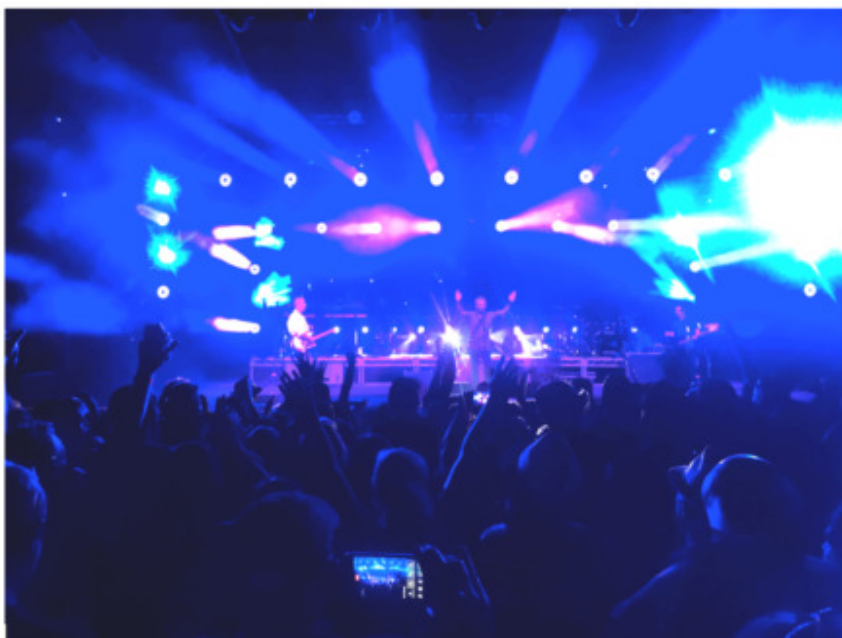




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“STILL ROCKING IT!”

MORE TESTIMONIALS

“You’re Unbelievable!”

EMF

“That chill divine”

Michael Hutchense

“Every time I think about you, I touch myself!”

Chrissie Amphlett Kate Cebrano

“I’ve Got you Under my Skin”

Frankie Sinatra

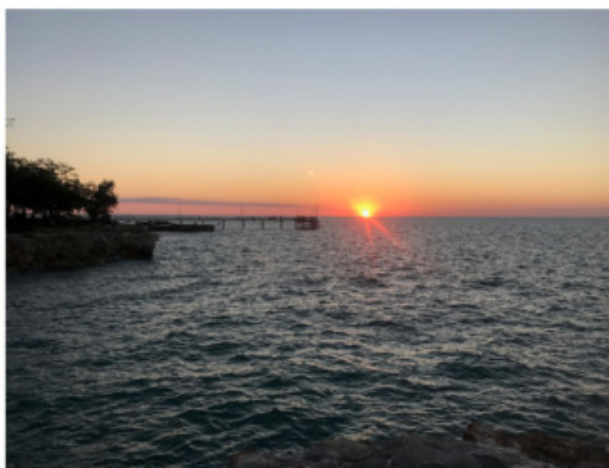
“If you leave me, can I come too?!”

Mental as Anything

“NCC CRICKET UPDATE”

Well, as the pure adrenaline rush that was the NCC Oktoberfest in July (and the epic ‘NCC Oktoberfest in July Stakes won by the **Huw Spring** horse ‘**Miracle Recovery**’) subsides, Nightcliff cricket turns it’s hope-filled hearts to the prospects of the Senior sides that are mathematically optimistic about playing in 2017 finals.

Whilst the Premier Grade’s gosling is now cooked, in a promising yet agonizing season filled with ‘what if’s’, after a few one-wicket losses, near misses and dropped catches. If their ‘sliding doors’ season had gone even slightly differently, they could have easily been preparing for finals now. The **UnderGrowl** is supremely confident that improved attitudes at training, a well understood commonality of purpose and perhaps a deal of catching practice can see this squad achieve great things in 2018.



Horse trading – it was super to see some of the sharpest minds in our B-Grade and D-Grade ranks combining some Darwin Cup frivolity with a pre-finals cricketing think tank as the sun sets on the regular season.

