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Solicitor-General pushing to jail businessman "Indefinitely" - media barred from filming proceedings

An American businessman living in Auckland faces an unprecedented indefinite jail sentence if the Government has its way at a High Court hearing Monday.

Vince Siemer, whose case is detailed in part on his website, and in his book, *The Rock*, has been highly critical of what he argues is high level corruption in the New Zealand political and legal system.

TV One News was this afternoon denied permission to film, despite making this request: "This is a landmark case where the Solicitor General is looking to lock up the defendant indefinitely for contempt of court. This case would be of great public interest."

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Oral sex causes throat cancer epidemic

A new study warns the West is on the verge of a new cancer epidemic expected to outstrip cervical cancer within a decade - and according to scientists oral sex is to blame.

The study, published internationally and also detailed in the July edition of *Investigate*, blames a massive increase in oral cancers on HPV - the same virus responsible for genital warts and cervical cancer. Researchers say more liberal sexual practices adopted during the 1960s are only now beginning to bite, because of the long incubation period.

Are artists the new Philistines?

Miranda Devine rips into kiddie porn masquerading as art, this time the works of Bill Henson



Cold Case Re-Opened



A 38 year old "cold case" is back in the news as fresh information throws light on a new suspect in the Jennifer Beard murder back in 1969. IAN WISHART has the exclusive story

In the words of the Bryan Adams song, it was the summer of '69. Astronaut Neil Armstrong had just walked on the moon, and on the rugged West Coast of New Zealand an Australian schoolteacher was entering the final 24 hours of her life. Tuesday, December 30, 1969 had brought her to the foot of New Zealand's southern alps. Tomorrow would be New Year's Eve, 1970 was just over the horizon, and the attractive blonde in

what witnesses described as "tight shorts" was preparing her pack for another day of hitch-hiking the following morning.

25 year old Jennifer Beard - born in England but working in Tasmania - had just checked into the Franz Josef Motor Camp. Around her, the sounds of children playing as other carloads of families checked in for the evening.

But there are two others who arrived in tiny Franz Josef that evening whose

movements would come to dominate the later police investigation. One was the man later admitted to be the prime suspect in Jennifer Beard's murder, a Timaru man named Gordon Bray. The other was an itinerant worker known only as "Dave".

Bray, at almost six foot tall with "a powerful build in the mould of a wrestler or a circus strongman", according to journalist and author Mark Price in his book *Getting Away With*

Murder, was a truck driver by trade and reasonably well known on the West Coast routes. This particular Christmas, his Austin A40 car had broken down at Tekapo and he'd been forced to abandon it along with some of his camping gear and clothes. Returning to Timaru, he purchased a 1954 Vauxhall Velox, blue in colour, and started his summer holiday drive all over again on December 29. **More in the latest issue. For more articles >>>**

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BEST OF THE BLOGS

Bob Jones says 'bring it on' over EFA

Entrepreneur and former New Zealand Party leader Sir Robert Jones is threatening to break the Electoral Finance Act just for the sport of it.
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WhaleOil goes after wheel oil on clampers

Transport Minister Harry Duynhoven's appearance on Fair Go to discuss rogue wheel clampers makes for an interesting YouTube video
See it on [YouTube](#)

Cellphones in cars to be banned

While the Government's move to ban handheld phones in cars is probably a good idea, there are some questions no one has asked yet..
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Labour embarrassed by 'family' photo

A Labour promotional leaflet that touted itself as working for New Zealand families used a US family stockshot, prompting all kinds of jokes on the blogs.
Read it on [No Minister](#)

Speaking of political ads...

This one's a doozy, and is now officially the top-ranked NZ political video on YouTube [See it here](#)

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Can the small parties survive this election, and do they deserve to?

This election could sound a death knell for New Zealand First and perhaps even the Greens. IAN WISHART looks at the challenges facing the minor parties and their records as they head into the election campaign from Hell

If necessity is the Mother of Invention, then the politics of desperation is the mother of Invention's evil twin, MMP. At the end of the turbulent 1980s, a shell-shocked electorate booted a Labour government with Helen Clark in the no. 2 spot out of office in a thumping so brutal that leader Mike Moore joked he could hold his caucus meeting in a phone booth.

