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#### A Reality Check on the 2016 Presidential Election

by Marion Smith

ichard Palmer, Ph.D., professor emeritus of Political Science at CSU Dominguez Hills, offered a thought-provoking look at the 2016 presidential election at the April 29 Omnilore Forum. [A historical note: Dr. Palmer was the speaker at Omnilore's *first* forum in October 1992.] He began this talk with two important personal disclaimers:

- Palmer expressed disenchantment with his political science profession as a whole this year. He cites its contribution to the deterioration in elections and the political process more generally caused by public opinion polling and its application to political communication. He indicates that media coverage of elections can enable success for candidates without contributing to their subsequent ability to govern.
- He is probably more closely aligned with Bernie Sander's views, but as a pragmatist, Palmer probably won't vote for him; he won't let his idealism carry him away.

Palmer indicates that our nomination process is unique in the world due to its complexity. Because it's largely governed by political parties, it's messy, it leads to voter fatigue, and it's biased against outsiders. Political parties are private, voluntary organizations that have taken on and dominated the process for selecting candidates. The process is governed by rules made by the national party organizations, state party organizations, and (in California) occasionally the initiative process.

We have primaries and caucuses. They can be open to all voters, closed to only voters registered with the party, or mixed (like California). The Democrat Party has a winner-take-all process. Other processes can include winner-take-most or proportionally allocated votes. Delegates can be bound (pledged) or unbound. (By the way, there's no legal recourse against a delegate who violates party rules on this.) The Democrat Party added to the mess by designating "super-delegates", unelected delegates who are free to support any candidate for the presidential nomination at the party's national convention. This year's Democrat convention will boast 715 super-delegates—15% of the party's delegate count. The super-delegate concept was invented in response to problems at the 1984 convention, and Bernie Sanders is not thrilled with the concept.

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#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Art Irizarry

# Team Omnilore-CEIE-CSUDH & BCHD: Moving Forward

fter visits by Dean McNutt, Associate Dean Lynda Wilson, Finance Manager Ed Cleek and Facilities Manager Teresa Stevens of College of Extended International Education (CEIE), along with Garth Kweicien, CSUDH Interim Director of Procurement and Contracts, and John Tamura, Procurement and Contracts Specialist, negotiations are under way to lease space in the Beach Cities Health Center (Building 514). which is owned by the Beach Cities Health District (BCHD). This has been a full-blown team effort. We have been given the opportunity for full input from the beginning of the process, ranging from search consultations with Teresa Stevens to written input and discussions with the CEIE, CSUDH and BCHD representatives about the lease draft. The CEIE and CSUDH representatives are providing full support to secure this facility. As an administrative team all have worked to expedite preparation of the lease draft with superb collaboration from the Beach Cities Health District composed of Valerie Lee, Administrative Services Manager and Leslie Dickey, BCHD Owner's Representative. Of course, nothing is final until a lease is signed by both parties, but the cooperation evident throughout this process is highly encouraging. So, here is some news about what soon may become our new home.

#### Eureka, We Found It!

The Beach Cities Health Center (BCHC) is located on Prospect Avenue in Redondo Beach. It ranks as the best site among the more than 30 locations visited online or in person by our ad hoc Facility Committee. Among desirable attributes are: building management has been helpful from the start; parking is not an issue; public transport stops by the site; rooms sought are a good size for Omnilore, located across a hallway from each other; a seniors-friendly environment; a "Cafe" is located on the first floor; full building heating and air conditioning; two other meeting rooms are available on a reservations basis, free of charge; restroom facilities just down the hall; no traffic noise; and, locations for S/DG early arrivals to gather without concern for weather conditions. And, for safety and health needs, Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach police, fire and emergency services and a hospital are located within about a mile and one-half radius.

While it is an excellent venue, it is not perfect and nothing in the South Bay would be so. Travel will increase for some, but that would have been true at any other location visited. As Hal Hart noted, the location is almost at the center of our members' north-south geographic distribution. Parking is plentiful, but we will be asked to use parking structures to give persons with medical appointments priority access to the front parking lot. Someone may look for and find an inconvenience, but that would be true for any place visited during the search. Regardless, this will be far superior to the Franklin and Edison centers: climate-controlled, no traffic or other noise, clean and a pleasant, friendly environment. There is even a fitness center on the second floor.

