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I think that Poh is going to win hands down. She's the local Adelaide girl and the Asian flair in her cooking will get her over the line.



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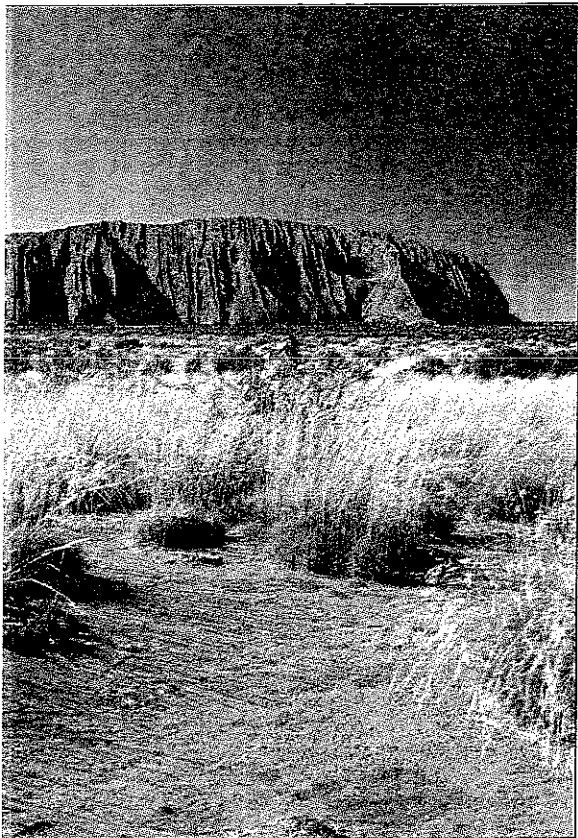
Poh will win MasterChef because she makes good and interesting dishes that make her stand out. We have to get behind our local girl.



NICK GRBIN
COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS

Julie will take it out because she is older and she has more wisdom than Poh. The age factor is a good thing to have on your side.

ns nature



Reader argues that no group should be allowed to claim ownership of nature's marvels.

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Readers raise questions about official perceptions of where drinking water originates.

There's no difference

I SEE that the Government's latest excuse for not recycling stormwater is the possible contamination it may suffer; yet water drawn from Adelaide's reservoirs is considered to be of potable quality. As a result, the proposal to pump stormwater into the reservoirs is considered inadvisable.

I understand that water collected off roadways will contain oil and other residues from the road, but these are surely removable; it's not as if the water which flows from our taps does so straight out of the reservoir.

In any case, where does the water - the "acceptable" water - in those storages come from?

would be "... putting at risk the public health ... if we used stormwater in our drinking supplies ...".

However, run-off from rain that falls on the urban areas of Lobethal, Woodside, Charleston, Verdun and Stirling (to name a few) and run-off from the South Eastern Freeway (between Crafers and Hahndorf) - spiced with additional overflow from the Hahndorf Treatment Plant, which is already over capacity and cannot cope with urban growth in the Hills now, or any planned growth - is stormwater.

All this liquid is part of the Mt Bold Reservoir catchment. This "stormwater" is served up as Adelaide's drinking water (after treatment, of course). Could minister Maywald please explain the difference?

G. DEMASI, Verdun.

Do volunteers pour it?

ROBYN McLeod (*The Advertiser*, 8/7/09)

Electoral reform

WHILE *The Advertiser* editorial (yesterday) is correct that there is a strong case for reform of the Upper House, there is an even stronger case for reform of the Lower House.

At the last state election, only 56 per cent of all South Australians found their votes actually electing a Lower House MP.

This even included 27 per cent of Labor voters, even though the ALP won a disproportionate majority (45 per cent of first-preference votes but 60 per cent of the seats).

If there is going to be a referendum to change the Upper House, why not also ask South Australians if they would like to change the Lower House?

There needs to be a referendum on whether the Lower House should be elected by proportional representation, with multi-member electorates, rather than the current inequitable single-member electorates.

Real reform is urgently required in South Australia.

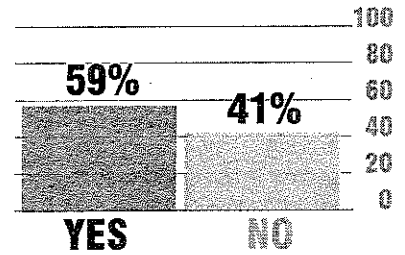
We all know that not everyone can get the Government they want, but we can ensure that 90 per cent of voters get the MPs they want.

DEANE CRABB, Secretary,
Electoral Reform Society of South Australia, South Plympton.

VOTELINE

Yesterday's result

Should alcohol sponsorship in sport be banned? (80 callers)



Today's question

Was landing on the moon the biggest achievement for mankind in the 20th century?

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Never, never land

GREEN shoots of recovery. Australia thinking it can negotiate sensibly with China over Hu. Australians' retirement dreams now safe because the worst of the financial crisis is over and the stock market rallying. The latest uranium mine approved will not pollute underground water. I thought Neverland was a ranch in California.

IAN SAMPSON, Cowell.

Scuttle my plans

TO any vandals who read my letter about sinking HMAS Adelaide and doing it free (*The Advertiser*, yesterday), please don't do it, or you won't be free for long.

WAYNE NICHOLLS, Royston Park.

First on the moon

AFTER 40 years, can't wait for the first moon landing in 2018.

BARRY HUDDLESTON, Highbury.

Whole process flawed

THE obvious question for Ray Hill (*The Advertiser*, 15/7/09) is how do "we legislate to move good planning compulsory" if mankind is involved in