FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Lauri Flynn,
NOCALL President

First I would like to announce and congratulate our new officers for the 1994/95 year. The ballots were counted this week with the following results (and the return was quite high this year). Congratulations to new NOCALL Vice-President/President Elect, Donna Purvis, Baker & McKenzie; Secretary Nancy Adams, Pettit & Martin; and Treasurer, Donna Hughes-Oldenberg, Golden Gate University Law Library. And many thanks to the three other candidates whom I hope will take another leadership position in NOCALL next year.

In March the Executive Board agreed to make a grant of $250 to the UC Berkeley School of Library and Information Science Graduation Committee to help cover costs for their upcoming graduation and reception since institutional support was low. This will be the last graduating class of Berkeley’s library school. As you probably know by now the SLIS will be re-emerging as the School of Information Management and Systems in the fall of 1996. This new school and curriculum promises to be an interesting interdisciplinary combination of study covering both the technical and social aspects of information systems and services with libraries being one of several targeted employers for the graduates.

I hope many of you have been able to join the NOCALL discussion group on the Internet. Thanks, again, to Joan Loftus and her test-group for their work in establishing this new communication medium. I have already found it a valuable source of local information-sharing. Bev Lipton used it to rally support for the SLA/NOCALL spring student reception last week and received better response than last year’s "snail mail" announcement.

You should all have received a mailing on the spring meeting in Sacramento on May 20. This is when we change officers for the new year and new plans and committees are launched. For those of you who are not currently involved in NOCALL, please join in on a project next year. See incoming President Todd Bennett’s form in the newsletter. The rewards will be worth the extra time!

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Feature Article

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

by Michael Saint-Onge, 
Coudert Brothers

If it is true that there is nothing like someone else's first impressions to help us rediscover those things that we have taken for granted, then I would like to share some thoughts with you. So often we get caught up in the day-to-day workings of our life we forget to stop and appreciate our surroundings. We law librarians here in Northern California have a great deal for which to be thankful.

I have been a law librarian for eight years, all of those in the Washington, D.C. area. Last August, after thinking about moving for some time, I picked up and trekked off to San Francisco, where I had landed a job at a small office of a large international firm. Feeling a little like Dorothy in Oz, I have spent the better part of the last six months adjusting to my new surroundings. Some things are familiar, and yet other things are completely new to me. It has been an exciting, exhilarating time.

It is always a scary thing to leave the known for the unknown. Because I had spent my entire professional life in Washington, I felt as though I knew my way around. I knew the "big" firms from the "little" ones, the movers from the shakers. I had friends from library school that had moved into professional positions, and I felt a part of a big network. Knowing the history, who had worked where, which firms had merged or folded, who was in what building, what libraries had what resources - these things take time to learn, and it is hard to start from scratch. Finding myself in a new environment meant that I not only didn't know the players, I wasn't sure what game we were playing!

One of the things I am most grateful for is that I belong to a profession that is made up of the most wonderful people. While the location may be different, librarians are librarians the world over, and most of them go out of their way to be of assistance. NOCALL librarians are no exception. From the very first day on the job, the librarians I have spoken with have been welcoming and helpful. A recent transplant could not ask for a better group of people to call his or her colleagues, and I know it is only a matter of time before I feel a part of the network again.

On top of being made to feel welcome here, I have found one of the most valuable resources in the city to be the San Francisco Law Library. In D.C., we had no central lending library, so we were more dependant upon other firms for interlibrary loan. Here, you have an incredible asset. I have never called and gotten anything but a cheerful person on the other line, though I know how tedious reference calls and interlibrary loan can become at times. The other county law libraries I have had occasion to call have been equally helpful. I will never take this gift for granted, having done without it for so many years.

Of course, finding things in the chapter is no problem, due to the superior NOCALL Union List. Obviously a publication of this magnitude takes a great deal of work, and I try to remember to pause and thank all of those people who worked so hard on it so that I can look like a miracle-worker to my attorneys when I hand them the requested material in record time. It is those little things that help make the transition easier.

LILSDC AND NOCALL

I would be lying to you if I said I wasn't a little scared to leave Washington. D.C is somewhat of a Mecca for law librarians. After
all, the three branches of government are headquartered there. Because of this, the D.C. area has
tremendous resources: The Library of Congress is unrivaled, being as close to a national law library
as we have in this country. Almost every federal agency has a law library there, and D.C. has six law
schools within its city limits, even more when you count the surrounding suburbs. When you start
adding the large number of firms based there, or firms that have branch offices there, you begin to
realize just how many colleagues we have. In fact, the Law Librarians’ Society of Washington, D.C.
has over 1000 members in a very concentrated geographical area.

Full Range of Programs Offered Despite Obstacles

NOCALL is considerably smaller in size, and is spread over a much larger area. That means
that there are significant challenges in pooling the resources of the law library community. And yet,
despite the smaller numbers and the distance between us, NOCALL offers a full range of professional
activities. Under the capable leadership of the NOCALL officers and committee chairs, NOCALL has
shown itself to be a very active chapter, ably meeting the needs of its members through workshops,
institutes, meetings, programs, publications, etc. There is indeed something for everyone here.

