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## Answer Question; Win Coffee and Scone

by **Ralph Gaebler**

This issue of *Res Ipsa Loquitur* introduces a new, occasional feature - the international legal research contest. For the growing and enthusiastic cadre of international legal researchers who eagerly await each month's installment of this column, it seemed to me that, well, something a bit different might be a good idea. Not that I'm afraid you'll get bored with the usual, verry detailed, and verry interesting description of some critical bibliographic source...I just thought you might appreciate an opportunity to put your knowledge to use.

Therefore, this month's feature is a contest question that tests your international legal research acumen. To wit, can you locate the citation to a famous international arbitral decision, in which the United States was awarded reparations from the United Kingdom for damage caused by the C.S.S. Alabama, a man-of-war built in a British shipyard and sold to an individual, who also happened to be a purchasing agent for the Confederate government? As a hint let me point out in advance that you will not find the answer to this question in a general encyclopedia or on the internet (as far as I know). However, the answer can be located quite easily in the Library's reference collection.

The first person to send me a correct answer by email, along with the title of the source in which he or she found the answer, wins a drink of his or her choice at Starbucks. In order to win a scone or cookie, the correct answer will also have to state which arbitrator failed to sign the arbitral award.

That will require only a bit more work, certainly no more than a scone's worth. For the really enthusiastic, it is also possible to locate information fairly quickly that will state why this arbitration was important and why one member of the arbitral panel refused to sign the award. Of course, for the really enthusiastic, virtue is its own reward.



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## FEBRUARY DISPLAY: UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

The February display concerns the Underground Railroad, planned and produced by Rebecca Bertoloni Meli and Michael Maben. The Underground Railroad is the name given to the escape of slaves in the south to freedom in Canada prior to the Civil War. In researching this topic in preparation for the display, we discovered a wide range of opinions concerning the topic. One view is that it is all a myth and only a small number of slaves ever made the trip to Canada. This view is taken by those who claim that at no time did blacks ever make up a significant portion of the population of Canada. Others claim that upwards of 100,000 slaves attempted to escape (this number is cited by the Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Ohio). One reason for this discrepancy is the lack of documentation and physical evidence concerning the whole movement. The slaves who escaped were more concerned with surviving than documenting their trip. Individuals who chose to aid the escapees had to do so secretly due to the federal Fugitive Slave Acts of 1793 and 1850. Much of the information that we have is based on oral traditions and stories, and less on hard, physical evidence. In spite of this, some evidence does exist, including documents and physical structures.

There are a number of excellent websites on the Underground Railroad. One of the best is the National Geographic Society's site at [www.nationalgeographic.com/features/99/railroad](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/features/99/railroad). For Indiana, the website for the Levi Coffin House State Historic Site in Wayne County is excellent (Levi and Catharine Coffin were well-known "conductors" on the Underground Railroad). The website is at [www.waynet.org/nonprofit/coffin.htm](http://www.waynet.org/nonprofit/coffin.htm).

Researching this display was fascinating. We posted an inquiry to the H-Indiana list and the response was overwhelming. We heard from individuals all over Indiana, many with specific ideas and contact suggestions. Four individuals were particularly helpful: Jeannie Regan-Dinius with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources; Wilma Gibbs with the Indiana Historical Society; Roger Peterson, a local historian and genealogist; and Elaine Gaul with the Indiana University Mathers Museum. All four of these individuals went out of their way for us, and the display could not have been completed without their help.

By  
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### THE SUGGESTION BOX

Every month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss responds to a suggestion from the library's suggestion box.

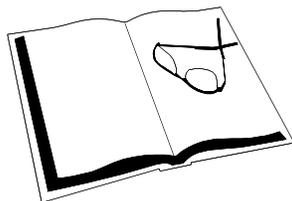
**Suggestion:** A group of 1L students who sit in the library lounge use foul language. Also, a group of 1L's who have carrels on the 4th floor sit at separate carrels and talk across other carrels to each other. It's very disruptive. Send a notice to students to watch their language and voice level in the main part of the library.

**Response:** I can certainly sympathize with your frustration about excess noise in the library. Each semester, we find it necessary to remind people not to carry on conversations in the library. So here it goes....**please keep conversations to a minimum in the library.** If you need to talk, step into the lobby area or check out a key to a conference room. Remember, noise carries in the lobby area as well. Please do not shout and watch your language in public areas! If students are being disruptive in the library, report it to a full-time staff member and we will speak with the students. Thanks for the suggestion.

## NEW AND NOTEWORTHY: YOU KNOW YOU'RE AN ACQUISITIONS LIBRARIAN WHEN...

... you start anticipating the number of books that will be published on a particular current event. I first noticed this phenomenon when I began to openly question how many books would be written as a result of the O. J. Simpson trial. A quick search of *Book-In-Print*

(<http://www.booksinprint.com/bip/>) places the figure at about 89 (including variant editions). I next pondered the question during the Clinton impeachment proceedings (52 titles to date). More recently, the September 11<sup>th</sup> events have already produced 68 publications.



Nestled between the Clinton titles and the September 11<sup>th</sup> publications are the books published as a result of the 2000 presidential elections - 71 titles. While it is safe to say that when the ink dries, the 2000 election will be the most documented election in history, only time will tell which of the books will be considered the definitive work on the Florida fiasco. To cast your vote on which books are deserving, why not start by reading a few of the seven titles the Law Library has added. As for me, I'm already anticipating the Enron publication boom.

