Help to deal with ‘tricky’ disorder

by Murray Robertson

The Gisborne police Youth Services Team learned more about Autism Spectrum Disorder in a workshop yesterday designed to help them better deal with young people with ASD, described as “tricky” to manage.

Seven team members attended the workshop, hosted by Takiwatanga Taonga (ASD) facilitator Dorothy Taare-Smith.

“The workshop was about raising the level of awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder among the youth team members,” she said.

ASD is a serious developmental disorder that affects communication (verbal and nonverbal), social skills and behaviour, and children with it can have a range of challenges.

The challenges can vary from avoiding eye contact when speaking to difficulties communicating verbally, and displaying inappropriate or unusual behaviour.

“Autism is an invisible disorder and difficult to identify at first glance, especially for first responders like police officers,” Mrs Taare-Smith said.

“It’s important not to misinterpret the behaviour of those with ASD as necessarily being bad behaviour.”

She has developed a series of Takiwatanga safety symbols which serves as a discreet safety alert to let the public know the wearer has ASD.

“The symbol indicates the carer may need support while out at the shops or at the park.”

“This workshop has been piloted here in Tairawhiti and I hope to see it rolled out around the rest of the country.”

“I also hope to see the workshop made available to front-line general duties staff at some stage in the future.”

Youth Services Team leader Sergeant Cath Jones said the workshop was very successful.

“I like my team to get as much training as possible to help them in their role working with children and youth.”

“Autism can be a tricky thing to deal with for police,” Sergeant Jones said.

“I can certainly see merit in the workshop being broadened out to include all front-line staff.”

Ms Taare-Smith has a Masters degree in specialist teaching, specialising in autism, and has a background in special education.

“Autism is something I feel people don’t really understand, and I want to help people in general, not just police officers, improve their understanding.”

A GLIMMER of hope emerged late yesterday for the forestry industry.

Eastland Wood Council (EWC) issued a statement saying some of the large log exporters have said they would start buying logs again from Tuesday.

While there was still a lot of uncertainty in a situation that was changing daily, it was a bit of light that could help some people feel better, she said.

Despite this, many employees in the林业 industry start next week with no work.

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A FABULOUS day despite the hot weather was the consensus at the Tahora Horse Sports last weekend.

“Horse sports is a fun day out for the whole family, with a combination of flat classes, jumping classes and sports events,” said Tahora Horse Sports Club secretary Bridget Malcolm.

The children were split into three age groups and there were 13 events for each age group. There were 18 events for the adults to compete in.

“Our had lots of junior riders competing, particularly in the seven years and under age group, and it was great to see so many parents and grandparents helping the young ones get going on their horses.”

The big winner on the day was Paula Newman, whose three children also took part, on their ponies. Paula won the Ginger Tamanui Memorial Trophy for the maiden horse with most points, lady rider with most points, Williams and Kettle Trophy for competitor with most points, MS Millar Contracting Trophy for the hunter jump, Pablo Memorial jump and the Fred Davies Trophy for one horse one rider most points.

Marley, ridden by Michael Williams, won the open horse with most points title.

Shane Watson, of Marewa Station, had a good day. Competing on two horses he won the Hutchinson Cup for local competitor with most points and the local farmer with most points trophy. He also earned enough points to win the Lands and Survey Cup for Marewa Station.

Oliver Barcetay, riding Cupid, won the local child with most points title.

Other junior titles were —

A grade (12 to 15yrs) most points: Rani Holden, who also won the horse with most points.
B grade child (8-11yrs) most points: Maui Holden.
C grade child (7yrs and under) most points: Germaine Manuel.
Jade Memorial Cup for most deserving child: Rylan Matiaha.
Kerry Fogarty Trophy for most promising C grade rider: Karyn Lee.

Bridget Malcolm said the club was grateful to all competitors who travelled to the club’s grounds off Tahora Settlement Road, and all the sponsors. “We would not be able to provide such a fun day and free lunch and dinner for all competitors without their support.”

ALL FOR ONE: Romeo earned a bucket of water and a few other treats carrying around Harry, Zoe and Greer Newman and Sam Brooks.

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by Matal O’Connor

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GOVERNMENT moves to wipe rates arrears and inject capital to develop Maori land are a “significant step forward”, the general manager of Ngati Porou’s farming company said.

Proposed changes to the way rates are applied to Maori freehold land, announced as a result of the Provincial Growth Fund for projects to develop Maori-owned land, were announced by the Government on Sunday to kick off Waitangi Day week.

There are about 1.4 million hectares of Maori freehold land in New Zealand, including nearly 257,000ha in Tairawhiti.

Hilton Collier of Pakihora Farms Ltd, which manages farming operations on 8000 hectares of land owned by the East Coast iwi or its members, said the two initiatives would start to remove barriers to Maori land development.

Local Government and Maori Development Minister Nanaia Mahuta is proposing changes to the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 that would enable councils to provide rates relief for Maori freehold land that is being developed.

Better access to rates rebates for homeowners on shared Maori land and easier access to chief executive ratings are also on the cards.

Mr Collier said Pakihora Farms was due to look at developing Maori-owned land on the East Coast for higher-value uses — sheep, beef, wool and horticulture — but rates arrears could be off-putting, with penalties accumulating even when current rates were paid.

He had personal experience with rates arrears on Maori land — inheriting a land shareholding from his grandad and then being sent to debt collection for arrears he said Gisborne District Council should have collected from the land’s former occupiers.

The council’s revenue team leader, Fiona Serrag, said by law the person currently occupying Maori freehold land was the ratepayer.

On June 30, 2018, rates arrears in the Gisborne district totalled $8.2m, including $5.8m for Maori freehold land, and 39 ratepayers had been sent to debt collection for arrears totalling $744,000.

Trustees of Maori land need to pay rates only when income is derived from the land, which applied to $1.6m of the $5.8m in rates arrears.

Mr Collier said PGN funding for projects to develop Maori-owned land was also vital,“because how do you convince a banker to lend money on land he can’t sell?”

Restrictions apply to the sale of Maori land, which requires Maori Land Court approval. In general, the land must be sold to members of the whanau and hapu associated with it.

The $30m invested in whanau Maori development includes $1.87m for five projects on the East Coast,
**Gisborne East Coast Cancer Society** is thrilled to have new outdoor seating at its offices thanks to the donation of two wooden bench seats gifted to them by Certified Builders Gisborne.

The seats were built during a NZ Certified Builders’ competition last year where seven building apprentices were challenged with building a bench seat in a limited time period. Baxter MacKay won the Gisborne challenge and went on to represent the region at the national finals held in conjunction with the Certified Builders Conference in Christchurch.

President of Certified Builders Gisborne Region Phill Claffey said the Cancer Society was “stoked” with the seats.

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Most voters favour satellite log port for East Coast

by Sophie Rishworth

THREE-THIRDS of respondents in this week’s web poll were in favour of a satellite log port being established somewhere on the East Coast. A satellite log port would be a smaller port somewhere on the Coast, with the intention that if it fed a larger port like Gisborne by barge, the intention being to get logs off the road.

The development of a satellite port in the region and an alternative transport route in the “blue highway” is mentioned in the Tarawhiti 2560 spatial plan, which sets aspirations for regional development over the next 30 years. With 66 per cent in favour, that left 27 percent who voted against the idea and seven percent who chose “Don’t know.” “It would depend on who was paying to have it made,” said one online voter.