Truth is, I am in awe of people like Joan Lofius, who has dedicated so much time to bringing
the internet to people like me who find it all so intimidating. And having used the placement service
last year, I know how much work Alan MacDougall puts in for his colleagues, most of whom I bet he
hasn’t even met. Todd Bennett and his gang worked very hard planning the NOCALL Institute, which
was, by all accounts, a resounding success. There are, of course, countless others who contribute their
time and energy, working behind the scenes to build a chapter of which we can all be proud. I foolishly
thought I would miss the opportunities in D.C., only to discover there was more than enough here in
my own backyard.

Other Differences

That is not to say that everything has gone smoothly. There are some things I would just as
soon do without:

-if a committee had gotten together and tried to make California citations as complicated as
possible, they would have come up with the system we now have. Cal.App.3d, Cal. Rpts., California
Reporter second series, Pacific Reporter. Inevitably, the cite your attorney has is to the one set you
don’t have in your library, and the search begins...

-if I had little preparation for the California Code’s 80 or so volumes, having had
only the minuscule D.C. Code’s eight volumes to navigate. While California leads the nation in
groundbreaking legislation like that designed to protect the environment, trying to find anything in the
code is a nightmare.

-if nothing, but nothing, could have prepared me for the Minimum Continuing Legal Education
(MCLE) compliance program. I am in charge of tracking credits for our attorneys. Unbeknownst to
me, Coudert Brothers has California attorneys all over the world in our eighteen offices worldwide.
Unfortunately, they come out of the woodwork only when trying to get enough credits to meet their
requirements. Next year, I will be better

Conclusion

Making a transition in the middle of one’s career is a scary thing. It shakes up the
status quo and has made me realize how different and yet similar our profession is,
regardless of where it is practiced. I simply had
the good fortune to pick a great location with
wonderful people who have built an impressive
professional organization. I am never leaving.

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Feature Article

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE OVER THE INTERNET

by Nancy J. Hoebelheinrich, Chair, Government Relations Committee

Not all of the decisions made by last session’s state legislature rang of budget doom and gloom. In a progressive move envied by many other state documents and law librarians, the California State legislature passed AB 1624 in late fall which was then signed into law by Governor Wilson on October 11, 1993 (Chapter 1235/Statutes of 1993). The bill provided that much of the current California legislative information previously available free only in print format should be made available “by way of the largest nonproprietary, non-profit cooperative public computer network,” i.e., the Internet. It was authored by Assembly Member Debra Bowen, D-Marina del Rey.

Assembly Member Bowen’s motivation in sponsoring the bill was apparently quite simple - convenience. As a practicing attorney, she had found it difficult and expensive to get current legislative information from her home district in Marina del Rey. Like any member of the public, Ms Bowen found that the information she wanted could be freely and immediately accessible in full text format only if she lived in Sacramento where she could visit the California Bill Room in the State Capitol building or by getting it from a legislator’s district office by fax or mail. Several legislative research services also had access to the information, of course, but for a fee. Ms. Bowen simply felt this type of information should be freely available to the public.

A Little Bit of History . . .

Assembly Member Bowen introduced the bill early in the legislative session on March 4, 1993, and found good legislator support for it. Many Internet savvy individuals rallied to the support of the bill as well as organizations such as the American Association of Law Libraries’ national and Northern California chapter’s Government Relations Committees.

In May, the Assembly amended the bill by allowing the Legislative Counsel Bureau (which was to provide access to the data) to charge a fee to individuals or organizations for republication or duplication of the information by written agreement, but NOT imposing a charge or fee as a condition to accessing the data. The fees charged were to be appropriated in support of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. The bill passed the Assembly by a vote of 78 - 0. The Senate later deleted the provision for the charging of fees for republication or duplication of the information; concurrence soon followed from the Assembly. Final Senate vote was 35 - 0 in favor and Assembly vote was 79 - 0 in favor. The final version of the bill states that "no fee or other charge may be imposed by the Legislative Counsel as a condition to public access to any files."

In early October of 1993, the time drew near for Governor Wilson to either sign the bill or veto it. While those who had been watching the progress of the bill held their breath, staff in the Legislative Counsel Bureau were springing into action, being relatively sure of the governor’s signature. The bill had been written without an urgency clause thus requiring that it take effect on January 1, 1994; however, if the bill were signed, it would take effect less than 3 months later! The Legislative Counsel Bureau had little time to create a way for the public to access the data over the Internet.

The Legislative Counsel Bureau is a two pronged agency whose mission is to support the research needs of the legislature. One branch employs about 90 attorneys while the other branch acts as a data processing center where approximately 250 people are employed to prepare, structure, compile, and store the data needed by the legislators including the text of each proposed bill, its amendments, Assembly and Senate journals, the daily calendar, etc. While staff members in the data
branch of the agency were adept at manipulating the computers they used to support their "clients", the Internet was a relatively new game, and they had to scramble quickly to become competent players in it.

After consulting with more experienced Internet "gurus", Legislative Counsel Bureau staff members decided to provide the data to the public at the simplest level so that any member of the public could get the text of a bill, for example, with a minimum of equipment - a computer, a modem, a telephone line, and access to the Internet either through a gateway service or through electronic mail. They were assured that other organizations and/or individuals would be motivated to provide the data in more sophisticated ways using various tools such as Gopher software.

