

Sick of finding it sold out? Help us and yourself by taking out a subscription (and get two free books worth up to \$60 as a bonus!)\*

\*12 month subscriptions only

# SUBSCRIBE & SAVE 10% off newsstand



CIRCLE either "6" or "12" option, and save 10% off the newsstand price

Please send me a 6 month (\$37.80), or a 12 month (\$75.60) subscription with 2 free books from page 82, to Investigate magazine.

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My address is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My phone no is: \_\_\_\_\_

My email is: \_\_\_\_\_

My credit card no. is: \_\_\_\_\_ exp. date /

Amex Diners Visa/Bankcard/Mastercard

or my cheque is enclosed

and I choose 2 free books from pages 86 and 87 of this issue: (12mth only) \_\_\_\_\_

Either fax your order to 0800 46 95 46, or post it to:

Investigate magazine

PO Box 302-188

North Harbour

Auckland 1310

NEW ZEALAND

You can also order on the internet using our secure credit card facility at the website <http://www.investigatemagazine.com>

# www.investigatemagazine.com



## LITTLE NICKY

Many of you may have suspected this already, but Adam Sandler is the son of the devil. In *Little Nicky*, he travels from Hell to New York to try and restore the balance between Good and Evil (currently New York is too evil and it's making the devil lose his power).



## THE CELL

Jennifer Lopez finds herself hooking up to a machine and entering the mind of a serial killer in this futuristic murder mystery. Can Jennifer save the latest victim, or will she become a victim herself.?



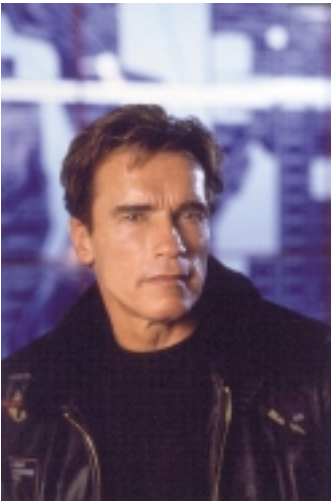
## DUETS

Director Bruce Paltrow cast his daughter, Gwyneth Paltrow, in this road movie about Karaoke. Huey Lewis also stars as a professional Karaoke singer. But it is Paul Giamatti (*Man on the Moon*) who stands out in this ensemble cast, with his portrayal of a man having a mid-life crisis.



## INNOCENCE

An Australian film about late blossoming love. Directed and written by Paul Cox (*Vincent, A Woman's Tale*), this slow-moving drama has done surprisingly well at a number of international film festivals.



## THE SIXTH DAY

Arnold Schwarzenegger stars in a drama about Genetic Modification. In the future there are no incurable diseases, no world hunger and your family pet can be cloned to match the decor of your home. But if you aren't perfect, you can be disposed of and replaced with a clone.

## UNBREAKABLE

Bruce Willis and Spencer Treat Clark are both good, but Samuel L Jackson shines in this brilliant follow-up to *The Sixth Sense*

## CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON

Kids, punches, and walking on air, all play a large role in this stunning big budget Chinese movie. Chow Yun-Fat may be the star, but it is Yuen Wo Ping's martial arts choreography that you'll remember



## THE WATCHER

Keanu Reeves plays a serial killer who gets his kicks by upsetting FBI agent Campbell (James Spader). From the start of the film we know who the murderer is, the only question is 'Is anyone going to stop him from killing again'? Can you guess the answer?



## THE ADVENTURES OF ROCKY AND BULLWINKLE

Robert De Niro, Jason Alexander and Rene Russo pit themselves against Rocky and Bullwinkle (a cartoon mouse and squirrel) in order to escape from their cartoon existence. At best it could be another *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*



## World View

	Guardian	Times	Sydney Herald	Age	L.A. Times	USA Today
LITTLE NICKY	D	C	C-	D+	C+	C-
CHARLIE'S ANGELS	B+	B-			C+	C+
MEET THE PARENTS	B	B+			B-	C+
THE GRINCH	C-	C	C+	C	C+	B-
SNATCH	A-	B+	B+	B		
WHAT LIES BENEATH	C+	B+	C+	B-	B-	C
THE SIXTH DAY					C+	C-
102 DALMATIANS					C-	C

## Movie News

*The Grinch* has completed the double by topping both US and European box office charts, despite mixed reviews at best. The film, in its opening weekend, topped \$10million in the UK alone.