Another voter in favour said it would provide jobs for the Coast and, “get more trucks off the road.” “It is common sense. Everyone moans about the logging trucks on the Coast road and here is an opportunity to solve the problem.”

Another voter in favour said it was a “no brainer.” “The main justification for building a satellite log port on the East Coast is to rescue that part of the region from a state of dependency but the benefit for the rest of the region would be the savings of the funds spent on maintaining that dependency. Also the Government appear willing to stump up the funds for the one-off construction.”

But one online reader against the idea said it would make more sense to build a railway line. “Another person against the idea said, “The cost of the extra building etc cannot be justified when everything needed is already there.”

“A forestry crew foreman said he had been men in his crew who were very concerned and confused, and already looking for other work in other industries. “The hills are still coming in on a weekly basis and need to be paid,” he said yesterday.

“We had no work today, and as far as we know no work on Monday. It is very unknown and very uncertain about what is going to happen next. “It is a little unnerving especially since we just came out of the holidays so all the boys’ holiday pay has been used up.”

A Gisborne logging truck driver said it was all a bit of a whirlwind. “We have no clue what is happening. I think we are all hoping for the best. With the predicament of being out of work for a few weeks to a month some of us will be finding part-time jobs elsewhere.”

Wednesday was their last day of work until further notice. “I’ll probably join the bandwagon of looking elsewhere for employment,” they said.

The city’s foodbanks are expecting an increase in demand for their services in the wake of the logging industry situation. Johnathan Pere, spokesman for East Coast Community Foodbank/Ruatoki, approached The Herald to say families in the industry were worried. “I have listened to a few of our logging families who are devastated about what is happening with their livelihoods and how it will hurt their whanau,” he said.

“We are receiving inquiries from families who are anticipating not getting paid in the weeks ahead.” Mr Pere said the foodbank would gratefully receive any donations. The foodbank can be contacted through its Facebook page, by emailing eastcoastfoodbank@gmail.com or by phoning 027 290 5752.

Captain Kevin Waugh said the Salvation Army foodbank hadn’t been approached, but “we have discussed the possibility of that happening.” The Salvation Army was always willing to receive food donations, he said. Another truck driver spoke to who had just landed a job training had been told his job was being postponed for two months. “I’d barely started in the job and now...”
WELLINGTON — National may not be able to rely on partnering up with the Maori Party after the election — if that party is able to secure a seat to get itself back into parliament. The party is looking to fightback after its crushing election defeat in 2017, in which it found itself turfed out of parliament and Labour then sweeping all seven Maori seats. National leader Simon Bridges has talked about a resurgent Maori Party as a potential ally, but it may not have a willing partner, with the Maori Party President Che Wilson indicating a strong preference for Labour.

“We're clear that our people align more with Labour, so we are open to having a conversation with Labour. “If we do talk to National it will have to be a big deal for us to move that way again,” Mr Wilson said.

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Asked if it could spell the end of the partnership altogether, Mr Wilson said, “potentially, but it doesn’t mean the end of the movement”.

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Mr Bridges has said National knew what it did wrong in 2017 when it found itself turfed out of parliament, after former Labour leader Bill English and National Party co-leader Te Ururoa Flavell lost the seat to Labour, that lost the Labour Party all seven Maori seats.

Mr Wilson says the Maori Party has listened to its people — something he said the party was not doing in 2017. “Our messaging was often a bit too academic and so our people couldn’t relate to it. And there’s also the perception problem here you don’t promote how well you’ve done.”

It said people that Labour voted with National more than we did in the nine years we were in government.

The stakes are high for the Maori Party because winning one of the Maori seats is realistically its only chance of returning to parliament. In 2017, the Green party running in the Maori seats opted not to go on to the Waitangi Tribunal, finding “we’re all set to go as electors MPs or we’re gone” — a strategy that worked.

The current Maori caucus has not decided whether to do that again, but a strong Maori Party candidate could push them into it.

Auckland Mayorial candidate John Tamihere is a name being talked about for the urban Auckland seat of Tamaki Makaurau.

The Green co-leader Marama Davidson is also set to stand in that seat, but said the party has not turned its mind to any deals or strategising.

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As for Labour, if it was already talking strategy, saying it will be “pujigging at its finest”.

It up to the prime minister and the leader of the Labour Party to work out what it wants to be doing in the seat.

“I’m willing not only to bring forward the interest of our party in this area. This is coming as the Government needs to address the future and able to thrive in independent public media in New Zealand. Effectively what RNZ is doing is going to be a really random and dynamic year. I’m placing very little acception on what either the channel or any media is saying, or indeed what the leader of the Labour Party is saying in February,” Jones said. — RNZ
Evacuees test clear for virus

by Mike Holulahan,
Otago Daily Times

MATUARA — Matara is about to say goodbye to the almost 10,000 tonnes of newsprint stored in its former paper mill, but the potentially toxic chemical will remain in Southland.

Gore District Council chief executive Stephen Parry yesterday told the Otago Daily Times that all parties had shaken hands on a deal to transport the chemical elsewhere. When wet, the substance is capable of generating ammonia gas, which could be harmful to human health or the environment; foods in the region this week sparked fears the chemicals could become saturated and hazardous.

“It is a high-level and in-principle deal, so nothing is signed yet — it is based on a good old-fashioned Southland handshake,” Mr Parry said.

“But we are aligned in our views. It’s just that some of the details remain to be worked through.”

The council would eventually reveal where the chemical would be transferred to — but not until the deal was concluded, Mr Parry said.

However, he did confirm the chemicals would remain in the Southland region.

Potentially-toxic chemical to be moved within Southland
Auckland water shortages causing severe stress for many

AUCKLAND — Water companies in Auckland say severe water shortages are causing severe stress for truckies and families in the region.

For the first time in 31 years, the high demand forced Earl Thorley, owner of Waitakere Transport, to stop taking new orders for tank refills.

At one point, the company had a waiting list of five weeks.

“There’s only so many hours in the day that the trucks can actually work legally, fill points are queuing up and backing up,” he said.

Thorley said it had been an extremely stressfull time for all water carriers in the region, which was incredibly dry.

Further up the country in Warkworth, Christine Walker from Artesian and Solway water said she had been fielding hundreds of calls a day from desperate residents.

“If we kept taking bookings indefinitely, we’d probably be looking at having about three or four months of people waiting at the moment,” she said.

“We’ve booked up until the end of March so we’ve stopped taking any more bookings.”

In response, Auckland Council had opened on-tap contingency water supplies in Helensvale, Wellsford, Orewa and Tu Paru.

Deputy Mayor and Franklin ward councillor Bill Cashmore said it was also trying to find more tankers to lighten the load and distribute emergency water supplies.

Aucklanders living on the reticulated supply are also being urged to conserve water, after the city used more than 550 million litres in a day earlier this week.

But Roseline Klein from Watercare, which supplies homes and businesses between Waiwera and Pukekohe said there were no hard restrictions in place.

“However, it’s really the time to start being mindful about water use, especially as high water uses like we’re seeing at the moment are putting real pressure on the infrastructure,” she said.

“Our reservoirs, our pipes, our water treatment plants have to produce a lot more than usual.”

