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UTAH STUDENTS HONORED FOR SCIENCE WRITING

Student writers at Bingham, Cottonwood, Roy, and Layton high schools captured honors in the first science journalism awards competition conducted by the University of Utah Center for Integrated Science Education.

Diem-Phuong Nyugen of Cottonwood High School and Taylor S. Fielding of Roy High School were double winners in the science writing competition in which the center awarded a total of \$400 in prize money to seven students.

Dr. Joseph D. Andrade, U. professor of bioengineering and director of the center, says student writers competed in the categories of health and medicine, environment and biosphere, life sciences, and physical sciences and technology. The competition was funded by the Herbert I. and Elsa B. Michael Foundation.

The award winners, by category and article title, are:

Physical sciences and technology: Ryan M. Hoglund, Bingham High School, first place, "Virtual Reality or Virtual Destruction," \$75.

Health and Medicine: Alicia Harrie and Diem-Phuong Nguyen, Cottonwood High School, first place, "Dead and Deadly: The HIV Virus," \$75; Brenda Binkerd, Bingham, second place, "Dangers of Doing It," \$25.

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University of Utah

In order to encourage science and technology awareness in the high school and junior high school populations in the state of Utah, the Center for Integrated Science Education (CISE), University of Utah, is pleased to announce the second annual science journalism awards.

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The judges will consist of Utah science writers and journalists and scientists and engineers affiliated with the Center for Integrated Science Education.

Entries may be submitted by individuals, by their parents or guardians, by their journalism or science teachers, or by anyone in the general public who sees the story or newspapers.

Entries should be in the form of a letter addressed to:

J.D. Andrade
Director, Center for Integrated Science Education
2480 MEB
University of Utah
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

and indicating that it is an entry for the science journalism awards for 1993-94. The prize category should be indicated, as well as the name and complete address of the student writer, their age, year in school, the name of the newspaper, and the complete address of

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the newspaper editor. In addition, a photocopy or clipping of the story must be attached, including the mast head of the paper showing the date of publication.

Each entry submission should be accompanied by a statement signed by the author and by the editor or publisher of the paper giving the Center for Integrated Science Education permission to reproduce the story in brochures, reports, or other materials relating to science journalism, science education, and science literacy.

Contest winners will also be asked to submit a photo which the Center may use for publicity and publication purposes.

Although there are no specific requirements as to minimum or maximum length of the story, it is expected that they will be of sufficient length and quality to be of general benefit in improving or enhancing the reader's science and technology awareness and literacy.

Entries can be submitted at any time up through April 1, 1994. Shortly after April 1, the selection committee will meet, review all entries, and select first and second prize winners in each of the four catagories.

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For further information contact J.D. Andrade at (801) 581-4379.

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Newspaper: Colt Roundup

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Diem Phuong Nguyen News Editor

. What is cryonics? According to 'Craig Clifford, senior, cryonics is the disease of compulsive crying. Junior Katle Clifford, disagrees, saving it's the "science of creating new Cravola colors." Actually, cryonics is the process of freezing human beings after death " in the hope that medical science may be able to revive them in the fu-" ture.

immediately after death. 34 The patient is put on a: heart-lung machine to keep oxygenated blood circulating through the body. Chemicals such as glucose are then injected into the body to

prevent further damage while body temperature reduction, proceeds. If, however, the patient is not within the vicinity of a cryonics laboratory, " the blood is drained from the body and replaced by .chemicals such as glyc-. erol, usually used to preserve organs for transplants. The body is then flown to a cryonics facility where it will be cooled to -110 degrees Fahrenheit by bathing it in a solution of rubbing alcohol and dry ice, and then transferred The process begins and into liquid nitrogen at 1 -320 degrees Fahrenheit. a temperature at which biological . . changes CARSA

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science . fiction. Cryobiologists (not to be ... hope that one day they will be able to store frozen, transplantable organs in banks, state that the very process of freezing them destroys them. One of the major

problems during freezing is that the interstitial fluid (fluid between the cells) expands and crushes the cells. In addition, it also crystalilizes, causing atlacerations in the cell membranes. There are two possibilities known. to minimize and prevent cell damage. One option is to inject nonfreezing chemicals, called cryoprotectants, into the body (this is the currently used process). The problem with these, cryoprotectants is that they are usually toxic and the process of perfusing the body with them evenly and quickly is primitive, resulting in the poisoning of cells. The other alternative is to freeze and thaw the body so quickly that ice crystals do not have time to form. Unfortunately. these processes are also immature.

