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October Forum Speakers:

Homeboy Industries: Successful Gang Intervention & Re-Entry

Omnilore is pleased to announce two speakers representing Homeboy Industries who will be sharing stories from those participating in their 18-month training program.

Homeboy Industries began when a concerned group of Angelenos, led by Father Gregory Boyle, asked a simple question: "Can we improve the health and safety of our community through jobs and education rather than through suppression and incarceration?" The answer was yes. In 1988, members of the Dolores Mission Church and Father Greg found a few caring business owners willing to hire former gang members and "Jobs For A Future" was created. Seeking a way out of gang life, 70 young people started work.

This year, they celebrate their 28th anniversary as an organization in headquarters located in downtown Los Angeles, just two blocks from Union Station. Homeboy

serves as a beacon of hope and opportunity for those seeking to leave gang life, for whom the barriers and challenges are great, and for whom there is virtually no other avenue to enter the mainstream.

Homeboy Industries is recognized as the largest and most successful gang intervention and re-entry program in the world, and has become a national model.

Come and join us as we gain a better understanding of how the social enterprises work and discover the sense of community



that exists for the men and women who come through Homeboy's doors seeking to leave their gang involvements behind and find hope for their futures.

The Omnilore Forum Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, October 31st** at our usual place, the Los Verdes Golf Club, in the banquet room overlooking the ocean with a view of Santa Catalina Island. We will have a brief business meeting and election of officers and Board members, a particularly tasty lunch—baby spinach, goat cheese, dried cranberries and candied pecan salad, grilled filet of salmon, potatoes au gratin with white cheddar, grilled squash and zucchini, and chocolate tuxedo mousse cake for dessert (vegetarian meal requested with registration) still only \$27.00—and a Costume Contest (optional), complete with prizes and lots of admiration!

Registration forms are on page 11 of this newsletter, and in a flyer which will arrive at your home by regular mail around the first of October.

Reservations must be received by October 21st.

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Editor

Marion Smith

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Frank Pohlner

This is my farewell column as president. I, along with most of the board of directors, am coming to the end of my second term. You will be seeing some new faces in our leadership positions. One of the duties of the outgoing president is to head the committee that nominates the new slate of officers. If you are asked to serve a one-year term on the board I hope you say yes to giving back to an organization that means so much to enriching our lives. Omnilore governance documents limit most officers to two one-year terms. The standing committee chairpersons are appointed by the president for one-year terms. This is a great system that keeps fresh talent circulating through the organization. I pledge to remain active through participation in committees and coordinating classes. In addition, I will assume the position of Past President on the board with a tie-breaker vote.

I really enjoyed getting to know members of the current board. Their volunteer work ethic and commitment to Omnilore has been gratifying and inspiring. I thank you all profusely.

The CSUDH staff, especially Teresa Stevens in Facilities, Arvin Lambinico in Multimedia, Ed Cleek in Finance and Mari Cortez on the office staff have provided service above

and beyond. Dean McNutt, Associate Dean Wilson and OLLI Coordinator La Margo Washington have provided outstanding support to our program and to setting up this new facility.

I have striven to take seriously the duties of the president to oversee the day to day operations of Omnilore. I also took to heart the obligation to provide a strategic path forward that preserves the original Omnilore mission and objectives of peer-led education with a commitment by every discussion group member to prepare an independently researched presentation and prepare and lead a discussion of the common source material (book, movie, short story, etc.) for minds not ready to retire.

Thank-you all,
Frank Pohlner



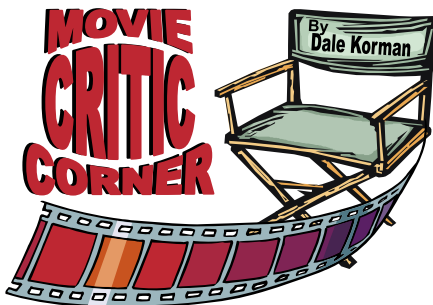
Update on the Outreach Program

by Dale Korman, Outreach Coordinator

The Omnilore Outreach Team has been well received by The Canterbury and Welbrook. It has been a win-win for presenters and residents.

Joy Jurena focused her presentation on *Chocolate* and even passed out samples. **Jeanne Lenehan** presented the Broadway Musical, *Annie Get Your Gun*, and included the history of Annie Oakley. Plans for the rest of the year are scheduled for **Art Irizarry** - *DNA and Blood Types*, **Jean Custer** - *Endangered Species and the Catalina Island*, **Tom Galbraith** - *Music - 1927* and **Howard Korman** - *Klezmer Music*.