Auckland is just one of the regions being hit with water shortages, as drought levels in Kaikōhe have led the town to begin preparing for its supply to run out.

Ngāwha prison, one of the Far North’s oldest water users, had been forced to limit prisoner shower times to three minutes, twice daily. — RNZ
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How exactly would New Zealand fare in a global catastrophe?

NZR Insight — The current coronavirus outbreak is serving as a real test of New Zealand’s emergency plans. But public health experts warn that we need to go further than just preparing for the coronavirus. Journalist JOHN GERRITSEN investigates if we could cope in a global catastrophe.

DUNEDIN — “A super-volcanic eruption, an asteroid strike or artificial intelligence gone wrong,” says New Zealand Herald health reporter Dr Boyd.

Researcher Dr Boyd Matt Boyd is listing some of the possible threats to human existence. They sound terrifying, but what is really scary is that Boyd is talking about these potential catastrophes with no sense of self-consciousness and no laugh to suggest that this is just science fiction. And he is just getting started.

Nuclear war? “It could break out at any moment.”

Pandemic virus? “There’s probably an increasing risk from biotechnology that something may go wrong.”

“Zealanders, North Islanders, for months, devoid of things like rice and oil on hand to cover 50 days of normal use. But Mr Twomey says “normal use” wouldn’t apply to those who really need it. Consumption could be restricted to those who really need it.”

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**Travellers rebooking, not cancelling amid outbreak**

*by Grant Bradley, NZ Herald*

AUCKLAND — One of New Zealand’s biggest travel agencies says coronavirus fears have resulted in a few cancellations from clients, although consultants have been busy rebooking new flights for others who had been flying through China.

Head of Travel commercial director Brent Thomas said China — now subject to a “don’t go” warning from this country’s Government — was not a major destination for New Zealanders and total sales exceeded the same period a year ago.

“It’s certainly not deterring people from travel except to China.

“We know we would have had greater sales if this hadn’t happened, but the numbers are still up on last year so it’s not impacting us from that point of view.”

Chinese airlines have provided another route to Europe, with many fares at budget rates, but some passengers were not going to travel to countries other than China.

Staff were dealing with more inquiries about previously booked trips as well as arranging new ones.

“People are working harder and longer. We are dealing with a whole lot of new bookings and dealing with a number of queries from their overseas travel plans so they are worried about the coronavirus.”

Travel agents had experience and expertise to do this, but it was more difficult for travellers who had booked themselves through websites.

“It’s not just about airfares, it’s about how to knock-on impact — hotels, car rentals and sightseeing. If you’re trying to rearrange that yourself, which one do you first?”

**DON’T GO! WARNING: Coronavirus fears have resulted in few cancellations from clients, says House of Travel. NZ Herald picture**

Thomas said events which severely curtailed travel made a “positive” and a “negative” for agents.

They also could advise travellers on insurance, he said.

“With insurance, we have the expertise to know what the policies are, but people who have done it from scratch don’t know what they are — it makes it tricky.”

Thomas, who also heads the Travel Agents’ Association of NZ (TAANZ), said travellers needed to be insured for all events.

“Most insurance policies won’t cover you for coronavirus because it is a known event, but the strong message is that if you’re travelling, take out insurance because more can go wrong than catching coronavirus.”

He had some general advice.

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University start-up seeking $400k for expansion

**SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY**

WELLINGTON — New Zealand shares rebounded today, as a strong lead from Wall St and stimulus from the People’s Bank of China buoyed Asian markets from coronavirus fallout and caused investors to walk back a portion of the recent pullback.

The S&P/NZX 50 index rose 0.8 percent to 11,815.4, its highest close since February 1, and the S&P/NZX 100 was up 0.9 percent to 6149.5. The S&P/NZX 50 index was up 14.7 percent since February 1.

**I look through Asia today and it is a sea of green,** said Peter McIntyre, an investment adviser at Grays Investment Partners.

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The stock was initially sold off, falling nearly 11 percent in value when annual net profit will probably fall about 14 percent because of the coronavirus impact on Chinese tourism, the Australian bushfires and the previously advised problems in its US business.

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New coronavirus taking its toll

Re: Virus hits forestry, February 4 story.

RE: Would like to acknowledge The Gisborne Herald for bringing this article to the forefront for all who will suffer financially within the industry and the wider community. Why did it take the newspaper to announce the ‘perfect storm’ publicly?— Eastland Wood Council: Regarding your comment about continuing to communicate and supporting members, contractors and workers, did we need to give you our email again?

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Re: Coronavirus: This will continue to have a major impact on exports. If China can’t get the outbreak under control by March, who is going to unload the ships?— New Zealand Government: All businesses and employees affected by the coronavirus outbreak should receive financial help. The Government needs to be ready for the possibility of 1000 newly-unemployed New Zealanders looking for the benefit come Monday, February 10.

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Response from EWC

Firstly I am sorry if you have not been contacted with and feel out of the loop. We certainly do appreciate the stress people will be under, which is why we are being proactive in getting information out and wide.

This situation really only unfolded on Monday, and is still evolving. As has been said, it is a bit of a ‘perfect storm’ with a number of factors coming into play — the major one being the impact in mainland China of the coronavirus, which could not have been planned.

NZFOA, FICA and the EWC have put out numerous media statements, and these have been shared via the Eastland Wood Council Facebook page.

We have also been in contact with Te Uru Raukau and MPI, and others in the forest industry across the country, so they are aware and updated on our situation here in Taiahi. I agree with you that there needs to be a government response.

The Eastland Wood Council is part of an operational group that has been co-ordinating key activities with different organisations to ensure everyone has access to information should they need it.

We have been working with MPI who have shared details of their rabbit management programme so the rest of us can put in to place support and provide information.

— KEITH INGRAM, President, NZ Recreational Fishing Council

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

Re: Protecting fish and fisheries

We remain amazed to see a letter to your respected paper from Craig Miller baying for more overfishing of Australia’s rock lobster and then criticize the facts on various fisheries matters.

The Minister of Fisheries Stuart Nash cut the catch rate to 20 percent in 2018 and a further 10 percent last year. Mr Nash said “the 10 percent additional cut for rock lobster is supported by scientific evidence that the abundance of tarakihi in the east coast is and remains very low.”

Mr Miller goes on to support larger catches in the east coast. Why did you not pass on to the contractors or sub-contractors? Why did you not address the whole industry? You pride yourself on health and safety — what about the health side? Would this not include stress? Contractors are trying to prevent hardship for their employees — who’s going to pay their bills? Let alone what happens to our businesses.

Forest owners: This Chinese virus of SARS-Cov2 that we have come to a standstill since an episode years ago. Why did you not tell your port knowing China shuts down for two weeks over their New Year? Why was there no staggering of wood flow leading up to this annual holiday.

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So contractors could carry on working? Did you all not have a forecast? Or did a forest owner push the emergency button too quick.

The Gisborne Herald • Saturday, February 8, 2020

EDITORIAL

New coronavirus, workers blindsided

A glimmer of hope for the local forestry industry with news tonight: some log exports will resume next week caps a week of turmoil for many business owners, workers and their families.

Uncertainty will unfortunately continue for some time, although the situation at China’s ports and for its wood processing industry should start to become clearer if people infected with this virus don’t travel.

