

Newspaper Reading Club
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Okay. The Weekend Press, retail three dollars. It's on history's kicks off. Team name where to watch. The million dollar suburb. Christchurch has a million dollar suburb but the hottest home buying action is happening in the city's cheaper inner suburbs, new suburb-by-suburb figures from validation agency Quotable Value QV, show Scarborough is the city's priciest neighbourhood, with an average value of over one point one million.

Two point nine percent finance offer, zero dollar deposit is available until thirtieth September 2015.

One hundred phoning drivers caught. Police are really disappointed with Christchurch drivers after catching more than a one hundred people using their cell phones at a single check point. Police are clamping down on distracted drivers across the country as part of a two week operation. Canterbury road policing team, Senior sergeant Scott Richardson, said he saw people eating, doing their make-up, and having small dogs in, on their laps, and even reading while driving during the first week of the operation.

Sounds like LA.

I saw one girl driving the other day holding a steering wheel with her knees and texting with both thumbs.

Whoa.

It was disappointing to see motorists still breaking the law he said. We thought people would have got the message but, but for the all the publicity people are finding these habits hard to break. That's why we are going to continue to do it until we get some inroads. More than one hundred people were stopped by Police for using their cell phones while driving along Riccarton Road. Several other drivers were stopped for driving without wearing seatbelts, running orange lights and drink driving during the day. A lot of people appear to be driving with their mobile phones in their laps, which create the temptation to check your phone when it sounds or when you are stopped at traffic lights at intersections, both of which are illegal, Richardson said. That moment of looking away is when a cyclist or child might appear in front of you. The Police operation would continue throughout September and those caught w-, with using a cell phone while driving would receive a eighty dollar fine and twenty demerit points. The Minister, The Ministry of Transport data showed diverted attention contributed to one thousand and fifty three crashes in 2014, twelve percent of all crashes. Of those twenty-, Of those, twenty two people were killed and a further one hundred and ninety one suffered serious injuries. The social cost of crashes involved di- involving diverted attention was around two hundred and ninety eight million, although legislation allowed the use of hands-free mobile drivers, it was recommended drivers minimise the potential for distractions by switching phones off while driving or pulling over to make or receive calls.

Game on All Blacks launch RWC defence. Swimming gives teen amputee her freedom. While some thirteen-year-olds attended swimming lessons reluctantly, North Canterbury amputee, Grace Johnstone, relishes every visit to the pool. After removing her prosthetic leg, she hops to the side of the pool, down the ramp and finally lets the water envelop her petite frame. Just four months after having her right leg amputated she glides through the pool, demonstrating her perfectly freestyle stroke. It makes you feel, in the water, that, and there's so many things to think about, you forget about everything else. Grace was born with severe physical disabilities and had endured about twenty surgeries and procedures to straighten, and, lengthen, her badly deformed legs and feet. Her love of swimming began as a-

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With regular sessions at Burwood Hospital Hydrotherapy Pool. Grace later taught herself to swim at the local public pool. I could swim, but it was more of a drowning swim, it was really awkward and choppy, she said. Three weeks later her last op, three weeks after her last operation her first question to the surgeon was, When can I go swimming? Grace Johnstone fell in love with swimming at Burwood Hospital's Hydrotherapy Pool. Bottle found. Police have discovered a drink bottle belonging to one of the pair missing from a boat w-, wreck in Southland. Whetu-Whetuki Sam Kopua, seventy seven, and Matekino Lucy Burling, sixty, set off from the Catlin's Heads about eight thirty am on Wednesday in Kopua's five-fif-, five point two metre pontoon style, Kiwcraft boat, named Kristala. Kopua's boat was found overturned in the sea southeast of Nugget Point about eight thirty am on Thursday, nine thirty am. There was no sign of either person on the boat which had been pulled ashore. On Friday evening Police said a drink bottle, which may have belonged to Burling, had been washed up on the shore between the two mouths of the Clutha River.

Nasty.

Search and rescue member bails water out of the beached Chrystellia, Chrystalla. Audio-visual sale. Five hundred gigabyte X box console with Kinetic bunder, bundle, five hundred and forty night dollars. Fifteen point six inch notebook, Intel Dual Core, Four gigabytes, three hundred and sixty seven dollars. EQC's sixty dollars foundation fix.