You couldn't make this one up. During the filming of *The Sixth Sense* in Canada, **Arnold Schwarzenegger** overheard a local radio station broadcasting a competition to see who could best personate the Hollywood hunk. When Arnie decided to compete he didn't get beyond stage one. Producers told him that he was 'slightly authentic' but didn't sound enough like the Austrain-born actor.

U2 frontman **Bono** is reported to be looking to Hollywood for his next move in the entertainment world. According to American tabloid magazines, Bono lost out to Jim Carey and Tommy Lee Jones in his attempts to play a baddie in the 1995 film *Batman Forever*. Undeterred the Irishman has bought himself a home in New York which friends say he will use as a base to mastermind his move into the movies.



### Soul Deeper Jimmy Barnes

Arguably Australia's favourite rock singer, Jimmy Barnes has dug deeper to produce a set of cover songs which have the familiar grunge feel that has encapsulated his music. *Soul Deeper* marks a voyage of discovery by Barnes. Look closer and you see a musician still fascinated by his craft and still learning, albeit in the latest twists in techno or a deeper appreciation of the songs that got him into music in the first place. Here he pays tribute to some of the greatest songs of our generation, including *Land of 1000 Dances*, *Chain of Fools*, *What Becomes of the Broken Hearted* and *To Love Somebody*. Fans of Barnes will love it, others will be surprised at his variance and adaptability.

**Paul Williams**



### The Only Boat Album You'll Ever Need - Various

Imagine lying on a boat in the middle of the ocean. Bright, blue skies, and indulgently hot sun and calm, resplendent waters. Now, imagine the music that should go with the moment. That's maybe where we have a parting of the waves, but with this compilation BMG New Zealand have taken the thought process away with a 40-track CD including such timely greats as *Rock The Boat*, *Kokomo* and *American Pie*. And full marks to a CD which, eight times out of ten, hits the right note with warmth and feeling which can take us away to the tropical seas even in the most extreme of settings. All I need now is a boat to go with the music!

**Paul Williams**



### All That You Can't Leave Behind - U2

Apparently the release of this album was delayed because of an unusual, if not totally unsurprising problem, given the lethargy of well-paid rock bands these days, they were bored. Yes, U2, the masters of rock couldn't bothered to put the final touches to their latest work of art. Well, thankfully, Bono and co managed to rise out of bed to eventually produce a subtle, almost melancholic album which may disappoint their hard-edged fans, but no doubt will delight the rest of us who won't need any long introductions before finally approving the CD. According to some US tabloids, Bono is looking towards the movies as his next career move. Why bother? You're a musician, be proud of it.

**Simon Jones**



### Blender - Collective Soul

They've had haircuts, but their songs on this album are what one could say, going through the motions of having to fulfil their record company's "contractual quota". Track four, *10 Years Later* is refreshing Collective Soul. If you like those strong but meaningless guitar riffs from Ross Childress, then you should add this to your collection. If you're looking for those classic hooks in songs like *World I Know* & *December* from the self titled Collective Soul album, then save your money, they not here on this album.

**Paul Lightfoot**



## ***A Day Without Rain - Enya***

In an age when many artists are packing fifty minutes onto a CD, Enya comes out of five years' exile in an Irish castle with a vinyl LP-length 37 minute offering that is actually noticeable by feeling short. Nonetheless, *A Day Without Rain* is beautiful in its totality, so the sins of omission are forgiven.

**Ian Wishart**



## ***Sailing To Philadelphia - Mark Knopfler***

Mark Knopfler was once a struggling journalist (weren't we all?) before being discovered via a demo tape of his band Dire Straits, and the rest is MTV history. This latest solo offering from Knopfler signals a return to his Dire Straits roots. The angst of songs like *Romeo & Juliet* or the bite of *Telegraph Road* are missing on this album, as an older and wiser Knopfler looks to new themes. *What It Is* and *Sailing To Philadelphia* are the standout tracks for those with a penchant for the earlier Straits. I suspect that really all that's missing on this is Roy Bittan's emotional touch on the keyboard, and Jimmy Iovine's production. Knopfler's guitar work is excellent, but Bittan and Iovine added an edge to Dire Straits that Knopfler on his own doesn't have. Still worth having, nonetheless. **Ian Wishart**



## ***Alegria - Cirque du Soleil***

The soundtrack to the touring musical spectacular. Enough said, sounds great. Mostly "en français".

**Ian Wishart**



**Tahiti**  
TOURISM

The Islands of Tahiti are famous for their beauty and their exotic allure.

Even better, a complete range of incentive ideas and conference facilities are all within easy reach.

