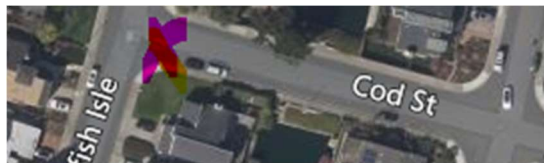# The Bowfin Inquirer

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Nightmare (Almost) on Bowfin Street

– by Jerry Lerman (344)

Many of you have probably seen me walking briskly around our blocks of Sailfish/Cod/Bowfin for about a half-hour. It's not quite every day that I do this, since sometimes I seek my exercise elsewhere (and sometimes I'm simply a 'bad boy'!), but I have almost always done it in broad daylight or at dusk.

A few weeks ago, thinking about how a neighbor had told me that he was taking his walks quite late at night, and how I'd neglected to get my walk in earlier, I tried out the idea of walking around 9 pm. I KNOW the streets, I figured, and what could go wrong?

It took only about 8 minutes for me to find out. I had covered Bowfin and was walking down Sailfish Isle, thinking of turning left onto Cod, but a lot of PG&E paraphernalia was clogging that sidewalk, so I opted to cross Cod to the other side of Sailfish.
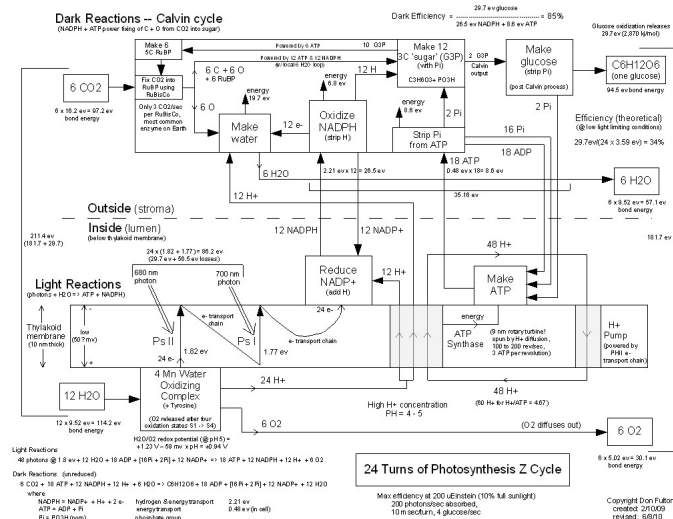

At the spot I've drawn the purplish "X", I was unable to make out in the darkness that PG&E had placed a green drain-blocking roll. I lifted my foot high enough to clear the normal curb but tripped on that roll and fell across the sidewalk, barely stopping my fall with my arms as my nose crashed onto the lawn. I was okay. Phew. Then I saw one of PG&E's **yellow flags** just barely to the left of me and realized I had come awfully close to being impaled on it! I immediately headed home. I now will be sticking to walking in DAYLIGHT!

Aaron's Answers

Top: The photosynthetic cycle Bottom: The Kinematics used to solve for variables related to an object's motion

$$v = v_0 + at \qquad \text{no } \Delta x$$
$$\Delta x = v_0 t + \tfrac{1}{2} a t^2 \qquad \text{no } v$$
$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a\Delta x \qquad \text{no } t$$
$$\Delta x = \overline{v}t = \tfrac{1}{2}(v + v_0)t \quad \text{no } a$$
$$\Delta x = vt - \tfrac{1}{2} a t^2 \qquad \text{no } v_0$$

Question: Is there something especially neat that you've learned in school this year that you can write a short summary about: a) what subject/class? b) what was the learning? c) did you have some mistaken idea about the topic prior to your learning? d) did others in your class have a similar reaction to the learning? e) do you think this learning will help you in your future life? -*Jerry*

Aaron's Answer: Since I learned a lot in this school year so far, I'll go one by one through my classes and say something I learned in them, if anything. My first class is Computer Programming. We started learning Python, and I'm glad we finally got to move on from