#### A Tour de Force

The BCHC site was identified and inspected first by a sub-committee, then the full ad hoc Facility Committee, as part of a fifteen-month search to identify a viable alternative location. Consultations were held with Teresa Stevens about the most interesting, mostly noncommercial locations, of the thirty-plus locations considered, including commercial properties. Sites were suggested by Facility Committee members Kate Nelson. Jim Slattery, **Howard** Korman, Hal Hart, Linda Jenson, Rick Spillane, Bill Gargaro, Leslie Criswell, Frank Reiner and me, as well as other Omnilore members. The owner of the "Pyramid Building" on Hawthorne Boulevard in Torrance even recruited his wife, a realtor, to help us with our search.

Kate Nelson, Jim Slattery, Rick Spillane, Howard Korman, Frank Reiner and I served as the initial contact persons for specific sites. We identified locations most likely to provide what we needed and arranged full committee pre-

liminary site visits. Of the locations contacted. five locations (two Redondo Beach and one each in Torrance, Harbor City, Manhattan



Beach) were visited by the full committee. Teresa Stevens participated in site visits at the Levy Center and the Beach Cities Health Center, the non-commercial sites which provided the best options. The Levy Center was eliminated due to its schedule. The Beach Cities Health Center spaces gained full support from the Facility Committee and then the full Board, which toured the facility, discussed its viability and consequently recommended it to Teresa Stevens, who then arranged the site visits by CEIE and CSUDH administrators.

#### Not Home Until the Ink is Dry

Lease negotiations are in process and the CEIE and CSUDH administrative team is working hard to secure occupancy as of August 1st. Even if the lease is secured quickly, we have to factor in the time needed by the contractor for renovation; furniture must be ordered and placed in the rooms; wall screens, bulletin boards installed; technology set up; and our equipment and other items moved and We already have some emplaced. preliminary moving plans and will inform you of preparations, including scheduled orientation visits, once we know the lease is signed. BTW: See the picture on page 3.

Please do not contact anyone but me about this matter to avoid confusion. rumors or disruption to work in progress. We want to complete this process as well as it has gone thus far. Full information will be provided as soon as we know the CEIE, CSUDH and the Beach Cities Health District have approved and signed the lease. You will get emails from me and we will post information on the website. We will also have printed information. Thank you in advance for your full patience, support and enthusiasm applied to this change. And thanks to the CEIE and CSUDH administrative team and BCHD team for their outstanding collaboration and work on our behalf.

Stay tuned for breaking news!

#### **Omnilore Profile**

#### From Farm to Physics to Business-Meet Omnilore Treasurer Dennis Bosch

by Marion Smith

ennis Bosch was reared on a family farm in Iowa. Their farm, typical at the time, raised both crops (corn, soybeans, and oats) and animals (cows, pigs, sheep, and poultry). By the age of six, Dennis had visited all 48 states on summer vacations. When Dennis and his elder brother both chose to forgo a life on the farm for the allure of urban life, the family left the Iowa farm.

Dennis earned a BA in physics at Occidental College in Los Angeles and an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He then served as a U.S. Naval Supply Corps Officer on a Landing Ship Tank (LST) based in Little Creek,

Virginia. His tour of duty took him to Panama, the Caribbean and the Mediterranean.

Dennis spent most of his working career in the computer and consulting fields, working for IBM, two accounting firms, Magnavox, Hughes Aircraft, and CSC. He served short stints in



a printing franchise, airport security, and teaching.

Along the way he was married once and is the father of three daughters.

In less than two years of membership in Omnilore, Dennis has taken on more roles than he anticipated: treasurer, the technology committee, class coordinator and co-coordinator, and setting up class email lists for the S/DGs. Dennis finds fellow Omniloreans to be both interesting and stimulating.

