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Tribute to Ethel

Ethel Allen, one of the founders of *Omnilore* and its first president, died March 24th.

A native New Yorker, Ethel began playing the trumpet as a child and continued studying music until her college years when she majored in music history at Hunter College, received her masters in musicology from Smith College, and was awarded her doctorate from Columbia.

Prior to marrying Ray Allen, a research fellow at Rockefeller Institute in New York, Ethel taught at New Jersey State Teacher's College in Jersey City, NJ. She also played the organ while directing the church choir in Union City, NJ.

Marriage to Ray and the travels connected with his career plus the joys of motherhood, put her career on hold in 1961 when she and Ray moved to Los Angeles. While Ray was affiliated with UCLA Medical School, the Allens became parents of a daughter, Suzanne, and son Timothy.

A series of career advancements for Ray, a pathologist, took them in turn to Rochester, Minnesota, Phoenix, Arizona, and Jackson, Mississippi, before they returned to California in 1975 when they settled in Palos Verdes.

While raising her children, Ethel taught in a private school in Phoenix and took up a second career as a travel agent. During her eight years in the travel industry, the Allens traveled extensively throughout Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Greece, England and the United States.

After her arrival in Palos Verdes, Ethel was a member of the Palos Verdes' Symphony Band, serving one term as president. In addition, she was a docent at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center, a member of the Palos Verdes Branch, AAUW and was active in the Great Books Foundation. She served as chairman of the Greater Los Angeles Great Book Activities and as assistant chairman for the Greater Los Angeles Association.



Omnilore's last official picture of Ethel, at the Founders Table, Oct. 1999 Annual Meeting

Happy! Days! Father's & Mother's

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By George Clark

Welcome to the Summer Trimester! We have an outstanding selection of study/discussion groups for the summer, this time using ideas from other learning-in-retirement organizations as well as topics suggested by our own members. My own picks include: The Koran (we need to see what millions of Muslim children are

being taught), 20th Century American Essays (we studied the best essays from 2000 and 2001, but now we have the best from the whole century), and Globalization (the **Edies** are on a roll).

Our travel program is in high gear with the trip in June that will follow the Lewis and Clark Trail during the bicentennial year of the expedition. **John Taber** says there is still room for more travelers.

Burt Cutler's Brown Bag Science series has been a huge success, with attendance in the 40s and 50s. We welcome suggestions for future topics and speakers.

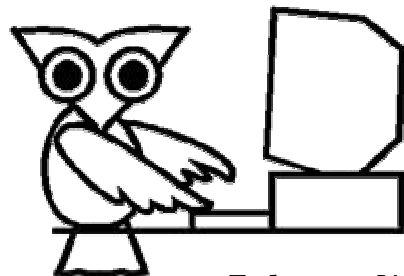


Our fame and our membership are also growing. We now have 223 members.

Onward!



If at first you don't fricassee, fry, fry a hen!



Information Bytes from the Computer & Technology Special Interest Group

By Patricia Edie

Enhance Your Presentations!

By now you may be aware of the new piece of equipment purchased by **Omniole**, a Video Projector that enables members to project hardcopy, books, or video clips onto the large screen. Also, when connected to a laptop, an entire presentation prepared in the PowerPoint software application can be projected for the group. Are you familiar with PowerPoint?

PowerPoint is a Presentation Application that is included in some versions of Microsoft Office. It is a very versatile piece of software.

- ◆ PowerPoint easily makes "slides" to show in **Omniole** presentations.
- ◆ Its large fonts make for easy viewing by any of several means:
 - ▶ Transparencies to overhead projector to large screen
 - ▶ Paper to desktop presenter to video projector to large screen
 - ▶ Floppy disk to PC or laptop in the classroom to video projector to large screen
- ◆ "Slides" are a good memory aid to the presenter
- ◆ Six slides/page make a handy handout
- ◆ Slides provide a timing device; a good rule is two minutes per slide.
- ◆ Don't have PowerPoint? The same "slides" can be made with Wordpad which is standard in Windows, or in Word which is in any Microsoft Office.
- ◆ In Wordpad or Word you can utilize large, bold fonts, bullets and landscape orientation (11" by 8.5") in print setup.

