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Cultural Taboos To Be Topic of January Forum

By Carol Kerster

From the airline industry, to the tour business, to the Peace Corps, and presently to academia, **Patricia Hamilton** has pursued a life built around her love of travel, adventure and exploration. We are lucky to have her as a speaker for the first *Omnilore* Forum of 2003, on Wednesday, January 29th at 11:30 a.m. at the Los Verdes Country Club.



Her many travels (she has visited 65 countries!) have resulted in several studies in the Bedouin lifestyle and a stint in Ghana, West Africa, where she planned and built a live tree seedling nursery for reforestation projects. Her current appointment is at the Institute for the Study of Cultural Diversity on the campus of CSUDH. She says that she frequently learned about cultural taboos "the hard way," a characterization that makes the topic of her presentation all the more intriguing.

Patricia is a native Californian and the mother of four children.

Look for luncheon menu and other details in a flyer coming to you in the mail. Reservations are required by January 24th, and a reservation form for the Forum is on page 3.

Brown-Bag Science

By Burt Cutler

Omnilore has a new "scientific experiment" under way. It's called 'Brown-Bag Science' to emphasize that it's just fine to bring your lunch while you listen to lectures about various aspects of science. Room 7 has been reserved for the lunch hour (12 noon to 1-1:10 p.m.) for the first Thursday of every month. Neither a mathematics nor a science background is necessary - anyone and everyone who is curious can learn and enjoy.

BBS events were kicked off with a light show in November as **Dan Stern** conducted almost 50 *Omnilorians* through moving trains, space ships, etc. to illustrate that what is seen is relative to the observer. In *Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity* the only constant is the speed of light. In December **George Clark** took the audience on a life and death trip over the last 500 million years. In parallel he showed us how the earth's continents have sloshed together and apart; perhaps the most astounding

example is the subcontinent of India which is at this moment still smashing its way into the Asian continent creating the Himalayas, providing mountain climbers with more and more difficult peaks to conquer! Those of you who couldn't make it missed viewing the frightfully different location of our continent 100 million and 250 million years hence - you'll just have to witness it yourself in real time!

Come hear **Lloyd Money** start off the year with a really big one - *The Big Bang* on January 2nd. And mark your calendar for Thursday, February 6th; **Burt Cutler** [*The Origin of (Our) Species*] will discuss how and when the human species evolved, comparisons with our cousin apes, race, how we came to have such huge brains, and the likely future evolution of homo sapiens. In the next newsletter we'll announce coming sessions about *The Birth and Death of Stars, Consciousness, Quantum Theory, Modern Linguistic Theory, and Fascinating Aspects of Genetics*.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By George Clark

Now that the busy holiday season is behind us, we can settle down to the new *Omniole* trimester. Some re-shuffling of classes and the Brown-

Bag Science series has been necessary because of the sad loss of Terry Savage's wife (see notice on this page). The necessity of canceling several major activities because of one man's sudden

unavailability highlights the scope of Terry's contributions to *Omniole*.

Praise is due Rose Shields and Burt Cutler for taking the initiative to help members who missed the deadline in selecting courses for the spring trimester. They made telephone calls to those members over a period of two days and enrolled an additional twenty-one (!) people in courses. This is the helpful spirit that Blanche Herring and I call the "welcoming approach."

Rose and Burt are also bringing a spirit of innovation to their jobs as co-chairs of the Curriculum Committee. They are experimenting with a subcommittee method for selecting the curriculum. Each sub-committee will consider a small number of topic suggestions in detail and make recommendations to the full committee. Let's all follow their example and look for ways to make *Omniole* better.



Educational Travel Class

By John Taber

This June *Omniole* members may share in an Elderhostel-like educational experience designed specifically with *Omniole* in mind. The focus will be on the Lewis and Clark expedition during the bicentennial of this momentous occurrence. While staying in quality motels and traveling by a modern air-conditioned motor coach with individually reclining seats we will retrace the western part of the Corps of Discovery's path. We will learn by reading, by presentations and by direct contact with features they encountered. The trip will last 12 days and the cost is just \$1895 for all transportation, lodging, scheduled entrance fees and most meals, some in elegant surroundings.