Next week as workers return from the extended holiday enacted across the country to help limit the spread of this new virus. The resumption of business will take time because of continuing travel restrictions, though, and could be impacted by further enforced downtime if authorities deem that necessary.

It is not just the coronavirus that has hobbled the forestry industry, though. It will take time for a global oversupply of soft wood to unwind and prices to recover.

Some 37 percent of the market for softwood for the local industry to diversify meaningfully from its reliance on China, which takes 85 percent of the logs leaving our port.

There was some positive news on the coronavirus situation with news tonight, with 3731 new cases reported on Thursday down from 3924 the previous day — although the World Health Organisation said it was too early to declare a peak in the spread of this virus.

So far the novel coronavirus (named 2019-nCoV) appears to be killing about 2 percent of people infected. This compares with a 9.6 percent death rate for the SARS outbreak and a 20 percent death rate for the MERS outbreak.

While some workers in this district are being affected by the effort to stem this epidemic, this is worth noting the impact of SARS on the New Zealand economy was estimated at just 1 percent of GDP — although China now accounts for 19 percent of the country’s two-way trade in goods and services, about four times the proportion in 2003. Our principal exports are dairy products and vegetable oil (5.7 billion dollars) followed by meat and wood products, worth about $3 billion each.

Re: A fabulous gathering, February 7 story.

From what I’ve heard it was a magnificent day. I admit I was unable to attend due to the business the day before. I did pass on many thanks to all people who were involved on the day. I’m sure it was as enjoyable as all the artists who performed.

I would also like to add a big shout out to the stage techs and stage people who make it all happen for all the hard mahi they put in to keep the show flowing smoothly — ka pai.

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Acquittal prompts dilemma for Dems

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump’s impeachment ended with a resounding “no” from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. The idea for so long — an acquittal everyone saw coming — never seemed as certain to many as it did for bombastic presidential victory lap and a bump in Trump’s poll numbers just as the 2020 campaign officially began.

Now Democrats have to decide how to navigate the legislative and political landscape that they’ve helped reshape.

Pelosi’s nationally televised riposte to Trump was a State of the Union address that made clear her party’s focus on pocketbook issues that helped them capture the House in 2018. The GOP-controlled Senate acquittal of Trump on Wednesday of both articles of impeachment, with 52-48 votes, was a vote that she had no choice but to proceed, said House Intelligence Committee Chairman Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., who said it was the only way to ensure a fair and impartial trial.

Democrats say say despite the Senate acquittal, the trial provided their party the political leverage they needed to press for an investigation into how vigorously to continue an effort to pressure Ukraine’s corrupt leaders to hotly pursuing that under the Trump-era foreign policy of Ukraine.

In 2020, the death of a doctor from Wuhan, the capital of China, was the start of a global health crisis.

LONDON — The death of a doctor who issued an early warning about the new virus in China presents a grim reminder that the first healthcare workers to recognize new outbreaks are sometimes among their earliest victims.

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said on Thursday that the US at his direction has conducted a counterterrorism operation in Yemen that killed Qassim al-Rimi, an al-Qaeda leader who claimed responsibility for last year’s deadly shooting at Naval Air Station Pensacola, where a Saudi aviation trainee killed three sailors.

Al-Rimi is a founder of al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. The affiliate has long been considered the global network’s most dangerous branch for its attempts to carry out attacks on the US mainland. Trump said the US and its allies are safer as a result of the death of a leader who had directed attacks against US interests there and across the region.

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The shooting focused public attention on the Islamic State’s loose regional cell in western and northwestern Syria, which President Bashar Assad’s forces have been advancing in a devastating, Russia-backed offensive that has sparked a massive wave of people fleeing in cities and towns in its path.

Syria’s Idlib region near the border with Turkey is the last rebel-held bastion in the war-ravaged country. The push by Assad’s forces into towns and villages in the province over the past months has uprooted more than a half-million people who fled the advancing troops. Many of them already have been displaced several times in the 8-year-old Syrian war.

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Big price drop at small fair

ONLY 619 cattle were sent for sale at Tuesday’s Matawhero Fair and prices took a major drop on those received at the last Fair at the beginning of December.

Prices for 18 month steers dropped by up to $41/kg. Sherwood Agriculture Ltd at Murawai had seven pens of well presented, quality, 18 month heifers and consequently the price drop for heifers was not as great.

M.D and C.A Utting at Wairata stopped this section receiving $1070 for a pen of 15 Charolais, weighing 415kg.

Best price for 18 month steers went to Raroa Station at Tslaaga Bay (pictured at left), receiving $990 for a pen of 16, weighing 375kg.

Price range: 18 month steers: $2.63 – $2.77/kg; 18 month heifers: $2.52 – $2.77/kg; 18 month bulls: $2.46 – $2.85/kg.

Best prices —
18 month steers: Raroa Station, 16 (370kg), $960, 17 (325kg), $900; Paritaha P8 (Ngatapu), 21 (365kg), $960; Mangahanea Farms Ltd (Ruatoria), 23 (345kg), $920, 12 (305kg), $810; Sherwood Agriculture Ltd, 28 (325kg), $875.

18 month heifers: M.D and C Utting, 15 (415kg), $1970; Sherwood Agriculture Ltd, 58 Hereford (350kg), $970, 31 Angus (360kg), $860, 71 Angus (353kg), $920, 32 Angus (355 kgs), $910, 48 Angus (350kg), $910, 35 Angus (300kg), $825, 30 Hereford (320kg), $805.

18 month bulls: Sidney Hirua, 6 (375kg), $950, 8 (285kg), $700; Raroa Station, 9 (325kg), $940; Mangapapa Station Ltd (Ruatoria), 5 (310kg), $800.

Shearing sports face challenges

by Doug Laing, Shearing Sports NZ

This shearing sports calendar has lost two more shows with the cancellation of both the Kaikoura A&P Show shearing and the Pre Shears Woolhandling Championships.

The Kaikoura Shears were to have been held on February 22, the cancellation confirmed by Shearing Sports New Zealand South Island committee deputy chairman and judges examiner Paul Harris.

Pre Shears Woolhandling organiser Mor Gibb confirmed the cancellation of that event which was to have been held on March 3, the day before the opening of the 60th Golden Shears in Masterton.

The North Island Senior and Junior woolhandling circuit finals will now be held at Apiti on February 29.

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NZ rural sports finalists found

The finalists have been decided for the Norwood NZ Rural Sports Awards for 2019 and they are leaders in both traditional and rural sports. Sports like shearing, fencing, wool handling and dog trials, and newer sports like tree-climbing and for the first time, a duck caller has made it through.

The Norwood New Zealand Rural Sports Awards are all about honouring people from young athletes who are just starting, to the lifetime achievers, and those who work away in the background to make sure rural sports survive.

The finalists are
- Norwood New Zealand Rural Sportsman of the Year: Tonu Bousski
- Fencing, Hawke’s Bay; Scott Forrest — Sportsman of the Year: Tony Bouskill — to make sure rural sports survive.”

The Norwood NZ Rural Games in Palmerston North, the night before the Ford Ranger — Brian Lochore Memorial Award for an
- Shearing, Carterton, Ricky May — Geraldine.
- Racing, Rakaia. Sally Mallinson — Sheep Dog Trials, Geraldine.
- Fencing, Hawke’s Bay; Scott Forrest —

The awards will be held at the Awapuni Function Centre in Palmerston North, the night before the Ford Ranger NZ Rural Games in Palmerston North.

