
OCL Update



To: Community Representatives

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON

I want to wish all of you the best of the season and the best for the new year!

This issue of the OCL Update marks the first issue using our new design. We have benefited from the suggestions of members of the Community Liaison Council who reviewed proposed page layouts and colors to help us select the format that you now hold. In the coming month, we also will be able to provide the OCL Update on our new Office of Community Liaison Web page. I hope that you will approve of the new look and send any suggestions for improvements or changes to me. And, I am hoping that you will also take advantage of the Web page for all of the current OCL and NIH information.

Let me tell you about the status of the proposed Washington Gas pipeline. In my November 16, 1999 letter to the community, I reported that NIH will not enter into a contract with Washington Gas until the community has been involved in a meaningful process regarding the potential route of the pipeline and a satisfactory possible route has been identified. The meaningful process that we have urged, and Washington Gas has agreed to, will address issues of safety, environment, impact on trees, and impact of construction on traffic.

NIH urged Washington Gas to share its findings with the community regarding possible routes at the earliest possible time, not because NIH has a deadline or fixed timetable, but because we recognize that information and communication are critical to maintain credibility and confidence among our neighbors. Accordingly, Washington Gas held a meeting for the community on December 15, 1999, at which time they outlined three possible routes for the pipeline. The newly proposed routes avoid the residential neighborhoods immediately adjacent to NIH, which you'll recall was proposed in the original iteration of the Washington Gas routing. However, Washington Gas recognizes that there remains work to be done on selecting the route, and they have established a Route Advisory Committee to assist them in identifying a satisfactory route. Community members interested in the committee can contact Mr. Sargeant at Washington Gas at 202-624-6043 for more information.

The Community Liaison Council (CLC) will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, January 20, at 4:00 p.m.** in conference room F of the William H. Natcher Conference Center of Building 45, NIH.

At the December 15 meeting, I reported that NIH has decided that the proposed pipeline may be subject to the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA), which is a public process to assure evaluation of the environmental impact of proposed federal actions. This review will identify the extent of analysis required, ranging from an environmental review, to an environmental assessment, to an environmental impact statement. The NEPA process can take anywhere from several months to several years depending upon the degree of environmental impact of the proposed pipeline.

Simultaneously, NIH is reassessing the capacity of its existing 8-inch pipeline. We believe that the present service through that pipeline could be sufficient through activation of the new Clinical Research Center, the Vaccine Research Center, and the Building 50 laboratory—or through approximately 2002. Beyond that time period, however, it will be imperative that NIH have an additional supply of natural gas to meet steam needs of the campus. NIH engineers are exploring possible actions that NIH might take in the interim. For example, the engineers project that, at peak load, NIH could run out of natural gas, in which event, we could generate steam using diesel fuel.

Our engineers are also looking at administrative strategies to handle steam load in peak demand. For example, if the entire area is under exceedingly frigid temperatures for extended days, it is possible that NIH's gas supply will be curtailed in favor of residential and business populations. To address that possibility, NIH is looking at the effect of reducing the temperature in buildings, sending staff home, and closing non-essential buildings.

Further, NIH is taking steps to provide more opportunities for the community to participate with NIH on the pipeline issue. For example, at the December 15 meeting, residents raised questions regarding the data that generated Washington Gas' recommendation that a new pipeline was necessary to meet NIH's needs for additional steam capacity. Because that meeting was dedicated to Washington Gas' discussion of

possible routes, NIH had not anticipated these questions. Therefore, NIH plans to host a meeting for interested community members in January, at which time we will discuss the power plant expansion and the estimates of future steam needs that we provided to Washington Gas. I will send a special notice to you about that meeting so that you can attend if you are interested.

The Community Liaison Council, which is NIH's body of review on all projects having to do with the NIH master plan, will convene a Working Group on the Pipeline to provide a focus for the broader community and for input about the pipeline and the NEPA process. The council is comprised of 25 community association representatives, NCPC and M-NCPPC liaison representatives, and representatives of the Bethesda Urban Partnership, Bethesda Government Services Center, and Maryland Office of Planning. The council welcomes any community member who wishes to participate in the Working Group on the Pipeline.

