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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, September 13, 2002

Board of Trustees Approves Health Insurance Provider Replacement

On Tuesday, September 10, 2002 the Santa Rosa Junior College Board of Trustees approved Health Net as the replacement provider for Health Plan of the Redwoods effective November 1, 2002.

The Santa Rosa Junior College Fringe Benefits Committee had reviewed proposals from four health insurance providers and unanimously selected Health Net as the provider to put forward to the Board for approval.

Caryle Voss, Senior Account Executive of Health Net, will be presenting information at three forums on Wednesday, September 18,2002 at the following locations:

Petaluma Campus	Room 202	9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.
Santa Rosa Campus	Newman Auditorium	12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Santa Rosa Campus	Newman Auditorium	5:00 P.M 7:00 P.M.

Informational packets including enrollment forms will be distributed at the forums. Please be sure to have all of your information as well as your dependent's information available in order to complete the enrollment form. Enrollment forms will require name, address, telephone number, social security numbers, and date of birth for both employees and dependents.

The following locations and times have been scheduled for completed enrollment forms to be collected:

Thursday, September 19, 2002	8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Button Bldg. Conference Room
Thursday, September 19, 2002	10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	AFA Office – Analy Temps
Monday, September 23, 2002	8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	AFA Office – Analy Temps
Tuesday, September 24, 2002	8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	AFA Office – Analy Temps
Thursday, September 26, 2002	8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Button Bldg. Conference Room

If you are not able to attend any of the scheduled forums please contact Louise Burke in Human Resources at 527-4304 for your enrollment packet. Materials must be completed and returned by September 30, 2002 in order to avoid a lapse in coverage.

Health Net will also be participating in the WOW Faire on campus Friday, September 13, 2002. Stop by their booth and pick up information regarding what wellness programs Health Net offers to their subscribers.

Employee Computer Purchase Through October 11

SRJC faculty and staff have an opportunity to purchase personal computers at district prices and make payments through payroll deduction through the Employee Purchase Program. Faculty and staff who qualify may sign up for the program through October 11. The program is open to full-time faculty and staff and adjunct faculty with a full semester employee agreement whose net pay is sufficient to reimburse the District for the cost of the system. Information about the available systems for purchase may be reviewed at www.santarosa.edu/compserv/staffbuy.html

Please contact Purchasing at 527-4422 if you wish to participate in this program.

Computer Training Available

Staff and faculty may choose from a selection of 2-hour training workshops throughout the fall semester covering Outlook, Photoshop Elements, iMovie, Word/Excell, PDF's, Home Networking, and Mac OSX.



Register online at www.santarosa.edu/training/

The free workshops are being offered by the SRJC Academic Computing and Computing Services offices. All interested college employees are encouraged to sign up.

Newman Endowment Applications Now Available

Grant applications are now available for funding campus cultural enrichment activities through the Randolph Newman Cultural Enrichment Endowment. Now in its third year of funding, the Newman Endowment will award a total of \$8,000 for projects planned for fall 2003, spring 2004, and summer 2004.

Applications are due by Thursday, October 31. For an application packet, contact the Foundation at ext. 4348 or e-mail Liz Donath for an electronic copy.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee that includes college staff and Foundation board members. Grant recipients will be announced by December 2. The endowment is part of the legacy gift that Dr. Randolph Newman, SRJC's second President, provided to SRJC and the public to provide funding for free or ticketed cultural enrichment activities that benefit students and offer cultural opportunities to the College that might otherwise not be available. Past recipients of this grant include:

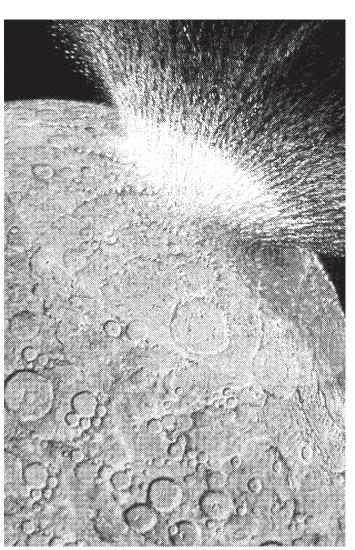
Brazilian Capoiera, Works of Literary Merit: Turning the Screw on Henry James, Asian Lunar New Year Celebration, Mahoney Library Concert Series (fall 2002-summer 2003), Evolution of the Blues (spring 2003), and the Mel Won Modern Dance Residency (spring 2003).

Of Beetles and Angels: A True Story of the American Dream

Author Mawi Asgedom fled from the Ethiopian-Eritrean conflict as a child, lived in a refugee camp for three years, emigrated to the U.S. and ended up earning a full-tuition scholarship to Harvard. He will speak about his experiences and his work, Of Beetles and Angels, on Monday, September 23, at 12:30 p.m., in Newman Auditorium on the Santa Rosa

With wit, intelligence, compassion, Mawi Asgedom inspires his readers and audiences to dream, to work hard, and to reverence life. Admission to all SRJC Arts & Lecture events is free.

For more information, contact SRJC's Community Education Office, ext. 4372.



Planetarium Show Explores Time and Distance

Audiences at the Santa Rosa Junior Colleges Planetarium will learn about the concepts of space and time as they exist in the universe in a new show which runs through October 13.

"From Near to Far," the first show of the Planetarium's 2002-2003 season, will be presented Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and again at 8:30 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

SRJC's Planetarium is located in room 2001, Lark Hall on the Santa Rosa campus. Tickets, which are sold at the door thirty minutes before each show, are \$4/general and \$2/students and seniors. Children under the age of five are not allowed in Planetarium shows. A \$2 parking permit is required to park on campus.

For more information about the Planetarium, call (707) 527-4465.

Recycle Shredded Paper!

As more and more campus departments purchase paper shredders, it is important to recycle the shredded paper by placing it in plastic bags. Otherwise the shredded paper becomes a big trash concern when carried outside into the wind. While Facilities Operations is anxious to capture every scrap of recyclable paper, the crew doesn't want to litter the campus in the process. Shredder bags made from recycled plastic are available through the Office

Depot catalog. SRJC's Recycling Crew will gladly return your plastic bags that hold shredded paper for you to use again as long as they are in good condition. Call Grounds Manager Nancy Moorhead with any questions on ext. 1611.

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