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Space aliens stealing of frogs!

VANISHING frage are making hood-lines around the world below, and a top UFO expert warns that spece | By JOHN STERM alians are taking them for research --and sating their young!

Frogs, toads vanishing

By ELLEN HALE **Gausett News Service**

LOS ANGELES - From a vitginal cloud forest in Costa Rica to he rich farmland of Oregon's Wil amette Valley, from rocky tidal pools in Lake Superior to the outback of Australia, frogs, toads and manders are disappearing.

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"I write about a dozen tickets a year IN H

Correspondent

A UFO researcher says space allens are wiping out the world's frog population because they eat tadpoles and use the mature creatures for research!:

The decline of frogs is a worldwide phenomenon that has repeatedly in some areas popula-been blamed on pollution tiens have declined as and the destruction of natuscientists report. ral habitat.

Walter Calne contends that the environmental explanation is all hogwash.

He further claims to have the evidence to prove that extraterrestrial hunters alone are wiping from out.

to himself!

before it's too late! much as 90 percent. "It's the only explanation that makes any

sense," said Caine, who

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They must

be stopped

- Walter Coin

eyewitnesses who have seen extra- where from grow and breed. poles all over the world.

Cop gives traffic ticket and credibility of all these with resider and credibility whow for a fact that And he has called on them to takmost of them are rock solid.

"Their independent descriptions of saucer-shaped UFOs and slender, inge-beaded space allens are un-cannity similar. And these people swear they saw the extraterrestrais stealing for the sain a solution of the sain a solution of the stealing out the same state of the sain a solution of the poles as a delicacy solution of the second of the same sain a solution of the sain a solution of the second of the same sain a solution of the same sain a solution of the same sain a solution solution of the same sain a solution of the second of the same sain a solution of the same sain a solution of the same sain a solution solution of the same sain a solution of the same sain a solution solution of the same sain a solution of the same sain a solution solution solution of the same sain a solution of the same sain a solution solution solution of the same sain a solution of the same sain a solution solution solution solution of the same sain a solution of the same sain a solution solution solution solution solution solution of the same same same solution s sizaling from and esting tadpoles." |ing with our from," said Calme-

founded the California-based re- comment on Calne's theory and re search group, Extraterrestrial To- port but conceded that American and other governments are investi

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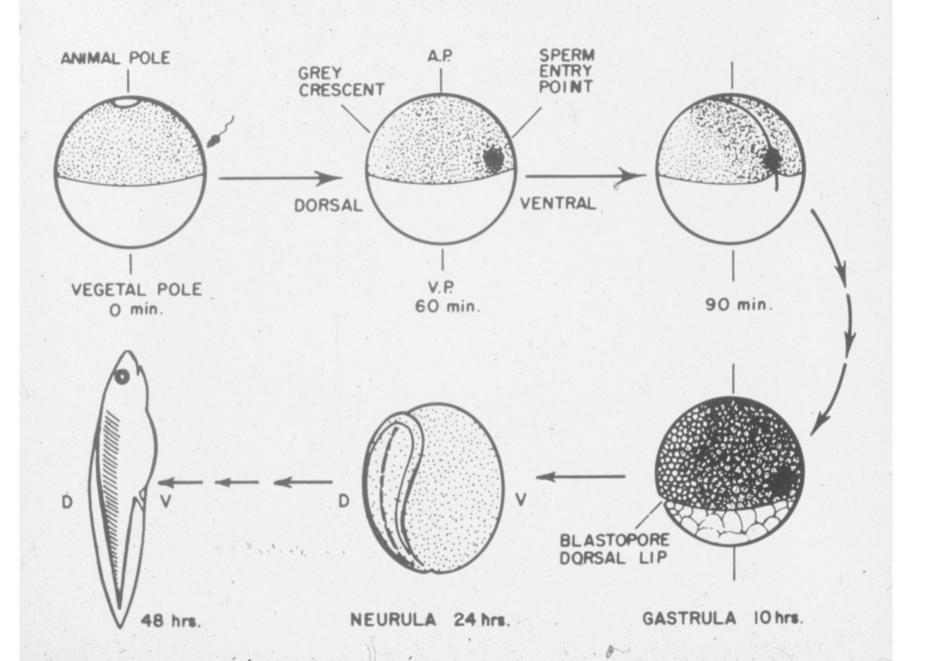
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ESTABLISHMENT OF EMBRYONIC AXES IN XENOPUS