However, there have been breakthroughs. For example, a technique called vitrification preserves an organ by

sharp external crystals during freezing. For example, frozen ova and sperm cells remain viable. Similar techniques have been used to preserve extinct animal: species; the sperm and bone marrow of the world's last dusky seaside sparrow were frozen in lanuary of 1980 in hope. of repopulating their species through cloning from single cells.

More significantly. this process has been. applied to the treatment of diseases. One breakthrough occurred when researchers at the University of Alberta, looking for a new way to manage diabetes, succeeded in freezing and preserving pancreatic cells known as the islets of Langerhans. These

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not usually enough to: satisfy cryobiologists and their immortalityseeking patients: They are freezing themselves: 43 today in the hope that cryogenic science will eventually catch up." According to terrains and Charles Platt, science fiction writer and committed cryonicist, when medicine has advanced far enough to revive cryonics patients, it should also be able to !! rejuvenate them. The search for immortality continues.

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The contest will be judged by Utah science writers, journalists. scientists and engineers affiliated with CISE.

The awards will be presented at a convocation at Brigham Young University in April.

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Monday, December 14, 1992

University of Utah, Salt Lake masthead showing the date City, Utah 84112. Entry deadline publication also must is April 1, journalists invited to enter science contest

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Diem Phuong Nguyen News Editor Alicia Harrie Editorial Editor

"Good morning," class, says your biology professor, today we will discuss something so insignificant, it cannot be seen without a microscope and is not even classified as a living or-Banism: the virus To understand the structure and function of a virus, we will examine the bacteriophage as a basic model.

"A virus, essentially, is composed of cellular fragments capable of only a partially independent existence. Independent of what, you ask? No, no, Billy, don't answer-that's a rhetorical question. You Will understand when I am through explaining the bacteriophage. The bacteriophage is basically a protein capsid enclosing DNA. Other viruses may have RNA instead of DNA. As you can see from the diagram, tail fibers extend from the protein sheath that descends from the protein capsid.

Because a virus is unable to reproduce itself, like living cells, it must invade a host cell and utilize the cell materials to replicate its own genetic material Invasion occurs when the viral membrane proteins match specific receptor sites in the cell membranes of certain

"Understanding the above information," the professor continues "it is now possible to exam - ! ine the root of a current illness of epidemic proportions; Acquired Immune Deficiency Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Intense medical research and progress over the last ten years have not conquered something as minute and apparently insignificant as a virus. The increase in fatal .. pneumonia and gastrointestinal infections (conditions formerly observed only in cancer patients and transplant recipients

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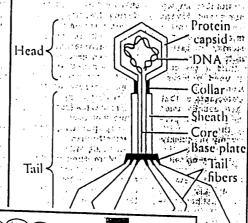
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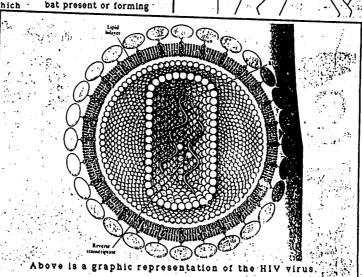
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Taylor S. Fielding 4525 S. 1600 W. Roy, UT 84067-3002

J.D. Andrade, Director, Center for Integrated Science Education 2480 MEB University of Utah Salt Lake City, UT 84112

Dear J.D. Andrade:

Enclosed in this package are two articles that I wrote for my school newspaper, *The Round Table*. I learned about the Science Journalism Awards at a journalism conference at the U of U.

I would like to have the two articles entered in the Environment and Biosphere category of the 1992-93 High School/Middle School Science Journalism Awards.

Here is the information stated as required in the flyer I recieved:

Taylor S. Fielding 4525 South 1600 West Roy, UT 84067-3002 Age: 16 D.O.B.: 05/24/76 Junior, Roy High School

The Round Table
Editor: Johanna Wead
Advisor: Terry Sheffield
2150 West 4800 South
Roy, UT 84067
(801) 774-4922

Thank you for considering my entries and for offering this award. Live long and Prosper.