I would also remind everyone of the availability to the community of the NIH Environmental Reading Room (ERR) located in Building 31, Room 2B04. The ERR is dedicated to the purpose of making documents about NIH's master plan, environmental impact statements, environmental initiatives, regulatory reports, and other documents available to the public. Currently, the ERR holds all documents relevant to the power plant expansion, and all data related to the pipeline will be made available there as soon as possible.

As always, I welcome your questions about this issue, and I hope that you will work with NIH and Washington Gas as we address both NIH's energy needs and the community concerns.

Representative Connie Morella was the keynote speaker for the second annual "Share the Health: An Exposition of Health Resources from NIH to its Neighbors," held on November 6 at the Natcher Conference Center. Rep. Morella gave an enthusi-



Keynote Speaker Representative
Connie Morella

astic endorsement to healthy lifestyles and to NIH's role in promoting health and preventing disease.

The Office of Community Liaison initiated the community health forum program last year to provide community members with an opportunity to learn about NIH's health resources and education materials. More

than 250 neighbors and area residents attended this year's forum. Seminars were offered on arthritis, stroke prevention, diabetes, and nutrition. Many NIH institutes, centers, and offices provided exhibits at which staff were present to answer questions and distribute information. Participants also were able to engage in dance and movement instruction with the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange.

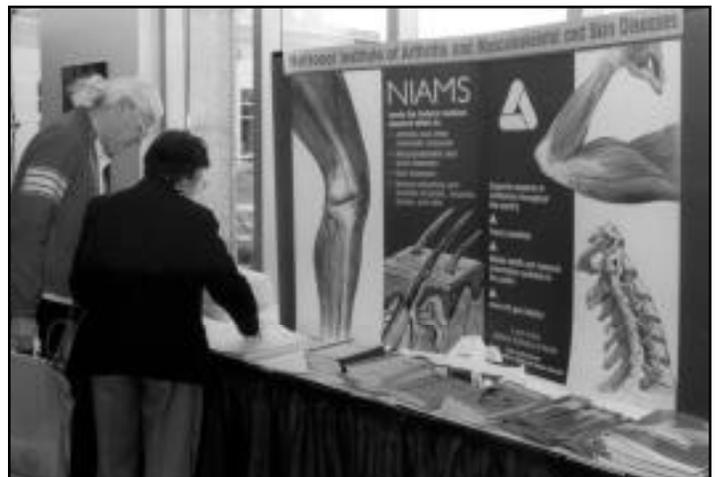
A popular feature of this year's forum was a demonstration of the pilot Clinical Trials Database. This program is a comprehensive collection of data on clinical trials and their status that will soon be available via the Internet. NIH's database was also demonstrated to a full audience.

More than 90 attendees filled out the evaluation forms after the forum, and we will use their suggestions to plan our next event. Among topics suggested for future forums are diet and exercise, aging, healthy hearts, alternative medicine, and mental illness. The evaluators suggested also that we do more to target seniors, teenagers, and parents.

I am very grateful to all of you who attended the forum, and I also extend my thanks and appreciation to all of those from the NIH and community who participated in the program.



Dr. Ruth Kirschstein, NIH Deputy Director, and OCL Director Janyce Hedetniemi talk with Rep. Morella at the second annual community health forum.



Participants take advantage of free health materials at the "Share the Health" forum.

NIH CAMPUS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

NIDCR Director Dr. Harold Slavkin Announces Resignation

Dr. Harold Slavkin, director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) at the National Institutes of Health recently announced that he will resign his position in July 2000 to return to his alma mater, the University of Southern California (USC). Dr. Slavkin joined the NIDCR in the summer of 1995 on an "extended leave of absence" from USC, where he served as director of the Center for

Craniofacial Molecular Biology. Dr. Slavkin will return to USC to become the dean of its School of Dentistry.