Imlications of ETS legislation

DairyNZ general manager for “Responsible Dairy”, Jenny Cameron, has urged Parliament’s Environment Select Committee to carefully consider the implications ETS legislation could have on farms, families and communities and how they manage the impact of the transition to a low-emissions economy.

“We believe that the move to auctioning alongside the removal of the existing price cap is likely to result in a significant expansion to the revenue generated by the ETS and drive up costs” Ms Cameron said.

The Bill could see emissions prices rise to $50 per tonne, which would mean emissions trading may be adding 16c to each litre of petrol and increasing power bills by up to 20 percent. She said while New Zealand farmers were not included in the ETS for their biological emissions, they were still included in the ETS for their emissions on things like power and fuel just like the rest of the country.

“We estimate that a $50 carbon price would cost your average dairy farmer around $17,000 each year in emissions trading costs.”

DairyNZ made these points to Parliament’s Environment Select Committee this week while advocating on behalf of dairy farmers.

“Dairy farmers are willing to play their part alongside the rest of New Zealand, who will also face rising costs, but we think it is really important that there is certainty as to where this money will be spent or how it will be used for.

“Last year, the Government collected $420m from emissions trading with the money and the Bill doesn’t include any direction or discussion about how the money will be spent or how it will reduce emissions,” she said.

Alliance takes 10 percent stake in Indian market

The Alliance Group has acquired a stake in its India partner QualityNZ as it looks to capture more value from the world’s second most populous nation. Alliance has purchased 10.4 percent of QualityNZ, which supplies New Zealand’s products such as red meat, seafood and wine to India.

QualityNZ’s other shareholders include New Zealand cricketing legend Sir Richard Hadlee, Stephen Fleming, Daniel Vettori and Brendon McCullum. This investment in QualityNZ is consistent with the co-operative’s strategy of moving up the value chain and having an in-market presence in key regions, said Alliance Group chief executive David Surveyor.

“India’s fast-growing middle and upper classes have a real appetite for New Zealand lamb and value the Pure South story of grass-fed red meat produced naturally.

“‘We are targeting the higher socio-economic category, which is represented by more than 200 million people. ‘If it is estimated this number is expected to grow strongly within the next decade and India is forecast to soon exceed China’s GDP’

Surveyor said the investment in QualityNZ will ensure Alliance Group is closer to its customers and can better understand their needs and expectations.

This will provide us with deeper connections to this important market and lift Alliance’s visibility and engagement across all steps of the supply chain.

“It will also enable Alliance to effectively get in on the ‘ground floor’ of a country which one day will be the next China.”

Nominations open for Silver Fern Farms board

NOMINATIONS have opened for two farmer-elected positions on the Silver Fern Farms co-operative’s board as directors Dan Jекс-Blake from Gisborne and Richard Young retire by rotation at the Company’s 2019 annual meeting.

Mr Jекс-Blake and Mr Young have both advised they will seek re-election.

Nominations close on Monday, March 2 at 12noon.

The result of any election will be made public prior to the 2019 annual meeting, which will be held in Dunedin on April 30. The record date for voting will be March 30.

Director nomination forms are available via email at clerk.taylor@ silverfernco.co.nz

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Transportation of Livestock 2 by Andrew Cribb
Director/veterinarian at East Coast Farm Vets

This is a follow on from last column on what can and can’t be transported – again not this is not just transportation to the works, it also covers transportation between farms, salesyards etc.

The information contained from this column comes from The New Zealand Veterinary Association Policy and Guidelines for Transport including Veterinary.

The following list are conditions that are not acceptable for any species to be transported:

1. Any animal showing systemic infection or evidence of an infectious disease.
2. Purulent discharge.
3. Acute external injury, wound or trauma that without treatment, compromise its welfare.
4. Chronic injury not substantially healed that would compromise the welfare of the animal.
5. Recumbent and unable to stand.
6. Abdominal incidents that cause pain or interference with normal function; retained foetal membranes.
7. Protracted labour or dystocia.
8. Blindness in both eyes.
9. Any long standing infection or condition that would need veterinary treatment but neglect has led to unnecessary pain and suffering.
10. Any condition not listed where there is obvious pain or distress.
11. Any animal that is unable to stand and bear weight evenly on all four limbs.
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13. Animals with marked angulations or deformities of a limb as a consequence of a past fracture are likely to attract unnecessary pain and suffering.
14. An animal that may give birth during transportation to the works, it also covers transportation between farms, salesyards etc.
15. Any long standing infection or condition that would need veterinary treatment but neglect has led to unnecessary pain and suffering.
16. Animals which are unable to stand and bear weight evenly on all four limbs.
17. /Th is list is not definitive.
18. Animals with marked angulations or deformities of a limb as a consequence of a past fracture are likely to attract unnecessary pain and suffering.

FARMERS across Southland and Otago are counting the cost of serious flooding which has left hundreds of farms under water and ruined crops.

The government declared on Thursday night it was a “medium scale adverse event”, opening the way for funding of $400,000 through Rural Support Trusts to speed up recovery and provide technical advice.

Rural Communities Minister Damien O’Connor, who had flown over the affected areas, said the response to the flooding event had been “absolutely amazing”.

Southland Federated Farmers vice president Bernadette Hunt agreed and described farmers as a resilient bunch.

“My personal experience of the acute injury.

“You get people behaving at that point, so we were a bit surprised on Tuesday afternoon when we went out to have a look and had to swim a few cows out and on to a neighbour’s farm for the night.”

By yesterday morning, the cowshed had been inundated, along with “85 to 90 percent” of his farmland, he said.

“By 4pm yesterday, only 50 percent of his farm remained below water and he expected to be able to carry out a full inspection by tomorrow.

You can see a bit of damage to fencing, and we’ve lost about 500 bales of [feed] down river, but it’s probably not too bad.”

DairyNZ reported more than 100 dairy farms in Southland and South Otago were severely affected by the floods.

DairyNZ’s South Island manager, Tony Finch, said these farms were either under water or cut off, with access roads flooded.

— NZ Herald

**Farmers waiting to count cost of serious flooding**

**LIVESTOCK LOST: Flooding in Gore and Balclutha has impacted farmers in the area. NZ Herald picture**

**Experts speak on impact of climate change**

by Mark Peters

- Ministry for Primary Industries’ land, water and climate policy senior adviser on agriculture and land use, said the Taikawhiti Climate summit last month that a 2018 Nielsen research survey of 70 farmers around New Zealand showed 96 percent of farmers had taken action in the past five years over the impact of climate change.

- However, only 14 percent had calculated for methane emissions. “There is a basic knowledge gap we need to address,” said Ms Green.

- An MPI web page says “the Government agency has agreed to enter into a formal agreement with iwi/Maori and the agriculture sector to develop a joint research plan resulting in research, and support the move to farm-level emissions.”

- “MPI plans to partner up with parts of New Zealand to consider how to take action on climate change to support the move to farm-level emissions.”

- Dr Beccy Ganley, team leader for Plant and Food Research Limited’s plant pathology science group said that every plant species has some kind of pathogen that threatens the plant one way or another, said Dr Ganley at last month’s Tairawhiti Climate summit.

- Biosecurity in a changing climate was the focus of Dr Ganley’s talk.

