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Got perspective? Still smarting from the spanking the Broncos took, the very day that I began to pen my by then already two-week past deadline piece for the spring issue of Hearsay, I read in the Rocky Mountain News (p. 3D) that January 24th is the "most depressing day of the year."

The following were suggestions to "break the spell": one should try new foods (we had planned on having leftover scalloped potatoes for dinner), surround yourself with bright colors (I was dressed in gray and black), play games (no comment other than to report that I was at work), watch funny movies (inexplicably, the library's collection doesn't include one of my favorites, which is noted at the end of this column), and take private time for introspection and relaxation.

So I really had no option other than to try this last suggestion. I began to ponder the old saying about whether the glass was half-full or half-empty. How one answers the question supposedly reflects that individual's perspective.

Perspective and perception. Derived from the Latin *perspicere* (past participle *perspectus*), to see through or into. Perspective is a mental view of the relative importance of things. Perception is the intuitive recognition or appreciation of an inherent quality.

We had hoped to have Hearsay available for your reading enjoyment by Groundhog Day. Why you ask? Because Groundhog Day is half-way between winter and spring, and just about now, our full-time 2nd-year students are, depending on their perspective, either half-way into or half-way out of law school. This seemed like a good time to consider the findings of the recently released second annual report of the Law School Survey of Student Engagement (LSSSE).

The LSSSE "collects information directly from law students about ... the law school experience." From the Foreword: "The aphorisms about the experiences of first-, second- and third-year law students ... reflect common perceptions of legal education."

Professor Best reviewed the LSSSE and noted the following findings:

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Locating Foreign Legislation Online

Sergio Stone

Comparative & Intl Law Librarian

If you are searching for foreign primary legal materials, you should take a look at the resources available on the Westminster Law Library Web site. We invite you to explore the Law Library's Internet Research Links and online Databases to locate the full-text of foreign legislation.

INTERNET RESEARCH LINKS

The Internet Research Links are found on the Law Library's home page, <http://www.law.du.edu/library/>, under the column labeled "Research." Follow the path indicated below to reach the "laws and legislation" category.

Law Library Home Page > Internet Research Links >> International and Foreign Resources >>> Foreign and Comparative Law >>>> Laws and Legislation

The Laws and Legislation category lists 20 links to help you find foreign primary legal materials. The following selected links are particularly useful for locating foreign constitutions and statutes.

Constitutions:

- Constitution Finder – includes English language versions.
- Constitutions of the Americas – original language versions only.
- International Constitutional Law – includes English language versions.

Statutes:

- Foreign & International Law – From the WashLaw legal Portal. Select a country to find links to legislation and government agencies.
- Global Law by Source – From Cornell University's Legal Information Institute. Organized by region and country. Links to legislation and case law. Some subject access provided.

Government Gazettes Online - Links to the official legal publication for various countries. Use this site if you have a citation to your jurisdiction's official journal or gazette.

- GLIN – Global Legal Information Network. From the Library of Congress. Full-text available for 20 countries, mostly in Latin America. Citations and brief summaries of legislation exist for over 40 jurisdictions.
- WorldLII – World Legal Information Institute. Case law often available in addition to legislation and regulations. Provides links to other legal information institutes, including Australia, Canada, Commonwealth countries, Ireland, Southern Africa and UK.

You can also search by topic under the category labeled "Laws and Legislation by Topic." Follow the path indicated below to locate the topical links.

Law Library Home Page > Internet Research Links >> International and Foreign Resources >>> Foreign and Comparative Law >>>> Laws and Legislation by Subject.

Topics available include: arbitration, copyright, international humanitarian law, natural resources, taxation, wildlife. A subject related portal from Harvard University is also available.

DATABASES

Use the following path to find the Law Library's databases dedicated to international research:

Law Library Home Page > Databases/Indexes >> select International and Foreign Databases. The library subscribes to three online databases that can help you locate foreign laws:

- Arbitration Law Online – national arbitration legislation and rules from national arbitral institutions. From Juris Publishing.
- Foreign Law Guide – Arranged by jurisdiction. This site does not include full-text of legislation, but does provide citations to statutes and links to legislative databases.
- Inter Am – Latin American Legal and Trade Database. Provides full-text of legislation from Latin American countries in the original language. Some English translations are available. This is a great resource for researching civil and commercial codes including Caribbean countries.



Library Essentials

Dan Speidel

Access Services Coordinator

Welcome back to school for the spring 2006 semester, from the Access Services Department here at the Westminster Law Library. I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on some of the changes made this past semester and those coming up this semester.