Sincerely,

Taylor S. Fielding

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News

Antelope Island bison receive annual checkup

by Taylor S. Fielding

· · · The sixth annual bison round-up washeld the first two weeks of November-from Monday, November 2nd to Wednesday, the 11th. This year, the round-up was given a. new twist —the general public were allowed on the island for the duration of the round-up. This is the first time the public: had been allowed on the island in ten years.

The round-up is divided into two parts: the actual rounding up of the bison and the processing—where the bison are run through the system of corrals and chutes on the island.

The rounding up involves four helicopters, seven state vehicles and horsemen. The helicopters push the bison into a field by White Rock Bay, on the north end of the island. The helicopters are then joined by the seven trucks which force the bison up to the gates and into the holding pens.

The second part of the round up is the processing. The herd is divided into several groups, continually getting smaller. A group of five or so animals is run into the cones the tub (a large round metal chamber with a swinging

door). The door swings around and the bison go into a chute that is only wide enough for one animal at a time. There are four slide gates that divide the group up into single animals. At the end of the chute with slide gates, there is a hydraulic catcher that closes around the bison and keeps them still.

The examination of each individual bison begins once they are in the squeeze chute. The bison are checked for their age, cow sare checked for pregnancy, blood samples aretaken, injections (inoculations) are given, and a microchip is put into their ears. The microchip is the presence of technology in the round up. The rangers scan the chip and the animal's entire life history. and immunization records comes up on a computer screen. New information is then added to the data base -- increasing its accuracy.

The bison will be run through this gauntlet twice to determine if any of them are carriers of the brucellosis disease -a disease that causes bison and cows to abort their calves in the third trimester. Any herd of animals that has the brucellosis disease cannot (three triangle shaped corrals, § be sold or transported. Before then down a runway and into 1991, the herd on Antelope Island was brucellosis-free.



March 29, 1993

Dr. Joseph D. Andrade Professor and Chair Department of Bioengineering
CISE Director
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Encl.: (1) Photocopy of an article by Abbie Klein (2) Photocopy of school newspaper masthead

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The Stug Invasion Stimes Spring

By Abbie Ann Klein

Have you ever gone outside early on a spring morning and seen a narrow silver path? You are seeing the footprints of a slug. A slug leaves a slimy trail as it travels. These creatures are often thought of as slippery or slimy, but are actually very interesting to read about and study.

For example, the slug seems a slimy useless pest to gardeners because it eats fruit and vegetables. Amazingly, early French and German settlers were known to eat sautéed slugs. They soaked them in vinegar to remove their slime, and then sautéed the delicacy in

One lucky slug is the mascot of the University of California in Santa Cruz. It is a yellow banana sing. As the basketball players from the University shoot, they hear, "Slime Emi" from the crowd.

In fact, recently, many scientists have been studying slugs to get ideas about how to make computers more efficient and quick. As simple as a slug's brain may seem, it can learn quickly and think about several things at once. Imagine if a computer was programmed somewhat similar to a slug's brain, it could solve problems millions of times faster than computers do todayi

So, the next time you are out on a spring morning, and you see a narrow silver trail across your path; view it with some respect; because you are seeing the footprints of a slug.

434 W. Gentile Layton, UT 84041 January 12, 1993

J.D. Andrade Director, Center for Integrated Science Education 2480 MEB University of Utah Salt Lake City, UT 84112

Dear J.D. Andrade,

I am sending this newspaper article as an entry for the science journalism awards for 1992-93. It is for

the category entitled Environment and Biosphere. ,It was written by myself, Katie Iverson

434 W. Gentile Layton, UT 84041 Age 18 12th grade

The newspaper it was published in is Layton High's Centurion. I am also the Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper so my address is the same as above. I am including the article as it was published in our newspaper.

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Burn plant sparks controversy

The purpose of the plant is to reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill. "For every ten trucks of refuse that comes in, one truck of ash is taken out," Watson said. parbage is used to run the plant and excess energy is sold to Hill Air Force asse to be used for electricity.

volunteer Environmental Health Committee Technical for the Utah Chapter of the Siera Club, said, "The ash can only be inert if there are no heavy metals or organic chlorides, both of which the Davis County burn plant According to Watson the ash taken to the landfill is inert, meaning it lacks active chemicals which are octentially dangerous to the environment On the other hand, Cindy King

Therefore, the ash they put into the

million dollar bond to build the plant

The plant, located east of Hill Air Force Base off Highway 193, burns all residential garbage from Davis County, except a small portion from Bountiful, plant engineer John Watson d. This amounts to approximately 400 county issued a 40

