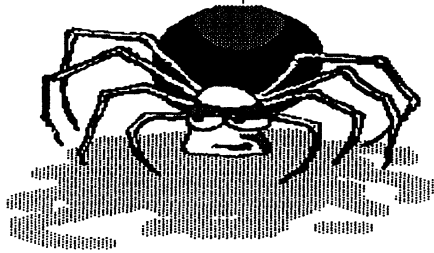


THE SPIDER'S WEB



DNA Testing Required

Incessant shopper (member) drew the line at purchasing a pair of lamps the shade of which the proprietor claimed were covered in human skin. What a delightful light for reading horror stories by - or perhaps a romantic dinner?

My decision is final!

Practitioners who have volunteered to act as Mock Trial adjudicators are getting a taste of bench life. Upon handling down a decision, one adjudicator was most surprised to be interrogated enthusiastically as to how they reached their decision. Practitioner had to vigorously defend the ruling and the allocation of points. An appeal is expected.

Alarming!

At the recent preliminary mock trial round the students had more to contend with than just competition nerves. In the middle of the trial in courtroom five an unexpected witness dressed in a police uniform burst into the courtroom and practically dove under a desk to reach an alarm that was apparently going off.

Everyone in the courtroom just froze - even the mock trial judge was mystified. It seems everyone was waiting to hear "April Fools day" from the startling visitor, but it was only March?

To the amazement of everybody, as quickly as the mysterious person entered, he then exited! Immediately after the door closed the room ruptured in discourse. "Was that witness number one or two?"

Later it was clarified to all involved that a student had accidentally set off the security alarm button which evidently alerts the Police.

Some years before, at another mock trial, a similar situation occurred only on this occasion, there was more than one unexpected witness dressed in a police uniform and they appeared with their guns drawn!

QUIZ Round 5

1. In Shakespeare's play *The Merchant of Venice*, who is the lawyer who defends Antonio against the claim by the Jew, Shylock?
2. W.S. Gilbert wrote "The Law is the true embodiment of everything that's excellent" - in which Savoy Opera?
3. In what year did the NT first have a fully elected Legislative Assembly?
4. Which book by Charles Dickens features the very long-running Chancery case of *Jarndyce -v- Jarndyce*?
5. The NT Attorney-General's Department was previously called the Department of Law. What was the

name of this department immediately before self-government on 1st July 1978?

6. Who was Ned Kelly's defence counsel at his trial in 1880?
7. Which NT MLA was the first to hold the offices of Chief Minister and Attorney-General at the same time?
8. What is a *res nullius*?
9. Which Shakespearian character suggested that "the law's delay" might be a reason for suicide?
10. Which sometime prosecutor is the Immediate Past President of the NT Law Society?

The answers to Round 5 will appear in the April edition of Balance.

Answers to Round 4

- Q1. Dick Ward
- Q2. Peter Sutcliffe
- Q3. 1909
- Q4. Ronald Ryan on the 3rd of February 1967
- Q5. The facts which constitute a criminal offence.
- Q6. R -v- Tuckiar (1934) 52 CLR 335
- Q7. Ron Withnall
- Q8. To be unwilling to prosecute (or to proceed)
- Q9. Evan Whitton
- Q10. Ronnie & Reggie