In time away from Omnilore, Dennis serves as a Sierra Club hike leader and a volunteer at Torrance Memorial Medical Center (in Escort Services and in "Clowns on Rounds"). He is serving as a precinct

inspector for the June presidential primary election.

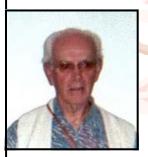
He accompanies his dog on a daily walk. Any spare time is devoted to yardwork, downsizing, and house cleaning.

Dennis yearns to make time for domestic and foreign travel.



The Beach Cities Health Center, located on N. Prospect Avenue between Beryl Street and Diamond Street.

#### In Memoriam Joe Carrier



Joseph (Joe) Carrier passed away on April 7 at the age of 85. A native of New Bedford, Mass., Joe graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and later moved to California to accept an aerospace position at North American Aviation, settling in Torrance, where he lived the rest of his life. Exciting times and positions at TRW (now Northrop Grumman) and Hughes Aircraft Company followed, and Joe retired from Hughes as an Engineering Lab Manager. He loved skiing, golfing, backpacking, bicycling, swimming and running, and was most proud of participating in the Boston Marathon and a South Bay Iron Man. A family man, he coached AYSO soccer and was president of the PTA. He loved to explore National Parks and led backpacking trips for the Sierra Club and Explorer Scouts. A long-time Omnilorean, he served a term as Vice President, Admin-

istration. He is survived and missed by his widow, Jeanne (Theberge) Carrier; three children, seven grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

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Here are some generalizations about the 2016 convention season:

- Big money can pose a threat, but it hasn't done so yet.
- Outsiders have dramatically influenced the process—much to the chagrin of party establishments and their preferred candidates (e.g., Bush and Rubio).
- The Republican contest is ill-mannered and an embarrassment. The Anaheim City Council is considering censoring Donald Trump. And we've all heard the comments former House Speaker John Boehner made about candidate Ted Cruz.
- On the Democrat side, it's surprising that Hillary Clinton is being pushed so hard by an avowed "democratic socialist." Sanders has raised more money than Clinton. He's had a great ground game in turning out voters. And Sanders has not had to explain how he would enact his otherwise attractive policies such as a single-payer health plan and the regulation of banks.

This year's contest offers so many ironies. For example, Clinton, Cruz, and Trump all have negative ratings--and Trump leads the negative ratings contest at 65%. Trump's attacks on women, immigrants, and Muslims, on the "fixed" nomination process, and toward all of his primary opponents have left a bad taste for lots of voters with potentially serious general election consequences.

Where we are today: Trump needs 47% of the remaining voters. For Clinton, 14 states remain, and she needs 19% of those voters. On the other hand, Sanders would need 87% of those remaining delegates (not counting super-delegates and those still undecided).

Looking ahead: Trump wants to see changes to convention rules. Sanders plans to take stands on platform positions at the Democrat convention.

The high negatives of the leading candidates are mostly partisan-based. More than 50% of Republicans have a negative impression of Trump. He's pledged to be more presidential and policy-oriented. Will his new professionally seasoned staff and the new cohort of voters mobilize for the "new Trump"?

In the Democrat race, Clinton is well-positioned to appeal to the typical Democrat voter, but she might have problems with Sanders fans such as young voters. Ralph Nadar's voters refused to vote for Al Gore, perhaps costing Gore the presidency. Could that happen again? Palmer thinks it could.

What would be the impact of a Trump nomination on lower-level political races? Lower-level candidates are scared to death. This is one reason the Republican establishment is so resistant to a Trump candidacy.

This election season's biggest issues:

- $\Rightarrow$  The candidates themselves
- $\Rightarrow$  Immigration
- ⇒ Trade agreements and jobs

- ⇒ Supreme Court vacancies [most important to Palmer]
- ⇒ Civil rights
- ⇒ Women's issues
- ⇒ Taxes and the economy, stupid
- $\Rightarrow$  Equity in the economy

Here are some important things that could impact the election significantly:

- ⇒ The demographic of the electorate, which is different from primary races; Clinton is better prepared for this than Trump.
- ⇒ A rash statement by a candidate
- ⇒ Legal problems for Clinton
- ⇒ A terrorist attack here or abroad
- $\Rightarrow$  A change in the economy (for good or ill)
- ⇒ Bad weather, which could suppress turnout
- ⇒ Efforts in Republican states (e.g., North Carolina) to suppress Democrat votes, claiming voter fraud: e.g., photo ID requirements that are extreme.