PowerPoint has been demonstrated by some of our participants at various C&T SIG meetings. This is one example of what you can learn by stopping in at one of our sessions. The group is beneficial for all levels of computer users, so stop by on any 2nd and 4th Friday, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. in Room 8.

Tired of Telemarketing Calls?

Anyone with a telephone knows about unwanted and intrusive phone solicitations at home. Dozens of states, including California, have been taking action to stop these annoying telemarketing calls. Now, there's a nationwide Do Not Call list being established by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to help and California is joining in this FREE service to consumers.

To help California consumers, Attorney General Bill Lockyer is offering a way to Pre-register. The FTC expects to begin signing up consumers in July. Enforcement of the "no call" ban will begin in October.

By accessing this website, you can pre-register and your designated home and/or cellular phone number will be included on the FTC's first list that telemarketers must check and stop calling beginning in October.

This is the official site for the state department of justice. We pass the information on to you in case you are interested.

<http://caag.state.ca.us/donotcall/>

Just click on the "pre-register" link in the body of the message.

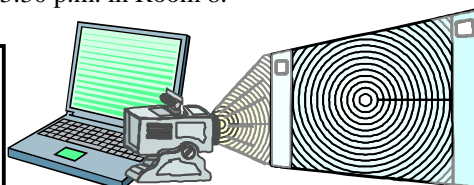
Gardener's Delight

... Lilacs weeping fragrance in the rain.
 ... Old trellis knitting a sweater of roses.
 ... Row of seedlings poking their heads out to check the weather.
 ... Kneeling gardener inching along like a pilgrim toward a shrine.



You can tell whether a man is clever by his answers.
 You can tell whether a man is wise by his questions.

Naguib Mahfouz



OMNIOLORE PROFILE – MYRON PULLEN

Myron Pullen racked up many achievements during his career; but the one he is remembered the most for had nothing to do with either his computer or legal careers. It had to do with his marriage.

Married in 1968 in one of the earliest computer matches to take place in this country, Myron was invited two years later to appear in a 15-minute segment on Regis Philbin's television show. Myron and his wife were to appear opposite a traditional matchmaker. The interchange so fascinated Philbin that instead of 15 minutes he devoted the entire hour to Myron's romance.

The early computer match was more than successful. In addition to lasting until the present day it produced two children—one in 1972 and one in 1975.

A native of Neptune, New Jersey, which was located less than two miles from the Atlantic Ocean, Myron now lives in Manhattan Beach, less than two miles from the Pacific Ocean.

He left New Jersey at the age of six when his family moved to Miami, Florida. Four years later when the doctor said the climate was not good for Myron's sister, his father packed up the children, the family bird, and all their possessions in their car and drove across

the country to Los Angeles, settling in the Hyde Park area near Inglewood.

After graduating from George Washington High School in South Los Angeles, Myron enrolled at UCLA where he received his bachelor's degree in mathematics.

In 1962 he went to work as a computer programmer at Hughes Aircraft. He was employed in a management position in supervising a project called Surveyor which assessed the lunar terrain for unmanned spacecraft. The first use of a retro-firing engine to soft-land a vehicle on another planetary body proved a huge success.

From that point Myron worked for various companies in and out of the aerospace industry doing computer work. His employers included the Los Angeles Times, General Electric, TRW and Ticor Mortgage. His work was related to information storage and retrieval and data-based systems.

