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Kia Ora, and welcome to Tonightline.

I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm \_\_\_\_\_.

Today, on Tonightline: strange afflictions, some of the world's lesser known beliefs, possibly a farm report, and we finish off with a look at the weather.

**STORY 1: Odd Job – Presenter 1**

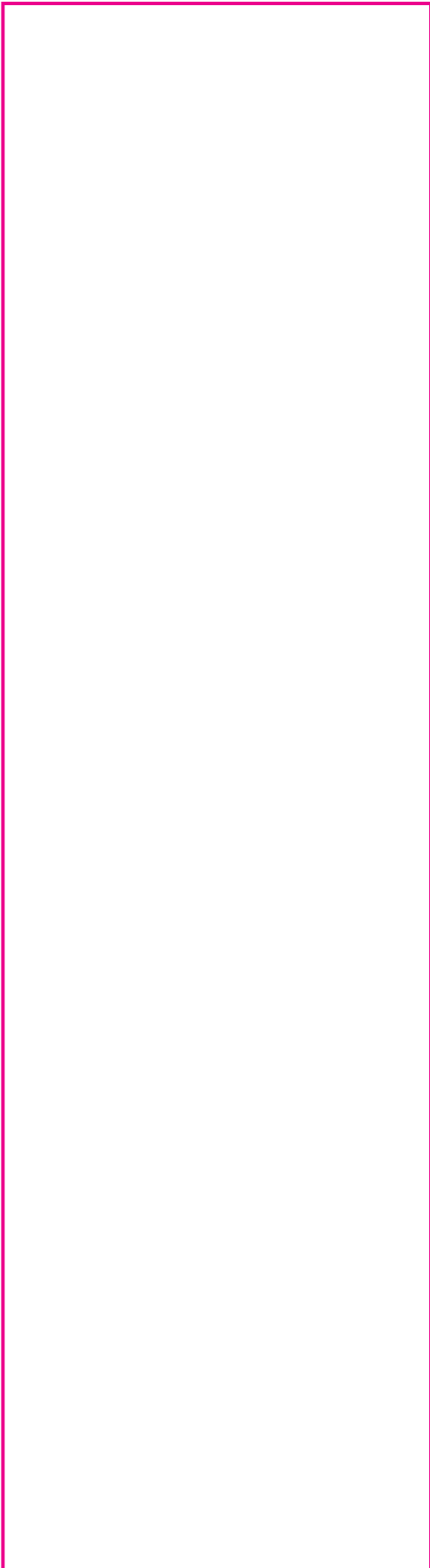
But first, a newspaper job section advertising for the position of 'hermit' has received a flood of applications from people keen to ditch the stress of modern life. The successful candidate will live in a cave on the grounds of an English estate and abandon all human contact except for scaring visitors.

The owners of the Estate claim they want to employ the hermit to create a 'unique atmosphere' on their property, and have been overwhelmed by the response for such a low-paid position. They say they do not know what qualifications you need to be a hermit, but being ragged and filthy is a good start.

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We now cross over to our reporter \_\_\_\_\_ who is with one of the hopeful hermits.

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**INTERVIEW ONE: Hermit**

**Reporter:** Thanks \_\_\_\_\_. I'm here with would-be hermit \_\_\_\_\_, inside the cave where they hope to begin their career spooking visitors.

**Q1** *So, why do you want to give up everything modern life has to offer to live in a cave?*

**Q2** *What do your friends and family think of your decision to live alone without a proper bed, kitchen, or toilet?*

**Q3** *What aspects of modern life do you think you will miss the most?*

**JOINING LINK**

Well thank you so much for joining us. Good luck with the job interview. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ for **Tonightline**.

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**JOINING LINK: Presenter 2**

And now, over to our reporter outstanding in their field, \_\_\_\_\_, with the Farm Report...

**CUE NOW****THE FARM REPORT**

Yeah g'day. Well, down South the well known runaway ram Buster is still at large. Locals are worried that with one sheep on the loose, others will get the idea and will start to follow. We could soon have a mutiny, or what some are calling a muttyny, on our hands.

Elsewhere, a dairy farmer up North is getting one final pat on the back from the farming community, retiring after 50 years in the field.

Finally, a vet in the Mackenzie Country has had a beef with the police. In an effort to prove that one of his cows was passing gas, he ignited the flatulence with his a lighter. Instantly, the cow became a "four-legged flamethrower", and pretty much destroyed the farm. The cow was unharmed.

I was gonna finish with few cheesy jokes about dairy, but didn't want to milk it. So yeah nah, that's the Farm Report for this week.

Back to you in the city, slick...

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## STORY TWO: No Laughing Matter – Presenter 2

Thanks \_\_\_\_\_. And now, for a story that is no laughing matter.