Jolley Street, Jollie Street. You wouldn't last a week. It's ten thirty am on Tuesday and it isn't long before the peace is broken in St-, in Jollie Street. Put the f'ing dog away, I'm sick of it, I'm scared of it, it's tried to attack me twice. The Police are just there, put your dog away before I ring the Pound. The shouting woman holds her school-aged daughter's hands as the mongrel, dog confronts them on the footpath. It has been locked out-

side by its apparent owners who deny any link. A man on a bike tries to shoo the dog away before two Police officers emerge from the house across the street and call Animal Control. The woman's expletives ring out through the neighbourhood. For many living here, such encounters form part of an ordinary day, residents in Jollie Street, on the eastern border of Linwood chuckle at the irony of the name. Each had a story to tell. The vulgarities, the threats, BB gun pellets, holes in windows, fear of leaving the house, teenagers leaping out of their property to evade Police. Almost six thousand dollars in surveillance cameras and security alarms protect one wary homeowner. Some of the residents and houses of Jollie Street on the eastern border of Linwood, you don't want to sit here and try to raise your children amongst this, it's not good, straight up.

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Public artworks draw on city's past, present, future. A new public artwork uses roadwork signals to capture Christchurch's, to capture central Christchurch's shattered present and p-, and point to its possibility, to its possibly more ordered future. Australian artist, Peter Akins, sculpture was inspired by Christchurch's chaotic post-quake roads. The artwork, under construction - chaos and order will be installed on Gloucester Street, in the city centre, for six weeks as part of a, of the Scape Public Art Festival from October third. The artist was struck by the scattered state of Christ-, the scatters, the scattered scape of central Christchurch on a recent vis-, visit. I was absolutely shocked by the state of the city he said. I was there for over a week, it was a real eye opener, just trying to navigate through the city centre itself. The city was like Mike Tyson's smile, there were like, it was like big gaps of teeth missing, something that was probably quite nice had gone fifteen rounds. There were all these sites covered in mountains of rubble, it was a really peculiar landscape. Some, some buildings had been cleared and some remained. He found his inspiration on the side of the road, a square sign used to redirect traffic around road works and construction. The very first sign I saw when we got to the inner city was one of those signs, I remember grabbing my camera and getting photographs thinking I would never see it again, but of course, around the corner there was another one, and then another one. I was really unfortunate be-, I was really fortunate because I knew pretty quickly - because I knew pretty quickly that this, because I knew pretty quickly that this was the form that I was going to use. It was ubiquitous throughout the central city. It was around buildings that were being demolished and ones that were being rebuilt. These signs were the marker of the intense activity that was happening. He reduced the signs to a basic abstract image by removing the arrows and placing them on a billboard sized grid. On one side of the billboard the signs are in a chaotic broken pattern while on the other they sit in neat symmetrical pairs. My work looked at the city and the fractured disordered sense that I really wanted to capture, that I really wanted to capture. But, at the same time, I didn't want to be in this hopeless narrative that there will be nothing in the future and that it won't get better. I know that things will get better. I wanted a sense of optimism to it, the sense that in the future all the parts would be back together like a jigsaw. I could have just had one side and talked about the city as it is in an abstract way, but there is a second side that offers this op-, optimistic view of the future. It is not all doom and gloom.

Back to the future with historic Maori photograph.

Wave warnings go unheeded. Canterbury whitebaiters and surfers have ignored the Civil Defence warnings to stay away from beaches -

[LAUGHTER]

