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Big wig meltdown escapes gaggle

■ USUALLY it's the accused, and the odd barrister, having a throwdown in court. So it was quite the chatter among the legal eagles this week when a senior judicial officer had a meltdown on the bench. We're not naming names or saying if it was a magistrate or a judge, but despite crying "off the record", the highly emotional public scene is probably in the transcripts, if only it could have registered with the witnessing media agencies' gaping mouths in the courtroom.

Game, set, and match

■ THE days of having a weekly hit of tennis at Crown with his old Myer mates including **Nick Abboud**, now Dick Smith chief executive, **Mitch Catlin** and **Brian Levine**, is a thing of the past for former Myer boss **Bernie Brookes** (pictured above).



Why? Because his tennis cronies have given the retail giant a passing shot for greener courts and Brookes is recovering from foot surgery, no doubt from all the robust tennis playing. He was spied this week checking out of Crown to relocate back to his plush Castle Hill, Sydney abode now the transition with new chief **Richard Umbers** has also reached match point.



Mason Wilson
 Senior Digital Marketing Manager at set
 New Delhi Area, India | Marketing and Advertising

Fishy business

■ DAVE Hughes says he is not alarmed — in fact, he's slightly flattered — about being a recent catfish victim. (Nb: Catfish is tech-speak for a person who pretends to be someone they're not using social media to create false identities, particularly to pursue deceptive online romances.)

The KIIS radio presenter even suspects his LinkedIn alter ego, senior digital manager **Mason Wilson** of New Delhi, India, will go one step further from luring old ladies out of cash and move onto other social media platforms.

"Who knows, he might pop up on Grindr next," Hughesy told Page 13. Admittedly the Hughes headshot is a goodie, but perhaps not quite the headshot that gay dating app Grindr is known for.



SAY WHAT ...

"I love the Irish ... but these are people who can't grow potatoes. Then, Australia has to follow suit." John Howard's former right-hand man, **GRAHAME MORRIS**, misses the mark on same-sex marriage.



Entourage life for Nine's golden boy

NINE Melbourne boss **Ian Paterson** and his *Entourage* are clearly enjoying life in La La Land away on a boys' trip.

And why wouldn't he? In news fast sweeping Nine Docklands' corridors, it is understood "Pato" (the hottie pictured top left, shirtless, with his brat pack, **Chris Peasley**, centre, and **Dave Goudie**) is being groomed as the next head of the network.

Recently spied flying out for a key face-to-face meeting with street fighting chief executive **David Gynge**, it's understood Pato now spends his time between Melbourne and Sydney, with an announcement

expected in the next 12 months. It's not the first time Melbourne's Nine bosses have hot seated up to Sydney headquarters. We all remember when **Eddie McGuire** and **Jeffrey Browne** made the big move to the Harbour City to join the Channel 9 big guns' boys' club.

McGuire returned to Melbourne, but Browne liked the Sydney lifestyle and stayed to swim in his pools of money in Bondi.

Dubbed TV's "Mr Nice Guy", Pato has maintained strong revenue dollars for the network despite shows like *The Block* and *Renovation Rumble* recently tanking.

A Nine insider said advertisers stick to him like glue, something

looked at very fondly by the bosses. "Even though Nine's ratings have been less impressive this year, advertisers stick with Pato because he is the nice guy of television who goes over and above for everyone. And, let's be frank, advertising is number one and so he will be rewarded from the top. Everyone loves Paterson."

So how does one celebrate their new-found stardom? Take his boys club to Tinseltown to rub shoulders at the LA *Entourage* premiere.

Looked like Pato's own brat pack were loving the RatPac — led by none other than **James Packer** — film and lifestyle, move over Vinnie Chase, or should we say studio head Ari Gold?

UH-OH, INTERSTATE WAR

■ GARRY Lyons is the loyal friend we all want to have on our team, but who would have thought that he was a rabble rouser?

When questioned about his thought's on the NSW Upper House passing a motion calling Eddie McGuire a "boofhead" following the Collingwood president's remarks on Adam Goodes war dance, Lyons said it was a call to arms.

"We are going to unite, there is going to be a southern invasion and we are going to march to Parliament House in Sydney, all of us, backing our man Ed," he said.

Asked if McGuire would have been red-hot with rage about the motion now filed in the Hansard archives, Lyons retorted: "Purple."

■ MEANWHILE, even AFL Hall of Fame inductee Tony Lockett couldn't help giving Goodes a plug. The footy recluse, who reached Legend status on Thursday night, said the Swans star was a top bloke, joking he thought it was a *Dancing With the Stars* audition.

The footy faithful were impressed at how tanned and fit Plugger looked, no doubt due to his post-footy pastime, dirt bike riding.



ISIS links not so welcome

■ NOTHING says welcome to Melbourne like a huge ISIS sign. Page 13 was somewhat taken aback to see the high-rise neon signage driving off Kings Way. Turns out we are not alone with 25-year-old office fitout and refurbishment firm ISIS Group Australia not so keen on the acronym for the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

"Our name carries a lot of heritage and stands for quality and delivery in the construction market," chief executive **Michael Barnes** told Page 13. "We are upset that what we stand for is becoming eroded by the Islamic State. We will continue to monitor how our clients, staff, consultants and subcontractors feel about perceptions around our name and react accordingly."



No licence? I bet

■ HIGH-flying former bookie **Alan Eskander** was busted allegedly driving while suspended near Flemington racecourse last spring carnival. The 39-year-old Betstar founder and property mogul was intercepted on Stakes Day and charged in January. Eskander, who married glamorous **Suzy Wilson** last April in Mexico, will front court next month.

The day his house went ...

■ AUTHOR **Andy Griffiths** has penned plenty of popular children's books, but the next big thing he might be signing is the deed to his Williamstown digs. Griffiths, hailed for *The Day My Bum Went Psycho*, is selling his four-bedroom townhouse next weekend. Fans of his recent bestseller, *The 52-Storey Treehouse*, should check out his nest after he said the home at 2/113 Esplanade partly inspired the fantasy-adventure story.

Compton Green is auctioning the home next Saturday, and it's advertised from \$1.4 million.



\$2000

Amount taxpayers spent on disgraced public service bigwig **Nino Napoli's** toupees.



JUST SAYIN' ...

■ Purple Wiggle **Lachlan Gillespie** made quite the impression at *The Wiggles Meet the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra* at Town Hall yesterday. Lachy's proposal to Yellow Wiggle **Emma Watkins** has caused a few toddler tantrums, while mums were getting flustered under their skivvies. Hot Potatoes!



JUST ASKIN' ...

■ WHO was the CFMEU member wearing his Rebels bikie colours doing a burnout in a YouTube clip? The construction worker burns rubber on a motorbike to shouts of other bikie gear-clad blokes. Some union members are angry.