Why not call us and discuss the possibilities.

**Tel: (649) 360 8880**  
**Fax: (649) 360 8891**



## drug watchdogs with a vested interest

JOE & TERESA GRAEDON, PhD

### Q&A

**Q.** My husband has an abnormal amount of gas, and the odour is terrible. He has tried about every gas remedy on the market with little or no relief. He had asked his doctor about this every time he goes in, but the only suggestion he gets is to try one of the over-the-counter gas pills. Do you have any other suggestions?

**A.** Think Pink. Most people think of Pepto-Bismol for diarrhea, indigestion or upset stomach, but it can also reduce unpleasant smells.

Scientists recently discovered that bismuth subsalicylate (the ingredient in Pepto-Bismol) dramatically reduced the amount of hydrogen sulphide in gas. This is the compound responsible for the rotten egg smell. We wouldn't suggest he take Pepto-Bismol every day, since too much bismuth could be dangerous. But it might be helpful for his problem.

**Q.** Viagra does not work for me. I have difficulty achieving and maintaining erections. I do believe my blood pressure medication could be at fault, but my doctor says they are necessary. Can you help?

**A.** Don't discontinue your blood pressure medicines, but do ask your doctor if he could prescribe an alternative for any of them. Many medications, including some for high blood pressure, can cause sexual difficulties.

People who don't benefit from Viagra might achieve positive results from other approaches. Alprostadil is highly effective and can be injected directly into the penis (Caverject) or inserted as a tiny pellet (MUSE). Occasionally, men using these approaches experience pain or prolonged erections. But these were used successfully before Viagra was approved.

**R**eferees must be impartial. If they aren't completely objective, no-one could trust their critical calls.

Just imagine the chaos if a referee allowed a try in a rugby game when the player was clearly off-side? If that decision tipped the balance to one team and later people learned that the official has received gifts or money from that team? A major scandal would result.

jobs? Can you trust its objectivity?

Such questions have become more pressing as high-profile medications have been pulled off the market due to safety concerns. The diet pill Redux, the diabetes medicine Rezulin and, most recently, the irritable bowel drug, Lotronex, all caused unacceptable complications.

The federal bureaucracy is governed by extremely strict rules. Employees cannot own stock in



New Zealand's pharmaceutical companies constantly battle with the Ministry of Health which authorises the use of drugs in this country. Yet in America, questions are being asked of a far bigger player, and one which has a huge impact on the type of drugs sold in this country: The Food and Drug Administration.

How well does the FDA do its

or accept gifts, money, holidays or any other inducements from the industry they regulate. If they did, they could be fired or perhaps even prosecuted. But there is a loophole in this seemingly safe system. Because the FDA is faced with so many complex decisions, it frequently calls on outside experts to help it sift through the evidence. When these advisory panels make rec-

“

Too often these advisers have financial ties to drug companies. When *USA Today* looked at the issue recently, the paper found that in a majority of meetings, **half or more** of the panel members had **financial conflicts** related to the topic under consideration

”

ommendations to the FDS about new drugs, their advice is usually followed.

Too often these advisers have financial ties to drug companies. When *USA Today* looked at the issue recently, the paper found that in a majority of meetings, half or more of the panel members had financial conflicts related to the topic under consideration. In some cases they had participated in developing a competing compound. In others, they consulted for a pharmaceutical company or owned stock in it.

When questioned, an FDA spokesman told us that the agency needs advice from the most qualified people in the field - generally those who have done research relevant to the drug or the disease. He admitted that it has become increasingly difficult to locate scientists who have no financial ties to drug companies.

**P**erhaps even more disturbing, the original research is almost always conducted by physicians who stand to gain financially from their efforts. Clinicians might get paid for each patient they enter in a clinical trial. Consulting for a drug firm or speaking at conferences can be very lucrative.

Then there is the stock. Some companies reward researchers with options that increase in value if a drug is approved. Yet these are the very experts who are often tapped as FDA advisers.

No sports fans would accept an umpire who had a financial stake in an outcome of a game. Isn't it time these FDA 'referees' were held to the same standard? The public-health issues upon which they deliberate can have life or death consequences, so their objectivity must be beyond question.

## The Herbal Pharmacy

**Q. My 20-year-old daughter has been suffering from nail fungus and athlete's foot for years. Her doctor prescribed Lamisil, which cleared the athlete's foot but not the nail fungus. Can you suggest something else?**

**A.** One reader received the following advice from his doctor: "Soak your feet for 30 minutes a day for 30 days in a solution of warm water and white vinegar." He used half a gallon of water and one cup of water and now reports very health feet. Other soaks that have helped readers with nail fungus include black tea, the herb Pau d'Arco or Epsom salts.

