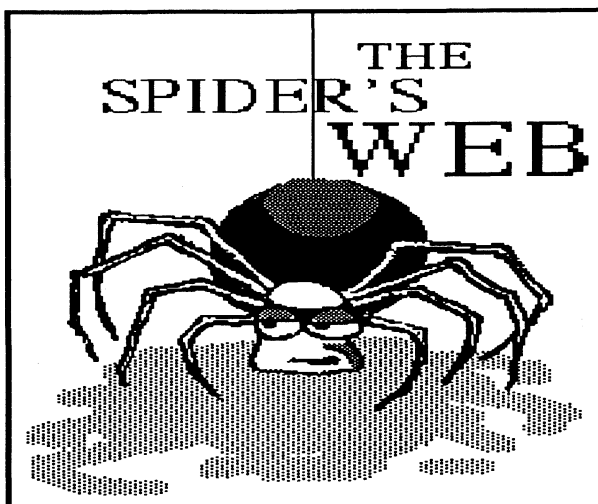


THE PERFECT TEN

Alice Springs practitioner in the Society office saw a cartoon depicting a skeleton in women's clothing sitting on a bus bench. Caption read: A woman waiting for the perfect man to come along. To wit: "She obviously wasn't in Alice Springs, was she?" Good one, Max.



censee needs premises and that requires compliance with health regulations (public toilets, standard refrigeration, dishwashers and the like). It raises an interesting point about the Law Ball. Whom shall we nominate as Licensee?

THAT'S A NO-NO

Who is the practitioner in Alice Springs who has incurred the wrath of the ladies at the Department of Law by "just looking" in the library, then flogging the requisite text? As if that wasn't bad enough, he took it to court and left it on the Bar Table. Hasn't been seen since.

LORD THURSFIELD

Former Department of Law practitioner Tony "Thirsty" Thursfield is undergoing treatment at the Peter McCallum Institute in Melbourne before moving on to Tasmania. *Redback* and friends wish he and his wife, Toni, well.

CONFUSED COMPLAINANT

Woman called the Society to complain — not about a practitioner (that complaint would be lodged in Canberra because things always happen from Canberra) — but about our "Sydney office" (the New South Wales Law Society) which refused to accept her complaint about a Northern Territory practitioner.

TELEPHONESPEAK

Anyone noticed that when you call the Department of Law and nobody is home you get a recorded message that says you should press the "hush button" when you're done? Where, pray tell, is the "hush button" on a standard Commander system? Perhaps hush buttons would be useful devices in Court for practitioners and the judiciary alike.

GENDER BENDER

Minister for Education and former Society member, Shane Stone, was addressing the House on gender equity in NT schools during an adjournment debate last sitting. "Women are a valuable resource," he said. "In many ways, they are an equal resource." *Redback* wonders about those ways...

DRY ARGUMENT

A few unimpressed administrators in the new Supreme Court. Not impressed by the antics of some practitioners — in particular, bringing alcohol in to the Robing Room.

TALL ORDER

On the subject of the new Supreme Court, *Redback* understands that the jury boxes have no tiered elevation. Tall jurors to the back, please.

THEM'S THE BREAKS

Sheriff Karen "KJ" Jackson was somewhat embarrassed whilst conducting a jury tour of the new Supreme Court. Went to open the jury muster room door and the handle fell off.

VERY DRY ARGUMENT

Your Society had an interesting conversation with the Liquor Commission to establish what type of license was required for the wine tasting. We were informed that we would be required to hold it in a licensed premises because we would be deemed to be selling alcohol, even though we would not. Alternative? Have a licensee present. But a li-

RECALL

Practitioners holding keys to lockers in the Robing Room are requested to return them to Kevin McShanag poste haste.

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