

**#WINNING:** Students from Sacramento's Mira Loma High School and Carmel, Indiana's Creekside Middle School were the champions of the 2013 National Science Bowl. Mira Loma High School defeated a team from North Carolina by correctly describing which damaged cranial nerve would account for symptoms including facial muscle paralysis and an inability to wrinkle the forehead. <http://go.usa.gov/TmfP>



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH:** Acting Secretary Poneman was in Boulder, Colorado to announce the regional winners of the National Clean Energy Business Plan Competition. The winning team, "Inviroment" from Brigham Young University, created a technology that biodegrades all types of plastic found in landfills. Inviroment took home \$100,000 in prizes to help them turn their business plan into reality. <http://go.usa.gov/TmfG>



**WHIZ KIDS:** The Bonneville Power Administration recently retired their "RODS" computer system which came online in 1974. Back in the 1970s, BPA hired a couple of teenagers named Bill Gates and Paul Allen to help them write computer code for the new machines. <http://go.usa.gov/Tmfz>



**SNAP BACK TO REALITY, OH THERE GOES GRAVITY:** Researchers at LBNL and CERN are beginning to investigate how antimatter interacts with gravity:

<http://bit.ly/Ynknt8>



**CHAMPION OF CHANGE:** Michelle Racicot, a family nurse practitioner at Sandia, was one of 14 women recognized by first lady Michelle Obama as a Champion of Change during Women's History Month. Before coming to Sandia, Racicot served for 13 years as an Army nurse saving lives on the battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan.

<http://go.usa.gov/TmGC>



**MESSAGE IN A COFFEE CAN:** Two workers at Hanford got quite a surprise when they were preparing a building for demolition and found a time capsule from 1955. <http://go.usa.gov/TmGW>



**COLD BEER, HEALTHY PLANET:** A University of Washington climate scientist recently confirmed the secret to keeping your beer cool is keeping the bottle dry. The phenomenon at work – latent heat of condensation – is also central to better understanding climate change and weather patterns. Warmer air can hold more moisture affecting wind circulation and storm patterns. <http://bit.ly/12rpHrp>



**CONGRATULATIONS!:** The Department will receive 2013 Industrial Appreciation Award from the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering International in recognition of the Department's efforts to better estimate and understand the projects that we undertake.

...AND FINALLY: <http://bit.ly/ZpQpjw>

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