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## Complex Issues in the South Bay

By Carol Kerster

We all know of a famous "Jackie" (Kennedy). And most of us probably know of a nearly-as-famous "Bacharach" (Burt). Now Omniloreans are about to meet an extraordinary woman whose name is **Jacki Bacharach**, and who is much more than a combination of famous names.



Jacki Bacharach and Associates is the name of her business. It specializes in government and transportation policy and administration, and has as its principal contract, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments. As Executive Director of the Council, which oversees 16 cities in the southwest portion of Los Angeles County, Jacki's duties include grant administration, oversight for environmental services, policy development, city outreach, and interaction with state and regional agencies on behalf of her subregion.

But she's not all business. Public service is important to Jacki too. She is Chair of the Senate Advisory Commission on Cost Control in State Government, Vice Chair for the Los Angeles-San Diego Rail Corridor Agency, and in January, she will become 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair of the L.A. County Quality and Productivity Commission.

Politics has been her "beat" too. She served as Mayor and Councilmember in the city of Rancho Palos Verdes for 14 years, and on the L.A. County Transportation Commission for 12 years. Besides serving one term as chair of the commission, she led various committees through the development of the overall rail plan for L.A. County, as well as overseeing the construction of the Metro Blue and Green Lines.

She was founding chair of the agency that operates the Metrolink commuter rail system, chair and board member of Southern California Rideshare, and founder and co-chair of the Board of Directors of Odyssey, a non-profit organization promoting the benefits of alternative forms of transportation.

As if the local scene was not large enough for Jacki, she was the only Californian invited, by then Secretary of Transportation, Federico Pena, to be a member of the National Commission on Intermodal Transportation. This was a function of President Clinton's Transition Team Transportation Cluster Group.

This multi-talented, highly energetic, forward-thinking woman is the speaker for the first Forum luncheon meeting of 2009. She will address a variety of issues dealing with our cities' financial conditions and what the Council of Governments is doing at our South Bay Environmental Services Center. She'll also touch on transportation and how we, as individual citizens, can help our community by making better use of the facilities that are available to us. You won't have to travel very far to attend the luncheon on Thursday January 29th. It will be at the Los Verdes Country Club, and your reservation can be made in the usual way, by mailing the form on page 7 of this newsletter, or the one you will be receiving by regular mail first thing next year.

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

by Ruth Hart

I hope that all of you had a happy holiday season and are eagerly awaiting the next trimester. This trimester marks the beginning of Omnilore's twentieth year of operation! I have recently learned a bit of Omnilore's early history from its founder, **Burt Cutler**, and one of its earliest members, **Mike Scordan**, and thought I'd share it with you. Thanks to Burt and Mike for "helping" to write this column.

After attending (and loving) several sessions of UCLA's "Plato Society" but deciding that UCLA was too far away, Burt Cutler decided to try to form a similar group in the South Bay. His first attempts at organizing his own friends and acquaintances were unsuccessful. Eventually, he sent a letter explaining his concept to about 100 members of the League of Women Voters and received half a dozen replies. They met to discuss a proposed modus operandi. One woman said that she was too busy to join (she did join a few years later) but offered to steer several more people to the organization. Most people said they were too busy to meet weekly, so they decided on a biweekly schedule.

In a show of extreme prescience, the subject of the first S/DG was "Islam." In 1990, how many of us would have realized that this would be such an important part of our recent history? Meetings were held in members' homes and in libraries, and within a year, they convinced a local S&L to allow them to use its mostly unused Boardroom. After the second S/DG, they realized that everyone was enthusiastic and the organization would persist, so they decided to name the organization. Members brought in suggestions and "Omnilore" was selected.

In 1992, a decision was made to expand. They negotiated with local universities and CSUDH "won." One reason was the offer of free meeting rooms (with free parking) in Redondo Beach. They obtained a mailing list from Elderhostel, extended an invitation to learn about Omnilore and expanded from 20 members to over 60 within a few months. As of December, we are now at 271 members.

