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## Trio of Speakers to be Featured at Forum

By Carol Kerster

What do **George Clark**, **Bert Goldstein** and **John Stevens** have in common? Of course, they are all *Omnilorians*. But they are also our distinguished speakers for the upcoming Forum Luncheon, to be held on **Thursday, July 29th**, at the Los Verdes Country Club, at 11:30 a.m. These eminently qualified speakers will be presenting three diverse topics.



**George Clark**, who has written a book about redistricting which will be published shortly, will describe how it robs us of democratically choosing our representatives to federal and state legislatures.. He will suggest some possible remedies.



George Clark



**Bert Goldstein's** topic is *Schizophrenia, a Genetic Enigma*. Specifically, he will discuss the genetic basis of the disease, and what is being learned from the most recent research about it. Bert has worked extensively with children: for 18 years he was head of the child psychiatry clinic at Harbor-UCLA, and is currently at the Orange County Children's Clinic.

Bert Goldstein



John Stevens

**John Stevens** wants us to think about global warming. To this end, he will encourage us to ask questions of power brokers on either side of the issue. He will inform us on how to distinguish between fact and fiction and will suggest what we can do about it. Perhaps most importantly, he will advise as to whether or not we should even

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

*By George Clark*

Whatever presentations. I am especially busy happened to right now because the duties of sending those lazy, hazy, crazy out re-registration notices, preparing for days of summer? We the Annual Meeting, and building a all seem to be busier team of *Omniole* officers for the than ever, with hardly coming year. In addition to all of this, enough time in between traveling and my book, *Stealing Our Votes: How family activities to prepare for Politicians Conspire to Control*

*Elections and How to Stop Them*, has just been published and I have been working on a new website at <http://www.stealingourvotes.com>. I am also busy talking to reviewers and bookstores. So much to do, so few hours in a day!



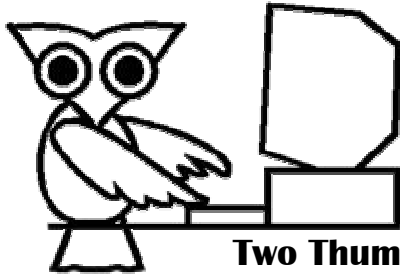
**THANKS AGAIN!**

*By Burt Cutler*

Once again the Curriculum Committee is very pleased to laud those *Omniole* members who submitted topic write-ups for consideration for the Fall trimester.

Appreciation to **Helen Stockwell, Marilyn Landau, Marge Winston, Patricia & Jay Edie, Alfred Bernstein, Marian Buck, Burt Cutler, Mike Scordan, Norman Lobsenz, Helen Leven, Sam Rifman, Merle Culbert, Marilyn Dalton, Mary Oran, Hal Fenton, John Taber, Emil Raulin, Gene Turner, Nancy Sinclair, David Shay, George Clark and H.E. Kamiya.** Thank you all!

The Curriculum Committee box in the cabinet in Room #7 is continuously open to accept any topic ideas that may occur to members during the year.



**Information Bytes from the Computer & Technology Special Interest Group**

*By Carol Johnson*

**Two Thumbs Up For Thumb Drives!**

There is always something new to learn at the Computer and Technology SIG!

One day both **Bob Saunders** and **Mary Barling** came with cute little thumb drives, more formally known as flash disks, but about the size of your thumb. Mary was wearing hers like a necklace. I now have my own that I bought for \$40 less a penny plus tax. It has a cable that plugs into any USB port, so it is very portable. I have used it to carry files from my home to the *Omniole* laptop for a C-T SIG presentation. Better yet, I have used it to back up my *My Documents* folder. My PC reminds me to do that monthly and I had been backing up to a CD. That method had several inconveniences: it took special software; it took a long time, I was never sure how to restore some or all of it if need be, and I amassed many CDs that were not re-writable. Now backup of *My Documents* to the thumb drive is a pleasure: it takes just three minutes to copy its 66 megabytes; I can simply rewrite the backup next month, and it is so easy. In Windows Explorer, I simply drag **C:\My Documents** to **G:** and copying starts. Similarly, I could restore by dragging all or part of the folder back to C:!