The online reservation system for study rooms, which was put in place at the beginning of last semester, seems to have been a success. We have heard very few complaints, although we are always open to feedback. You can access the study room reservation webpage at <http://www.law.du.edu/library/studyrooms/>.

Our hope is that this system helps make the process more convenient and that it will help avoid confusion about who has a room reserved because you can print a receipt of your reservation. If there is a dispute about who has a room reserved, we recommend that you bring the issues to the Student Affairs Office during regular business hours. If the issue occurs after hours, please try to resolve it in a respectful fashion, and if necessary bring it to the Student Affairs Office during the next business day. Library staff may be able to help resolve disputes regarding study rooms within the library. When signing up for a room, please keep in mind there is a 3-hour time limit for the entire student group, and study rooms may only be reserved for groups of 3 or more. Reservations can be made up to two weeks in advance and the rooms are for the use of current DU law students, staff and faculty only. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Two new printers were installed on the second level of the library at the end of the semester, replacing two existing ones. The printers have been working well and seem quieter than the old ones.

There will be a slight change in the hours that the library will be open, starting this spring. On **Friday** nights, we will be open until **10:00 pm** instead of 8:00 pm. Otherwise the library hours will remain the same:

Monday – Thursday:	7:30 am – 12 midnight
Friday:	7:30 am – 10:00 pm
Saturday:	8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Sunday:	8:00 am – 12 midnight

Any special holiday hours will be posted on the library website and on signs in the library.

A few polite reminders:

Covered drinks are allowed in the library, but please enjoy your food outside of the library. This will help ensure that library materials, carpets, and furniture stay in excellent condition.

Please turn off your cell phone before coming into the library, or turn it to silent/vibrate mode. Please take all cell phone conversations out of the library, or have them quietly in a stairwell or study room.

Please be respectful to other students and keep conversations to a minimum as many people count on the library as a quiet place to study.

I hope you all enjoy the spring semester. If I can be of any assistance to you, please contact me at dspeidel@law.du.edu or stop by my office on the second level of the library in Room 230D, just past the printers and copier.

LOISLAW

All students can register for a password for access year-round to LOISLAW at <http://www.law.du.edu/library/loislaw.cfm>. The library subscribes to this full-text legal database that covers federal cases, statutes & regulations as well as Colorado cases, statutes, regulations and jury instructions.

There are no usage restrictions for students using LOISLAW, so students may use this database in situations where they are barred from using Westlaw & Lexis—for example, while clerking or during the summer when they are not enrolled in classes.

Alumni can continue to use LOISLAW for free at any of the pc's on Level 1 & Level 3 of the library, so keep that in mind if you plan to open a solo practice.

New Databases & Services

Colorado Bar Exams

The Library's website now has 8 years of Colorado bar exam questions, organized by exam date and by subject. Also included are suggested answers and scoring sheets for each question. Access is limited to COL faculty, staff, students and recent graduates per our agreement with the Board of Bar Examiners.

<http://www.law.du.edu/library/barexams.cfm>

BNA Email Summaries

The Bureau of National Affairs (BNA) provides full-text access to numerous topical databases. Interested in a topical summary of new immigration, tax, labor, international or environmental law? We have set up a way for COL faculty & students to receive email summaries from BNA. The frequency of the alert varies by which publications you select (daily, weekly or monthly). So if you want to keep up with the changes in a particular area of law, sign up for this service now.

<http://www.law.du.edu/library/bnatitles.cfm>

European Union Law Tutorial

Check out our Tutorials page for a new streaming video called "European Union Legal Research Using the Europa Website". This video was created by Sergio Stone, Comparative & International Law Librarian.

<http://www.law.du.edu/library/tutorials.cfm>

America's Newspapers

Now available on our Databases / Indexes list, America's Newspapers contains full-text issues of over 600 U.S. Newspapers including the Denver Post & Rocky Mountain News. We receive access to this database courtesy of the Penrose Library.

Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection

Looking for something really old or from a Colorado community newspaper that is no longer being published? Check out this resource from the Colorado State Library and the Colorado Historical Society. Coverage includes 86 newspapers published between 1859 and 1928 including papers published in English, German, Spanish or Swedish. New material is added monthly.

<http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>

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- 57 percent of law students never work with faculty members on
- activities other than coursework (such as committees, student orientation, or other co-curricular activities).
- 72 percent never participate in a clinical or pro bono project.
- Students at law schools that provide opportunities for "diversity-related activities" report greater gains from the law school experience and report greater satisfaction with law school.
- Overall satisfaction with law school is positively affected by good experiences with academic advising in the first year of study.