They were the good old days of First Past the Post, an electoral system that required a political party to win a simple majority of electorate seats if it wanted to form a Government. Although coalitions were possible, generally small parties were unlikely to be popular enough in a single electorate to actually win a seat in parliament. The most recent exception to that rule had been Social Credit, which managed to get leader Bruce Beetham and deputy Gary Knapp into the big house in the 1981 election, leaving Prime Minister Rob Muldoon with an uncomfort-

able one seat majority.

The experience of Labour's blitzkrieg years (1984 – 1990) however caused widespread discontent that a party could obtain such power. The actions of Jim Bolger's National Government, with Ruth Richardson's black budgets of the early 90s, aggravated the situation so much that when a promised referendum on electoral reform was held in 1993, MMP swept the field as the preferred option.

It was not, actually, the best option, but it was the easiest option for the average voter to understand. But the MMP system had been cunningly designed for post-war Germany, so as to prevent the rise of another Hitler. The idea was to force coalitions that left major parties without sufficient strength to make major changes.

In theory, it could work well, but in practice the NZ experience has shown that a powerful leader can bribe small parties with sufficient lollies to make co-operation with the wider agenda a certainty.

This election, there is a very real danger that a coalition of minor parties could – if Labour is re-elected – entrench themselves virtually forever in parliament at the taxpayers' expense, by voting in favour of Labour's plans for taxpayer funding of existing political parties.

More in the latest issue of [Investigate magazine](#)



The Climate Change Industry



They're hitting your pocket, but have they got the science right?

With all but one political party considering crippling legislation in a bid to avert supposed dire consequences of climate change, politicians and taxpayers alike need to be aware of the shonky science and shady politics used to foist climate alarmism upon the world, argues MIKE BUTLER

With an election looming, and up to 27 points behind in political polls, the Clark government is pushing ahead with the costly Climate Change (Emissions Trading and Renewable Preference) Bill.

Reports by forecasters like Infometrics and the Institute of Economic Research predicted the emissions trading scheme will mean 22,000 jobs gone by 2012, wages down by \$2.30 an hour by 2025 and a cost to households of \$600 a year by 2012, rising to some \$3000-\$5000 a year by 2025, depending on the

international carbon price.

Numerous submissions at select committee level have opposed the climate change bill on the basis of the high costs expected by various sectors of the economy. This article will show that any government effort to change the climate based on the assumptions of human-caused climate change should be opposed because the scientific basis is unproven, unsettled, and arguably wrong.

Disinformation masquerading as science has created a worrying mistaken consensus, as expressed

in an editorial in the *New Zealand Herald*, that "the debate on global warming may have been won at a cerebral level, that "the weight of scientific opinion has to be accepted."

How did the world get to this position? Scaremongering reports from the United Nations, and former United States vice president Al Gore's science fiction movie *An Inconvenient Truth* spring to mind. The beginnings of what may turn out to be the biggest-ever deception go back to the early 1970s.

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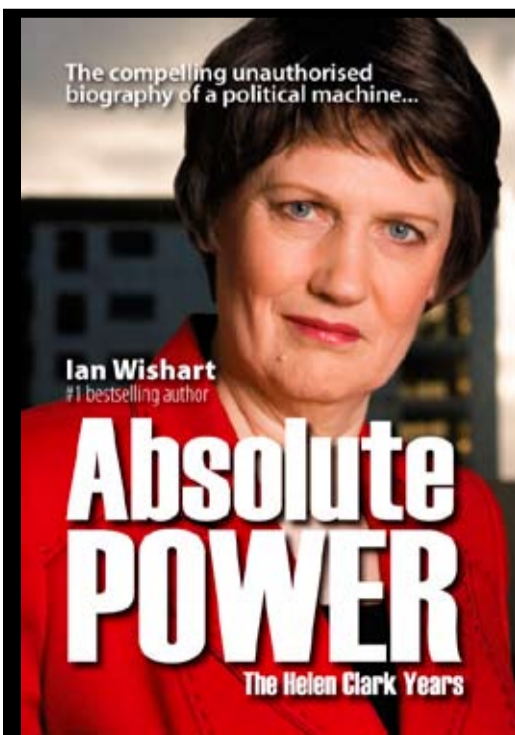
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