By the way, **THE SIG GROUP WILL NOT MEET IN JULY OR AUGUST.**

**Omnioleans Tour Golden State**

*By Emil Raulin*

On May 4th, 21 individuals including *Omniole* members and guests completed a seven-day Golden State Encounter bus tour with **John Taber** as tour director. The trip was designed to add tour study and discussion group which dealt with early California history. Everyone enjoyed the experience of visiting various historical sites, learning about early California history, and traveling with a group that enjoys learning and having fun.

Travels included visits to Gold Rush sites on Highway 49 and towns such as Sonora, Murphy's and Coloma as well as the Gold Discovery State Historic Park. In Sacramento we visited the Old Town, Sutter's Fort, the Capital and the Railroad Museum. During the evening we enjoyed a dinner cruise on the Sacramento River.

The trip also included visits to John Muir's home, Jack London's State Historic Park and the John Steinbeck Center in Salinas. One of the highlights of our trip was a stay at the Beach Resort in Monterey where we had rooms on the beach and could hear the ocean.

With a favorable feedback from previous tours, the Travel Group is planning a trip to Atlanta, GA October 11-19 where we will learn some interesting things about the South. For more information see the *Omniole* bulletin board or contact John Taber at 831-4768



**OMNIOLORE PROFILE – EIICHI “H.E.” KAMIYA**

*By Tom Rische, Contributing Editor*

Despite growing up in a barracks in Japanese relocation camps in rural Arkansas, H.E. Kamiya’s earliest memories are of a sort of “carefree Tom Sawyer time,” with friends, exploring the woods and fishing in a nearby bayou.

Kamiya was born in Long Beach, where his father headed a Japanese language school. In the relocation camp, he became a fire inspector and director of the Red Cross. Returning to Southern California after the war, his father temporarily packed coats at a clothes factory, but moved into insurance and real estate sales.

H.E.’s Japanese first name, Eiichi, is pronounced like the initials, “H.E.,” which he often uses for English-speaking friends. “My parents must have had many heartaches when uprooted from their Long Beach home in 1942, after Pearl Harbor,” he said. “But they never gave my three sisters and me any sense of bitterness, telling us only of some related incidents.”

“I’m told we lived in a horse stable at Santa Anita Race Track in 1942 before being sent to Jerome and Rohrer, AR,” he says. “In Arkansas, we had Caucasian teachers with Japanese aides. When we returned to California, we were on a level with our classmates.” Kamiya learned English when he started kindergarten, but recalls little of pre-war times.

After their return, the family lived in Boyle Heights and Gardena. Having

placed their goods in storage in 1942, they found many valuables had been stolen. Kamiya attended Gardena Elementary, Junior High and High Schools. At GHS (class of ‘54), he was student body president, despite being part of a five-percent minority. He liked all aspects of school—academics, sports, the choir, a ham radio club. Agricultural courses were also required. “I never felt discriminated against,” he recalled. “I didn’t look for bias and felt there was little I couldn’t do.” He remembers a few “No Japs Allowed” signs in local businesses, but “those soon came down and there were no problems.”

His earliest friends were English-speaking Japanese students, but in high school, “I was comfortable with a number of groups.” His father always stressed college, and his three sisters all became teachers. Kamiya went to UCLA to major in engineering.

H.E. graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering, but working at Northrup, he moved into systems analysis as soon as possible. He particularly enjoyed operations research, developing creative new ideas and seeing how they work. He himself holds a couple of patents as a result.

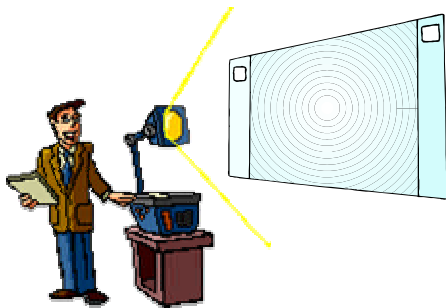
Retiring in 1995 from Northrup, he worked an additional four years at the Rand Corporation as a military policy

analyst, playing “war games” to figure out future alternatives. His wife, Donna, was an aerospace secretary, whom he married in 1965. They moved to Rancho Palos Verdes 27 years ago. They have two children, Eric, a Concord insurance man, and Malynn, a teacher at Miraleste Intermediate School. They frequently babysit for their six grandchildren.