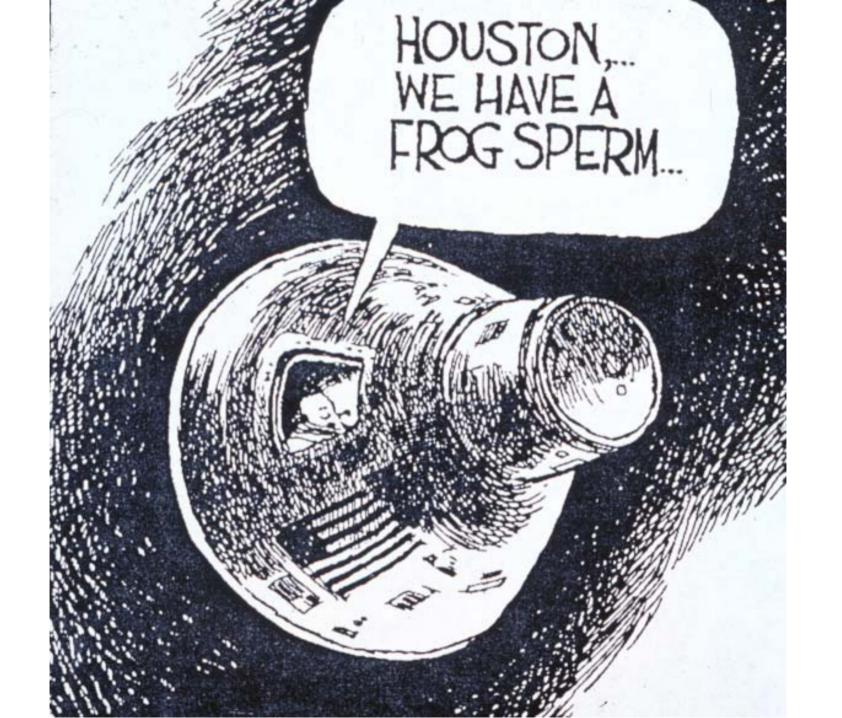


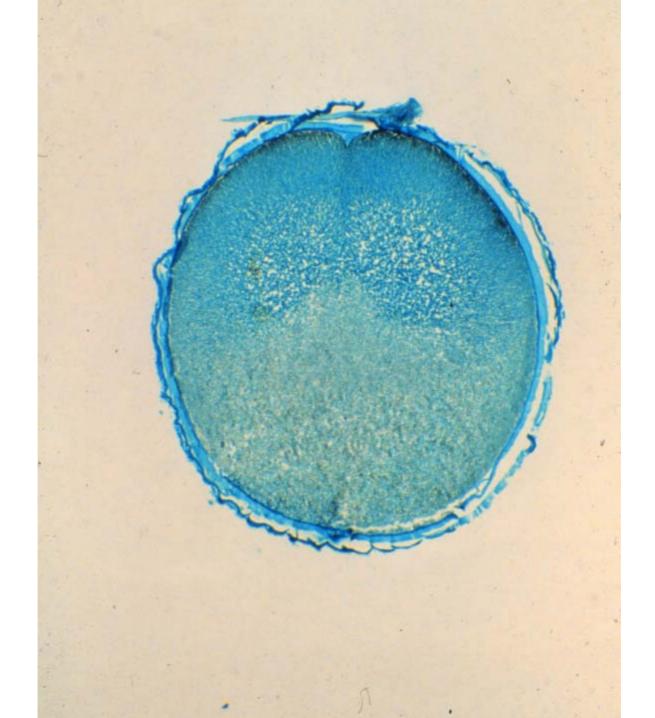


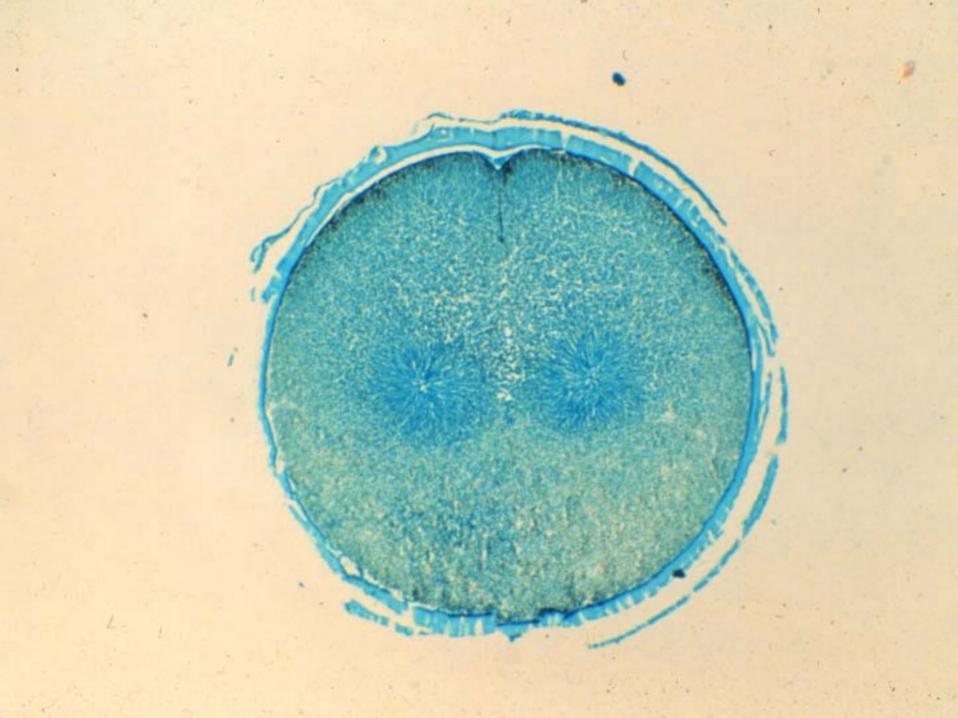


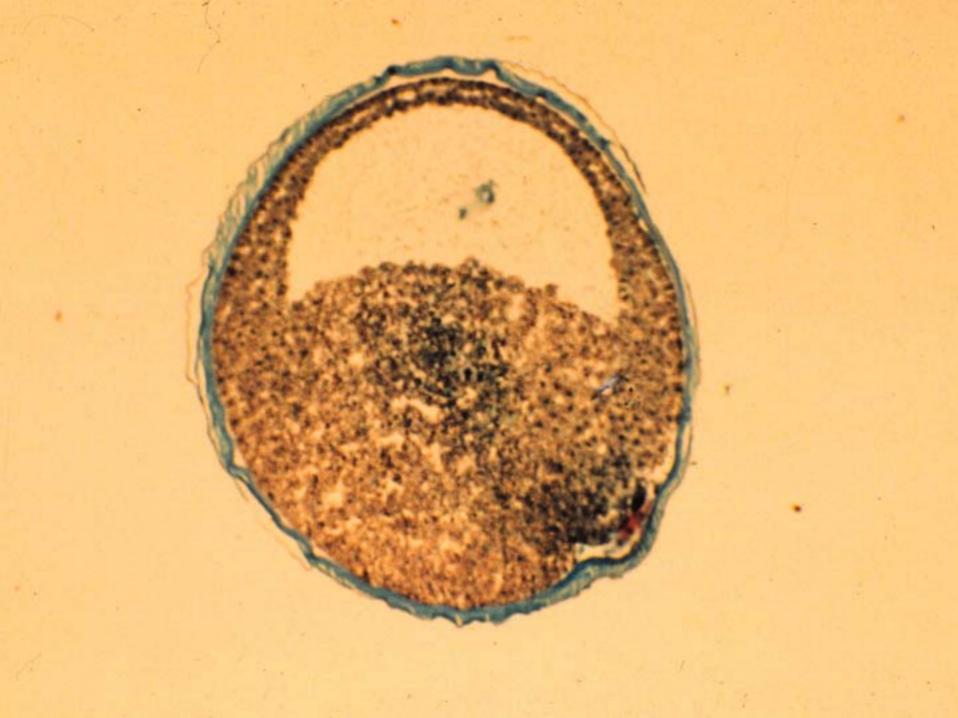