**Q. I've heard that a glass of red wine daily is good for the heart. Does it have to be wine made from grapes, or could other red wine work? I make mine from blackberries.**

**A.** Scientists hypothesise that both alcohol and antioxidant compounds from grapes help protect arteries. No-one has studied blackberry wine to see if it has benefits for the heart. But blackberries are rich in anthocyanidins, plant compounds that have antioxidant action.

**Q. When my baby was born two months ago, I had planned to breast feed. I was unable to do so and, as a result, my breasts became swollen and extremely painful. I called a lactation specialist who suggested that I apply raw cabbage leaves to my breasts, wear a form-fitting bra and replace the leaves throughout the day as they wilt. I didn't believe her but was so desperate that I tried it anyway. After just one day, I was experiencing very little pain and, within three days, my breasts had returned to their normal size. How could this be?**

**A.** Cabbages contain a variety of healthy chemicals. Research in China shows people who eat cabbage are less susceptible to cancer. They speculate that compounds called isothiocyanates are responsible. Perhaps they have an anti-inflammatory action?

*Joe and Teresa Graedon are happy to take queries from readers via email on their website [www.peoplespharmacy.com](http://www.peoplespharmacy.com).*

*Joe Graedon is a pharmacologist. Teresa Graedon holds a doctorate in medical anthropology and is a nutrition expert. Please raise any matters that may affect you with your own doctor or pharmacist*

## the all new toyota LS430: the perfect car?

ALLAN DICK

**W**hen Toyota decided they wanted to build the best car in the world they gave us the Lexus LS400. You may read criticism of that car today – its ride and handling wasn't what it should be – but that criticism is largely retrospective. The fact is that while the LS400 was not perfect, at the time it was such a statement in excellence and refinement, the world was gob-smacked, starry-eyed and overwhelmed by the fact that a Japanese company could produce such a vehicle. The LS400 was opulent, powerful, had a stunning level of specification, offered build quality unseen before, cosseted owners with a level of service not seen before and it was reliable – totally reliable as only a Japanese car could be.

This was the Fear of Europe.

It was only after the first blush of incredulity subsided that any sort of critical comment was made. The ride was a bit floaty at the rear and handling was wallowy.

A Series II version addressed the ride and most of the handling faults, although to an enthusiastic driver the chassis dynamics remained more marshmallow than sporting. But the speed with which the name Lexus gained credibility and respectability also had the established luxury car makers worried. Overnight a legend was created around the name – Lexus because synonymous with luxury, quality and exclusivity.

Critics would say that since the introduction of the LS400 the brand image has been diluted a bit by some of the other "Toyota" models that have been

badged as Lexus for markets outside Japan. The ES300 is really a 3.0 litre V6 Camry in a Tuxedo, and as good a car as the Lexus IS200 is, doesn't really sit comfortably alongside the original image created by the LS400?

And there's always the problem of Japanese Used Cars. There is no such brand as Lexus in Japan, so we have "Lexus" sitting on used car lots in New Zealand badged as Toyota. These are matters that obviously concern Toyota New Zealand but there has been no great urgency to do anything about them with sales of the flagship LS4000 down to a trickle.





“

It's **fast, powerful, quiet**, and supremely **comfortable**; the build and quality is probably the best in the world; the ride is the stuff magic carpets are made of.

”

But now we have the LS430 and a whole new ballgame. The LS430 is an exultation of luxury, quality and performance. If the styling was a bit more, well, formal – this could be exactly the car that BMW (or is it Mercedes-Benz?) is creating as the next generation Rolls Royce. The new LS430 is very probably the best passenger car in the world.

This is more than just a face lift, some new headlights and an extra 300cc to the V8 engine. It's not even about the fact that you now have the highest state in the art luxury married to ride qualities of the highest order with sporting performance and handling. The LS430 may look evolutionary, but what's gone on underneath is revolutionary.

The LS430 is exactly the same overall length as the LS400. But it's taller and it's longer in the wheelbase. This means it's easier to get in and out of and the cabin now sits between the axles for an even better ride. It's heavier than before and now tips the scales at 1800+kgs. But it's faster, smoother and more effortless than before.

