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## *A Message from the President*

**W**elcome to a new NOCALL year! I am happy to report that this year the Executive Board reflects NOCALL's status as a regional association with members from San Francisco, the Peninsula and Sacramento. This year marks several firsts in NOCALL's 19 year history: the first Chapter participation in the KQED pledge drive, the first joint NOCALL-SCALL reception sponsored by West Group in Anaheim, the first joint Institute to be held by the two chapters in Monterey the last weekend in February and the first Executive Board meeting by conference call which took place successfully on August 25. With the skillful use of conference calls, e-mail, and the NOCALL-List, I believe many more people have the opportunity to partici-

pate in NOCALL activities. If you'd like to volunteer for any committee, work on the Institute or just chat about NOCALL in general, please contact me or any of the other executive board members. Our phone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed on the verso of the page.

And while I'm thinking about it, I would like to put out the first call for volunteers interested in organizing a 20th Anniversary celebration for NOCALL in the year 2000 (two years from now). We've got some time here to plan it, if we want to. Please let me know your ideas. ♦

— Mary Ann Parker  
*President*

## **IMPRESSIONS OF THE AALL ANNUAL MEETING IN ANAHEIM**

— Charles Cronin, SIMS Student —

**I**'m one of those odd people who like Los Angeles, which means I was particularly pleased to have a chance to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Anaheim. Until a couple of years ago I worked as an academic in music. I found the annual meetings of the American Musicological Society somewhat drab affairs, with verbatim readings of scholarly papers on truly rarefied topics. I

was, therefore, happily surprised by the rather more freewheeling quality at the AALL, with the majority of the presentations dealing with practical issues of daily concern to law librarians, like the use of web databases.

I've joked with a fellow graduate student in

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## From the Editor's Desk

**REMINDERS.** Some of the articles in this issue remind us of last summer — what we read for pleasure and what some of us saw and heard at the AALL Annual Meeting in Anaheim. It also reminds us that no matter how routine some of the things we do are, there is always a light side (The Zen of Filing).

And finally, this issue includes some items you may want to respond to or follow up on — the NOCALL Grant Application, NOCALL Award for Professional Achievement, and the NOCALL January Business Meeting.

As always, I welcome your suggestions at jcaporaso@mdbe.com.

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*A special thanks from Jenny Kanji for your support and encouragement during her leave of absence.*

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# Musings from Mark

Mark Mackler, Kenney & Markowitz

**A FEARLESS PREDICTION...**I predict that by the time y'all read this, the State Bar of Texas will have dropped its ill-conceived attempt to force Nolo Press out of the market in that state. The State Bar has charged Nolo with unauthorized practice of law, and in doing so has drawn widespread attention to itself—most of it negative.

**BIRDS OF A FEATHER...**Prior to the June primary election a few months ago, I volunteered to be a San Francisco poll worker. Training was mandatory, so I trekked down early one Saturday morning to the temporary City Hall on Van Ness Avenue. During the session, I began to talk with the woman sitting next to me. We wound up talking during our breaks, and at the conclusion of the session we went out for dessert together. It was one of those funny situations where you meet a stranger and experience instant affinity. It wasn't until we went our separate ways that we asked each other what we did for a living. Turns out that she's a tech service librarian at City College!



**SHAMELESS COMMERCE DIVISION...**is how Tom and Ray (aka Click and Clack on "Car Talk", one of my favorite programs on NPR) describe their efforts to peddle their "Car Talk" tapes, t-shirts, etc. Well, if they can do it, so can "Musings." I want to take a moment to plug the AALL Resource Guides. There will be eight in all, and I have the first three. They are: How to Hire a Law Librarian, Expanding Roles for Law Librarians, and Space Planning for Law Libraries. The Guides are concise, attractive, and jargon-free. You could give them to your Library Partner and Firm Administrator with the reasonable expectation that they would read them! For ordering information, contact AALL Headquarters.

**JUST ONE MORE THING...**On the afternoon of my return from AALL in Anaheim, I was waiting in the United baggage claim area at SFO. Although it wasn't a peak passenger period, the area was very crowded. Apparently, a major sales convention of Infiniti reps was about to begin in San Francisco that weekend.

As I waited for the luggage to begin to tumble onto the carousel, I couldn't help but notice a few things. All the Infinity people were exquisitely dressed. They all looked polished, poised and extraordinarily presentable. Even their luggage was top of the line. Oh, I almost forgot to tell you that Infiniti had arranged for limousines to pick up the reps and to take them to their hotels. My question for you: Would you rather be a law librarian or an Infiniti sales representative?

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Information Systems about how, when we were at law school — over ten years ago in my case — law librarianship was never broached by faculty and students as a potential career path. But now that I know myself better, and legal informatics has changed, this is the only aspect of law I can imagine working in. This was brought home to me at Anaheim where, wending my way through the maze of vendors, I realized that I found the exhibits interesting because of their emphasis on what I consider the artful issues of organization and presentation of information. I liked them all — not only the predictably splashy and extensive displays of Westlaw and Lexis, but also the more modest ventures where, for instance, I was amazed to come across works like BINELL's Bibliography of Nineteenth-Century Legal Literature, a nice antidote to the rather more practical information resources of most vendors.



I much appreciated the fact that most AALL committee meetings are open. The Copyright Committee, for instance, made me feel entirely welcome, and I liked hearing about database protection, WIPO treaty ratification, copyright term extension, and so on, from those intimately familiar with the status of pending legislation on these matters. I hope to become involved with this committee, and am glad to have had an opportunity to meet its current members in person at Anaheim.

**T**his summer I'm working on project at Stanford Law Library. One of the librarians there told me that the grand old man of law librarianship from Stanford used to tell them that the most important aspect of the AALL Annual meeting was not the presentations, not the exhibits, not the committee meetings, but rather the opportunity to meet new members of the profession, and renew old acquaintances. I took this as my cue at my first AALL meeting, and am grateful to NOCALL for having made possible this very sociable introduction to the profession. ♦



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# San Diegans Form AALL Chapter

— Brent Bernau, *SANDALL President* —

**A**fter several years of presenting locally well-received and convenient educational programs as an informal subset of SCALL, San Diego County members received approval at the Anaheim AALL meeting to operate as an official AALL chapter—the Association's 31st. The San Diego Area Law Libraries is known as SANDALL.

The new SANDALL Board hopes to work cooperatively with SCALL and complement its educational activities. For example, plans are already underway to produce a one-day workshop to which SCALL members would be invited at the members' rate. NOCALL offers a fall workshop as well as a Spring Institute. SANDALL hopes to fill an educational need and cement our cooperative relationship with SCALL by offering a Fall Workshop for all Southern Californians. This year, however, because of our late start, we hope to offer the Workshop in April or March, well after the joint SCALL-NOCALL Institute. In future years, we would plan it as a fall activity.

SANDALL bylaws require that the group not meet during the same calendar week as SCALL. This is to encourage and enable San Diegans to participate in both groups. For example, we recently found our Holiday lunch was scheduled for the same day as SCALL's Holiday Dinner. We promptly rescheduled it for the following week. It should be noted that our bylaws state no geographical limitation. In other words, anyone can belong to SANDALL. In the spirit of cooperation, we hope that SCALL will leave its boundaries unchanged.

While the group is technically a new one, it really has been around for a long time. While it has grown and matured over the past ten or so years from an informal group within SCALL, its members have learned that a county-based group is highly effective in meeting their needs. They found that they got real benefits from monthly brown bag presentations, which someone who worked in a small or one-person library, for example, could attend regularly during lunch. This same person might have to forgo meetings of our regional group because she was unable to be absent from the office most or all of the day to commute the distances involved for those meetings.

SANDALL's 84 members have been and continue to be very active in their professional development through monthly brown bag meetings that feature a speaker or presentation of relevance to the issues, developments and problems they face. In addition to presenting educational programs, SANDALL members for quite some time

have produced their own newsletter and membership directory, as well as maintained their own web page (<http://www.acusd.edu/sandall/>) and listserv ([listserv@lists.acusd.edu](mailto:listserv@lists.acusd.edu)). They have several active committees, including one which recently produced a salary survey, as well as an Internet Special Interest Group which also presents regular educational programs.

**I**n short, SANDALL members have been doing many of the things one would expect a chapter to do. They've done it well, and they've done it for years. It's only natural that a formalized relationship with AALL would have been sought and achieved.

SANDALL members are very appreciative of the support SCALL members and the SCALL Executive Board have given us. President David McFadden and Past President Laura Cadra were especially helpful during the chapterhood petition process. We hope to continue to build on this cooperative and complementary relationship.

**S**ANDALL officers for 1998-99 were inducted October 8 and conducted their first Board meeting on October 14. (We got a late start our first year, since we waited for AALL chapterhood approval before beginning the election process. Current terms end June 30, 1999. Normally, terms will be July 1 - June 30.) Officers include: Vice President Carmen Brigandi, California Western School of Law; Treasurer Nanna K. Frye, California Court of Appeal; Secretary Ruth Levor, University of San Diego Legal Research Center; and Past President Barbara Glennan, California Western School of Law.



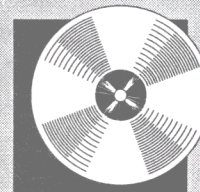


## The Desktop of the Future

— Noralynn Harlowe, West Group —

**T**homas Fleming of Piper & Marbury discussed the practical issues confronting a law practice trying to move desktop technology forward.