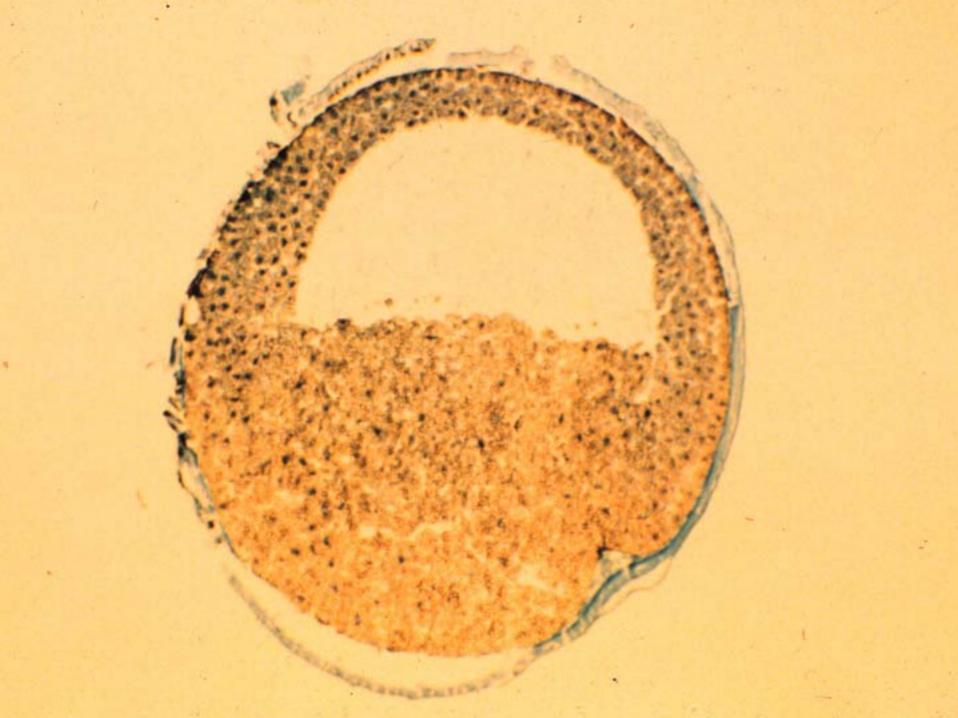


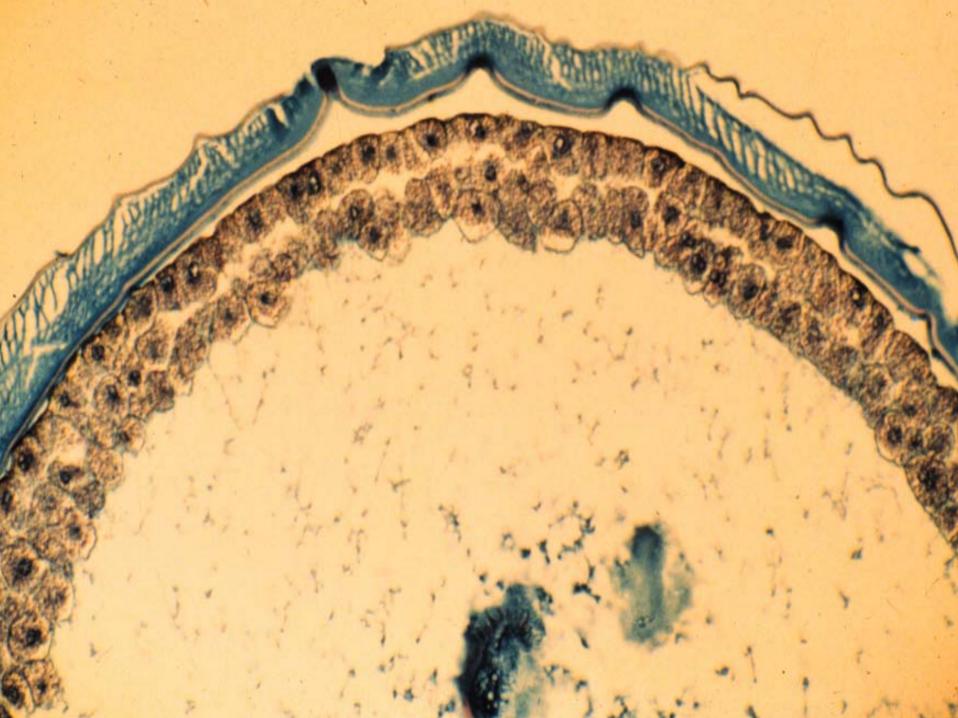


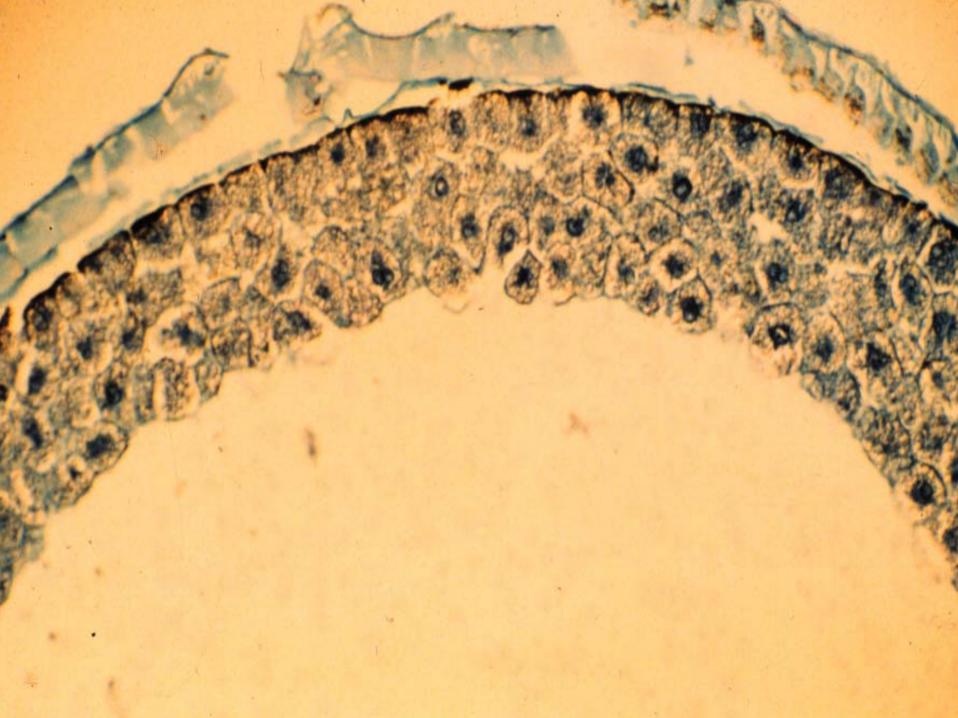




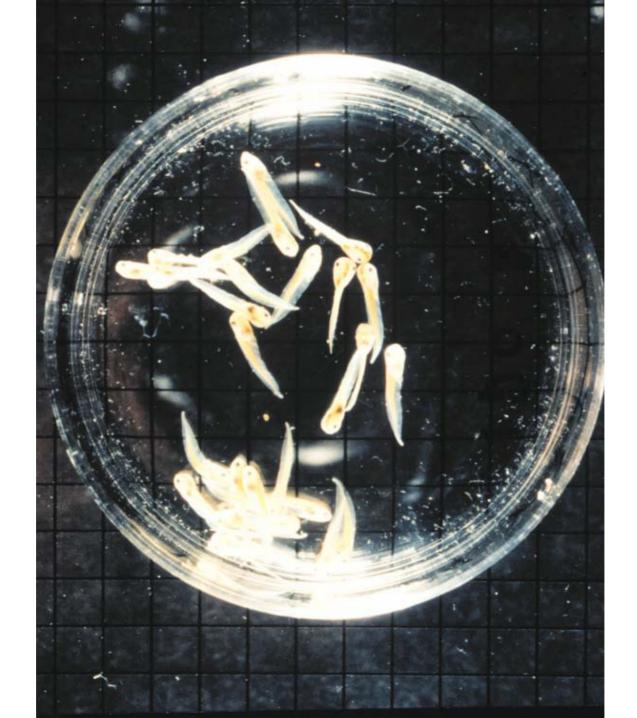




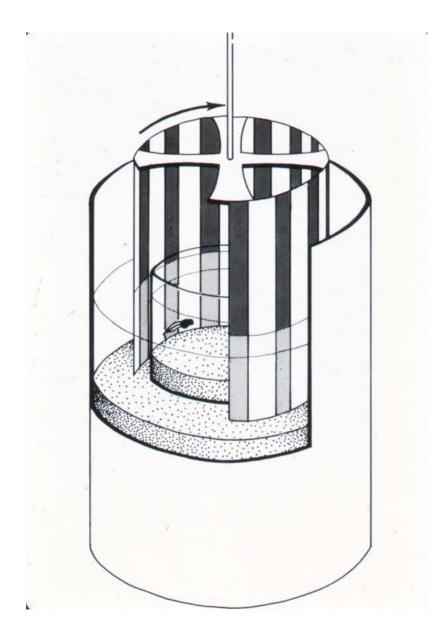