If you are interested in joining this Outreach Team for the upcoming year (2019), please contact Dale Korman, Outreach coordinator.: 310-373-2442 or howarddale@verizon.net



A Star is Born is an upcoming American musical romantic drama film produced and directed by Bradley Cooper in his directorial debut. It marks the third remake of the original 1937 film which featured Janet Gaynor and Fredric March. In 1954 it was adapted into a musical starring Judy Garland and James Mason. And, remade again as a rock musical in 1976 with Barbra Streisand and Kris Kristofferson. The current

film starring Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga will have premiered at the 75th Venice International Film Festival on the 31st of August and is scheduled to be released in the US on October 5th by Warner Bros. Pictures.

There are similarities in all four versions of *A Star is Born*. Young actress/singer yearns to be a Hollywood star while the promoters of these newbies end up playing "second fiddle" and succumb to alcoholism which sends their careers into a downward spiral.

Many awards have been given to these films over the years. At the 10th Academy Awards, *A Star is Born* was nominated in 7 categories, winning one for Best Writing (original story) by William Wellman. In 1954 Judy Garland was nominated for Best Actress, but she lost to Grace Kelly for *The Country Girl*. However, both Garland and Mason won

Golden Globe Awards. The 1976 film produced a winning song, *Evergreen* and won 5 Golden Globes for Best Picture, Best Actress, Best Actor, Best Original Score and Best Song.

Now, we will see how the 2018 version will compare with its predecessors. A winner, or not? Already the Tomatometer* rating is at 96%. Let's plan to see it and decide for ourselves.

*The **Tomatometer** score represents the percentage of professional critic reviews that are positive for a given film or television show. A **Tomatometer** score is calculated for a movie or TV show after it receives at least five reviews.

Perhaps you would like to join me at the movies and become a film critic partner?

Dale Korman
howarddale@verizon.net

Larry Young: Cerebral, Spiritual--and Handy

by Marion Smith

Larry Young became an Omnilorean about ten years ago, following his [second] retirement as a Methodist minister. Second retirement? He served as full-time minister at Riviera United Methodist Church in Redondo Beach from 1992-1999. He calls that 1999 decision an “early” retirement because he wanted to have the freedom to do other things. However, he was later called to serve at First United Methodist Church in Santa Monica, and it was following that retirement that he joined Omnilore. (But actually, he’s still on call at the Santa Monica church to preach and perform other duties as called.)

What was his background for this career? Larry grew up in Wichita, Kansas, where his father worked in the aircraft industry.

After earning a degree in social sciences at Kansas’ Southwestern College, he graduated from Yale Divinity School. Through a professor at Yale, he spent a year in Scotland as a sort of associate pastor of a religious group. Through the same professor, he went on to work at a retreat center in eastern Pennsylvania for three years. With a focus on issues of the day, Larry found that assignment very interesting.

Through a college friend with good connections, Larry then moved to California in the 1960s, serving as associate pastor at two churches before becoming senior pastor at other churches. And catch this: He was pastor of the USC campus during the 1984 Olympics. Though the congregation couldn’t come to campus during the Olympics, Larry was involved in religious activity for the athletes.

Larry says that Omnilore is now his outlet for intellectual and academic stimulation. He’s also interested in travel and service projects. Liking to use his hands, he’s a frequent Habitat for Humanity volunteer. Five of those Habitat activities have taken him on international trips: Viet Nam, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. He likes the fact that these trips allow



him to contribute something in service with a chance to visit the world. He has a Habitat project coming up in Culver City with his Santa Monica church. Actually, he’s worked on several work teams through the church. Following Hurricane Katrina, he joined his team three times in New Orleans and twice in Haiti.

Again, Larry likes to work with his hands, so he likes to fix things. He’s the handyman at his house, and he does quite a bit of yard work.

Such activities are no doubt appreciated by Larry’s wife Jean. Jean is a psychotherapist who just joined Omnilore this year. (Her schedule is flexible, as she meets with clients in their home or over the phone.) The Spring 2018 offering of “The Moth Presents”

caught her interest and caused her to become a member. Their picks for Summer 2018 were “Leonardo da Vinci” for Larry and “Readers’ Theatre Experience” for Jean.

Larry and Jean both enjoy drama, holding season tickets to South Coast Repertory and Geffen Playhouse. And every summer they attend the Utah Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City, Utah. They meet college friends at the festival, and then they head to Aspen, Colorado, where Larry has lots of family, including a brother.

Larry also loves classical music, especially choral music. He sang in choirs throughout his college years. And he loves to read. Larry says his choices for Omnilore S/DGs are pretty eclectic. For Fall 2018 he and Jean chose “Buried Cinematic Treasures.” (Jean worked for Warner Brothers for 10 years.) He also enjoys history topics, and perhaps his favorite S/DG featured Stephen Hawking’s *A Briefer History of Time*.

Larry is bound to bring an interesting and thoughtful perspective to all of his activities, inside and outside of Omnilore.