**P**ower output from the all alloy V8 engine remains unchanged at 207kW – but increased engine capacity is the wellspring of torque and it's now up to 417Nm at 3,500rpm. It's this torque that you employ to overcome inertia and when the lights turn green, the LS430 gets a wriggle on in a far more lively manner than the LS400 ever could. The LS430 breaks the eight second barrier for the 0-100km/h sprint – the best the LS400 could ever manage was 8.2.

The styling changes may be subtle but the LS430 still manages to look so much like the older model S-Class Mercedes-Benz that viewed from about 100 metres distance, you're likely to be confused. We suspect that this is quite deliberate. The body is all new – the chassis is stiffer meaning improved ride, handling and more durability.

But there's still more to the LS430. In their search for perfection, Toyota/Lexus have demanded more accuracy in the body building process. Previously, the engineers accepted tolerances in tenths of a millimetre for the gaps in the body – where doors sit in the frames, down the bonnet and boot shut lines. With the LS430 those tolerance levels are now down to a thousandth of a millimetre. That's something you're not going to notice with the naked eye – bring out the nuclear microscope!

The key for the Lexus LS430 is more a radio device than mechanical. As long as you have the key and its fob in your hand you can get into the car, start it or open the boot – all without aiming anything at a red eye or inserting a key anywhere.

It's fast, powerful, quiet, supremely comfortable, the build and quality is probably the best in the world, the ride is the stuff magic carpets are made of while the chassis dynamics are in the same league, at least, of the Europeans. Just about the closest thing to automotive perfection we've ever experienced. But instead of using the old S-class Merc for visual inspiration, couldn't they have used the new car?

**Allan Dick is the editor of *Driver Magazine***



The Islands of Tahiti are famous for their beauty and their exotic allure.

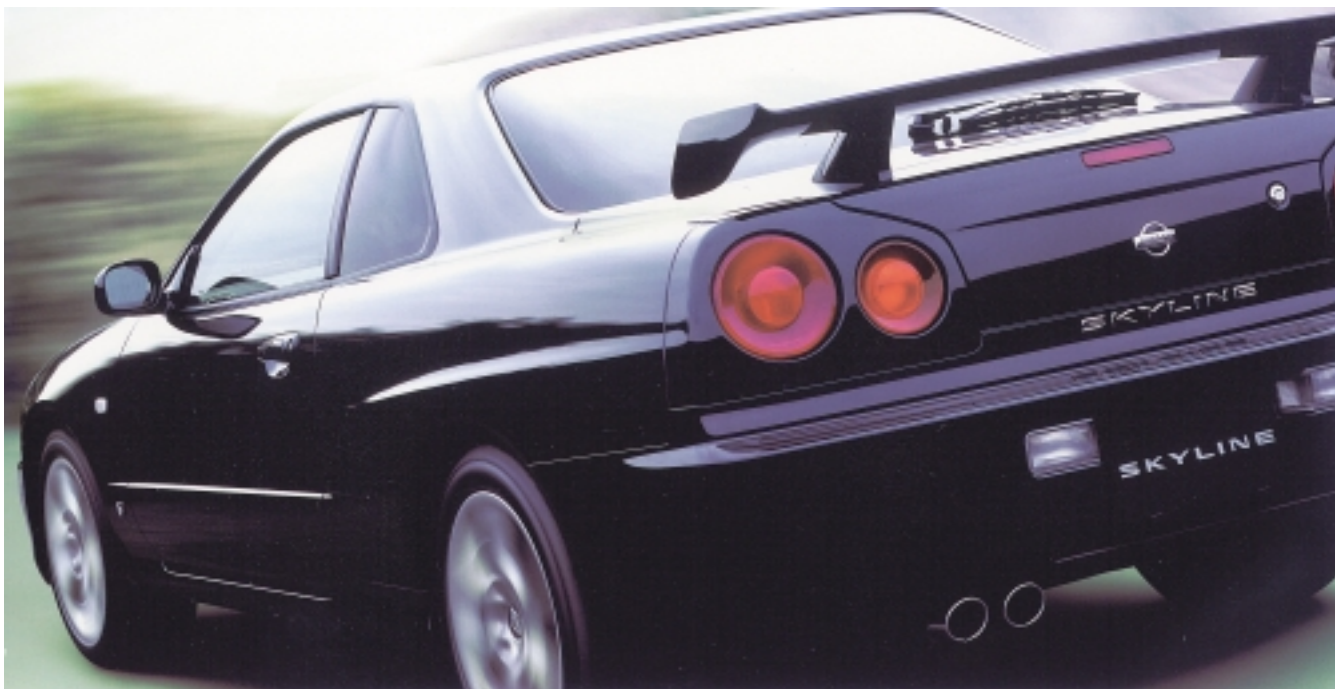
Even better, a complete range of incentive ideas and conference facilities are all within easy reach.