- Mr. Fleming emphasized that users must stay involved in any technology project that affects the desktop. As internet access is designed, underlying considerations include providing knowledge instead of simply information, understanding the users' needs and mission, understanding the organization (setups, hardware, software will all vary depending on the organization), flexibility with respect to new ways of finding and accessing information.
- Redundancy is important in designing a new system. For some, paper is the backup for electronic, for others, electronic is the backup for paper. A corollary is that any new technology implementation must be fully tested before turning it over to users ("test, test, test").
- When planning a new system, be sure to identify the hidden costs. These include the time needed to purchase hardware and software. There may be negotiations involved, particularly if there are licensing issues. Also, training can be costly in time and money. A successful training program can get a user up and running in 15 minutes. The new system must be intuitive for this to be possible. Another hidden cost is the staff time needed to mount, maintain, and update a new technology. For example, in Mr. Fleming's firm, it can take 40 man-hours to mount a new CD-ROM and have it available through the network.
- Vendors need to build online systems to the legal research paradigm. They need to work with users to achieve this result. Online can create efficiencies. For example, University of Baltimore has gotten rid of interlibrary loans by scanning requested material and making it available through the internet. There may be some copyright or licensing issues that will need to be addressed as this sort of service grows.
- Sally Wiant, Washington & Lee University law librarian, spoke about Copyright and Licensing issues. She noted that the copyright notice is not required and often is not present on internet material.
- The proposed Database Protection Bill deals with misappropriation of information rather than copyright issues. It would regulate the use of information in a compilation (e.g., Lexis or Westlaw), even if the information is public domain. There is a debate as to how fair use would apply.
- Some copyright issues arising from electronic access to data include: Reproduction - when a PC is used to access data, it creates a reproduction when information is retrieved.
- Distribution - If there is no exemption from the distribution restrictions, is every transmission or view of data on a PC violating copyright (is a copy of data captured in RAM a legally significant copy?). Adaptation - does changing paper to electronic violate the adaptation right?
- Display - information appearing on a PC screen is a display.
- There is legislation to create some exemptions. The Digital Millennium Copyright Act passed the Senate. HR 2281 is in hearings. There is a debate on the extent to which fair use and other exemptions apply in the electronic environment.
- Many of the problems stem from the fact that the electronic world is different from paper. Every digital copy is an original. And the ease of copy and distribution is remarkable. There needs to be language that recognizes and defines electronic fair use.
- A library should be able to put a single copy of information on reserve, accessible from a student's PC. But this becomes a copy when accessed by the student. Publishers are concerned with "electronic course packs" that create multiple electronic copies for classroom use.
- There needs to be a distinction between course packs and supplemental material on "library reserve." And as there is more distance learning/education, the definition of a student becomes less clear. The Copyright Office is studying distance education issues with respect to digital information.
- Issues in licensing abound with respect to shrinkwrap licenses, which become valid once the shrinkwrap is broken. How will this apply to content other than software applications? "Click-on" licenses also are a concern. These are licenses where users click on "I agree" language to use a particular online system. Some of the issues include the fact that there is no opportunity to negotiate terms of these licenses. And if someone in the course of work agrees to one of these licenses by clicking or opening shrinkwrap, can the employing organization be bound?
- UCC 2B contains draft amendments to address information that a user has a right to only for the term of a license. Ms. Wiant is concerned that the draft is more significant than contemplated, and should be carefully studied.
- Some advice when dealing with licenses:
  - Do not sign a contract that prevents you from disclosing information to others
  - Do not pay for undelivered features (or features you cannot use)
  - Do not pay premiums to beta test
  - If a user is archiving information for backup purposes or otherwise, what happens when the license expires? And if an electronic information licensing company goes out of business, who maintains the archival files?





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- 1 Richardson v. Corvallis Public School Dist. No. 1, 1997 WL 795819, \*2+ (Mont. Dec. 23, 1997) (NO. 96-497) ★★★★★ HN: 1,2

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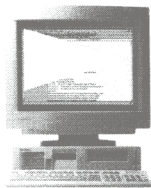
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*Marines' Memorial Club & Hotel  
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Friday, January 22, 1999*

*11:30 a.m. - 12 Noon : No Host Bar at Commandants Room, 10th floor*

*12 Noon - 2:30 p.m.: Luncheon: Commandants Room  
Guest Speaker : Frank Liu, AALL Executive Board Member  
Business Meeting will follow lunch*

*Advanced Registration is required.*

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# A Conventioneer's Enriching Experience

— Greg Fite, Bernard E. Witkin Alameda County Law Library —

I hadn't attended an AALL convention since July, 1992 in San Francisco, so I had almost forgotten how much fun it could be. My library sent five of our six librarians to the convention this year because of its location in California, because we had an exhibit hall table, and because we needed to fill a Systems Librarian position. I decided to seek a NOCALL grant to help defray the library's expenses. This put me in touch with my colleague and friend, Mary Sigafoos. She happily processed my application, and voila! Into the car I went, and down I drove on Interstate 5 to "The Happiest Place on Earth."

I knew it would be a good convention because the first person I ran into was Mary Sigafoos, who arrived at the WestCoast Anaheim Hotel just as I did. Later that evening, I dined with Mary Ann Parker at the Hilton. We laughed and joked over the strange environment we were in and got caught up on who was at the convention.

My colleague and friend from work, Bob Podlech, met me Sunday morning to set up our library's exhibit. We were so busy putting together our display with photos of the Bernard E. Witkin Alameda County Law Library and a laptop with our web page, that we both missed the Sunday keynote speech by John Davenport, so I asked Mary Sigafoos to recount it for me later.

I attended many of the presentations in Anaheim and picked up literature from a few I didn't attend. I learned a lot about several web-based information services I had never used at "Broadening the Horizon: The Use of For-Profit, Web-Based Legal Information Databases." I learned about VersusLaw, LOIS, Lexis on the web, and West. Our library actually decided to subscribe to VersusLaw's @Tikus kiosk online service as a result of what we learned. Criteria for selecting a web-based service include: content, cost, currency, functionality, and user-friendli-

ness. I enjoyed the somewhat more light-hearted presentation, "New Horizons Meet the Lost Horizon: Law and the Movies in the Law Library." They showed some good film clips, including Atticus Finch's great courtroom summation on justice in "To Kill a Mockingbird," delivered masterfully by Gregory Peck. What followed was a discussion on film resources for creating a video collection in an academic law library.

On Monday, I enjoyed the keynote speaker, John Barlow of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, as he humorously and stirringly elucidated his view of the importance of the advent of the worldwide

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web. That anarchic, ever-changing, world-spanning network of linked computers is now enabling widespread and almost instantaneous dissemination of ideas and resources. He urged us to be "guerrilla warriors" on the frontlines protecting the public's right to know and defending public access against undue copyright and censorship restrictions. He developed his view of the new ethic emerging in this cyber-world and went into some detail about the changing nature of community,

both on the web and in real places. He was very critical of publishers, most pointedly the West Group, who wish to create copyright barriers to what should be freely accessible public information. He also made a strong case, based on his own experience as a "junior varsity" songwriter for the Grateful Dead, on the counter-intuitive economics of information dissemination. He described how the band, early in its career, was just as restrictive about bootleg recordings as any other band. They played mostly in small-to medium-sized venues at the time. Then one day, the band decided to take a chance and allow audience members to record and distribute concert tapes to other people, provided they shared the tapes for free. Voila! All sorts of people started hearing what the band sounded like in live concerts and their popularity skyrocketed. He said that publishers and information vendors could learn from this: Free dissemination of information and literary works may actually expand your potential market way beyond what it might otherwise be. Folks who have used your free resources will eventually be glad to pay for their own copies or for your other services. In fact, many hitherto obscure writers and poets are finding this to be true: by being on the web, they create a new market for their work.

Later, I attended a very valuable workshop on vendor relations, "Beyond the Next Horizon: No More Fear and Loathing in Vendor Relationships." This largely unscripted presentation allowed law librarians to speak directly to high-level vendor representatives from the West Group, Hein, etc. about their concerns over billing procedures, inflation, changes in customer representation, and merger follow-up work being done by the West Group. This C.R.I.V.-sponsored event allowed us to air our grievances in a constructive setting. Not all our concerns were resolved: just look at the e-mail that flies around on the NOCALL Net and the AALL Net, and you will know there are many unsolved problems concerning con-



tent, over-billing, how to solve invoice problems, publisher inflation, replacement of missing pages, and whom to contact. Still, this was more constructive than past librarian-vendor meetings, and vendor-bashing was held to a minimum. I hope to see much more like this!