During Dr. Slavkin's tenure as director of NIDCR, he spearheaded many advances, including the development of an Institute Strategic Plan. This plan analyzed the strengths and weaknesses of the institute and formulated three strategic initiatives to be realized over three years. Changing the institute's name to NIDCR was one of the most visible outcomes from the plan. Under the plan, Dr. Slavkin continued to expand the institute's research areas, restructured its intramural and extramural programs to align with NIDCR's major areas of scientific interest, and expanded the use of research centers.

As NIDCR director, Dr. Slavkin also pursued his own research interests on the genetics of craniofacial, oral, and dental development as chief of the Craniofacial Development Section of the Bone and Connective Tissue Biology Branch at the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases.

National Cancer Institute Redesigns Web Site

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) has redesigned its Web site (<http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/>) to make it easier for the public to use. Based upon user feedback, NCI has started a series of changes that will occur over the next couple of years, said International Cancer Information Center Director Susan Hubbard. Among the many enhancements are new graphics and an easy-to-use layout that improves the user's navigation throughout the site. Other new features include frequently asked questions to help learn how to use the site, an expanded dictionary of cancer terms, and an NCI publications locator (<http://cancer.gov/publications>).

"The redesign of CancerNet reflects the ongoing commitment of the NCI to develop an information system that is dynamic and responsive to the needs of its many audiences," said Hubbard. NCI initiated the changes as the result of extensive

testing of navigation and organization information with current and potential Web site users.

NIH Holds Memorial Service for Former NIEHS Director Dr. David P. Rall

NIH remembered David P. Rall, M.D., Ph.D., a pioneering environmental health scientist, former director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), and founder of the National Toxicology Program at two memorial services last month. Dr. Rall, 73, died after an automobile accident near Bordeaux, France. Leading scientists and public health officials from around the world gathered in two locations to pay tribute to Dr. Rall's contributions to public health. Memorial services were held at NIH and at NIEHS in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. NIH Deputy Director Dr. Ruth Kirschstein, NIEHS Director Dr. Kenneth Olden, and U.S. Congressman David Price from North Carolina were just of a few of the noted speakers at these two events.

Three NIH Grantees Win Lasker Awards for Medical Research

Three researchers, supported by NIH grants, have won the 1999 Albert Lasker Award for Basic Medical Research, the nation's most distinguished honor for outstanding contributions in the field of medical research. Dr. Clay Armstrong of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Dr. Bertil Hille of the University of Washington, and Dr. Roderick MacKinnon of Rockefeller University were each honored for their research on the functional and structural architecture of ion channel proteins. Their work is significant because ion channels are the basic components of the body's electrical system. Electrical signals enable the brain to receive information about nerves throughout the body and allow muscles to contract.

NIH Offers Students New Health Science Curriculum Online

The NIH Office of Science Education is now offering a health science curriculum on its Web site. The curriculum is a unique learning experience for students between the ages of 12 and 18 that integrates health information, health resources, and career opportunities. The curriculum has information for

both teachers and students and emphasizes the importance of understanding personal health risk factors, the science behind those risk factors, and the interdisciplinary nature of science. Students can explore their family and community risk factors to determine their own health risks as well as learn ways to make appropriate lifestyle changes. For more information, visit the curriculum's Web site at <http://science-education.nih.gov/colwflv3.nsf>.

The Office of Management Assessment Presents Newly Designed Web Site

The Office of Management Assessment (OMA), which provides management oversight and advice to the NIH institutes and centers, recently announced that it has redesigned its Web site. The site, which now has a new address (<http://oma.od.nih.gov/>), features a main page detailing OMA's structure, functions, and corresponding links, including a search engine.