Dershowitz, Alan M. *Supreme Injustice: How the High Court Hijacked Election 2000*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001. [KF5074.2 .D47 2001]

Dionne, E. J. *Bush v. Gore: The Court Cases and the Commentary*. Washington: Brookings Institution Press, 2001. [KF5074.2 .B87 2001]

Greene, Abner. *Understanding the 200 Election: A Guide to the Legal Battles that Decided the Presidency*. New York: New York University Press, 2001. [KF5074.2 .G74 2001]

Issacharoff, Samuel. *When Elections Go Bad: The Law of Democracy and the Presidential Election of 2000*. New York: Foundation Press, 2001. [KF4886.A4 I85 2001]

Posner, Richard A. *Breaking the Deadlock: The 2000 Election, the Constitution, and the Courts*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001 [KF5074.2 .P67 2001]

Sunstein, Cass R. *The Vote: Bush, Gore, and the Supreme Court*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2001. [KF5074.2 .V68 2001]

Zelnick, Robert. *Winning Florida: How the Bush Team Fought the Battle*. Stanford: Hoover Institution, 2001. [KF5074.2 .Z45 2001]

*Dick Vaughan*  
Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

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## ARIEL: ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT DELIVERY

The interlibrary loan service recently commenced sending and receiving journal articles via Ariel software. Text and graphics are scanned and transmitted electronically to other participating libraries. Useful features of Ariel include previewing and archiving documents, direct or automatic scanning, and a high image resolution. The preview stage is a lot of fun and allows us to zoom in and out on an image, rotate pages and

display an overall thumbnail view of the document. The library should benefit from a reduction in photocopying and postage charges. Thanks to Ariel patrons can expect a faster turnaround when placing requests for articles.

*Rebecca Bertoloni Meli,*  
Head, Circulation & Patron Services

## WORKING THE HALLS

Please join us in wishing the following people  
Happy Birthday!

### Happy February Birthdays to:

- **Pat Clark** on the 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Mary Edwards** on the 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Nonie Watt** on the 7<sup>th</sup>
- **Diana Watts** on the 12<sup>th</sup>
- **Nick Hansen** on the 20<sup>th</sup> and
- **Prof. Julia Lamber** on the 27<sup>th</sup>



Please join us in welcoming Natalie Boeyink, the new Business Office Assistant. Welcome Natalie!

## FEBRUARY: AMERICAN HEART MONTH

Did you know that heart disease was the leading cause of death in the United States in 1999?<sup>1</sup>

Last year 220,000 Americans died of sudden cardiac arrest (that's almost one every two minutes).<sup>2</sup>

Are *you* able to recognize the signals of a heart attack? Indigestion, pain in the left arm (right arm, shoulder, or back), perspiration, nausea, shortness of breath, pressure or tightness in the chest – are all warnings signs of a heart attack.

What can you do to be prepared for cardiac emergencies? The steps that you take could prevent disability or death. Both the American Heart Association and American Red Cross offer training programs in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of the automated external defibrillator (AED).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 49 *National Vital Statistics Reports* (no. 11) October 12, 2001, at 8.

<sup>2</sup> American Red Cross Website  
<<http://www.redcross.org/services/hss/courses/aed.html>>  
visited on 2/7/02.

<sup>3</sup> “An AED is a device used to administer an electric shock through the chest wall to the heart. Built-in computers assess the patient's heart rhythm, judge whether defibrillation is needed, and then administer the shock. Audible and/or visual prompts guide the user through the process.”

“For each minute that passes without defibrillation and CPR, the chance of survival for a cardiac arrest victim decreases by 7 to 10 percent. In order to battle this disease, more Americans have to arm themselves with the knowledge that is crucial to saving lives,” said David Faxon, M.D., president, American Heart Association.<sup>4</sup>

Several other Library employees and I were recently certified in Adult CPR and Standard First Aid. We received training through the University's Office of Risk Management. In addition to training us to use CPR and rescue breathing, this American Red Cross certified program taught us to recognize and respond to the signals of cardiac arrest, choking, sudden illnesses (stroke, diabetic emergency, or seizure), and other medical emergencies, such as burns, traumatic wounds, and physical injuries. My coworkers who were CPR certified along with myself include: Sean Frew (Night Circulation Supervisor), Dave Lankford (Media Center Coordinator), Beth Sullivan (Monographic Cataloguing Technician), Micah Van Hoff (Serials & Acquisitions Clerk), Dick Vaughan (Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian) and Julie Wells (Bindery & Conservation Assistant).

To learn more about CPR, AED, and other health and safety issues, check out the following Web sites:  
*American Heart Association*  
<http://www.americanheart.org/>, *American Red Cross*  
<http://www.redcross.org/services/hss/courses/>, and  
*Emergency Cardiovascular Care*  
<http://www.cpr-ecc.org/>.

For information on training and certification programs, contact the Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross at 332-7292, or at <http://www.bloomington.in.us/~redcross/>.

*Jennifer Bryan*  
*Documents Librarian*



(American Heart Association Website  
<[http://www.cpr-ecc.org/cpr\\_aed/cpr\\_aed\\_menu.htm](http://www.cpr-ecc.org/cpr_aed/cpr_aed_menu.htm)>  
visited on 2/7/02).

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