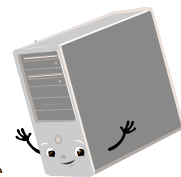


Computer Talks

September 27th - Noon to 1:00 - L8

Presented by Rick Spillane

Use of PowerPoint for Presentations



This Computer Talk will be focusing on everything you need to know and were afraid to ask to successfully use PowerPoint on both Macs and PCs. Rick will start at the very beginning: creating a presentation. We will first create an outline of a talk in PowerPoint, and then build and organize slides with your discussion points. We’ll briefly look at customizing your presentation by adding notes to any slide and working with the slide master to set a style for the presentation. We will cover how to use PowerPoint to aid in your presentation and how not to confuse or put people to sleep. We will end by showing how to save the presentation on a flash drive to move it from your computer to the Omnilore classroom computer.



Computer Talks are casual noontime presentations devoted to helping Omniloreans improve their computer skills. They are held on the 4th Thursdays of most months, generally excluding July/August and November/December. Read more about Omnilore’s *Computer Talks* series on our [Computer Talks](#) webpage, and find some of the recent presentations there for viewing or downloading.



Dean, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
College of Extended & International Education
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The academic year is ramping up at the College of Extended and International Education (CEIE). However, as I wrote in my summer column, it never really slows down in CEIE, which is why I enjoy my career at CSU Dominguez Hills.

The Fall semester is about new beginnings, new students, new hopes, new friends and new experiences.

The evening air is dry and cool; college and pro football seasons are underway. It

is surreal to know that my office is less than 50 yards from the LA Charger stadium. As I write this article, I look out my window and see the Stub Hub arena, home to both the Chargers, and the LA Galaxy soccer team.

Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and other Winter Holidays are just around the corner. Also why this time of year is my favorite.

For me, the new year begins in late August. Each autumn, traditional and non-traditional students enroll in face-to-face or online courses to better their lives and pocketbooks. Despite this busy time of year, I take time to walk the classroom building hallways of Extended Education to peek in on the many classes underway. I hear various foreign languages being spoken by International students learning American Language and Culture; I hear lecturers educating working adults about human resource management or occupational safety; I watch retirees and senior citizens listen to a faculty member present a guest lecture or discussing the latest bestselling books. This management by walking around always energizes me and continues to drive my passion for what we do at CEIE.

Taken together, this is the epitome of lifelong learning. I am proud of the diverse educational programs offered through CEIE. We are launching a new Master's degree in Cyber Security this fall, and this coming January, we will be launching a new EMT certificate. Our students will receive hands-on training thanks to Med Reach, a local emergency medical response company. Med Reach donated a fully functioning ambulance for students to use as a training lab.

Now more than ever in the history of education, have we had so many opportunities to learn, whether a child is pre-K or through 90 years of age. This unprecedented access to educational opportunities provides people unique opportunities for personal enrichment and career advancement.

Enjoy the Season and Go SeaHawks!

Results of the Spring 2018 Survey

by Judy Bayer

Omniole classes keep getting better and better – at least that's what our Spring Survey conveyed to us. Many thanks to all of you who responded to the survey. Without your input, we wouldn't know how to improve upon your Omniole experience. Sixty-seven percent of our members completed the survey. Although the number was down from 75% on the last inquiry, we did receive significantly more comments. Overall, you believed that enough time was allotted for discussion, discussion questions and presentations stimulated dialogue, presentations were relevant and well researched, and class time was well organized.

Here's what you thought about your class(es):

- ✓ Books, good or not so good, were found by 62% to be conducive to informative discussion.
- ✓ 72% percent would recommend the book.
- ✓ 95% thought enough time was allotted for discussions.
- ✓ 82% thought discussion questions stimulated dialogue.
- ✓ 92% thought presentations were relevant.
- ✓ 82% indicated that the presentations were well researched and organized
- ✓ 80% said the presentations stimulated questions.
- ✓ 55% found presentations outstanding.
- ✓ 95 % of respondents gave a presentation.
- ✓ 95% found the class stayed on schedule.
- ✓ 90% found the class time balanced between presentations and discussions.
- ✓ 95% found they had ample opportunity to participate.
- ✓ 88% found their overall experience very positive.



Several of you commented that your book was too long and in order to facilitate a complete discussion, the class should be offered over two semesters.

A record of the Summer Forum Presentation on July 31, 2018

Presenter: Gerald F. Uelman, J.D.

Topic: Is a Trial a Search for the Truth?

by Teddie Milner

The story you are about to hear is true and the names have *not* been changed to protect the innocent.