The Legislative Counsel Bureau’s goal was to provide an Internet address to the public officially by January 3, 1994 - the first working day of the new year. Although they did not make that day exactly, the Internet address was available only a few days later to those who contacted the Bureau by telephone, and public notice was given officially the second week of January. The Internet address assigned to the database is: leginfo.public.ca.gov. The Bureau has published a print Guide for Accessing California Legislative Information over Internet (Guide) which should be available at the district office of local legislators from the Senate and Assembly Rules Committees, or from a README file within the directory itself. To date, printing this file will require Postscript printing capability. Much of the following information comes from that and other HELP files and is used by permission. Information about getting on to the Internet can be found in various texts mentioned in the Guide or by contacting NOCALL’s Internet coordinator, Joan Loftus at Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, Robertson & Falk in San Francisco (415) 399-3043.

What Legislative Info is Available?

AB 1624 required that for each current legislative session, the following information be made available over Internet:

* The legislative calendar
* The schedule of legislative committee hearings
* A list of matters pending on the floors of both houses of the Legislature
* A list of the committees of the Legislature and their members
* The text of each bill introduced, including each amended, enrolled, and chaptered form of each bill
* The history of each bill introduced and amended
* The status of each bill introduced and amended
* All bill analyses prepared by legislative committees in connection with each bill
* All vote information concerning each bill
* Any veto message concerning a bill
What Access Methods are Available?

The FTP commands used are similar whether access to Internet is direct by way of direct file transfer, or using file transfer by way of electronic mail. An Internet service provider will be able to answer questions relating to any specific procedures pertaining to their service.

The following describes the two methods for retrieving legislative information:

Direct File Transfer

The Direct File Transfer method provides a direct connection to the public access computer by way of an Internet FTP prompt. At this prompt, type FTP commands to retrieve files of legislative information. The information will be copied to a local directory.

To access the Internet FTP prompt, enter the "connect" or "open" FTP command and the following address of the public access computer: loginfo.public.ca.gov

File Transfer by Way of Electronic Mail

The file transfer by way of electronic mail method allows retrieval by typing FTP commands in the body of an E-mail message. The public access computer then E-mails the information back to the searcher. Each E-mail message must begin with the FTP "connect" or "open" and end with the FTP "quit" command.

Send an E-mail message to the following address:

ftpmail@loginfo.public.ca.gov

How Is The Information Organized?

The legislative information is indexed by several directories and sub-directories. There is a main public access directory and five other directories that point to the Daily File, Bill Information, California Codes, California Constitution, and Statutes. Each of these five directories is broken down further into sub-directories to allow more ready retrieval of the information. The main public access directory can be thought of as a tree trunk with branches representing the five directories. Additional branches represent the sub-directories. The following includes the name of each directory and sub-directories (names are stated as they are to be typed), as well as the legislative information found in the sub-directories:

dailyfile: The dailyfile directory contains a README file and a file containing the Legislative Calendar for the current session. There are also two
sub-directories contain the following files of legislative information: the schedule of legislative committee hearings, a list of the committees of the Legislature and their members, a list of matters pending on the floors of both houses of the Legislature, and a list of the names and addresses of the Senators and Assembly Members.

**bill:** The bill directory contains a README file and two sub-directories: asm for Assembly and sen for Senate. The sen and asm sub-directories point to additional sub-directories grouped in numerical ranges of 50 bills. The numerical sub-directories correspond to bill numbers and contain files of specific information for each bill: text of each version of the bill, complete bill history, current bill status, all bill analyses, vote information, and, if applicable, a veto message.

The bill directory also contains four index files. The two Senate index files contain a list of Senate bills with author and topic. One index file is sorted by bill number, and one is sorted by author. The two Assembly index files contain a list of Assembly bills with author and topic. One index file is sorted by bill number, and one is sorted by author.

**code:** The code directory contains a README file and 29 sub-directories corresponding to the 29 California Codes. It also contains 29 Table of Contents files. These files contain a Table of Contents for each Code. The 29 sub-directories are named by their Code abbreviation.

Each of the 29 sub-directories is broken down into two additional levels of sub-directories. One level is grouped into numerical ranges of 1000 Code section numbers, and the second level into numerical ranges of 100 Code section numbers. The second level sub-directories contain files of Code section text.

00001-01000, 01001-02000, etc. numerical ranges of 1000
00001-00100, 00101-00200, etc. numerical ranges of 100

**constitution:** The constitution directory contains a README file, a Table of Contents file, and 24 sub-directories corresponding to the 24 Articles of the State Constitution. The sub-directories are named by the Article number. The sub-directories contain files of Constitution section text for each Article.

**statute:** The statute directory contains a README file and sub-directories grouped in numerical ranges of 50 chapters. The numerical sub-directories correspond to chapter numbers and contain files of the text of each statute.

