#), 22 August

Hastings District Council has been given the starter's gun to build a \$60 million sports park on the outskirts of the city. Mayor Lawrence Yule said that the
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[Peters' star waning in popularity stakes](#) . Peters' star waning in popularity stakes [Monday](#),

18 August

DIEGO OPATOWSKI/The CREDIBILITY

IN QUESTION: More than half of voters questioned in a -Nielsen poll do not want NZ First leader Winston Peters to be part of the next government - whether National or Labour-led.

There is bad news for Winston Peters as he prepares to face the high-powered privileges committee over questions surrounding NZ First donations - almost half of voters want him sacked. The poll findings come as Mr Peters and his lawyer Brian Henry prepare to front up to a privileges hearing tonight into allegations surrounding a \$100,000 donation from billionaire Owen Glenn to Mr Peters' legal fund. A -Nielsen poll also reveals that voters do not want NZ First in the next government - regardless of whether [National](#) or Labour wins. Today's poll for The suggests that the affair has dented Mr Peters' credibility, with 48 per cent of voters believing Prime Minister Helen Clark should stand him down from his ministerial positions over questions surrounding donations to NZ First. Mr Peters also faces questions over the secretive Spencer Trust, the existence of which only came to light after The revealed a \$25,000 cheque from millionaire Sir Robert Jones was deposited in the trust and never declared. The findings are more damning when it comes to voters' views on whether NZ First should be involved in discussions after the election about the formation of the next government - just 39 per cent of voters think Labour should do another deal with NZ First, compared with 52 per cent who say no. Thirty-seven per cent of voters disagreed, and 15 per cent had no opinion. Miss Clark has expressed confidence in Mr Peters as her [foreign](#) affairs and racing minister and says she has taken him at his word that there was nothing illegal in NZ First's funding arrangements. The result was similar when it came to NZ First doing a deal with National - just 36 per cent said yes, and 54 per cent [said](#) no. The issue of who will be involved in post-election negotiations will be determined after the election. A spokeswoman said yesterday that Miss Clark had nothing to add to the extensive responses she had made in recent weeks. He did not rule Mr Peters out of a future National cabinet, but acknowledged there were still unanswered questions which he hoped would be answered by the privileges hearing. National leader John Key was also careful to avoid ruling out a deal, saying that was up to voters to determine.

[State tenants' damage bill \\$7.2m](#) . State tenants' damage bill \$7.2m [Wednesday](#), 13

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State house tenants

[continue](#) to cause millions of dollars each year in damage, despite improved monitoring of problem residents. **4 million in damage to their homes each year. Figures provided to The under the Official Information Act show that for the past five years, Housing NZ tenants have on average caused more than \$6.2 million in damage. In the 2006/07 year, the latest available figure, tenants caused more than \$7. These figures do not include damage caused by [people](#) who are not tenants or miscellaneous damage, such as weather. The Wellington region was second to South Auckland in a regional breakdown of damage. 3 million, with the balance attributable to the weather and third parties, a Housing New Zealand spokeswoman said. Total damage to corporation properties totalled \$23. There are 10,000 needy families on the waiting list that need [housing]. National Party housing spokesman Phil Heatley said the total amount of damages increased by 10 to 15 per cent each year, and a tougher line needed to be taken. In one Auckland case, tenants had left six months of rubbish festering in a garage, allowing it to become infested with rodents, he said. If they do it more than once, they deserve to be out on the street and the home given to more needy families, Mr Heatley said. As a result of this review, the corporation is taking a more assertive, consistent and targeted approach to managing this issue, she said. Housing New Zealand assurance and advisory general manager Lisa Tipping said a review into causes of damage was carried out at the end of the 2006/2007 financial year. Accidents such as windows broken by children made up part of the damages total, he said. This new approach had resulted in a 10 per cent increase in the number of tenants being taken to the Tenancy Tribunal, spokesman Nick Maling said. They were for a variety of orders but damage would have been among them. Housing New Zealand made almost 13,000 applications to the Tenancy Tribunal in the 2007/ year, Mr Maling said.**

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[Chch mother missing for three days found alive and well](#) . Chch mother missing for three days found alive and well By JO MCKENZIE-MCLEAN - Friday, 22 August A Christchurch mother of three who went missing from her Dallington home early on Tuesday, prompting fears for her safety, has been found alive and well. Detective Senior Sergeant Dave Harvey said Christchurch Hospital staff found Joan Lorraine Catlow at the hospital yesterday afternoon and notified police. She wasn't aware police were looking for her and (that) she had been reported as missing. She was very emotional. However, she yesterday told police she had taken clothing from the clothesline as she left. Catlow left her home around midnight on Monday, barefoot and wearing only a satin nightdress and towelling robe. The public had been helpful with sightings of Catlow after an appeal from the police, including seeing her walking along Gloucester Street between 5am and 6am, and around Christ's College and the hospital on Tuesday. She had spent the last 2 1/2 days at the hospital and in public places, Harvey said. I would stress to people if they have concerns about the wellbeing of an individual they should be reporting them as missing, he added. We thank the public for all their support and information, Harvey said. Police would not investigate further and no charges would be laid, Harvey said. I would also stress if anyone sees someone out there in a distressed state to contact the police as well, because they may have a problem and we are there to help.

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[Nats brings fresh faces to candidate list](#) . Nats brings fresh faces to candidate list Sunday, 17 August National's candidate list

The National Party has named 73 election candidates, bringing seven new faces into the top 50 on its list. On current polling, National is in the comfortable position of being able to safely anticipate having more MPs after the election than the 48 it has now. But we're very aware that the polls move around and historically once the campaign proper starts the major parties often drop and the smaller parties lift, she said. Party president Judy Kirk announced the list today, saying National could expect to win 60 or 61 seats on its current support levels. It's going to be a fight. So we have to be mindful of that and work very hard to the final hour. National's 43 MPs who are standing again - five caucus members are retiring - are all safely in the top 50. The lists that each party draws up for the election determine which candidates get into Parliament based on the percentage of the party vote, regardless of whether they win electorate seats. He is a list only candidate and will not contest an electorate. The top ranked newcomer is the party's former campaign and general manager, Steven Joyce, who is at 16. Some of the

newcomers have been slotted in ahead of sitting MPs but Ms Kirk said there had not been any problems with that. Other new faces are Peseta Sam Lotu-Liga at 35, who will contest Maungakiekie, Hekia Parata at 36, who will stand in Mana, list only candidate Melissa Lee at 37, Kanwal Bakshi at 38 who is the candidate for Manukau East, Paul Quinn at 48 who will stand in Hutt South and Michael Woodhouse at 49 who will contest Dunedin North. . The caucus is in the top 50. everyone is fine, in the current environment they're pretty happy, she said. . We need to reach out, we talk to ethnic communities, we've been working with them and we want them involved in the National Party, she said. Some of the newcomers represent ethnic minorities and Ms Kirk said the choices marked a new diversity within the party. If National breaks the 60-seat barrier, two former MPs from different parties will be on the cusp. I see a huge change in the National Party, there's a generational change happening and a diversity change. - . Former ACT MP Stephen Franks, National's candidate for Wellington Central, is ranked at 60 on the list and former United Future MP Marc Alexander, who is standing in Wigram, is at 61