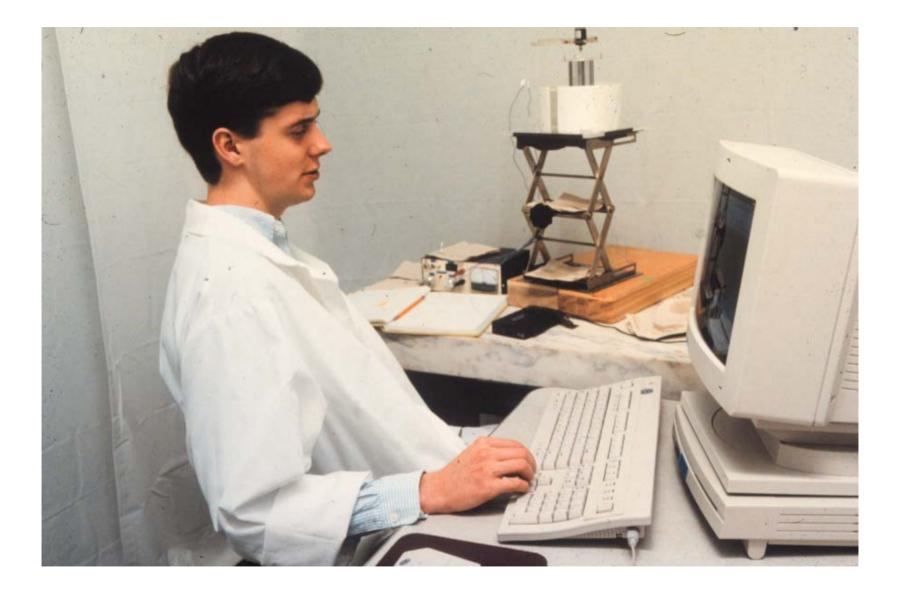


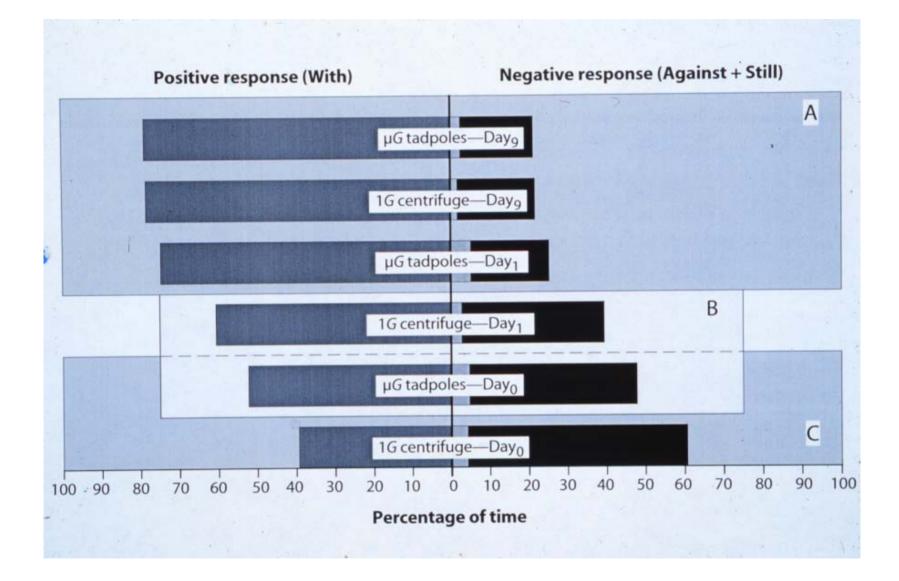


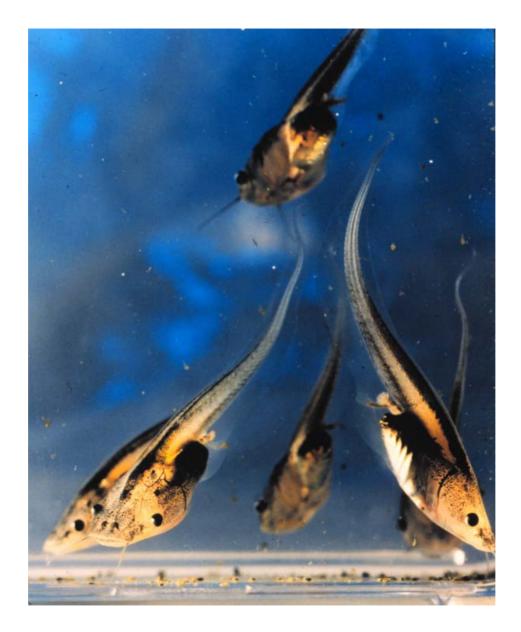






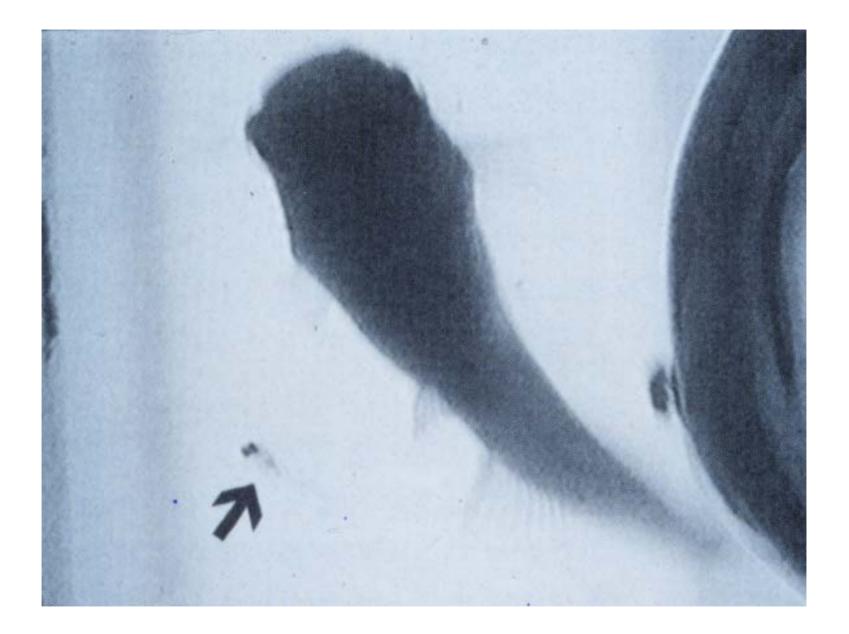