Taxpayers pay for this through a 7-8 dollar monthly collection fee for their Energy released from burning

Health concerns include not only the ash, but also the emissions. According to Watson, state emissions regulations are very strict. "The state has a no smoke sandard which means that no smoke can be released. What you see coming from the stacks in the winter is only white condensate like in cold weather when you breathe," Watson said. "Basically, we don't put out anything you need to be worried about. That's one of the big misnomers. You

there's got to be a bunch of yuck put ou in the air, but it's just not like that,' anything you need to be worried a That's one of the big misnomers. harmful substances are think, you're burning a bunch of garbage However, King suggests that

have dangerous recommend to everying about the organic chordes. They can get into the drinking water source and then they increase in receive as they move up the food chain DNA and cause mutations in future generations." miscarriages. Organic chlorides can be passed on to unborn children through toxicity as they move up the lood countries, and causing birth defects, deformities, and

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ALL THAT RUBBISH WILL GO UP IN PLAMES: The smell of garbage at the burn plant located near Hill Air Force Base is worse than that taste of soggy Cheerios in the mornings.

by Katle Iverson released from toxicity in the environment, King and Editor-in-Chief King also argues that the ash on their health. The direct effects on their health. The direct effects on the plant insists caused by the Davis County have dangerous health effects. "You students and people in the increase in hospital st illnesses," King claime Students ought to be concerned about what effects the plant might have on their health. "The direct effects on ommon cold or flu which may last only 2 days normally, but will now last 4.5 These also include asthma and an illnesses. These include the hospital stays for respiratory

plant allegedly causes respiratory problems. "What's released up fat the burn plant] is insignificant compared to what is being released from our cars and wood stoves," he said. Dr. Jay R. Yates, M.D., however, is not overly concerned that the

As an option to burn plants, King proposes recycling. "If we could get people to recycle..it would increase the economic value which is defined as health costs, productivity, job security.

However, Watson claims recycling efforts are ineffective in Utah making the burn plant more helpful in cutting back on garbage in landfills. cutting focus on garayage or measures.

"I would say a burn plant is in fact a recycling plant. It's different than if you take your plastic milk jugs and newspapers some place and recycle them back and use them again as plastic or paper, but we take in materials and turn them into steam. You don't hear a lot them into steam. about recycling, especially not so much here in Davis County because of this facility, but if you go down to Salt Lake



April 1, 1993

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surgeon stands over the perfect the moment, VPL Research of computer-generated replica of a Redwood City, California, the of wearing the usual scrubs, this and data gloves, sells the headsets surgeon has donned a pair of stereoscopic head-mounted viewers, and gloves for \$8,800. Since the or "goggles," and position sensing VPL system uses two powerful gloves. He slips an electronic scal-silicon graphics computers, one pel into the simulated patient, and for each eye, the total system can actually feels the resistance of cost \$250,000 and beyond. A race muscles and bone as he removes a is currently on to cut the prices of malignant tumor. The doctor then these key items drastically to reach receives a full critique on his per the mass market.

formance from the computer. He Assay Virtual Reality is not just then travels inside the electronic expanding horizons in the field of cadaver to locate any diseased tis- 3 medicine (as in the scenario de-

junkie's fantasy, but an actual neering, education, technique to be used within the entertainment. next decade for training and re- Scientists are today using VR search in the medical field. models of molecules to test the "Virtual Reality," as its called, is deffectiveness of medications the newest and by far the most against disease causing intrudincredible thing to happen to man's hers. In one case, a large enzyme 20th century best friend (sorry Lassie).

So, what is Virtual Reality? VR is basically a technique for . creating computer simulated worlds in which the user can function as if in the "real" world. It does this with the help of positionsensing clothing that covers the sense organs. Sense organs are the things that connect you with the outside world-your eyes, ears, and skin are the dominant senses that provide you with a perception of the outside world. When: you cover these sense organs with position-sensing clothing, the explore the surface of Mars by clothing provides the outside using a camera equipped robot; stimulus that would be experi-, an astronaut, either in a space enced in your alternate reality, station or on Earth, would "walk and you then have the ability to around" and explore the planets simulate the experience of being surface. grating the state of the surface of the in that alternate world . ThiraV. crystal display screens in front of each eye, that are continuously,

by Ryan Hoglund suit," threaded with fiber-optic Editorial Editor cables that transmit to the com-In an operating room, a puter the body's every move. At cancer-ridden young man. Instead principal supplier of VR headsets for a hefty \$10,000 to \$49,000 each

sue left behind. suribed searlier), but also This scenario isn't a new revolutionizing such areas as Nintendo game or a computer escience, space, architecture, engi-

> that contributes to cancer can be inactivated by blocking its socalled "active site," where it does the damage, with a small molecule that fits the site perfectly. Agouron Pharmaceuticals of La Jolla, California are now testing the first anti-cancer drug developed this way.

