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Dog appears as witness in murder trial

Tributes to Sindy (Dashhound) and Tabby

Both of you left us on August 27. Sindy's mama left us three months ago on May 19, leaving the two daughters Sindy and Sally to be cared for by us.

For about 10 days Sindy was under the vet's care as she had developed liver trouble. But she passed off on August 27 around 10.00 am. We buried him around 3.00 pm. At about 5.00 pm All of a sudden my shouted that Tabby (A Beagle) was lying on the ground as he had got a fit. We rushed her to the vet where he was given an injection and a drip. He started to pass blood and he passed off on the table itself. Myself, my wife and daughter just could not control ourselves and burst out crying. The vet's version was that he has eaten some poison. We took him home and buried him around 8.00 pm. Myself, my wife and daughter laid both Sindy and Tabba (As we called them) in the graves and spoke to them for the last time, kissed them goodbye and good night. Oh, it was a terrible day it was for us.

I can still picture Sinda walking slowly swaying from side to side. I picture how Tabba shows his joy when he sees me returning from the estate. He was a good hunter and a watch dog.

An alms giving was held on September 7 (Sunday), for 212 dogs at the Kadawatta Road, Dehiwala dog's home, in memory of Sinda, Tabba and Sinda's Mama, Dianna.

Jayantha Dassenayake
Dharshini Dassenayake
Lalinda Dassenayake
Ashanthe Dassenayake

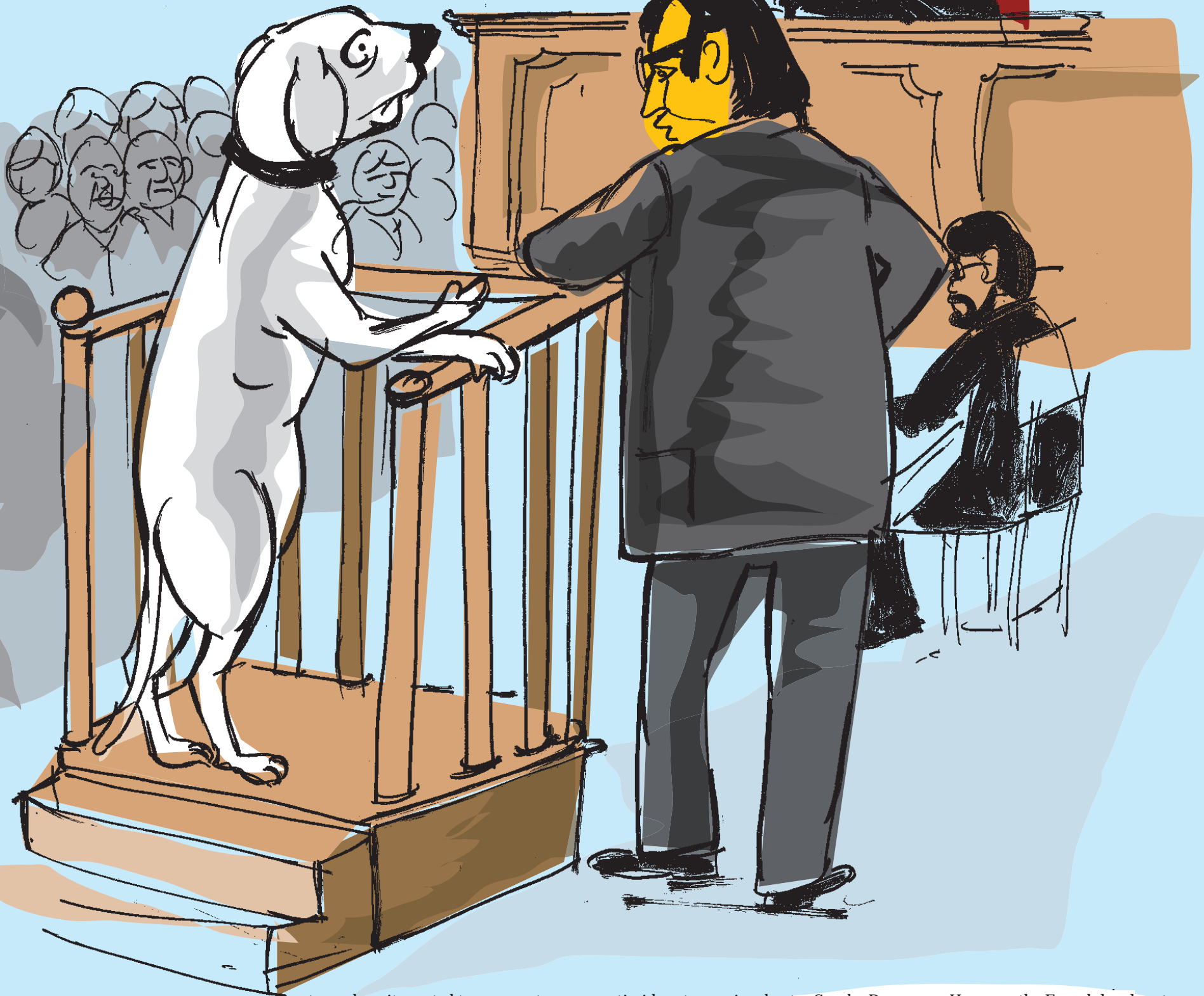
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Today's Special