After five years, H.E. is taken three *Omniole* courses for several terms. He’s taken courses which, as an engineer, he never experienced - ranging from opera to textiles, poetry, and creative writing. He also likes history, but not courses in which members argue. Kamiya has visited all 50 states, Europe and Japan.

Other interests include motorcycle and stock car racing, ham radio operation, and serving as reserve deputy sheriff. He teaches math one day a week in a local elementary school and volunteers at the Palos Verdes Library.

This summer, the Kamiyas will visit Sardinia to see a foster daughter, long supported through a relief organization. They met first in 1964 and again in 1990, after she married a farmer and had children. One of her daughters, now in veterinary school, visited them here. “At the time, supporting her was my reason for giving up smoking,” Kamiya says. He corresponds with her via an Italian computer translation program.



Need to know how to operate *Omniole* equipment? If so, just call **Carol Johnson** (372-8535) or your coordinator to find out who in your study group is familiar with the equipment.

**OMNIOLORE Forum Luncheon Reservation Form**

WHEN: **Thursday, July 29th, 2004 – 11:30 a.m.**

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

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

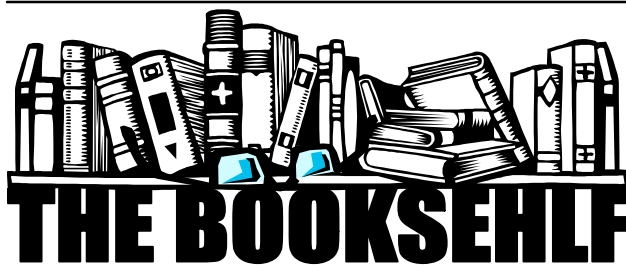
Please make \_\_\_\_ reservations for the **Omniole** Forum Luncheon at \$15 each:

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

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





By Mary Oran

This book list marks the beginning of a new column for Omnilore readers. In it we will offer you suggestions of good reading—not necessarily the best sellers, but the “gems” we find while browsing a book store or library . . . the books that stay with us long after they have been read . . . the ones that we don’t want to end . . . the prose that allows us to escape, to learn, to feel, to think. Our members have varied tastes and interests. We hope that all of you will send us, via e-mail (see below), your memorable reading adventures - history, biography, fiction, science, poetry, humor, essays - share your pleasures with all of us!!

**Embers, by Sandor Marai:** Two old men, once best friends, meet after a 41-year break in their relationship. The short novel traces the course of a dead friendship amidst the fading splendor of an old castle. The author is a celebrated Hungarian novelist who was persecuted by the communists and forced to flee his country. This is a quietly suspenseful book that creates the atmosphere of another era.

**The Eyre Affair, by Jasper Fforde:** In 1980s Great Britain, time travel, cloning and literature are taken quite seriously (in fact, hundreds of Britons have named their newborns John Milton). Acheron Hades, the villain, is out to steal Jane Eyre from her novel, and literary detective Thursday Next must try to stop this literary homicide. Outlandish, absorbing, futuristic, and laugh-out-loud funny.

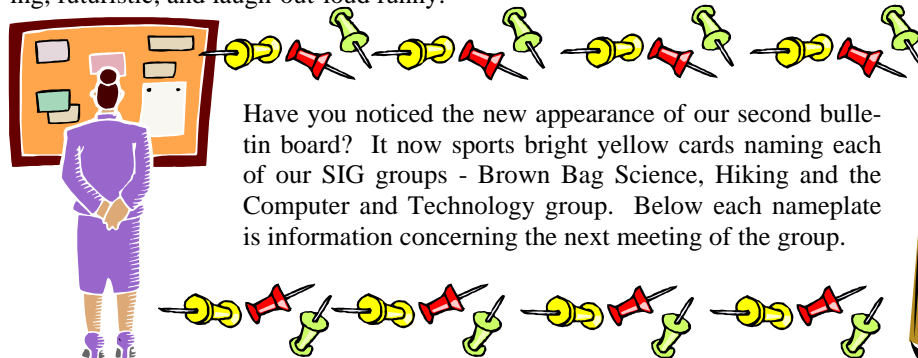
**1421: The Year China Discovered America, by Gavin Menzies:** A former submarine commander investigates and provides evidence that the Chinese traveled “all the way to the ends of

the earth” seventy years before Columbus and the other explorers. Evidence includes DNA, crops, animals, maps, carved stonework, and much, much more. Those who like maps and navigational things will *really* love this one, but the subject matter is so intriguing that the curious will fall under its spell. A fascinating view of Chinese achievements.