NASA has recently used VR to explore inaccessible reaches of space. Using data sent back by Voyager II, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory simulated flyovers of Miranda, one of Uranus's moons NASA is hoping to also use VR to

Architects, are using VR to the electronic cocoon spun by video sa Entering this "cyberspace" tour a building before it's even parlors and TV: "People will currently requires some complex; built. Architects can also subject: become socially immature, warns and expensive hardware; a hel-, these structures to such situations. met, or "goggles," with tiny liquid as earthquakes and fires to make." the necessary safety adjustments. ev. Engineers using VR can exert

bridge as a freight train would, to test its strength with no danger to human or machine. VR can also be used by aerospace engineers to test airplane prototypes without leaving the ground.

.. The applications of VR to education are "virtually" endless. Imagine, in Biology class, taking a nature walk through an Amazon rain forest for a "hands on" study of the delicate life-cycles of the plants and animals living there, without leaving the classroom; or in Chemistry class, students travel deep inside the core of a nuclear reactor. William Bricken from the University of Washington is currently designing a VR program for algebra in which the students would become part of their equations—gives new meaning to the expression "Math is fun."

Virtual Reality could completely transform the nature of entertainment. VR arcades are already popping up in Europe and the US with adventure-combat games and a host of others. It may not be a long step from VR games to full-fledged theaters. VPL Research has formed a joint venture with MCA to build a series of test theaters around the world in two years or so.

Like all "great" technological advances, VR has its downfalls. The US military is already using VR to train field soldiers, pilots, and artillery personnel to destroy the "enemy" quicker and deliver missiles and bombs with a deadlier accuracy. The greatest risk VR poses on tomorrow's society is the "escapists danger"—if the "real" world is not going in the direction you desire, it is a temptation to stay in a fantasy world that you can manipulate to fit your criterion. Critics fear that these technologies will increase people's isolation, taking them further into Thomas Furness of the University of Washington. He does, however, go on to offer a ray-of-hope by updated with computer-generated the same-amount of force on a VR is that it will kill TV." year is stating that "the best thing about -near persuing her but John canApril 1, 1993

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Dangers of Doing It

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others follows.

Because teens tend to have several partners if they are sexually active, it is common for them to be. infected with more than one disease. This can also lead to complications when treating, and the state of the state of

Probably the greatest barrier to treatment is embarrassment. Young adults may be secretive about about their sexual activity and they are rarely in the habit of consulting a doctor on a regular basis. Graduate of Yale Medical School and medical director of the Manhattan Beach. Women's Health Center. Dr. Louise H. Connolly stated, "....they feel they have a sexually transmitted disease and they may feel dirty. So it's fear and shame together. It cuts them off from asking people for support."

Prevention problems are very similar. Many of them stem from ill education. Teenagers are the least likely group to practice safe sex because they act spontaneously and do not plan for protection. Janice Voorhies, an English teacher at BHS, says. "Frequently, teenagers will not protect themselves because that would be admitting that they planned to participate in some sort of sexual activity that may contradict their ethi-

Still, in the effort to avoid contracting AIDS or an unwanted pregnancy, more teenagers are using contraception than ever before. However, this sense of security can turn harmful. Condoms often are not effective against genital warts because the warts remain exposed during sex. Warts can also pass AIDS. Birth control pills can actually increase the

risk of cervical cancer which is believed to be connected with Chlamydia: This killed approximately six thousand women in 1990.

Sixteen year old, Meta Jones of Washington D.C. is concerned that too many of her friends have fallen to misconceptions about STD's. She says, "They say, "We're young. This isn't going to happen to us' " Many men also believe that women are much more likely to contract diseases, a falsehood that leads them to ignore symptoms. And, of course, teens often think that it is someone else's problem.