I enjoyed (and sweated!) on the Hein "Fun Run" Tuesday but missed the Tuesday keynote speech by G. Burgess Allison. Luckily, our library has purchased the tape and I have had a chance to "catch up." His comments on how our profession can take the lead in selecting appropriate hardware and software to make effective and efficient use of office Intranets and software applications really hit the mark. Like all good people, he had his chance to put down Bill Gates! Later that day, I enjoyed the presentation entitled "The Intranet Launch: Misfire or Milestone?" Adrian White of Howard University described the university's successful new Intranet system, which includes e-mail and access links to the library's online catalog among other things. Ann Walsh Long of Hunton and White, based in Richmond, VA, described how the law firm's new Intranet has been designed to be an in-house, multi-location resource. It is especially useful to attorneys working at remote branches of the law firm. Both presenters showed how this new type of collective network can

become an indispensable resource. The presentation, "CD-ROM: Lasting or Transitional Format?" provided a good overview of the development of this "new" technology, with a good critique of its faults and advantages given both

by Penny Hazelton of the University of Washington Marion Gould Gallagher Law Library and by Mike Wilens of the West Group. Both presenters did a great job of mixing humor, PowerPoint interactive visual displays, and analysis in their review of the technology and the likely near-term future of CD-ROM. They also looked at Internet, Intranet, and DVD resources to show where CD-ROM fits into the mix now and in the future. Wilens discussed how new technologies diffuse throughout organizations and societies. The question of archival materials was raised in the Q & A afterward. AALL is currently working with the Library of Congress on this topic, and will hold a summit in January, 1999 on the subject of

preservation planning. I am sure this will be of great interest to academic and court law libraries.

I attended the State, Court and County Law Libraries SIS meeting on Wednesday, where Miriam Michael led a workshop on Reward, Recognition and Motivation on the Job. Are we only in it for the money? What is our passion? How are we best recognized and rewarded by our particular institution? This topic was covered in a very fun way with small break-out groups and larger group review. After all is said and done, it turns out money still matters, but verbal strokes, plaques, and food are also strong forms of recognition! The goal is for each organization to generate good morale and high productivity. After that, I greatly enjoyed the WestPac luncheon and meeting, where I got to see many of my colleagues from the Wild West while eating good food (one of our rewards, isn't it?).

Among the many events and exhibits at the convention, I especially enjoyed the West Group dinner and dance party Monday night (never miss the West parties, if at all possible!). Good friends, like Mary, and many other library colleagues from near and far shared a fine evening of music and dance. Likewise, the Closing Banquet and Reception was not to be missed. I shall forever enjoy the memory of "Dessert" at the banquet, flaming Alaska carried into a darkened banquet hall by about 100 waiters to the beat of drums and the dance afterward was great fun until midnight. There was also a fine French movie shown by the FCIL group on Tuesday night (Bastille Day, appropriately enough; the day France also celebrated her victory in the soccer World Cup!).

The exhibits were a great chance both to see our fellow law librarians and to meet the vendors. I enjoyed meeting the law librarians from LLOPS, Law Librarians of Puget Sound, and of course I got tattooed at the NOCALL table! (No puns, please!) West Group, Lexis, and Northern Light had what I thought were the best vendors' exhibits. Then, it was all over too soon. I left the convention reinvigorated, if tired, and I have since followed up on my many new and renewed contacts.

During the convention, I had wonderful encounters with Shirley David and

Judy Meadows, plus lots of dance fun with Mary Ann Parker and others. One of the convention highlights for me was running into a friend I hadn't seen in six years, Maria Protti. Maria has recently returned to the Bay Area from Norman, Oklahoma, where she worked for over 8 years at the University of Oklahoma Law Library. She now works at the City Attorneys Office in San Francisco. I met several terrific, socially concerned law librarians, including Betsy McKenzie and Angus Nesbitt, at the LISPL (Legal Information Services to the Public) meeting Wednesday. I enjoyed the Disney "Imagineers" closing session, then like several dozen others, I rushed to that over-priced store in the Hilton to buy my kids their Minnie and Mickey Mouse dolls.



During the convention, I was unable to go on the library tours, so I was delighted to find out I could visit some of the libraries on my own, which I did Thursday right after the convention. Maryruth Storer and her staff gave me a marvelous tour of the Orange County Law Library, and I had a memorable lunch with staffer, Margaret Rogers, at the Boardwalk in Santa Ana. Later, I went to see the Los Angeles County Law Library, where Robert Wright gave me a full-blown tour of the whole facility, including their magnificent upstairs archival stacks. He also saved me from having my car towed by the hungry Los Angeles tow trucks! It was particularly interesting for me to compare collections, policies and resources with my county law library colleagues down South. I got many new ideas from them, and I shared much about our library with them. I feel the informal exchanges made for a really fitting end to my visit to Anaheim. So did my visit to Santa Monica Beach, where I re-visited my childhood roots and escaped, for a moment, the terrible heat wave and traffic jams.

I am very grateful to NOCALL for supporting this memorable experience that left me with so many new ideas and contacts and friends to celebrate our profession. I am looking forward very much to the next convention I attend!







## NOCALL JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1998

*The meeting was held in the Commandant's Room of the Marines' Memorial Club, 609 Sutter Street, San Francisco.  
President Linda Weir called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. There were approximately sixty attendees.*

1. **WELCOME.** Linda Weir welcomed everyone to the NOCALL Business Meeting and thanked West Group for underwriting our meeting/luncheon. Linda especially thanked Alison Spaulding of West Group and John Hanft of the Witkin Legal Institute. Linda introduced Judy Meadows, AALL President, and thanked her for coming to visit our chapter. Linda and Judy attended a reception at the UC Berkeley School of Information Management Systems on Thursday where Judy gave an inspiring talk.

2. **JUDITH MEADOWS, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES.**

Judy Meadows, the Montana State Law Librarian, spoke on the differences between being a Montana law librarian and a Bay Area law librarian. She also discussed the differences in going to library school today versus twenty years ago. Judy presented the highlights of her year as president of AALL—the successful annual meeting in Baltimore, the busy Washington Affairs Office, the changed AALL Spectrum, etc.

3. **JOHN K. HANFT, CO-DIRECTOR OF THE WITKIN LEGAL INSTITUTE.** John Hanft spoke on the history of the Witkin Legal Institute which was formed in the 1980's. B.E. Witkin contacted Bancroft-Whitney when he started to edit his books in the 1970's. The Institute was formed to help him rewrite the books. Today there are eleven attorney editors that read every California case and U.S. Supreme Court case. The attorneys write about that law they think is important to California lawyers. Mr. Hanft also discussed the other half of the Witkin Legal Institute—the Witkin Fellows. This section of the Institute provides service to the bench and bar (speakers at presentations it organizes, videotape programs to share, etc.). The Witkin Legal Institute can be found on the web at: [www.witkin.com](http://www.witkin.com). The Institute posts its treatment of recent significant cases before it is shown anywhere else.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The minutes of the 9/30/97 Fall Business Meeting were approved as read.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR NOCALL OFFICES.** Linda read the slate of 1998

NOCALL officers and thanked the Nominating Committee for coming up with such a fine list of candidates.

6. **MARY ANN PARKER, NOCALL PRESIDENT-ELECT.**

Mary Ann discussed the plans for the NOCALL Institute, "Information Sources for the Future", to be held in Napa on March 7, 1998. There will be four presentations—Securities Issues in Cyberspace; Sources of Business Information; Presentation on Business Terms, IPOs, SEC Documents, Securities Litigation Issues; California Legislative and Regulatory Issues.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT.** Marlowe Griffiths, NOCALL Treasurer, stated that NOCALL is in good financial shape with \$35,723.44 in the treasury. The NOCALL Board just passed a resolution to put \$5,000 in a C.D. account to earn more interest. This gives us a reserve for future expenses.

8. **VOTE ON PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (ARTICLE IX, ANTIDISCRIMINATION).**

Linda asked NOCALL members in attendance for a voice vote on the proposed constitutional amendment changing the language in Constitutional Article IX dealing with antidiscrimination. (Members referred to the revision printed at the end of the NOCALL Fall Business Meeting Minutes.) There were more than two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment became effective.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**Linda Weir** - Handouts are available of the mid-year committee reports. These reports will also be published in the NOCALL News.

**Shirley David** - Shirley passed out a memo to NOCALL members from Judy Janes of the Government Relations Committee. The Office of Administrative Law has asked for librarian input on the Internet version and the paper product of the California Code of Regulations. Please visit the web site and then fill out the questionnaire. Judy would like the questionnaires returned as soon as possible. The Barclay's contract with OAL is up for renewal on April 1, 1998.



**Linda Weir** - The next NOCALL Business Meeting will be Thursday, May 21, 1998 at Santa Clara University.

**10. ADJOURNMENT.** Coral Henning moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lille Koski, NOCALL Secretary  
February 5, 1998



## NOCALL MAY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1998

*Welcome. Linda Weir thanked Barbara Freidrich, Dean Emery, Mary Hood, Prano Amjadi and the other staff members of Heafey Law Library, Santa Clara University, for hosting our May Business Meeting. Mary Emery, Director of the Law Library, welcomed the attendees to Santa Clara University.*

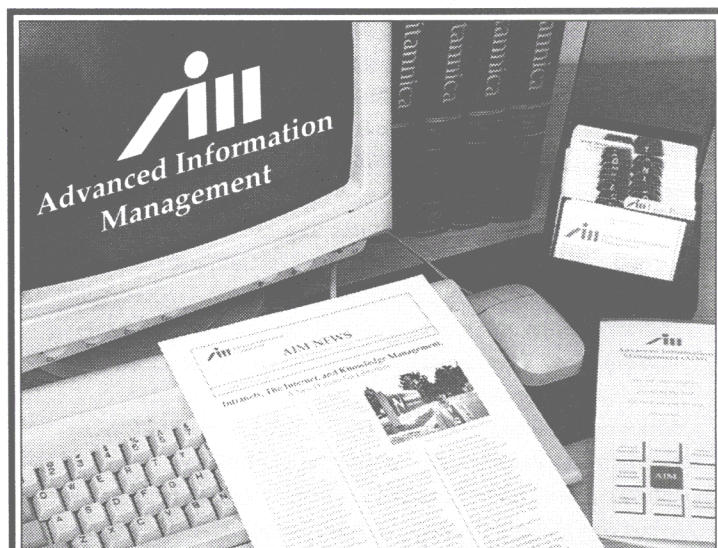
*Guest Speaker Dr. E. Blanche Woolls, Professor and Director, School of Library and Information Science, San Jose State University. Dr. Woolls' speech, 'The Time Has Come', the Woollrus Said, looked at the Lewis Carroll poem, The Walrus and the Carpenter, and the leadership and management lessons to be learned from it. We should all practice humanity and humility. Each day we should look at our accomplishments and not at what is left to be accomplished.*

*The meeting was held at the Abode Lodge, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, California. President Linda Weir called the meeting to order at 4:52 p.m. . There were approximately fifty attendees.*

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 30, 1998 BUSINESS MEETING.** The minutes were approved as read.

