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## A wing & a slayer

### Exhibit shows how insects' evidence helps convict thugs

BY MICHAEL WHITE

THERE'S NO INTIMIDATING these eye-witnesses. Riding the coattails of the popular "CSI" television shows, the Hall of Science unveiled its newest exhibit Saturday, featuring the role of insects in forensic investigations.

"The challenge of a crime scene is figuring out what happened and in what sequence. Who did what to whom?" said the museum's director, Dr. Alan Friedman. "Through these creatures — insects — we have another set of eyewitnesses."

The traveling exhibit, titled "CSI: Crime Scene Insects" opened Saturday, two days before the press and a handful of lucky students were able to take a peek behind the curtain.

New York City Lab School student Benjamin Leno-vitz, 14, listed factoids he learned about maggots and flies from visiting the insect show, which runs through Sept. 10.

"They can burrow into 60% of the body in 10 hours," Benjamin said of maggots. "I learned the life cycle of the bug. And from pro-knowledge, they're annoying."

Not as annoying as one green bug was to a Texas killer.

According to the exhibit, crime scene investigators



At the "CSI: Crime Scene Insects" exhibit now showing at the Hall of Science, students from the New York City Lab School view a reproduction of a Grand Canyon murder scene.

in the Lone Star State helped convict a murderer after matching a three-legged grasshopper found at the crime scene to a grasshopper leg retrieved from the suspect's pant leg cuff.

"The fracture lines of the leg matched perfectly with the grasshopper found at the scene," the exhibit reads. In most cases, insects help investigators figure when and where a person was killed. For example, bodies found outdoors that contain insects commonly found indoors — or in another part of the country — might provide important information for forensic investigators.

Friedman called the carrion beetles, deaths head roaches, flies and maggots on display "little heroes."

"They've helped convict guilty people, and helped free innocent people," the museum director said. "So these are little heroes, and it's fun to see the real little heroes."

"They don't know it, of course. They just know that in the exhibit, they're being very well fed."

Benjamin simply thanked the creepy crawlers for getting him out of class. "This is fun science," he said. "Unlike in school."