

# In black & white

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## Forbidden fruit, fortuitous find?

MONEY doesn't grow on trees, but in these tight times, someone is trying to ease the squeeze.

The Happiest Hour is a website obsessed with finding Melbourne's cheapest drinks.

The only thing better than cheap, though, is free, and it's come up with a pip of an idea.

"We are thinking about adding a page to our website called Lemon Watch," the cheapskates say.

"Basically we will have a map of Melbourne's inner suburbs, identifying where lemon trees hang over backyard fences.

"We think it's genius."

The tightwad behind the plan, Chris Canty, says "paying for lemons has always left a bitter taste in my mouth".

"A lemon map would not only help those facing financial strain, but also disguise mediocre cooking, thus helping relationships in the long run.

"We aren't hurting anyone. Footstep, footstep, tug, tug, drop, drop, footstep, footstep — is all you will hear from us."

### There's a catch

MUNICIPAL Association of Victoria president Dick Gross, though, has some sour news for Chris.

He says lemon rustlers, furtive flower pickers and even covert cutting snippers could be in strife.

"The person who owns the tree owns the leaves, branches, fruits and flowers," Dick says.

"My understanding is that it is unadulterated, unexpurgated theft."

Sounds like a job for the Special Branch.

Tree limbs and such can legally be cut back — if they overhang a footpath or a neighbour's fence.

"But you have to return the offcuts whether they are useless branches or beautiful fruit," he says.

That means giving your neighbour back the mountain of green waste, and them having to cop it. Too sweet.

### Caffeine's a hook

SADLY for lemon thieves, an unadorned gin and tonic might not quite qualify as a crime, but the law can clearly be bent in an emergency.

Ask Tony, one of this column's spies, who watched this real-life drama unfold in the city on Monday.

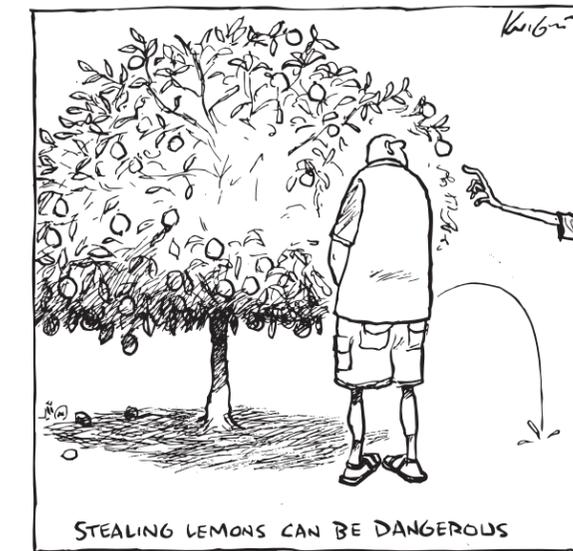
A Yarra Trams breakdown vehicle had its lights flashing at the Swanston St/La Trobe St corner during the morning peak hour.

That's a hook turn intersection for everyone else, but the truck made a right turn from the centre lane instead.

It created a minor traffic jam and other drivers weren't happy. They tooted their horns.

Didn't they realise it was an emergency?

Once around into Swanston St, the truck flicked its lights off and pulled into a No Standing



zone, as you do when every second counts.

Then the two blokes got out and raced into a takeaway store, crisis over. That first coffee of the day is a real life-saver.

### Bit of a stretch

NO word yet from Telstra on the winner of its name-the-9000km-cable competition.

C'mon guys, what's wrong with just picking up the phone?

"Calling it Barry was my idea," an anonymous reader who did call volunteered. "You know, as in Barry Cable!"

Kangaroos supporters would remember that Barry. Our caller, a Pies fan, did too, but might not have such fond memories after what Cable-and-Co did to the Woods in the 1977 Grand Final.

"It was just for fun," he says of the entry, which has him in the running for a pre-paid phone he'll have to pay

Telstra to top up when the credit runs out.

"I'm sort of hoping I don't win it."

### Pi high

REGULAR readers, and even bound-up ones, will know that there are many rhymes for remembering things like planets.

