

THE SPIDER'S WEB

FEMME FATALE

Practitioner in the Supreme Court referring to a case before the Full Court of South Australia and quoted from the decision of "Mr Justice Mitchell."

"Who?" came the retort from Angel J.

"Do you mean the first female Chief Justice in Australia, Dame Roma Mitchell?"

Counsel: "Ah, that is so, Your Honour."

Angel J: "You'll have the feminists on your back next, Mr McCormack."

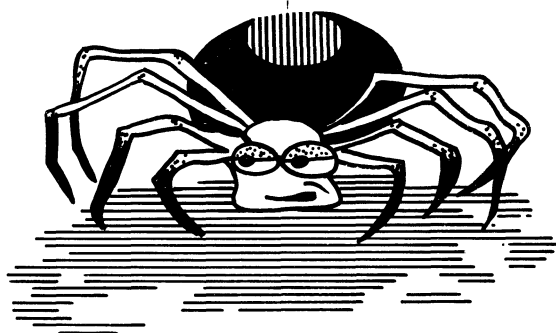
SURREALISM

Thought for the week on a Darwin cafe's menu: Reality is for people who can't handle drugs (apparently a quote from *Hair*).

SH.. ON THE LIVER

In the midst of accolades for the Australian Kidney Foundation's fund raising drive, some discontent. A letter fired back to the AKF by a disgruntled telephone consumer said, in part: "First, I find telemarketing practices an invasion of privacy.

"Second, the gentleman I spoke to was unable to answer my questions, but it



seems he was more than able to put my name down for a ten dollar donation which I never offered.

"As far as I'm concerned, you are welcome to my kidneys in the event of my death, but you will not receive a cent from me through the annoying and harassing practice of telemarketing, nor via a thank you letter for an unpledged donation -- very pushy and probably very illegal." Cop that, young Harry.

MUCH CONFUSION

Page 6 of the September issue of Cumulative Indexes to Northern Territory Supreme Court and Court of Appeal Judgments begins:

"ANIMALS - Liability of owners and keepers - dogs - criminal liability of owner for dog not under effective control - requisite mental element - *Dog Act 1980 (NT)*, s37, *Criminal Code (NT)* O 22 *Stone v Law Society of the Northern Territory & Ors* - 29 July 1992."

Redback thinks not...

BUTTS ABOUT

This from our southernmost antipodeans. Defence barrister, addressing the complainant: "I put it to you that you and the accused kissed each other and, as you did so, you pressed your buttocks into his," (prompting a remark about anatomical difficulty from the judge). Oh, well, at least it wasn't a quip relating to the roof of the mouth...

HISTORY MADE

Sally Gearin, of her own volition, has joined the Law Society. For those of you who think this is no big deal, Sally has not been a member of the Society since 1986. There was, apparently, an ideological ground for that, but no one can remember what it was...

PANIC

Name the practitioner who was on her feet at the Bar Table when a member of the Darwin Community Legal Service flew in to Court and thrust cheques for her signature before her. The DCLS had forgotten that practising certificates (not to mention PI insurance) were renewable as at that day.