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A WEB GUIDE TO MARCH EVENTS  

by Juliet Casper Smith

National Women's History Month

~National Women's History Project at http://www.nwhp.org/  The National Women's History Project was founded in 1980 with the overarching goal of promoting gender equity through education about women's diverse lives and accomplishments. Here, you'll find program ideas for celebrating women's history.

~Gale Celebrates Women's History Month at http://www.thomson.com/gale/wmhintro.html  Gale, a publisher, offers activities to learn more about women's history, biographies of fifty important women, and a timeline of key events. There is also a quiz to test your knowledge of women’s history.

~Uncovering Women's History in Archival Collections http://www.utsa.edu/Library/Archives/links.htm  This site provides a geographic index for finding institutions which have materials from or about women's organizations or of individual women.

~Women's History Magazine at http://www.thehistorynet.com/WomensHistory/  Full-text electronic version of the magazine published each March. It highlights women's achievements in all fields of endeavor, many of which have gone long unrecognized.

American Red Cross Month

A Presidential Proclamation has been issued for Red Cross Month each year in March since 1943 (American Red Cross Month since 1987). Look to the following site for more information: http://www.redcross.org/  

Birthdays, Commemorations and Events

Michelangelo's Birth Anniversary:
March 6, 1475, at Caprese, Italy

~Michelangelo Buonarroti at http://www.michelangelo.com/buonarroti.html  Dedicated to those who wish to find out more about the artist and his times, this site features a comprehensive biography with many links, and photographs of his more famous works.

~A Tribute to Michelangelo http://members.aol.com:80/buonarroti/Michelangelo/mich.htm  Take a Virtual Tour of the Sistine Chapel.

~Michelangelo the Sculptor at http://www.planetitaly.com/Culture/Art/michelangelo-sculptor.html  View his major pieces of sculpture, along with his biographical information.

U.S. Founding of the Girl Scouts:
March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia

~Girl Scouts USA at http://www.gsusa.org  Thank Juliette Low for those delicious Girl Scout cookies. She founded the Girl Scouts in 1912.

Clarence Darrow Death Commemoration:
March 13, at Jackson Park, in Chicago, Illinois

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In honor of the famed lawyer and civil libertarian, a wreath is tossed from the Jackson Park Clarence Darrow Bridge. See the ~Clarence Darrow Web Page at http://www.brokersys.com:80/~corny51/darrow/ darrwpic.htm 


_Albert Einstein’s Birth Anniversary:_
March 14, 1879, at Ulm, Germany

~Albert Einstein Online at http://www.sas.upenn.edu/~smfriedm/einstein.html This site is a collection of links to all sorts of information about the great scientist, including the text of his writings, famous quotes, and photographs.

~Albert Einstein’s Interview with the F.B.I at http://www.peak.org/~7Edanneng/einstein.html Read the text of the interview that took place Nov. 1, 1940.

_Spring Break_

Don’t buy a travel guide at a bookstore. Use the web to find lots of free, useful travel information.

~Fodor’s at http://www.fodors.com/ Use the “Personal Trip Planner” to build your own mini-guide to that Spring Break dream destination. This is a truly interactive site!

~Epicurious Travel http://travel.epicurious.com/ Links are organized by places, planning, and play. Read the _Conde Nast Traveler_ magazine, take a look at the bargain airfares available via web, or search the destination finder for that perfect beach location.

_Other Days to Celebrate_

~Saint Patrick’s Day ~ March 17
~First Day of Spring ~ March 20
~Easter Sunday ~ March 30
~Vincent Van Gogh’s Birth Anniversary ~ March 30, 1853, at Groot Zundert, Holland
~Vice President Albert Gore’s Birthday ~ March 31, 1948, in Washington, D.C.

If you ever need a reason to celebrate, check out the following site for holidays everyday worldwide: http://www.classnet.com/holidays Also, if you view Res Ipsa Loquitur online at the Law Library Web Site, all these web site addresses will appear as links and can be jumped to! Have Fun!

**BOOK OF THE MONTH**


John Lewis Niblack was a man who had a varied career and life. He grew up in the small town of Wheatland in Knox County (outside of Vincennes); obtained a degree from Indiana University; worked as a newspaper reporter with the _Indianapolis Times_; attended law school; became a deputy prosecutor, state senator, and eventually judge - first in Marion County Municipal Court, and then in Marion County Superior Court. This book contains his recollections of his life and various careers.

