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## Observer Melbourne People

# Flash: Coburg boy makes good



● James Hogan

■ We have some mates of whom we feel very proud.

James Hogan is one. He grew up in West Coburg, travelling the Moreland bus every day to school.

He worked at jobs such as Hertz rent-a-car, even as Melbourne rep for Yugoslav Airlines.

Our old school mate these days is CEO of Ethiad Airlines, after a similar stint at Gulf Air.

'Hoges' hosted a cocktail party at the Park Hyatt on Monday night to explain the airline's increasing connections with the Melbourne market. We'll bring you news over coming weeks.

## Footy money



■ Our Forgotten Fortunes feature regularly re-unites Observer readers with unclaimed cash.

This week's list (on Page 16) sees money waiting to be claimed by 'Hawkforce', care of the Hawthorn Football Club. The sum of \$2334.92 is waiting for the 'family club'.

## Short Shots

- Keep warm.
- Sad to see Sunday and Nightline TV shows axed.
- Footy shock ahead.
- A radio presenter about to be 'let go'?
- Just 21 weeks to Christmas.

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## Long Shots



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## with Ash Long, Editor

*"For the cause that lacks assistance,  
'Gainst the wrongs that need resistance  
For the future in the distance,  
And the good that we can do"*



## Observer Mailbag

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## Beg your pardon

■ Wal of East Malvern writes: "An old bloke had a serious hearing problem which had been of concern for many years. He was almost stone deaf.

"He finally went to the doctor, who recommended a specialist, who in turn, was able to fit the old bloke with a bionic ear, which restored his hearing perfectly.

"After a month the old bloke went back to see the specialist who said "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be so pleased that you can hear again?"

"The old bloke replied "Oh, I haven't told my family yet.

"I just sit around and listen to the conversations, Y'know I've changed my will several times in the past month."

## 'Hilton' boast alienates

■ Beryl M. of Edithvale writes: "I am writing to enquire if you would pass on a message to 3AW's Bruce and Phil who I listen to every night since losing my husband. This week they had Patti Newton boasting how she always stays at the Hilton in Sydney, and has special dinners. Good luck to her - but what about the pensioners listening in, who are scraping to have an ordinary meal? I feel that we must be on a different planet to the now-wealthy Mrs Newton. She should remember her suburban roots before she boasts."

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## Newsmaker

■ We are proud of our network of more than 400 newsagents across Victoria. Why not use their 'putaway' service for your copy of the Observer?  
■ Hello to Neville at Mitty's of Bourke St.

## Mates: pick and stick

■ Long Shots is fond of the notion of mateship described by the Packer family: "we pick and we stick".

Alan Howe is the Executive Editor of The Herald & Weekly Times, and achieved that position of seniority after a long time as the successful Editor of the Sunday Herald Sun.

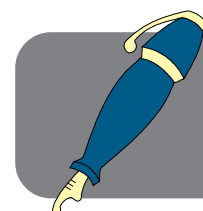
We go back to the wild days of the Observer back in the 1970s.

'Howe' was last week unfairly attacked and ruthlessly defamed on a website run by Andrew Landeryou, known in the trade as 'Slander You'.

Landeryou recently contacted the Observer seeking a lunch and some advice. Not now, Mr Landeryou. Not ever.



● Alan Howe



## Observer Treasury

## Thought For The Week

■ "Death has a tendency to encourage a depressing view of war."  
- Donald Rumsfeld

## Observer Curmudgeon

■ Learn from the mistakes of others - you can never live long enough to make them all yourself.

## Text For The Week

■ "For the Lord Himself will come down from Heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first."

1 Thessalonians 4:16

## Founder on radio



● Gordon Barton

■ The founder of the Melbourne Observer, the late Gordon Barton, was featured in a Radio National program at the weekend.

Barton started the newspaper in 1969, and I was a 12-year-old newsboy here from week three.

Barton also went on to establish the Sunday Review, later Nation Review.

The Life and Times program can be replayed at the www.abc.net.au website.

## Ash Wednesday

## Senior's moment

■ Don't worry, it's not just you! Long Shots is having plenty of senior's moments.

Last week we told how Long Shots was almost a forgetful service station drive-off.

On Saturday, Long Shots was complaining that the butter wasn't in the fridge. He had just placed it on the kitchen bench, 60 seconds earlier!