FAES Begins Spring Graduate Courses

The Foundation for the Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) has announced its spring schedule of courses. Classes will begin on January 24, 2000 and will run through May 12, 2000. Evening classes will be held on the NIH campus. A wide variety of topics areas are covered, including biochemistry, biology, biotechnology, chemistry, computer science, imaging sciences, immunology, languages, medicine and physiology, microbiology, pharmacology, physics, psychiatry and psychology, statistics, toxicology, and general interest courses. Although mail-in registration closed on December 30, 1999, walk-in registration is still possible between January 5 and January 11. Tuition is \$100 per credit hour. Class schedules are available in the graduate school office in Building 60, Suite 230, in the foundation bookstore in Building 10, Room B1L101, and in the business office in Building 10, Room B1C18. The schedule is also available online at <http://www.faes.org>. For more information, visit the FAES Web site or call 301-496-7976.

World AIDS Day Marked by NIH Quilt Display

Three sections of the AIDS Memorial Quilt were on display December 1 to 8 to commemorate World

AIDS Day, held on December 1. The National Cancer Institute's Office of Diversity and Employment Programs displayed the 3' by 6' panels in three locations throughout the NIH campus. Each of the more than 42,960 colorful panels in the quilt honors someone's life claimed by AIDS. Since the pandemic began, more than 50 million people have been infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

The theme of the 12th annual World AIDS Day was "Children and Young People: Listen, Learn, Live." Organizers of the campaign said that this theme reflects the fact that reaching out to young people is considered by many as the best way to reduce the spread of the disease worldwide.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said in a statement, "The HIV-infected population continues to expand; in 1999 alone, there were 5.6 million new infections, half of which occurred among people younger than 25 years of age."

To help combat this trend, he added, "If we are ever to hope for a world without AIDS, we must sustain and increase our efforts to better care for HIV-infected people, both in rich and poor countries; to develop the next generation of HIV therapies; to expand education and behavioral modification programs for prevention; and to produce a safe and effective HIV vaccine."

Artwork Donated to the Clinical Center

Russian artist Dmitry Krymov, recently donated his painting entitled, "Apples," to the Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center's permanent art collection. The gift was given to express his appreciation for the care that his wife, Inna, receives. She is a patient at the Clinical Center. Krymov is a well-respected artist living and working in Moscow. Several of his works are in the permanent collections of the National Russian Museum in St. Petersburg and the National Tretyakovsky Museum in Moscow. "Apples," which was created in 1993, is displayed at the end of the visitor-side hallway that leads up from the South Lobby in the Clinical Center.

Fresh Seafood Available Year-Round

The Salt River Lobster truck brings fresh fish and seafood to the NIH campus every Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. all year long in NIH's 41B parking lot.

NIH Blood Bank Appeals for Donations

NIH continues to experience a shortage of blood donations. The NIH Blood Bank urgently needs all blood types. Call 301-496-1048 or stop by the Department of Transfusion Medicine in Building 10, the Clinical Center, 1st floor, Room 1C713B.

OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

Free Bethesda 8 Shuttle Services Downtown Area

As winter settles in and the weather turns colder, don't curtail your outdoor Bethesda activities—just use the free Bethesda 8 Shuttle service. It is an excellent way to get around downtown Bethesda without worrying about parking or digging your car out of the snow—and best of all, it's free. Shuttles run every 8 minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and follow this route: The Bethesda Metro Station to Auburn Avenue to Rugby Avenue to Woodmont Avenue to Bethesda Avenue to Arlington Road to Edgemoor Lane to the Bethesda Metro Station. For a detailed map of the bus route, an exact schedule listing, or to view one of the shuttle stop signs, visit the Bethesda Urban Partnership's Web site at <http://www.bethesda.org>.

Three New Art Exhibits Open at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery

Three new exhibits open this month at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery in Rockville. Artists Sara Brown, Sabine Carlson, and Mike Shaffer will present a variety of mixed media collages, paintings, and sculpture at the show, which runs from January 9 to February 1. An artist talk is planned for January 20 at 7:30 p.m., and on January 21, the gallery will offer a guided tour of the exhibits at 10 a.m. The gallery, which is free, is located at 603

Edmonston Drive in Rockville. For more information about the exhibits or gallery hours, call 301-309-3354 or 301-309-3001.