Other than Burt, there are only three remaining Omniloreans who joined prior to the affiliation with CSUDH.

Mike Scordan came to the last session of the Islam S/DG and participated fully in the second S/DG. **John Taber** and **Lois Buchanan** also were members prior to the expansion.



A month or so ago, a couple of Omnilore members unearthed a framed copy of the "Omnilore Members' Creed" from one of the closets in Room 7. Since I was unaware of its existence, I was curious about it, and discovered that it had been written by **Ethel Allen**, an original member of Omnilore and its first President. Interestingly, even though Burt told me that only a few Omniloreans would know of its existence, a copy is now posted on the Room 7 Bulletin Board and it was also referenced in the Introducing Omnilore meetings and in a message that Mike Scordan sent out to his "mailing list." It is being reprinted in the newsletter because I think it truly reflects what we all feel (see page 4).

**A Brief History of Gravity**

by Bruce Elliot

It filled Galileo with mirth  
To watch his two rocks fall to Earth.  
He gladly proclaimed,  
"Their rates are the same,  
And quite independent of girth!"  
Then Newton announced in due course  
His own law of gravity's force:  
"It goes, I declare,  
As the inverted square  
Of the distance from object to source.  
But remarkably, Einstein's equation  
Succeeds to describe gravitation  
As spacetime that's curved,  
And it's this that will serve  
As the planets' unique motivation.  
Yet the end of the story's not written;  
By a new way of thinking we're smitten.  
We twist and we turn,  
Attempting to learn  
The Superstring Theory of Witten!



**Contemporary Scientific Issues  
Spring 2009 Osher Lecture Series**

by **Jim Bouchard**

Senior Program Development Specialist  
Coordinator, Lifelong Learning, [OLLI@CSUDH](mailto:OLLI@CSUDH)



In the spring 2009 Osher Lecture Series, issues, breakthroughs, and challenges that are relevant to the new millennium will be discussed by the faculty of various CSUDH science departments. Lectures will include our continuing exploration of environmental challenges that our world faces, in addition to some of the latest research in physics and biology.

Dr. Jim Hill, (Chair, Associate Professor, Physics Department) will discuss competing perspectives regarding the causes of global warming. Dr. Terry McGlynn (Assistant Professor, Biology Department) will look specifically at the process of carbon recycling in rainforests. And the threats to ecosystems will be examined by Dr. Cathy Jacobs (Lecturer, Biology Department and Interdisciplinary Studies).

We will hear about local bird conservation from Dr. John Thomlinson (Chairperson, Biology Department). Dr. Thomlinson recently researched the deforestation of China through observation of bird migration. And, while Dr. Katherine Bates (Assistant Professor, Biology Department) will discuss the benefits and ethical issues of stem cell research, Dr. John Price will explain how a proton is built and how this is relevant to modern times.

The first lecture of this series is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4th, 10 a.m.-Noon in the Extended Education Auditorium.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year!

**Osher Lecture Series Note**

If you are interested in this series **and have not already told us**, please let Johan know: 215-1848, or [johansmith@ca.rr.com](mailto:johansmith@ca.rr.com)

## OMNIOLORE PROFILE – ELLEN BRADFORD

by Lori Geittmann

When you walk into Ellen Bradford’s house, in the Hollywood Riviera, the whole Santa Monica bay is before you looking through the living room windows, appropriate because this always has been her world. She has lived in Redondo Beach since birth and remembers an uncrowded city where children could play kick the can, tin can hockey and other games in the streets, uninterrupted by cars. When she was graduated from Redondo Union High School in 1941, she represented the second generation in her family as RUHS graduates. Her mother and uncle preceded her.

Her family’s connections with the area are a century old. Her grandfather developed lots in south Hermosa Beach, \$10 down and \$10 a month. To reach the lots, he had to put through Second Street from Pacific Coast Highway to the beach. There was a huge pile of sand left over and her clever grandmother went into the sand business. She sold sand to the railroads for use in train braking systems. When that sand ran out, Ellen’s grandmother acquired sand from where the oil refinery was being built in El Segundo.

