

India - Impeachment Judge Quits

Mr Justice V Ramaswamy of the Indian Supreme Court, who survived a politically charged attempt to impeach him on corruption charges, announced he would resign, Reuter reported from New Delhi.

"The defeat of the impeachment motion against me in the Lok Sabha (lower house of Parliament) has indicated my stand," Mr Ramaswamy said. It had also "safeguarded for the future fearless and independent judges from scurrilous attacks and calumny from motivated persons".

Charges had been brought against him by a fellow Supreme Court Judge, a State Chief Justice and an eminent jurist.

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New Partner

Congratulations to Meredith Day who became a partner of Elston and Gilchrist on 1 February 1994.

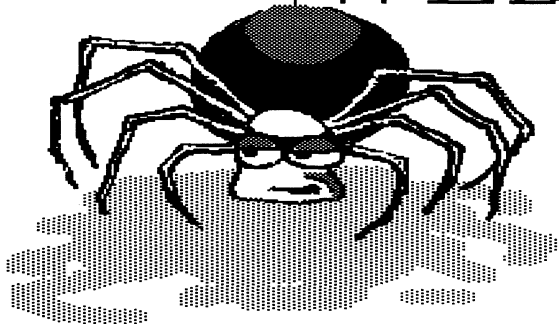
Mystery Practitioner

Following the debate in "NT and Beyond", would the practitioner who has practised in the Northern Territory the longest please let us know.

Backing a Winner

On a recent visit to Alice Springs, the Administrator backed a horse part-owned by Karen Stirk (wife of John Stirk) and had a nice win we are told. Joan Bourke his Personal Secretary picked the tri-fecta and had an even nicer win.

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Mellow Yellow

Some colours can be fatal. That's the word from Eric Walker Johnson, an expert on the subject of human response to colour and light.

In California, a decorator is being sued by the family of a patient claiming the yellow walls of a cardiac care unit caused his fatal heart attack.

The case is pending but it looks bad for the designer, says Johnson, who heads a company called Colour Research Associates. He says scientific research on the colour yellow has revealed that it can cause anxiety. It's the worst choice for temperamental people, much less those with heart conditions, he says. "We were taught that yellow was a 'cheer-up colour' but it's not."

Johnson cautions people to be as careful about the colours they wear as the colours they choose for furnishings. "People see colour before they notice shape and we know from recent studies that they make subconscious decisions about another person, place or thing based on their response to colour."

Almost everyone finds pale blues calming, he says, and men tend to prefer tomatoey yellow-based reds to raspberry shades with a blue base. But while women over the age of 65 adore purple, it's the colour most disliked by men of any age.

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Cook Island - Limits on Sundays

The Cook Islands Prime Minister, Sir Geoffrey Henry, has rejected calls for restrictions on activities other than religious worship on Sundays. He also ruled out legal moves to ban worshipping on days other than Sundays.

In a speech to a congress of the International Religious Liberty Association, in Fiji, Sir Geoffrey clearly distanced the Cook Islands from fundamentalist laws covering Sundays in Fiji and other island nations.

He had been invited to legislate against non-Sunday worship, he said. "How could one possibly pass a law to make worshipping on some other day a crime? I will not legislate on behalf of one religion versus another. Should we do everything possible to encourage a diversity of ways and institutions within our own societies?"

The Prime Minister told delegates from throughout the Pacific that the enjoyment of liberty encouraged people to respect the ways of others, "if not to try them." But he added: "If we are strong in our faith, we will not stray."

Tourism had raised questions over what could happen in the Cook Islands on Sunday. Sir Geoffrey said: "Is tourism a disruptive influence in the Pacific region or is it the engine which drives our economies?"

He had to tell Church leaders in the Cook Islands that their funding came "not from the sky but from people." Those people earned money from jobs, investments and companies.

Since tourism was the largest industry in the country, a large part of church income was generated on the Sabaath. "For those strangers do not leave our gates on the hour before the Sabbath."

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