Patty Vurpillat was an eighteen year old in love. She didn't sleep around, but after she was married she found out that she had an STD and possibly cervical cancer. Patty comments. "It's always in the back of your mind: I'm thinking, 'Could something really be messing up my reproductive system? I'm going to turn twenty this week. And I feel like I'm going to turn forty."

Herpes

- · Facts: A viral infection, highly contagious, affecting about 30 million Americans. No cure.
- · Symptoms: recurring red antches, clusters of white blisters on the genitals or otherparts of the body.
- . Effects:Pain, itching, swelling, and burning. Can endanger a fetus if contracted by mother.
- Treatment: There is no cure, but doctors can treat outbreaks with an-

Gonorrhea

- Facts: bacterial infection, affecting 1.4 million Americans/year. 60 percent of women and 10 percent of men experience no symptoms.
- . Symptoms: when occuring burning sensation while urinating, pelvic: pain, green or yellow discharge, genital swelling and tenderness.

Dangers of Doing It

Brenda Binkerd Front Page Editor

For the last decade, there has been an enormous amount of publicity concerning the acquired immune aideficiency syndrome. There has been . huge funding and awareness projects ! to slow its damage while scientists recognize it. search for a cure. Unfortunately, other serious sexually transmitted diseases that affect millions are taking the back seat, especially with teens. In fact, teenagers account for only 1% of AIDS cases in the U.S.

Experts say that ignorance of how STD's are spread is the main reason 15-17 year olds have a higher risk of

getting many of these diseases than any other age group. Nearly half of 20 million sexually transmitted disease patients are under age 25. 32 34 ac.

Among adults, AIDS is not the most common STD either. In fact it falls behind Herpes, Gonorrhea, Human papilloma-virus (HPV), and Syphillis. 🖏 😫

Treating STD patients has not? been easy or extremely successful for 2 several reasons. Again, lack of education is a problem. If an individual! does not know the symptoms of a disease, it is not likely that s/he will *

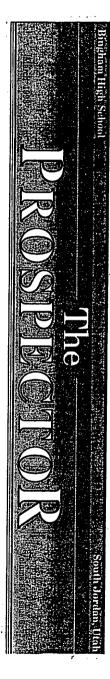
··· Often, symptoms are not obvious or do not exist at all. Many STD's result in similar discomforts and detection may be confused.

Doctors say that adolescents frequently stop taking medication when . the symptoms begin to disappear. Reoccurrence and further infection of continued on page 2

- tiviral drugs to an entition and the state of the state o thritis, heart complications, ectopic pregnancy, misscarriage, still birth.
 - . Treatment: Oral antibiotics

THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO Genital Warts.

- · Facts: caused by the Human papilloma virus, tiny warts that grow on the genitals and anus, in the urinary tract, and sometimes in the throat. One million cases a year in
- the United States, was dering to Symptoms: In 80 percent of the cases there are no symptoms, though :-
- itching may occur. (Mind a diff Effects: presence of somestains: of genital warts has been linked to cancer of the cervix or the penis. Vaginal warts can also interfere with
- delivery of a child. - Treatment: Acid, electric needles, lasers that burn or freeze.



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threatens summer water recrea

by Taylor S. Fielding

This year has been another dry one for Northern There could be Utah. tremedous effects on recreation in Northern Utah if the mountains do not recieve at least normal snowfall this winter.

One major problem is not enough water to go around among agriculture, people, and wildlife. This scenario occured this year with the Provo and Little Bear Rivers. People were diverting so much water for agricultural use that

without compromise, there fish due to predation," said would have been no water left Wiechman. for the fish.

Jerry Wiechman, a fisheries biologist for the Division of Wildlife Resources said trout, a spring spawning fish is that the drought causes a number of problems.

drought, the small fish have to go into the deeper holes where the larger fish are. There is little cover in the deep holes, but the little fish must go there to survive. Those fish are in turn eaten by bigger fish, so ther is an increase in a loss of

The drought sometimes causes problems with spawning, also. Cut throat usually uneffected. Brown trout and brook trout, which "When there is a spawn in the fall, however sometimes will have trouble because of low water.

> The drought also affects boating, another type of recreation that is popular in

At Willard Bay State Park this year, only 20% of the

seasonal slips were rented out. Park officials also report a rise in prop damage and damage to boats caused by low water hazards. Many people are hitting rocks and sandbars that are nornally deep enough in the bay that they do not cause a problem.