It was a beautiful July day in Palos Verdes, the day of the Forum. It seemed like any of the previous forums –at exactly 11:30 members and guests began to arrive. They started mingling, picking up name tags, scouting out a table to sit with their friends. They helped themselves to complimentary drinks: iced water, tea, or coffee. They got a photo taken. Then everyone noticed Gerald Uelman and his wife Martha had arrived. They were immediately surrounded. The crowd buzzed with excitement. The decibel level in the room was off the charts. We had the feeling something unexpected was about to happen. I’m Teddie Milner, and I was the recorder for the session.

At 1 p.m. and twenty seconds, Donald Tlougan, Vice President for Academics, stepped up to the podium to welcome the group to the July Forum. Don provided a little history of the Forum and then turned the festivities over to the speaker program’s director to tell us about the featured speaker.

Up popped Judge Bob Mallano, with an extra spring in his step and a twinkle in his eye, eager to introduce this special speaker and his topic. Why? As it turns out, Bob and Jerry are high school buddies. Bob knows a lot about Jerry—like that he plays a mean accordion. No, he doesn’t play “Lady of Spain,” but he enjoys playing polkas and waltzes. Bob knows that Jerry retired last year from a distinguished 45-year teaching career, which included serving as the Dean of the Santa Clara University School of Law. Professor Uelman has argued cases in the Supreme Court. He has written several books. One is a book of humor written from court experiences. The professor’s latest book is: *If It Doesn’t Fit: Lessons from a Life in the Law*. Bob Mallano’s copy of the book is inscribed: From your Mt. Carmel fellow crusader! Warm regards, Jerry Uelman.

Dean Uelman has an extensive biog-

raphy, but is best known for being a part of the “dream team” defending OJ Simpson. He originated the very effective “if it don’t fit” statement. [You can learn more about Gerald Uelman in the July *Omniole News*.]

Today’s topic: Is a trial a search for the truth? With great respect and fondness, the Judge invited the Dean to the podium. Dean Uelman began by assuring the audience they could relax, he’d forgotten his accordion. He told us he used to take it everywhere he went. One day he left the accordion in the backseat of his car—well, you know what happened. Yes, someone broke into his car and left another accordion in the backseat!

He then began his presentation by reading a poem he says he wrote in one of his more cynical moments:

Black may be gray. White may be gray. When things are gray, they can go either way. Painting things gray can pay.

The search for the truth is one of the ultimate goals of life itself for him. Gerald Uelman seeks it in the library, at the dinner table, in the classroom, and in the chapel. He works to keep the truth at the core of his relationships with family and friends, students and professional colleagues. But, he disputes the notion that the ultimate purpose of a trial is to find the truth. There are three possible stories: the plaintiff’s story, the defendant’s story, and the truth.

Our adversary system requires both the prosecution and the defense to pursue their versions of the truth relentlessly, with every tool of persuasion the law allows. Neither can be favored but the defense version must prevail if the prosecution does not meet its burden of proof. The jury’s verdict is simply guilty or not guilty. What we look for in a trial is an acceptable level of certainty, not a dec-



Forum Chair, Bob Mallano with Professor Uelman

laration of where the truth lies.

If we think of a trial as a search for the truth, we must understand there are constraints. We have the right to remain silent and to our privacy when speaking with our lawyers, doctors and spouses which, if known, could affect the outcome of the trial. We have to admit we don’t always find the truth. The choice the jury makes does not define the truth.

In a *criminal trial*, the purpose is to define the power of the State, to punish an individual by depriving him of his life or liberty.

In a *civil trial*, the purpose is simply to transfer money from one pocket to another.

Because we value liberty more than property, we require a higher threshold of certainty in a criminal trial. The defendant must be found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Where only money is at stake, proof by preponderance of the evidence is sufficient. Here are some good reasons for the presumption of innocence:

1. We don’t trust the power of the State
2. In a Democracy, the State is our elected representatives
3. Lawyers representing the State accept lower salaries to serve the public
4. The Constitution was amended to add the Bill of Rights

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5. Why should the State's version be subjected to any greater burden than the version presented by the paid adversaries of an accused criminal?

Both defense and prosecutors are subject to two important ethical constraints:

- A. Neither can knowingly participate in the presentation of purged testimony
- B. Neither can actively hide or suppress relevant evidence, making it unavailable to the other side

The creators of our democratic government recognized the need to limit the power over individuals. Criminal defense lawyers are asked, "How can you defend a person when you know s/he is guilty?" The answer for Professor Uelman: "I've never had to defend a client I knew was guilty because I never assumed the role of judging their guilt or innocence. My personal belief is irrelevant."

Certainty can be quantified but the truth cannot. The truth is absolute. The truth should never be confused with certitude. Even if a belief or conviction is universally shared, it does not make it the truth.

In our quest for certainty, it is an equal contest where each side has an opportunity to challenge the credibility of the other side's evidence. The credibility of the evidence should be the ultimate criterion of success.