Ellen Richmond left Redondo for UCLA in 1941 where she met a tall Don Bradford from Paso Robles. Like so many members of the greatest generation, Pearl Harbor interrupted their studies. Don went into the Navy and became a carrier based pilot. Ellen all in white and Don in his naval officer’s uniform were wed in the United Methodist Church in Redondo. While Don was in service, Ellen went to work on Terminal Island for the Navy. Daughter Judy was born just at the war’s end.

After the war Don finished his schooling on the GI Bill and became a faculty member at El Camino College. Ellen, besides caring for their two daughters and a son, did bookkeeping for Smith Brothers Fish Shanty in Torrance and the Strand Theatre in Redondo, which provided the family with dinner out and movies whenever they wanted.

On Don’s sabbatical, they lived for four months in Europe. Ellen loves to travel and has roamed the world when she has been able.

As her children grew, Ellen decided to finish her education and at nights she and her children did homework together at the dining room table. She did her student teaching at Redondo Union and then joined the faculty at Aviation. When that school was closed, she was moved to the faculty at Mira Costa where she taught before retiring from teaching.

When comparing RUHS when she was a student to Aviation where she taught years later, she said RUHS had a very traditional curriculum with strong discipline and students wore uniforms. Aviation was more experimental with a laissez faire attitude toward discipline. Among her students was James Blackman, the founder and executive director of the Civic Light Opera of the South Bay, who credits the tolerance of teachers such as Mrs. Bradford for allowing him to go his own way in school enabling his future success.

Her social life involves her extended family throughout the Los Angeles area including seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. An early member of *Omniole*, Ellen is a stalwart in the writing group where she has been working on a mystery novel based in the wine country.

### PRESENTATIONS 101: THE WORKSHOP

**Friday 12 Noon**  
**January 23rd Room 8**



Are you a new member to Omniole and a little uncertain about what to do about your first presentation? Perhaps you have been a member of Omniole for a while and want to polish your presentation skills. In either case, we have some help for you. On **Friday, January 23, 2009 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.**, you are invited to join *Presentations 101: The Workshop*. Need help on selecting a topic? Don't know what audio/visual equipment is available or how to use it? Not sure how to schedule your class presentation? The Workshop will answer these questions and any others you may have relating to one of the most enjoyable elements of the Omniole experience. It's all about making our presentations better and enjoying livelier discussions. If you can't attend The Workshop and want some help pulling your presentation together check the list of Presentation Mentors on the bulletin boards, phone or e-mail one of the Omniole members who have volunteered to work with other members on making presentations, and to make arrangements for advise and to make a new friend. **Presentations 101: The Workshop** Friday January 23 at 12:00 noon - Room 8.

**Meeting for all Spring 2009 Coordinators and Co-Coordinators**

Have you ever wished that there was a place to quickly get a copy of your class schedule or roster, or that discussion questions and presentation outlines could be available for quick retrieval, or that someone's excellent computer generated presentation could be available for viewing by other *Omnioleans*? Well wishes do come true and all these capabilities are available for coordinators and class members to use on the *Omniole* Website.

On **Wednesday, January 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**, in **Room 7**, webmaster **Myron Pullen** will conduct a very basic orientation on how the S/DG folders located on the website, can enhance your class experience. Myron will demonstrate, using our newly acquired wireless connectivity, just how easy it is to locate your S/DG folder and how you can utilize it to the benefit of your class. This can all be done with little or no technical expertise. There are knowledgeable persons available to help you place your materials in the folders. Please plan to attend and feel free to invite any others who may be interested in this new capability.

## Omniole Members' Creed

### I BELIEVE:

That informed discussion with stimulating companions is among the most rewarding of human experiences ...

That discussion without study and renewal soon embalms my knowledge and perpetuates my ignorance ...

