



Greetings to the Friends of the  
Connecticut Science Fair  
and the Science Horizons Science Fair.



### Friday's Grand Awards and Sightseeing to Lake Tahoe

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Today was the final day of our five-day adventure, and it was one of the most eventful. It began abruptly; the phone lines in my bedroom were down, so my wake-up call didn't come through, leaving Amoolya and I to be awoken by the advisors pounding on our room door. Fortunately, all of Connecticut was able to rally and move out early enough to arrive with time to spare for the Grand Award Ceremony, which began at 10 a.m. And an eventful ceremony it was— William Newberry took fourth place in his category, Physics and Astronomy, and Eliza McNitt swept us all away, taking first in her category, Environmental Management, *and* Best in Category, winning herself a trip to CERN and having an asteroid (or minor planet) given her name.



time was forgotten for a few hours of absolute relaxation.

Shortly after the award ceremony ended, the entire delegation packed into two vans to make the drive up the mountains and down again to Lake Tahoe, Nevada's proudest landmark, to take a ride on a catamaran. We spent the next three or so hours sprawled semiconscious on the deck of the boat, dog-piled on a mound of bean bag chairs and enjoying various decadent drinks. I cannot overemphasize how overwhelmingly peaceful this experience was; all conception of

At last, we made our way to dinner at a fine restaurant on the shore of Lake Tahoe. The



food was delicious, and William was proud to invent a delightful new drink, which the waiter named The Newberry (a Shirley Temple with a dash of pineapple), but the focus of this meal was the fantastic view of the lake. All of us took some time between courses to escape into the outside, stroll across the sand that surrounded the lake, and watch in awe as the sun disappeared over the mountains.



I can only speak for myself, of course, but personally I'm somewhat devastated to realize that our little adventure is now coming to a close. I've had a fantastic week surrounded by fifteen hundred of the most brilliant young scientists in the world, and I'll be missing quite a few of them more than I'd like to think. INTEL has been an incredible experience, and one that I'm not likely to ever forget, and I'd imagine that my fellow Connecticut-ers feel the same.

