

Going to the dogs

GEORGE Bush's dog, Barney, is honoured with an obituary-like article ("Barney Cam: a tail of dogged ambition", *The Saturday Age*, 9/2). This reminded me of the obituary I wrote for my beloved labrador, Kirner, who was named in honour of Joan. When I submitted Kirner's obituary to *The Age* in 2006, I was told that obituaries are for people, not dogs. *The Age* dropped the ball on this one and missed the opportunity to be tail blazing. With so many of us loving our pets, why not devote a page to faithful companion obituaries? This may even help to get print media out of the financial doghouse.

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