Bacon Bites

3 cups whole wheat flour
1/2 cup milk
1 egg
1/4 cup bacon fat (or vegetable oil)
1 tsp. garlic powder
3 - 4 slices bacon, crumbled up
1/2 cup cold water

Mix ingredients together thoroughly. Roll out on a floured surface to 1/2 - 1/4" thickness. Bake for 35-40 minutes in a 325 degree oven.



by Jessica Salter

The animal is believed to have been with his 59-year-old owner when she was found hanging from the ceiling of her Paris flat. Police believe it was suicide but her family demanded a murder investigation.

During a preliminary hearing the pet was led into the witness box by a vet

to see how it reacted to a suspect.

It is said to have "barked furiously". The aim was to decide if there was sufficient evidence to launch a full murder inquiry and a judge is yet to reach a decision.

French judge Thomas Cassuto praising the animal for his "exemplary behaviour and invaluable assistance".

The dog has been named after the

timid cartoon crime-buster Scooby Doo, who continually solves crime mysteries with the help of four American teenagers. A spokesman for the Palais de Justice in Paris confirmed that the Nanterre case was the first time a dog had appeared as a witness in criminal proceedings in France.

He said he was "almost certain" it was also a world first.

However, the French legal system does have a reputation for trials involving animals, most famously evoked in *The Hour of the Pig*, a murder-mystery film which depicted an idealistic Parisian lawyer defending a pig charged with murder.

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Dog choir sings tribute to heroic retriever

by Ben Farmer

Richard Higlett devised the choir to record a memorial to Swansea Jack who is claimed to have saved 27 people from the city's docks in the 1930s.

After auditioning more than 30 dogs to find a final choir of eight, the Cardiff-based artist has now recorded *A Song For Jack*.

Locws, the arts charity behind the project, described the resulting wailing tribute as "mesmerising and hypnotic".

The recording is now being mixed and the choir is set to perform in October alongside human musicians as part of the Swansea festival.

Grace Davies, from the Arts Council-funded charity said: "I'm not quite sure what they are going to do but I'm sure it will be worth watching and hearing."

"What these dogs can do is quite

amazing and we are confident that Richard will be able to work with the material.

The choir was made up of Edward the Basset Hound on bass and Angus the Jack Russell as tenor. They are backed by Bruno, a

An artist has assembled a choir of pet dogs, believed to be the first in the country, to record a tribute to a life-saving retriever.

Yorkshire Terrier, Zack the Collie, Eva the Alsatian, Hollywood the Bichon Frise and Ben and Buster, a pair of Shihtzus.

Each was chosen at audition last month for an ability to howl when

stimulated by their owners. Angus howls to the sound of a Bob Dylan song played on his owner's mobile telephone, while Zack responds to someone mouthing "Happy Birthday To You."

The tribute was recorded in Swansea Metropolitan University's music technology department.

Steven Stokes, from the university, said: "I suspect there is a lot of post production work to get through but the dogs have done their bit magnificently."

The charity said it had not decided whether the music would be released on CD.

Swansea Jack was a flat-coated retriever who lived with his master alongside Swansea docks. Legend has it he pulled 27 people from the docks and was repeatedly awarded bravery medals before accidentally eating rat poison in 1937.

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