



# OMNIOLORE NEWS

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## NEW STUDY DISCUSSION GROUPS TO GET UNDER WAY APRIL 29

Ten study-discussion groups will be offered during the upcoming session which begins the week of April 29. Offerings will include:

TOPIC	TIME	COORDINATOR
Pick Your President	2nd & 4th Wednesday Afternoons	Peggy Houghton 433-7209
The Writers' Workshop	1st & 3rd Thursday Afternoons	Margaret Koch 373-9979
Humor	1st & 3rd Tuesday Afternoons	Mary Delia 834-7996
The Industrial Revolution	1st & 3rd Thursday Mornings	Fred Kiefer 377-6286
Living Well and Dying Well	1st & 3rd Tuesday Mornings	Ruth Money 379-0504
Understanding The Stock Market	2nd & 4th Wednesday Mornings	Terry Savage 377-4086
Around The World in 120 Days	1st & 3rd Thursday Afternoons	Mary O'Neill 539-0415
The Natural & Cultural History of the Palos Verdes Peninsula	1st & 3rd Thursday Mornings	John Taber 831-4768
Studies in Atheism	1st & 3rd Wednesday Mornings	Neale Lehman 675-2977
American Short Stories	1st & 3rd Wednesday Afternoons	Vi Graham 541-3045

## SPRING COLLOQUIUM RESERVATION DEADLINE MAY 15

Deadline on reservations for the Spring colloquium is Wednesday May 15. The colloquium, featuring journalist James Neal Cavener, will take place Wednesday, May 22 at 10 a.m. at the Peninsula Center Library, 650 Deep Valley Drive, Palos Verdes. Cavener will discuss "The McNewspapering of America: The Plight of Print Journalism Today."

Admission is free to OmnioLore members. There will be a \$3 charge for guests. Guest reservations may be made by mailing the form below, accompanied by a check to OmnioLore at P.O. Box 7000-236, Redondo Beach, Ca. 90277. Make checks payable to "Friends of OmnioLore"

Members not bringing guests may either mail the form to OmnioLore or telephone their reservation to Ethel Allen at (310) 373-7993.

Reservations for May 22 Colloquium  
The McNewspapering of America — James Neal Cavener

Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests @ \$3 \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to Friends of OmnioLore

**HOT TOPICS**

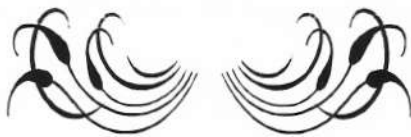
by Joann Ludwig

On the third Thursday of each month from 12-2 everyone interested is invited to bring their lunch to the classrooms and join in a rousing bull session on the "hot topic" of the month. No preparation is necessary other than an interest in the topic.

Have you been noticing all those cryptic stings of letters in magazines and newspapers lately? Wonder what the http, html, www, etc. mean? The INTERNET is upon us!! What is it good for? What's useful and what isn't? On May 16 we'll get together to pool our knowledge of the internet. Come with your complaints, your great finds, your questions or just come to listen and be confused and enlightened.

On June 20, with 1996 almost half over let's talk about the ups and downs of the stock market. As of this writing (Mar. 26), it has been a roller coaster ride but ever trending up. What do you think will be the position at year's end? Why has every scrap of news, good or bad, caused such gyrations?

Thanks to Sam Feinstein and Laura Bonadurer for these topics. Any suggestions gratefully received.



**Works of Writers Group Set for Fall Publication**

by Lindie Banks

In the fall of 1994 Margaret Koch suggested that Omnilore include a workshop for writers and would-be-writers. It has met ever since and doubled in size. Submissions by members of the Writers' Group include personal reminiscences, an autobiographical novel, poetry, romantic short stories, and an adventure novel with science fiction overtones.

The group is currently in the process of selecting its best work for a book which will be published in the fall. Ellen Bradford is the prose editor and Colleen Welch is the poetry editor. Assistant editors are Myrna Browning and Lindie Banks.

The book, "Our Stories", will be available to the entire Omnilore membership for a nominal fee.



**New Library Cards, Membership Cards to be Issued**

New CSUDH library cards will be issued in the near future. They will be mailed to the members by the membership committee.