However B-Grade are well in the mix for a finals place, but will need to win their final game against sixth-placed Palmerston to book their finals ticket, unless they can perform a minor miracle (okay a pretty fricken major one!) after a downright sh*tty putridly abysmal less-than-ideal first day against PINTs (scoring 119 to PINTs 4-141). Like **Danny de Vito**’s genetic disposition, the Tigers’ efforts fell well short, but an attacking attitude on day two can accumulate some vital points for the Tigers.

Huw Spring has continued his own ‘miracle recovery’ in 2017 and led from the front against Tahs last game with a masterful and well-controlled 71 to steer his side to victory, combining with new B-Grade talisman **Kevin ‘07’ Lafaber** (42) to ensure Tiger fans left Gardens Oval with hope in their hearts.

Tigers’ C-Grade chased more leather on Saturday (PINTs 7/361, **Alexander Tate** 2/24) than **Brad Hatton** did on Euro vacation in Amsterdam recently, but they will be looking to finish off strongly on D2 and next week against Palmerston at Wulagi Oval.

The 2017 season has seen some exciting young prospects gain senior exposure in this team and young colts like **Michael Kudra**, **Harrison Armstrong**, **Luke ‘James’ Magnusson**, **Kobe Hawkins** and **Jack Giacomo** have equipped themselves very well this year in the senior ranks.

The E-Grade is out of finals contention, but new Skipper **Glenn Durie**, who has himself recently cobbled together some handy runs in E-Grade and C-Grade (275 runs for the season), will be looking for his charges to finish off the season in style.

Durie's Dashers finish off their season with games against Southern Districts in North Katherine and Pints XXXX Gold.

John Boxsell, who has also automatically qualified for D-Grade's 'Mad Monday' (playing or turning up to one D's game) as well as his own teams', recently put a smile on his Skipper's (and his own) face with an innings of 53 against Southern Districts and he will be looking to repeat the dose this weekend.

And so we finally come home like a sweet refreshing late afternoon Dry Season breeze to **D-Grade**. The lads sealed a 2017 finals berth with a strong win against **PINTs Four Pieces** (Green), on the back of a dazzling bowling and fielding display from Life Member **Jason Hatton**.

As if taking career-best bowling figures of **6-24** was not enough, as he sliced through the Four Pieces' batting line-up like OJ Simpson on Date night, J.Hatton also executed a superb run out to ensure the day was his own.

As a '(Nina) cherry on top' he made great time for those who heading into the Icehouse/Jon Stevens/Kate Cebrano '**One Tropical Day**' concert, who gleefully went and rocked the Amphitheatre!

Strong rumour is abound that Nightcliff D-Grade may look to party like it's 1996 this weekend, with Life Member **Jason Hatton** and downright Tigers legend **Scotty Saunderson** preparing to reprise their 1996 A-Grade Premiership-winning opening combination, in a must-watch game against the all-singing, all-dancing top side Darwin in the '**Matthew Bell Cup**' this Sunday.

The D-Generation then finish off the minor season with another Sunday blockbuster, in the surely televised game of the round against fellow finalists **Tracy Village Sidchrome Spanners** at the Death Star (Tambling Terrace) in a game that should not be missed. Especially by the players themselves!



L – Jason Hatton has already made a big name for himself in Nightcliff cricket. But he followed his Skipper's instructions to the letter last Sunday, delivering a vital win for the Ds.

R - Retiring Essendon legend Jobe Watson – If he doesn't land a **Gold Coast** or **Collingwood** Assistant Coaching role, he is yet to publicly rule out rocking up to Tigerland for a sneaky D-Grade game this month! **#starterscarton**

“THEY SAID IT” - QUOTABLE QUOTES

“I wonder if anyone has ever Googled this before?”

D’s Skipper A.Snell raised this query, when he Googled whether there was a (Sri Lankan) Tamil word for ‘shit bloke’. He had served a letter on a Tracy Village cricketer, who was a recalcitrant ex-tenant of his who had apparently absconded. The story had a happy ending though, as the player in question came good a few weeks later and negotiated an agreeable outcome. For those playing at home, the word is ‘**Mayakkam**’.

“I think Local Government is absolutely the most useless thing ever and a complete waste of time and space. I’d rather stick a knitting needle in my own eye than vote in the local election. Happy to pay the fine!”

This hilarious gem was offered up by D-Grade entrepreneur and man-about-town **Stuart Kenny**, after waiting D-Grade batsmen were being ‘pitched to’ by local government election hopeful, **Dr Edwin Joseph**.



