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## LIBRARY HOURS

For finals study period, Friday, December 2, through Thursday, December 15, the library will be open from 7:00 A.M. until midnight seven days a week. During the winter intersession, Friday, December 16, through Sunday, January 8, the library will be open from 8:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. seven days a week.



The library will be closed for Christmas from Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26, and for New Year's from Friday, December 30 through Monday, January 2. We wish all of our patrons a delightful holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you back in the library in 2006.

For details, check the Legal Research Center web site at <http://www.sandiego.edu/lrc/about/hours.php>.

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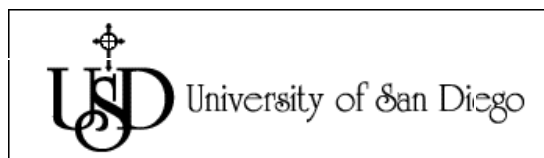
## SUPREME DATA



Of the 154 nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court between 1789 and 2004, 34 were not confirmed by the Senate. The 34 nominations represent 29 individuals whose names were sent forward to the Senate by Presidents (some individuals were nominated more than once). Of the 29 individuals who failed to be confirmed the first time they were nominated, however, five were later nominated again and confirmed. The nominations were not confirmed for a variety of reasons, including Senate opposition to the nominating President, nominee's views, or incumbent Court; senatorial courtesy; perceived political unreliability of the nominee; perceived lack of ability; interest group opposition; and fear of altering the balance of the Court. HENRY B. HOGUE, SUPREME COURT NOMINATIONS NOT CONFIRMED, 1789-2004, CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE REPORT FOR CONGRESS (March 21, 2005), <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL31171.pdf>.

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**LAW LIBRARY  
DAMAGED IN  
BLAZE**



Fire has destroyed eighty to ninety percent of the reference books hall and claimed 25,000 books in the Tehran University law faculty library. The blaze of unknown origin broke out early on the morning of November 16, and caused considerable harm, although it did not destroy the main vault of the library. The library lacked a fire alarm system. *25,000 Books Destroyed in Fire*, Cultural Heritage News Agency, Nov. 16, 2005, at <http://www.chn.ir/en/news/?id=5940&section=2>.

On November 18, Harvard Law Librarian Professor Terry Martin informed the American law librarian community of the fire via e-mail.

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**'TIS THE  
SEASON TO BE  
JOLLY**



When was the last time you've enjoyed a good joke book? Why not take out some time from the crunch of final exams and the busy holiday season to have a few chuckles over some legal humor (not an oxymoron!)?

You might want to start with SEAN DAVIS, *IF IT DOES NOT FIT, MUST YOU ACQUIT?: YOUR HUMOROUS GUIDE TO THE LAW/K184 .C37 2002*, a potential source of inspiration for final exam writing. "Peppered with jokes, cartoons, side-bars, and snippets from [the author's] weekly legal humor column," the book amusingly explains constitutional law, contracts, torts, property, criminal law, and procedure, topping off each chapter with a whimsical multiple choice quiz.

AMICUS HUMORIAE: AN ANTHOLOGY OF LEGAL HUMOR/PN6231 .L4 A64 2003 actually draws comedy from law review articles and essays. An example is the piece titled *Id.*, in which the author anticipates glory via inclusion "in the GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS, where this article will be enshrined as the most frequently cited law review article ever written."

Funny experiences associated with the law can be found in RON LIEBMAN, *SHARK TALES: TRUE (AND AMAZING) STORIES FROM AMERICA'S LAWYERS/K184 .S535 2000* and in ROBERT C. BAXLEY, *A MISCELLANEOUS LAWYER: A COLLECTION OF HUMOROUS AND INTERESTING LAW STORIES/K184 .B38 1999*. The author of the latter book, Bob Baxley, is a USD Law graduate and a retired Superior Court judge. The anecdotes in the book are set in San Diego and involve local personalities, including former USD Law deans Gen. George Hickman and Joseph Sinclitico.

If you don't even have time for reading jokes and funny stories, you can browse the silly statutes in JEFF KOON & ANDY POWELL, *YOU MAY NOT TIE AN ALLIGATOR TO A FIRE HYDRANT: 101 REAL DUMB LAWS/K184 .K66 2002* and flip through the cartoons in STEVEN PRESSMAN, ED., *RES IPSA JOCULAR: THE RECORDER BOOK OF LEGAL CARTOONS/K184 .B47 2000*.

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