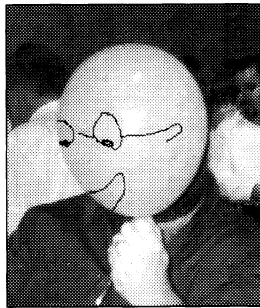


Balloon madness!

It wasn't just the kids in Casuarina and Alice Springs malls that got off on the Law Week balloons. It seems that balls of rubber that float when filled with an inert gaseous element can provide enormous challenges and unending entertainment for the more imaginative members of the profession. For example: Tom Stodulka overcame his shyness to take on the role of balloon distribution to delight numerous children.

Domenic Conedi suffered from a chronic inability to hang on to the round things in his charge and launched quite a number into the centre sky. The Ombudsman conducted a scientific



Ian Morris
disguised as
Merran
Short

experiment to ascertain how much ballast was required before the table settings at the Darwin lunch would blast off resulting in the provision of cutlery anchors while the Hunt and Hunt table ran a portraiture competition. Pictured is Ian Morris sporting a characture of Merran Short. But the hands down winner was his likeness of Peggy Cheong.

David de Foot-in-the-Mouth

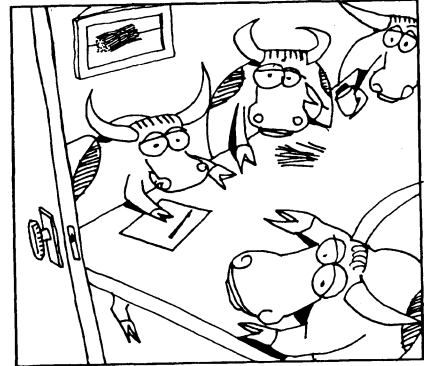
Plans were well underway for the surprise birthday celebrations for Cridlands' Danny Masters. Surprise was the operative word and much planning and whispering had taken place.

Then along comes David De Silva who, according to an unnamed source, just about spilt the beans. He then had to backtrack and trip over himself to get out of the awkward situation he'd unwittingly put himself in. D'oh!

Convinced of being right

Terese Austin and Janelle Martin were absolutely convinced they had got the question right at the NT

The Muster Room



Women Lawyers Quiz night at Darwin's Shenanigans.

So convinced in fact, that they challenged the judges and caused a general amount of rukus making their point.

The question? "What piece of legislation [controversial] was passed in the Northern Territory in 1996?"

While the two earnest quizzers were sure the answer was 'cannabis' (and apparently had detailed point form notes to prove it), they were rather out of pocket to discover in fact that the answer was 'euthanasia'.

PEOPLE AND THE LAW

Stewart O'Connell's great shave

On Friday 11 May I had my head shaved to raise money for the leukemia Foundation. The loss of hair is symbolic as most leukemia sufferers lose their hair through the effects of chemotherapy. The 'World's-Greatest Shave' has been held annually since 1999 and aims to fund research into a cure for leukemia.

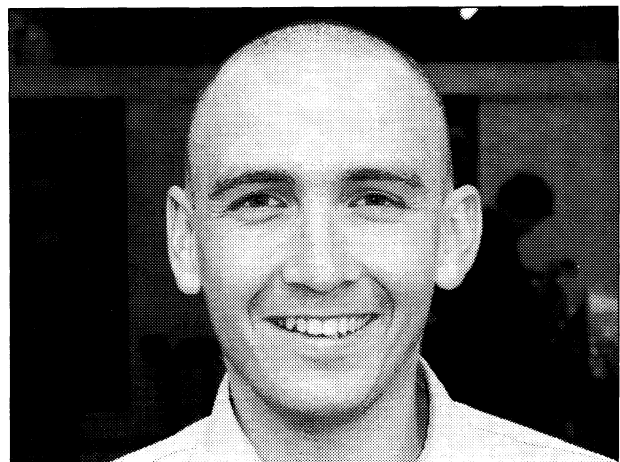
This is an aim which is very personal to me as my first niece, Shanice, died from leukemia in November 1999 aged three. This had a profound effect on my family and I as we watched her go up and down over a six month period and then finally deteriorate rapidly over a few weeks. She was at home and awake with all of us present when she slipped away.

Earlier this year another young aboriginal child, Evan Tunks, died from leukemia

aged two. Evan lived in the same street as Shanice in Darwin and was being treated at Adelaide hospital when Shanice was there. The efforts of my family and the Tunks family in trying to save Shanice and Evan have seen the register of Aboriginal bone marrow donors increase from zero to over a hundred.

At present I have raised over \$800 but by the time I have collected all monies I am hopeful it will be close to \$1000.00.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed. Every donation was



A freshly shaved Stewart O'Connell from CAALAS

important but I give a special thank you to those who were extraordinarily generous.

As for my head, it doesn't look too bad (despite the ears) but its bloody cold!