That study, when burdensome, becomes onerous and defeats the joy of learning. But, when fueled by my own curiosity and imagination, study becomes a pastime of delight ...

That I must invest some effort, but I must not frustrate the rewards of lively discussion with numbing monologue ...

That I must listen carefully to my bright and challenging fellows. I am here because I have a thirsty mind, and they have much to offer ...

That I must not be shy. I am here because I am intelligent and informed. My contributions can stimulate and enlighten ...

### AND I BELIEVE

That to share the sheer pleasure of learning with good friends is the greatest recreation of the heart and mind.

## Meet the New Members on the Board of Directors



*Hank Frankenberg  
Member-at-Large*

Hank retired from his position as VP of Financial Management at Northrop Grumman in 1998. He is a fourth year member of Omnilore. His other recent activities include serving as a volunteer at the South Coast Botanic Gardens and as treasurer of his local homeowners' association.



*Kit Bell  
VP Academics*

Kit has been an active member of Omnilore since his retirement in 2005, taking classes relating to history or politics. He retired from Boeing and Rockwell after 14 years in the aircraft business prior to which he served 26 years in the Air Force. Kit has served as a S/DG Coordinator and Co-Coordinator and was an Omnilore Board Member-at-Large this past year. He and his wife Nancy, also an active Omnilore member, live in beautiful San Pedro.



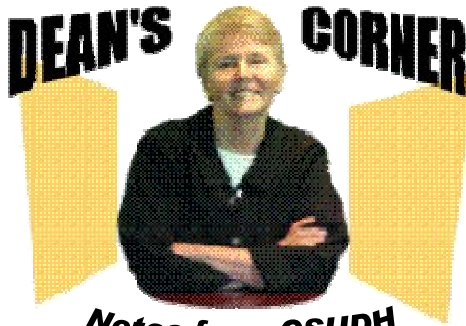
*Steve Miller  
Member-at-Large*

Steve was born and raised in Ohio. Following 6 years in Boston (at MIT) he moved to California and worked most of the next 40 years in the aerospace industry. He has been an Omnilore member for two years. In his "spare time" he enjoys hiking, traveling, jogging, reading and doing nothing whenever it suits him. He and his wife, Andrea, live in Manhattan Beach and have two daughters.



*Bill Gargaro  
Member-at-Large*

Bill grew up in Vicksburg, MS and after college graduation, moved to southern California in 1960 to begin his first job for North American Aviation and then Northrop on top of PV. In 1963 he joined the Peace Corps for a two-year stint in Bolivia. Upon returning he attended graduate school at Ohio University, completing a Ph.D. in physics in 1970. He returned to his favorite place to live, South Bay LA, to work at TRW. On retiring in 1996 he and his wife Andrea, a fellow Omnilorean, did a lot of traveling worldwide. Bill serves on the Board of Directors at Harbor View House in San Pedro, a facility that cares for mentally ill with the goal of rehabilitation and reintegration into society. He has been a member of Omnilore for four years and finds it to be a perfect fit for satisfying his continuing curiosity about practically everything. He also enjoys his five grandchildren who live just close enough.



**Notes from CSUDH**

by Margaret Gordon

Dean, Lifelong Learning Institute  
College of Extended & International Education

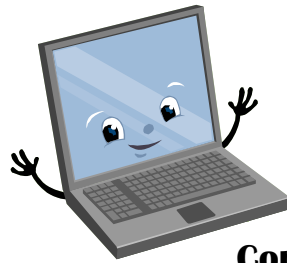
From the staff of the College of Extended & International Education to each of you, warm wishes for a joyful and healthy holiday season.

As we reflect on accomplishments in 2008, one of the highlights is the progress achieved by working together to develop an expanded learning-in-retirement program at CSUDH under Osher sponsorship. Although challenges remain for 2009, with the support and participation of you, our steadfast lifelong learners, as well as the campus community and new OLLI members, we hope to meet goals of membership and realize a socially and intellectually vibrant lifelong community on campus in the year ahead.