- as small waves from the massive Chile earthquake reached New Zealand. Christchurch Civil Defence and Emergency Management, Manager Murray Sinclair, said thirty centimetre waves hit Lyttleton Harbour and Sumner at two thirty am and five am. Civil Defence has warned people to keep away from Canterbury beaches and rivermouths until early Saturday morning following the deadly eight point three magnitude earthquake, with more tidal activity expected. There have been reports of whitebaiters in the wa-, in the water near the Waimakariri River mouth and surfers at New Brighton. Sinclair said it was disappointing some people choose to ignore well publicised warnings. For the whitebaiters they are waist deep in water with their waders on. If they get washed off their feet that's not a good situation. We will be getting one of the rangers to go up the Waimak River and talk to the whitebaiters and go along the beach to talk to the surfers, but it just go to show people aren't heeding the message to stay out of the water, Sinclair said. He said rangers had warned whitebaiters of the risk on Thursday and locked a gate near the rivermouth as a precaution. University of Canterbury student, Blake Williams, who surfed at New Brighton beach on Friday morning, said if there was a major risk he would expect authorities to warn people off the beach. We've had them before at Mt Maunganui and it's never come to anything. Obviously there's a threat, but we wouldn't be, it would be a metre, but we weren't so worried about it because it would only be a metre and we could sort ourselves if something happened. The first waves reached the Chatham Islands at eleven fifty pm on Thursday. Civil Defence said the highest record there was about half a metre above normal sea level. From North Cape to Christchurch, including Tauranga, Gisborne, Napier, Wellington and Kaikoura, tsunami record-, tsunami gauges recorded waves of up to thirty centimetres above normal. Sinclair woke several times during the night to check activity. He said the wave surges that hit Lyttleton Harbour and Sumner measured thirty centimetres above the normal sea level, which is what you could expect, there would, there could be four, there could be three, four, five surges, which would peter out during the day. People in affected, affected areas should stay out of the water, off beaches and shore areas and not go sightseeing.

Corn Seed Smuggler Sentenced.

Preschool teacher to retire after forty years. Children rushed to hug Adrienne Winnicott, they wanted, they want to say goodbye to a teacher they loved for her funny jokes. After forty years, Winnicott is calling an end to teaching at Christchurch's Cathedral grammar preschool. On that time she has watched people she taught return with children of their own. Their preschool is housed in Winnicott House, named for the woman who arrived in, nineteen seventy five, two years after Grammar's preschool started. Winnicott, who is head teacher at the school, says she never expected to leave. It's a see you soon, I wouldn't like to lose touch completely. She has promised to do the floral arrangements for next terms open day. As a staff member here you don't just teach preschool, you're involved in the whole school life, you get to see them from the age of three right through to when they leave in year eight. I love it when we have prize giving and we see the preschoolers that we've taught trotting across the stage to receive prizes and think, we c-, we contributed to that. When Winnicott start, when Winnicott started she was the sole teacher in charge of twelve children. The role is now thirty with a four strong teaching team and five part-time staff. The February twenty second, 2011 earthquake was one of the biggest cha-, challenges in her career. The preschool moved out of its building for six weeks and out, and to St Mary's, Merivale, where Winnicott was a parishioner. We felt it was really important to provide something stable for the children until the building, until this building was repaired, and in, in farewell letters she was thanked by parents and children for keeping us safe on that day. The style of teaching has changed dramatically since 1975, she says, with more regulations to follow. It's fun, you don't do this job unless you've had, unless you've got lots of energy and enjoy children and enjoy having lots of fun. Dressed in their best p-, dressed in their best party dresses for the farewell celebrations, Evie Cassie, four, Elisabeth Bedggood, four, and Aubrey Dony, four said they would Miss Winnicott. I like her when she tells funny jokes, Evie said.