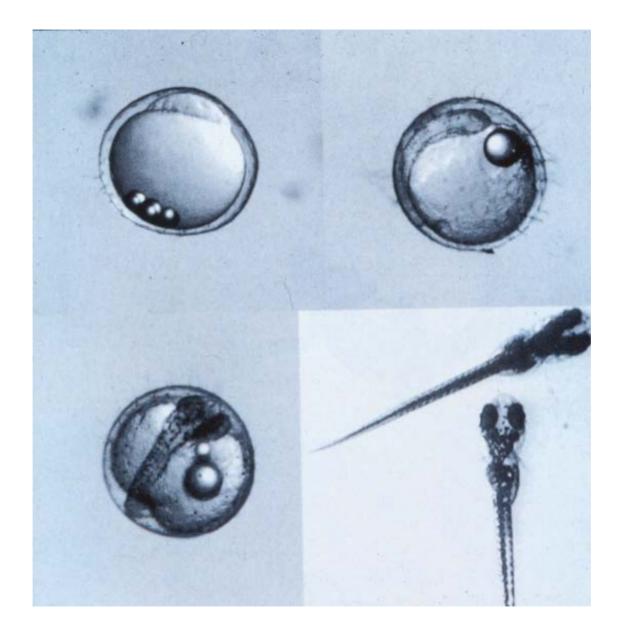




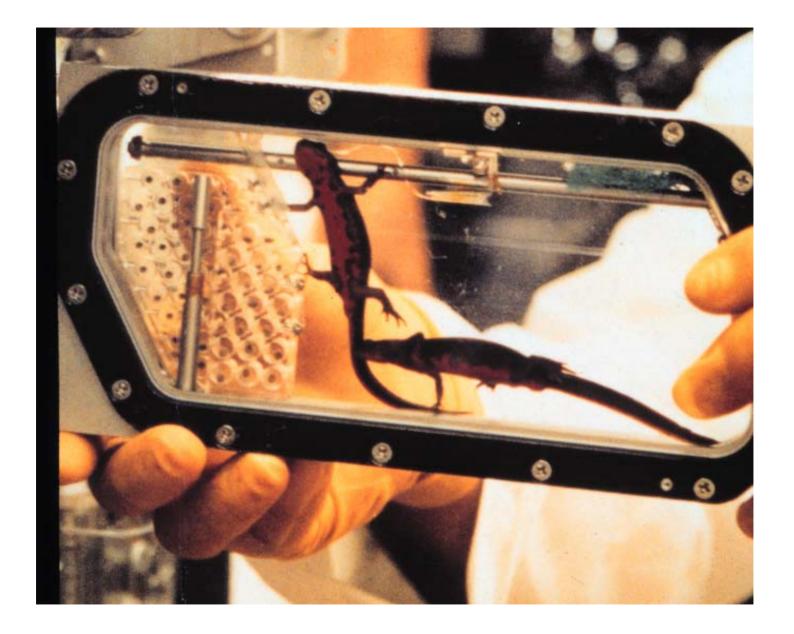


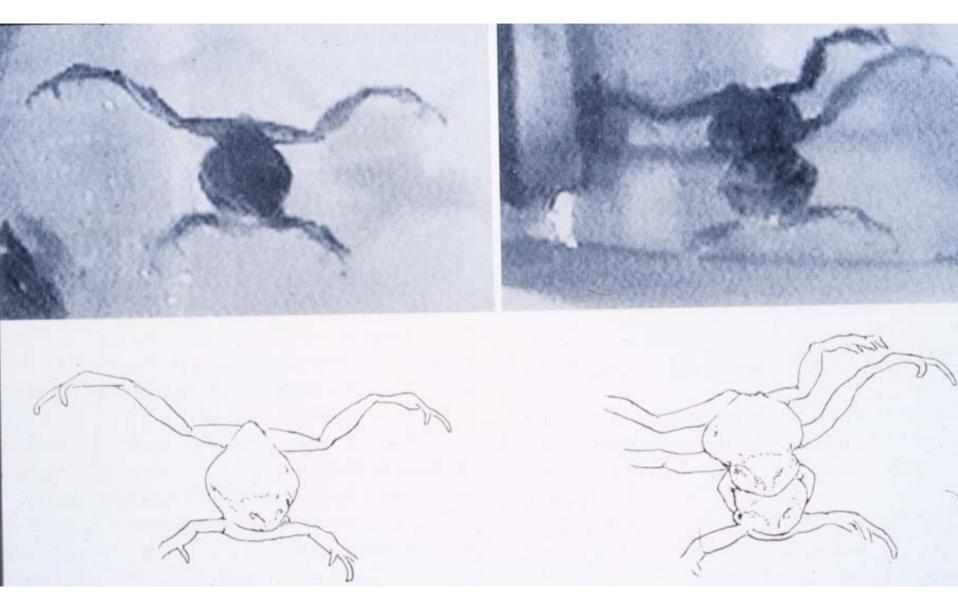


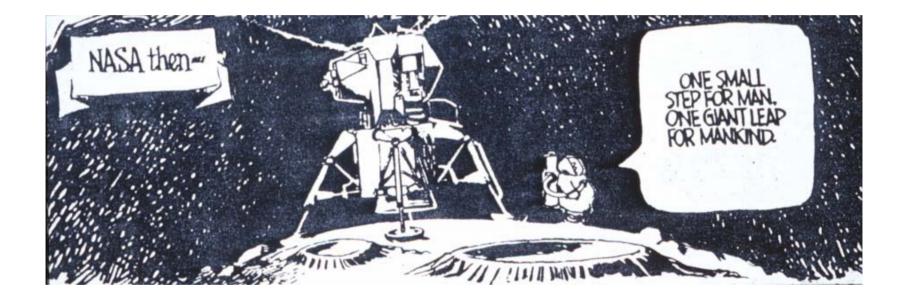


