**OHH LA LA**

CONNIE found this clove, below, shaped like the Eiffel Tower. “I shared it with my friends and they thought so too,” she says. So chic!

**GRIPE OF GRAPE**

A READER and I both chuckled after spotting a blackboard outside a Wilmington St eatery that reads “Novinophobia... the fear of running out of wine”. I googled it and such a phobia exists – let’s hope no local licensed premises suffer it during Adelaide’s Fringe, Festival and WOMAD.

**JUST SPRAY IT**

PAUL of West Beach sent in this sign, right, that he and his family see at Adelaide Zoo and that gives them a good laugh.

**IT’S GOLD**

THANK you readers for your awe-inspiring animal-shaped cloud pictures. I like this one from DES HYDE of the little-known “golden Murray River dolphin”, seen near Swan Reach.

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**RIGHT ROYAL SIGN OF GOOD OLD DAYS**

CHRIS HOWES, inspired by my items about an old Chrysler sign at Tomley, thought readers might be interested in “another significant chapter in the Chrysler manufacturing story here in Adelaide”. Chris says: “This recent photo, below, shows my 1957 Chrysler Royal, which was manufactured in the original, and pre-Tomley, manufacturing plant, at Maple Ave, Keswick.” Chris says the site is now the LeCom’s showroom. “Again, it is one of those pieces of history that is rapidly fading away with little thought or consideration for our once vibrant manufacturing industries, so sad,” he says.

**MYSTERY JIM REVEALED**

THE “Jim” mentioned in my item about a caption on a fossil display at the SA Museum, right, has come forward – it’s Professor JAMES G. GEHLING, PhD. Thanks for owning up, Professor – and you have a few fans out there. Reader ANNE says he has an “exemplary career – if only we knew the names of our leading scientists, artists, writers and explorers as well as we know the names of (male) cricketers and football players”. Another ANNE says “we are very lucky in SA with our fossil records and we are also lucky to have staff at the museum who are world experts in their fields. Another hidden treasure for SA” Prof Gehling says the diagram I featured was a “northwest to southeast diagrammatic slice” through Wilpena Pound and the nearby Drahd and Chace Ranges in the central Flinders Ranges, drawn to help visitors understand how we trace fossil layers from one place to another”. He adds: “It was about the distribution of Ediacara fossils. Fossils of the Ediacara Biota are the oldest evidence of marine animals on Earth. They are preserved in the sandstone formation that makes the spectacular scenery of our Flinders Ranges.” The professor had a lot more detail and readers should get along to the museum to have a look.

**GO SLOW**

WITH all the talk of Australia Post now taking a week to deliver mail, STEVE has a timely tale. He says business neighbour “PAULO” received this Christmas card, above, on March 7, posted from London on December 8, 2015. Steve says: “Now it may have been delayed by the Royal Mail, flown by biplane or delivered slowly by Australia Post here, but four months to the day – really?” Steve reckons international air mail service started on December 10, 1934, when mail from Australia to London took 13 days instead of 32 days by sea. Seems like post was faster 82 years ago.

**A BUMPER CROWD**

THE fan of Clipsal 500 fan LUKE, who tried unsuccessfully to carry a VB car bumper on a train, has been a social media hit this week. According to street press site ripitup.com.au, the story broke when local comedian JOSHUA CRUISE took a photo at Adelaide Railway Station on Sunday night of Luke, above left, and a mate with a bumper from a Porsche 997 GT3 race car. One of the Veloce Motorsport team had given them the accessory. Luke, nicknamed The Bumper Dude, said the souvenir became handy later on Sunday when rain threatened to wash out the race, the pair, above, using the bumper as a makeshift umbrella (thanks to ripitup.com.au reader ALEXANDER LEARY for the picture). Later in the day, railway security prevented the lads and their bumper – which visited a few bars on the way from the track – getting on the Seaford line because it was considered dangerous. The bumper is being stored at the railway station waiting to be reunited with its new owners.

**HIEU’S UP FOR A LAUGH?**

THE driver of the 997 GT3 in the hotly contested Supercar category, LUKE HAND, who tried to ripitup.com.au reader HIEU VAN LE’s newly acquired bumper off his car in the Adelaide railway station waiting to be reunited with its new owners.

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