Jitters ripe, jitters ripe ahead of tournament kick-off. Twenty percent off all whiteware. A lot to be done on lake pollution but it's a start. Some people have been worrying about it for years, others denying it for years, now statistics show it has been happening for years. It is beyond doubt that the quality of the water in our high country lakes has been deteriorating. Intensifying farming, including more dairying, equals degenerating lakes. Fact. Polluted paradise the weekend press headline said, a far more coarse two-word phrase could be applied to the polluted state of the high country lakes, although in the instance it is not a creek we are talking about. The purity of our alpine lakes has been seriously compromised, compromised, fouled by nutrient and phosphate rich runoff from farming, the lakes over pr-, once pristine and blue, have, over the past decade, become green and murky. Monitoring by environment Canterbury, ECAN, shows that fourteen lakes only, shows that of fourteen lakes only one, Lake Emma, is marginally less polluted now than in 2004. All the others, including some of the best known lakes such as Lake Grasmere, Pearson, Lyndon, Ida, Coleridge and Clearwater, have become increasingly tainted. In the five years since Government appointed commissions took over the regional council, there has been some improvement to the picture, with, to the picture with purity in five lakes better than in 2010, worse in eight lakes and much, and much the same in one. Cantabrians do not need official figures to let them know their wretched story, you can tell by simply looking. Try taking a dip in Lake Pearson and see how , and see how algae there has turned the water cloudy. Just up the road, Lake Grasmere offers similar unpleasant experiences. A letter writer to The Press said he had been fishing Lake Grasmere for sixty five years and had, had absorb-, and had observed its inexorable deterioration. Declining lake quality was just one concern for Parliamentary Comm-, Commissioner for the Environment, Jan Wright warned about in her report on the high country in 2009. Federation Farmers at the time question her comments that lake pollution was due to intensive farming, saying alpine water quality was excellent, was generally excellent. ECan now says nutrient, ECan now says nutrient loading p-, possesses a significant threat to the health of twenty five lakes in the upper Rakaia Gorge, the Ashburton Basin and along the upper reaches of the Rangitata River. The shallowest are regarded the most vulnerable. The figures show, the figures show a slight improvement even if the purity of most lakes remains well because, well below level-, levels a decade ago. In a few words, brilliant suggestion Samuel Zelter, September eighteen, as you say, firearms restrictions only get more people hurt. The up's and down's of this week in politics. Trump attacks vaccination. Towards the end of CNN's highest rated programme in history, Thursday's inter-minable, interminable Republican Party debate the leading can-, candidate, Donald Trump, opened a new front, opened a new front in his war on consensus vaccination. In his typically, in his typically rambling way he linked vaccination schedules to autism, telling the audience of twenty three million, you take this little too baby, that you take this little beautiful baby and you pump, I mean, it looks like it is meant for a horse not a child, and we have so many instances, people that work for me, just the other day, two years old, beautiful child, went to have a vaccine and came back a week later and got a tremendous fever, got very, very sick, now is autistic.

[LAUGHTER]

Oh my god. That is just-

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So fucked up.

He's such a dick.

Adding insult to injury for a scientific community -

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Listening.

[UNINTELLIGIBLE]

It's just so -

That has long been struggling to refute disinformation on the issue. The two medical doctors -

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Wave them on.

[UNINTELLIGIBLE]

No, I was just stopping for that person.

Well, just don't look at him.

[LAUGHTER]

Um.

You alright?

Mr Trump saw an opening here and barrelled through in a typical fashion, telling MSNBC the following morning how glad he was Dr Carson had backed him. Authentic, even if the science doesn't say bunching them up is a problem, I ought to have the right to say I want to spread them out. Many, many, many studies have confirmed this, there is simply no scientific evidence that links vaccines to autism, many many studies have confirmed this. The autistic self-advocacy network is disappointed that long after the science has spoken politicians and pundits continue to focus on causation distracting from the real and pressing issues facing the autistic community. While no link exists between autism and vaccines, of greater concern is the willingness of those who promote this theory to suggest that exposing a child, that exposing children to the deadly diseases would be a better outcome than an autistic child.

Prisoner freed. Another Guant-, Guo, Guantanamo Bay prisoner has been released as part of the draw out effort to eventually close the detention centre in the United States military base in Cuba. Younis Abrahman Chekkouri was sent to his native Morocco after more than thirteen years in custody. His release, which followed an intensive security review, was the first from the prison since June. Chekkouri, forty seven, was captured in Pakistan in December 2001. Hundreds of new arrivals, massive savings.

Good one.

Suicide solution for wavering ref-

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Peruvian, Peruvi, Peruvian held after six found slain. Police stopped Jonathan Nakuda on Sunday, Police who stopped Jonathan Nakuda on Sunday must have thought that he was a confused homeless foreigner, mumbling to himself as roamed the streets of Kumanga, a commuter town in the north of Tokyo. They had been alerted after Nakada, thirty, was seen wandering aimlessly and speaking disjointedly with a smuttering of Japanese. When he was taken to the station he was asked a few questions but apparently said that he wanted to go back to Peru, where he had been born. When, when he asked to step outside for a cigarette Police agreed. He did not come back. By the time Police Officers saw him again, six people, in two, including two children -

Shit.

