

## Luddites Live

The following true story from a Novell NetWire SysOp was gleaned from the pages of our sister publication, Arctic Obiter, journal of the Law Society of the Northwest Territories in Canada:

Caller: Hello, is this Tech Support?

Tech: Yes it is. How may I help you?

Caller: The cup holder on my PC is broken and I am within my warranty period. How do I go about getting it fixed?

Tech: I'm sorry, but did you say a cup holder?

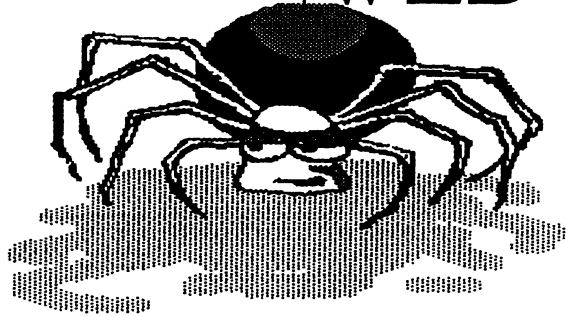
Caller: Yes, its attached to the front of my computer.

Tech: Please excuse me if I seem a bit stumped; it's because I am! Did you receive this as part of a promotional, at a Trade Show? How did you get this cup holder? Does it have a trade mark on it?

Caller: It came with my computer. I don't know anything about a promotion. It just has "4X" on it.

At this point the tech Rep had to mute the caller, because he couldn't stand it. The caller has been using the load drawer of the CD-Rom drive as a cup holder, and snapped it off the drive!

## THE SPIDER'S WEB



## Telephone Tally-Ho

The following letter appeared in February's Law Society Journal from NSW:

Sir: A recent plain(er) language agricultural lease contained the following requirement: "The tenant will take all reasonable steps to keep the land free of rabbits, faxes and other vermin and all noxious weeds..."

So now we know what at least one secretary subconsciously thinks of the ever-increasing flow — faxes are a pest, breeding too fast and should be calci-virused (e-mailed?) out of existence.

Robert J Laurie, Sydney

## Tall Tales But True

Solicitor's Journal from the Canadian Bar Association reports finding the following statements taken from actual accident and insurance forms on the Internet.

- I was unable to stop in time, and my car crashed into the other vehicle. The driver and passengers left immediately for a vacation with injuries.
- I told the police I wasn't injured, but on removing my hat I found that I had a skull fracture.
- I was sure that the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the road after I had struck him.
- The telephone poll [sic] was approaching fast. I was attempting to swerve out of its path when it struck my front end.
- I had been driving my car forty years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.
- I was on the way to the doctor with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way causing me to have an accident.
- An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished.
- I was thrown from my car as I left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows.

## LAW WEEK 1997

Law Week will be held nationally from May 25 until May 31. The national theme will be *Access To Justice*. As in the past, the Law Society will be organising activities intended to foster public awareness and understanding of current legal issues and services offered by both public and private sectors of the legal profession.

But don't leave it all up to us. How would you like your profession to be highlighted in the public eye? What activities would you have the time or interest to support? What issues do you feel should be raised? Call the Law Society now on tel: 8981 5104, pass on your ideas, even volunteer your time, but at least support your profession and get behind Law Week!

