

The Graphic Ninth

IT IS A COMMONPLACE that the U.S. Constitution belongs to the People. But, as its ninth amendment makes clear to at least some folks, so does everything else. Defining that “everything else” is another matter. The Bliss Collaborative recently offered its interpretation on a poster (reproduced on the next page) inviting entries in the ninth annual competition sponsored by the St. Louis chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Arts.

See www.blisscollaborative.com; U.S. CONST. amend. IX.

Law on the Beach

MUCH IS MADE IN the U.S. of the need “to improve and expand access to civil justice,” and most law schools invest heavily in clinics designed to bring legal services to the people. But is it enough? Perhaps they should borrow a page from a leading Australian law school:

Beachgoers can once again receive free legal advice on Newcastle Beach this summer courtesy of the University of Newcastle Legal Centre.

The University of Newcastle Legal Centre operates as a community centre, providing free legal advice and assistance to members of the community in the Hunter region. The Centre operates to assist disadvantaged people, focusing on those with limited financial means or on matters that are in the public interest and is run by students who are supervised by the Legal Centre’s solicitors.

For a limited number of dates in January and February 2005, the Legal Centre will move the free legal advice clinic to the Club Room at the Newcastle Beach Surf Club Pavilion. Appointments for Law On The Beach are not necessary – members of the public are welcome to just drop on in any-time from 10am to 3pm. ...



Law on the beach at the Newcastle Beach Surf Club Pavilion, NSW, Australia.

After these dates the free advice sessions will operate from the University of Newcastle Legal Centre premises in University House on the corner of King and Auckland Streets in Newcastle.

ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants, www.abanet.org/legalservices/sclaid/lsn.html; University of Newcastle Legal Centre, www.newcastle.edu.au/faculty/bus-law/news/index.html#beach.

New Words

AS PROMISED on page 125:
Anthropocene (noun) – the current geological age, viewed as having begun about 200 years ago with the significant impact of humanity on the ecosphere: “in this post-human, or as some geologists might call it, post-anthropocene, era, California will again become governed by geologic and climatic processes.” (Trevor Paglin, *Rem-*