- had been stabbed to death and he was the chief suspect. By yesterday, Nakuda was in critical condition with a fractured skull after slashing his wrists and falling from the second floor window of the house he'd broken into, armed with a knife. On Monday, Police had found the bodies of, Minoru Tasaki, fifty five, and his wife, Musesay, fifty three, who had bled to death. Officers later discovered the body of Kizuros Sagarushi, eighty four, who had been wrapped in a cloth and dumped in her bath. All had been stabbed repeatedly and had lived in the same area. Police said while searching Sarushi's house, they saw a man with a knife peering from a window of a neighbouring apartment. Officers immediately burst into the home and told the man, now known to be Nakuda, Put down the knife. He remained seated at a ledge, slashed both his wrists, dropped the knife, and fell backwards from the window. Inside two cupboards in the home were the bodies Mowako Kato, forty one, and her two daughters, Mariski, ten, and Harakura, seven. Prints from the same shoes had been found all over the si-, crime scene. Police said Nakura, thirty, was an unemployed Peruvian who had a lived in Japan for thirty years. He had spent his time moving around the K-, Kanto region which covers Tokyo and its neighbouring prefectures. Peruvians -

Begin.

Peruvians of Japanese ancestry, which his name suggests he is, receive preferential treatment from the immigration authorities. Almost six hundred Police have been mobilised to check houses in the area for other potential victims, in particular they are searching homes occupied by single and elderly people. The head of Japan's National Police Agency, M-, Mishikito Kanita, admitted that the failure to keep track of Nik-, Nakada after his con-, after his questioning on Saturday had grave consequences, but said that the Police could not detain him because there was no evidence at that time that he had been involved in any crime. USA Ready for Talks On Syria. Dark Clouds for Coast Pubs. Not many drivers head through the Green Valley, taking Sta-, State Highway seven from Greymouth through to Reefton, before tracking east through the Lewis Pass. It's not a tourist route, mostly, mostly the campervans stick to the coast road where they can visit Punaki's pancake rocks before heading onwards, onward the main draw card, south Westland's glaciers. But this inland route can hold just as much charm, as the roads streak behind the Paparoa Ranges on a grey day the view is spectacular, huge clouds.

A Closed Pub in Dobson. Kate Sheppard's Legacy Lives On.

Ohh, Kate Sheppard.

Suffrage's Kate Sheppard changed the lives of women in New Zealand. Her dedication to ju-, her dedication to just causes is still a strong force in those who share her family tree, Vicki Anderson reports. Betty Cuthbert vividly remembered meeting Kate Sheppard as a young girl. Kate died by the time I was six or seven, she was my father's aunt. Cuthbert recalled in 2008, my mother was one of those conscientious family people and used to go and see her once a month. The one time I do remember very clearly meeting her was going to afternoon tea, I remember her sitting there, it was very formal with a little kettle with a meth spirit burner to keep the kettle hot. It's only now do I realise all her questions I should've asked her, like how did you manage to get so many votes in a day when it was all done on foot, or horseback? I think she managed to do that because she was a charismatic leader.

Mm.

Cuthbert was eighty six at the time, and former president of the National Council of Women. In her upbringing if something was not fair, it just, it wasn't just, or just wasn't right, it important to speak up. It's something that Kate said frequently, my own children are like that too, they were all arrested during the Springbok, bok, tour, you know! Kate f-, Kate fought for what she thought was right all the way through, she was concerned by poverty among women, and children, and men s-, and men spending all the money on alcohol, but realised they were powerless until woman had a chance to vote. Kate's philosophy is lived on in the men and women who share her extended family tree. On Wednesday, Sam Bridge-man was in the crowd when Dame Anne Salmond spoke at an event to launch Air New Zealand's sustainability framework. I was reflecting on Kate, he says when we speak, Dame Anne Salmond referenced her in her speech today, and I thought about it, about what Kate did for New Zealand rather than, her just being a member of our family. When you talk about New Zealand you think Kate Sheppard, Sir Edmund Hillary, Nuclear Free. She helped made New Zealand's mark, mark on the world stage.

Mm.