"It was bad this year and next year's prognosis is not very good," said Brian House, a Willard Bay ranger, "if there is real low water, we could see boating end in July."

The snowfall needs to be 200 to 300% of normal this

Larmon & H works for winter because if Pineview and Causey don't fill up, then Willard doesn't get any water...

. The ice fishing this year could be pretty bad because the marinas are way down. There is even the possibility that the marinas could be dry by the end of next summer.

.... There are only "self-, enforced", boat launching planned for the next year. Which basically means that if: you can't get your boat in the water, then you will have to go somewhere else.

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The Second Utah Bioluminescence Contest

Deadline: July 19, 1993

Bioluminescence:

Bioluminescence is light generated by animals and plants. Certain parts of Utah may have bioluminescent worms, mushrooms, and fireflies. Most encyclopedias have an article titled Bioluminescence -- the article in Encyclopedia Britannica is especially complete.

The Center for Integrated Science Education (CISE) at the University of Utah is studying bioluminescence in the State of Utah. You can help -- especially if you live in rural areas, have access to public lands away from artificial lights, and if you're not afraid of the dark!

The best time to observe bioluminescent worms and mushrooms is at night (a dark night with no moon) and after a rain. The best time to observe fireflies is usually at dusk, around 8 to 9 pm. We know there are fireflies and glowworms (firefly larvae) in certain parts of Utah. There should also be bioluminescent earthworms. Bioluminescent mushrooms may exist -- we just don't know. There could also be bioluminescent centipedes, millipedes, or snails.

Prizes:

First Prize is \$100 Second Prize is \$50

We reserve the right to award only those prizes which meet the quality and completeness expectations of the judges.

Caution:

Be Careful. Wandering at night can be dangerous. DO NOT search alone. Know the area you are investigating -- explore it in the day -- mark your path and mark the specimens you may want to study. Come back at night with a flashlight and a friend -- walk carefully. When you're at the place you want to study, turn off the light and let your eyes adapt to the dark for a minute or two (It takes 15 to 20 minutes for you to become fully dark adapted). Be sure you are not seeing reflections from moonlight, car headlights, street lights, etc. Have a piece of dark cloth with you, which your friend can hold up to eliminate the effect of nearby lights.

Earthworms usually don't bioluminesce unless they are disturbed -- you'll need to gently poke them and disturb them. Mushrooms should bioluminesce without touching or disturbance - so should glowworms. Many mushrooms are toxic -- so don't use your hands to touch or poke them. Use a stick or wear gloves. Fireflies often need a few quick flashes from a flashlight; the firefly then "responds" by flashing back.

Do not hurt, damage, or collect any of the organisms. Simply draw, describe, and photograph them.

DO NOT search on private land without permission of the owner. Observations made on public lands (National Forest; State, City and County Parks or Forests; etc.) are preferred.

Entry Materials:

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Make as many observations as you can, in as many areas as you can, between now and July 15, 1993. Have your entry to us by July 19, 1993. Mail to:

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Judging:

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More Information:

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Good Luck!

JDA 1/25/93

Firefly Find Helps Children See Science in New Light

By Anne Wilson THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Seven-year-old Michael J. Seeley may have trouble saying "bioluminescence," but he is still something of an expert on the phenomenon.

Michael's unusual find of a firefly near his home in Roosevelt earned him first place and a \$100 prize in the Utah Bioluminescence Contest.

The discovery debunks claims by some science textbooks that fireflies don't exist west of the Rocky Mountains. But Michael's entry, which included a written report and three firefly sketches, also drew praise for its detail.

The contest was sponsored by the University of Utah's Center for Integrated Science Education, which intends to change attitudes about now science is taught.

"In general, science has been treated as a whole array of facts that kids need to learn and memorize," said Joseph D. Andrade, U. professor of bioengineering. "It's not. It's a way of looking at the world and learning."

Bioluminescence, the phenomenon of living organisms producing light through a chemical reaction, was chosen for the center's first contest because it's "very unusual and intrinsically interesting." Mr. Andrade said.

Michael, a second-grader at East Elementary School in Roosevelt, found the firefly at his grandmother's house.

"I looked over at this flower



Michael Seeley

and it was sitting on it, just blinking," he said.