While working at the Los Angeles Times Myron enrolled in a four-year night program at Southwestern University School of Law, where he graduated cum laude in 1972, with a JD degree. After passing his bar exam he continued to work in aerospace doing computer science work for the legal

industry while transitioning into practicing law. He opened a law office near Beverly Hills and practiced for two or three years before deciding to return to the computer field. He managed the data-based system for the Ticor Mortgage Insurance Company from 1979 to 1985 at which time he returned to TRW to install and operate a computer center for two of their divisions. While there he also served as information systems manager of the data-based management system for the TDRSS (Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System) - which is the system by which NASA communicates with the space shuttle.

While doing legal work at TRW one of his projects was to develop a data management litigation support system which was used in dealing with the Equity Funding case.

After retiring from TRW in 1992 he continued to work with other aerospace defense firms until his retirement in 2000.

As a retiree he has been working with his own computer on internet building and managing websites. In addition, he has been involved in church work and has been active in *Omniole*. He and wife Jalé enjoy traveling.



Brown Bag Science

By Burt Cutler

a priority on your schedule, why not take advantage of this educational (and fun) experience! First Thursday of each month.

The May 1st BBS session will present a non-mathematical treatment of Quantum Theory (QT). **Dan Stern** will instill a sense of wonder about the microscopic world of subatomic particles and their "weirdness." The talk will include the history of QT and the disconnect from the reality of our experience. The non-intuitive discreteness of our universe forms the basis for the presentation. Questions and discussion will follow.

The June 5th BBS session on Consciousness will contrast two views of what we call our 'conscious experience.' **Terry Savage** will treat consciousness as a completely *physical* phenomena divorced from previous philosophical speculations. And then **Mike Scordan** will present a summary of the *philosophical* positions taken on this issue, and will suggest some of the arguments in favor, or opposed to these views. Questions to follow.

Upcoming: Birth and Death of Stars, The Genome, Global Warming, Brain Research .

The majority of us lead quiet, unheralded lives as we pass through this world. There will most likely be no ticker-tape parades for us, no monuments created in our honor. But that does not lessen our possible impact, for there are scores of people waiting for someone just like us to come along; people who will appreciate our compassion, our encouragement, who will need our unique talents. Someone who will live a happier life merely because we took the time to share what we had to give.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. It's overwhelming to consider the continuous opportunities there are to make our love felt. *Leo Buscaglia*

May	1	Brown-Bag Science (BBS) Series - 12-1:00 p.m. - Room 7 <i>Quantum Theory</i> - Dan Stern
	6	Membership Committee Meeting - 12:15 p.m. - Room 7
	7	WES - <i>The West Class</i> - 10-12 :00 Noon - CSUDH
	8	Board of Directors Meeting - 12:00 Noon to 2 - Room 7
	9	Computers & Technology SIG - 1:30 p.m. - Room 8
	11	Mother's Day
	14	Fiction SIG, Jim O'Neill - 10:30-12:30 p.m. - Room 8
	16	Hiking Group - 10 a.m.
	23	Curriculum Committee Meeting - 11-1:00 p.m. - Room 8
	23	Computers & Technology SIG - 1:30 p.m. - Room 8
June	26	Memorial Day
	28	Fiction SIG, Jim O'Neill - 10:30-12:30 p.m. - Room 8
	2	Forum Committee Meeting - 12:00 Noon - Room 7
	5	Brown-Bag Science (BBS) Series - 12-1:00 p.m. - Room 7 <i>Consciousness</i> - Terry Savage & Mike Scordan
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	15	Father's Day
	15	Input Deadline for July-August Newsletter
20	Hiking Group - 10 a.m.	
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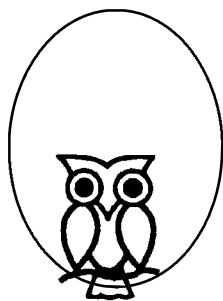
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IMPORTANT

Calendar changes and additions may be made in one of two ways:
Either phone Carol Johnson (310) 372-8535, or mark the corkboard calendar in
Room 7 and notify Carol Johnson via e-mail at cnordj@sprynet.com .



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