Who Are These Guys Anyway?
by Nonie Watt

You probably think you already know just about everything you need to in regard to the House Managers prosecuting the impeachment case against Bill Clinton in the Senate. Well, I’ve managed to dig up a few facts you might not know about the individuals who seem to be dominating our television screens every night. (And no, I had no help from Larry Flynt.) See if you can match up each of the House Managers listed below with a lesser known fact about him.

1. Jim Sensenbrenner, WI  a. Co-Owner of a very lucrative steel plant
2. Bill McCollum, FL  b. Earned a Bronze Star in the Gulf War
3. Charles Canady, FL  c. Dropped out of high school at 15
4. Christopher Cannon, UT  d. Recently won $250,000 in a lottery
5. Ed Bryant, TN  e. Prosecuted Bill Clinton’s brother on drug charges
6. Steve Buyer, IN  f. Led the “Goldwater for President” campaign on his college campus
7. James Rogan, CA  g. Only one on the list who has never been married
8. Bob Barr, GA  h. Taught constitutional law at West Point
9. Lindsey Graham, SC  i. Switched political parties in 1989
10. Asa Hutchinson, AR  j. Worked for the CIA

Answers found on page 4

During the Civil War, a colonel was five times as likely to be court-martialed as a private, and court-martials increased 400 percent for all ranks during the winter months. The author of this book, Dr. Thomas P. Lowry, is a retired professor of psychiatry and he brings a fresh approach to this subject. What he has done is researched court-martial records of Union Army Colonels and Lieutenant Colonels in the National Archives, and allowed the records to speak for themselves. Some of the cases are humorous, some tragic, and all interesting.

Lowry has grouped the cases under common themes. The categories include insubordination, conduct unbecoming an officer, failure to provide proper leadership, cowardice, and miscellaneous reasons. One case of insubordination concerns Col. Newton B. Lord of the 35th New York Volunteers. He was court-martialed in 1862 for disobedience, but he was acquitted. He later was accused of being a coward, and was frequently drunk, once even at brigade headquarters. But his most outrageous feat was in his hometown of Brownsville, New York, where he proceeded to ride his horse into a bar, order two brandies (one for himself and one for his horse), and fire his revolver into the ceiling. He saved himself from further charges by resigning his commission.

Other examples provided by Lowry are nothing short of incredible, including the lieutenant colonel who referred to his superior officer as “a liar, a thief, a coward and a low-down miserable reptile.” There was the lieutenant colonel who was so drunk on a Florida beach that he tried to shoot his own commander’s boat, and then ordered his men to shoot at it as well. There was a Pennsylvania colonel who, at a social event, quoted Shakespeare, defended his vote for Breckinridge (one of Lincoln’s opponents in 1860), and then passed out. And finally there was another Pennsylvania colonel who had a habit of hiding behind tree stumps when in battle.

What stands out to me is how many of these men, even though they were court-martialed, were actually acquitted. Lowry provides information as to what happened to them after the war (if known). This is a very interesting book and I recommend it.

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### Y2K: DON’T LOOSE SLEEP OVER IT...

...because plenty of government employees charged with solving the problem already have. The number of U.S. government Web sites reporting on the pesky Y2K bug assures us that federal agencies are striving to comply with standards set by the General Services Administration (GSA) before the year 2000 rolls around.

Here are the standards that all computers must meet as established by the GSA:

1. Correctly recognize the change in date from December 31, 1999 to January 1, 2000.
2. Correctly apply the leap year rule for the year 2000 and for all years thereafter.
3. Correctly distinguish the century when corresponding to a 2-digit date input.
4. Accurately compute time intervals prior to and after January 1, 2000, as well as determine days of the week, leap years, and dates associated with Julian, Georgian, and other Calendars for dates after January 1, 2000.
5. Successfully transfer date information to and receive date information from other equipment, services, and software that is compliant with the Y2K date change.