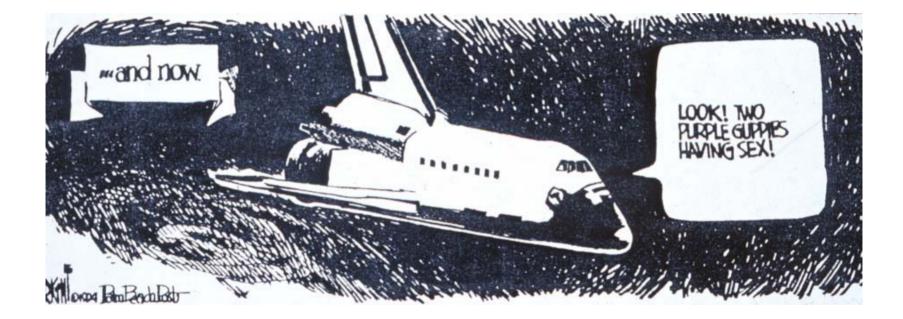






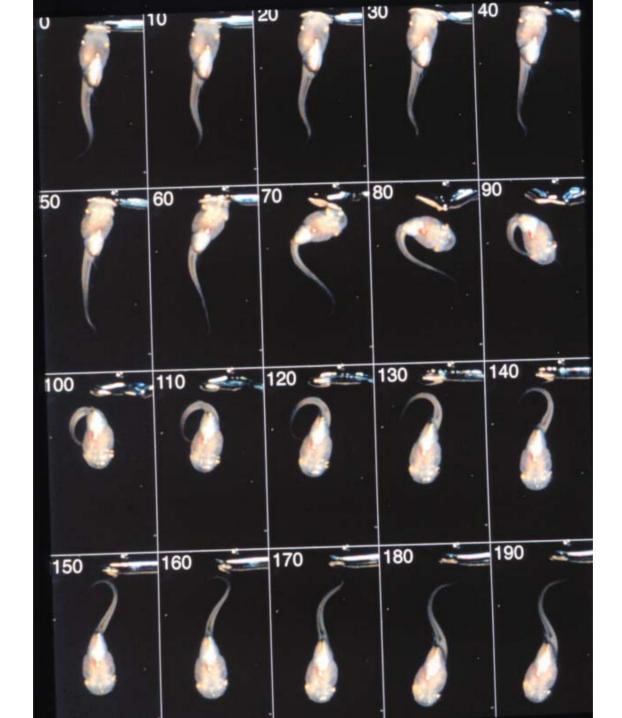


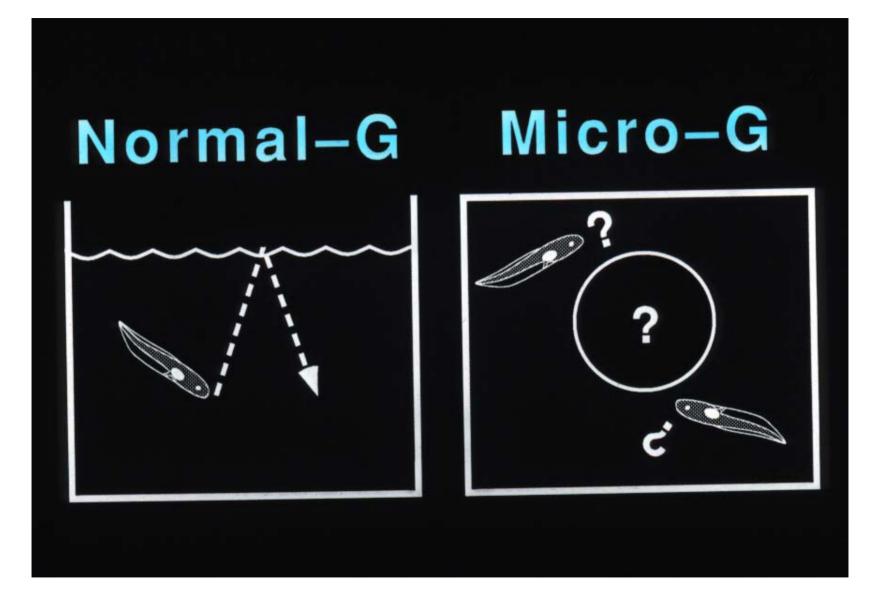




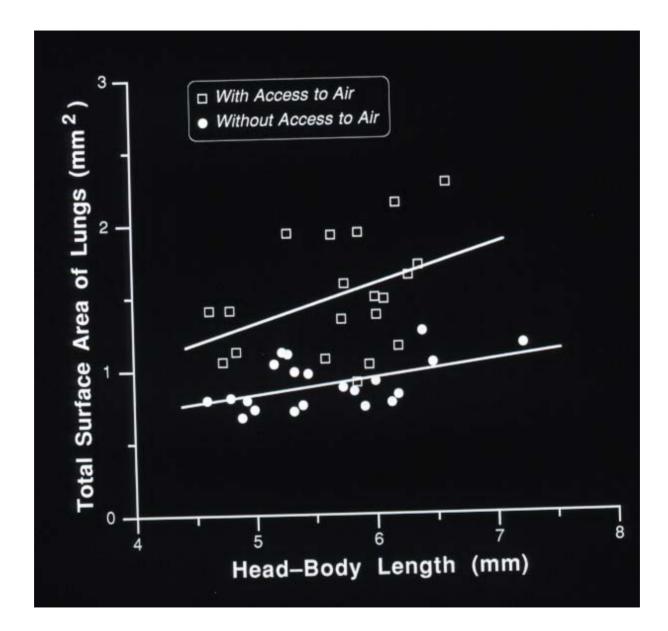


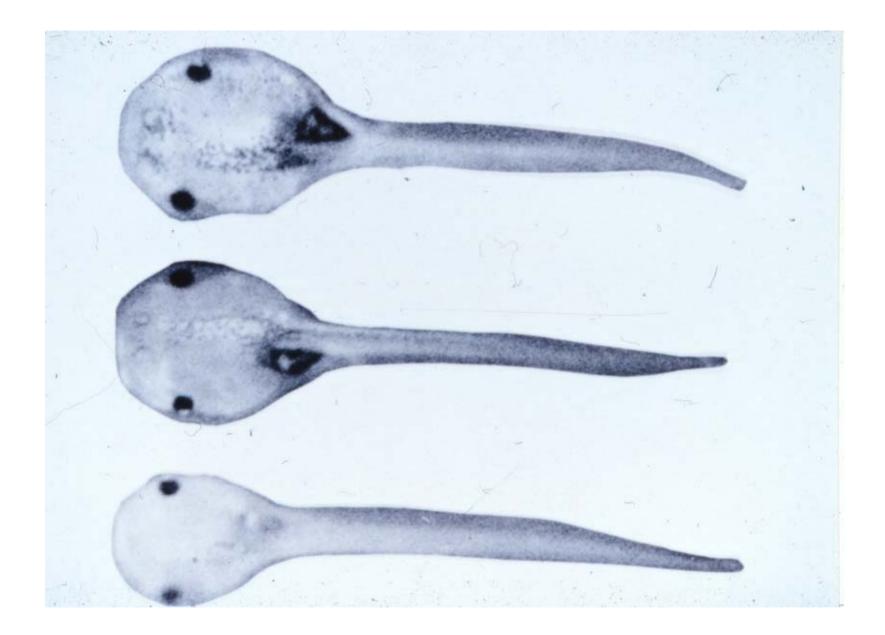