A Dutch funeral director who had hip surgery two years ago claims she has not been able to stop laughing since. She says it's a result of something going funny during the surgery.

The woman says she can no longer support her favourite sports team as she laughs too hard when they lose. She has lost her job as a Funeral Director and has come to the media for help.

"The endless laughter annoys the heck out of my husband", says the woman, chuckling. "We can't even discuss how annoying my laughter is without me cracking up. Something needs to be done."

"It has completely ruined my life", the woman says, bursting into hysterical laughter.

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We sent our most serious reporter \_\_\_\_\_ to try to see past the hilarity at the woman's home.

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**INTERVIEW TWO: Laughing Person**

Hello, I am \_\_\_\_\_, the most serious reporter at the \_\_\_\_\_ News station, and I am here with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q1** *What impact has all this laughter had on your life?*

**Q2** *How do people react when you just laugh at them all the time?*

**Q3** *What are some of the challenges of living with uncontrollable laughter?*

**JOINING LINK**

Well, this unstoppable laughter is clearly very serious, but I'm glad you can see the funny side of it. Good luck with everything.

Back to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the studio.

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### STORY THREE: Spaghetti Or Not? – Presenter 1

Thank-you \_\_\_\_\_.

Now, for more news of the unusual. A man in Austria was so keen to wear a spaghetti strainer on his head while having his photo taken for his driver's license, that he invented and registered a new religion that says he must wear one at all times.

Austrian authorities allowed him to wear the strainer for his photo on religious grounds, and now he wears it all the time.

He claims that he is a Pastafarian, and said he belongs to the Church of The Flying Spaghetti Monster.

Why Pastafarians choose to wear a spaghetti strainer on their head is unclear.

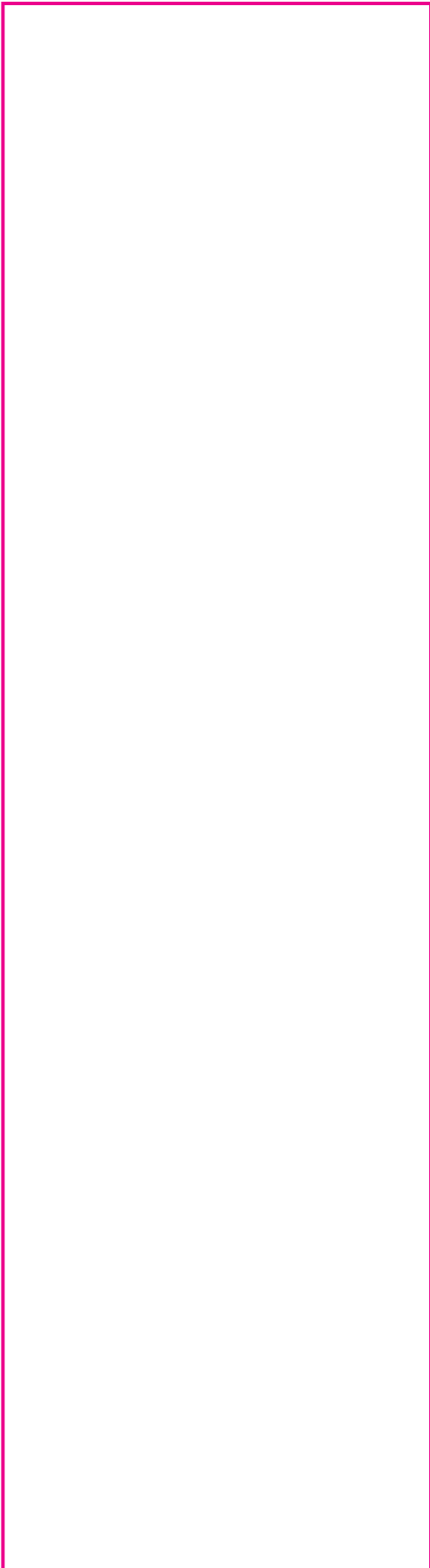
The case even went to court where he claimed that his Church was real. Pastafarians believe heaven has a milkshake volcano and trees that grow hamburgers and fries.

It looks like this religion is beginning to take off, and is being used as an excuse for all sorts of things, from refusing to do any work to disobeying the road rules

### JOINING LINK

We go now to our reporter \_\_\_\_\_ who is at the newly built Pastafarian temple.

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**INTERVIEW THREE: Pastafarian**

**REPORTER:** Hello there, I'm with \_\_\_\_\_, who is a member of the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster.

**Q1** *So, can you tell me about some of your beliefs?*

**Q2** *Are there many rules that you need to follow?*

**Q3** *What made you join the Pastafarians in the first place?*

**JOINING LINK**

Thanks for your time. This is \_\_\_\_\_ for Tonightline.

