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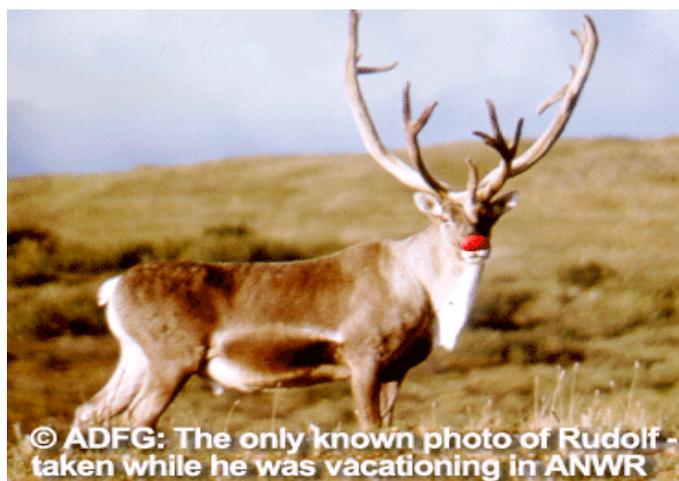
SPOTLIGHT ON GOV DOCS: U.S. AGENCIES PROVIDE INFO ON SANTA'S REINDEER

By Jennifer Bryan Morgan, Documents Librarian

Ever wonder what breed of reindeer Santa uses? The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has provided the answer at: <http://www.adfg.state.ak.us/pubs/notebook/biggame/santasreindeer.php>.

Some of the few known facts:

- R.t. *saintnicolas magicalus* look very similar to common reindeer or caribou
- Even though there are only nine R.t. *saintnicolas magicalus*, they are not listed as a threatened or endangered species
- It is not known when or if Santa's reindeer shed their antlers, which appear to be extremely velvety and robust in late December
- Rudolph, one of Santa's nine reindeer, was born with a genetic abnormality – a bright red nose



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Information about the less exotic breeds of reindeer, can be found at the website of the National Park Service: <http://www.nps.gov/archive/bela/html/rangifer.htm>.

If you want to know how Santa's reindeer actually fly, on December 27, aerospace engineers at NASA's Glenn Research Center (Cleveland, OH) will include a presentation on reindeer propulsion: http://www.nasa.gov/centers/glenn/events/vc_dec06_Propulsion.html.

The American Forces Information Service reports that on Christmas Eve, North American Aerospace Defense Command will work with Strategic Command officials and National Military Command Control Team No. 5 to use an advanced missile tracking satellite system, dynamic radar and galactic binoculars to monitor the skies for the arrival of Santa and his reindeer.

The satellite tracking group from the International Space & Response (ISR) Division of Los Alamos National Laboratory also will be following Santa Claus and his reindeer on Christmas Eve. Santa's flight plan for December 24 can be found at <http://santa.lanl.gov/>.

You can find even more government information related to Santa and his reindeer, by using the FirstGov.gov search engine at <http://www.firstgovsearch.gov/>.

Happy Herding!

NEW & NOTEWORTHY: HOOSIER LEGAL LEGENDS



Longtime Bloomingtonians may remember the name Chris Sautter. Back in the late 1970s and early 1980s he worked with Bloomington Mayor (and IU law school graduate) Frank McCloskey. When McCloskey decided to run for congress, Sautter went along as an aid and ultimately became his campaign manager. His ability to "find votes" in McCloskey's controversial 1984 congressional election made him a legend in Washington. He has since gone on to serve as political director and consultant for such well known democratic candidates as Paul Simon, Bob Kerry and, most recently, Barack Obama. Never one to spend too much time doing one thing, Sautter has split his time in recent years between being a "Democratic

Strategist" and a film maker.

To date, Sautter Films (www.sautterfilms.com) has produced five documentaries, four of which have Indiana connections, and three of which profile IU Law School alumni - Frank McCloskey, Birch Bayh, and Lee Hamilton. The Law Library now owns these three films, in DVD format, and you can check them out at the Circulation Desk.

Recounting the Years: A Tribute to Frank McCloskey. [Circ. Desk E 840.8 .M32 R42 2005].

Profiles McCloskey's (JD 1971) rise from a law student/mayoral candidate to U.S. Congressman, and his outspoken campaign on behalf of those who were suffering in Bosnia and the Balkans during the 1990s. Running time: 21 minutes.

Hey, Look Him Over. [Circ. Desk E 840.8 .B29 H4 2005].

Profiles three-term Indiana Senator Birch Bayh (father of current Indiana Senator Evan Bayh). A 1960 graduate of the IU Law School, Bayh's most far reaching legislative accomplishment was probably the passage of Title IX, which prohibited sexual discrimination in education. The film includes interviews with Bayh's contemporary political allies and foes. Running time: 1 hour 40 minutes.

Standing Tall: The Lee Hamilton Story. [Circ. Desk E 840 .H35 S72 2005].

Profiles the IU Law School graduate (1956) from his days as a high school basketball star in Evansville to his 34 years in Congress (including his Chairmanship of the House Foreign Affairs Committee). Concludes with his work as a Co-chair of the 911 Commission. Running time: 1 hour 27 minutes.

Dick Vaughan

Acquisitions and Serials Control Librarian



NEED SOME GIFT IDEAS?

As final exams wind down and you find yourselves scrambling for those last minute holiday gifts, may I suggest the Supreme Court Historical Society (www.supremecourthistory.org) for your lawyerly

gift buying needs? Always a good choice for those hard to find Lady Justice statues and constitutional law neckties, they have added a variety of new and unique items this year. Who on your list wouldn't want a belt buckle made from John Marshall coins or a set of actual quill pens? Perhaps you just need some stocking-stuffers. Gavel-head pencils or bars of soap with the Great Seal imprinted on them should do nicely.