Niblack describes growing up in Wheatland during the early years of this century. He then discusses his military service in the Navy during World War I, followed by his years attending Indiana University in Bloomington. Upon graduation from IU, he went to work for the _Indianapolis Times_, a newspaper that no longer exists. In the 1920's however, the _Times_ was the only general circulation paper in Indianapolis that chose to take on the Ku Klux Klan, which was at the zenith of its power in Indiana. The _Times_ received the Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of the Klan, and in particular for its coverage by John Niblack of the trial of D.C. Stephenson, the leader of the Klan, who was convicted of second degree murder in 1925. Niblack's discussion of this trial, and of the trials involving Governor Warren McCray (convicted of fraud), Indianapolis mayor John Duvall (convicted of corruption), and Governor Ed Jackson (charged with accepting bribes, but found not guilty on a technicality) are some of the most fascinating parts of the book.

Niblack was in an excellent position to examine all four of these trials, due to his position at the _Indianapolis Times_, and later at the Marion County prosecutors office.

Niblack then goes on to discuss his career as an attorney, deputy prosecutor, and then his years as a judge in Municipal Court and Superior Court. His descriptions of the seamy characters and sad situations he faced are particularly interesting. The book ends in 1973 while still serving on the Superior Court.

Judge Niblack was defeated for reelection to Superior Court in 1974. He then retired to Washington, Indiana, in Daviess County. He died in 1986 at the age of 88.

This is a very interesting book for what it contains about the Klan and Indiana politics in the 1920's. The book does suffers from a lack of continuity, and at times a looseness with the facts. In addition, his personal prejudices come through clearly. I doubt that he thought there was ever an honest Democrat in office (with the possible exception of Governor Henry Schricker who appointed him judge). He acknowledges that there were a lot of corrupt Republicans as well, but his tirades against
Democrats gets old after a while. Also, in spite of his opposition to the Klan, he unfortunately seems to mock the civil rights movement (the "Negro question" as he puts it). The book is good in parts for its discussion of Indiana history and politics, but it is necessary to look past the personal prejudices that he frequently expresses.

Michael Maben
Cataloging Librarian

DIGGING FOR FACTS?

Congressional investigations always seem to occupy some air time on the evening news. The process of holding congressional hearings not only reflects inevitable Washington politics, but also reflects national and social concerns. Terms like "Tailhook" and "Iran-Contra" hold meaning for us primarily because of the investigative hearings that took place. Just a few days ago the Library received a published hearing entitled "The Shootdown of Brothers to the Rescue: What Happened?" which focuses on the downing of civilian aircraft by Cuban jet fighters on February 1996. As with most investigative hearings, it is debatable whether all of the questions surrounding this incident were answered adequately during the hearing process. However imperfect, investigative hearings represent a public record of current events and document how we, as a culture, take responsibility, place blame, attempt to remedy or minimize an event or issue.

Marianne Mason
Documents Librarian

JUMP START RETURNS!

The extremely popular "Jump Start" research program will return to the Law Library later on this spring. The program, designed by the Reference Librarians, will again work towards preparing law students for summer clerkships and the first year of practice. In addition to sessions on traditional legal research, there will also be sessions dealing specifically with the Internet and Web applications. During last year's sessions, a number of students learned the necessary research skills for dealing with materials such as legislative history, administrative law and the regulatory process, and computer-assisted legal research.

Designed to address students' individual needs and prospective practice goals, the "Jump Start" classes are informal, small-group, research refresher and information sessions. The research sessions will begin meeting in the Public Services Conference Room during the first two weeks in April, while the Internet/Web sessions will meet in the Computer Center. Students will be able to sign up for both types of sessions in the Reference Office during the first week after spring break. Notice of the "Jump Start" sessions will be posted around the Law School.

Following the formula established in previous years, each of the "Jump Start" sessions will begin with a brief review of the basic legal resources so that every student has a complete grasp of the legal research process. The librarians will also provide information about more specialized types of reference books, including practice aids and form books, which are not covered in the First Year Writing and Research classes. The "Jump Start" sessions will then focus on individual student problems and questions about legal research, with an emphasis on the type of practice student participants will be seeing in the summer. The Reference Librarians will also describe how the Law Library can continue to serve alumni through research assistance and the copying of hard-to-locate cases, briefs, articles, documents, etc.