**public input:** Comments and messages about the new system can be sent by E-mail to: comments@leginfo.public.ca.gov

**Plans For The Future?**

Sources from the Legislative Counsel Bureau report that the public is accessing the data, and do indeed want a Gopher front-end that will allow easier navigation of the files. Investigation of the feasibility of providing that service continues, and looks promising. The public has also expressed great interest in having the README guide available in ASCII format for ease in printing as well as Postscript; that capability should be present within the next few weeks. Legislative Counsel staff encourage and appreciate helpful comments and suggestions from the users of the service.

Other individuals and organizations have expressed interest in providing the information with value added to it. Questions about one such service can be directed to Ray Kiddy, Ganymede Resources, via E-mail to ray@svpal.org. Also, the information is available via the gopher at UC Santa Cruz. Those who have a Gopher client can gopher to gopher.ucsc.edu; those who simply have telnet capability can telnet to infoslug.ucsc.edu and login as infoslug. The Melvyl USE command will also connect to infoslug. Questions can be directed to Steve Watkins at watkins@scilibx.UCSC.EDU

Assembly Member Bowen seems to have touched a chord. Not only did her bill follow closely upon legislation passed at the federal level in the last legislative session providing that government
CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

by Todd Bennett,
Vice-President/President Elect

We will be celebrating our 15th year with the 1994-95 association year beginning on June 1st. NOCALL has grown tremendously over the years, both in terms of size and caliber. I take pride in our chapter for all of its talent, spirit and warmth. The members who volunteer to participate on committees, special projects and the Board truly make a difference and help to shape the future of our chapter. Volunteering is also a great way meet new friends and colleagues, develop new professional skills and have fun in the process. Please consider sharing some of your time and talent with NOCALL this year! Feel free to give me a call for more information at (415) 955-3659, or simply send the following form:

NOCALL VOLUNTEER FORM

Yes, I would like to be more involved with NOCALL.

I am interested in the following committees: (consult the front of this issue for a list)

Committees: 1st Choice __________________________

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Are you interested in chairing a committee? Which one? __________________________

Please mail or fax this form to: Todd Bennett
NOCALL Vice President/President Elect
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information be made available in electronic format (the GPO WINDO bill), but she has followed up her success with four new bills in California’s extraordinary legislative session that began in January. AB 2523, 2524, 2525, and 2547 all provide electronic access to legislative information currently available only in print format, or provide for the creation of a shared electronic database among state agencies that would also be accessible to the public. In addition, Assemblyman Tom Bates (D-Oakland) has introduced a bill (AB 2451) providing that the information produced by state and local agencies that is "computerized" and subject to public disclosure should be made available over the Internet without fee. If passed, state agency staff will once again have their hands full, but that’s job security, I guess! NOCALL’s Government Relation Committee will be monitoring those bills as they move through the legislative process. That task has been made much easier for the committee and for any member of the public as a result of the new service provided by the California legislature and its supporting agencies.
GRANTS AVAILABLE TO ATTEND AALL CONVENTION OR INSTITUTE

The NOCALL Executive Board has approved up to $2,400 in grants to the AALL Annual Convention and up to $1,500 in grants to the AALL Summer Institutes. This will enable the Grants Committee to award three $800 grants to the convention and two $750 grants to the institutes.

The Grants Committee’s guidelines are as follows:

1) Candidates must be members of NOCALL

2) Grants will be made on the basis of:
   a. proven ability
   b. financial need
   c. promise of future usefulness and permanence to the law library field

3) Members may receive only one NOCALL grant to an AALL event and one NOCALL grant to a NOCALL event in their lifetime.

The application form for the 1994 AALL Convention and Summer Institutes is on the following page. Please follow instructions carefully.

* Applications and two letters of recommendation must be received by MONDAY, MAY 16. The letters may accompany the application or may be sent under separate cover, but must be received by May 16.

* Both letters of recommendation and the application must be submitted in quadruplicate.

* Applicants assume full responsibility for assuring that all information is received before the deadline. In fairness to others, incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

* Send 4 copies of the application and letters to:

  Georgine O’Connor
  Library
  O’Melveny & Meyers
  Embarcadero Center West
  275 Battery Street
  San Francisco, CA 94111-3305

Members of the 1993-94 Grants Committee are:
Georgine J. O’Connor, Chair; Lille Koski, Mary Sigafoos and John Moore.
NOCALL GRANT APPLICATION TO ATTEND
1994 AALL CONVENTION OR SUMMER INSTITUTE

Name: _________________________________________________________
Employer & address: _____________________________________________
Telephone: _____________________________________________________

Application for: ____ AALL Convention  ____ AALL Institute
If Institute, which one? ___________________________________________

Member of NOCALL? _____ Yes  ____ No. If yes, when did you join? _______
NOCALL programs you have attended:

NOCALL and/or AALL committee served (include dates):

Other professional duties (include dates):

Law Librarian jobs held (include dates, places, titles):

Other relevant employment:

Previous AALL convention or institutes attended (include dates):

Will your employer pay all or part of your expenses? If part, what portion?

Will accepting a grant affect you employer's willingness to pay for all or part of your expenses?

Have you applied for an AALL grant for the convention or institute?

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How do you feel attendance at the convention or institute will benefit you?