For information about the Millennium Bug try one of these Internet addresses:
General Services Administration<br>&lt;http://y2k.fts.gsa.gov&gt;<br>Indiana Y2K Page<br>&lt;http://www.state.in.us/dpoc/y2k/y2khome.htm&gt;<br>University of Memphis<br>&lt;http://www.lib.memphis.edu/gpo/y2k.htm&gt;

Don’t worry. Be happy.

Marianne Mason, <br>Documents Librarian

**KEEPING UP-TO-DATE IN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

International environmental law is today an area of great interest to legal practitioners and scholars alike. This growing interest is reflected by the ever increasing number of law journals dedicated to international environmental topics. However, most of these journals contain analytical articles, rather than hard information about current developments. This can be a problem for researchers who want to write about what’s happening now. Of course, the Internet provides an important source for many international legal documents, but is much less useful as a source of background material for the researcher just beginning his or her research.

For summaries of current developments in international environmental law, the Library subscribes to several print titles that are really quite good. Among these are the *Review of European Community and International Environmental Law* (RECIEL), the *European Environmental Law Review*, the *Yearbook of International Environmental Law*, and the *International Environment Reporter*, published by BNA. The first three titles are periodicals, but unfortunately unindexed. The last is a looseleaf.

The first two of these titles, and the last, are designed to be read regularly by those who wish to be kept up-to-date. As its name implies, the *European Environmental Law Review* focuses on developments in Europe, and particularly within the European Communities legal regime. It includes the full text of recent decisions, detailed explanations of recent legislation and administrative regulations, individual country reports, and the Eurobrief, a brief summary of recent developments within the E.C. This journal appears monthly. The *Review of European Community and International Environmental Law* casts its net more widely. This is a quarterly publication, and each issue focuses on a particular topic, such as climate change, the judicial application of international environmental law, etc. Each issue includes short articles on topics of current interest, case notes, and a section that reprints documents. The BNA *International Environment Reporter* is a monthly newsletter containing short, journalistic accounts of developments; extreme currency is its primary value.

The *Yearbook of International Environmental Law* is an annual, and runs approximately two years behind. It is mainly composed of a lengthy year-in-review section, which provides detailed information about developments in numerous areas, such as energy, air and atmosphere, oceans, etc. It also contains country reports, and information about the activities of international agencies. Discussions tend to be organized around discussion of important documents, which are reprinted in a documents section at the end of the volume. The *Yearbook* is an encyclopedic reference source covering all areas of international environmental law in great detail.

Except for the BNA *International Environment Reporter*, all of these titles are extremely well documented. Therefore, they are not only a good source of potential note topics, but also a good place to search for references to official, printed documents.

Any researcher interested in international environmental law should become familiar with all these sources.

Ralph Gaebler,<br>Foreign and International Librarian

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You can now search the Index to Legal Periodicals and Social Science Index via the web from any computer within the Law School building, including the lap top connections in the Library. WilsonWeb provides the same coverage of legal periodicals as its CD-ROM counterpart Wilsondisc. The monthly updates, though, will appear first on the Web. The Web also offers easier searching through the use of jump links. Social Sciences Index covers 415 periodicals dating from February 1983 to the present. This index is particularly helpful for those doing interdisciplinary research.

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Juliet Smith,
Electronic Services Librarian

Congratulations to Professor Dawn Johnsen & husband, John Hamilton, on the birth of their baby boy, Eric, on January 24th.

Happy Valentines Day

WORKING THE HALLS

Welcome! New staff:

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Library Assistant to the Director, Kate Buckman
Visiting Professor, Kellye Testy

Happy February birthday to:

Pat Clark, Admissions Coordinator on the 1st
Mary Edwards, Financial Records Monitor in the Library on the 4th
Nonie Watt, Head of Technical Services in the Library on the 7th
Kate Buckman, new Assistant to the Director of the Library on the 12th
Jeff Ashby, Senior Bindery/Conservation Asst. on the 14th
Prof. Julia Lamber, on the 27th

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The Suggestion Box

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