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- 1. UCSD CONNECT is pleased to announce that **Barbara Bry, Terry Bibbens, Carolyn McGraw, and Jay Kreutz** have joined the CONNECT staff. Bry is best known as the co-founder of CONNECT, along with Associate Vice-Chancellor Mart Walshok and Bill Otterson. Most recently she has been the Director of the Downtown Center for UCSD. She will be Director of Programs. Bibbens has been a CONNECT Champion and has headed the combined efforts of the Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce, AEA, BioCom and UCSD CONNECT on the proposed Trip Reduction Program alternatives to reducing air pollution in San Diego. A former founder of a high-tech company and senior executive of Loral, Bibbens joins CONNECT as Director of Public Policy. McGraw is a consultant to the National Association of Cancer Patients for government affairs. She joins CONNECT as Special Assistant to the Director in the same capacity. Kreutz is best known as having spearheaded the effort to bring the headquarters of the International Thermodynamic Experimental Reactor (ITEC) to San Diego. She will be CONNECT's forum coordinator.

CONNECT has moved to new space in a stand-alone building in the Extension Complex. Readers are invited to visit.

- 2. [REPEAT] Faced with declining revenues, state legislators have reduced the University budget by 20 percent over the past couple of years, according to Chancellor Atkinson. Because of the gravity of this situation, CONNECT is urging all of its Members and Sponsors to show their support for UCSD by writing letters on company letterhead to their elected officials. CONNECT's goal is to present 200 personal letters to the legislature. In addition, signatures and post cards are being collected from those persons not able to send personalized letters. So far 350 signatures supporting the UC System have been collected. For more information, call Deborah Abblitt at 534-4750.

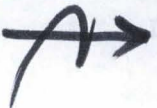
WARD VALLEY

- 3. According to press reports, Governor Pete Wilson met with Senator David Roberti to advise him that, based upon the demands of the Third Circuit Court of Appeal, the Administration would not initiate additional, time consuming adjudicatory hearings before making a decision on the pending application for a low-level waste disposal site at Ward Valley. The focus now moves to Washington and to Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt. Ward Valley, in the Mojave Valley, is federal land and must be transferred to the California Department of Health Services, before it can be allocated to the waste site. Project opponents, most notably, State Controller Gray Davis, are trying to persuade Secretary Babbitt to transfer the land to the State Lands Commission (SLC) instead. Davis, one of three members of the SLC has vowed to hold adjudicatory hearings, if his group gets control of the land.



- 4. U.S. Congresswoman Lynn Schenk has been increasingly helpful at the federal level.

TRIP REDUCTION PLAN



- 5. according to CONNECT Champion Terry Bibbens.

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- 6. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the 120-bed, \$87 million John M. and Sally B. Thornton Hospital and Edith and William Perlman Ambulatory Care Caenter was held last week. The hospital will have 12 intensive care units, seven operating rooms and a wide range of high-tech features. It will admit its first patients July 19. Services will include an emergency department, cardiology with cardiac catheterization and open-heart surgery, oncology, orthopaedics, physical, occupational and speech therapies, respiratory therapy, pulmonary medicine, radiology services including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), nuclear medicine, ultrasound, and spiral CT scanning and laboratory services.

UPCOMING

- 7. The Entrepreneur-of-the-Year Awards Dinner is scheduled Tuesday, June 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the La Jolla Marriott. Winners in four categories will be announced and celebrated. Winners will be announced at the dinner and will be chronicled in these pages next week.
- 8. British Consulate General Mervyn Jones is hosting a reception at the La Jolla Hyatt Wednesday, June 16 at 6:00 p.m.. The Consulate Geeral is visiting San Diego on a trade mission. Call ?? Deborah Abblitt for more information.
- 9. A special Biomedical Industry Council? (BIC) meeting on FDA treatment of the medical device industry will be held at IVAC 10300 Campus Pt Drive Tuesday, June 22 at 7:30. For reservations and further information, call BIC Executive Director Bernie Rhinerson.

10. The average American worker spends less than two days a year in training programs --- the average Japanese worker spends over two weeks. How does training affect a company's productivity? What are the payoffs of having a well trained workforce? How do you assess your company's training needs? The next Human Resources CONNECT meeting on **June 23, 7:30-9:30 a.m.** at the La Jolla Marriott will address training and development issues. This meeting will be of interest not only to HR executives, but also company presidents, CEO's, and managers in technical areas. To register, call **CONNECT at 534-6114.**

#### NEWS FROM SPONSORS AND MEMBERS

11. Friends of **Bob Dow, VP John Burnham & Co** were saddened to learn of his death in an automobile accident last week.
12. **Robert T. Abbott, President Viagene, Inc** said the company had received approval from the Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee to begin human trials of its novel gene-transfer drug for AIDS, the first directly injectable gene-transfer drug to gain approval. "This gene-transfer approach may well represent the human study for a treatment modality with applications into the new century that will address the treatment of infections, rheumatological disorders, malignancies and genetic reconstruction," said **Dr. Jeffrey Galpin**, a researcher from Shared Medical, a Tarzana-based clinic who will conduct the trials for Viagene.
13. Immune Response Corporation's stock has risen and fallen sharply as a reaction to the company's announcement at the Berlin AIDS conference. From a price of \$10 per share on April 23, it rose to 27+ on very heavy volume, before closing last Friday at 13 3/4. "It appears that the market's expectations of the news, although good, was not enough to keep the traders in the stock, and they took profits," said new CONNECT Sponsor **Gayle Pate** of Merrill Lynch.
14. DepotTech Corp. has named **Edward Edickson** its chief executive officer. He formerly was chief executive officer at Cholestech Corp, a diagnostics company.
15. Mycogen Corp, San Diego's largest biotech company, announced that scientists at its Agrinetics subsidiary have developed corn plants that resist damage by corn rootworms, a major pest.
16. Camino Laboratories Inc., a manufacturer of neurosurgical devices, has named **Randall L. Whitefield** president and chief executive officer.
17. An \$11.5 million investment by Syntex Corp. was announced by Agouron Pharmaceuticals Inc. to collaborate in drug development for the treatment of arthritic diseases, malignant tumors and other diseases.