Maryland to Host Year-Long Millennium Events

Maryland and Montgomery County will launch a series of celebrations and events to help mark the end of the 20th century and the start of the new millennium. Sponsored by the White House Millennium Council, the county program will support the theme of "Honor the Past—Imagine the Future." Among the activities planned are a millennium treasure hunt, a salute to past generations gala in April, a cultural fair, and a series of teen summits. County events will be placed on the White House Millennium Web site as they are planned at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/Initiatives/Millennium/communities.html>.

New Library Opened in Gaithersburg

Local public officials joined library representatives last month for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tour of the new 18,000 square-foot facility in Gaithersburg. The Quince Orchard Community Library, which is located at 15831 Quince Orchard Road, will service Darnestown, North Potomac, and Gaithersburg. This newest addition to the county's 21 full-service branches, will provide the public with 20 computer terminals—more than any other branch of its size in the county.

Ride-On Passengers Donate Nearly Nine Tons of Food to Needy

Montgomery County Ride-On bus passengers donated nearly nine tons of food to needy families this holiday season during Ride-On's annual "Give and Ride" food drive. The donated food was given to the county's non-profit food distributor, Manna Food Center, Inc. Officials there said that the donated food will feed more than 200 families for a week. "Our annual food drive was a great success because riders have once again demonstrated that the true meaning of the holiday season is found through giving and sharing," said Carolyn Biggins, Ride-On general manager.

Suburban Hospital Holds Free Community Health Seminars

Did all of your holiday shopping give you sore feet? Want to prevent stroke, but not sure what the warning signs are? Suburban Hospital is once again hosting its free community health seminars to help answer some of these questions. All seminars are held at 1 p.m. (except for the January 12 seminar, which is from 7:30 to 9 p.m.), and preregistration is required. To register, call 301-896-3939 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Dates, locations, and topics for the community health seminars are as follows:

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| January 11 | <i>Oh, My Aching Feet!</i>
Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, Wasserman Social Hall |
| January 12 | <i>Preventing Sports Injuries for Youth</i>
Suburban Hospital Auditorium |
| January 19 | <i>Saving Your Sight!</i>
Friendship Heights Community Center |
| January 20 | <i>Stroke Awareness and Prevention</i>
Rockville Senior Center |

Senior Classes Offered

The Bethesda Senior Source once again is offering a variety of classes for senior adults. Computers, yoga, Tai Chi, and country line dancing are just a few of the many topics available. Contact the Bethesda Senior Source, located at 4805 Edgemoor Lane in Bethesda, for more information at 301-951-1990.

Juried Artists Exhibition Opens at Strathmore

Works of art from Strathmore's artist membership will be featured at this exhibition. Opening on

January 7 and continuing through the 29, the exhibition was selected by this year's juror, Robert Stuart Cohen. Strathmore Hall Arts Center is located at 10701 Rockville Pike in North Bethesda. For more information or for exhibit hours, call 301-530-0540.

Audubon Lecture Series Continues into the Millennium

The 1999-2000 Audubon Lecture Series: Wild Places for Wild Species continues into the new year, exploring some of this hemisphere's great places and the wild creatures that live there. Organized by the Audubon Naturalist Society and co-sponsored by the Smithsonian Resident Associates Program and Friends of the National Zoo, the lectures are held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Carmichael Auditorium of the Museum of American History at 14th and Constitution Avenues. Tickets for individual lectures are \$14. For more information or to register, contact Smithsonian Resident Associates at 202-357-3030. The 2000 schedule is as follows:

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| January 17 | <i>The Dancing Birds of Monteverde</i>
Dr. David McDonald |
| February 21 | <i>Virginia's Disappearing Ponds: Vernal Pool Ecology</i>
Michael Hayslett |
| March 20 | <i>Monitoring Grizzly Bear Populations in Glacier National Park</i>
Katherine Kendall |
| April 17 | <i>Stand Vigilant—Whooping Cranes Return to Florida</i>
Michael Kregor |
| May 15 | <i>Coral Reefs of the Bahamas—Exotic but Endangered Ecosystems</i>
Thomas McGrath |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 4

Faces & Phases of Life Seminar
Series: *Midlife: Caught Between Trains*, 12-1 p.m., Building 31, Room 6C6, NIH, free. Call 301-435-1619, TTY 301-480-0690 to pre-register.