In a *criminal trial*, one of the adversaries is the State. An individual--no matter how wealthy or powerful--can't mount a case with the resources and power the State can. To level the disparity, trials begin with the presumption of innocence. The burden is upon the State to convince the jury of its version. The defendant does not have to offer any evidence at all. Think of the recent trial of Paul Mana-

fort. The State built its case with a number of facts on paper and with the testimony of witnesses over a couple of weeks. The defendant, Paul Manafort, rested his case without offering any evidence.

In a *civil trial* there is no presumption of innocence. The party who presents the preponderance of the evidence will win.

"My greatest disappointments as a prosecutor were not the cases I lost, but the cases that were easier to win because the defense lawyer was unprepared or incompetent," Uelman related. The case of the People v. OJ Simpson was a defense lawyer's dream because the resources were available to hire the best experts, investigating and pursuing every avenue that might weaken the prosecution's case.

Our system often denies indigent defendants the resources required to mount a vigorous defense. In examining hundreds of cases convicting defendants, DNA testing is responsible for exonerating many of them. Unfortunately, DNA testing was not available during their trials. This demonstrates the need to remain open to the possibility that when a jury comes to a verdict, their decision may be wrong.

If they were wrong in acquitting the defendant (a verdict of not guilty), we have to live with the mistake. Why? The Constitution protects against double jeopardy, absolutely precluding a trial of the defendant again.

But if they were wrong in convicting the defendant, the conviction can be challenged.

DNA evidence has demonstrated that there are more wrongful convictions than was suspected. The Innocence Project established by Barry Sheck and Peter Neufeld, co-counsel in the OJ Simpson case, is responsible for over 300 DNA exonerations since 1989. Eighteen of these defendants

were on death row awaiting execution! If that analysis is correct, then there are many more wrongful convictions that deserve review.

Here is a partial list of the ways wrongful convictions have occurred:

1. Mistaken eye witness identifications
2. False confessions
3. Jail snitch testimony
4. Lab errors

As we take a closer look at those exonerated, it was found that 62% of the defendants were black and nearly all were indigent. All of them were represented by an attorney.

Dean Uelman has trained law students to recognize that things may not be as they appear: that the purpose of a trial can best be served by an adversary system, where competing visions of the facts are contested. The result of their contest should not be seen as a revelation of the truth or even as the end of the pursuit.

So what happened during the Forum? Was it unexpected? Were you challenged to take or rethink your position on finding truth during trials? Did you think about the verdicts you reached while serving as a juror? Did you increase your knowledge of how our judicial system works? Did the presentation cause you to change your mind about any of the opinions you may have erroneously held? Did you find reviewing the differences between criminal and civil trials useful? And also, how important DNA evidence can be in exonerations? Were you surprised to learn about the shocking percentage of indigent, black defendants who were found guilty because of lack of resources?

Next time you're selected for jury service you'll be more prepared, thanks to Gerald F. Uelman.



What's a haunted chicken?
A poultry-geist.

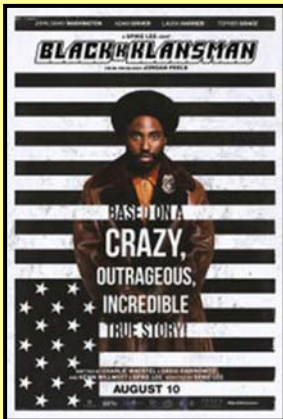
What does a vampire never order at a restaurant?
A stake sandwich.

What happened to the guy who couldn't
keep up payments to his exorcist?
He got repossessed.

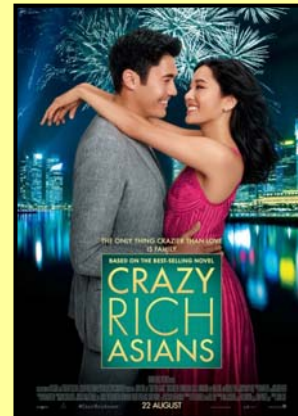


Daffynition: Retreat — To get another piece of candy on Halloween.

Movie Goers Special Interest Group



On August 26th we met at the Rolling Hills AMC to view *BLACKKLANSMAN*, a provocative film directed by Spike Lee. As usual, we met at Mimi's Café to share our thoughts. The only thing we can say about this movie is that it's probably Spike Lee's best to date, although many Movie Goers were disturbed by the ending. It clearly showed that we haven't been successful in putting an end to violence, so that we can live our lives in peace.



The next SIG outing is planned for September 23rd at AMC Rolling Hills where we will tentatively see *Crazy Rich Asians*. Showtime – TBD.

Again, please, email Dale Korman - howarddale@verizon.net - if you are coming, so that Mimi's has a head count. The private room has been so perfect for our discussions. Call time will be at 6:30 p.m.