**2. PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE CHAPTER.** This year's Executive Board created two new NOCALL committees: the Technology Committee and the Awards Committee, bringing the total number of standing committees to twenty. On September 13, 1997, a Committee Planning Day was held at Hastings College of the Law, where Committee Chairs and Executive Board Members discussed plans for ongoing and new NOCALL activities. On November 5, 1997, the Education Committee, chaired by Jenny Kanji, sponsored a presentation by Dorothy Annette Gohlke on "Benchmarking Basics for Librarians," in San Francisco. The Education committee also held several popular brownbag lunch lectures during the summer months.

The NOCALL Spring Institute Committee, chaired by VicePresident/President-elect Mary Ann Parker, presented "Information Sources for the Future" on March 7, 1998 in Napa. The program featured Stanford Professor Joseph Grunfest, who gave an account of the cre-



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ation of the Securities Class Action Clearinghouse, a designated Internet site for the required electronic posting of court documents for securities fraud litigation. Also on the program were Stanford librarians Paul Lomio, Erika Wayne, and Rilla Reynolds, who provided information on the Stanford Digital Law Project; Mary Ryan, from the library of Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto, who offered moneysaving strategies that can be used in online quests for business information; Joe Mangum of Disclosure, Inc., who defined securities industry jargon; and Carolina Rose of Legislative Research, Inc., who reviewed sources for California legislative and regulatory history. At the end of March, NOCALL members participated in two AALL-sponsored focusgroup sessions. The first session was hosted by Public Relations Committee Chair Donna Purvis at Baker & McKenzie in San Francisco; the second session, held at McGeorge School of Law, was hosted by Executive Board Member Sue Welsh. NOCALL Business Meetings were held on September 30, 1997, January 30, 1998, and May 21, 1998. Midyear and annual committee reports were distributed at the January and May meetings respectively, and reproduced in subsequent NOCALL newsletters. Virtually every NOCALL committee has had an active and productive year. At the September meeting, held at the United States Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit in San Francisco, attorney Herb Bolz of the California Office of Administrative Law gave a brief overview of the California Law Revision Commission's work in the rulemaking area. Additionally, NOCALL Merit Awards were presented to ten current and former members of the Government Relations Committee to acknowledge their efforts in connection with the passage of California Senate Bill 1507, Chapter 928 (1996), dealing with the preservation and availability to the public of legislative records and rule making files. The January Business Meeting coincided with a two-day visit to our chapter by AALL President Judy Meadows. During the visit Judy attended a NOCALL reception held at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Information Management and Systems. This very enjoyable event was coordinated by Academic Relations Chair Cynthia Papermaster. Judy also attended a NOCALL Board Meeting and served as guest speaker at the Business Meeting/Luncheon held at the Marines' Memorial Club in San Francisco. Also addressing members in attendance was John Hanft, CoDirector of the Witkin Legal Institute at West Group, who provided us with an update on the work of the Institute. In conjunction with the May Business meeting held at Santa Clara University, NOCALL arranged to show the videotape of the AALL Professional Development Video

Conference, "The Age of Technology: Your Guide to Change Management." Dr. E. Blanche Woolls, Professor and Director of the School of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University was our guest speaker at the May Business Meeting. A feature of the meeting was the presentation of the newly created NOCALL Professional Achievement Award to Joan Loftus, NOCALL Webmaster. The May Meeting concluded with the induction of the new Executive Board: Mary Ann Parker, President; Cathy Hardy, VicePresident/President-elect; Nancy Adams, Treasurer; Liza MacMorris and Michael Saint-Onge, Executive Board Members. Lille Koski continues into her second year as Secretary.

**3. TREASURER'S REPORT.** As Marlowe Griffiths was unable to attend the meeting, Linda Weir asked everyone in attendance to look over the treasurer's report. Please see Marlowe or a Board member if you have any questions.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS.** Committee Reports were passed out to all present. They will also be printed in the November/December issue of NOCALL News.

**5. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Linda Weir commented on the fantastic new NOCALL brochure developed by the Publicity Committee. The Publicity Committee is also planning a KQED pledge day (June 7, 1998). If you would like to volunteer, please see Donna Purvis at the reception after the meeting.

**6. FIRST PRESENTATION OF THE NOCALL PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO JOAN LOFTUS. (PRESENTER: JO CAPORASO, PAST PRESIDENT).** Linda Weir read a tribute to Joan by Cindy Chick of SCALL. The tribute, read into the record, follows: "It's fun to think back on the "good old days" of the Internet, all of four years ago! Joan and I actually met on the Internet and have been good friends ever since. (We communicated via Internet and that old stand-by, the telephone, for many months before we finally met in person at the Seattle AALL meeting.) We had both been named Internet Coordinators for our respective chapters, and Joan sent me an e-mail to ask if I wanted to compare notes as to what our roles should be and exchange ideas as to how we could encourage other librarians to learn the Internet. And in those days everyone needed the encouragement. Remember, this was before the World Wide Web, when we depended upon gophers and ftp to retrieve information. Joan was the perfect person to lead the way on the Internet. She's enthusiastic, patient, and thoroughly





enjoys learning new things, and then helping others to make discoveries of their own. She is always willing and eager to share her knowledge. What better way to share than by using the tools the Internet gave us for just that purpose. Joan developed the first AALL chapter web page as well as the NOCALL/SCALL Internet Buddies page. The web sites gave law librarians visibility on the Internet early on, and are a great contribution to the profession. She also started the NOCALL & Internet Buddies listserv and spent hours writing detailed cheatsheets for Internet tasks when making your way around the Internet wasn't as easy as point and click. In addition to working together on the Buddies listserv and web page, she helped me start the SCALL web page and listserv. She was my mentor, and having her as a resource sped up my learning process tremendously and allowed me to be useful to my colleagues. Remember the Internet Buddies motto, "Don't Surf Alone"? Joan made sure that none of us 'surfed alone'!"

**7. PRESENTATION OF NOCALL PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE TO JO CAPORASO.** Linda Weir presented the NOCALL President's Plaque to Jo Caporaso and on behalf of the Board and the NOCALL membership expressed grateful appreciation of Jo's leadership and her three years of service on the NOCALL Executive Board.

**8. INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS.** Linda introduced the new NOCALL officers: Mary Ann Parker, President; Cathy Hardy, Vice-president/President-elect; Lille Koski, Secretary; Nancy Adams, Treasurer; Linda Weir, Past President; Liza MacMorris and Michael Saint-Onge, Atlarge Members of the Executive Board. Linda thanked all for attending the meeting and passed the gavel to Mary Ann Parker.

**9. MARY ANN PARKER PRESENTED RETIRING PRESIDENT LINDA WEIR WITH A GIFT (A BOOK WRITTEN AND AUTOGRAPHED BY STATE LIBRARIAN KEVIN STARR).** Mary Ann announced that

the next Business meeting will be on September 24, 1998, at UC Davis.

**10. ADJOURNMENT.** Mary Ann Parker adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lille Koski,  
NOCALL Secretary  
June 3, 1998

## NOCALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1998

*The meeting was held in the Alumni Reception Center at Hastings College of the Law, 200 McAllister Street, San Francisco. Present were: Linda Weir, Mary Ann Parker, Lille Koski, Jo Caporaso, Eric Wade, Sue Welsh, Mark Mackler, Leslie Ann Forrester, and Donna Purvis. Absent: Marlowe Griffiths.. President Linda Weir welcomed Donna, Mark and Leslie to the meeting and called it to order at 12:27 p.m.*

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The minutes of the NOCALL Executive Board Meeting of April 7, 1998 were approved as corrected.

**2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**  
**Advisory Committee** - Nanna Frye has been appointed to the OAL Advisory Committee and asked to represent both NOCALL and SCALL on the committee. After discussing this with the Executive Board and the Government Relations Committee, the Board thought that it was not necessary for Nanna to represent NOCALL, since our Government Relations Committee is already working with OAL. However,

the Board does want to congratulate Nanna on her appointment.

**Check-writing** - Treasurer Marlowe Griffiths suggested to Linda that NOCALL implement single-signature check writing for checks up to a certain amount. It is cumbersome to need two signatures on small amount checks. Also with the board members spread out geographically, it will be easier to need only one signature except for large expenditures. The Board discussed the threshold amount for single-signature checks—\$250? \$500? It was decided to carry our discussion over to the "Take Over" Meeting in June when both current and future board members will be present.



