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SCIENCE NOTES

"Herpetoculture in the Classroom" Workshop

Herpetoculture, the keeping and captive propagation of reptiles and amphibians, will be the topic of two workshops designed for K-12 teachers this summer in Rock Springs, Wyoming. The workshops will cover an array of topics focusing on the responsible care and maintenance of reptiles in schools.

For the first time, the 1993 herpetoculture workshops are being offered to teachers nationwide. The workshop dates are July 8-10 and 22-24. Funding for the workshops comes from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Education Act. For further information, contact Dan McCarron, Biology Teacher, White Mountain Junior High School, Science Department, P.O. Box 1089, Rock Springs, WY 82902-1089, ph. (307) 382-4160.

--A.L.W.

The Secret Of Life

An eight-part public television series, *The Secret of Life*, will begin in fall 1993. Originating from WBGH-TV of Boston, this NOVA series will explore advances in the science of molecular biology. It will show how this "new biology" is transforming agriculture, industry, medicine and our perception of the world.

This "new biology" is for both scientists and non-scientists. David Suzuki, a geneticist and television personality, will host the series. He will explain the moral, financial and political implications of molecular biology.

The "new biology" is further explained in a 32-page, secondary-school teacher's guide complete with activities and discussion questions. A full-color poster illustrating simple genetics concepts plus reproducible hands-on activities and a special elementary-school teacher's contest will also be included in the free materials available to educators.

For more information about the series or to order the free teacher's guide or elementary school poster, contact Marisa Wolsky, Outreach Coordinator, WGBH, Educational Print & Outreach, 125 Western Ave., Boston, MA 02134, ph. (617) 492-2777 ext. 4390. E-mail Marisa_Wolsky@WGBH.ORG.

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