

June 8, 2011

Greetings in Christ!

We pray that your summer time will be a wonderful family experience! Enjoy God's creation and His plan of families supporting each other.

Creation and Life issues in the news: Genetic Stop Sign Halts Evolutionary Explanations by Brian Thomas, M.S. *

Fruit flies, the subject of over a century of intense investigation, have not ceased yielding secrets. In a study published in 1980, core fruit fly genes were altered, one by one, and the resulting plethora of dead flies proved that there was no "wobble room" to add the mutations that evolution would require.¹ Now, researchers have found another way to break the fly. But instead of removing any genes, they removed a genetic "stop" signal.

Genes are DNA sequences that code for proteins and comprise a small minority of the total DNA material in flies as well as humans. The fruit fly gene the researchers analyzed, named *polo*, actually has two stop signals. These mark the places on DNA that copying should stop, so that the resulting messenger RNAs and proteins end up the correct length.

It was suspected that the duplicated stop sign served as double insurance that the gene would be copied correctly. So, the investigators removed the second one, thinking it would prove to be superfluous.

However, "the results were surprising and more dramatic than they could have expected," according to a news release from the Portuguese Instituto de Biologia Molecular e Celular. Research team coordinator Alexandra Moreira said, "When we make the fly using only the first stop-signal the effect is lethal."² When the second stop signal was deleted, the fruit flies pupated with a malformed abdomen and the result was dead insects.

To read more, follow this link: <http://www.icr.org/article/6187/>

Nature Watch: Summer arrived big time this week with temps going over the 103 degree mark in many places throughout the state. It was well into the 90's up here. Such high temps can cause stress to new plants, young animals, and humans alike. The high water that we are experiencing has put some of our geese at risk. Those that are nesting near ponds close to roads, find themselves very close to road traffic because the water is higher. We've seen instances lately when those geese have been hit by drivers going too fast through those areas. Water temps are rising quickly and that should generate more panfish and bass activity for the fishermen.

Program Information: We are pleased to be hosting our Creation Photography and Arts event at camp this week. We'll look forward to sharing some of their photos with you through our Face book page and on the website.

Bulletin insert: Summer gardens can produce a bounty for your family. Make plans now to share the bounty of your garden with others. It's another way you can show God's love.

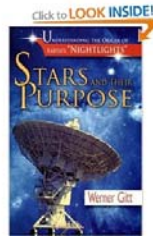
From the Task force: The Task Force had a good meeting on Monday, the 6th. Most of the members were in attendance. The Task Force was brought up to date on financing for the property. There was

also a discussion on programs and the level of income from new programs. They also heard a report on the probability of a new horse therapy program.

God's Word: "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." Matthew 7:13-14

Prayer List: 1.) Please gift thanks for the wonderful gifts we continue to receive. 2.) Give thanks for the blessings of our Task Force. 3.) Ask for God to lift up the additional gifts and investments we need to move forward. 4.) Please keep former staff members Mark and Allison Moldenhauer in your prayers as they both face significant surgeries. 5.) Continue to keep our C-SELC campers in your prayers.

Link of the week: <http://www.icr.org/>



Resource of the week:

Stars and their Purpose: Stars have fascinated men for centuries and provide many questions like, "How big is the universe?" and "Do the stars proclaim anything or are they merely 'amazing lights'?" Dr. Werner Gitt addresses these questions and more. 216 pgs paperback.

Question and Answer:

Question: Will there be other Photography Camps this year?

Answer: We're looking at the possibility of one this fall. We'll keep you posted.
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