**Compelling Evidence, by Steve Martini:** Here is your escape/recreational reading for beach, airplane or ? Paul Madriani, a skilled but offbeat lawyer, is involved with dramatic courtroom suspense and colorful characters. The story is filled with lusty descriptions and a surprise (oh boy!) ending.

**Ella Minnow Pea: A Novel in Letters, by Mark Dunn:** This is the story of a fictional island’s fight for freedom of expression as well as a linguistic tour de force. A satire for word lovers, it is based on the phrase that contains all the letters of the alphabet: “The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.” The islanders worship the phrase writer, and when some of the letters start falling off his statue, the hysteria begins. The story is both hilarious and moving - and totally unique!

*Thank you to Nancy Sinclair for contributing to this list. Please send your titles, with the author’s name and a brief description to msoran@sbcglobal.net. Please put “Omnilore books” as the subject. We look forward to hearing from you!*



Have you noticed the new appearance of our second bulletin board? It now sports bright yellow cards naming each of our SIG groups - Brown Bag Science, Hiking and the Computer and Technology group. Below each nameplate is information concerning the next meeting of the group.

## Let’s Hear It For . . . Presentations!

By Nancy Shannon-Sinclair

Vice President Academics

Yes, presentations are still required. They are one of the features that distinguish *Omnilore* from many other learning-in-retirement groups. Not only do they provide for active, dynamic, and creative participation, but they also may create stronger bonds among the group participants. *Omnilore’s* study/discussion groups are based on the peer teaching/learning experience, in which members teach as well as learn. Even in S/D groups in which leading a book discussion is part of the experience, researched presentations are still required, unless specifically stated in the topic write-up. In summary, a presentation is still mandatory in all study/discussion groups, except the instructor-led course at CSUDH

**Did You Hear About . . .**

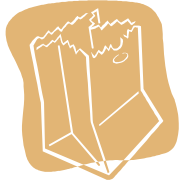
. . . the podiatrist turned detective who always thought something was afoot?

. . . the lawyer who frequented only posh restaurants? He was an ambiance chaser.

. . . the sky diver whose chute didn’t open?

. . . he jumped to a conclusion.

. . . the burglar who was out lurking for a job?



## Brown Bag Science

### Richard Dishington Describes Time

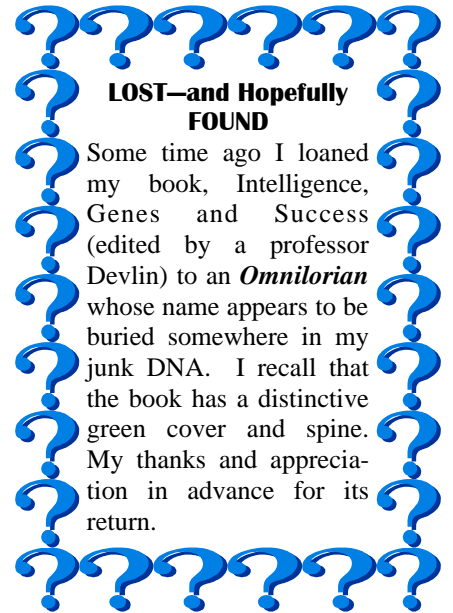
By George Clark

Attendees at June’s Brown Bag Science lecture were entertained and informed by **Roland Dishington**, who spoke on *Time*. He covered the history of time keeping, from water clocks through crystal clocks and atomic clocks. He explained the need for extreme accuracy, including relativistic corrections for both velocity and acceleration in the global positioning system. He pointed out that the system would not have worked before the contributions of Lorentz and Einstein.

Since **Lloyd** and **Ruth Money** have moved away to be near their children, Brown Bag Science needed a new leader. The post will be filled temporarily by **Dan Stern**, and then **George Clark** will take over in November, when he will not be so busy with the President’s job. Another change will be that Brown Bag Science will meet on the *third* Thursday at noon instead of the *first* Thursday.