# NOCALL MEETINGS

### 3. NEW BUSINESS.

**Treasurer's Report** - There was no treasurer's report as Marlowe was absent.

#### **President's Report** -

**A.** Certificate of Deposit - Linda sent in signature to set up the NOCALL C.D.

**B.** Committee Expenses - Linda asked all committee liaisons to have committee chairs send current expenses in to Marlowe. Marlowe would like to turn over completed books to the new treasurer, Nancy Adams, in June.

**C.** May Business Meeting - Linda passed out the flyer on the May Business Meeting on Thursday, May 21, 1998 at Santa Clara University. The AALL video, "Age of Technology: Your Guide to Change Management" will be shown in conjunction with the meeting. Marie Blosh will moderate the discussion of the video after the showing. Linda recommended that NOCALL purchase its own copy of the video (\$250.00) from AALL. We can then arrange to show it all over the Bay Area—Sacramento, Oakland, etc. Everyone present approved of the suggestion.

**Professional Achievement Award** - Linda and Lille ordered the first Professional Achievement Award to be presented at the May Business Meeting. We will also be giving the recipient, Joan Loftus, a \$100 gift certificate. Jo Caporaso and Cindy Chick will write up something about Joan for the award presentation.

#### **Linda Passed Out the Following Material:**

**A.** E-mail from Judy Janes on the status of the California Code of Regulations. OAL has signed an interim agreement with West Group to extend the print copy of the CCR for six months. The future of the print and on-line versions is still in flux. Judy will keep NOCALL apprised of the situation.

**B.** E-mail from Bar Association of San Francisco to Mark Mackler requesting pro bono work from law librarians. Mark Mackler asked for the Board's input on this request. It was decided to ask Coral Henning (Public Access Chair) to contact Tiela Chalmers (Volunteer Legal Services program of BASF) to set up training sessions for them.

**C.** AALL Chapter Leadership Bulletin (Spring 1998) and e-mail from Jim Heller (AALL VP) on the 1999 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Both items discuss chapter volunteers and collaboration with members of the legal community.

**D.** E-mail from AALL on videoconference—"The Age of Technology: Your Guide to Change Management". We will be showing the video at the May 21, 1998 Business Meeting.

### **San Francisco Daily Journal Monthly NOCALL Column -**

The Daily Journal considers this column NOCALL's newsletter in their newspaper. The Publicity Committee will take responsibility for the monthly column.

**Publicity Committee** - Donna Purvis and Leslie Ann Forrester - Donna and Leslie shared the prototype of the Publicity Committee's new NOCALL brochure with the Board. Everyone was very impressed the fine work done on it. The Publicity Committee also suggested that NOCALL have removable tattoos (with the NOCALL logo) to give away at our table at AALL in Anaheim. Sue Welsh moved that we appropriate \$189.00 for the cost of the tattoos. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The Committee is also planning a KQED day. NOCALL members will man the phones at KQED for one of the pledge drives. The Committee and the Board decided on Sunday, June 7, 1998 from 1:00 - 6:30 p.m. The programs to be shown during the pledge drive will be the Rolling Stones and River Dance. NOCALL will provide t-shirts for the NOCALL volunteers.

### 4. COMMITTEE UPDATES:

**Technology Committee** - Marie Blosh (Eric Wade) Marie will continue as chair next year. Internet World will continue discounts to its programs for NOCALL members. Marie would like the Grants Committee to make a grant available for Internet World programs.

**Newsletter** - Jo Caporaso - Jo will continue as chair of the Newsletter Committee. Today (5/5/98) is the deadline for the next newsletter. The March/April issue should be in the mail. 1:50 p.m. exit Eric Wade and Mark Mackler

**Academic Relations** - Cynthia Papermaster (Linda Weir) Cynthia will not chair the committee next year but will stay on as a member. The new chair may be Diane Rodriguez. 2:00 p.m. exit Leslie Ann Forrester and Donna Purvis

**Consulting Committee** - Lauri Flynn (Lille Koski) The list of consultants has been updated. The committee has completed six consults this year. Lauri will chair the committee next year.

**Union List** - Pati Traktman (Lille Koski) The production of the new union list has hit a stumbling block—the portion generated by NOCALL. It is currently on an old DOS product and needs to be converted to ASCII and then sent to members for proofreading.



# NOCALL MEETINGS

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mary Ann Parker - Next year, Mary Ann is planning on scheduling Executive Board Meetings before Business Meetings—i.e. January at Marine's Memorial, September meeting at UC Davis. On October 28, the meeting will be at the State Archives in Sacramento. One meeting will be in Palo Alto.

**Linda Weir** - The "Turn Over" meeting will be held on

Thursday, June 11 at Hastings, Room 505.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lille Koski, NOCALL Secretary  
May 18, 1998

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## NOCALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1998

*The meeting was held at Hastings College of the Law, 200 McAllister, San Francisco. Present were: Mary Ann Parker, Linda Weir, Jo Caporaso, Lille Koski, Eric Wade, Sue Welsh, Marlowe Griffiths, Cathy Hardy, Liza MacMorris, Mike Saint-Onge. Absent: Nancy Adams. President Mary Ann Parker welcomed all to the meeting and called it to order at 12:10 p.m.*

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The minutes of the NOCALL Executive Board Meeting of May 5, 1998 were approved as corrected.

## 2. OLD BUSINESS

**Amount of Check for Which One Signature is Sufficient** - The amount of a check for which one signature is sufficient was discussed. Past-treasurer Marlowe Griffiths suggested a cap of \$300-\$500 for single signature check writing. To doublecheck the account, a copy of the bank statement could be sent to the President each month. Since the current Treasurer, Nancy Adams was not present, the decision was postponed until the next meeting.

**Binding of NOCALL Archives at Stanford** - NOCALL Archive Chair, David Bridgman, has requested funding for the binding of the NOCALL archives. Everyone present agreed with the request.

## 4. NEW BUSINESS.

**Treasurer's Report** - Past-treasurer Marlowe Griffiths passed out three reports: Budget v. Year to date, Year-to-date Income Statement, and the Treasurer's Report. Our balance as of June 11, 1998 is \$34,355.24. In 1997/1998, we made a small amount of money, opened a certificate of deposit and addressed some "taxing" problems (sales tax on the sale of the union list and on the sale of the mailing labels). NOCALL received terrific vendor support at many of our activities. Proposed Schedule of Board and Business Meetings Mary Ann passed out the 1998-1999 proposed meeting schedule:

June 11 (Hastings); August 25 (Conference Call); Sept. 24 (UC Davis); Oct. 29 (State Archives); Jan. 22 (Marines Memorial); March 18 (Wilson, Sonsini, Palo Alto); May 20 (Crosby, Heafey-Oakland).

**List of New Committee Chairs** - Mary Ann passed out the list of the 1998/1999 Committee Chairs to all board members.

**Liaisons for Various Committees** - Board Member committee liaisons were assigned as follows:

**Mary Ann Parker:** AALL Liaison, Nominations, Audit and Budget

**Cathy Hardy:** Government Relations, Joint NOCALL/SCALL Institute

**Lille Koski:** Archives, Consulting, Union List

**Nancy Adams:** Constitution & Bylaws, Membership

**Linda Weir:** Academic Relations, Awards, Networking, Technology

**Liza MacMorris:** Grants, Placement, Public Relations

**Michael Saint-Onge:** Education, Public Access, Newsletter

**Chapter Visit** - AALL Representative at the Joint Institute Mary Ann passed out the AALL Chapter Visit Policy. NOCALL will have no visit of its own this year. NOCALL will help with SCALL's chapter visit at the joint SCALL/ NOCALL institute Feb. 26/27, 1999 in Monterey. Joint NOCALL-SCALL Reception in Anaheim on July 14 sponsored by West Group. Becky Fillinger of West Group is coordinating the reception at the Hilton. Laura Cadra and

Mary Ann Parker have picked out the menu. We are expecting 300 people. SCALL will pick up any other expenses. West is sending out the invitations.

**NOCALL Support of H.R. 2281** - Cathy Hardy received information from Susanne Dyer that this bill makes changes in the provisions of the World Patent Organization. NOCALL doesn't like this bill-it doesn't have provisions for fair use. AALL and software publishers are also against it. NOCALL & the Government Relations Committee (Susanne Dyer) are urging NOCALL members to write letters to Anna Eschoo and other congresspersons supporting Boucher amendments to this bill.

#### 4. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

**Grants Committee** - Mary Sigafoos (Sue Welsh) Two grants of \$1,000 each have been awarded to Greg Fite (Alameda County Law Library) and Charles Cronin (in the SIMS program at UC Berkeley). There were only two applicants but Mary seemed to think that a lot of members may be waiting until next year to apply since AALL is in Washington, DC and the cost will be greater.

**Public Relations Committee** - Donna Purvis (Sue Welsh) Twenty-one members attended the KQED event on Sunday, June 7, 1998 and Donna thinks they solicited \$49,235. The t-shirts looked wonderful and the Public Relations Committee has nine extra shirts. Donna would like authorization to purchase two more shirts in extra large size at \$20 each. She wondered about proclaiming a t-shirt day at AALL for those who have NOCALL t-shirts to wear. (The board authorized the purchase of two more shirts.) The NOCALL brochure is at the printer. Donna will send one to each incoming and outgoing Board member as soon as they are printed. They have ordered 1,000 copies. Design for the brochure and the t-shirts will be on the same forthcoming invoice. Donna Williams will be the Committee Chair next year.