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1994 SCALL Institute, Legal Rx

by Todd Bennett,
NOCALL Vice-President/President Elect

The Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL) held their 22nd annual Institute at the Hotel Inter-Continental in downtown Los Angeles on February 11th & 12th. Legal Rx: Issues in Health Care Law was chosen as the theme of the Institute. Robin Mayper, SCALL Vice President, chaired the event.

Legal Rx was a very timely and important Institute. Health care law is a topic that affects us all, both as law librarians and as individuals. The programs which were presented covered many of the crucial issues confronting this complex area of the law, such as health care reform and bioethics.

Much information that is pertinent to librarians was presented as well. SCALL published an outstanding bibliography as part of the program materials. One program was devoted to on-line sources. This was particularly useful in learning about both legal-medical information and the wealth of pure medical information available on-line.

There were two programs I found especially insightful and enjoyable. The first one, How Privileged and Confidential are Medical Records? was presented by Daniel Willick, Esq. Mr. Willick, who is also involved in the Menendez trial, explained how attorneys are more bound to confidentiality than health care professionals. The second program was Bioethics and the Law, was presented by Michael H. Shapiro, Professor of Law at the University of Southern California. Prof. Shapiro delivered a very humorous and provocative talk. Biotechnology has created problems and relationships that have never existed before through the fragmentation and reconstruction of the life process.

Ann Puckett, AALL Executive Board Member, was the guest luncheon speaker. Ann reported on the activities of the Board and headquarters. One of the things Ann reported on was how each AALL Board Member randomly calls an association member every month. This is a great way to help keep members connected to Board and for the Board to solicit feedback. I'd like to see NOCALL take headquarters' example and give this a try on the local chapter level. I plan to present a proposal to the Board at our next meeting.

Lastly, I want to congratulate SCALL for a very successful and elegant Institute. Robin and her committee did a tremendous job. The experience of attending the SCALL Institute was very inspiring for me in planning the NOCALL Spring Institute.

Roundtable for Newer Academic Law Librarians

Has your environment changed lately? New job, new career, new . . . well, it's always something out there. The Seattle Annual Meeting theme is Changing Environments. Come and discuss your environment with like-minded colleagues at the Roundtable for Newer Academic law Librarians, sponsored by the Academic Law Libraries SIS.

Who is a "newer" academic law librarian? Librarians who are in non-supervisory academic library positions having five years or less professional experience are "new" and welcome at the Roundtable. speakers will discuss issues relevant to new academics and time will be allotted for group discussion. Last year's Roundtable was a great success--while newer academics are encouraged to attend in Seattle, we welcome any member's input in planning the Roundtable. It's a fun way to get to know people and become involved in AALL.

For further information, please contact either Pam Deemer, Emory University Law Library, Gambrell Hall, Atlanta, GA 30322-2780 (phone: 404/445-8836; e-mail: junderwo@mc.edu).
Committee Report

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
by Nancy Hoebelheinrich, Chair

The Government Relations Committee wishes to WELCOME new GRC members: Alana D'Attilio, Reference Librarian at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, San Francisco, Catherine Hardy, Government Documents/Media Librarian at Golden Gate University, San Francisco, and Carolina Capistrano, Legislative Research Incorporated, Sacramento. These new members have already proven their mettle in the short time they have been with us! Other committee members include: Christine Henningfield, California Research Bureau, Susan Van Syckel, McGeorge Law School Library, Ruth Nunez-Schaldach, Sacramento County Law Library, Peg Durkin, UC Davis Law School Library, Evy Posementier, McGeorge Law School Library, Judy Janes, UC Davis Law School Library and Nancy Hoebelheinrich, University of San Francisco Law School Library. Any committee member can be contacted if you wish to notify the committee of an issue or volunteer as a contact person on an issue.

If you have not yet received the latest "edition" of the Tip Sheet produced by the committee that is inserted into the 1994 California Roster, watch for it. It should be arriving soon. Also, the committee is making plans to send more information out to the NOCALL membership via the new NOCALL-List, so if you have not yet subscribed, we urge you to do so. Hopefully, it will become the best way to keep in touch with what your NOCALL organization is doing, but its success depends upon all of us. Internet Coordinator, Joan Loftus (Howard, Rice in SF) has the full scoop on how to subscribe.

The California Library Association with the California Media and Library Educators Association is sponsoring its 13th Annual Legislative Day on May 3rd from 8 am - 4 pm in Sacramento. The Legislative Day provides an excellent opportunity for library staff to meet local legislators and thank them for their past support of libraries as well as encourage them to continue their support. Particularly in light of the many bills affecting libraries that are pending in the legislature, law librarians could take great advantage of this opportunity to "push" our agenda. Cost for the day is $20. Several GRC members will be attending Legislative Day as in the past. If anyone is interested in receiving more information, you can contact Ruth Nunez-Schaldach at Sacramento County Law Library, (916) 440-6012.

FEDERAL ISSUES: Information is current as of April 13, 1994.

