

Dear Editor

I refer to the major article published in the July edition of *Balance*, "Interpreting - Practically Speaking" by Dominic McCormack.

I would first like to congratulate Dominic for an excellent and well written article and to congratulate the Law Society for devoting so much of the July edition of *Balance* to this very important topic. The article should be required reading for anyone practising in the professions of law and medicine in the Territory.

The arguments advanced by Dominic for an adequate and appropriate interpreting service for aboriginal people in the Northern Territory are unassailable. The fact that the problem still exists, and exists to such a degree, in the closing years of the 20th century is an indictment of all of us, not the least of our elected representatives.

Highlighting the issue in the eloquent way Dominic has in one thing, developing the will and the ability to tackle and solve it is another.

It is difficult to conceive of a project more worthy of the support and assistance of the Law Society and its members.

Paul Wash

THE SPIDER'S WEB

The Best of the Worst Country-Western Song Titles

Here's A Quarter, Call someone who cares.

How can I miss you if you won't go away.

I changed Her oil; she changed my life.

I keep forgettin I forgot about you.

I wouldn't take her to a dog fight, cause I am
afraid she'd win.

If you dont leave me alone, I'll go and find
someone else who will.

My wife ran off with my best friend, and I
sure do miss him.

When you leave walk out backwards, so I'll
think you're walking in.

My John Deere was breaking your field,
while your dear John was breaking my heart.

Your the reason our kids are so ugly.

Disorder in the Court

From a little book called "Disorder in the Court" People actually said this...

Q: What is your date of birth?

A: July fifteenth.

Q: What year?

A: Every year.

Q: What was the first thing your husband said to you when he awoke that morning?

A: He said, "Where am I Cathy?"

Q: And why did that upset you?

A: My name is Susan.

Q: Sir, what is your IQ?

A: I can see pretty well, I think.

Q: How was your first marriage terminated?

A: By death.

Q: And by whose death was it terminated?

Q: All the responses must be oral, Ok?

A: Oral.

QUIZ

At a recent Criminal Lawyer Association dinner, the entertainment for the evening was a quiz with over 60 questions on criminal law. Here is your chance to join the challenge.

Over the next 6 editions of *Balance* the questions will be published (10 questions each edition) and the answers will follow consecutively.

Good luck!

1. In what year was the first CLANT conference held in Bali?
2. What is the toll-free telephone number for "Crime Stoppers"

3. What is the full name of the (substantive) Chief Justice of the NT? (Correct spelling required).
4. Which is the principal section in the NT Criminal Code that deals with "dangerous act"?
5. Mallam was a Judge of the NT Supreme Court, and there are chambers named after him in the Darwin CBD. In what street are those chambers?
6. How many formal courtrooms (whether presently in use or not, and whether equipped or not) are there in the NT Supreme Court building in Darwin?
7. Who was the first NT Director of Public Prosecutions
8. The computer system used to track criminal cases through the NT Courts is IJIS. What was the system in use before IJIS?
9. Who is the President of CLANT?
10. In the NT, what is the smallest number of jurors required for a majority verdict in a criminal case?

The answers to Round 1 will appear in the October edition of *Balance*.