#### 5. Announcements.

**Mary Ann Parker** - NOCALL Education Committee Chair Jenny Kanji is scheduling an education workshop in September in Palo Alto. (This program was previously called the Fall Workshop.) Sue Welsh is hoping that a brown bag can be scheduled for the Sacramento area. Other educational programs in the future — the Internet Librarian in November and the Glasser Legal Works Techshow 99 in March. Techshow is trying to incorporate more programs for librarians.












**6. ADJOURNMENT.** Mary Ann adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m. .

Respectfully submitted,  
Lille Koski,

NOCALL Secretary  
July 13, 1998

## The ZEN of Filing

Andrea Rubin, McKenna & Cuneo

-  Remember to follow the instructions in both columns telling you which pages to remove and insert.
-  Try not to think about last night's date with Q. He will call you again, as long as page 231 from behind Tab 400 does not get inserted behind Tab 200, mixing the environmental practices of Kentucky with the securities laws of Texas.
-  Pay attention to the entire page number. Otherwise you will replace page 23,701 with page 28,701, causing a non sequitur in the midst of a wrongful discharge case.
-  Glance at the text of the pages as you exchange them, even as you try not to think about laundry and the possibility of preparing chicken for dinner tonight.
-  Breathing is an important part of filing. Remove pages on the inhale. Insert them on the exhale, while allowing your mind to absorb the meaning and context of the pages.
-  If the publisher is CCH, the pages will be silky. If it is Matthew Bender, the pages will be thick and rough. But BNA's pages are thin and crispy, with a crunchy sound like iceberg lettuce. Naturally you will need a salad with the chicken tonight, and an avocado will provide a refreshing textural contrast with the lettuce.
-  Allow the silence of the library to envelop you. Be grateful you no longer drive a luggage cart on the runway at the airport for a living.
-  Pay attention to notes like, "Next page 5001:0008." Feel proud when you have confirmed that you inserted the page correctly.
-  Realize that your mind is drifting into an imaginary letter to the publishers, advising them in cases of eight-digit page numbers to print the four numbers before the colon in a bold, large font. Remind yourself that writing an imaginary letter while filing is a dangerous practice.
-  Become aware that your discard pile has spread over the entire table and is in fact about to cascade over the edge on your left. On your right, it is creeping toward a library user who is violently flipping through the pages of a volume you updated earlier this morning.
-  Be convinced that you have made a filing error, and that is why the user is unable to find what he is looking for. Smile beatifically. Resist the urge to ask if you are to blame for the library user's disturbed affect. Nod sympathetically, when he finally exclaims, "No wonder! I was looking behind the 200 tab instead of behind the 400 tab."





### Academic Relations Committee

*Cynthia Papermaster, Chair*

*Members: Diane Rodriguez, Jaye Lapachet, Sarah Montes*

The Academic Relations Committee works with the graduate programs at San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science and the UC Berkeley School of Information Management and Systems (SIMS) to promote education for and careers in law librarianship.

The Committee forwards NOCALL job postings to the listservs at both schools so that students and faculty will be aware of local opportunities in the field of law librarianship, and of law librarian job qualifications and requirements.

The Committee also forwards NOCALL Institute and grant information, membership information, and AALL scholarship information to the two schools.

In January, the Committee held a reception for faculty and students at SIMS. AALL President Judy Meadows, NOCALL President Linda Weir, and NOCALL-AALL Liaison Shirley David met with Dean Hal Varian before the reception to discuss law librarianship and the SIMS program. NOCALL and AALL information was provided at the reception.

In April, three Committee members and Linda Weir, NOCALL President, participated in a "Career Fair" at SJSU, organized by the SLIS Alumni Association. Again, information about law librarianship, AALL and NOCALL was provided at the Fair.

Committee members Diane Rodriguez and Sarah Montes are working on a list of recommended courses at SJSU for students interested in law librarianship.

The Committee is planning to meet with Mary Minow, who is teaching the course "LIBR 220: Legal Resources" at SJSU, to offer the resources of NOCALL to assist her.

### Archives Committee

*David L. Bridgman, Chair*

The Archives Committee this year was not very active. All NOCALL Committees turned in their papers to the archives as per the NOCALL Bylaws.

A record of the contents of the NOCALL Archives is being put on a disk in Microsoft Word format.

Binding all permanent records of NOCALL is being considered by the NOCALL Executive Board.

### Constitution and Bylaws Committee

*Mary Hood, Chair*

*Members: Prano Amjadi*

#### OLD BUSINESS

The amendment to the constitution presented to the NOCALL Executive Board last year (1996/97) was voted on at the January 30, 1998 NOCALL Business meeting. The amendment was passed as proposed and is set forth below as passed.

#### AMENDMENT TO THE NOCALL CONSTITUTION

Article IX. Anti-discrimination.

Neither membership, nor full participation in the activities of this Association shall be denied to any person on account of race, color, religion, sex age, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for the committee this year.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee continues to strongly urge that a letter from the secretary be sent to the chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee officially indicating when an amendment is voted on by the Association and the outcome of the vote.

### Consulting Committee

*Lauri R. Flynn, Chair*

The Committee has done 5 on-site consultations this year, distributed 4 copies of the list of consultants, received one request for job descriptions and one for a source to rent a microfiche reader-printer.

The on-site visits and reports were as follows:

1. A firm of about 25 attorneys with no library staff, although they did have a filing service to maintain the updates. They needed assistance with weeding and organizing the collection, suggestions on space, upkeep and control of the collection. In addition to making suggestions on these issues, we also provided information on the services a part-time law librarian could provide.

2. The second firm had two paralegals working part-time in the library. They had sophisticated questions re: setting up an online catalog, automatic claiming of serials, classification schedules and space planning. (As a result of this consultation, a file has been set up for classification schedules and subject headings used in NOCALL member libraries, particularly small to medium



sized private and county libraries. Additions to this file are welcome. )

3. An admiralty boutique which had been conveniently located near a large research library. The library had moved and the firm needed guidance in how to meet their research needs without the use of this library. They were considering flat fee arrangements with database providers, using the Web, and also wanted information on organizing their books and setting up a library inventory.

4. A public interest law firm, with 5 attorneys, needed advice on practice books in their specialty, collection and staffing issues, and Web-resources. We identified treatises and websites, and also how to get used material.

The last visit was to a 5-attorney law firm in the Peninsula which had exchanged their books for online services and CD-ROM and were dealing with the effect.

Thanks to the following NOCALL members who participated in these visits: Nancy Castor, Kathy Skinner, Leslie Hesdorfer, Jaye Lapachet, Lille Koski, Sharon McNally and Cathy Hardy. I have used an ad hoc method of choosing people to do on-site visits, according to type and location of the organization. This has proven to be successful. Thanks to all NOCALL members who have volunteered to help

The Law Library Services & Consultants List was updated this spring by Janice Kelly, Nancy Green and Bev Lipton.

And, an article was written for an April, 1998 issue of the *San Francisco Daily Journal* on our committee's services, titled "Northern California Association of Law Libraries Offers (Free) Advice on Your Library Organization and Information Needs". No requests came as a result of this article. Unfortunately it was hidden at the beginning of the classified ads, as are all of the monthly articles from legal organizations.

## Newsletter Committee

*Jo Caporaso, Chair*

*Members: Caren Doyle, Nora Levine, Mark Mackler, Rebecca Lhermitte*

The Committee began the year with the goal of improving the content and look of the newsletter. The first goal was accomplished through the use of regular columns and through member contributed articles. Mark Mackler continued his always popular "Musings With Mark" column and Nora Levine reminded us of pleasure reading in each issue with "What Are YOU Reading?". Members contributed articles on conferences attended, how to celebrate National Library Week, suggestions on professional reading, and taking a break on the net.

A new look was achieved with a new masthead, fonts, graphics and offset printing.

Approximately 75% of the expenses incurred in producing the 5 issues during the 1997/98 year, will be offset by the advertising revenues from 12 local and national vendors.

## Nominations Committee

*Lee Ryan, Chair*

*Members: Marlene Harmon, Emily Morris, Donna Williams*

In December the committee presented to the Executive Board the following slate:

Vice-President/President-Elect . . . Cathy Hardy  
 . . . . . Jaye Lapachet  
 Treasurer . . . . . Nancy Adams  
 . . . . . Jacqueline Cantwell  
 Board Member At-Large . . . . . Prano Amjadi  
 . . . . . Katherine Henderson  
 . . . . . Liza MacMorris  
 . . . . . Michael Saint-Onge

After the Board accepted the slate, the committee (by prior telephone arrangement with the candidates) sent the candidates e-mail messages thanking them for agreeing to serve, and soliciting the biographical information that appeared in the Nocal News and in the ballots.

To identify potential candidates, the committee used various resources: input from the Executive Board and other active Nocal members; lists of past and current committee members and chairs; lists of past officers and past candidates; and lists of members who had been previously contacted about running for office. All of these tools proved useful, and the committee would especially like to urge committee chairs to submit their committee rosters to the Nominations Committee each year.

Because of the committee's geographic diversity, it conducted all of its work by phone and extensive e-mail. The committee consulted the Board for advice as needed, and kept the Board up-to-date on its progress by sending copies of key e-mail messages to the President and Vice-President.

