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Wednesday, March 16, 1983

Car thief pinches horns of culture

SOMEWHERE a car thief is puzzling over what to do with four, three-metre long Swiss alpen-horns he inadvertently stole, along with a late-model car, from outside Sydney's Concordia Club in Stanmore.

The Swiss community is in complete despair because of the theft — not of the car, but the alpenhorns — and their owner, Mr Hans Kaufmann has appealed to the thief to contact him at the Cosmopolitan Motor Inn, Double Bay.

Friday, March 18, 1983

Thief smashes valuable horns

FOUR valuable alpen-horns left in a car stolen in Sydney this week have been found — smashed beyond repair.

The three-metre musical instruments were left in the car outside the Concordia Club in Stanmore.

The owner, Mr Hans Kaufman, said the horns had great sentimental value.

Ready to blow their new horns

OUT of everything bad comes something good. So the Kaufmann family discovered this week.

They were to appear at Sydney's Folkloric Festival but, after their alphorns were stolen, they thought they would have to bow out.

But Sydney's Swiss community rallied round and raised money to buy new ones from Switzerland.

MAY 22, 1983



The Swiss family Kaufmann ... Rosa and Hans in the rear with their daughters Bridget, 18, left, and Irene, 22, with their new alphorns



June 1, 1983

HANS, Rosa, Brigette and Irene Kaufmann with their new alphorns ... "we thought they would be irreplaceable."

1. Mai Samstag, Familien Picnic bei Jan A. Wikström in Arcadia, angenehm regenfreier Tag, gute Gesellschaft, wir geniessen es mit den Kindern.