

Some sound advice!

"Office lunches: If you're not invited then you're on the menu."

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"Any man that can write, may answer a letter."

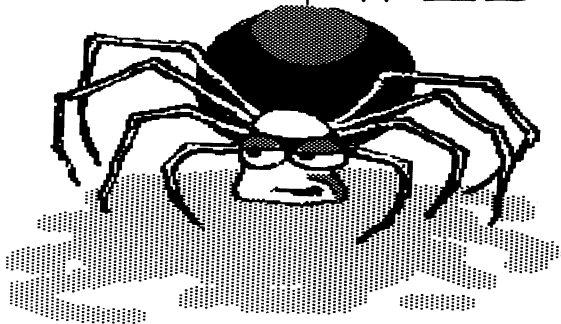
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"The more you say, the less people remember."

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"There are in business three things necessary — knowledge, temper and time."

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Judge's ruling

An old story tells of a lawyer whose witnesses were constantly being taken out of his hands by an impatient judge and who grew alarmed at the judge's line of questioning.

"Your Honour," he said, "I have no objection to your trying my case for me — but for God's sake don't lose it".

(Victorian Bar News, Autumn 1995)

Identity crisis!

It was a battle to get into Courtroom Eight for the recent special sittings for outgoing Chief Justice King and for new Chief Justice John Doyle. Stratford solicitor comfortably beat the system at the first show. When refused entry by the well-instructed court official at the first show, she simply let the chap know that her name was King. Suddenly a seat was found for no-relation Linda!

(Around the Traps, Bulletin, Law Society of South Australia, Vol 7, No 5, June 1995)

Budget blues

Income tax returns are the most imaginative fiction being written today.

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Budget: Telling your money where to go instead of wondering where it went.

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Economy is not in sparing money but in spending it wisely.

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Thrift: Commonsense applied to spending.

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An auditor is one who accounts for your money while you try to account for his.

Only in America

The new buzz word in the law enforcement circles in the United States is "nonlethality", reports Wired Magazine. The idea is to give police and troops weapons which will enable them to quell riots, disarm terrorists, issue speeding fines and the like, without having to shoot people.

The touted technologies include laser rifles, low-frequency acoustic beams which cause vomiting and diarrhoea, stinging nets plus stick foams which immobilise people.

David Boyd, of the National Institute for Justice, said: "State and local police are still equipped much as Wyatt Earp was in the late 19th century. "They can talk [a suspected criminal] into co-operating, beat him into submission or shoot him. Law enforcement needs more alternatives."

How profound.

(The Gist, The Law Institute Journal, Law Institute of Victoria, Vol 69, No 6, June 1995)

Editor's nightmare — or is it?

The cover story in an issue of the International Express concerned an affair that the chief of the Bank of England supposedly had with a journalist. The headline read: "The Bonker of England".

(Drover's Dog, Brief, Law Society of WA, Vol 22, No 3, April 1995)

Court out

Prosecutor: How would you describe your drinking habits?

Witness: I am only a sometimes drinker.

Prosecutor: What do you mean "a sometimes drinker"?

Witness: Whenever I've got the money.

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