Looking forward to being our own review critics. Our observations and opinions are definitely credible.

Kudos to Our Movie Goers!

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There also was a suggestion that in order to preclude individual members of a study group from dominating a discussion or presentation, the coordinator should implement practices that would provide all class members an equal opportunity to participate.

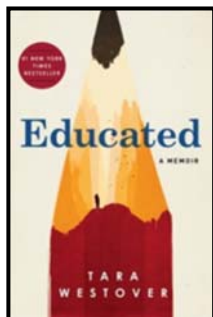
Many of you noted who you thought gave an outstanding presentation. Your choices were acknowledged in the Spring-Summer Newsletter.

Keep up the good work and keep the conversation going!

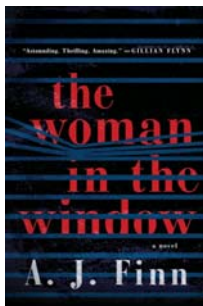
Fall Best Sellers SIG Reads

by Patricia Edie & Cindy Eggert

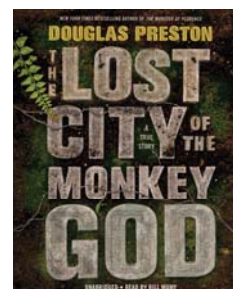
Calling all “Readers!” Omnilore’s Best Sellers Special Interest Group continues to meet each month, at 12 noon, on the second Monday of the month in L8 of the Beach Cities Health Center to discuss the chosen book for the month. We alternate each month between various works of fiction and non-fiction. The discussion is always lively and interesting! Upcoming dates and book selections for the remainder of the year 2018 are:



Monday,
September 17:
Non-Fiction
Educated:
A Memoir
by Tara
Westover
**Notice date
change!**



Monday,
October 8
Fiction
*The Woman
in the
Window*
by A.J. Finn



Monday,
November 12:
Non-Fiction
*The Lost City
of the Monkey
God*
by Douglas
Preston

As with any SIG, you do not need to register to participate...just show up on the date prepared to participate. We always have interesting and stimulating discussions! Guests are always welcomed.

Some Smiles from the July Forum



1. Bob & Kathy Mallano; 2. Adonna Bowman & Carol Wingate; 3. Sydell Wiener; 4. Dayla Sims; 5. Lindie Banks; 6. Nancy Bell; 7. Dale & Dick Johnson; 8. Jade Suzanne Neely & Jill McKenzie; 9. Faye Schwartz; 10. Vickie Volchok & Elaine Endres; 11. Carol Simone & Helen Leven; 12. Carlos & Ronnie Lemmi; 13. Nina Landis, Teddie Milner & Diana Cutler; 14. Mel Schrier with friend, Babs Dizon; 15. Lynn & John Taber; 16. Judy Bayer, Maria Ashla, Ruth Bloland & Cordelia Hwang; 17. Dennis Eggert & Bill Gargaro.

**Omnilore Walking Group: October 12th (Friday) – 10:00 A.M.
White Point Nature Preserve (San Pedro)**

by Hal Hart

This walk visits a unique conservation area (part of the PV Land Conservancy) that has undergone restoration of native coastal sage scrub habitat and installation of public trails in just the past decade. Simultaneously, via interpretive signage every couple hundred yards along the trails, we are educated with a variety of historical glimpses — the early Rancho era and the dispute between the Dominguez and Sepulveda families, the vibrant century-ago White Point Japanese-American fishing community, World War II history including two-gun bunkers defending the Pacific coast, a Cold War-era Nike missile silo, original native flora, why this is almost the only area in greater LA that sustains agriculture without irrigation...

Our planned moderate-level 1.5-mile walk starts with a 200-foot elevation gain up to the gun bunkers — less than half an hour and then it's all downhill from there. Along the way, we should be rewarded with cooling breezes and great views of Catalina (*assuming no heavy fog*). The trails around the nature preserve provide ample options for gentler elevation treks, or extra mileage for the ambitious.

There are also native plant demonstration gardens to visit near the entrance, around the Nature Education Center, itself a repurposed historic Cold War assembly building (*open only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, unfortunately*).

The White Point Nature Preserve is located at **1600 W. Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro**, where there is a good-sized parking lot. From 25th St. in San Pedro, approach by going south on Western or Anchovy Ave. to the end and driving east (left) on Paseo Del Mar. (*Don't pull in at the exit which comes up before the entrance to the parking lot, or you'll pop your tires*).

Meet at the Nature Center entrance sign (*photo at right*) off the parking lot at **10 a.m.** Bring your water bottle. We can adjust the route(s) to the interests of the walkers. Pack your lunch for after the walk because there are two shaded picnic tables.

