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A&M researchers study effects of bacteria on ocean's ecology

By Susan Miller
 Reporter

Texas A&M is part of a broad-based study group researching the effects of methane-consuming bacteria on the ocean's ecology.

Dr. Gary Wilson, professor of microbiology at Texas A&M, said the bacteria are helpful to the ecology because they are able to consume methane and these organisms provide food for other sea life.

"These methane-utilizing bacteria detoxify the methane for the sea organisms they live in, and in doing so, provide amino acids and nutrients for the organisms," Wilson said.

Chuck Kennicutt, an associate research scientist in Texas A&M's Geochemical and Environmental Research Group, said without the bacteria's help, sea organisms, such as mussels and clams, would not be

able to live in deep waters or near oil seepages.

"The bacteria are what oxidize the methane," Kennicutt said. "When they do this they turn it into organic matter that mussels can directly assimilate."

"The mussels then obtain their nutrition from the bacteria itself. So the bacteria mediate the process."

Over the past 20 years scientists have discovered large communities of such organisms. Researchers at Texas A&M also have uncovered thriving colonies on the sea floor in the Gulf of Mexico, he said.

Kennicutt said these communities represent a whole new component to the slope ecology not previously recognized.

"Slope ecology is defined, ba-

sically, as how all the animals live together in different water depths," he said. "The continental slope is defined by the water depth, which is generally somewhere from 300 meters to maybe 2,000 meters deep."

Since organisms that live in these water depths cannot utilize sunlight directly, it previously was thought they were surviving off material utilized by organisms at more shallow depths, he said.

"In fact, these organisms don't need sunlight," he said. "They have a mechanism of gaining nutrition that is completely separate from what you would see on land where sunlight is necessary."

"So this is a new type of mechanism for living in the deep parts of the ocean."

This type of energy production is

called chemosynthesis. It is the synthesis of organic compounds to provide energy for the organisms without sunlight.

"The bacteria get their energy from the methane or other inorganic compounds in the water," he said. "In this case the methane is the only source of energy for the bacteria."

Study of the bacteria has been funded in part by the National Science Foundation, the Office of Naval Research, the TAMU Sea Grant Program, NOAA and the Mineral Management Service in New Orleans.

Researchers and scientists from Harvard University, Louisiana State University, Scripps Oceanographic Institute and the Smithsonian, as well as Texas A&M, are involved in the study.

Late night TV show to feature woman with odd hobby of collecting gizzards

MARLIN (AP) — It doesn't always require a stupid pet trick for the average person to get on the "Late Night With David Letterman" show.

Sometimes it just takes a bizarre hobby.

For almost 30 years Ruth Stone has collected turkey gizzards and the odd things that come out of them.

Her hobby got her a round-trip ticket Monday to New York to appear on the popular variety-talk show hosted by Letterman. Her appearance will be broadcast tonight.

Stone used to work at a turkey processing plant and part of her job was to clean and inspect the gizzards before they were shipped to stores. While cleaning them, she noticed many of them contained an odd assortment of small objects. Her first find was a coin.

"I even got a spark plug," Stone said. "And things like rocks and marbles. Oh, and I got one dice out of it."

Over the years, Stone has collected hundreds of the odd items. "Nearly all gizzards have a little something in them," she said.

As fast as Stone could bring the objects home, her husband would build display cases for them, and the cases now adorn several walls in her home.

The unique knickknacks are a big hit with visitors, who often express amazement. "They say, 'A turkey swallowed that?'" she said. "And I say, 'Sure.'"

Stone and David Letterman might never have crossed paths had it not been for a friendly cup of coffee she offered Brent Shehorn, 19, and his father one afternoon at her home.

The Shehorns immediately saw the display boxes filled with items that had been discovered in turkey gizzards: spark plugs, crucifixes, change, springs, water nozzles, glass, marbles and shiny rocks.

"We were just amazed with it," Brent Shehorn recalled. "When I saw them, the first thing I thought was, that was something David Letterman would have on his show."

Fans of the Letterman show know it is notorious for its offbeat humor, seen in such features as "Stupid Pet Tricks," "Top Ten Lists" and Letterman's irreverent treatment of celebrities.