Stuart Kenny - usually it is the ‘Doctor’ handing out the prescriptions, but not so this time!

“If Mamas are coming home at 5.00am (after the Darwin Cup), well, then somebody is getting it on somewhere!”

Dave Dobbyn fans loved this ‘Slice of Kevin’ from B-Grade superstar and resident ‘loveologist’ **Kevin LaFaber**, after a weird and wonderful Darwin Cup carnival. Hope all had a fabulous carnival and remained relatively classy and safe!



Kevin Lafaber – A face any ‘Mama’ could love. Hopefully not *your* mama!

“THEY SAID IT” – MORE QUOTABLE QUOTES

“‘Celebrity’ is a vapid, vacuous toxic concept used to distract people from what’s really important!”

This remarkably astute observation was made by actor/comedian (and former drug abuser) **Russell Brand** (left) before a Select Committee about Drug use and abuse in 2012.



Kim Kardashian (right) had absolutely nothing to say about this quote, she just heard this might be the last *UnderGrowl* in Nightcliff cricket history and wanted to be a part of it.!

“It is one of the most spiritual place I have ever been, it is just compellingly awesome. Don't climb it, just love it. Walk right up to it and give it a big old hug.”

This offering was recently and freely given in happy social media land by an unnamed wordsmith/part-time builder/turf accountant/gourmet chef/dancing machine about the wondrous beauty that is **Uluru**.



Uluru. How’s the serenity...and spirituality!

“I didn’t have to deal with dust in Munich!”

One lederhosen-wearing Tiger who was able to make a real comparison of the ‘Oktoberfest in July’ event at the Donga last month was **Lachie Baird**, who has also actually attended and partaken in a ‘real McCoy’ Oktoberfest in Germany!



‘Prost!’ A cheer-ful **Lachie Baird** was not the only one a little ‘dusty’ the day after NCC’s fun-filled ‘Oktoberfest in July’.

THE NCC COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE MONTH

Never do the grocery shopping whilst extremely hungry (or stoned)!

COCO'S CORNER



Our ***UnderGrowl*** 'man about town' (well, the sleepy sun and beach-kissed suburb of Nightcliff) '**Coco**' **Mackinnon** has had a massive few weeks, really coming alive for the **Darwin Cup Carnival** and juggernauting himself back into A-Grade for another game.

Rumour has it that walking zombie **Corey Sinclair** is currently praying to someone's God that 'Coco' can take a *second* A-Grade wicket in the vain hope that this column will finally give him some peace.

But 'Coco' thrives on taking poles and he must seriously be in the selection mix if B-Grade manages to make finals, with his left arm deliveries used in short bursts do present many wicket-taking opportunities. 'Coco' has been training the house down and also using the bowling machine to sharpen up his batting. "*I've also been using the bowling machine to sharpen up my batting*", he recently said.

'Coco' recently took a 5-for against Tracy Village (his new favourite opponent by far) and created Tiger history by tasking a '**Double Marriott**', dismissing former Tiger cricketer and recalcitrant debtor, **Curtis 'Why don't you buy it off me then' Marriott**.

Away from cricket, 'Coco' continues to display his sense of community, helping out his Childcare centre by working at a German hotdog stand this Saturday at the Berry Springs Car Show. "*Some people knock German sausages, but they're not the 'wurst' you know!*".

Another developing story that Coco has been keeping his eye on is the Collingwood FC coaching role for 2018 and he thinks he has found his man. "*'Choco' (Mark) Williams once played for the Pies and still has something to give within the coaching fraternity I reckon. I might make a few calls to Club powerbrokers on the weekend during a break in work.*"



'Team Coco' rocked the **Darwin Cup** on Monday...as well as the Parap into parts of Tuesday!

'BLOWIN' IN THE WIND'

We had a list of rhetorical questions in our midst, or questions we did not readily know and we had a page to fill in the *UnderGrowl*, so here they are.

They could be the genesis of further research, studies or quests undertaken by you, or plain-old conversation starters in the event of any uncomfortable silences amongst you...

Which came first, the chicken or the curry?

Can Robots feel love?

Does **Nick Kyrgios** see an epically sh*t bloke when he looks in the mirror?

Does a duck's quack echo?