January 8

Looking at Art with David
Tannous: *Annual Strathmore Artists' Juried Exhibition*, 1 p.m., Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda. For more information, call 301-530-0540.

January 10

The Manchester String Quartet:
Haydn Quartet in C Major, opus 50 No. 2 (1787) and Dmitri Shostakovich Quartet No. 3, opus 73 (1946), 12:30 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call Sharon Greenwell at 301-496-4713.

1999-2000 NIH Neuroscience Seminar Series: *Synaptic Regulation During Realistic Patterns of Activity*, 12 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-435-2232.

January 11

Library Talk with Music: *The 300th Anniversary of the Piano*, by NSO Docent Jo Bever, 12:15 p.m., Bethesda Regional Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda. For more information, call Jo Bever at 301-925-7203.

Faces & Phases of Life Seminar
Series: *Survival Tactics for New Parents*, 12-1:30 p.m., Building 31, Room 6C6, NIH, free. Call 301-435-1619, TTY 301-480-0690 to pre-register.

January 12

NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Leptin and Neural Circuit Regulating Body Weight* by Jeffrey Friedman, M.D., Ph.D., professor, Laboratory of Molecular Genetics, The Rockefeller University, Building 10, Masur Auditorium, NIH, 3-4 p.m. Free. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

National Library of Medicine Historical Lecture Series: *Early 20th Century Ethics in Practice: The Case of Dr. Nancy B. Jenison, M.D.* by Dr. Miriam C. Meijer, 2-3:15 p.m., Conference Room B, Building 38, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call Dr. James Cassedy at 301-594-0992.

January 13

Music in the Mansion Concert Series: *A Musical Century (1)* by Dr. Eileen Soskin, Peabody Conservatory, 7 p.m., Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, \$20. For more information or for tickets, call 301-530-0540.

YMCA Parenting Seminar: *Dealing with a Strong-Willed Child*, 7:30-9 p.m., Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. Call 301-229-1347 for more information or to register.

January 16

FAES Chamber Music Series: *Artemis Quartet*, 4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center (Building 10), NIH. For more information or for tickets, call 301-496-7975.

January 17

The 1999-2000 Audubon Lecture Series: Wild Places for Wild Species: *The Dancing Birds of Monteverde* by Dr. David McDonald, University of Wyoming, 6 p.m., Carmichael Auditorium, National Museum of American History, 14th and Constitution Avenues, NW, Washington, DC, \$14. To register or for more information, call 202-357-3030.

January 18

OCL/Bethesda Chapter of AWIS Meeting: *Careers in Science Writing and Editing* by Drs. Alison Davis, National Institute of General Medicine and Laura Garwin, *Nature*, 4:30 p.m., Building 60, Chapel, NIH. For more information, call 301-594-2379.

Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Housing Options for the Elderly*, 12-1 p.m., Building 31, Room 6C6, NIH, free. Call 301-435-1619, TTY 301-480-0690 to pre-register.

January 19

NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *From Synapses to Immunological Memory* by Antonio Lanzavecchia, M.D., director, Institute for Research in Biomedicine in Bellinzona, Switzerland, Building 10, Masur Auditorium, NIH, 3-4 p.m. Free. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

January 22

Children's Talk and Tour, for children 5 and older, 10:15 a.m., Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda. For more information, call 301-530-0540.

January 24

Healthy People Consortium & Partnerships for Networked Consumer Health Information Conference: *Partnerships for Health in the New Millennium*, 9 a.m., Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC. For more information, call 703-925-9455.

1999-2000 NIH Neuroscience Seminar Series: *Synaptic Biology of Glutamate Systems: Transporters and Their Role in Neurological Disease*, 12 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-435-2232.

January 25

Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Family Violence: What Every Employee & Manager Should Know*, 12-2 p.m., Building 31, Room 6C6, NIH, free. Call 301-435-1619, TTY 301-480-0690 to pre-register.