- “All plants contain huge amounts of pathogens. With climate change, we will see a shift in the microbial community.”

- “New-to-science diseases are expected but not all will cause serious disease,” she said.

- Climate change will impact pathogens and some diseases will become worse than others but this could differ pathogen by pathogen, by region or by host, she said.

- A favourable environment, pathogen and a susceptible host are the three factors that need to be present to create disease. But new-to-science pathogens can’t be predicted.

- “Understand which pathogens impact plant health,” she said.

- “Be adaptive not static and keep informed.”

- “What will happen with myrtle rust in New Zealand with climate change?” she asked.

- Myrtle rust is a fungal disease that had been introduced to New Zealand from Australia such as pohutukawa, manuka and rata.

- Although New Zealand conditions are not ideal for myrtle rust, Dr Ganley said that under climate change, she would support myrtle rust prediction model graphs to show a more widespread presence of the fungus.
Record-breaking mission
Astronaut back on Earth after 328 days in orbit

WORLD

MOSCOW — NASA astronaut Christina Koch, who spent nearly 11 months in orbit to set a record for the longest spaceflight by a woman, landed safely on Thursday in Kazakhstan along with two International Space Station crewmates.

The Soyuz capsule carrying Koch, station Commander Luca Parmitano of the European Space Agency and Russian cosmonaut Alexander Skvortsov, touched down southeast of Dzhezkazgan, Kazakhstan, at 3:11pm (0912 GMT).

Koch wrapped up a 328-day mission after her first flight into space, providing researchers the opportunity to observe the effects of long-duration spaceflight on a woman.

The study is important since NASA plans to return to the moon under the Artemis program and prepare for the human exploration of Mars.

Koch smiled and gave a thumbs-up as a support team helped her out of the capsule and placed her in a chair for a quick post-flight check-up alongside her crew mates. Russian space officials said they were in good shape.

Koch, who grew up in Jacksonville, North Carolina, and now lives near the Gulf of Mexico in Galveston, Texas, with her husband, Bob, told The Associated Press last month that taking part in the first all-female spacewalk "could serve as an inspiration for future space explorers."

Parmitano and Skvortsov spent 201 days in space.

After preliminary medical evaluations, the crew will be flown by Russian helicopters to the city of Karaganda in Kazakhstan.

Koch and Parmitano will then board a NASA plane bound for Cologne, Germany, where Parmitano will be greeted by European space officials before Koch proceeds home to Houston.

Skvortsov will be flown to the Star City Cosmonaut Training centre outside Moscow.

MISSION SUCCESSFUL: US astronaut Christina Koch set the record for the longest spaceflight by a woman. She spent 328 months in orbit with Italian astronaut Luca Parmitano and Russian cosmonaut Alexander Skvortsov, before landing safely in Kazakhstan on Thursday. — AP picture

Controversial pesticide off the market

WILMINGTON, Delaware — The manufacturer of a commonly used pesticide that has been linked to brain damage in children will stop making the chemical this year.

Corteva Inc. said on Thursday that it will end production of chlorpyrifos by the end of this year, after it cited shrinking demand and weakening sales for the pesticide.

"The decision comes after years of environmental backlash against the agricultural chemical, and moves to ban it in both California and New York. California banned sales of chlorpyrifos beginning on Thursday after state regulators said it had been linked to health issues in children, including brain damage. Chlorpyrifos is used on crops including citrus, cotton, grapes and almonds.

"Corteva — which was spun off last year after DuPont’s merger with Dow Chemical — said demand for chlorpyrifos in the US is less than 20 percent what it was at its peak nearly 30 years ago. The company said it was a business decision to end its production, and it reaffirmed that it believes the product is safe. Farmers will be able to buy enough chlorpyrifos to use through to the end of the year, Corteva said.

"Environmental groups applauded the end of Corteva’s production of the chemical. This is a victory for our kids, farmworkers and rural communities nationwide," Jennifer Sass, senior scientist at the Natural Resources Defense Council, said in a statement. "After years of pressure and increasing public concern, the end of chlorpyrifos is finally in sight."

BOGOTA, Colombia — A former hit man for drug lord Pablo Escobar who confessed to killing hundreds of people during one of Colombia’s most violent periods died on Thursday from cancer, prison authorities said.

Jhon Jairo Velasquez, known by his nickname Popeye, died at the National Cancer Institute after his release from jail, Velasquez didn’t seek his arrest for violating parole after he was caught partying with a major drug trafficker forces in Medellin in 1993.

After his release from jail, Velasquez didn’t stay out of trouble for long. In 2017, authorities announced they were seeking his arrest for violating parole after he was caught partying with a major drug trafficker wanted by the US. He was eventually captured in 2018 on charges of extortion.

Velasquez admitted to carrying out at least 300 murders and plotting the murder of a presidential candidate in the 1980s and 90s. He spent 23 years behind bars for the assassination of Luis Carlos Galan, who was poised to win the presidency when he was shot to death in 1989 after speaking out against powerful drug cartels, and the 1989 bombing of an Avianca flight that left 107 dead.

Escobar died during a firefight with security forces in Medellin in 1993.

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PKALMERTON NORTH — A 66-year-old man died after four different doctors failed to do “basics” and pick up on his concerning symptoms.

The Medical Centre, located in Palmerston North, and one of its GPs has been found in breach for failing to facilitate co-ordination between doctors, with multiple medical staff “not thinking critically” to diagnose the man correctly, Health and Disability Commissioner Anthony Hill said.

During a one month period in 2016, the patient—who has not been named for privacy reasons — presented to the medical centre five times with shortness of breath and chest pain.

Although he was enrolled with a specific general practitioner, the man saw four different doctors over this time.

Hill said each doctor treated him symptomatically, failing to apply critical thinking to his presentations, and put the man’s symptoms in context. The result was obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

“They also failed to do the basics, such as reviewing [his] previous medical notes and undertaking thorough assessments as required, Hill said.

As a consequence, there was a delay in the patient being diagnosed with COPD and congestive heart failure, and even when the correct diagnosis was made, its severity was greatly underestimated.

After the HDC investigation, Hill recommended The Palms Medical Centre and its area manager and service manager role. The management of the man to the Coronary Care Unit, but deteriorated and died the next day.

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The HDC report said:

> Despite being told that taking him to hospital was “unnecessary”, and that the heart failure would show improvement with fluid restriction and medication, the man’s daughter decided to take him to hospital.

He was admitted with a primary diagnosis of congestive heart failure and transferred to the Coronary Care Unit, but deteriorated and died the next day.

A copy of the report details identifying the parties removed, except The Palms Medical Centre Ltd and the expert who advised on this case, will be sent to the Medical Council of New Zealand.

The Palms Medical Centre has been providing medical care to the resident and visitors to Palmerston North and the surrounding regions of the lower North Island for nearly 25 years.

More than 17,300 patients are enrolled at The Palms, which has 15 doctors and 33 nurses.

Health and Disability Commissioner’s (HDC) report stated Mr. Grant pleaded guilty to four charges of obtaining by deception.

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The Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Development have been alerted to the report and Wall has recommended they update her on the steps they have taken to ensure a zero-tolerance approach to abuse within the disability support services they fund.