Other issues include reductions in early voting opportunities and limited numbers of polling places.

In summary: Hold on to your hats because the very bumpy ride promises to continue!

#### **Questions from the Audience**

# Q: What are the chances of turning over Congress to different parties this year?

**A:** Democrats are well-positioned to get the Senate back. In the House, lots of the money that might have gone into the Republican presidential contest will go to Congressional candidates instead. Those races will be heavily funded, and local issues will be important.

#### Q: Do TV ads change votes?

**A:** Palmer doesn't think there's research showing dramatic impact.

# Q: Do national polls show that Bernie has a better chance than Hillary to beat Trump?

**A:** Yes. But Palmer says the public doesn't know that much about Bernie. Europe has had democratic socialist governments for 50 years.

# Q: Compare Cruz and Trump on two things: Who could beat Hillary? Who would you be more afraid of?

A: It would be easier for Hillary to beat Trump. But Cruz scares Palmer more. Regarding Trump's advisors: He has no clue about hiring foreign policy advisors. Trump can't go on the conservative side and have a chance of winning. A rabid conservative candidate would be eaten alive by Democrats. The impact of a Trump candidacy: Republican moderates would vote for Hillary, while many others would simply not vote.

Again: Hold on to your hats!



Dean, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute College of Extended & International Education CSUDH

reetings! It's been a busy 2016 here in the College of Extended and International Education (CEIE) and more exciting times are still on the horizon. I've been so busy tending to the college I've not had time to write a column until now. Here are some important updates.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) coordinator's office moved to Welch Hall A-127. The office was formerly housed in the CEIE Administration building. With the rapid growth in Extended Education, we were running out of office space to accommodate additional staff. There was also an abundance of foot traffic from the reception area to the rear of the building which distracted CEIE staff. The move has positive benefits; centralized campus location, ground floor access and visibility; close to disabled parking and power sliding doors to enter Welch Hall. OLLI classes are still being held in Extended Education classrooms, so that did not change with the office move.

Remember to secure your annual discounted parking pass. You must be a dues-paying OLLI member to qualify for a discounted \$20 parking pass good for one fiscal year, July 1-June 30.

Those of you needing a new or updated passport can do so right here in CEIE. That function has moved out of Extended Education Administration due to high volumes of foot traffic and off-campus guests in the reception area. We are a U.S. State Department approved Passport Acceptance Facility. The hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. We strongly suggest you make an appointment. The new location is classroom #1201, inside to Mac Lab and adjacent to CEIE registration office. Call 310-243-2570 for more information.

On the education front, we continue to look for new and exciting programming. Our thanks to the many volunteers teaching peer led courses and workshops. Omnilore and OLLI could not prosper without dedicated volunteers who give so much of their time and energy to make the program successful.

Thank you all for your support, dedication and hard work furthering the cause of lifelong learning in the South Bay. Until next time!



#### **Presentations 101**

by Kathleen Fitzgerald, Vice President, Academics

New to Omnilore and looking for help getting started?

Hoping to make your presentation interesting and involving?

Experienced in making presentations, but looking for new inspiration?

A workshop is being offered on

**Tuesday, May 17th** 12:15 to 1:15 pm

**Conference Room B** 



Kathleen Fitzgerald







#### OLLI Prepares for Summer 2016 by Janice Champion

La Margo Washington, OLLI Director

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The OLLI Summer 2016 Catalog is nearing completion, and we would like to give you a preview of the new offerings.

Associate Director of Engagement at the Long Beach Opera, Dr. Kevin St. Clair, will be lecturing on "The News", a techno/video/pop opera that synchronizes live music with non-fiction international news footage on a huge screen. He will also present a sneak peek of the Long Beach Opera's 2017 season.