HR 820 The Information Technology Applications Act of 1994 (Hollings). This bill was offered as a
substitute amendment of S. 4 (Pell - National Competitiveness Act of 1993) on March 7, 1994 and passed the Senate on March 16, 1994 by a vote of 59 - 40. Its intent is to support projects impacting many areas of American society including libraries, and access to networks by directing the President to implement a "National High-Performance Computing Program." This program is designed to provide research and development of software and hardware for high performance computing and high speed networks, support experimental test bed networks, provide support for researchers, educators, students, libraries, and other appropriate institutions to ensure their access and use of networks, and provide Federal networks for linking Federal agencies with non-Federal networks. The National Science Foundation is charged with fostering the creation of networks to connect institutions of higher education, elementary and secondary schools, libraries, and depository libraries, and Federal, State, and local governments to each other, and also to other networks. The bill has been assigned to a joint conference and returned to the Senate Calendar.

HR 1757 National Information Infrastructure Act of 1993. (Boucher) Legislation outlines the National Research and education Network (NREN) future programs with objectives: networking research and development; experimental test bed networks; and network access support. NSF would encourage local electronic networks in communities for connecting colleges and schools, libraries, museums, and state and local governments to each other and to the Internet as well as other public/private organizations. The legislation also supports the creation of programs to train librarians, students, teachers, and govt workers. The bill was reported in the House, amended (H.Rpt. 103-173) on 7/13/93 and passed by the House on 7/26/93. Concurrence of the Senate was requested and the bill was referred to the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee on 7/27/93. See also House Report 103-173.

S. 1782 (S. Patrick Leahy D-Vt, and S. Hank Brown R-Colo) Electronic Freedom of Information Act of 1993. Bill would give public access to the records of federal agencies maintained in electronic form, and takes steps to alleviate the delays in processing requests for government records. The bill was referred to the Senate Judiciary committee on November 23, 1993.

This legislation builds on the GPO Access bill signed into law last year with provides for electronic access to GPO printed materials (including Federal Register and Congressional Record), and provides for an electronic locator service (GILS) that would not only act as a pointer to government documents, but also link the users with underlying databases. OMB is still accepting comments on the GILS proposal. The latest version of the GILS proposal from OMB has been added to the Library of Congress gopher server, LC MARVEL. Contact the chair, Nancy Hoebelheinrich, if interested in accessing this gopher.

HR 3400 Government Reform and Savings Act passed House in December. This legislation proposes that the statutory requirement that the Federal Register be printed and sold via GPO, allowed agencies not to publish if another federal or nonfederal entity published the same information, empowered the director of OMB to recommend amendments to the law governing the DLP, and eliminated the authority of the JCP over executive branch printing. AALL's GRC and the Special Libraries Association submitted a statement on the dissemination of Federal government information and the Depository Library Program to the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration. For information on how to access the fulltext of AALL's statement, contact Catherine Hardy of Golden Gate University Law School Library. The Senate Rules and Administration Committee is currently marking up Title XIV of this bill which deals with these issues and is beginning negotiations with the Office of Management and Budget on the final version.
 STATE ISSUES: Information is current as of April 8, 1994.

Legislative Database Available Over the Internet!!

The Legislative database promised by the passage of AB 1624 during the last legislative session is now up and running. See related article on page seven for more information about the database.

AB 2451 (Bates), introduced January 4, 1994; amended April 4th and 7th, 1994. This bill would require the Office of Information Technology (OIT) in the Department of Finance to develop a plan by January 1, 1996 that would provide free statewide computer assisted public access to government information that has been computerized and is subject to public disclosure. The OIT would be required to work with all state agencies including the State Library, appropriate federal and local agencies and members of the public to develop and implement the plan. The information included under this bill would be that "computerized" information available to the public under the California Public Records Act, and the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

The California Public Records Act (Government Code, Section 6250 generally), declares that individuals have the right of access to "information concerning the conduct of the people’s business" while being mindful of the right of individuals to privacy. This Act provides that the "public records" of state or local agencies (defined in Section 6252) shall be open to inspection (except as provided or exempted in the code). The exemptions are listed in Section 6254 and are much too lengthy to describe here, but include such records as initiative, referendum and recall petitions, preliminary drafts, notes, or interagency memoranda not ordinarily kept by an agency, tax records that would result in "unfair competitive advantage" to the taxpayer submitting the records, most correspondence of and to the Governor, etc.

The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Government Code, Section 11120 generally), provides essentially the same requirements for a "state body" including boards, commissions, committees created by or exercising any authority as delegated by a state body (defined in Sections 11121 - 11121.7). One example of such a state body is the California Commission on the Status of Women.

The GRC committee submitted a letter to the author of the bill expressing some concerns about it which resulted in the bill being amended on April 4th, and subsequently sent a letter of support to the chairman of the Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization to which the bill had been assigned. The bill has now passed from the committee with the recommendation of a further amendment, and its re-referral to the Committee on Local Government. The second amendment was made on April 7th. A hearing date has not yet been assigned.

AB 2523 (Bowen), introduced 1/14/94; amended 3/8/94. This bill would require that the Controller of the State develop a master plan that provides for networking between all state agencies and the judiciary so that they use a shared database, and make that network available to the public by January 1, 1995. The author believes that existing computer resources should be directed toward a coordinated statewide, multi-agency, long term effort to link systems, thus allowing inter-agency communication and information sharing. The bill was assigned to the Committee on Consumer Protection, Government Efficiency, and Economic Development. A hearing was held before this committee on April 6th. The bill was passed by a 6 - 3 vote and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. The GRC committee is watching the progress of this bill at present.