To begin the 2009 campaign, the College will host an OLLI@CSUDH Open House. A hearty effort is underway to promote the Open House and our OLLI. The Open House is scheduled for January 27, Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 pm in the Extended Education auditorium. Please RSVP to 310 243-3208 by January 23 to reserve a complimentary parking permit. The spring 2009 OLLI@CSUDH Catalog and course offerings will be highlighted as well as brief presentations by OLLI members and a CSUDH faculty mini lecture. Refreshments and door prizes will add to this enjoyable gathering.

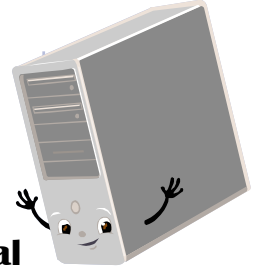
I look forward to seeing you at the January Open House and on campus as you participate in OLLI planning committees, courses, and the Osher Lecture Series in the coming months.

May each of you have a wonderful new year.



**Computer Talks**

**Internet, Computer and Audio-Visual in Our Classrooms**



by Hal Hart

We now have broadband internet access in our classrooms for members to use to spice up their presentations! Our new internet capability — your choice of wireless or via Ethernet cable — will be the centerpiece of January’s Computer Talk on **Thursday, January 22, Noon–1 p.m., in Room 7** at the Franklin Center. The second half hour will shift over to basic training on Omnilore’s audio-visual and computer equipment (*some of which is new*) and how it can be integrated with internet connectivity to add a new dimension to your presentations. Thus, this Computer Talk will have something to offer every member from the computer expert to those just interested in the simplest display of hard-copy materials onto our projection screens via our Desktop Presenters.



The hour will be heavy on demonstrations, hands-on practice, and working through issues commonly encountered. Members with laptops are encouraged to bring them to try out our Omnilore local area network, and at the same time help us with our testing and evolving guidelines. Handouts will summarize instructions for using each piece of our equipment and the internet.

For those who want to jump the gun on either wireless or Ethernet-cabled internet access in the classrooms, signs on the bulletin boards and equipment cabinets guide you through the simple steps of connecting to the Omnilore local area network. (Alternatively, anyone unavailable on January 22nd is welcome to attend a *sneak preview* of this talk, under the guise of “equipment training,” being offered to class coordinators at **Noon on Monday, January 12th, also in Room 7.**)

**Free Software!**

**Yes, Free Software for PCs and MACs  
Don’t Pay Another Penny for Commercial Software**

by Rick Spillane



Tired of paying high prices for software? Want to enhance your presentations and computer competence with “Word,” “Power Point,” “Excel?” Why pay for expensive software when you can get the same thing free.

Come hear a discussion of OpenOffice 3.0, an “open source” version of Microsoft’s Office, which does everything Office does and is free. In the second Computer Talk of the year (**February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009**) **Rick Spillane** will cover what “open source” software is and how to download it and install it on your PC or Mac. We will show how the OpenOffice version of Word and PowerPoint work using actual presentations. If time remains we will briefly discuss how to down load and install free versions of Photoshop, Anti-virus, Fire-wall software programs, and the best email program out there, Thunderbird.

*The Next*

**INTRODUCING OMNIOLORE MEETINGS:  
Help Spread the Word!**

**Wed. March 25th - Room 7  
Thurs. April 2nd - Room 8**

## Mimi Lau Attends Friendship Forum in China

*As Told to Teresa Yu*

When members attend Omnilore Forum functions, Mimi Lau's warm smile is often the first thing that greets them. Last November, Mimi brought her smile and traveled for 10 days in China with her husband, Joe. Their trip was not the usual touristy, sightseeing one, though they did plenty of that too.