As chair, I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their hard work, dedication and support. I would also like to thank the Executive Board for their support and advice.





The entire committee would like to thank the members who, by agreeing to run, expressed their willingness to serve Nocal. The committee is also grateful to all the members who gave serious consideration to running. It is the members of Nocal who have made this committee's work a success.

## Public Relations Committee

*Donna Purvis, Chair*

*Members: Leslie Ann Forrester, Coral Henning, Jenny Kanji*

The Public Relations Committee accomplished our primary goal this year with the creation and final production of a new NOCALL Brochure. Each committee member made a significant contribution to the content and structure of the brochure. We focused on who we are, what we do, how NOCALL benefits the legal community and how NOCALL benefits our members. Leslie Forrester worked closely with the graphic designer, Vickee Wong, to create a fresh and attractive brochure.

The Public Relations Committee spent most of our energy on the brochure, but over the year we also provided information about NOCALL to several NOCALL committees to assist them in their work with other organizations (see January 1998 P.R. report.) In addition, a special NOCALL package was prepared for the San Francisco Bar Association's "Bridging the Gap", a program for newer attorneys.

The Committee also has some events that will take place after the Annual Business Meeting starting with NOCALL's participation in the KQED Public Television Pledge Drive on June 7, 1998. In July the Committee will coordinate the NOCALL Activities Table at AALL in Anaheim.

## Technology Committee

*Marie Blosh, Chair*

*Members: Dan Cunningham, Joan Loftus, Chuck Marcus, Alice McKenzie, Bob Podlech.*

This year the committee coordinated group registrations for two conferences: Internet Librarian '97, held in Monterey during November, and the National Online Meeting and IOLs '98, held in New York City during May. NOCALL members who attended these conferences received a discount of 50% off the registration fee. In addition, NOCALL received a \$225. rebate from Information Today for handling the group registration in November, and expects to receive another \$15. for handling the group registration in May. A similar discount will be available for the Internet Librarian '98 conference in Monterey on November 3-5. The committee will continue to seek out group discounts for members attending conferences focused on technology. After the

Internet Librarian '97 conference, Chuck Marcus wrote a review for the March-April issue of the NOCALL News.

The NOCALL web site grew again this year. New web pages were contributed by Joan Loftus, who worked with Jimmy Rimonte at the Daily Journal set up an update listing of new California court rules; and Heidi Tatreau, who contributed web pages for the NOCALL Business Meetings. Particularly active pages were the Placement Committee's job listings, the Calendar of Events, the Court Rules, and the California resources. NOCALL Committees wanting to use the web page as a means of distributing information should contact Joan Loftus.

The committee is looking at the number of members on the NOCALL ListServ, with the hope of increasing it. The discussion list currently has 272 subscribers, which translates into a little over one-half of the total membership. (Some subscribers are not NOCALL members.) The ListServ provides a very important means of communication between issues of the newsletter, without the cost and time involved in putting out a mailing. It is also an excellent way for members to assist other members. A survey to gather information on the reasons members do not use the ListServ is in the May-June issue of the NOCALL News. Committee members are available to assist anyone who has experienced difficulty signing on.

## Union List Committee

*Marie Schneider and Pati Traktman, Co-Chairs.*

*Members: Holly Mohler, Susan Mohler, Shannon Bettis.*

Work on a new 12th edition is still in progress. GRC International is up and running again after a partial shutdown of operations while they produced the CDB-S fiche. They have now given us an estimate on the purchase price for the NOCALL holdings report we use to produce the bulk of the Union List. On the home-front, we are finalizing the new Access database which will be used to produce the portions of the Union List we generate ourselves: Foreign Codes, Local Codes, State Codes, Superseded Materials. The data conversion has run into some snags. Once those problems have been resolved, we will be able to run reports and mail them out to contributors for corrections and additions. When all changes have been made, we can run a master copy, combine it with the NOCALL report from GRC and go to press. Our previous estimate of July or August for sale of the 12th edition should be amended to August or September.

We encourage you to continue to send updates for your holdings in the Periodicals and Looseleaves section to: GRC International, 5383 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93111, Attention: Mary Stewart. Mary Stewart can be reached at 800-933-5383



# PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW

— Jaye Lapachet, McKenna & Cuneo —

*Once again, I have read some of the journals and am charged with giving you an overview of what is interesting. Unfortunately, my "to read" pile grows faster than my "read" pile and I am sure I am missing some very interesting articles. I recently signed up with a document delivery/table of contents provider, which has added to my reading pile, but also expanded my sources. Additionally, I get to peruse the tables of contents via e-mail and only read the articles which have interest grabbing headlines. If you have the opportunity, I suggest that you check out such a service.*

**"Beyond Bells and Whistles: A Comprehensive Strategy for Computer Assisted Legal Research,"** *Research Advisor*, issue 12, November/December 1997, p.1-2, 7.

The first few paragraphs are great to keep in mind when doing any type of computer assisted training. The bottom line is to keep the research skills in mind and not the software bells and whistles. Also, the article talks about how you can use features to shorten the time your research takes. The rest of the article is good. It talks about strategic planning for research, but frankly nobody is going to do it, except the librarian, perhaps. Also, the last part of the article is a little too elementary. Read the beginning and skip the rest, is my advice.

**"Books versus Bytes,"** *California Lawyer*, v.18, n.7, July 1998, p.51-52, 58.

Excellent article which articulates very clearly the constant tension between searching online and searching books.

**"Case Sensitive: Law Librarians Adapt to Net Expectation,"** *Library Journal*, , July 1998, p.44-46.

Another article about change in our profession. This article, however, has a section which discusses the mix of formats and physical space. It is a relatively short article, which makes it difficult to cover all the aspects of moving formats, but it is a good overview or start to the subject. Other articles on the topic can be found at : <http://www.sla.org/membership/irc/virtual.html>

**"Copyright Corner: Interlibrary Loan and Copyright: Growing from Canada to California,"** *Information Outlook*, v.2, n.6, June 1998, p.41-42.

Brief discussion of copyright and interlibrary loans that raises more questions than answers. My big question after reading this article is: are publishers quietly trying to prevent libraries from loaning materials to one another?

**"Guidelines on the Fair Use of Copyrighted Works by Law Libraries,"** *AALL Spectrum*, v.2, n.6, March 1998, p.14-16.

An outline for understanding the copyright law. This is a straightforward description of what libraries can and cannot do under the law. The beauty of this article is that it breaks the law down by type of library.

**"Holding off Obsolescence - Upgrading to Intel's Pentium Pro, Pentium II or MMX,"** *Information Technology & Libraries*, v.16, n.4, December 1997, p.197-199.

Users overview to what the differences in these chips are and what the manufacturer's plans for the future appear to be.

**"Metadata: A Current View of Practice and Issues,"** *Journal of Documentation*, v.54, n.2, March 1998, p.145-172.

Very academic article discussing metadata. The abstract says: "...describes emerging metadata practice and standards. It gives an overview of the environments in which metadata is used, before focusing on metadata for information resources...It discusses trends in format development, metadata management, and use of search and retrieve protocols. It concludes by discussing some features of future deployment of metadata in support of network resource discovery." The authors also discuss the overuse of the term metadata. I got the most out of pages 145-149, partially because these are germane to my current situation and I could see how metadata would be beneficial, but also, because it explained what metadata is and gave concrete examples. The following are examples of metadata: the information contained on a card in a card catalog, the information in the <HEAD> field of an HTML document, and a record in your online system.





**"Presidents Briefing,"** *AALL Spectrum*, v.2, n.7, April 1998, p.17-20.

Interesting report on the results of a credentialing survey.

**"Searching for E-mail Addresses,"** *Inside the Internet*, v.5, n.7, July 1998, p.11-14.

Comprehensive guide to locating the e-mail addresses of people. Includes useful sites as well as specific applications. If applied in reverse, the article gives the reader an idea of how to protect their own privacy.

**"Successful Presentations: A Desktop Learning Opportunity,"** *AALL Spectrum*, v.2, n.8, May 1998, p.4-5, 18

Gives a good overview of what you need to do to prepare for a presentation. Excellent overview of things to think about. I would like to see a follow-up article that discusses each phase in more detail. For example, the article discusses downloading web sites so you can create an offline presentation. It would be interesting to know the steps one takes to achieve that. Additionally, some of the suggestions are impractical. How can you test a phone line in a hotel ballroom when you have 30 seconds to get up to the podium, arrange your notes and start speaking?

**"Upgrading Application Software: Problems and Perspectives,"** *Information Technology & Libraries*, v.16, n.4, December 1997, p.193-196.

This article gives an overview of what you should think about when considering upgrading your computer applications. There is a list of ten guidelines, which help you decide. The beauty of these guidelines is that they do not take the better part of a week to consider. They are real practical suggestions. If you read them in advance of any planned upgrades, you will know some of the things you can ask when purchasing new software.

**"Warning: A Killer Mistake in Business: Don't Let Technology Drive Your Requirements,"** *Information Outlook*, v.2, n.6, June 1998, p.19-24

This article is a good advertisement for working closely with your IS department. (If you cannot/will not/don't know how to work with them, start with brownies. Food brings anyone to the table.) The article

reiterates, in a round about way, that technology decisions are not the sole purview of the Library, thus it is important to work with the IS department. A survey of what you should and shouldn't do related to technology planning and decision-making, as well as attempting to give some insight into what will be happening in the future is the crux of the article. Article touches on knowledge management.