I strongly encourage all members of our community to read the LSSSE. But do please keep in mind that these findings do not necessarily reflect what the responses of **our** students would have been. Because our students have not participated in this survey in the past, we can only speculate about how the existence of the following at the Sturm College of Law might influence their responses: our clinics; the internship program; student competitions; virtually unlimited opportunities for fulfilling the public service requirement; a plethora of student organizations and associations; an academic advising initiative; opportunities to work with faculty on directed and independent research projects; joint degree programs; first-rate Student Affairs, Career Services, and Financial Aid staffs; and the law school's commitment to diversity.

One inescapable conclusion from reading the LSSSE is that students' perceptions of the quality of their law school experience is largely based on the choices they make. It's your law school experience. Own it. And remember, unlike in *Groundhog Day: The Movie*, there are no "do overs" in law school.

Regardless of whether you're familiar with this must-see movie, please check out this link; it might just change your perspective:

<http://www.transparencynow.com/groundhog.htm>

Locating Colorado Legal Forms Online

Sheila Green

Reference Librarian

Use Westminster Law Library's Web page as an easy and convenient path to Colorado legal forms from Bradford: <http://www.law.du.edu/library/> > Databases / Indexes > Bradford Legal Forms.

Click Bradford's [Search Categories](#) on the left frame to see forms covering business, contractors, the courts, general matters, guides, real estate, and sales. Click each form for a content overview. Most forms will appear in PDF format. Before selecting a form, click [PDF Help for Libraries](#) on left frame. Read and follow all instructions carefully.

Find a specific Bradford form you may be familiar with by clicking [Search Form/Number](#) on the left frame (e.g., form name: CONTRACT FOR SERVICES or form number: 1080).

You may also view Westminster Law Library's Web Page to browse Colorado state forms for bankruptcy, business, county, criminal, family law, general matters, juvenile, probate, small claims, water law, and workers' compensation: <http://www.law.du.edu/library/> > Internet Research Links > Legal Forms > Colorado > State.

Use <http://www.law.du.edu/library/> > Lexis/Westlaw > Westlaw. Enter password and click All Databases > U.S. State Materials > Colorado > Forms, Treatises, CLEs & Other Practice Material to review Colorado forms for business, civil procedure, family law, litigation, official federal court and agencies, personal injury, and more.

Try <http://www.law.du.edu/library/> > Lexis/Westlaw > LexisNexis >. Enter password and click Legal > States Legal U.S. > Colorado > Treatises & Analytical Materials and check Colorado forms for business, domestic relations, estate planning, and real estate.

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Louisiana's Death Row. (See it!) This is Ben's first role in a professional theatre production, and Diane is getting to practice her own supporting role as Actor's Mom, which consists mainly of chauffeuring and feeding her young thespian.

Kay Kissell's daughter, **Norah**, a student at Denver School of the Arts, will be giving her Senior Recital at the Newman Center in February. Norah is a mezzo-soprano, and among the pieces she will be singing are works by Puccini, George and Ira Gershwin and Jerome Kern. Kay is a highly accomplished Singer's Mom, which is an unbelievably complicated role. Ask her about it sometime.

Lexis & Westlaw Student Reps

The Lexis & Westlaw student reps are available to answer your online research questions. Spring semester office hours are held in the Library, Study Room 330R at the following times:

Monday:

LEXIS - 9:00am-2:00pm

WESTLAW - 9:15am-10:30pm; 11:45am -2:00pm

Tuesday:

WESTLAW - 10:30am-3:30pm

Wednesday:

LEXIS - 9:00am-6:00pm

WESTLAW - 9:15am-10:30am; 11:15am-3:15pm

Thursday:

WESTLAW - 10:30am - 3:30pm

Friday:

WESTLAW - 9:00am - noon

Sunday:

LEXIS - 10:00am - 5:00pm

College of Law History Exhibit

The Westminster Law Library's digital history exhibit celebrates the continuing legacy of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. The website encourages an exploration of the history of the College of Law through a variety of resources:

- 1) Archival and current photographs
- 2) Alumni Magazines from 1985 to current
- 3) Lawyers From Denver - a book celebrating the 100th anniversary of the College of Law
- 4) Audiotapes and written memories of the College of Law
- 5) Timeline of the College of Law's history
- 6) Selected video footage

This project provides a virtual scrapbook of the law school since 1892. We invite you to browse our website and enjoy this glimpse into the past and present of the College of Law. Are you an alumni, staff member or student? Be a part of this exciting project by sharing your memories with us or submitting ideas and photos.