During the Internet/Web sessions, Juliet Smith, the Electronic Services Librarian, will discuss applications and uses of these extraordinary computer sources in the law office and on the job. The Internet/Web sessions will include hands-on exploration of the various Web sources.

If you have any questions about the "Jump Start" programs, be sure to drop by the Reference Office and speak to a reference librarian. We'd especially like to hear from those of you who already know in what jurisdiction you'll be working this summer and any special areas of law with which you'll be dealing. We plan to tailor the "Jump Start" sessions to your particular needs in order to make the program a continuing success.

Special note: First-year students need not sign up for Jumpstart sessions -- your Writing and Research classes are designed by the Reference Librarians, will again work towards preparing law students for summer clerkships and the first year of practice. In addition to sessions on traditional legal research, there will also be sessions dealing specifically with the Internet and Web applications. During last year's sessions, a number of students learned the necessary research skills for dealing with materials such as legislative history, administrative law and the regulatory process, and computer-assisted legal research.

Keith Buckley
Reference Librarian

New & Noteworthy: A Trip to the Bar

Bar Journals, particularly those published by state bar associations, are an extremely useful source of information. Most publish everything from job opportunities to reports of cases from lower courts that are particularly relevant to members of the association.
While I’ve never questioned the value of subscribing to these journals, I have been known to wander through the periodicals collection mumbling in disgust searching for a missing issue. More often than not, it is not that the issue in question is being used by a patron, but rather that the association mislabeled the issue (e.g., v.2 no.3 is labeled v.3 no.2) or, simply decided not to publish the issue. Let’s face it, a bar association’s main priorities are not the same as a publisher’s. As a result, when it comes time to bind a volume, the Library is forced to attempt to buy the missing issue (not always possible and usually very costly) or bind the volume incomplete.

Enter "Hein's Bar Journal Microfiche Service." The service, a product of legal publisher and serial vendor William S. Hein and Co., consists of microfiche subscriptions to 116 major bar journals. The Library recently purchased the complete collection from 1980 forward. While the Library will retain the bound back runs of the titles it already owns (there are a few that we do not own in paper), we will probably cancel paper subscriptions to all but the major and regional bar association journals (please let us know if there are titles you want us to keep in both formats).

The advantages of receiving our subscriptions via this service include space savings, saving the cost of binding every volume, and saving Library staff time and frustration in dealing with 116 different "publishers." Hein’s long tradition as a serials vendor assures us of their ability to monitor the 116 publications for publishing problems. I am confident that any inconvenience created by not having a paper subscription will be more than compensated for by having complete runs of each volume on microfiche. While many Library users are turned off by microform publications, new advances in microform readers and printers make all microforms surprisingly easy to use and reproduce.

Bar journal fiche are received by the Library every other month. The fiche are then checked-in via the online catalog and shelved in the microform collection on the second floor (see the microform finding guide for specific drawer location). If you have questions or concerns about using the bar journal microfiche collection feel free to contact me, or ask any reference librarian.

Dick Vaughan
Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

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**WORKING THE HALLS**

Happy, Happy March Birthdays to:

- Professor Joe Hoffmann on March 1st.
- Admissions Dean Frank Motley on March 23rd.
- Toni Sammy in the Law Library on March 26th.
- Professor David Fidler on March 29th.

**LAW LIBRARY SPRING BREAK HOURS**

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**The Suggestion Box**

(Each month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss replies to suggestions received by the Library)

**Suggestion:** Email time limits - I waited 15 minutes to get on while 2 people chatted and the other 2 kept emailing. Outrageous!!! Recommend a 3 minute time limit. Check, read, respond and get off! Go upstairs if you need to write longer! It’s so inconsiderate! A First Year.

**Response:** I certainly agree that people should be considerate when using the email stations. Do not take up the space chatting. If you wish to talk, go to the lobby and have your conversation. Return when you are ready to use the stations. I do think, however, that a 3 minute time limit is too little, considering the speed of these machines. Rather than impose time limits, I would prefer to ask people to be considerate when using these terminals - do not take up the space talking and go upstairs to the Computer Lab for long term use. Also, remember that you too can go to the Computer Lab instead of waiting in line. Thanks for your suggestion.