In addition, Omnilore membership cards will also be issued. The membership cards are necessary to obtain member discount on books at Borders Bookstore

**Music Anyone?**

Do you play a musical instrument? Do you enjoy solo performing or do you play in combination with other instruments? Or are you a vocalist?



— If your answer is yes to any of the above, and if you would be interested in participating in an Omnilore special interest group focusing on music, call Arlene Kaye, 547-3698. Arlene is interested in organizing an ongoing group that could perform for one another, possibly in members' homes.

The purpose is fun; the group will focus on whatever the members are interested in.

**. . . or How About Theater?**

Some Omnilore members have expressed interest in attending local little theater together. It has been suggested that would-be theater-goers contact Connie Kramer, 545-2286 or Marie Huntley, 373-6261.



Upcoming theater events include: And Then There Was Nun, to be presented by the Palos Verdes Players weekends through June 8 (cost \$11), and Blithe Spirit to be performed at Cal State Dominguez May 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. and May 12 at 2:30 p.m. (\$5)

**MEMBER SURVEY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you plan to participate in study/discussion groups next fall? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If you do not plan to attend, please indicate your reason for non-participation. \_\_\_\_\_

Please put this form in the membership box in the Room 7 closet or send to Marie Huntley, Membership Chairman  
 1150 Keats Street  
 Manhattan Beach, Ca. 90266

**WE WANT TO KNOW . .**

Please call Connie Kramer, (310) 545-2286, if you know of any member in our midst who is having difficulty of any kind. OmniLore members want to respond with offers of help, transportation, a phone call, flowers or whatever.



## Omniole Profiles

### Blanche Herring

**B**lanche 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. 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 U.C.L.A. before beginning her 32-year stint at N.B.C. In her first position as secretary to the Manager of Continuity Acceptance, she assisted department members who made sure that radio and television scripts complied with Federal Communications Commission rules as well as to N.B.C. standards of good taste.

After a year, she became the second woman on the west coast to be named a commercial editor. In this position she checked commercials on both radio and television to make sure that they stayed within their allotted time and were in good taste. When the program department formed a story division, Blanche was asked to become a reader-researcher, reading script submissions and writing story line analysis.

After the story department was eliminated, Blanche became a secretary to the director of program development and later executive secretary to the vice president of programming for the west coast.

She broke ground in the late 70's when she left the secretarial ranks to accept the new post of manager,

administration, program department. Her responsibilities included setting up systems for overseeing the workings of the department's personnel and budget functions. In addition she inaugurated and established all systems to implement a weekly program department report which circulated to top management company wide.

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 N.B.C. representative for special interest groups and acting as division liaison with many other departments.

She was eventually promoted into corporate communications where she was director of corporate communications on the West coast in which position she administered a college internship program, selecting, training and directing interns on a variety of public relations projects. In addition she managed the West coast corporate contributions budget, researching community charities and non-profit organizations as potential recipients of N. B. C. funding.

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 N.B.C. 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.

A few months after the burial of her network career, Blanche enrolled in the University of Redlands to complete the requirements for her bachelor's degree in business management. To celebrate her graduation, Chuck rented a yellow school bus, packed brown bag lunches of peanut butter sandwiches, and took Blanche and her fellow Torrance graduates to Redlands for their graduation ceremony, returning to their house for a party following the commencement.

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 has been involved in literacy tutoring and Omniole. She and Chuck celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary in March by renting an apartment in London and mingling with the locals.

#### CALENDAR CHANGES? CALL ELYSE!

From time to time a study/discussion group finds it necessary to change its meeting time or date. In order to facilitate scheduling for all Omniole groups and committees, it is necessary to coordinate schedule changes with Elyse Boozer, administrative vice president.

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A CALENDAR CHANGE  
PLEASE CALL ELYSE AT 559-9589.

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Comments and input can be sent to



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# CALENDAR

May 2	Board of Directors' Meeting
May 22	Spring Colloquium
May 27	MEMORIAL DAY
June 6	Board of Directors Meeting
June 15	Deadline for input to July Newsletter
June 20	Annual Enrollment
June 20	Deadline for Summer membership fees, new members only
July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
July 11	Board of Directors Meeting
	Approve 1996/1997 Calendar
	Appoint Nominating Committee



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