<http://www.law.du.edu/library/colhistory/>

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Or What We Do Outside the Library

Diane Burkhardt

Faculty Services Liaison

The Library collected \$553.26 in fines during its Funds for Fines drive in October and November. All the money has gone to the Louisiana Library Disaster Relief Fund and the Rebuild Mississippi Libraries Fund to restore libraries that were damaged or destroyed by the fall hurricanes. Many thanks to all who contributed to this relief effort.

Our very own **Patty Wellinger**, Reference Services Coordinator, received the University's Red and Gold Award at the 2005 Convocation. The award is made annually to a DU staff member who goes "above and beyond" with volunteer work in both the University and the larger community. Way to go, Patty!

Dan Speidel, his wife, Jaime, and their young son, Griffin, have enjoyed their first five months in Denver. At the top of their list of fun things to do are hiking and visiting Denver's many fine museums. Griffin especially recommends the Downtown Aquarium. He has taken Mom and Dad there *many* times! These transplants from New Hampshire are thoroughly enjoying our mild Denver winter, too! "Sunny and 60 degrees in January is fantastic!" Dan exclaims.

Theresa Baker is serving on the 2006 Innovative (the people who bring you the library's online catalog) Users Group Conference Local Arrangements Committee. The annual conference will be in Denver in May. Theresa has had the grueling task of dining at some of downtown's finest restaurants. We're hoping she'll compile a restaurant guide, and if she does, we'll share it!

Elena Kelty recommends Spanish Hip-Hop to music lovers at the College of Law. Reggaeton is the Latin version of hip-hop and is becoming very popular. Elena's favorite singers are Don Omar and Vico-C, who is this year's Grammy nominee. Daddy Yankee, she says, is the best-known Reggaeton artist. Elena reports that CDs by all these singers are available at local libraries whose collections are accessible through the Prospector catalog at the Library's website.

Nancy Sensel flew to Dallas with her mom over the Christmas holidays. She visited her brother and his family and rested her bum knee.

Caryl Shipley reports that she is "suing the bozo who rear-ended her in October." She's representing herself in Arapahoe County's Small Claims Court and will be appearing there on February 8th.

Catharine Cott enjoyed Stars on Ice recently. The featured skaters were the Canadian and Russian pairs who shared the gold medal at the Winter Olympics in 2002.

JoAnna Patrick is currently taking two classes in the Master's in Library and Information Science program at DU's College of Education. She is also riding a Yamaha Roadliner 1900cc motorcycle, courtesy of a dealer in Wyoming. She is available to answer any and all questions about motorcycles.

Gary Alexander and his wife, Betty, dined with friends recently at Bob's Steak and Chophouse in Cherry Creek. Gary gives the restaurant "two thumbs up" and "to die for" ratings (for all you carnivores), but he suggests you wait to eat there until a friend or business associate is picking up the tab.

Barb Allen proudly reports that "after years of practice," she and Pippin, her Pembroke Welsh Corgi, received their CD (Companion Dog) title at the Long's Peak obedience show in Greeley on January 14. All those dog biscuits paid off!

Carol Perkins spent a relaxing week in Cambria, California in December. One of the highlights of the trip for her was watching the birth of an elephant seal pup on the Piedras Blancas beach. Once thought to be extinct, elephant seals began reappearing along the central California coast and now have a colony of more than 2,000. For more information about these beautiful creatures and some great pictures, visit <http://www.pelicannetwork.net/sansimeon.html>.

Sergio Stone will be a referee for his daughter Amelia's soccer league this spring. He is looking for opportunities to practice handing out red cards so watch your step in the Library!

Debra Austin and her family traveled to Kuwait and London in December. Read her article about their trip elsewhere in this issue of *Hearsay*.

Clare Roeder, our dedicated filer, is once again filing in the BNA and CCH volumes on the third floor of the Library on selected afternoons. He has overcome some medical problems and is now sporting new eyeglass enhancers. Clare has been working with us for 20 years and is still excited about keeping books and students up to date!

And, finally, a bit of news about several of our artistic offspring:

Diane Burkhardt's 16-year-old son, **Ben Morrow**, is performing in *Dead Man Walking* at the Denver Victorian Theatre. It opens February 23 for a two-weekend run. The play, by Tim Robbins, is adapted from the 1995 movie that starred Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn, which was based on the book by Sister Helen Prejean. It's the true and powerful story of the final months in the life of a prisoner on

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Kuwait for the Holidays

Debra Austin

Library Instruction Coordinator

Debra Austin traveled with her husband, Dale, and two sons, Richard and Phillip, to Kuwait and London in December. Debra met Salwa in the last class of her doctoral program in January of 2004. She was really tired of school and made a concerted, yet failed effort to get out of the class. Salwa raised Debra spirits by making the “best fruit salad on the face of the earth” for class one night and they have been fast friends ever since. When Mohammed visits the states, he and Dale play tennis together. Salwa, who will finish her PhD in Education this summer, and her husband Mohammed, who holds a PhD in Engineering from CU and works for the Kuwait Fund developing and funding energy projects in third-world countries, invited the Austin/Pugh family to their home in Kuwait and planning for the trip began in March.