Shehorn wrote Letterman about the "Gizzard Lady" last summer and finally was contacted about her appearance.

Houston stripper teaches trade in classroom

HOUSTON (AP) — GiO struts to the front of the class carrying an armful of pastel chiffon, silk and lace. She is wearing 4-inch spike heels, blue lace stockings and an electric blue teddy. When she turns to face her students — 30 women, many of them mothers, in their 20s to 40s — the giggling stops.

"When you strip, wear pretty, feminine underthings," GiO suggested. "A lot of people like red and black. But, to me, red and black says cheap hussie. And I will have no cheap hussies graduating from my class! I want only sex goddesses."

She drops the demonstration lingerie to strike her point with a "classic sex goddess" pose — ankles tight, one-knee bent, a hip cocked and arms V-ed over her head.

For a moment, the raven-haired stripper resembles Marilyn Monroe. GiO's job is disrobing. For the past five years, the professional stripper has taken off her clothes at a rate of

24 shows a week, about 35 weeks a year, mostly in Canada. "I am a professional sex object," she said matter-of-factly.

About a year ago, she began sharing a few tricks of her trade with amateurs and novices through once-a-month classes for the New York-based Learning Annex. Her goal, GiO says, is to help women boost their sensuality and self-confidence and to express some of their sexual fantasies or those of their mates.

"I teach women how to take control," she said. "I have had women tell me it has saved their marriages."

It just might, agreed psychologist Martha Frede, who offers sexual and marriage counseling. "If it's something you enjoy and that gives you and your partner pleasure, I don't see anything wrong with it," Frede said when told of GiO's classes on at-home stripping. "It might be a

good way to enhance your sexual relationship."

GiO's real name is Lisa Suarez. She is 32 years old. She began dancing without a costume in New York go-go clubs more than 15 years ago. She said she needed the money to pay her way through the Pratt Institute of Design.

After graduating and working for Jimmy Carter's first presidential campaign, she danced in Georgetown clubs to augment her salary as a junior exhibit designer for the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

GiO takes the term "dancer" seriously. In 1984, she spent a summer training with Twyla Tharp's dance company. In 1986, her determined competition at the Golden G-String strippers' convention in Las Vegas was featured in a Twentieth Century-Fox documentary "Stripper."

"I want to be known as this gener-

ation's Gypsy Rose Lee," she said emphatically. "I want to define stripping for the rock 'n' roll generation."

After watching a demonstration of one of her 30 regular acts, the Houston students had no doubts about her commitment or ability.

GiO calls her class "How to Strip for Your Man." The Houston lesson took place in a basement ballroom of the Stouffer's Greenway Plaza hotel, apparently unnoticed by a group of librarians gathered just across the hallway.

GiO's sometimes brash self-confidence apparently developed at an early age. The only daughter of a Cuban salesman and an Italian songstress, both first-generation immigrants to the United States, she says she was raised to pursue success in whatever way she decided to define it.

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Court battle about oysters to continue

HOUSTON (AP) — The 500-member Texas Oyster Association plans to continue a court battle to have this year's oyster season opened.

In late August, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department cancelled the oyster season to allow depleted populations a chance to recover. The season normally runs from Nov. 1 through April.

On Oct. 29, Chambers County fish house owner Joe Nelson obtained two temporary restraining orders against the department.

The department then filed counter-motions that kept the season from opening.

"We've tried to talk and negotiate with them (parks and wildlife)," Tom Hults, president of the organization said.

"But they didn't want to listen to what we had to say," he added.

After talks broke off, the 500-member association voted to start a legal fund, and hired Austin lawyer Jim Matthews to represent them.

"This is our last resort," he said.

Hults said he expected a lawsuit to be filed in Travis County over the next two weeks, but declined to say more.

"I hesitate to say too much now because it might tip the other side," Hults said. "But our attorney has something he's working on."

David Cottom, parks and wildlife spokesman, said, "No matter how much legal wrangling goes on, it's not going to change one iota the fact that there just are not enough oysters on the bottom of the bays."

Cottom said the department has provided the association with data showing that opening the oyster season would harm the oyster crop.

He said legal action by the group has been expected.

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