Why not call us and discuss the possibilities.

Tel: (649) 360 8880

Fax: (649) 360 8891





## NEW RELEASES

### nissan goes a-huntin'

**N**issan is gunning for an even bigger slice of the performance car market with the release of "Babezilla" - a lower-spec'd stablemate to the Skyline Godzilla GT-R.

"We've been very pleased with the response to the GT-R," crowed Nissan NZ's John Manley, "but it does have a very select appeal. With the Skyline GT Turbo, we can offer a striking performance car to a wider section of the market."

At \$64,500 for the gruntier five-speed manual, and \$66,000 for the slushbox, Babezilla winds up to 363 Nm of torque and 206 kW which, to put it succinctly, is a lot more ponies than your average Porsche Boxster is hooked up to and only slightly shy of most new 911s.

It's a further sign, along with Subaru's seriously rewired Legacy RSK, that Eastern technology is ready to give Europe a sizeable thumping.

Power is delivered through the rear wheels via LSD and traction control, and Nissan's HICAS four wheel steering system adds to cornering stability, and the car shares its multilink suspension basics with big brother Godzilla.

Other differentials between the two models: the GT-R is a twin turbo on a 2568cc straight six, while the GT-Turbo is a single turbo on a 2.5 litre six.

A comprehensive safety package - always a must when supplying a car with this kind of muscle - includes dual airbags, ABS brakes with brake assist, front seat belt pre-tensioners, side intrusion beams in the doors and front and rear impact absorption zones.

Oiks from the stix can't break your car aerial - it's built into the rear window, and 17 inch alloys round off the ensemble.

Valentini One  
 BELTRONICS  
 ESCORT  
 Luridant  
 BLINDER  
 WHISTLER

**SPEEDING TICKET?**  
 RADAR & LASER CAN AND DOES MAKE MISTAKES.  
 FIGHT BACK! WE SHOW HOW

**CALL THE  
 RADAR PROTECTION  
 EXPERTS**

**TOLL FREE 0800-4RADAR**  
 Ph: 09 528 7279 or Fax: 09 528 7279  
 www.radardirect.co.nz

## warning: new era of 'super viruses' could be ready to attack your computer

SIMON JONES

**T**he notorious 'Lovebug' virus, which spread around the world's business systems like wild fire in April, is now estimated to have caused more than \$10bn worth of damage.

But the warning from internet security experts is that the Lovebug could be the tip of the iceberg. It has been predicted that at some stage next year a new, so-called 'super virus' will be unleashed which won't even need you to open an attachment to be activated. Simply reading the words of the email will be enough.

New 'super viruses' will even be able to talk to each other, so that if one virus isn't able to penetrate your system, it will quickly be allied with another which may have the capability.

Quite simply, the security walls constructed by major software companies like Microsoft could be torn down as quickly as they are put up.

The worrying scenario of pony-tailed computer geeks unleashing new weapons of mass destruction in this on-going electronic war has prompted new calls for international co-operation to fight the spread of viruses.

Here in New Zealand, virus expert Arjen de Landgraaf says his company, E-Secure-IT has warned about the dangers of 'super viruses' since April.

"We also know that the international hacker community is buzzing with

the wicked potential this vulnerability could unleash," he said. "It's not a matter of if, but when".

He believes the next generation of viruses will carry a dictionary of common exploits such as weaknesses in firewalls, access routers and operating systems. If a virus is unable to exploit a system it will co-operate with other viruses to trade attributes in order to successfully penetrate security.

"The only way such an onslaught can be avoided in the future is by being immediately warned when a new vulnerability is discovered, and have it fixed before an automates hacker program makes use of it."

Although the 'Lovebug' is the most destructive to date, bugs have played havoc since "Michelangelo" wiped countless PC hard disks on March 6 1991, the painter's birthday. Four years later "Word.Concept" did the rounds, copying itself to the template of Microsoft Word documents. Within 12 months it was the most prevalent computer virus in the world.

**N**ext to cause global chaos was "Wazzu" in 1996, but it was probably "Melissa" three years later, which, disguising a list of pornographic sites as a text file, that brought the issue to the fore. It spread to an estimated one million comput-

“

It's predicted that at some stage next year a new, so-called '**super virus**' will be unleashed which won't even need you to open an attachment to be activated. Reading the words of the email will be enough.