He admits to feeling proud when telling his young children that the woman on the ten dollar, dollar note is part of their family history. Myself, my sisters, my cousins, a lot of us work in areas we have passion for and we want to make a difference and make our mark, as part of our family's ethos, says Wellington based Bridgeman, whose day job is helping New Zealand corporaters grapple with sustainability. Because it has not yet been proved that the intelligence of women is only equal to that of their children, nor that their intelligence is on a par with that of lunatics or criminals, Kate Sheppard. Obviously we are not doing it to the same degree that Kate did, but we are living those same values, Matthew Anton agrees. The Christchurch residents, the Christchurch resident also cites that the, the need to stand up when he feels something is unjust. Knowing of Sheppard's connection to his family has helped to shape his life, It's always been there, right from growing up, it's something to be proud of and it's always been at the back of my mind Anton says, I think I try to carry on that fight, of what's right and wrong, in my own way. I remember going on women's rights marches as kids, that's continued through to anti-nuclear marches, Springbok protests, the invasion of Iraq, safe animal rights, a bit of everything really. I believe we can live in a better society. He notes that while women have a, have a lot more choice, they are still not paid as much as men. I'm sure if Kate could see New Zealand now she would still be striving for equality, whether it was for women or just in general, he says. Shannon Williams has devoted a lot of energy to working with youth at risk and she is a tutor in an adult literacy programme. She is particularly passionate about helping young people become their best selves. A lot of my work has been with groups of vulnerable people, she says. I have worked for a long time with youth and think there is a lack of confidence in young people in New Zealand, all across the board, not just with low socio-economic groups. I am passionate about finding a way to change that, not just to deal with the problems in society where people fall through the cracks. She was aware from an early age that she was related to Sheppard, and it was something to be proud of. If Sheppard could return to see life in present day New Zealand, Williams thinks she would be very happy with what she saw. I think she would be pre-, pleased at how free women are to make decisions about their own lives and to be involved in, in society on their own terms, she says. Women can do anything they're, women can do anything. There are some issues with equal pay but women can choose freely, they are not dictated by their husband or society. I think she might think that women are a bit hard on themselves, but other than that I think she'd be pleased. Mother of a two-year-old boy is eight months pregnant, and she knows the world her daughter will inherit will be vastly different if it wasn't, if it weren't for the actions of her brave ancestor. I think we forgot that it wasn't always like this, she says. Ha-. had Kate not been fighting, as she was in the early nineteenth century women would probably have a really diff-, different role today, as well as remembering what she did it's about thinking about what would have happened if she hadn't made a stand, if she hadn't stood up and been brave. Marking the day when New Zealand lead the world for women. Mayor Lizanne, Mayor Lianne Dalziel, Dalziel speaks during last year's suffrage day event. Student's at Prebleton Primary School have already created their masterpiece. Businesses mentors are on their way.

[LAUGHTER]

And that's, that one.

Done.

Accounting firm takes On UK. Be prepared for when disaster strikes. At a time when social media gives new meaning to news spreading like wi-, meaning to news spreading like wildfire, it is increasingly critical to have a good crisis management plan in place.

Babe, she's a megababe.

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You think so?

Yeah.

That one?

Yeah.

Nestle Aust-, Nestle Australia chairman, Elizabeth Proust, was head of Human Resources for ANZ when one of the banks executives was on a, on board a high-jacked plane on Christmas Day in 1999. Mobile phones were not as prevalent and something as small as the contacts list was outdated. There was a lot of scrambling there to deal with that issue, Proust says. Her example highlights the need for all companies to have a current crisis management plan that deals with tho-, with those small things. With the use of social media it is critical that crisis management plans include social media as a matter of course. Crisis management is an issue Proust spoke about when she visited Auckland recently for an Institute of Directors event. She says throughout crisis manage-, management approach, she says a thorough crisis management approach includes prior testing and s-, and simulation of different scenarios and a set of steps in place to deal with potential crisis's. It, it might seem a lot of effort for some-, for something that may not happen, but Proust says it is important for companies reputations and to keep business running when in crisis mode. Happy staff. Ski field pioneer goes off piste, piste. Mt Dobson owner operator Pete Foote is looking to finish running the ski field after thirty six years. A lot of people said, No, you won't do it but that made me more bloody determined than ever, I was going to beat those bastards.

[LAUGHTER]

Go Pete!

Go Pete, go.

Nice, anymore?

Foote cutting the road up to Mt Dobson in 1976, left, and the Mt Dobson ski area as it is today.

Oh.

We like Mt Dobson, don't we Soph?

Yeah.

[UNINTELLIGIBLE]

It's quite cold.

It's cold, yeah. isn't it?

It's not as cold as Ohau, is it?

Is it not?

[UNINTELLIGIBLE]

But I think Ohau is colder. New PM Man of many phases. Being Born White Is Its Own Reward, a Scholarship of Sorts. Last week over dinner with people I didn't know too well, there was suggestion, there was a suggestion we hold hands and pray before the meal. This was followed by a nervous atheist giggling on my part, in fact I didn't think anyone was serious until I realised my mitts were the only ones that remained unclasped, as I reached out and wondered what cult I'd inadvertently joined, one of the blokes gave me the most te reo blessings I'd heard. I am one of the whitest people I know, and admit I understand only about four words, but it sounded so nice.