January 26

NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *A View of Public Health and Biomedical Research* by Barry Bloom, Ph.D., dean, Harvard School of Public Health and professor of immunology and infectious diseases, Building 10, Masur Auditorium, NIH, 3-4 p.m. Free. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Creating an Individual Development Plan*, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Building 31, Room 6C6, NIH, free. Call 301-435-1619, TTY 301-480-0690 to pre-register.

1999-2000 Nights of Notes Music Series: *United States Air Force String Orchestra*, 7:30 p.m., Gaithersburg Regional Library, 18330 Montgomery

Village Ave., Gaithersburg. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-840-2515, TTY 301-840-2641.

January 28

1999-2000 NIH Director's Seminar Series: *Translational Development of Therapeutic Vaccines Against B-Cell Malignancies*, by Dr. Larry Kwak, Medicine Branch, DCS, National Cancer Institute, 12-1 p.m., Wilson Hall, Building 1, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call Ms. Audrey Boyle at 301-496-1921.

January 30

FAES Chamber Music Series: *Berlin Philharmonic Piano Quartet*, 4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center (Building 10), NIH. For more information or for tickets, call 301-496-7975.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Interpreters Sought

The Clinical Center Volunteer Office is in need of in-house language interpreters to serve as back-ups when others are not available. The interpreters would assist patients and their families who are not fluent in English. Speakers of Korean, Japanese, and Italian are particularly needed. To help, call Andrea Rander at 301-496-1807.

Computer Volunteers Needed

The Montgomery County Department of Public Libraries needs volunteers at its branches to teach customers how to use its online catalog system. Library staff will train volunteers so that they can provide assistance to patrons using the service. Volunteers must be at least 15 years of age, have good communication skills, and have an ability to teach others. Volunteers will be eligible for Student Service Learning Credit. For more information, call Deborah Rosenstein at 240-777-0029.

Healthy Volunteers Needed

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, along with the National Institute of Mental Health, is looking for healthy, highly trained men and women between the ages of 20 and 40 with the ability to perform at least five pull-ups to participate in a research study relating to stress, tyrosine, and physical and cognitive performance. For more information, contact René Beck or Gina Coll at the Human Performance Laboratory at 301-295-1371 or 301-295-9646.

Healthy Married Men and Women Sought

The Pediatrics and Developmental Neuropsychiatry Branch, NIMH, seeks healthy men ages 56 to 73 and women ages 51 to 59 to participate in a functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) study on the visual processing of faces. Participants must be right-handed and currently married. Volunteers should have no history of medical or psychiatric disorders, and should not be taking prescription medicine (except hormone replacement therapy for women). Volunteers must have normal vision or wear contacts. Participation requires a 2-hour screening interview, a follow-up visit, and a 3-hour visit for an fMRI scan. Participants will be reimbursed. For more information, call Lisa Kalik or Neil Santiago at 301-496-8381.

Postmenopausal Women Wanted for Blood Study

The Clinical Center and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute seek postmenopausal women to take part in a study of normal blood. To be eligible, participants must have had no abnormal bleeding or clotting in the past, and be willing to stay off of any hormone treatment for nine months. Participants will give a small sample of blood in the initial screening. Based upon the screening results, some women will be asked for additional small blood samples once a month for three months. The study involves no hormones or medications, and participants will be paid \$50 for each blood draw. For more information, contact 301-496-5150.

Long, Short Sleepers Wanted

To complete a sleep study, NIMH is looking for male and female volunteers between the ages of 20 and 35 who routinely sleep 9 hours or more nightly, or who sleep 6 hours or fewer nightly. Volunteers must have no sleep disturbances or insomnia, plus no history of mental illness. Volunteers must be in good general health and not taking any medication or birth control pills. The study requires living on the research unit for four consecutive days. Compensation is available. For more information, call 301-496-5831 or 301-496-6981.