The case has also been referred to the Director of Proceedings to decide whether any legal proceedings should be taken against IDEA Services in the Human Rights Review Tribunal. In the report, IDEA Services told HDC it expected all staff to be aware of policies and procedures from the day they join the organisation and continuous orientation training.

IDEA Services submitted that this case highlighted that senior management was not aware of performance issues arising in respect of service managers or area managers where the general manager was not aware.

The service said it had advised HDC that since the time of these events, it has introduced some key management changes and programmes of work that are designed to improve quality and safety IDEA Services reported that in early 2018 it completed a National Quality and Safety Review of Services and began implementing the review’s recommendations.

It also restructured its service manager role. The change in role sees service managers spending more time with service users and their families, to ensure that there is a clear focus on transparency and communications with all stakeholders.

A new training programme for its management team intended to introduce the concepts of leadership and the role it has to improve workplace outcomes has also been introduced.
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FRIENDS OF THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (VOLUNTEER) – GISBORNE

Would you like to give back to your community? Do you have a genuine sense of compassion? Are your communication skills gentle and reassuring? We are looking for local volunteers to get involved in the Friends of the Emergency Department programme at Gisborne Hospital. Volunteers in this role provide comfort and support to patients and their whānau in the hospital emergency department. One shift of 3 hours a week over a 7-day roster is all it can take for you to make a valuable and unique contribution to the community.

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Principal

Makauri School

128 King Road, RD1

Gisborne 4071

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This is a great opportunity to work for an organisation with a vision for positive change. This is a new position developed to improve safety and wellbeing of men & their whānau in the region.

As the Tauawhi Men’s Centre Team Leader, you will manage and develop a team of facilitators, counsellors and volunteers to provide Non-Violence Programmes in Tairawhiti while the current incumbent is seconded to a co-design role in the community.

You will be an experienced coach and team leader. An empathetic, non-violent, professional individual with a genuine interest in the work of Tauawhi is required.

You will support the team development and conduct workshops and training for facilitators.

Applications via email info@tauawhi.org.nz

Further information can be obtained by ring to adminFWgisborne@psec.org.nz with ‘Team Leader’ in the subject line.

Applications close 5pm 14 February 2020

This is an opportunity to progress your career while enjoying a relaxed lifestyle. Gisborne District Council is responsible under the Resource Management Act for being the ‘gatekeeper’ of Tairawhiti, looking after our region’s natural and physical resources. Come and join us and be part of the Gisborne team.

Read the Job Description on our website.

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**Readers Bargains**

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**TENDER** 161 Stout Street  Big Home – Big Section – Last Chance 1.00 – 1.30pm TRACY Real Estate

**NEGOTIATION** 638 Back Ormond Road  Makauri – The Finest on Offer 12.00 – 12.30pm TRACY Real Estate

**NEGOTIATION** 97 Moana Road  Beach on your doorstep 3.00 – 3.45pm Bayleys

**NEGOTIATION** 1137 Matawai Road  Entry Level Lifestyle 2.00 – 2.30pm Ray White

**NEGOTIATION** 683 Back Ormond Road  Makauri – The Finest on Offer 12.00 – 12.30pm TRACY Real Estate

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**Monday, February 10, 2020**

** Tender** 6 Winter Street Mangapapa – Your Move! Make it Count! 11.00 – 11.30am Gisborne First National

**Tuesday, February 11, 2020**

**Auction** 137 Poopoo Street Location, street appeal and potential. 12.00 – 12.30pm Property Brokers Limited

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020**

**Auction** 137 Poopoo Street Location, street appeal and potential. 12.00 – 12.30pm Property Brokers Limited

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**Adidas** 3/4 trackpants in her pick by Meron Elliot. Size 8 women’s. Tags still attached $25. **Unopened** 12 pack includes glitters black and display case $30. Ph 027 7724 810.

**Boardshorts** Billabong, size XXL $10, all as new cond. Unihoo grey, please see shorts size XXL. Ripcurl t-shirt grey with front print Size XXXL as new $10. Ph 867 4278.

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**2015 FORD RANGER XLT**
3.2 litre turbo diesel, 4WD, auto, very nice ute with ample power to boot!

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- Please apply via www.enterpriseoutletcentre.co.nz

**Conditions Apply**
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PARISH OF GISBORNE
Holy Trinity Church
8am: Holy Communion
10am: Holy Communion
Waipaoa Parish
9.30am: Holy Communion at St Luke’s, Waeroenga-a-Hika

CHRISTIAN COMMENT
Auschwitz was liberated 75 years ago this week. There are still witnesses alive today who have it etched on their skin or memory. Anita Lasker-Wallfisch is a remarkable woman who, at 15, played the cello as part of the marching music for the Jewish workers who were building their own graves and infrastructure of the camp. She recognised the forces that saved her. She seeks no reparation for the atrocity – she holds joy in her heart.

Five years ago I heard her recommending that people sit down with a cup of coffee together and communicate to prevent further unnecessary slaughter of human life.

We all know of someone affected by war. We need a very big tea or coffee pot! We need a society.

Seemingly transfixed inhuman captors, walking blindly from the walls that held their torment. Seventy five years ago skeletons uncovered or survived.

Listen to each other, not revolution. Seventy five years ago skeletons uncovered or walking blindly from the walls that held their torment.

"How can we live in harmony?"

"Don’t torture each other - attempt understanding. Only those who fail to remember will be the ones to perpetuate. We need a very big tea or coffee pot! We need a society."

Remember - not repeat again. The man who wrote to sweetheart wife and children at home demanded tunes to mark the hours off his jailer days.

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Remember - not repeat again.

No liturgics in her tale, no waiting wall. High cheekbones, well covered and radiating light.

Her face reflected my conscience, yet shone true into my eyes. She apologised for her banal solutions: "No one pays."

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Firefighters feel the heat at tournament

GOLF
The irony of playing golf on a day where the mercury passed 35 degrees was not lost on those who tee’d up in the East Coast Fire Brigades tournament.

They have battled fair hotter, but firefighters in the field still felt the burn of summer at Electrovit Park.

Some matched the heat in their scoring. In the firefighters section, Tamanii Hill won the net with 67, Kelly Humphries the stableford with 43 points and Rotorua’s Ray Shields the gross with a 4-over 76. The brigade team-of-two title was won by Napier’s Brent Single and Geoff Ramsay while Te Araroa husband and wife Dick and Anshu Cook and Deroen Goldsmith were the top brigade team of three.

Other results — Gross: Peter Bremer (men’s A section), Peter Nginthum (B section), Gary Coulter (C section), Maria Wesche (women). Net: B Hutho (men’s A section), Doug Coulter (B section), Jeff Ramsey (C section), Marg Taupawa (women). Stableford: Ben Cameron (A section), Jim Devery (B section), Isaac Ruru (C section), Hiria McNicholz (women).

RUGBY LEAGUE
ISRAEL: Folau will have to wait to make his Super League debut after being left out of Catalans Dragons coach Steve Rad Shields the gross with 4-over 76.

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At Wakefield on Sunday (Monday NZ time). The brigade team-of-two title was won by Napier’s Brent Single and Geoff Ramsay while Te Araroa husband and wife Dick and Anshu Cook and Deroen Goldsmith were the top brigade team of three.