**"Web Search Services in 1998: Trends and Challenges,"** *Searcher*, v.6, n.6, June 1998, <http://www.infotoday.com/searcher/jun/story2.htm> .

Excellent information about trends in search engines' advancement, the focus of various search engines, the use of humans in indexing or categorizing and an introduction to some of the author's favorite search engines. The article also tries to give readers an idea of the problems and challenges that search engines face, as well as barriers to their use. One of the most useful bits of information is a tips and recommendations section, which gives tips on how to search and what things are easily found on the Web. The author's bottom line is that there is little overlap in search engines, so you should use more than one. She also reminds us that each search engine focuses on a niche market.

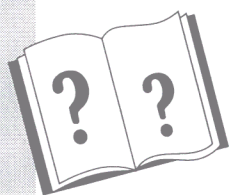
A related site is <http://searchenginewatch.internet.com/reports/reviewchart.html> .

**"The Year's Best Professional Reading,"** *Library Journal*, June 1998, p.46-49.

Comprehensive list of the best BOOKS for the profession. The article has sections specifically targeted to Academic Libraries, Cataloging and Tech Services, Collection Development, Information Technology and others. You could easily find your specific area of interest and look through those titles only, or read through the entire list. I read through the entire list and found a number of titles that sounded interesting.







# What are YOU Reading??

— by Nora Levine, Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May —

As a BART commuter, I devour light reading on my commute; books that I don't have to concentrate to read whilst I stand among the exciting mix of publictransittakers each day.

I am enjoying *A DYING LIGHT IN CORDUBA* by Lindsey Davis, the latest in her series of mysteries set in ancient Rome. Without any of the technology (or even the framework of a profession) that modern detectives have, Marcus Didius Falco travels throughout the Roman Empire just after the time of Nero tracking down conspiracies and trying to stay on the right side of whoever is in power. Falco's work takes him into all levels of Roman society, so you get a great feeling for what life must have been like for Senator and slave, along with likable characters and stories that move quickly.

If you like Rome and mysteries, you might also enjoy the series by Berkeley's Steven Saylor, whose Gordianus the Finder is featured in a number of books.

Nancy Adams, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton

During my summer vacation I read *BOOKS THAT MADE A DIFFERENCE: WHAT PEOPLE TOLD US*, by Gordon and Patricia Sabine. You don't have to read much of this book before asking yourself what the authors asked around 1400 people "What book made the greatest difference in your life and what was that difference? The book includes about 200 responses to this question. Not only are the responses fun to read and provide a good reading list, but they demonstrate how books inspire you to follow your dreams and help you find solutions. The account of the change caused by the book is more revealing than the book that caused it.

One of my favorite excerpts is from one of my favorite actors, Alan Alda: "For some reason, leather bound copies of the goings-on in Congress lined the shelves of our living room, and I pored over them when I was twelve. I had never read anything so funny. From then on, I knew I wanted to do comedy."

Another favorite is from Laurence Ferlinghetti: "The most important book in my life was my own first book published in New York by New Directions. It was called *A CONEY ISLAND OF THE MIND*, and it sold about a million copies. The difference it made was it allowed me to live as a poet should live, not having to work in soul-killing offices like the Bank of America or some other place like that."

Jo Caporaso, McCutchen, Doyle Brown & Enersen, LLP

*REALMS OF GOLD: THE COLORFUL WRITERS OF SAN FRANCISCO, 1850-1950*, by George Rathmell. Anyone who is interested in the history of San Francisco might like this

book, even if they aren't all that interested in Bret Harte, Mark Twain, etc. It is written in a very accessible style and is not as pedantic as the title may sound.

Nancy Green, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

I am reading the second book in the "Mitford" series, which is called *A LIGHT IN THE WINDOW*, by Jan Karon. This is a very sweet, uplifting series of books, which I am enjoying very much, regardless of how unrealistic they may be. The series is set in a small town in one of the Carolinas. The town has more than its share of interesting characters, not the least of which is the main character, an Episcopalian priest with a large dog, who obeys when one shouts Bible verses at him. (The dog, not the priest!) The descriptions, especially of the gardens, create wonderful images in my mind. Well worth reading.

Jaye A. H. Lapachet, McKenna & Cuneo

*WHITE MAN'S GRAVE*, by Richard Dooling, was published by Picado in 1994. I discovered this attorney/author listed in a review of legal thrillers, "The Thrill is Gone", published in California Lawyer (August 1998). This is one of those classic, "I couldn't put it down, but didn't want it to be over" great reads.

The core story line follows the search and rescue of a missing, errant son (Michael) by his father (Randall), a stressedout, overachieving bankruptcy attorney, and by Michael's boyhood friend Boone, a recent graduate in fine arts who is desperate to escape his aestheticallychallenged life in his father's insurance firm.

Michael, who had avoided law school by volunteering for the Peace Corps, has been declared missing from his village in Sierra Leone. The novel unfolds as both men, using their distinctly different and separate ways, mount a campaign to retrieve him. Politics, witch doctors and western medicine, first world/third world cultural and spiritual idiosyncrasies, human frailties and needs are cleverly spun together. Each world is invaded by the other, with truly startling and complex results. No institution, be it the family unit, the bankruptcy court, the Church, the State, African bureaucracy, anthropology or innocence abroad is left unscathed by Dooling's wit and adroit way with language.

The narration concerning the role of witches and witchcraft in the bush environment was especially rich and informative. For the most part, the power of witchcraft was used by villagers to explain events or to provide guidance for behaviors in their collective and/or individual lives. But in times of great social stress or political turmoil, the powers of the witches were



channeled into dark and vicious outcomes, resulting in individual tragedy, ostensibly for the good of the whole. It brought to mind the Arthur Miller play on the Salem witch trials, which symbolized the McCarthy hearings on un-American activities in the 1950's. (The title is a British term for Africa, because of the high death rate of white explorers/imperialists from disease in the 1800's.)

Rebecca Lhermitte, Continuing Education of the Bar

The first was AMERICAN PASTORAL by Philip Roth. It's about an American family which wants nothing more than to live the American Dream, but is torn apart when their daughter grows up to be a revolutionary terrorist who despises her own family's values. Although the book was well-written and hard-hitting, I found it be very depressing. All of the family's liberal beliefs (which I shared) provided them with no comfort and no sanctuary from the events which were taking place around them.

The second book was THE ALIENIST by Caleb Carr. Brutal, sadistic murders are taking place in turn-of-the-century New York, and it's up to an alienist (the early term for a psychologist) and a New York Times reporter to identify and capture the killer. The book was especially good reading for me because I read it while I was on vacation in New York. I was afraid to read it at bedtime, however.

Mark Mackler, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal

One of the greatest joys of raising a child has been reading children's literature together. Reading out loud is really rewarding; it involves lots of snuggling and sharing laughs and tears. Although Laura's eleven now, I still read to her frequently at bedtime and on weekend mornings. We've read classics like WINNIE THE POOH, THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA, THE SECRET GARDEN, THE WIZARD OF OZ, THE LITTLE HOUSE IN THE BIG WOODS, WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS, and lots of other Newbery and Caldicott award winners. Children's literature is not just for children, you know. It's some of the best writing and storytelling ever published. It has been an incredible journey for me. I love it!

We recently read a book called MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien. It won the Newbery in 1972. There's an animated film too, but the book is really extraordinary. It's about a mouse widow named Mrs. Frisby who needs help to move her children to safety because the plowing season is coming, and she discovers and then gets help from a society of rats who live under a large thorny rosebush. These are former laboratory rats that have become extremely intelligent because of the experiments done on them. They escaped from the scientists' clutches and have built a complex, multi storied habitat, complete with electricity, an elevator, a school, and town hall meetings. This book is sort of science fiction, but it made us think about how the world looks from an animal's point of view. We know that rats are very intelligent animals; maybe they are capable of feelings, like loyalty, compassion, humor and terror. Maybe we ought to be more sensitive to the "lower" animals, especially laboratory animals. Maybe they have something to teach the human species. We can't find

? anything else written by O'Brien. Does anyone know anything about this writer?

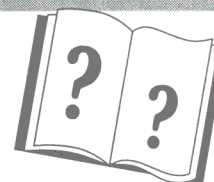
? Cynthia Papermaster, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher

? I'm writing to recommend THE SEVILLE COMMUNION, by Arturo PerezReverte. He's also the author of the FLANDERS PANEL (also good) and the CLUB DUMAS (haven't read yet). The Seville Communion is ostensibly a mystery novel a hacker breaks into the Pope's personal computer and leaves him a message to the effect that a church in Seville, which is in danger of being torn down so land can be sold to developers, should be saved, and that is "killing to defend itself." A sort of priest-detective is dispatched to find out what is going on. The mystery is solved, but not until the priest, Lorenzo Quart, has a crisis of the soul. It's a good read — the descriptions of Seville and the church are wonderful, the characters are great, and there's such a mystery to the whole thing — things happen on many different levels and themes are played out through various events and characters. I'm rereading it, just because it's impossible to catch it all the first time through.

? Christina Tarr, Boalt Hall Law Library

? If you'd like to contribute a description of what's currently residing on your reading table, please send an e-mail to me, Nora Levine, at [nlevine@chrn.com](mailto:nlevine@chrn.com).

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