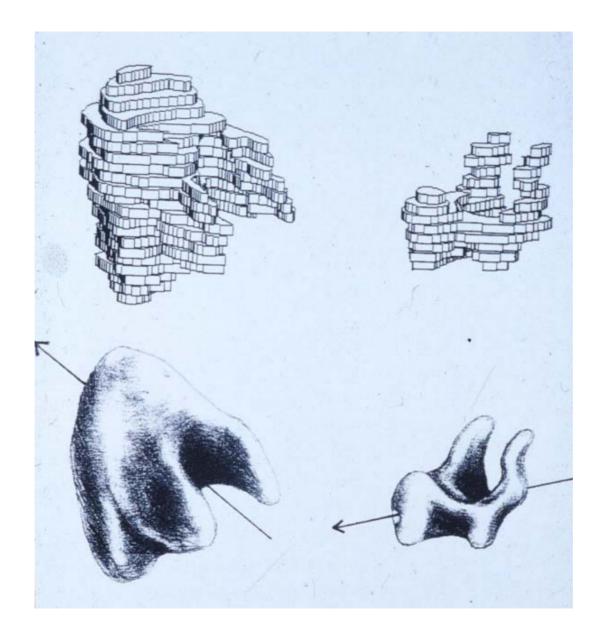


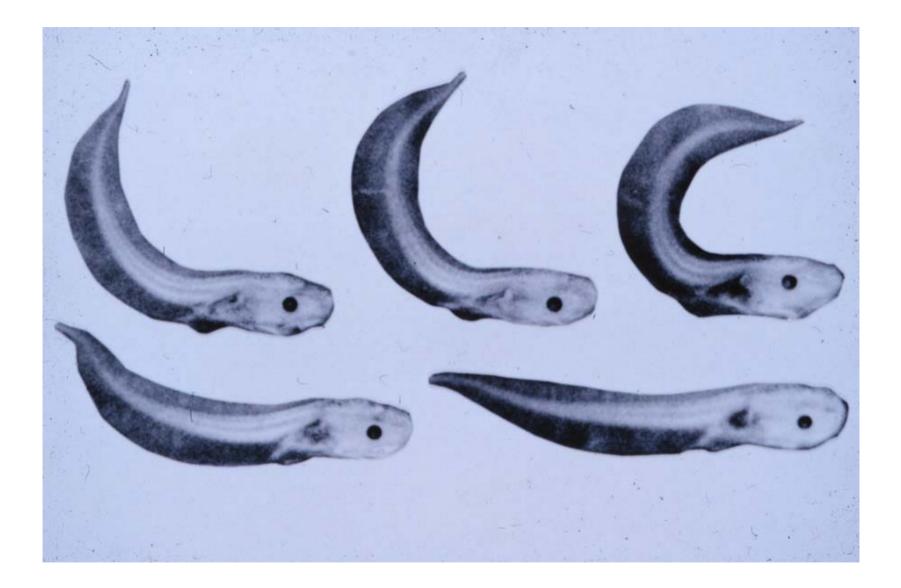


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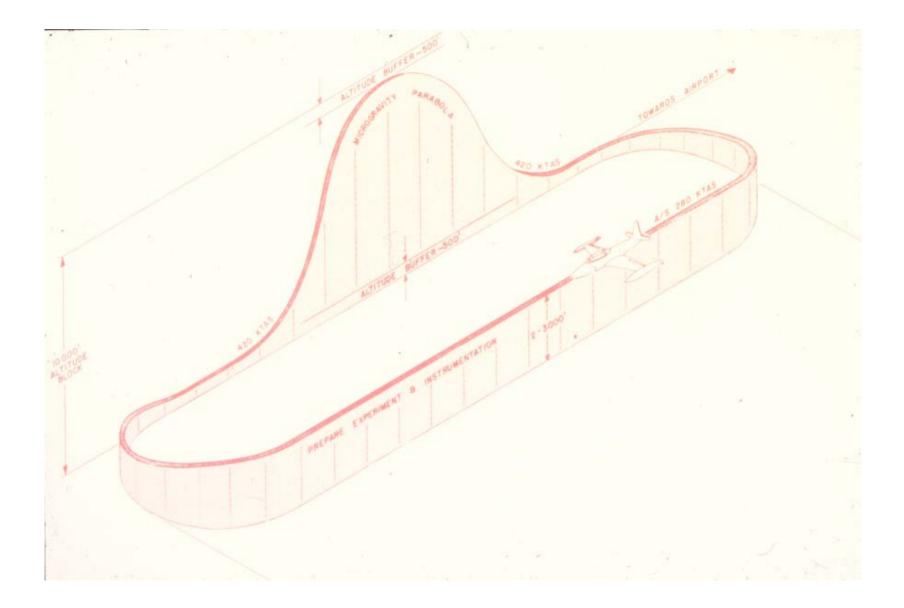