”

ers by latching on to the email address book of those who opened it.

Graham Cluley, spokesman for anti-virus company Sophos, said bugs are getting more sinister by the day.

“At the moment the majority are written by youngsters who think it’s cool to wipe as much as possible in as short a space of time as possible. The real problem occurs in the recent increase of more sinister, unrecognisable viruses that have more subtle forms of corrupting files. They might, for example, multiply a random number on your spreadsheet every now and then by 0.05, or wipe random paragraphs from text files over several months.” They are less easy to spot and by the time you’ve noticed the effects, your back-ups will probably be corrupted too.”

**F**or virus makers, their work is a form of empowerment. Many are social losers, lonely types who have difficulty forming relationships. Instead their only relationship is with their computer, devising deadly viruses as a perverted form of self-

worth. Many aren’t necessarily set on a trail of destruction, instead they think it is a game. IBM say they receive many viruses before they are unleashed on the public, almost as if the author is playing a game of chess and wants to see if IBM can crack their code. Simple precautions can help. Cluley says that since office workers are usually the first to open emails in the office, it is vital they are clued up to the latest developments. But vigilance itself can be dangerous - some hackers have begun to devise viruses as public service circulars warning of other viruses. Make sure you continually update your anti-virus software with free downloads available on the internet and make sure that you make independent back-ups of everything. And the simple rule on email attachments is that if you are not familiar with the source don’t open it, full stop. Or at least ask the source to explain exactly what is on the attachment so you can determine whether it is directly relevant to you. The first rule of combat is to be properly armed

against the enemy.

Just time to tell you about some news. Telecom ([www.telecom.co.nz](http://www.telecom.co.nz)) is devising a system which will allow customers to listen to their emails on their mobile phone. Telecom and Australian company Voicenet have competed the first testing of their Mobile Voice Portal Project.

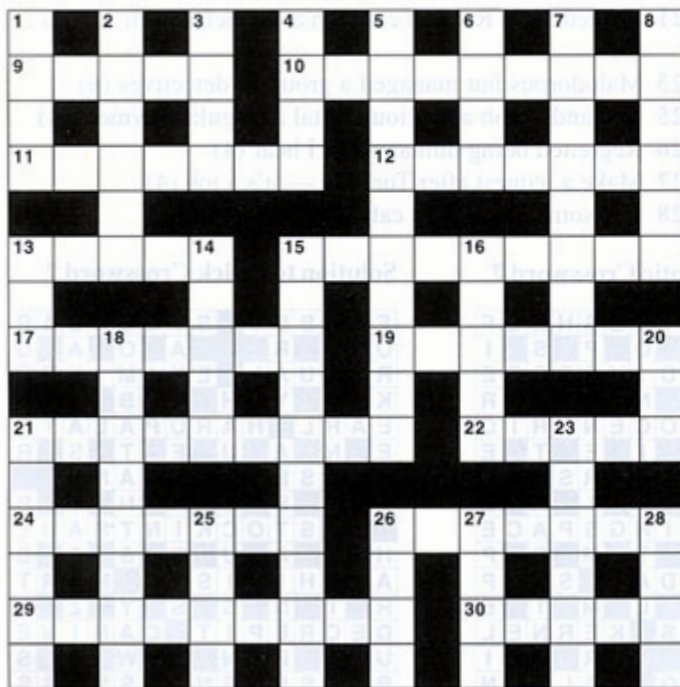
The Voicenet Voice Portal uses speech recognition technology to understand what the caller is requesting and text-to-speech technology to allow users to hear their emails while they are on the road. The system should be up and running early in the New Year.

Finally, for budding Stock Market investors who are keen to learn the tools of the trade but don’t want to risk their own money in the process, try [www.sharebrilliance.com](http://www.sharebrilliance.com). For a \$10 fee you can learn how to trade shares and use \$10,000 in virtual cash to invest. There is a prize for the person with the most valuable portfolio.