Healthy Mothers Needed

The Pediatrics and Developmental Neuropsychiatry Branch, NIMH, seeks right-handed mothers age 20 to 40 with non-adopted, first-born children age 5 to 12 to participate in a functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) study on the visual processing of faces. Mothers who volunteer should have no history of medical or psychiatric disorders and should not be taking prescription medication (including birth control pills). The first-born children should have no history of psychiatric illness or chronic medical problems. Volunteers must have normal vision or wear contacts. Participation requires a 2-hour screening interview, a follow-up visit, and a 3-hour visit for an fMRI scan. Participants will be reimbursed. For more information, call Lisa Kalik or Neil Santiago at 301-496-8381.

Depressed, Anxious Teens Sought

The Child Psychology Branch, NIMH, is looking for depressed and anxious teens (ages 14 to 16) to take part in a research study. This is a study about how young people experience emotions and how feeling sad or worried can cause problems. Payment will be provided. For more information, please call Barbara Usher at 301-496-1301.

Difficult Teens Sought

The Child Psychology Branch, NIMH, is looking for difficult teenagers (ages 11 to 16) to take part in a research study. This is a study about how young people experience emotions and how anger and bad moods can cause problems. Payment will be provided. For more information, please call Barbara Usher at 301-496-1301.

TRY THIS WEB SITE:

<http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/>

CancerNet™, a free service provided by NIH's National Cancer Institute, provides consumers with reliable and accurate information about cancer. The newly redesigned site offers consumers, health professionals, and patients an easy-to-use format, directing them to the latest information on cancer facts, types of cancer, treatment information, clinical trials, causes of cancer, support groups and resources, literature, and more.

THE PATIENT RECRUITMENT AND PUBLIC LIAISON OFFICE

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The Patient Recruitment and Public Liaison Office (PRPL) is a service of NIH's Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center (CC) in Bethesda, Maryland. PRPL staff members assist patients, their families, physicians, and healthy volunteers by providing information about participating in research conducted at the CC. NIH offers all study-related evaluation, testing, and treatment at no charge to the participant.

There are more than 900 studies available to patients and healthy volunteers. They cover a wide range of diseases and conditions. Below are some of the studies for which the PRPL currently is recruiting. For information about these or other CC studies, visit the CC Web site at www.cc.nih.gov, or call the PRPL at the toll-free number listed above:

- **Teen Obesity.** Parents: Is your teenager overweight? Overweight teens are at risk for developing serious medical conditions during their teen years and as adults. NIH doctors are enrolling teens, ages 12 to 17, in a research study of a new weight loss medication. The Food and Drug Administration has approved the drug, Orlistat, for use in overweight adults. There is no charge for study tests, exams, medication, and weight-control education.

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- **Asthma.** Doctors at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases are seeking people ages 12 to 85 who have asthma symptoms at least three times a week (wheezing, chest tightness, cough, night asthma) for research study of a new investigational asthma medication. Compensation provided.
 - **Psoriasis.** National Cancer Institute researchers seek people with psoriasis for study of a potential new treatment.
 - **Endometriosis.** The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development invites women with pelvic pain associated with endometriosis to take part in a study of a potential new treatment.
 - **Uveitis and Pregnancy.** If you are in your first six months of pregnancy and have uveitis or a history of uveitis, consider taking part in an important new study. NIH provides eye exams, evaluation, and treatment as needed at no cost to you. You will remain under your personal doctor's care while in the study. Call to find out if you might qualify.

- **Shingles.** The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases seeks healthy volunteers age 60 and older who have never had shingles for a study to determine whether an enhanced version of the chickenpox vaccine can prevent shingles. Study participants need to make one outpatient visit to the NIH Clinical Center and monthly phone calls via a toll-free number for up to 5 years.
- **Sjögren's Syndrome.** The NIH researchers seek women aged 18 or older who have been diagnosed with Sjögren's syndrome to take part in studies of a potential new treatment.

If you would like to list an upcoming event of interest to the local community, call Terry LaMotte at Palladian Partners, OCL support contractor, at 301-650-8660, or e-mail tlamotte@palladianpartners.com.

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