



MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, December 8th, is the celebration of Mother's Day in Panama as well as in many other Latin American countries. This is an official Panamanian holiday, and offices and stores will be closed. It is also a holiday for STRI employees.

Felicitaciones a todas las madres en STRI!

SEMINAR NEWS

Due to the holiday on Tuesday, there will not be a luncheon seminar on that day.

On Thursday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m. there will be an informal seminar given by Francis Ratnieks, Educational Outreach Fellow, from the New University of Ulster, who will speak on:

Handling and avoidance of dangerous prey types by spiders, Nephila clavipes and Argiope argentata

This seminar will be in the Barro Colorado Lounge, Please R.S.V.P. to Barbara Butler at 252-2124, if you plan to attend.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Mrs. Adela Gomez left today for Washington, D.C. on a combined official and business trip. She will be returning after the New Year.

Dr. Martin Moynihan will be returning to Panama on Saturday, December 5th.

CHANGE IN TRAIN SCHEDULE

Since the elimination of trains #13 (10 p.m. train from Colon) and #14 (9:50 p.m. train from Panama), the Director of the Panama Railroad has informed us that:

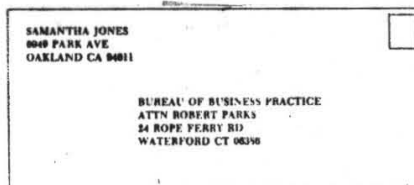
1. Effective December 9, the cargo trains (#'s 41 & 42) leaving Mt. Hope at 8:45 p.m. and Corozal at 9 p.m. will also be transporting passengers and for this purpose will be stopping at Frijoles at 9:21 p.m. and 9:49 p.m., respectively

2. The Saturday and Sunday trains (#27 and #28) will continue operating under the same schedule, leaving Mt. Hope at 9:04 p.m. (#27) and Panama at 10:50 p.m. (#28).

IN SEARCH OF THE PERFECT ENVELOPE

Before you open your next batch of incoming mail, go through the pile and take a good look at the envelopes. What you will probably find is a wide variety of addressing styles. Besides, placement problems, chances are you'll run across a wide variety of abbreviations---some correct, some incorrect.

Because of the increasing volume of mail that the US Postal Service must handle every year, they have had to automate some of their operations. With automation, mail is processed through an Optical Character Reader (OCR). An OCR can scan and sort thousands of pieces of mail an hour. But like any computerized operation, the OCR depends upon human input for its accuracy and efficiency.



Did any of the mail you just received match up with this format? If so, these people are already following the Postal Service's guidelines. As you probably noticed there are 4 basic differences between this new format and the long observed past practices: 1) capitalize everything in the address, 2) eliminate all punctuation, (3) place a single space only between elements on any line of the address, and 4) omit the long honored address and state abbreviations. Please contact Carmen Sucre at the Tivoli Office if you wish to have a listing of common abbreviations.

NOTES OF INTEREST

- The Combined Federal Campaign has been extended until Dec. 16th.
- Dr. Rubinoff would welcome your suggestions and cooperation for methods of economizing operation costs and saving energy at STRI.
- Dr. Haris Lessios is expected back at STRI around January 3rd.
- Dr. B. Silberglid has moved to his new office in the Ancon Building (the old computer room).