## Investigate Crosswords by Obel

No. 8

### QUICK



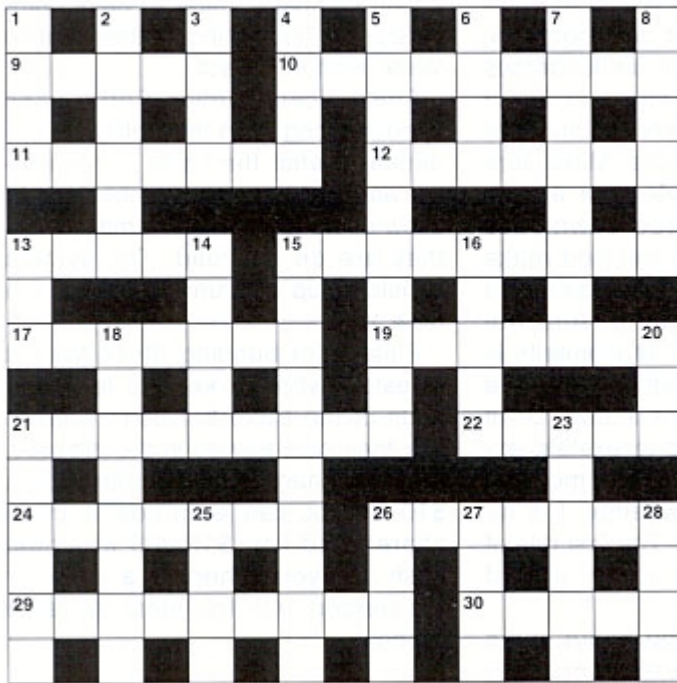
#### ACROSS

- 9 With the mouth wide open (5)  
 10 Alpine perennial plant (9)  
 11 A mistake in printed matter (7)  
 12 The latter part of the day (7)  
 13 Move like a crab (5)  
 15 Grease monkeys (9)  
 17 One of the archangels — a divine messenger (7)  
 19 Liquorice-flavoured seed (7)  
 21 Despondent (9)  
 22 Cavalry sword (5)  
 24 Get out of the road (4,3)  
 26 Knapsacks (7)  
 29 Grudge (9)  
 30 Touch down (5)

#### DOWN

- 1 Add alcohol (4)  
 2 Strong dislike (6)  
 3 Speak humorously (4)  
 4 A limited period (4)  
 5 A leading politician (5,5)  
 6 Niminy-piminy (4)  
 7 Understate (8)  
 8 Accepted practices (6)  
 13 Droop (3)  
 14 Force out (5)  
 15 Pacifying (10)  
 16 Assumed name (5)  
 18 Semiformal evening dress (5,3)  
 20 Mature female animal (3)  
 21 Respectful deference (6)  
 23 Lighthouse (6)  
 25 Marry a woman (4)  
 26 Realised (4)  
 27 A long pointed tooth (4)  
 28 Moults (4)

CRYPTIC



ACROSS

- 9 Move a little flower, for example, backwards (5)
- 10 A cellar used for degradation (9)
- 11 Learn to fiddle afterwards (5,2)
- 12 A right once more to go back for falls in Canada (7)
- 13 Odd bits of, say, arrival in the Middle East (5)
- 15 The craft of making furniture by certain engineering (9)
- 17 Somewhere in Madagascar I bought a reindeer (7)
- 19 Employ fewer? That's futile (7)
- 21 A marriage that hasn't been arranged gets no score in court (4,5)
- 22 Stick around, right, yet ramble around (5)
- 24 Build a road and get out of it (4,3)
- 26 An entourage with the king going to wed back before the middle of September (7)
- 29 Badmouth someone. It enraged when drunk (9)
- 30 Related, in a way, to being financially embarrassed (5)

DOWN

- 1 Sailor — the Spanish Tasman (4)
- 2 The journalist is to ride out (6)
- 3 Give birth to an animal (4)
- 4 A satyr, one in play (4)
- 5 Punish brat brutally with an applicator (10)
- 6 A weak sort of wood hen (4)
- 7 About to equal the course standard at the start of the fairway and show cleverness in reply (8)
- 8 Tory leader in sordid circumstances becomes hot and sticky (6)
- 13 Thus almost unwell (3)
- 14 A collection of photos of Mr Gore and a hobo (5)
- 15 A rustic compatriot (10)
- 16 The more people have of these, the more they want (5)
- 18 Countermanding or overturning the ruler (8)
- 20 The bird leaves slowly, being crafty (3)
- 21 A doctor in a Russian car with a character from Athens (6)
- 23 Malodorous but managed a group of detectives (6)
- 25 You and I grab a precious metal as regular payment (4)
- 26 Regretted being unmannerly, I hear (4)
- 27 Make a request after Tuesday — it's a job (4)
- 28 Has some food in the café at seven (4)

Solution to Cryptic Crossword 7



Solution to Quick Crossword 7



Acknowledgment: thanks to "Crispa" for 16 down.