Ruth and Hal Hart will lead this walk. (*The nature preserve and nearby environs have several geocaches hidden. We can point you to the right spots if you're interested. CLRL have not found most of them.*)

All Omnilore members (and their guests) are always welcome to participate in our excursions. We accommodate all speeds of walkers, so give it a try if this route around the preserve appeals to you.

Contact Dennis Bosch if you have questions about the walking group or are willing to plan a hike.: dennis.bosch@gmail.com



*Above: aerial photograph of location and layout.
Upper left: WW2 Gun Bunker; below: Cold War Nike Missile Silo.*

Blanche Herring, who began a three-decade career at the National Broadcasting Company in the fifties, was one of the first women in the industry to rise from the rank of secretary to corporate management. As she rose through the managerial ranks, she became director of administration for the entertainment division expanding what she had done as manager by planning west coast special events, serving as NBC representative for special interest groups and acting as division liaison with many other departments. When she left the network in 1987, she was West Coast Director of Corporate Information.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Blanche came to California as a small child, arriving in Los Angeles when it was at its pre-war best. A graduate of Manual Arts High School, she received her A.A. degree from UCLA before beginning her 32-year stint at NBC.

In 1986 Blanche married Chuck Herring, who at the time was manager of data processing at Aerospace Corporation, and moved to Torrance. The following year GE bought NBC and Blanche was caught in a downsizing operation. To help her through the trauma of losing her network career, Chuck held a memorial service for her dead job. To the accompaniment of a Wagnerian dirge played on a boom box, "pallbearers" built a funeral pyre in a barbecue pit and burned a mock coffin containing her business cards, stationery, and peacock logo. A wake in the Herrings' flower-filled house followed.

Remembering Blanche Herring



A few months later, Blanche enrolled in the University of Redlands to complete the requirements for her bachelor's degree in business management. While studying for her degree, she went to work for the National Council for Families and Television, a non-profit organization that provided educational and informational services to creators of television programming. As director of the "Listener's Bureau," she brought together school children and producers of prime-time programs giving the creators of television programs an opportunity to hear from their younger audiences. When the two-year grant expired, Blanche retired.

Since her retirement, Blanche had been involved in literacy tutoring and Omnimore, joining in June 1995. Chuck followed later, joining in September 2001.

Blanche became president of Omnimore in 2002. During her tenure, travel was incorporated into study and discussion group (S/DG) programming through the collaboration of John and Lynn Taber, and continuing with the next president, George Clark, in 2003 and 2004. Members of the study and discussion groups with travel components conducted their presentations in a multitude of locales in Los Angeles, on the Lewis and Clark Trail, in the southern Atlantic coast states, western Canada, France, Shakespeare festivals in Utah and Oregon, the Washington D.C. area, the Hudson River Valley of New York and Virginia.

Blanche passed away about June 24th; she was living near her brother in Montana.

I entered my first orientation meeting for Omnimore with some trepidation. Within ten minutes, I locked eyes with a lovely dark-haired woman who immediately came to my side to welcome me. As they say, "that's all she wrote." From then on, Blanche and I were friends. It is a bit inexplicable - we never knew that much about each other, but each time we saw each other, it was like sisters were reunited; there was something spiritual about our connection (and no, I am not a Shirley MacLaine sort of person!). Blanche was sweet, gentle, sensitive, caring, and a beautiful human being. It is difficult to talk about her in the past tense. And husband Chuck was her perfect mate—a delightful sense of humor with a Melville fetish. The two of them made each gathering fun and were interesting contributors to many Omnimore classes. Two shining lights have left the earth but my life is richer for having known them.

Mary Oran

So many wonderful lunches with Blanche. Her intellect and sense of humor were memorable. She gave so much to her friends and Omnimore.

Helen Leven

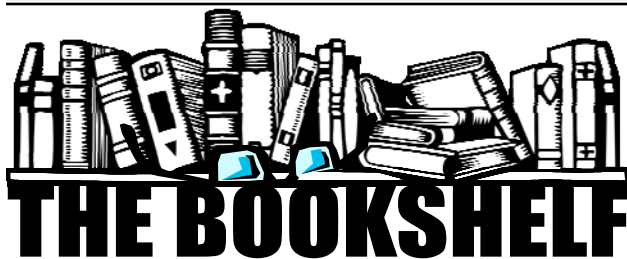
Blanche served Omnimore very well during her tenure as our President. As a friend she was steadfast, loyal, thoughtful, fun and loving. She is very missed. Chuck, a good man who left this earth too soon is also missed. *Merle Culbert*

Blanche Herring was a caring and loving person and friend. She was always reaching out to help others. She was a passionate Omnimore member and was my Omnimore mentor which made my Omnimore experience even richer.

Nancy Shannon



Blanche with Nancy Shannon & Carol Johnson at one of our annual meetings.



In Our Hands, by Charles Murray. A plan to replace the welfare state.