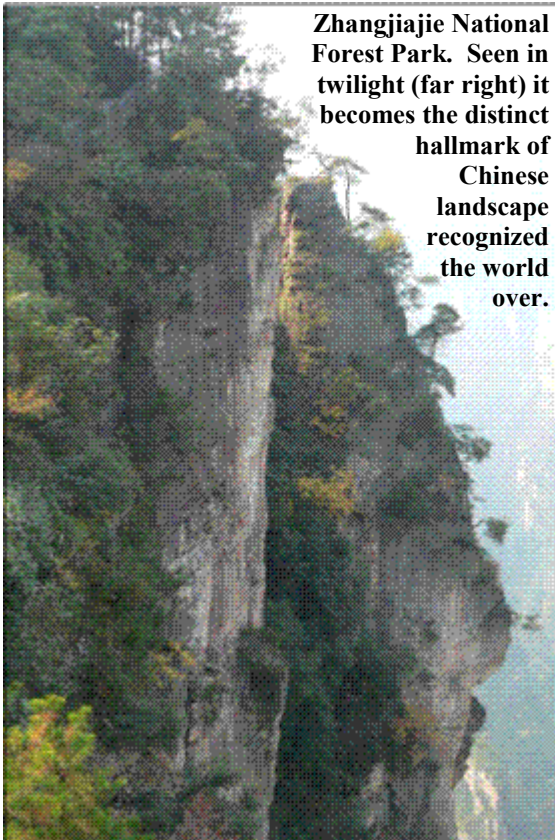
The Laus were invited by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries to attend the Third Friendship Forum in Hunan. They were selected to represent the Western Region of the US-China People's Friendship Association, a non-profit educational organization, after submitting an essay along with their application.

While in China, the 10-member US delegation also attended as guests, the China International Friendship Cities Conference held in Beijing, "to discuss ways of achieving sustainable development of international friendship cities through scientific development." Participants represented 35 countries that have sister-city connections with China. Mimi admitted that sitting at the Beijing conference opened her eyes. She found that people all over the world "speak the same language." Ecology issues like global warming, water shortages, air-pollutions are the common worries; not just for American people alone.

After the two-day conference, it was time for some R&R. They visited the Great Wall, toured Beijing city, including the National Stadium (the Bird Nest) and the National Swimming Center (the Water Cube), both made famous during the Beijing Olympics. The next stop was in Hunan province to attend the Friendship Forum they came for. The chief delegates from each participating country gave a report about the various developments in friendship between his country and China for the past two years. One such delegate was the First Lady of Vanuatu, an island country in the southern Pacific Ocean. Then it was off to more sightseeing.

Mimi considered the visit of Zhangjiajie National Park, located at northwestern Hunan Province, the highlight of her trip. She took just about a million pictures trying to capture the beautiful mountain ranges and their unique rock formations that are often depicted in traditional Chinese paintings. She also found a visit to China's "Great Helmsman," Mao Tse-tung's hometown in Hunan interesting, but thought the well-kept farmhouse in the mountainous village in which Mao had spent his childhood and youth was probably prepared for tourists' benefit. The delegation ended their China trip in Shanghai for yet more sightseeing. Mimi was impressed by Shanghai's City Planning Hall. It manifests the vibrant growth of the largest city in China.

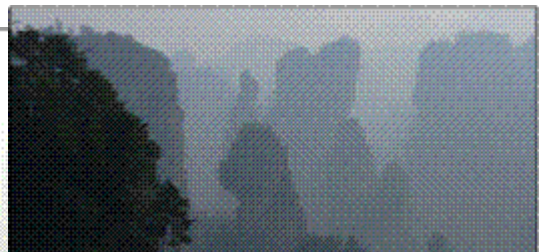
Mimi enjoyed the whole trip, for both its educational component and the sightseeing. Even the challenge of squat toilets didn't faze her, nor did it for her American friends. The only complaint she has is that she ate too much. It is not unusual that they were treated with four appetizers and 11 main courses at lunch and dinner, a typical Chinese fashion to show respect to the honorable guests. She said she gained weight as a result. One wonders if it wasn't a fair price to pay for such a wonderful experience.



