

When gun laws are not enough...

The following court-room exchange apparently occurred in a recent case in the UK:

Question: When he went , had you gone and had she, if she wanted to and were able, for the time being excluding all the restraints on her not to go, gone also. would he have brought you, meaning you and she, with him to the station?

Opposing counsel: Objection. That question should be taken out and shot.

Calloo Calais, Oh frabjous day!

There's no flies on Justice Olney. In the recent (and continuing) action of chief magisterial remuneration the judge demonstrated considerable discernment on the evidence put before him. On hearing assertions from Michael Maurice QC that a Holden Calais was a "luxury" vehicle, the judge noted:

"I'm afraid a Holden Calais isn't a luxury vehicle. That's what they provide me with back in Melbourne. It's just an ordinary sort of Holden."

We're not quite sure how GMH would respond to such judicious observation. Maurice was left with the claim that

the Calais "may not be luxury, your honour, but they're expensive."

The gall of it!

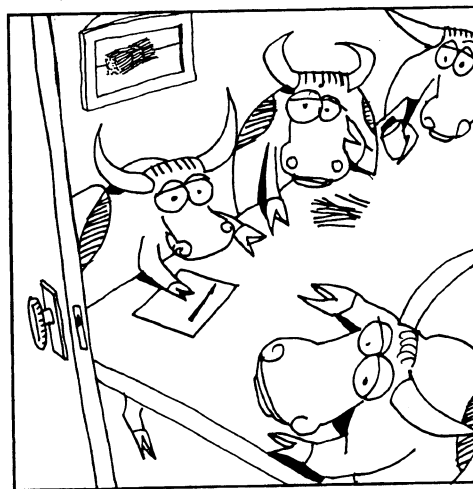
You have got to be a certain type of practitioner to be at Hunt and Hunt. Just ask Meredith Day. When she was recently admitted to hospital to have a gall bladder operation, the caring souls at her firm made sure a gift was on hand. She roused from the anaesthetic to a special paperback titled: *Getting to Know Your Gall Bladder*.

Apparently they are not all bad. To assuage their consciences they also provided Meredith with a voucher from the Cullen Bay Day Spa.

How the other half live

Circuit courts are always interesting, not least the venues they are held in. John Birch SM experienced this recently at Kalkarindji - formerly known as Wave Hill. The corrugated iron "court house" started life as a school room following the Gurindji Walk Off in 1966. It has seen life also as a community supermarket. It now doubles as a council meeting room and

The Muster Room



art gallery - the latter courtesy of touring organisation, Artback. Mr Birch's recent hearings followed an exhibition featuring photographs of Olympian, Cathy Freeman.

And speaking of venues. It is hardly Pommeroy's Wine Bar of Rumpole fame, but all protagonists at Kalkarindji were pretty impressed by the service at the Warnku Sports and Social Club, with the SM and people from Katherine Regional Aboriginal Legal Aid Service and Katherine Women's Information and Legal Service joining with the local community in a few at day's end.

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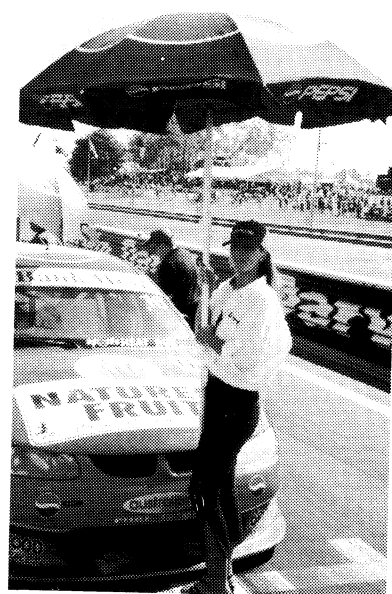
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Hidden Valley Pepsi Girl! Sarah Bell, Articled Clerk at De Silva Hebron joins in the Hidden Valley car racing experience.