



SEMINAR

The luncheon seminar scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, will be given by Elizabeth Vetten from the National Marine Fisheries Service. Her subject: Running Hot and Cold in the Eastern Tropical Pacific--Comparative Bioenergetics of Spotted Dolphin and Yellowfin Tuna.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

November 3 - Arriving, Alan Smith for a one-week stay on BCI.

November 5 - Arriving, Sean Morris, from Oxford Scientific Films, to conduct interviews with various STRI staff members for one week.

November 3 - Departing, Ira Rubinoff to Washington, DC for 5 days on official business.

FROM THE PERSONNEL OFFICE

Attention STRI employees who have children graduating from high school this year or who are university students: The Central Employment Office will be receiving applications for Student Assistant positions until November 30, 1986. Blank application forms may be obtained in our Personnel Office at Tivoli.

Atención empleados de STRI, padres de graduandos de secundaria o de alumnos universitarios: En la Oficina Central de Empleo estarán aceptando solicitudes para posiciones de Ayudante Estudiantil hasta el 30 de noviembre de 1986. Los interesados pueden obtener solicitudes en blanco en nuestra Oficina de Personal en Tivoli.

HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN SEASON

From November 10 to December 5 is the "open season" when federal employees may switch from one health insurance plan to another.

Del 10 de noviembre al 5 de diciembre se llevará a cabo este año la "temporada abierta" en que los empleados federales pueden cambiarse de un plan de hospitalización a otro.

ON LEAVE

Carmen Sucre, Rosa Zambrano, Hely Cortez: November 4
Maria Lorena Ossa: November 4-7
Barbara Cusatti: November 5-6

CALENDAR

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November 3 - STRI/Panamá holiday. Celebration of Panama's Independence from Colombia.

November 4 - Panamá holiday. Flag Day is a national holiday; government offices and banks will be closed.

November 5 - The City of Colón celebrates its Independence Day (from Colombia).

November 10 - Panamá holiday. The celebration of "El Grito de la Villa de Los Santos", beginning the independence movement from Spain, is an official holiday in the Republic of Panamá.

November 11 - STRI holiday. Veteran's Day, U.S.

November 27 - STRI holiday. Thanksgiving Day, U.S.

November 28 - Panama's independence from Spain is an official holiday in the Republic of Panamá.

REMINDER

Please remember there will be changes in the BCI launch schedule beginning November 1. The departure from Gamboa to BCI will be 10 minutes earlier than the previous schedule.

Favor acordarse que habrán cambios en el horario de la lancha a BCI desde el 1ero de noviembre. La salida de Gamboa hacia BCI será 10 minutos antes que en el itinerario previo.

IV NATIONAL MEETINGS AND I INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS OF BIOLOGY STUDENTS IN PANAMA

The Society for Biological Investigations of the University of Panamá organized a series of talks and field trip during the week of October 27 through October 31. There was a panel discussion on iguanas chaired by Dr. Dagmar Werner, in which the following students who work with the Iguana Management Project participated: Maruja de Leon, Irasema Salas, Rubén Alvarez, Esmeralda Baker y Aniseto Barrios. Dr. Jeremy Jackson also participated with a talk on "The Short-term Consequences of the Oil Spill at Bahía Las Minas".

LIBRARY NEWS

New books:

COORDINATION OF MOTOR BEHAVIOR (Brian M.H. Bush and F. Clarac, 1985)QP301.C63 STRI
FAO FISHERIES DEPARTMENT LIST OF PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS Supplement 1 3rd revision
(FAO ,1984) Z5971.F68 STRIREF

FRUITS AND SEEDS OF GENERA IN THE SUBFAMILY MIMOSOIDEAE(FABACEAE) (C.R. Gunn, 1984)
QK495.L52G97 STRI

FUNDAMENTALS OF ECOLOGY 3rd edition (E.P. Odum, 1971) QH541.O27 STRI

HISTORY OF EMBRYOLOGY 2nd edition (J. Needham, 1959) QL953.N4 STRI

INVESTIGACION ARQUEOLOGICA EN EL MAGDALENA MEDIO...(C. Castano Uribe, 1984)
F2281.M2C34 STRI

LISTA DE LAS AVES DE CHIAPAS: ENDEMICAS, EMIGRANTES Y DE PASO. (M. Alvarez del Toro,
1964) QL686.A47 STRI

STUDIES ON PLANT DEMOGRAPHY (J. White, 1985) QK910.S78 STRI

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COCKROACH HUNT

Dallas (AP) -- from darkened closet in the heart of Texas to humid kitchens on the Florida coast, the great cockroach hunt is on as people compete to see who can bag the biggest bug.

Enterprising pest controllers and hardware store owners in several states have been sponsoring contests, offering cash or merchandise like bug spray for the huskiest insect as a means of bringing in extra customers.

But the promoters say there's more than commercialism at work for the businesses and the entrants.

"They're doing it for the silliness of it -- that's why they bring in a zip-lock bag with a roach in it," said Ronnie Dyer, owner of Drusilla Ace Hardware in Baton Rouge, LA.

"We already know we have foul weather and bad mosquitoes. We claim to have the worst government here in Louisiana. Why shouldn't we have the biggest roach?" he said. "We might as well have some fun."

... "When Texas did it first, people said, My God, Florida has bigger roaches than Texas," said John Buthreus, district sales manager of Truly Nolen Pest Control in Clearwater, Fla., which along with WFLA Radio offered \$500 to the winner of an Aug. 15 contest.

"People really got into it," Butherus said. "One lady had a hole connecting a duplex. She kept roaches out of her place. But for the contest, she unplugged the hole and used a funnel to catch the ones from next door as they came over to her half. She brought in about 50 of them."

... Dallas crowned its cockroach queen on July 11. Trapped by two women in the basement of their office building, the bug, now deceased, is ensconced in the SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION'S INSECT ZOO IN WASHINGTON.... with about 20 live runners-up

"I hear they're big (in New York), but I've learned one thing... cockroach hunters are like fisherman: they all lie, and everyone says they're got bigger ones and bigger ones," said Michael Bohdan, owner of the pest shop and Bizzy Bees Pest Control in Dallas and local contest organizer.