AB 2524 (Bowen), introduced 1/14/94. This bill would require that any agency which had information that would quality as an "identifiable public record" in electronic format must make that information available in that format upon request - at the actual cost of providing the information in that format. The bill was assigned to the Committee on Governmental Organization which held a
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hearing on March 15th. The Committee passed the bill as amended by a vote of 12 - 1 and re-referred the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means. The GRC committee is watching the progress of this bill at present.

**AB 2525** (Bowen and Senator Kopp), introduced 1/14/94; amended 3/22/94. This bill would require that any correspondence from a state agency or department which advocates or provides information to the Governor that would enable him or her to take a position on pending legislation not be exempted from the requirement of disclosure as it now is. The bill was assigned to the Committee on Governmental Organization which held a hearing on April 5, 1994. The bill passed that Committee by a vote of 10 - 5 and has been re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. We will watch this bill closely and may address some concerns about it to the author of the bill.

**AB 2547** (Bowen), introduced 1/19/94; amended 3/22/94. This bill provides that the data available in the LEGINFO.PUBLIC.CA.GOVT database be open for public inspection according to the requirements of the California Public Records Act. The bill was passed by the Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization on April 5th and has been referred to the Senate Rules Committee. The GRC will send a letter of support to the Chairman of the Senate Rules Committee.

**SB 1637** (Killea), introduced 2/23/94. This bill would eliminate the limit on the fees assessed for county law libraries that has been in effect for damages claims falling within the jurisdiction of the small claims court. The bill would delete a similar exemption for an additional $1 fee that has been charged to defray the cost of micrographics and automated record-keeping systems for the county clerk, and the municipal and justice courts, and would delete an existing January 1, 1996 repeal date of authorization for the additional fee. The bill has been assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee and a hearing set for April 26th. The GRC is analyzing this bill to decide whether to send a letter in support of it.

**SB 1865** (Campbell), introduced 2/24/94. A year or so ago, a bill was successfully passed into law (AB 3692, Chap. 1149, Statutes of 1992) which required that $50 of the $250 filing fee for civil cases before the Court of Appeals be placed in a special General Fund account called the California State Law Library Special Account. The repeal date of this requirement was January 1, 1995. This bill would extend the repeal date of the requirement to January 1, 2000. The bill has been assigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee and set for hearing on April 18th. The GRC will send a letter in support of this bill.

**UC EXTENSION SUMMER COURSES**

*Online Searching and Electronic Research*: 10 weeks, June 6 to August 15, Mondays 6:30-9:30 p.m., in San Francisco, $450 with use of UC computer facilities for homework, $400 without.

*Basic Reference Skills*: one-day workshop, Tuesday, June 21, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in San Francisco, $115.

*Using the Internet, Part I: Introduction and Techniques*: one-day course, Saturday, July 9, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Berkeley, $200.

*Using the Internet, Part II: Resource Tools*: one-day course, Saturday, August 6, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Berkeley, $185.

*How to Find Clients: Marketing an Information Business*: two-day workshop, Saturdays, July 16 and 21, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in San Francisco, $175.

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Quarterly Report of the Treasurer
Fiscal Year 1993-1994
December 1, 1993 - February 28, 1994

BALANCE, November 30, 1993 $ 29,627.07

INCOME:

Membership Dues $ 287.50
Membership Labels 40.00
Newsletter Advertising 2,970.00
Union List Sales 200.00
Checking Account Interest 79.30
Miscellaneous .00

$ 3,756.80 $ 3,756.80

EXPENSES:

Membership Envelopes $ 59.51
Newsletter Printing 699.83
Newsletter Postage 908.61
Union List 2,674.80
Fall Workshop 195.00
Spring Institute 128.76
SCALL Institute 361.30
Government Relations (CA Journal) 347.44
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**Food from the Bar Food Drive**

**SCALES OF JUSTICE WEIGH IN FOR THE HUNGRY**

Food Banks in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties will benefit from canned food drives organized by the legal community. Law firms, law libraries and companies allied with the legal community will collect nonperishable canned goods from May 9-20 as part of the Food from the Bar drive.

Food from the Bar, the legal community's food drive, will help feed more than 100,000 low-income children who will not receive subsidized meals when their schools recess for summer vacation. Suzanne Dyer, Reference Librarian at the Alameda County Law Library, said, "This is a great opportunity for all of us involved with the law to do something positive for the community at large. Few people realize the problems families face because children don't have access to breakfast and lunch at school."

Law firms and law libraries interested in participating in "Food from the Bar" can call 800-870-FOOD to reach the local Food Bank in their county. Food Banks can provide food collection barrels, posters and tip-sheets for a successful drive.

Bay Area Food Banks distribute more than 30 million pounds of food each year to 1,025 social service agencies feeding people who may be unemployed, homeless, in low-wage jobs or have AIDS or other disabilities. Each month, 250,000 people, the majority of whom are families with children, benefit from the food collected and distributed by Bay Area Food Banks.