Charles, however, has taken this whole thing to another level with the following:

"Yes. I know a rhyme, assisting to easily align, the numerals one-to-nine".

So, any guesses? Well the trick to this one is in the number of letters in the words.

The rhyme, including some punctuation, equals 3.14159265389.

It is pi, to 10 decimal places — in case you'd somehow forgotten.

Thanks Charles, and here's another simple one, all for you — "Witches Hate Yellow".

Why, Charles? Why?

### Respect elders

STILL on things geeky, Barry was curious about one of his favourite tourist attractions.

He typed "Dinosaur Park Creswick" into Google.

Barry didn't actually find the park but he did find that someone was playing funny buggers.

Up came: "Retirement and Aged Care in Australia".

That's not very nice, is it, and Keah, the park's owner, says it is none of her work.

"I've got no idea," she says.

The park went extinct, or at least dormant, in 2001.

Anyone with pets knows how pricey it can get, and the upkeep on a stegosaurus has got to be colossal.

"We've got 18 dinosaurs.

The biggest one's a long neck, 10-12m long and the tallest is 7-8m high," Keah says.

"After we closed we couldn't part with them, so we moved them up near the house."

Apart from being a pretty good burglar deterrent, Keah's kids love them.

And the good news is that in the next year or so, the place could make a Jurassic Park-style comeback.

"We might reincarnate a few dinosaurs," Keah says.

"I'm thinking of getting it going again when my children go to school."

### A lost cause

THIS column warned yesterday against backing Father Joe Giacobbe's omen tip for the Geelong Cup.

The IB&W bankroll still went on Get Up Jude, and as you read this, the horse is still running.

Should have practised what we preached.

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## Nixon's free trip

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"I find it kind of bizarre that this question gets asked and she's had a three-day holiday."

Mr Becquet said the couple, who celebrate their 16th anniversary tomorrow, were invited to LA after a chance meeting with a Qantas executive. "I am normally her handbag but on this she's my handbag," he said.

Ms Nixon, whose contract as police chief expires in April, would not say whether she wanted to stay in the job.

"I've had some discussions so far but it's really not been finalised," she said.

While in LA the couple attended an exclusive cocktail party at a multi-million-dollar private home in Los Angeles and visited the Getty Centre.

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Biggest fall Perpetual \$2.87 to \$46.00

Dollar Down 2.87 to US66.62¢

All Ordinaries Down 131.3 to 4120.1

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### Tattersall's Results

**WEDNESDAY LOTTO:** Draw 2767: 27, 42, 15, 6, 16, 24. Supps: 17, 2. Total prize pool: \$1,890,468.58.  
**OZ LOTTO:** Draw 766: 11, 21, 1, 27, 43, 45, 13. Supps: 23, 35. Div. 1: Jackpot. \$13 million. Div. 2: \$38,611.10. Div. 3: \$2315.35. Div. 4: \$242.40. Div. 5: \$33.35. Div. 6: \$18.10. Div. 7: \$12.25.

### inralot Australia

**LUCKY 70 KENO:** Drawn 2pm. Draw No. 227: 1, 6, 10, 19, 21, 25, 31, 36, 42, 43, 44, 45, 48, 49, 53, 55, 59, 61, 65, 67.  
**HI/LO GAME:** Hi.  
**LUCKY 70 KENO:** Drawn 8pm. Draw No. 228: 3, 11, 17, 19, 20, 21, 25, 33, 36, 40, 41, 42, 45, 47, 54, 59, 62, 63, 66, 67.  
**HI/LO GAME:** None.  
**LUCKY LINES:** Drawn 7pm. Draw No. 114: 4, 10, 14, 17, 22, 28, 34, 39.

### PETROL WATCH

<b>TOYOTA</b>	
<b>WEST</b> Caltex Kealba, Sunshine Ave, St Albans	<b>142.9c</b>
<b>EAST</b> BP, cnr Burwood Highway & Commercial Rd, Ferntree Gully	<b>142.9c</b>
<b>SOUTH</b> 7-Eleven, cnr Police Rd & Hansworth St, Mulgrave	<b>142.9c</b>
<b>NORTH</b> 7-Eleven, cnr Bell St & Elizabeth St, Coburg	<b>142.9c</b>

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