Aw.

It made me feel proud to come from a bicultural nation. One hears a lot about the evils and perils of s-, social media, but Twitter is where I've picked up more Maori perspective and friends than in my many years on earth. Early this month, an old school friend updated her Facebook page with a complaint about what she perceived as racism. She said she was looking through university, the scholarship database at a university, and was outraged at the number of Maori only awards. How is it that they're allowed at all, she asked? Isn't that completely racist, I don't see any Pakeha awards, I don't get it? We both went to Christchurch Girls High School, as white a school roll call as there can be. In response to her post there was plenty people of agreeing but though my, through my whiney filter I explained, as best and non-confrontationally as I could, being white is its own reward, it's like a scholarship from the get go. Maori are chronically underrepresented in mer-, in many areas like tertiary education, and overrepresented in, in poverty, ill health, prison and crime statistics. If education is one of the greatest tools for self and societal improvement, why it is a bad thing? It is hard to put yourself in another's position, I get that. Seeing someone offered a prize you have no chance to obtain does not seem fair, it does seem unfair and is, but does, but take a historic and wider look. The best I can explain is recalling a tour through the Beehive, where the walls are adorned by paintings of old white men with beards. They were the ones who decided the rules, therefore they were the ones who got the step up in life. If, if that's not a type of scholarship I don't know what is.

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We find the perfect nest for your family, talk to Home-

wood and you could be settled into your own little slice of paradise in no time. Homewood, my kind of people.

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Mm'hm.

When Aunt Dorothy Went to War. Oh, no, I'm not going to read that. Not your average fun run, have fun, help a charity, boom, what's not to love?

[LAUGHTER]

Family notices, births. Taylor, Shane and Ashley are thrilled at the arrival of Flynn Thomas, five pounds seven, oh, my god what are those?

Ounces.

Ounces, oh yeah, on September the third, 2015, special thanks to Teresa Brown, and all the staff at Lincoln Maternity Hospital, settling in well at home. Deaths. Joy Summers, on September thirteenth, 2015, peacefully at Silverdale Hospital, devoted wife of the late Douglas, loving mother of Susan and mother-in-law to Tom, cherished by grandchildren, Andrew Julia and Louise, adored by great grand GG of George, Ben, Nora and Marty. Very special thanks to past and present staff at Fitzroy of Merivale. Messages may be addressed to the family of the late John Hartnow. Engagements. Brian and, oh no, that's a wedding.

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Phil and Barbara Gunn, Christchurch, are delighted to announce the engagement of Cameron to Tenopi, daughter of Yomi and Olu Adewumi, USA.

[LAUGHTER]

Baker. Aaron and Erin are exciting to announce the arrival of Ashton Thomas Baker, a wee brother to Rayden Harrison, born on September seventeenth, 2015. One of crickets most brave. Celebrate your announcement in print and online. Who knows what you want. Sharemarket, with high course fees and only moderate pay prospects, becoming a telecommunications technicians looks like one of the worse career options in the ICT industry.

So let's not do that then.

Sunday. Sex is a powerful ocean, there is no shore.

Oh, what was that part?

[LAUGHTER]

It's there.

Sex is a powerful ocean and there's no – okay, got ya.

I don't understand

[LAUGHTER]

Sex, sex, sex, sex.

Accounting firm takes on UK.

It's that babe again.

Your weekend.

[UNINTELLIGIBLE]

Tough guy.

Oh, my god.

[UNINTELLIGIBLE]

Oh, shit.

Stunning views. Home on hill offers spacious elegant living.

Mm.

Fendalton, unparalleled elegance and luxury.

Mm.

Totally rebuilt pre-earthquake and, and clad in linear board. This grand residence is in the heart of Fendalton compromising five hundred and twenty square metres.

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Supporting Cantabrians living with physical and neurological impairments, the St John of good of God Health and Ability Services is a specialist provider of residential support and rehabilitation. We upload a whatever it takes approach to rehabilitation, with all we do aimed at maximising our clients quality in life, function, independence and community participation.

Yeah, I think that's about it.

Yeah -

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Thank you so much.

Yeah that was great.

That was an excellent reading.