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

by Lee Ryan,
Chair, Membership Committee

**Renewal Notices for 1994-95 are Coming!**

The Committee is preparing renewal notices now, and plans to send them out in late May. NOCALL members should receive their renewal notices before the second week in June. If you have not received your renewal notice by June 15th, please call Lee Ryan at (415) 666-2253.

**Members’ Accomplishments**


**Name Changes**

I have received the following changes and/or corrections to members' names: Margaret Greene of Hastings is now Margaret Arnold

**New Members**

Since the last issue of the newsletter went to press, NOCALL has welcomed 13 new members. They are:
Cristina Arias, Librarian
Santana, George, Preston, Steffen & Katzen
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Fax: (415) 565-4568
NOCALL status: Active; AALL member? Yes

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Oakland, CA 94611
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NOCALL status: Student;
AALL member? No

Carol Coon
Documents Manager, San Francisco Public Library
51 Wildwood Place
El Cerrito, CA 94530
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NOCALL status: Active; AALL member? No

Lori Lieberman, Library Manager
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Fax: (310) 203-0567
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AALL member? Yes

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AALL member? Yes

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AALL member? No

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AALL member? No
Betty Merritt, Senior Law Librarian
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Fax: (415) 554-6820
NOCALL status: Active; AALL member? No

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NOCALL status: Student; AALL member? Yes

Changes in Directory Information for Continuing Members
Since the last issue of the newsletter went to press the committee has received the following changes for continuing members. Other members who need to update their membership information are encouraged to call me at (415) 666-2253.

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NOCALL status: Active; AALL member? Yes

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Phone: (415) 962-2239
NOCALL status: Active; AALL member? No

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Phone: (209) 277-8424
NOCALL status: Active; AALL member? Yes

Robin Jackson, Librarian
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NOCALL status: Active; AALL member? Yes
NOCALL New Member Application
1993/94

To join NOCALL, please fill out this form and send it, with a check payable to "NOCALL" to:

Michael Jones, Senior Librarian
California Attorney General's Office
455 Golden Gate Avenue, Room 6248
San Francisco, CA 94102

Membership / Directory Information

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Last name: ________________________________

Title: ________________________________

Firm/Organization: ________________________________

Mailing Address: ________________________________

City: ___________ State: _____ Zip: ___________

Phone: ________________________________

Fax: ________________________________

E-mail: ________________________________

Are you a member of AALL? _____ Yes _____ No

____ NOCALL occasionally sells its mailing list to organizations related to law librarianship. Check here if you do not want your name to appear on such a list.

Membership Type / Dues Amount
(Please check one. Categories are defined in the NOCALL by-laws. Please call Lee Ryan, (415) 666-2253 with questions about categories.)

_____ Active Member (dues: $25.00)
_____ Associate Member (dues: $25.00)
_____ Retired Member (dues: $10.00)
_____ Student Member (dues: $7.50)
_____ Total Enclosed
AALL Mentor Project

The purposes of the Mentor Project are three-fold: to provide an informal, personal source of information for newer members; to provide an avenue by which experienced law librarians (Mentors) may meet promising new members of the profession; and to provide a network for members who are contemplating a move to another type of law library.

The Mentor Project is open to librarians from all types of libraries. Each participant will be assigned to a member whose profile matches, as closely as possible, his or her request. Applications will be reviewed by the Special Committee on Mentoring which includes representatives from a wide range of employer categories.

*If you are applying to be a mentor and you have worked in more than one type of library, mark P by the type(s) of libraries you have worked for in the past and N by the type of library you work in now. If you're applying to be a mentee and are contemplating a move to another type of library, mark N by the type of library you work in now and F by the type of library you hope to move to in the future.

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_____ I want to be a mentor _____ I want to be a mentee

Mentors/Mentees can either fill out the following or contact the committee/category representatives (see adjacent listings) with their selections or for further information. All category selections are confidential.

I want to be matched according to: (check all that apply)

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☐ Court ☐ Independent ☐ Law School ☐ Other _______

_____ Job category (check one)

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How long have you been an AALL member? ________ years
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PLACEMENT NEWS

by Alan MacDougall,
Chair, Placement Committee

The Placement Committee maintains files of resumes and position descriptions for librarians and library assistants. If you are looking for a position, please send twelve copies of your resume to Alan MacDougall, Reference Librarian, Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison, Spear Street Tower, One Market Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94105 or call (415) 979-2715. If you are recruiting for a position, mail, fax or e-mail a copy of the position description to Alan, and he will send you resumes of those looking for jobs. FAX: (415) 979-2966. Internet: amacdougall@brobeck.com.

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Qualifications: MLS from an ALA accredited program; previous reference and technical experience in a college or university library, preferably including a law collection, including administrative responsibilities; ability to articulate and build support for a vision of an academic library; familiarity with automated/electronic data systems; demonstrated competence in collection management and acquisition; basic knowledge of audio-visual resources; excellent interpersonal skills.

The College: Humphreys College is an independent, non-profit institution of higher education with three campuses serving the Northern San Joaquin Valley area of California. Established in 1896, the College enrolls over 800 students in undergraduate programs and the law school.

To apply: Send a letter of application, resume, and 3 current letters of reference to: Dr. George A. Condon, Dean of the College, Humphreys College, 6650 Inglewood Avenue, Stockton, CA 95207.

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