The outing will include visitor centers featuring various aspects of the Corps' trip, the native people they encountered, geology of the terrain, etc. We will take a boat trip on the Missouri River to the

spectacular Gates of the Mountains, a steep-walled canyon accessible otherwise only on foot. We will pass through the Columbia River Gorge with its spectacular scenery. We will spend our last two nights at the resort town of Cannon Beach on the Oregon coast where Clark traveled to see a beached whale.

Those interested in more details should plan to attend a short luncheon meeting in Room 7 at the Franklin Center on Wednesday, January 22nd. A member of the travel agency putting the trip together to *Omniole*'s specifications will give a short presentation using slides and will then answer questions. The room will be available at 11:30 a.m. and the presentation will start at noon. Bring your own brown bag lunch or share in the snacks provided. For additional information, contact John Taber at 831-4768.

Myron Pullen has been named new Office Manager for *Omniole*.

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Condolences

Condolences to **Terry Savage**, whose wife Sue passed away December 7th. There will be a memorial celebration of her life at the Pavilion of the Norris Center for the Performing Arts on her birthday, January 15, 2003. There will be no funeral service.

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The Curriculum Committee wants and welcomes your topic suggestions for the summer trimester. Please fill in the enclosed Topic Suggestion Form and place it in the Curriculum Committee's box by January 10th. Help determine what we will be wrapping our minds around!

OMNIOLORE PROFILE – MILTON HOLMEN

One-time associate dean of the graduate school of business at USC, Milton Holmen rediscovered the joy of the classroom five years ago when he joined *Omniole*. Not only has he reaped the rewards of research and participating in classroom discussions, but he has discovered the added bonus of acquiring a circle of new friends in *Omniole*.

The Hermosa Beach resident began life 82 years ago on a farm outside of a small town in Minnesota, and moved to Tucson, Arizona at the age of 13.

From 1942 to 1946 he served as a lieutenant and captain in the U.S. Army. During his term of service the Army sent him to Harvard School of Business in 1943 where he earned credits that would later be accepted by Stanford University as a minor towards his Ph D. While in the Army he served in the Philippines where he ran a construction organization for the Army.

After the war he ran his own construction company for two years after which he enrolled at the University of New Mexico where he received his masters degree in experimental psychology in 1948. In the fall of 1949 he went to Stanford and received his Ph D. in experimental psychology. During his last year at Stanford he taught in the Stanford School of Business.

He moved to Southern California in 1955 to work for the Rand Corporation as a senior social scientist. The division he became responsible for became the System Development Corporation, which focused on air defense systems training. As general manager of systems training Holmen ran the air defense systems for the United States and Canada, NATO, and SEATO.

In 1966 Holmen became professor of management and publications at USC. During his 17 years there he was promoted to the position of associate dean of the Graduate School of Economics.

While serving as assistant dean, he was especially proud of two accomplishments. Having come from a background of time-shared computing at Rand and SDC, Holmen decided to raise foundation money to create the first

hands-on time-shared computing system for any business school in the world. In addition, he created the first management laboratories in the world and one of the first learning support centers for any business school in the world.

When his wife, Marion, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease 13 years ago, Holmen decided to not only learn everything he could about the disease, but to become active in volunteer work with organizations and groups that help people with the disease.

His expertise in grant-writing helped the South Bay Adult Care Center in Redondo Beach get the funding to get started and additional funding to continue its operation. In addition to the day care center, Holmen is a member of caregiver support groups in Gardena and Santa Monica and is a member of the Los Angeles Alzheimer's Association Speakers Bureau. Besides his Alzheimer's affiliations, Holmen helped the Redondo Beach Friends of the Library computerize their accounts.

Believing that loss of memory can be replaced with daily rituals, Holmen has set up a schedule for Marion and himself that has kept her happily engaged for the past 13 years. The couple exercises at the Beach Cities Health District 365 mornings a year. They have eight specific walks they take on a regular basis. In addition, Marion still cooks

dinner under Holmen's supervision. Besides their joint activities Holmen belongs to a senior writers support group at the health district and Marion enjoys weekly lunches with people from the senior writers support group.

As a result of his positive experiences as a caregiver, Holmen is writing a book for caregivers called *The Caregiver in the Mirror: Caring in the Early Phases of Alzheimer's and Other Dementias*. The theme of the book is that you can't be the caregiver of someone else if you can't take care of yourself.