ForCounsel.com is another great source of gifts when shopping for the attorneys in your life. Specializing in one-of-a-kind items, they have a wide variety of historical prints ranging from a 1913 Form 1040 for your tax attorney friend to a nineteenth-century British print of a divorce lawyer washing his clients "dirty laundry". Clever, huh? If you are working on a tighter budget, you might try the Lawyer's Hot Sauce Collection for \$24.50 which features the delightfully sounding "Lawyer's Breath Hot Sauce" or the \$27 "unrated" videotape of Nude Lawyers (They're Out to Get the Naked Truth). A perfect gift for a miniature potential lawyer might be the crib mobile where a whimsical gavel, law book, briefcase and set of golf clubs will surely soothe the future lawyer to sleep.

Act quickly as I'm sure supplies are limited and time is running out. Gee, I wonder if Dad might like a pair of legal briefs this year. They look pretty comfy.

Nonie Watt
Head of Technical Services

FUTURE UNPUBLISHED DECISIONS NOW CITABLE, A NEW RULE GOES INTO EFFECT

As of December 1, 2006, there is a new uniform rule of federal appellate procedure covering all circuits as to the citability of unpublished opinions. All judicial dispositions issued after January 1, 2007 are citable in all circuits—whether designated published or unpublished. (Previously, each circuit determined whether unpublished decisions were citable in that particular circuit.) The text of this important new rule is set out below. It comes from the Federal Judiciary's rulemaking website which includes information as to current and pending rules of practice. <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/>. The site provides "national and local rules currently in effect in the federal courts, as well as background information on the federal rules and the rulemaking process." It is a resource of which every law student should be aware.

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Rule 32.1. Citing Judicial Dispositions

(a) Citation Permitted. A court may not prohibit or restrict the citation of federal judicial opinions, orders, judgments, or other written dispositions that have been:

(i) designated as "unpublished," "not for publication," "non-precedential," "not precedent," or the like; and

(ii) issued on or after January 1, 2007.

(b) Copies Required. If a party cites a federal judicial opinion, order, judgment, or other written disposition that is not available in a publicly accessible electronic database, the party must file and serve a copy of that FEDERAL RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE 3 opinion, order, judgment, or disposition with the brief or other paper in which it is cited.

Peter Hook
Electronic Services Librarian

THE SUGGESTION BOX

Every month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss responds to a suggestion from the Suggestion Box.

Suggestion: Larger trash cans during finals week (esp. weekend) to compensate for increased refuse volume.

Response: Where would we put them during the rest of the year??!! Seriously, we know this is a problem and will look into possibly having additional, if not larger, trash cans around during this time. Thanks for the suggestion.

Suggestion: The circulation desk should have a "loop" to lock our laptops (for circulation desk workers) for security during trips to the video room, bathroom, fire alarms, etc.

Response: I assume you work for us but since you did not sign your name I thought I would respond through this forum! I think that is an excellent idea and I don't know why we didn't think of it earlier. I will look into having it done. Thanks for your suggestion.

PET OF THE MONTH: SIDNEY MARIE BUCKLEY

Sid has also happily endured the addition of several other animals to the household. When she was a year old, Sid was joined by her sister, Sylvia, from her parents' next litter. Several years after Sylvia died of cancer in 2001, Keith and his fiancée, Patty Lawson, found yet another Golden Retriever, Sophie, to help keep Sid company and "enliven" her senior years. In 2004, Keith and Patty married, and Patty's cats, Snoopy and Hades, rounded out the menagerie. Throughout all of the changes, Sid has remained her good-natured, delightful self, demanding only her fair share of attention. Well, perhaps just a bit more than anyone else ... Like Charlie Brown, Keith often wishes he could devote all of his time to Sid's happiness.

Keith Buckley
Collection Development Librarian

Sid, Keith Buckley's oldest Golden Retriever, came home to live with him fourteen years ago this month. Keith, the Collection Development Librarian, purchased Sid from a breeder north of Bloomington after being shown all eleven puppies in a litter and she immediately wanted him to hold her. "Adopting Sid was the best decision I've ever made," says Keith.

For most of her life, Sid has been a cheerful and very patient dog, and has yet to meet another living creature she didn't love. She possesses a twisted, mischievous sense of humor (not unlike her adopted father) and takes special delight in getting other dogs in the house in trouble. Sid has also served above and beyond the call of duty as mascot and muse of Keith's home recording studio, tolerantly sleeping through thousands of hours of some of Bloomington's best (and worst) musical performances. Although recently hobbled by arthritis and an inoperable lipoma, Sid still insists on being carried down to the studio whenever production is scheduled.

LAW LIBRARY SEMESTER BREAK HOURS

December 16, 2006 - January 10, 2007

December 16 - 17	Saturday - Sunday	CLOSED
December 18 - 22	Mon. - Fri.	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
December 23 - 24	Saturday - Sunday	CLOSED
December 25	Monday	CLOSED
December 26 - 29	Tues. - Fri.	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
December 30 - 31	Saturday - Sunday	CLOSED
January 1	Monday	CLOSED
January 2 - 5	Tues. - Fri.	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
January 6 - 7	Saturday - Sunday	CLOSED
January 8 - 9	Mon. - Tues.	8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
January 10	Wednesday	Resume Regular Hours

WORKING THE HALLS

Happy December Birthday to:

Sandy Ault on the 3rd
 Prof. Craig Bradley on the 5th
 Dean Lauren Robel on the 8th
 Barbara Cain on the 10th
 Prof. Ann Gellis on the 22nd
 Prof. William Henderson on the 22nd

