

getting out

Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park

A three-mile walk led by a park naturalist is offered Saturdays and Sundays from 9 to 11 a.m. All ages are welcome. Parking is \$2. Call to confirm walks before coming out: (949) 589-4729.

Upper Newport Bay Regional Park

Canoe tours are available Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. Canoes are made available on loan from the Boy Scouts of America. Meets at Shellmaker Island. Fee is \$13 per person. Reservations are necessary: (949) 640-6746.

Kayak tours led by a naturalist are offered Sundays at 10 a.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Reservations are necessary: (800) 585-0747.

Nature walks with a naturalist begin Saturday and Sundays at 9 a.m. at the trailer office on Shellmaker Island. Information: (949) 640-6746.

Peters Canyon Regional Park

A nature walk with a park ranger is offered the first and third Saturdays of each month. Topics, locations and times vary.

Parking is \$2.

For schedule and information: (714) 538-4400.

The Nature Conservancy

Guided hikes and mountain bike rides to see the coastal sage scrub, chaparral and oak woodlands of Limestone Canyon and Emerald Canyon are offered most weekends by The Nature Conservancy.

Hikes vary in length from two to eight miles, and meet Friday nights and Saturday mornings.

Mountain bike rides take place on Sunday mornings.

Information and reservations: Debra Clark, (714) 832-7478.

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Students in a Web page design class at Irvine Valley College attempt to learn the craft in one lesson-filled day.

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WITH THE YEAR 2000 APPROACHING, EVEN REGULAR FOLKS ARE LEARNING HOW TO BUILD THEIR OWN WEB PAGES

Tony Marino is here because he wants to sell off the Snow White memorabilia he's been collecting for the past six years.

Jack Haskins is interested in promoting his specialty bolt making company.

Neither Marino or Haskins knows anything about designing a Web page.

In fact, none of the people in the Computer Research Center classroom are the young, HTML-speaking turks one would expect to find staring at the dual banks of PC monitors.

Marino, Haskins and the rest are here because they want to build a Web page, claim their stake of



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cyberspace, get some online attention.

And none of them have time to learn HTML, or hypertext markup language.

They won't have to in

this class.

"How long does it take to learn HTML?" asks Yousef Alinaghian, president of Computer Research Center Inc. and today's instructor.

"It's not a matter of a day," he says, answering his own question. "It probably takes two-three semesters."

Today, Alinaghian is teaching a class that shows students - in one day - how to build a Web site using FrontPage 98.

The class is part of Irvine Valley College's roster of community education programs (www.ivc-communityed.com).

According to Alinaghian, it's popular with older students.

"It used to be the average student was in his 30s," he says. "But it's changing. Now, younger people are learning this in college the first time around."

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