The Brown Bag schedule is as follows:

July	No Meeting
August	No Meeting
September	No Meeting
October 21	A panel discussion on <i>I.Q., Its Significance and Heritability</i> <b>Burt Cutler, Dan Stern and George Clark</b>
November 18	TBD
December 16	<i>Orbits</i> by <b>John Stevens</b>
January 20	Beginning of a series of panels on <i>The Fabric of the Cosmos</i> , by author Brian Greene, an expert on string theory who also wrote <i>The Elegant Universe</i> . Most people find the latter book difficult to read, so Greene has written <i>The Fabric of the Cosmos</i> for the non-expert. The goal of the panel will be to go through the book in a series of Brown Bag meetings, so that everyone can have a clear picture of what is going on in this branch of modern science. Attendees will be encouraged to read the book as the panel goes through it and come with questions.



### LOST—and Hopefully FOUND

Some time ago I loaned my book, *Intelligence, Genes and Success* (edited by a professor Devlin) to an *Omniorian* whose name appears to be buried somewhere in my junk DNA. I recall that the book has a distinctive green cover and spine. My thanks and appreciation in advance for its return.

### If Robert Frost Played Golf

Whose ball this is I think I see,  
Him standing back there on the tee.  
He will not see me stooping here  
To toss his drive behind a tree.  
My drive was lovely, straight and far,  
But I’m three strokes behind so far,  
And holes to go ‘til I break par,  
And holes to go ‘til I break par.



### Thank You to Coordinators and Co-Coordinators!

By Emil Raulin  
Head Coordinator



Each trimester after it is determined which courses will be offered, the next step is to obtain a coordinator and co-coordinator for each of the courses. They then review the suggested text for the course, prepare some related topics for presentations and usually arrange for a pre-meeting. Details as to how the classes will be structured are reviewed and a schedule is then prepared so that each member makes a presentation. The coordinators and co-coordinators set the tone for the course and keep it functioning smoothly as well as making it educational and interesting. Please join me in saying a big **THANK YOU** to each of the following coordinators during our Spring trimester:

**Alfred Bernstein, Marvel Burke, Merle Culbert, Roger Debelak, Ginger Engstrom, Lorraine Geittmann, Gordon Kehmeier, Mary Jo Little, Loraine Nagy, Jim O’Neill, Sam Rifman, Michael Scordan, Rick Spillane, John Stevens and John Taber.**

Also, the following co-coordinators:

**June Berssen, Marie-France Brush, Gen Carlisle, Jeanne Carrier, Richard Denno, Patricia & Jay Edie, Estelle Feinstein, Bob Grove, Blanche Herring, Nora Holm, JoAnna Kerrigan, Norman Lobsenz, Eleanor Parrish, Emil Raulin, Terry Savage, Gemma Scharfenberger, David Shay, Midge Solomon, Bill Tryon, Gene Turner, Tom Vincent and Whit Wilson.**

These individuals serve a very important and necessary function in our organization. Thanks, again, for accepting the responsibility and putting forth the extra effort that makes *Omniole* an outstanding LIR organization.

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CALENDAR

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**July**

4	<b>Independence Day</b>
8	Board of Directors Meeting - 12 Noon to 2 p.m. - Room 7
13	Membership Committee Meeting - 12 Noon - Room 7
16	Hiking Group - 10 a.m.
29	Summer Forum, 11:30 a.m. - Los Verdes Country Club
30	Introducing <b>Omnio</b> Meeting - 10 a.m. - Room 7

**August**

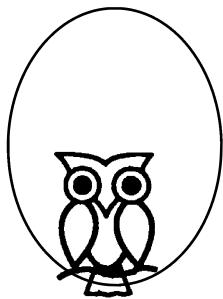
2	Forum Committee Meeting - 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - Room 7
3	Introducing <b>Omnio</b> Meeting - 10 a.m. - Room 7
10	Membership Committee Meeting - 12 Noon - Room 7
12	Board of Directors Meeting - 12 Noon to 2 p.m. - Room 7
15	Input Deadline for September-October Newsletter
20	Hiking Group - 10 a.m.

**September**      6      **Labor Day**



**IMPORTANT**

Calendar changes and additions are scheduled with Carol Johnson,  
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