

Know Something We Don't? 1.

Spider's Web read with interest the President's Column from the September issue of Stop Press, the NSW Bar Association newsletter. President David Bennett QC in welcoming the newly created Tasmanian Independent Bar to the fold of the Australian Bar Association said, "Separate bars have developed in the Australian Capital Territory, South Australia and Western Australia during the 1960s and in the Northern Territory during the 1970s. All of these had previously been fused professions"

Last time we looked, we still were!

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... and this one from a sister publication "Since 1966 the Secretariat of LAWASIA has been based in Darwin."

Makes You Wonder About Numbers 1 & 2 ...

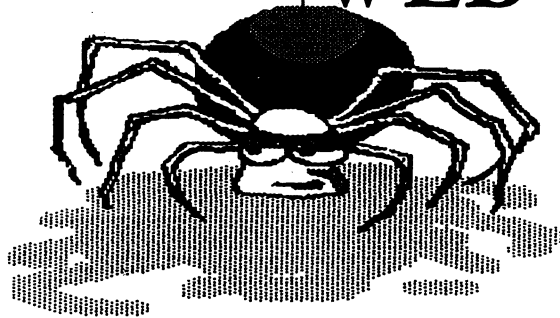
Thanks to a source in the Supreme Court for this golden moment in court:

Counsel: Number three is the short intercourse between Senior Constable C and the accused at the watchhouse when they're changing trousers.

His Honour: Just a minute!

Counsel: Well, I'll put that differently, I think.

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The First Thing is, Let's Kill all the Typos

Spider's Web couldn't help but heave a sympathetic sigh upon reading the Tasmanian Young Lawyers' Committee report on Law Week in their society's journal, The Law Letter (September 1996). YL President Andrew Walker had the following sorry tale to relate:

"The committee was very happy with the final brochure, although a typographical error in the final print run resulted in one heading being "Lawyers in Meditation" and went on to describe "meditation" as being able to resolve a dispute without the stress of a contested hearing. While that may very well be the case, the profession is probably not quite ready to offer deep and meaningful advice whilst chanting and wearing brightly coloured robes. Then again, perhaps it is."

The Tyranny of Distance

The Gist in the October Law Institute Journal provides the following sent in by a Victorian practitioner:

"We have been preparing a Transport Accident Commission personal injury claim for a resident of the Northern Territory. When the case was fixed, we wrote to our client's treating general practitioner on a standard letter, putting him on two hours notice. We enclose herewith his reply."

"I have considered your suggestion in detail but have concluded the only possible way of attending as requested would be to commandeer an FA 18 from the local RAAF base and fly to Melbourne at military air speed. The only complication would be a shortage of fuel for the trip, but if you would be kind enough to arrange for a KC 135 tanker to be orbiting east of Alice Springs on the morning in question I may well be able to arrange in-flight refuelling and make the court appearance within the two hours notice you are endeavouring to arrange for me."

Borrow at Your Own Risk

Julian Burnside in the Winter Victorian Bar News, lists some bizarre book titles which he maintains can "still be found in large (or undiscerning) libraries". Try these on for size:

The Biochemist's Songbook, Harold Baum, 1982

Memorable Balls, James Laver, 1954

Cluthe's Advice to the Ruptured, Charles Cluthe, 71st edition, 1915

Grow Your Own Hair, Ron McLaren, 1947

☆ Northern Lights ☆ - tales from the home front

• A plant from below the Berrimah Line persuaded us to print the parable of a painful ear infection which may have prohibited a Prague-preferring practitioner from pursuing her profession in that place.

It has been purported that said practitioner was prone to pack herself off to Prague (for some paranormal purpose or other) and was panicked to ponder the pity of a perforated eardrum which may have prevented her from ever popping onto a plane again.

However, as we understand it, the prognosis was propitiously peachy and Prague remains a potential port for the practitioner.

• Which triumvirate of local practitioners can claim close connection with the joint winner of this year's Nobel Peace Prize?

Spider's Web is in possession of written evidence that one M Hardie was appointed by José Ramos-Horta on behalf of the Conselho Nacional da Resistencia Maubere as Legal Affairs Officer and that Messers Wyvill and Waters also share this honour for which Balance salutes them.

☺Cryptkeeper's Crossword☺

Answers

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