

*Alburuj's  
news*

**NEWS AND NOTES.....**

We were saddened to learn of the death of CFD founder, John Shaw, on January 31 in Houston, TX where he was visiting his son. The Dispatch obituary states in part: "A proud native of Sheffield, England, he was educated in Sydney Sussex College, Cambridge University, where he ultimately received his Ph.D. degree. There he met Elizabeth 'Betty' Wroe, whom he married in 1949. They immigrated to Columbus, Ohio in 1949, where he joined the Physics Department of The Ohio State University. He taught physics and actively performed research in upper atmospheric spectroscopy at OSU until his retirement in 1988. He was one of the first physicists to establish the harmful effects of hydro-fluorocarbons on the earth's ozone layer, including a successful instrument research mission onboard the Space Shuttle Orbiter. He became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1974. He moved to Durham, NC in 2004, to be closer to his daughter."

**NEWS AND NOTES.....continued**

**MY TRIP TO CALIFORNIA.....**Alburuj Rahman

I am Alburuj Rahman in the 9th grade going to Metro High School. I was chosen among eight other students at Metro to attend a leadership conference in California. We were there for a week and stayed at Holiday Inn in San Jose on the first and last days. But during the rest of the trip we stayed at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco, where the conference and program were held. The boys stayed in one room, the girls in another room, and the teachers/parents got their own rooms.

During the conference we discussed several matters. We talked about equity, how students are being treated in schools, we analyzed the data from the surveys students took about school, and got to interact with students, teachers, principals, and more.

We visited many places as well. First, we went to China Town, then to the Ghirardelli Chocolate Factory and to the Golden Gate Bridge. We also rode on the cable cars and just walked around. Our first college visit was to the University of California in Berkeley. We had a tour of the campus and the main buildings here. We learned that Berkeley campus invented, and had three elements named after them; Lawrencium, Berkelium, and Californium.

After Berkeley we went to Sonoma College and had a tour as well. Then we went to Stanford University and walked around ourselves because we did not have a tour guide. At Berkeley and Stanford we saw many great science buildings and found out about the rivalry between them. We also heard many funny stories and things they do. It was a great experience and was definitely worthwhile.

**WORKSHOP PHOTO GALLERY**

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