When it comes to science, Michael is no novice. Last year, for a school district science project, Michael and his father ran an electric light bulb with a makeshift generator powered by water running through a rubber hose.

Since winning the contest, Michael has learned about something else — budgeting. His mother, Jennifer, said Michael wanted to spend the entire \$100 on a Nintendo Game Boy.

But at his parents' urging, Mi chael decided to save some o his money, give some to hi church and spend the rest on h own fishing rod and reel.

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JDA 5/20/91

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Michael J. Seeley



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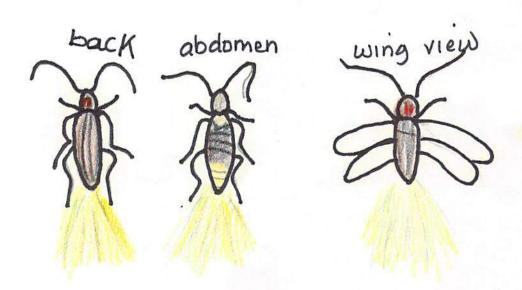
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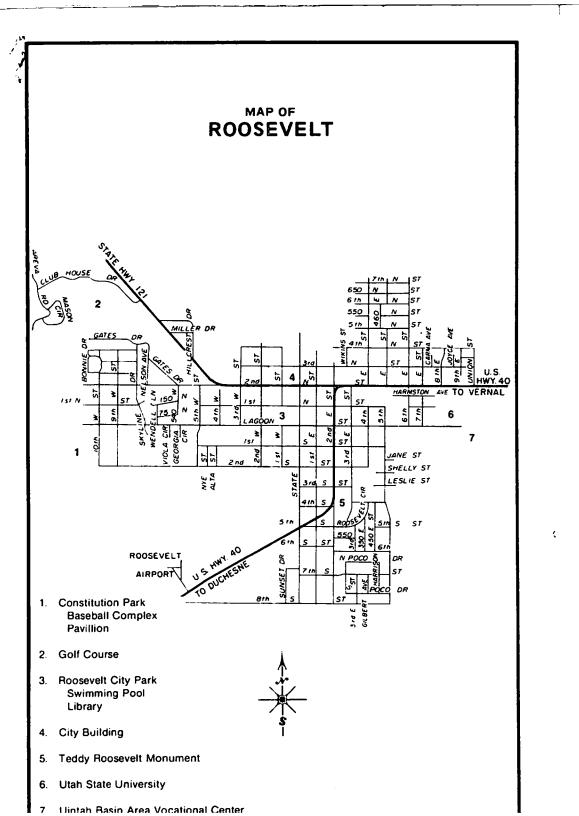
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Michael spotted the firefly on July 18, 1991 at approximately 9:45 p.m. It was a partly-cloudy evening. The temperature was 60 his grandmother's home in Bluebell, Duchesne County, Utah. We have near a pond for about a month now. Also looking under rocks unsuccessful. Since our discovery we have talked with quite a few common and have been seen in the early months of the summer for many years. Michael's father remembers seeing them as he grew up in the Bluebell.

The light that the firefly produced was very bright. In fact, at first, Michael thought is was a Christmas bulb. Michael describes it as having a pale green tint to it. It flickered very rapidly as it sat on the bush. Michael caught it and put it in a jar. We brought it back to Roosevelt in a jar filled with leaves and flowers from the peony plant. Vibrations, as the car moved, seemed to initiate the illuminations. Also, any vibration or disturbance at home would cause the firefly to light up.

Describing the firefly is the most difficult. We tried to measure as accurately as we could. It is about 18 mm in length and 5 mm in width. When not in flight, he kind of looks like a small beetle. There is some red coloring on the head. His legs and antennae seem abnormally long for the size of his body. His abdomen looks striped (brown and tan). At the end of his body there is a small area that is almost a yellow color. Overall coloring is brown. And he seems to have two sets of wings. (Please see illustrations)





- 1 STARVATION STATE PARK 3 MILES
- 2 FAIR GROUNDS
- 3 COURT HOUSE
- 4 TO HIGH UINTAHS
- 5 Wallace Park

Swimming Pool

Bowling Center

Little League

Playground

Picnic Tables

Soon to be - Museum

Sister Duchesne Plaque

6 Roy Park

Softball Complex

Picnic Gazebo

B-B-Q Grills

Playground