Did **Pauline Hanson, Andrew Bolt & Peter Dutton** cheer for **Voldemort** during the Harry Potter movies?

Is **Keith Richards** possibly a vampire?

How on God's Earth is it that 33.3% of Americans did NOT know 'Coke Zero' contained no sugar? (And how many of these voted in the last US election!)

Which 'reverse swung' first, the cricket bat or the ball?

Who *actually* killed JFK?

Does **Tony Abbott** even believe himself whenever he speaks?

If you slow cook '**2 minute noodles**', what do you call them then?

Is soda water the new Coke Zero? Is it possibly even the new *water*?

What does corporate bookmaker '**Bet 365**' call itself during leap years?



Keith Richards (left) – continues to defy the laws of time and science!

LOVE AND LET LOVE



The *UnderGrowl* saw this one and thought that, like a spare beer on a hot day, it would be a worthwhile share. Like a rainbow after a clearing (shit)storm, unfortunately **Malcolm Turncoat** has once again shown his ‘true colors’ and has firmly entrenched himself as the second-worst PM in Australian history.

To our LGBTI friends
(otherwise known as ‘friends’),

Get married. Get divorced. Live in sin.
Raise families. Stay single. Love who you want.
I don't care.
What I do care about. Passionately.
Is that you live your life, your way.
Everyone has that right.

I do not support the Australian Government spending my
money to make you feel less than who you are.
I want them to spend that money to put food on the table of
the needy and to build schools for our children
and to give homes to the homeless.
I do not support the Australian Government wasting years
debating an issue that has an inevitable outcome.
The time to reform the Marriage Act is now.
I want the Australian Government to spend no more money.
To spend no more time.
To just get it done.

Love is love. Love conquers all.
The Australian people stand with you.



Get the message **Turncoat**, toxic Abbott is cast to it all, but you can surely cop the tip! The High Court of Australia as well as the majority of non-Dark Ages thinking people of Australia have already delivered it to you. Like the *Nike* ad, ‘Just do it’.

CHICKEN CHICKEN COW (CHICKA-CHIC-COW!) STIR FRY

Now often our Catering arm at the *UnderGrowl* cooks up this bad boy stir-fry recipe (which has so many vegetables in it so is really quite a good boy with an angelic smile ...but keep an eye on him on the dance floor after dark! *What?* Sorry, trying to stay on message here!) using **duck**.

If you're using duck and you're living in Darwin, two options for you. Easiest is the pre-cooked **Love-a-duck** duck breast x2, found (oddly) at the fruit & veg store on Bagot Road near the Chinese Emporium in Coconut Grove. Or grab a Peking duck, infuse it with orange pieces, thyme, garlic et al, dry it and rub salt & oil into it and then try not to eat it all once roasted then cut up to add in.

However sometimes we like to use some chicken breast and a nice piece of rump or sirloin steak. And we use two parts chicken and one part cow, so we can actually call it the '**Chicka-chick-cow**' stir-fry. No other reason really, so you can adjust your ratio to suit yourselves.

Ingredients:

800g chicken breast & 400-500g sirloin or rump steak, cut into reasonable sized strips.
500g thick hoikken noodles

Marinade – 1.5 tablespoons of **each of** char siu sauce (Asian section of Woolies), oyster sauce, and minced ginger, 1 tablespoon of **each of** honey, sweet chili sauce and soy sauce (I add some sweet soy and a teaspoon or two of my minced chili), 2 cloves/teaspoons minced garlic.

E200g mushrooms

One bunch broccilini

A small red capsicum (can also add half a yellow one to add colour)

One brown onion

Large handful of beans and/or snow peas

One bunch of baby bok choy (pick off the leaves, chop them up to add in once cooked).

One large carrot

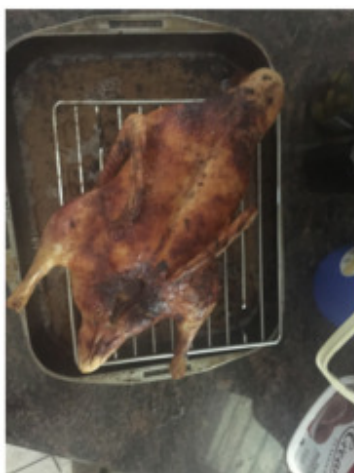
About half a sweet potato (I shave it with a peeler to add into this gorgeous mix).

