



HAIR, HAIR

SICILIAN-born barber Frank Vaiana (pictured front centre) knew something was afoot when he stepped out of his Vardon Ave shop on Tuesday afternoon to the sounds of the *Godfather* theme song. "The godfathers are here today of every nationality and persuasion," announced his landlord Theo Maras, as Frank's family, friends and clients held a surprise party to celebrate his 50th year as a hairdresser in the East End. Ever the professional, Frank's first thought was "what happened to the customer I left in the chair?" A happy Frank then confessed to well-wishers: "You've done a pretty good job of making tears in my eyes. I'm very happy to see all of you here ... when I came to this city, I had plenty of hair, I was young, I was innocent - look at me now." Frank's wife Mary says the celebrations were actually a few days early, as he started working in the East End on December 9, 1957, after arriving in Australia that September. Mary said Frank, then single and 17 - who'd already been a barber for eight years - reportedly had a good time on the boat over. "A real little rascal by the sound of things." Continued Page 5.

GRANDSTANDING

3-day Vic Pk Foley decree

By LOUISE RUSSELL

THE State Government has slapped a three-day ultimatum - expiring today - on the City Council to provide alternative grandstand plans for Victoria Park.

A hastily called second City Council meeting this week voted on compromise lease conditions - as long as the grandstand is relocated to Vic Park's Fullarton Rd boundary. "I'm disappointed the deputy premier has again held a gun to this council's head," chief grandstand critic Cr David Plumridge said before voting for the compromise.

Cr Joe Cullen said "I'll be crucified for this" before voting against it.

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FEDERAL ELECTION 2007

Libs see red



She was the lady in red on election night and the swing to Kate Ellis (pictured with mum Ros Wilson) in the seat of Adelaide was above Labor's national bounce - but overall South Australia has delivered to the ALP nothing like the way it could have.

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WALK THE TALK

Whig Gowans

Family First's Dennis Hood, our Jesusman in the Upper House, predictably came out with all guns blazing, threatening Parliament sentence offenders. . .

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