Student News

Kristeen Penrod is presently the Executive Director of the South Coast Wildlands Project, an effort to preserve ecological linkages between important wildlands in southern California. Ms. Penrod is the Project Director for the Missing Linkages Project. Kristen was an early recipient of the Kody-Pepper Scholarship, award to promising field or environmental biologists. An article on this subject was published in the September(?) 2002 issue of Discover Magazine, and Ms. Penrod gained notoriety as she was quoted in the article.

Eddie Olmedo, (Bio6, Bio45, Ecology Club Prez) has been promoted as District Ranger on the Pacific Ranger District of the Olympic National Forest in Washington.

Tamara Clinard Doan (Bio6 Fall 96; Bio7, Bio45W Spr 97, and assorted field courses) is now the Watershed Program Coordinator for the Coastal Watershed Council in Santa Cruz County.

Dr. Robert Crawford (Bio 6; Bio7, Bio45W) is presently in the Dept of Surgery at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan.

Things to do.....

TUTORS NEEDED: Students who have

NEED INFORMATION ON DONATING BLOOD?

To donate blood, call 1.800.GIVELIFE or 1.800.448.3543. Call between 8am to 9pm to schedule an appointment.

American Red Cross of Santa Monica, 1450 Eleventh Street at Broadway, Santa Monica. 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, except holidays, 9:30am - 4pm.

American Red Cross of Greater Los Angeles, West District Office, 11355 Ohio Avenue, West Los Angeles (enter from Sawtelle entrance at V.A. Facility) 12pm to 7pm. 2nd and 4th Saturday of each, except holidays, 7am to 1:30pm.

A REAL DEAL is donating blood at St. John's Health Center, where perks include a free cholesterol test, pair of free AMC theatre movie passes, and entry into a monthly drawing. Platelet donations, a process which takes about twice as long, earns more movie passes! Call 310.829.8025 for details and an appointment. There is also free valet parking for all donors.

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successfully completed Life Science Dept courses such as Biology 21-22-23 (formerly Biology 6A-B, 7), Botany, Microbiology, Zoology 5, Anatomy1 and 2, Physiology 3 and are interested in teaching can be tutors. Contact faculty members in those disciplines for further information.

Care-Extender Program at Santa Monica-UCLA Center. Get experience in Health Care! CALL 310.319.4398

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CYBERSTUFF! Check it out!

The West Nile Virus is big news and is slowly (quickly?) spreading west. The best up-to-date information on this and all diseases comes from the Center for Disease Control. The CDC's webpage on the West Nile Virus is http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm. A state by state update by the CDC can be found at www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/city_states.htm.

A biology 23 student pointed out a great website called the Tree of Life at http://tolweb.org/tree/phylogeny.html. Starting with Domains, one can surf to more and more specific taxonomic rankings. The "phylogenetic tree" is ongoing work, as experts from around the world are submitting cutting interpretations on the relationships of lineages. Photographs of organisms, literature, and characteristics of taxa.

A student found this neat graph paper printer online. You can design all styles of grid and lined paper at http://perso.easynet.fr/~philimar/graphpapeng.htm

A website on the Northwest salmon can be found at http://www.oneworldjourneys.com/salmon The site goes over the life cycle of the salmon and has maps, pictures, and movies. Lesson plans for K-12 are available.

WEST NILE VIRUS

Lucy Kluckhohn, our Microbiologist and Campus Ombudsperson, and her husband Don took a trip to about as far south as one can go... to Antarctica.

Upon her return, Lucy displayed her toughness, as she had an appendicitis attack. It was undetected for maybe a week due to a low WBC count and other factors (including age, see below). It finally burst. By the time she had surgery, the surgeons had to remove portions of her GI tract on either side of the rupture. Lucy came to campus a week later to return exams!

About the same time, Ed Tarvyd was diagnosed with pneumonia. He had been feeling poorly since February. Antibiotics were not doing the trick, so surgery was done on 15 April to remove an abscess. The surgeons then found a bacteria, Streptococcus milleri. The bacterial colony had grown to such an extent it had formed a thick mucus layer in his pleural cavity. His right lung was essentially not working, and they had to remove the right medial lobe. The initial 10 cm incision had grown to a 30 cm incision with the removal of one rib. Oddly enough, Mike Dolan, Ed's student help from 30 years ago, was one of the surgery room technicians.

Ed recuperated at home and is back to teaching this fall.

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Faculty and Staff NEWS

Ruth Logan, Tom Chen, Bill Price, and Walt Sakai visited the new California State University of the Channel Islands in Camarillo, CA., the former site of the famous mental hospital. The campus is set to accept students for the fall classes. If you would like further information on their
West Nile Virus is slowly working its way to CA. There is at least one documented case in CA. It is an encephalitis transmitted by mosquitoes. The virus has been particularly lethal to birds especially crows and their relatives. Humans and horses seem to be affected as well, although fewer than 1% of human infections become seriously ill. There is no vaccine yet, so the best way to reduce risk is to wear appropriate clothing, avoid mosquito areas, wear repellents (DEET), etc.


GREAT INVERTEBRATE SITE

Ruth Logan found this great website with underwater photographs of flatworms (and also nudibranchs which look like flatworms). http://www.rzuser.uni-heidelberg.de/~bu6/index.html

offering, please contact one of the above faculty members.

Santa Monica Relay for Life

Led by our "organizer" and department long distance runner, William "Bill" Price and our department chair, Mary Colavito, the "Science" Departments sponsored a relay team that also consisted of Dick Masada of Physical Sciences and Walt Sakai of Life Sciences. On August 3-4, the BIG FOUR participated in the relay walking/jogging/running around the Corsair field track. Bill anchored the effort by running both the first two and the last two hours of the 24 hour relay. Some members of our department who were unable to run supported the effort by contributions ($); these were Mary Lynne Stephanou, Kay Azuma, and Merle Arnold. Mary Colavito did double duty by running and contributing.

Next year the relay will be held on July 26-27. Our chair, Mary, has vowed to field a full team in 2003 to cover the entire 24 hours, as we had no relay-ers from late evening until very early the next morning!