Kuwait is a small Muslim country that lies on the Persian Gulf and is bordered by Iraq on the north and Saudi Arabia on the south. Kuwait was invaded by Iraq on Aug 2, 1990 and in Feb 1991, a US-led UN coalition liberated Kuwait. The result is that Americans are held in very high regard by Kuwaitis and President Bush Sr. has a special place in their hearts. Kuwait is slightly smaller than New Jersey and its natural resources are petroleum, fish, and shrimp. Of the 2 million people that live in Kuwait, approximately 800,000 are Kuwaiti citizens. Kuwait’s government is a nominal constitutional monarchy and the royal family is beloved as their wisdom has created a society of citizen benefits such as free housing, health care, and education through the doctoral level if one’s grades are sufficient.

Kuwaitis have several consistent traits: their extraordinary hospitality and their delightful personalities. We were treated to amazing meals and showered with cultural gifts during our time in this small country. Granted, not many Americans visit who are not in or associated with the US Military, but it is our belief that the gift of caring graciously for other people is inherent in this society.

We attended a reception at the Japanese Ambassador’s home; toured the Arab Fund building, which is a monument to Arab art and architecture; went up into the Kuwait Towers; and shopped at chic malls with the best of American and European stores, Kuwaiti clothing markets, fish markets, fruit, nut, and spice markets, and an old Persian market. We ate wonderful food from Kuwait, Lebanon, and Iran. Numerous aunts and cousins brought special dishes for our meals. And one of our biggest treats was to have dinner with Salwa’s father at his home situated across the street from the beach. He served a feast of fish, shrimp, tabouli, hummus, stuffed grape leaves, and pizza for the kids. Phillip discovered that he loves kebab! One weekend we were invited to a beach house of Salwa’s uncle. We went straight through the house and out to the beach where Debra rolled up her pants for a

wade in the Persian Gulf. Phillip kicked off his shoes, threw his shirt in the sand, and jumped right in for a swim. Our hosts thought us completely nuts as this is the middle of winter and they don’t even go out on the deck much even though it was about 75 degrees. Several of the women told me that Phillip was sure to get sick. He had his swim and played in the sand and then we joined the rest of the family for the customary feast.

The Kuwaiti schedule is one to be envied by workaholic Americans. The parents and children begin work and school between 7 and 7:30. School gets out at 1:30 and work between 2 and 2:30. Everyone heads home for lunch together, which they eat in their pjs. The businesses are all closed between 1 and 4pm. The rest of the day is spent with family. Most take a nap and then stay up and socialize or go out until 12 or 1am. We explored with our hosts the idea of Kuwait invading the US in order to make a change in the typical American work/school day.

The women have very special relationships in this culture. They congregate on a regular basis, each bringing a special dish or two. The weekend is Thursday and Friday, so on Wednesday nights the women of each family gather for dinner together. They discuss their family, laugh, and eat. Some even dance to music from Kuwait, Iraq, and yes... Egypt – read Belly Dancing. Debra spent an afternoon trying to master the local dances. On one of these occasions, Debra filled her plate at the buffet and went to the living room to sit down. In about 5 minutes, Salwa appeared with a plate full of the items that Debra had failed to put on her first plate. Later that evening, there was a comical exchange where Debra described how she made the 3 apple pies she had brought for the buffet (complete with animated hand motions) and Salwa translated the recipe into Arabic. Debra learned a bit of Arabic on her visit, but the most important phrase was “how much?”

Since British Airways stops in London on the way to Kuwait, we could not pass up a chance to visit on the way home. We arrived on Christmas Day and had what will likely be the most expensive dinner we will ever eat – not on purpose, things are just really expensive in London! We spent 4 typical Pugh/Austin days cramming as many sites as fit in a day followed by nights of musical theatre. The highlights were an Evensong choral service at St. Paul’s Cathedral, the London Eye (world’s biggest Ferris wheel with pods that accommodate about 12 people rather than seats), the Christmas decorations, and Mary Poppins on the London stage. The movie came out when Debra was 5 and the soundtrack was her first record album. We have launched our kids into world travel and have figured out that we can survive jet lag quite well, therefore we are already trying to figure out what country to visit next.