A universal basic income, or UBI, is very much in the news these days, showing up in *The Economist*, *The New Yorker*, *Time*, and other publications. It seems to be an idea whose time has come.

Productivity has made it affordable. The main questions seem to be how best to do it, and how to minimize unintended consequences.

What this book does is show how it could be done with LESS taxation than we already endure, by replacing an overly cumbersome system that rewards people unequally with one that simply deposits checks into the bank accounts of everyone over 21. Everyone — blind, housewives, people dying of cancer, surfing, or already burdened with billions of dollars.

of the curve.

James Patterson colluded with Bill Clinton on a page-turner entitled *The President is Missing*. The suspense part is true Patterson, while the intricate politics belong to Clinton: a lovely match! In the story, the president is faced with a threat to bring down the whole country and put us back to third-world level electronically. It's all about cyber warfare and cites threats to parts of our society not truly comprehended by the average citizen. It's no surprise that Richard Clarke, who served four presidents as a security and counterterrorism advisor, was involved with this work, his pet peeve being our inability to act now to protect certain vulnerable aspects of our society. The president is further ham-

pered by the realization that he has a traitor in his inner circle which forces him to take on this threat almost single-handedly. Intrigues upon intrigues add to the tension the reader endures to find out how it all turns out. A good read.

I will be proposing it for classes in a future trimester, but you never know if proposals will fly, and anyway, why wait? Read it now and be ahead

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After Anna by Lisa Scottoline takes us into the family dynamics of a second marriage for both — one widowed with a child and one divorced — and what happens when unexplainable things start occurring in their lives after Anna, a daughter taken away from her mother shortly after birth, comes to live with her at age 17. Wisps of strange behavior come and go but are unseen for their real meaning while everyone makes the extra effort to make her feel at home. Credibility, love, facts and trust all get mixed up when they try to cope with understanding what is happening to them, both as individuals and as a family.

Book suggestions from *Omnioleans* make this column work. Thanks to Rich Mansfield for contributing to this month's list. Send submittals to:

newsletter@omnilore.org

The Next

INTRODUCING OMNIOLORE MEETINGS:

L8 Friday, Oct. 19th - 1:30 p.m.

L8 Friday, Nov. 16th - 1:30 p.m.

Help Spread the Word! RSVP 310-514-1415



Burt Cutler Memorial Annual Meeting and Forum Reservation Form

WHEN: Wednesday, October 31, 2018—11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Los Verdes Golf Club
7000 W. Los Verdes Drive
Rancho Palos Verdes

NO Reservations
accepted after October 21st!

Please make _____ reservations for the **Omniole Annual Meeting and Forum Luncheon** at \$27.00 each:

Name(s): _____
(Please Print)

Phone

E-Mail

(Please Print)

Enclosed is a check for: \$27.00 each

Vegetarian plate: # Regular plate: #

Total number of meals:

Please make checks out to CSUDH, and put in the Forum Committee's box in L8 or send to:

Forum Committee, c/o Linda Jenson
43 Margate Square
Palos Verdes Est., CA 90274-1843

- September**
- 3 Labor Day
 - 10 Rosh Hashana
 - 13 Board of Directors Meeting—12 Noon-1:30 p.m., L8
 - 17 Best Sellers Book Group—12 noon-1 p.m., L8
 - 19 Yom Kippur
 - 22 September Equinox
 - 27 Computer Talk—12 Noon-1 p.m., L8
Use of PowerPoint for Presentations—Rick Spillane
(see article, page 3)
- October**
- 8 Columbus Day
 - 8 Best Sellers Book Group—12 noon-1 p.m., L8
 - 11 Board of Directors Meeting—12 Noon-1:30 p.m., L8
 - 12 Walking Group—10 a.m. (see article, page 5)
 - 15 Input Deadline for November-December 2018 Newsletter
 - 19 Introducing Omnilore Meeting—1:30-3:30 p.m., L8
 - 25 Computer Talk—12 Noon-1 p.m., L8
(TBD—Email notification)
 - 31 Burt Cutler Memorial Annual Meeting and Forum
—11:00 a.m., Los Verdes Golf Club
(see article, page 1; reservation form, page 11)
- November**
- 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
 - 16 Introducing Omnilore Meeting—1:30-3:30 p.m., L8

OMNIOLORE CALENDAR 2018

2018 Forums
 Winter—January 31st
 Spring—April 30th
 Summer—July 31st
 Annual Mtg.—October 31st

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 Calendar changes and additions
 are scheduled with Sharon Bohner
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 Walking-Group@Omnilore.org
 Calendar@Omnilore.org (room requests for pre-meetings)
 SDG-Folders@Omnilore.org (help uploading class files)
 Technology@Omnilore.org (new Technology Committee)