Zhangjiajie National Forest Park. Seen in twilight (far right) it becomes the distinct hallmark of Chinese landscape recognized the world over.



Shanghai Skyline

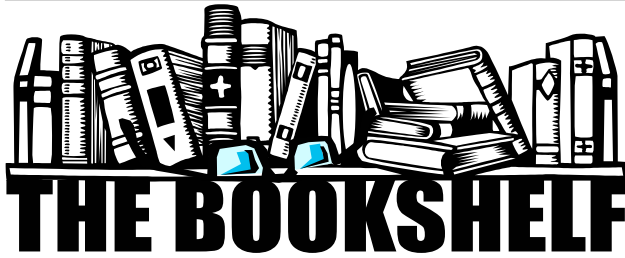


Mao's Birthplace



Mimi

Joe Lau



by Mary Oran

We received several excellent recommendations to start off the new year, and the descriptions sent in were so well-written that you are going to see a number of quotation marks in this article. After all, why fiddle with something that is already well-expressed?

**The Art of Racing in the Rain** by **Garth Stein** is “a story of a family with all of their travails and successes as told through the eyes of the family dog, Enzo. Yes, Enzo the dog is the narrator of the story. As he ages through the story, Enzo reflects on his life with sensitivity and wisdom not normally attributed to a dog.” This novel is more than likely to have an emotional impact on the reader.

**“Empire Falls** by **Richard Russo** (2001) is a very well written novel of characters clashing and loving in a small dying town in Maine. The book has won the Pulitzer Prize and been named by *Time* magazine as the ‘Best Novel of the Year.’ It is the story of three families: the aristocratic Whitneys, the Robys, who long to escape the small town confinement, and the anti-intellectual Mintys. Here, it evokes Steinbeck’s *East of Eden*.

It is a mystery, a story of an illicit affair, but mostly it is a story of love between

parents and children. Russo’s dialogue and action in everyday ordinary scenes is terrific.” Russo recently published another excellent novel, **The Bridge of Sighs**, which is also a riveting small town story that captures one’s heart.

“Are you interested in the difference between modern and tribal cultures? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to spend years in a primitive culture doing anthropological field-work? Do you love reading intricate thrillers? If you answered ‘yes’ to any of these questions, then you will probably enjoy **Mischa Berlinski’s** remarkable debut novel, **Fieldwork**. The book was a 2007 National Book Award finalist...It’s an intelligent, fascinating and very different type of novel. Try it and you’ll find yourself on a wild armchair adventure ride in the primitive hill country of modern Thailand.”

Our first nonfiction suggestion is humorist **Russell Baker’s Growing Up**, an “oldie but goodie.” It “is an enchanting memoir of the journey of a young man growing up during the depression, becoming a Pulitzer Prize writer and eventual host of PBS’s Masterpiece Theater. Simply, and with quiet wisdom, he draws us into the struggle to survive, his mother’s strength, his own shortcomings, and the wonderful characters that make up his intergenerational family.” His follow-up book, **The Good Times** is equally entertaining.

On a more serious note, consider *The*

**Omnivore’s Dilemma** by **Michael Pollan**. “This book is an interesting and very readable account of the various agricultural systems that bring us our food in the US: Industrial Agriculture, Organic Agriculture, Sustainable Agriculture and Hunting & Foraging. It answers the questions, ‘Where does my food come from? and What am I eating anyway?’ After reading this book, my eating habits changed!”

Finally, how about a romp through the entertainment world with **Barbara Walters? Audition** is just the ticket. “After a slow start, this turns out to be a fascinating autobiography. She (Walters) really had to fight to break the Boy’s Club of broadcasting. It seems she interviewed anyone worth talking to.”

A reminder to all of you - if you log into our web page, [www.omnilore.org](http://www.omnilore.org), and look in the far left column, you will see “Site Index” at the top of the column. Click on that and you will then see a full index of what is available on our website. And, wonder of wonders, if you click on “Booklist,” you will reach a composite list of all the books recommended by Omniloreans for the “Bookshelf” since its 2004 debut. This is a hidden gem; take a look!