We will be offering a new exercise class, Chair Yoga, in a seven-week session on Tuesdays. Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that uses a chair for support while performing flexibility and strength exercises.

Our well-known friend and photographer, Norman Morris, will be teaching "Introduction to Video Recording and Editing" in the windows lab on campus for those of you who would like to learn about video equipment, recording and editing while creating a video project of your choice.

We will be offering a field trip to the International Printing Museum in Carson, where Benjamin Franklin will give us a lecture on the history of printing and demonstrations of traditional printing. Participants will also be able to experience some hands-on book art.

OLLI will also be offering a field trip to the Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) in Long Beach. We will have a docent-led tour of the galleries and sculpture garden. Participants are invited to buy a lunch in the MOLAA café.

Students need to know that the OLLI Office has moved from the Extended Education building to Welch Hall, in room WH A-127. Students still register in the same Registration Office, and classes are also held in the Extended Education building. Only the director and student assistant have moved to Welch Hall.

Good news: the \$20 annual parking permits will be available for purchase or renewal, starting in June. To purchase the annual permit, go to Welch Hall and get a signed permit form from the director, La Margo Washington. Then head to the cashier's office, also in Welch Hall.

As always, you can see on-line the latest news about OLLI, view the current catalog, and see the OLLI calendar (including the summer 2016 dates) at the CSUDH OLLI website: <a href="http://www4.csudh.edu/olli/">http://www4.csudh.edu/olli/</a>.

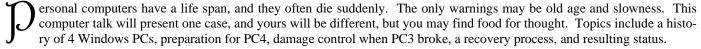


### **Computer Talks**

May 26th - Noon to 1:00 Conference Room B

## Surviving the Death of a PC 🔻

Presented by Carol Johnson



Preparation was buying PC4 with Windows 7 to avoid Windows 8, and loading it with MS Office, Open Office, and Thunderbird and email addresses. Internet Explorer was already on it.

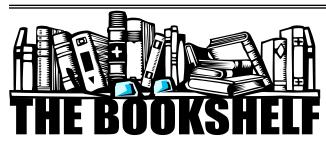
Recovery has included reading PC3's hard disk on PC4, copying a file of passwords and such, copying My Documents, downloading a printer driver, porting MS Money (like Quicken) and Cute-Reminder (a calendar program) and their data, recapturing an email address group from an Excel file, and avoiding Windows 10.

Status: Email addresses need more work. I need the correct date to be reminded to check the CO alarm; will search in MS Money. Need another web browser and an FTP program. I like Windows 7. It is truly an upgrade.

June 23rd - Noon to 1:00 - Conference Room B

#### The iPhone and Its Use

Presented by Rick Spillane



ante's Divine Comedy. All three sections are worth reading but the INFERNO is a must read as an adult. Unfortunately many of us were assigned the read before we could really appreciate it. Nearly 1,000 years old this classic captures the church, mores and beliefs of the era. Best to find a translation with lots of notes explaining the roles of the people and politics encountered and why Dante has them in the circle assigned. Almost amusing is where he places "crimes" on the ladder of evil, certainly far from any modern belief system. One of the classics of Western Civilization (for good reason).

John Grisham always writes about lawyers and always about a topic that needs public attention. Such is the case of *Gray Mountain*. Set in the middle of Appalachia, we're educated about the coal mining industry and its

affects upon the land and its people. Strip mining is exposed as the dark side of corporate America, completely out of control and unstoppable. The story centers around a young lawyer just three years into her career and already wondering "what it's all about" in being a lawyer. Forced to intern at a legal aid clinic in Brady, VA (population 2,200) during the economic downtrend, she finds a focus helping small-town people with every -day problems she would never have been exposed to in the corporate setting from which she had been so unceremoniously cut. All this is woven with interesting relationships, suspense, danger and the horrors of the reality of that area.

The Federalist Papers. Written to support the ratification of the Constitution by Hamilton (majority of the essays), Madison and Jay, these 85 essays have become the classic in interpreting our Constitution as well as writing new ones in other countries. These essays provide great insights into the purpose and wording as well as deeper understanding of the still relevant arguments concerning States Rights vs. Federalism. If you're curious, start with #10, the most popular and important. The Judiciary (#78, etc.) is argued for in several and these are often cited by the Supreme Court. A Founding Document of the U.S., still very much worth the read.