Optional – spring onion, to either add into stir fry (I do!) and/or add chopped up green leaves as a garnish at the end (I also do!). Can also add alfalfa sprouts if you roll that way. I made the mistake once of trying to chop off all the tops and tails off them and that is 30-60 minutes I will never get back!

Method:

1. Combine the **marinade** and add to the chicken to refrigerate for at least 1 hour before cooking. If you can wait that long! If using duck, also add marinade to that.
2. Refrigerate the beef also, but separately, maybe with a little olive oil and a teaspoon of minced garlic. Mine also cops a tiny bit of sweet soy and sesame oil and the *Masterfoods* minced chili I buy, depending on who I am eating it with!

3. Boil a kettle and pour over the hoikken noodles, which you've broken up into smaller pieces and put in a bowl, cover. Best to drain them well and then place bowl in freezer for an hour to dry them out.
4. Chop up (wash/shake bok choy & mushrooms) vegetables, add a few teaspoons of sesame oil in container, shake it up together. Can refrigerate this too if you're not ready to rock straight away.
5. **Ready to Wok?** Cook it on **high** and use a stopwatch as best to stick to times here. Add a little olive oil at each stage here. Fry up the steak for about **a minute** and put aside. Then cook the chicken/duck marinade for **two minutes**, stirring regularly obviously, ensure it's cooked through. Put it aside too, can add it to the beef.
6. Wipe out Wok (paper towels) add a teaspoon of olive oil and cook the vegetables for **three minutes**. Once they've stirred through, add the lid for 60-90 seconds as well, but take off to stir through once or twice here too.
7. Then combine your hoikken noodles and stir through for a short while, ensuring your noodles get a bit of wok time, then add in all the meat and juices, using a spatula to ensure you get every last drop!
8. I also have a small cup of cornflour mixed with a tiny bit of water at the ready here and add a tablespoon, stir through well and this thickens up the sauce nicely. Add by the teaspoon stirring and cooking for 5 seconds or so until you reach the thickness you desire.
9. Turn off your wok then stir through the chopped up leaves that you had aside from the bok choy. See also if **John Tate** has any other additional leaves in his garden and you can chop them up and add them at this stage also, stirring them through.
- 9 3/4 . Then you can add sesame seeds and/or chopped up spring onion leaves as you desire and enjoy!



No Peking? No problems, just '*Chicka-chic-cow*' it, babies!



JFK ASSASSINATION – ‘THE SINGLE BULLETIN THEORY’ – PT. 3

Now that we are in the third (and final, **Tom!**) installment of our JFK expose, we feel we have shot to bits (ooh, too soon?) the current official finding that **Lee Harvey Oswald** was a lone shooter from the Texas Book Depository on 22 November 1963.

We have looked into the crime scene, the clear bloody (pun intended) science and a number of the grubby players involved, including the grubbiest of them all, **Lyndon Baines Johnson. LBJ.**

So where was LBJ at, as at 22 November 1963? He was being actively investigated about bribes taken (in exchange for Federal grants) by one of his advisors, **Bobby Baker**, who resigned in disgrace in October 1963. There was ‘evidence against LBJ and according to at least one source (author **Roger Stone**), he was possibly even going to soon be indicted.

By this time he had also been told (by **Robert Kennedy**) that he was not going to be part of the Kennedy US Election ticket in early 1964. Further, he was under pressure from his billionaire Texan Oil and business owners (who LBJ had lobbied hard for in the Senate in years past) about the decision taken by JFK to scale back the Vietnam War, which would have massively affected some major defence supply contracts that were held by his boys.

All those problems went away when JFK was shot dead in Dallas, Texas. LBJ went about immediately reversing JFK’s Orders to commence withdrawing troops from Vietnam and actually *expanded* the United States’ presence in Vietnam. Fat cats were purring.

There are *so many (secret) documents*, which has either been heavily redacted, or not even yet released into the public domain, some of which will be released in 2029. There is also a raft of documents relating to LBJ in the archived possession of LBJ’s lawyer **Edward Clark**, who himself has also been implicated as having potentially having knowledge and involvement in JFK’s death.