The Holmens are parents of six children, two daughters and four sons, who hold a total of six degrees - three from UCLA and three from Berkeley. With the blessings of blended families they have a total of 11 grandchildren. At the moment Milton and Marion are helping to put six of them through college and look forward to putting the other five through in the near future.

During his more than five-year affiliation with *Omniole*, Holmen has taken a course every trimester. He has chosen two types of courses: those about which he knew nothing (such as baroque music and Shaw's plays) and those in which he has continuing interest (such as architecture, stock market, and a three-trimester course on the brain).



OMNIOLORE Luncheon Forum Reservation Form

WHEN: Wednesday, January 29th, 2003 – 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: **Los Verdes Country Club**
7000 W. Los Verdes Drive
Rancho Palos Verdes

Reservations are required by January 24th, please!

Please make _____ reservations for the **Omniole** Luncheon Forum at \$15 each:

Name(s): _____ Phone #: _____
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 _____ Phone #: _____
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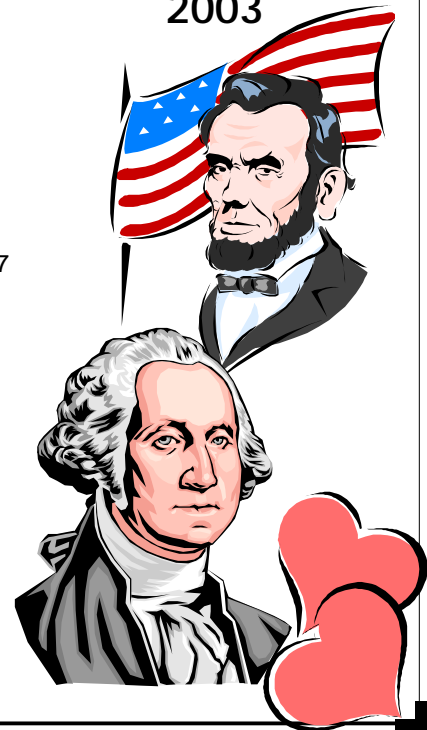
Enclosed is a check for: \$15 Other

Please make checks out to **CSUDH**, Forum Committee, c/o Diana Cutler and put in the Forum Committee's 10 Middleridge Lane S. box or send to: Rolling Hills, CA 90274

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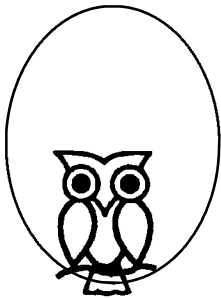
January	1	New Year's Day
	2	Brown-Bag Science (BBS) Series - 12-1:00 p.m. - Room 7 <i>The Big Bang</i> - Lloyd Money
	3	Forum Committee Meeting - 11 a.m. - Room 7
	9	Board of Directors Meeting - 12:00 Noon to 2 - Room 7
	10	Computers & Technology SIG - 1:30 p.m. - Room 7
	14	Membership Committee Meeting - 12:15 p.m. - Room 7
	17	Hiking Group - 10 a.m.
	24	Curriculum Committee Meeting - 11:45 a.m. - Room 7
	24	Computers & Technology SIG - 1:30 p.m. - Room 7
	29	FORUM , 11:30 a.m.
February	3	Forum Committee Meeting - 11 a.m. - Room 7
	6	Brown-Bag Science (BBS) Series - 12-1:00 p.m. - Room 7 <i>The Origin of (Our) Species</i> - Burt Cutler
	11	Membership Committee Meeting - 12:15 p.m. - Room 7
	13	Board of Directors Meeting - 12:00 Noon to 2 - Room 7
	14	Valentine's Day
	14	Computers & Technology SIG - 1:30 p.m. - Room 7
	15	Input Deadline for March Newsletter
	17	Presidents' Day
	21	Hiking Group - 10 a.m.
28	Computers & Technology SIG - 1:30 p.m. - Room 7	



IMPORTANT

Please Note: Calendar changes and additions may be made in one of two ways:
Either phone Carol Johnson to reserve a room, or mark the corkboard calendar in
Room 7 and notify Carol Johnson via e-mail.

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