Other results — Gross: Peter Bremer (men’s A section), Peter Nginthum (B section), Gary Coulter (C section), Maria Wesche (women). Net: B Hutho (men’s A section), Doug Coulter (B section), Jeff Ramsey (C section), Marg Taupawa (women). Stableford: Ben Cameron (A section), Jim Devery (B section), Isaac Ruru (C section), Hiria McNicholz (women).

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The Breakers will be looking to bounce back from a loss to the Brisbane Bullets in their previous match. Fornaroli, with six points in his three previous games, was the Breakers' best player, setting up Delany for the match-clincher. Hopson remained the Breakers' biggest offensive threat as he headed for a 25-point game. The Breakers are now 3-1 in the season, with the loss to the Bullets being their only defeat.

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NOT ENOUGH: The return of Tony Brown to the Highlanders' coaching team was not enough to bring victory against the Crusaders last night. AP claims five-eighths didn't immediately work, with the Highlanders lacking punch through the midfield, and the one-test All Blacks skipper was almost picked off several occasions as he tried to charge. Michael Collins after a brilliant piece of work on the touchline from Wellington loose forward Tevita Koloamatangi capitalised on an under-hit back-play. Jamie Paterson capitalising on a try from the break to the brink of an unlikely playoff spot.

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AND NOW FOR THE NEXT STAGE

TANGATA HANGA were intermediate boys’ W12 12 gold medal winners. They are, back from left: Peri Tamihana-Brown, Blaeg Kaitai, Pheonix Tuhou-Whitehead, Jahdin MacKenzie, Rawiri Wharehinga, Kyan Ayton, Maikei Tereki, Kane Soto and Liam Nepe. Front: Bronte Kaitai, Frazier Wainohu and Maia Campbell.

KO WAI TO PAPA were bronze medallists in the senior master men’s W12 500 metres. The paddlers are, back from left: Brent Finch, Kapua Waikari, Hadfield Kutia, Carl Brourney, Whitu Turgai, Calum Wilson and Brent Mitchell. Front: Kelvin Teneti, Ngai Donnelly, Tom Teneti, Dene Moleta and James Blackburme.

WAKA AMA by John Gillies

HOROUTA waka ama teams who qualified for the world sprint championships are already looking ahead to the challenge.

The 2020 IVF World Club Sprint Championships will be held in Hilo, Hawaii from August 19 to 23.

Elite crews compete on August 17 and 18, and races for individual paddlers will be held throughout the week.

Horouta Waka Hae Club president Walton Walker said not all those who qualified for the world championships would go to Hawaii, but 12 crews were intending to take up the option.

Teams intending to go were from: J16 girls (two teams), J16 boys, J19 girls, J19 boys, premier women, premier men, master women, master men (two teams, one as part of a 12-man double hull crew), senior master women and senior master men.

Walker expects Horouta to be one of the best-represented clubs in Hawaii. At the last world championships, in Tahiti in 2018, Horouta were named the top club on points. On the Sunshine Coast in 2016, organisers gave no award for top point-scoring club, but Horouta had amassed enough points to have claimed one.

Looking back on a national sprints regatta in which the club won the top points award for the ninth time in the 10 years of its presentation, Walker said some performances stood out.

“The premier women’s division, you expect Kiwi Campbell’s Kaiarahi Toa team to do what they did — win three gold medals — as if it were not another day at the office,” he said.

“But they had an interrupted campaign in the lead-up to the championships, and twin sisters Cory and Kodi Campbell were living out of town and doing their own training. They hadn’t done any team work until the last couple of weeks.

“They might have felt they needed a bit more work as a team.”

But the individual races early in the regatta were promising. Team members Akayshia Williams, Cory Campbell and Kwi Campbell finished first, second and third respectively in the W1 500 metres. By the business end of the week, Kaiarahi Toa were winning their races in dominant fashion.

Premier men’s team Woolley Kumara flew under the radar, but ended up with silver medals in the W12 and W6 500m races and fourth place in the W6 1500.

“They performed beyond expectations,” Walker said.

For much of their build-up only three or four members of the team were able to train together.

“Their results reflect how good they are as paddlers,” Walker said.

“They had been able to train as a full team, they could have cleaned up.”

At the end of the day’s races, the club had three teams in the premier women’s division and they trained really hard,” Walker said.

“They worked together and pushed each other. As a squad they could all take some credit for those medals.”

The Horouta medals —

Gold: Tangata Hanga (intermediate men) W12 500, W6 500, W6 500 (turn); Mairangi’s Tane’s (J16 men) W12 500, W6 1000; Team Voltron (master men) W6 500; Paikera Masters (master men) W12 500; Akayshia Williams (premier women) W1 500; Kaiarahi Toa (premier women) W12 500, W6 1500, W6 500; Hinekahurangi-Ariki (Taitamaahine — midget girls) W12 250, W6 250; Danus Apanui-Nepo (under-23 men) W6 1500; YMP-Horouta (Taitama — midget boys) W1 250.

Silver: Hinepukohurangi (int women) W6 1500 (turn); Mairangi Campbell (J16 men) W1 500; Te Aomihia Pewhairangi (J16 women) W1 500; Mairangi’s Tane’s (J16 men) W1 500; Anaru Paenga-Morgan (J19 men) W1 500; W6 250; Woolley Kumara (premier men) W12 500, W6 500, Cory Campbell (premier women) W1 500; Akayshia Williams (premier women) W1 250; Beauden Barrett (Taitama) W6 250; Hinetakawhihi (Taitamaahine) W6 250.

Bronze: Hinepukohurangi (int women) W6 500; Gabriel Wainohu (J19 women) W1 500; Grant Donaldson (master men) W1 500; Kwi Campbell (premier women) W1 500; Ko Wai To Papa (senior master men) W1 500; Team Tuia (senior master women) W6 1000; Jessica Tereki (under-23 women) W1 500.

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PUHI KAIARIKI were gold medallists in the J16 women’s W12 500m and W6 1000m. The W12 crew at left are, back (from left): Te Aoamiaia Pewhairangi, Pouanamu Wharehinga, Te Rina Maraki, Reece Taunui, Hinokotukurangi Nepe, Te Ringira Babbington-Parata and Kaiarahi Brookin-Gaapu. Front: Lena Baty-Akurangi, Chalize Ngarimu, Hinekahurangi-Ariki-Wainohu, Glass-Piper Donaldson and Kyra Thorncroft.

HINEKAHURANGI-ARIKI won the midget girls’ W12 250m. They are, back (from left): Gabriel Wainohu (coach), Makea Proctor, Bentley Morice-Munro, Peyton Smith, Te Po Jones, Eve Houkamau, Pyper Wainohui, Rianna Tawhai and Range-Riha Williams (coach). Front: Bayleigh Tuhaka, Issy Sidney-Kemohani, Indri Nikora, Taiaro Matahiaki and Mere Matahiaki.

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DOUBLE-HULL GOLD: Mairangi’s won the J16 men’s W12 500m gold medals at the waka ama national sprint championships on Lake Karapiro last month. They are (from left): Quaid Crawford, Jordan Tuaha, David McCullouch, Te Raukotuku Nikora-Peri, Manaia Ngarangi, Lathaneal Niwa-Karaira, Mairangi Campbell, John Niwa-Karaira, Taimana Teneti, Kereama Wehi, Taine Moeki and Matiu Anderson. Pictures by Cynthia Sidney.
**WAKA AMA**

by Grant Miller

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