*(Our thanks to Barbara Case, Lucia Dzwonczyk, Luke Dzwonczyk, Patricia Edie, Chuck Herring and Helen Leven for contributing to our list. Please send your title with author’s name and a very brief description to [msoran@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msoran@sbcglobal.net). Please put “omnilore books” as the subject. We look forward to hearing from you!)*

**OMNIOLORE Forum Luncheon Reservation Form**

WHEN: **Thursday, January 29th, 2009 – 11:30 a.m.**

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

*Reservations are required by January 23rd, please!*

Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for the **Omniole** Annual Luncheon at **\$17.50** each:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for:  **\$17.50**  Other

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

- January**
- 1 **New Year's Day**
  - 2 Spring Trimester Begins
  - 7 Website Orientation for Coordinators & Co-ordinators  
Myron Pullen - 10 - 11 a.m. - Room 7 (see article page 3)
  - 8 Board of Directors Meeting - 12 Noon - 2 p.m. - Room 7
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  - 10 Membership Committee - 12 Noon - 1 p.m. - Room 7
  - 12 Board of Directors Meeting - 12 Noon - 2 p.m. - Room 7
  - 12 **Lincoln's Birthday**
  - 14 **St. Valentine's Day**
  - 15 Input Deadline for March-April 09 Newsletter
  - 16 **Presidents' Day**
  - 20 Hiking Group - 10 a.m. - 12 Noon
  - 22 **Washington's Birthday**
  - 25 **Ash Wednesday**
  - 26 Computer Talks - 12 Noon - 1 p.m. - Room 7  
*Free Software for PCs & MACs* - Rick Spillane (see article

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**IMPORTANT:** Calendar changes and additions are scheduled with Lynn Taber (310) 831-4768 - ledwards\_92648@yahoo.com

**Omniole Welcomes New Members**

*by Howard Korman*

Looking forward to the spring trimester, the Membership Committee held three "Introducing Omniole" meetings this fall. Fourteen people attended; of those, 11 enrolled before the start of the new trimester.

Many **Omniole** members helped by encouraging friends to get involved in **Omniole**, and their assistance is much appreciated. The Membership Committee would also like to thank the Daily Breeze, the Easy Reader, and the Beach Reporter for their publicity that motivated several people to attend. We post flyers in libraries for these meetings, and if anyone has any further suggestions for publicizing future meetings, feel free to contact me.

Let's welcome all our new members to the classes they have enthusiastically selected.

*{The following is a list of new Omniole members who have joined since September 2008 and do not appear on the 10/31/08 roster*



**WELCOME!**

- Judith Bayer**  
Rolling Hills Estates
- Berta Bilezikjian**  
Rolling Hills Estates
- Marianne Brandt**  
San Pedro
- Karen Cummings**  
Palos Verdes Es-

- Nancy Hofland**  
Torrance
- Patti Ialongo**  
Los Angeles
- David Miller**  
Rancho Palos Verdes
- Christine Mitchell**  
Manhattan Beach
- Margery Norris**  
San Pedro
- Connie & Gail Siegel**  
Redondo Beach

**SOUTH BAY CITIES  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**Funding for City Services in the Future  
House of Cards??**

Hear from experts about the economy and where it's going, including the impact on city budgets. Participate in a discussion of financing city services and how state mandates and 'revenue stealing' affects city budgeting and service delivery.

**Confirmed speakers:**

State Treasurer, Bill Lockyer; State Controller, John Chiang; League of California Cities, Executive Director Chris McKenzie; Keston Institute for Public Finance & Infrastructure Policy, Director Richard Little; Public Policy Institute for California, Associate Director Max Neiman; and Assemblyman, Ted Lieu

**WHEN: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2009**

**TIME: 8:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

**WHERE: CARSON COMMUNITY CENTER**

**HOW: Register @  
www.southbaycities.org  
and attend for FREE**