Book suggestions from Omniloreans make this column work. Thanks to **Dan** Stern for contributing to this month's list. Please send your titles, with author's name and a brief description, to Johan (johansmith@ca.rr.com). Please put "Omnilore Books" as the subject of your email. We look forward to hearing from you.



itches, directed and written by Robert Eggers. Rotten Tomatoes describes this movie as an "exquisitely made and terrifying new horror film". It is about a New England family that after being banished from their Puritan church community relocates to a remote plot of land near the edge of a dark, menacing forest. The father is rigid in his beliefs yet vulnerable, his wife austere, unfulfilled. The children

are a reflection of their parents. It's a perfect setting for the paranoia of witch-craft to play out. A toddler disappears, crops fail, crones twirl amongst the trees, the family's teenage daughter is accused of being a witch. This is all very typical of the superstitious paranoia that permeated New England (and much of the world) in the early 1600s.

The acting was superb, and Thomasin, played by Anya Taylor-Joy, the adolescent through whose eyes the story is told, was incredibly good. The setting is eerily and beautifully authentic, the language and clothing quite reflective of the era, and the relationships among the family believable — to a point. "Witches" is billed as a horror film, and there are terrifying moments, but I felt that it went way beyond what I thought believable. I

was riveted throughout the movie, but when asked at the end if I would recommend it, I wasn't sure. I heard the director/writer, Robert Eggers, say that the movie was based on a nighttime story that his mother had told him when he was a youth, and it scared him so much he never forgot it. Perhaps that's why he exaggerated so much. The witch-hunts of the 1600s, especially in Massachusetts, were a dark phase in American history and were shameful enough without the exaggeration of Eggers' film.

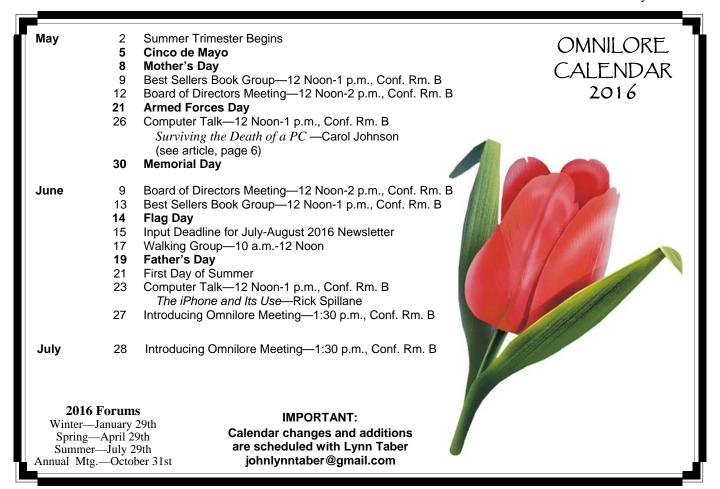
See you at the movies!

A special thanks to Judy Bayer for contributing her experiences at the movies.

You, too, can be a film critic! Send your review to

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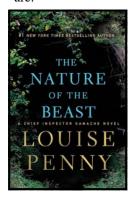


#### **Spring Best Sellers SIG Reads**

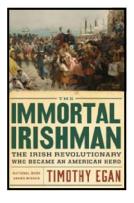
by Patricia Edie & Cindy Eggert

mniloreans love to read a good book! And more than that, they love to talk about it!

Each month, on the second Monday of the month, about 20 plus members and guests meet in Conference Room B from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. to discuss the chosen book for the month. We alternate each month between various works of fiction and non-fiction. The subject matter is varied and the discussion always animated. Upcoming dates and book selections are:



Monday,
May 9:
Fiction
The Nature of
the Beast
by Louise Penny



Monday, July 11: Fiction A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

Monday, June 13: Non-Fiction *The Immortal Irishman* by Timothy Egan