We at the *UnderGrowl* remain confident that, in years to come after the release (and possibly, discovery) of further documents and information, it will become universally accepted that Lyndon Baines Johnson was fully implicated and involved in the brutal public slaying of JFK.

And you will undoubtedly cast your mind back to these beautiful Dry season’s evenings in little old 2017 and remember that you (possibly) read it all here first.



LBJ – Killed to become President? **JFK** – RIP little buddy. **Greg Ritchie** – One ‘Fat Cat’ *not* implicated!

2017 AFL SEASON SNAPSHOT

“And the Winner is... Sydney New South Wales!”

With only a few rounds remaining in the AFL home and away season and most pundits looking to board the Adelaide Crows steam train headed towards the Minor Premiership, the *UnderGrowl* returns to our pre-season predictions, that the 2017 Premier *will* come from within the confines of New South Wales.

Only four sides can win this year's flag now – **Adelaide**, **GWS**, **Sydney** and...*what?*...are you sure, we've seriously got to go to print...no, don't toy with people's emotions like this, good families rely implicitly on this publication to make important life decisions...okay, I'm typing it then...**Richmond!?**

Yes, **Richmond!** Forget the post-1980 'Forgotten Years', these valiant, **Vickery**-less, versatile vagabonds now actually have a purpose, a season goal other than their annual 'praying for the end of time' like Meatloaf and fleeing the state at the end of August.

The Yellow & Black Army have been dancing around like **Harry Potter** after he took off the human Horcrux that was **Tyrone Vickery** and some of their 2017 wizardry has been highly suggestive that they can be a serious contender in the finals. They are on target for a top-4 position and if GWS slip up, there is a very good chance the Tigers could snare a home Final (with double chance) at the MCG, which they will come back to play in a Preliminary Final at if they win.

Sydney's form since slipping to 0-6 early has been nothing short of amazing and only Belle Du Jour's 2000 Golden Slipper win, Kiwi's 1983 Melbourne Cup win and **Huw Spring's** return to the playing field in 2017 come to mind as better sporting comebacks! Their absolute demolition job on Geelong at the Cattery last Friday night told all that they are in it up to their long necks.

And finally, with some gun players still to come back into their best-22 and gain vital match fitness, uber-talented **GWS** might have finally 'flicked the switch' to shore up a top-4 position and hopefully top-2. Midfield gun **Steve Coniglio's** first quarter goal-of-the-year contender against the Demons ignited the Giants for the game (they kicked 8 unanswered goals for that first quarter) and may have been the moment they look back upon as a pivotal moment if they win the Flag.



And the Winner is...which one of these two images will we see after the 2017 AFL Grand Final?

JOKES

No matter how kind I have been in my own life,
German children are always 'kinder'...

Two cows standing in a paddock, one turns to the other and says, **"Mooooooooooooo!"**
Other one replies, **"F*ck, I was going to say that!"**



ARE YOU GOING MY WAY?

Saw this **Darwin City Council election** placard out and about recently and was not entirely sure about it at all.

We could not work out whether it had been cobbled together by a 5 year old, or some creepy Uncle that you only see once a year at family Christmas functions!



Gee whiz, which Gary would *you* go with?

LOOKALIKE



One of these is a 'Rocket' that cost a lot of money, but ultimately came crashing to Earth with little to be shown for it and lessons to be studied and hopefully learnt from. The other is a space shuttle crash test.

BOND MONEY!

One of the kookier markets currently offered by Corporate bookmakers is that you can actually wager upon who the 'Next James Bond' will be once Daniel Craig hangs up his martini glasses.

Rugged English actor Tom Hardy is the current 'favourite' in this market, at about \$4.00, with actors Jack Huston and Damian Lewis also appearing near the head of this market.

However our Sauron-esque UnderGrowl forensic Turf accounting team (engaged to monitor wagering markets all over the World, noting fluctuations or opportunities) has picked up on a seismic shift in this market, featuring one of our own, D-Grade batsman and part-time wicket keeper, Stuart Kenny.

After discovering that several Agencies had popped Stuart Kenny into their Markets (best price currently \$101.00), we investigated how or why this would have even have occurred. But judging from what we have discovered in social pages (see below right), now we know why!



L – Tom Hardy. R- Kenny. Stuart Kenny. Could our D-Grade sensation be destined for fame and (more) fortune?

SIX LEGITIMATE DELIVERIES. OVER.