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**JOINING LINK: Presenters 1 and 2**

Well, there we go.

Let's have a look at what's happening up and down the country weather-wise with \_\_\_\_\_.

What's in store?

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## WEATHER PRESENTATION

Thank you \_\_\_\_\_. Looking at the satellite image we can see a low-down dirty front coming in and pushing out the high, causing rain in some places today.

Now looking at the isobar map, there is a warm front with a cold shoulder and a big angry backside.

And now, **Wellington** topped both the highs and lows today. The Capital city hit a blistering 26 degrees in the morning, before falling sharply to a low of 4 degrees. Locals were caught out thinking it'd be nice all day and so didn't take a jacket. Typical.

Let's have a look at the other main centres now: **Auckland** was steamy, tropical, muggy and humid; **Christchurch** bright, warm, sunny, fair and fine, in **Dunedin** bitter, icy, frosty, wintry, chilly and cold.

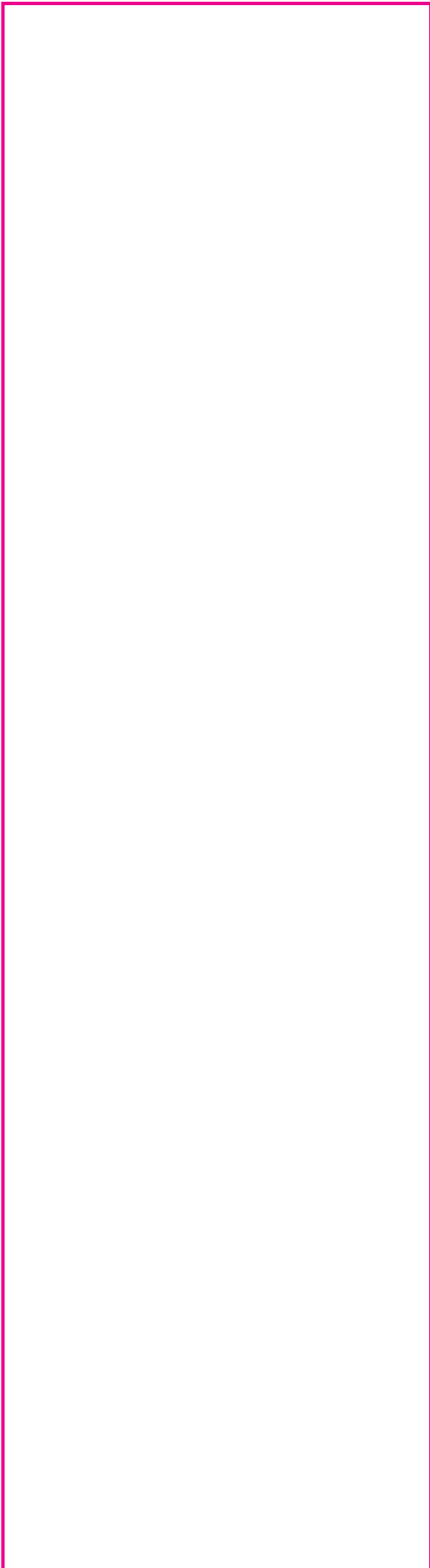
And now for the short forecast covering most of the country: it's going to rain everywhere.

Finally, here's the picture of the day sent in by Murray from Akaroa, looking out across a very misty Barry's Bay. Not much to see there.

Well, that's it from me, back to the news desk.

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**JOINING LINK: Presenters 1 and 2**

Thanks \_\_\_\_\_.

Finally, it's time for 2 Minutes With \_\_\_\_\_, who today is talking to a man who is trying to set the unusual record of only asking questions when talking.

Our Reporter \_\_\_\_\_ has two minutes to ask a few questions of his/her own.

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**INTERVIEW FOUR: '2 Mins With' – Questions World Record**

Hello everybody, and welcome to 2 Minutes with me, \_\_\_\_\_.

Joining me today is \_\_\_\_\_, who is attempting to set a world record for only asking questions all the time.

**Q1** So \_\_\_\_\_ what made you want to set this questionable record?

**Q2** How long have you been doing it exactly?

**Q3** Is it very easy to live your daily life only ever asking questions?

**Q4** Do people ever get annoyed with you?

**Reporter:** Well, this has all been a bit weird, no question about it! And that's 2 Minutes with me, \_ \_\_\_\_\_. Thanks for watching.

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**CLOSING LINK: Presenters 1 and 2**

Well, that's it from us.

We hope you've enjoyed the show.

Thanks for watching and we'll see you again next time.

Until then, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm \_\_\_\_\_  
for **Tonightline**.

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