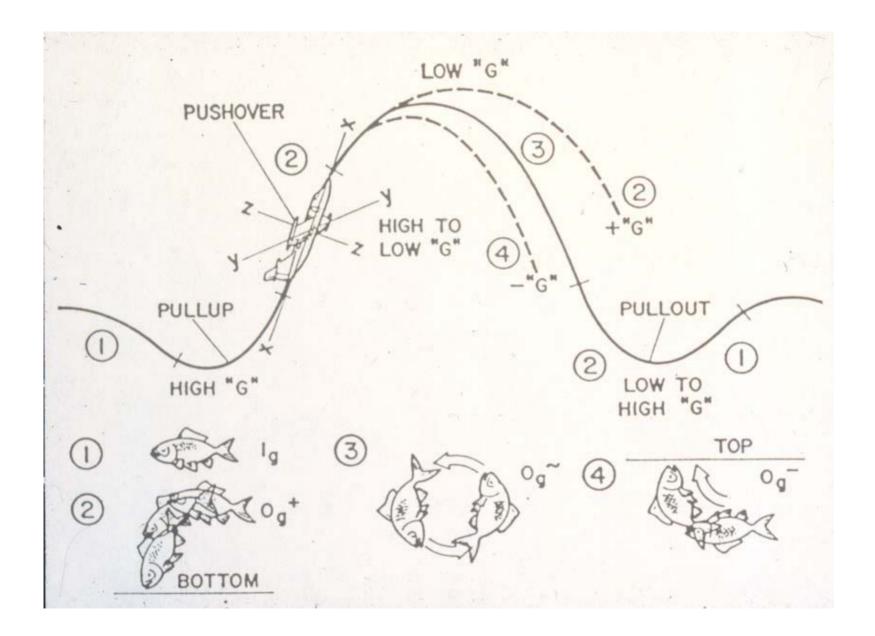
















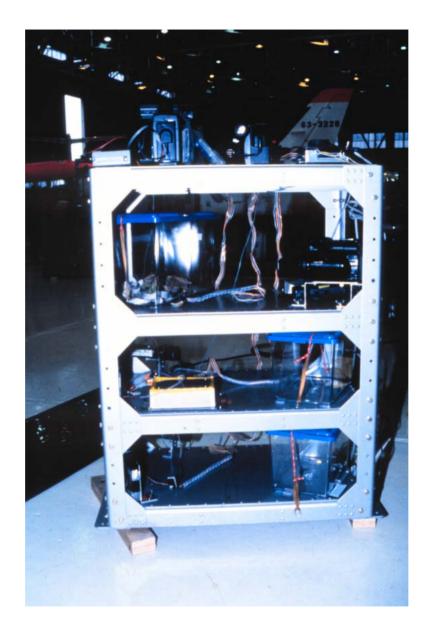






FIG. 2. A video image of a pond turtle, *Mauremys japonica*, in microgravity. Note the hyper-extension of the neck and the asymmetric dorsal deviation of the extended limbs. The same hyper-extension of head and limbs is used by *M. japonica* in normal gravity to generate torque through its long axis and thus to right itself when upside-down by rolling over. The video image has been computer enhanced as in Fig. 1.

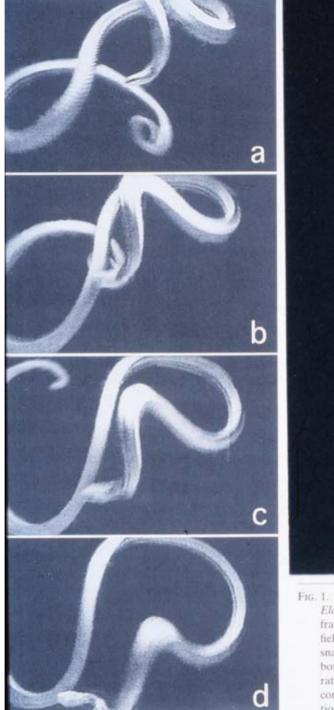
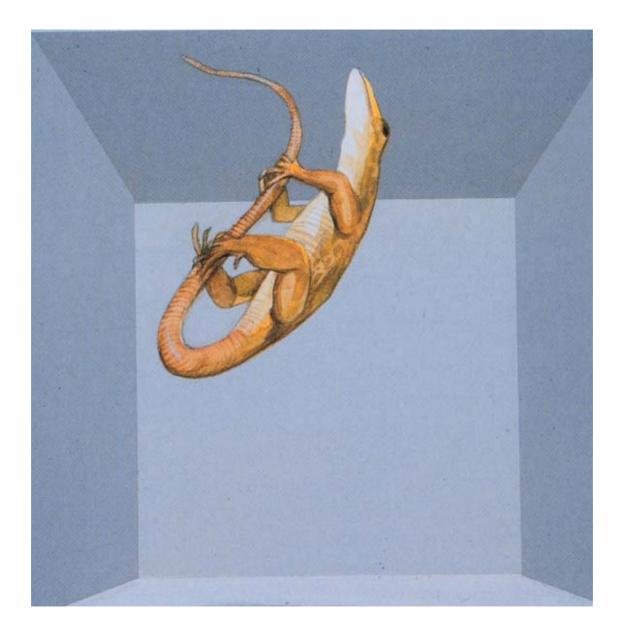




FIG. 1. Four sequential video frames of the rat snake *Elaphe quadrivirgata*, in microgravity. In the first frame (a) the snake's head is in the middle of the field. In the subsequent two frames (b, c), the snake's snout strikes its body then descends to the bottom left of the field (d). The frames are separated by 20 msec. The video images have been computer enhanced to remove extraneous reflections from the container's walls.









AMPHIBIA

Gymnophiona

Ichthyophiidae Ichthyophis kohtaoensis Caeciliidae Dermophis mexicanus Typhlonectidae Typhlonectes sp.

Caudata

Hynobiidae Hynobius nebulosus Salamandridae Cynops pyrrhogaster

<u>Anura</u>

Pipidae Xenopus laevis Hylidae Hyla japonica Hyla hallowellii Ranidae Rana rugosa Rana nigromaculata **Bufonidae Bufo** marinus Leptodactylidae Lepidobatrachus budgett *Ceratophrys* sp. *Ceratophrys* sp. Rhacophoridae Rhacophorus schlegelii

REPTILIA

<u>Testudines</u> Bataguridae *Mauremys japonica Cuora amboinensis* Emydidae *Trachemys scripta*

Squamata Colubridae Elaphe quadrivirgata Elaphe obsoleta Elaphe bairdi Thamnophis sauritus *Heterodon platyrhinos* Amphisbaenidae Geocalamus acutus Leposternon microcephaleur Anguidae Ophisaurus ventalis Agamidae *Phrynocephalus* sp. Lacertidae Lacerta viridis Lacerta agilis

Iguanidae Anolis carolinensis Iguana iguana Sternocerus empetrus Tropiduridae Leiocephalus personatus Leiocephalus shreibersi Scincidae *Pygomeles braconnieri* Isopachys gyldenstolpei Chalcides ocellatus Scincella lateralis Pygopodidae Lialis jicari Gekkonidae Palmatogecko rangei Stenodactylus sthenodactylus Tarentola chazaliae Uroplatus guentheri Uroplatus henkeli *Eublepharis macularius* Hemitheconyx caudicincus Phelsuma laticauda

Motion Sickness?

- All of the animals were provided with food prior to the flight, although not all of them ate the food.
- None of the animals vomited.
- Two possible reasons for this are...
 - The animals did not eat so their stomachs were not full.
 - The amphibians and reptiles have a weaker vomiting response to weightlessness than mammals.

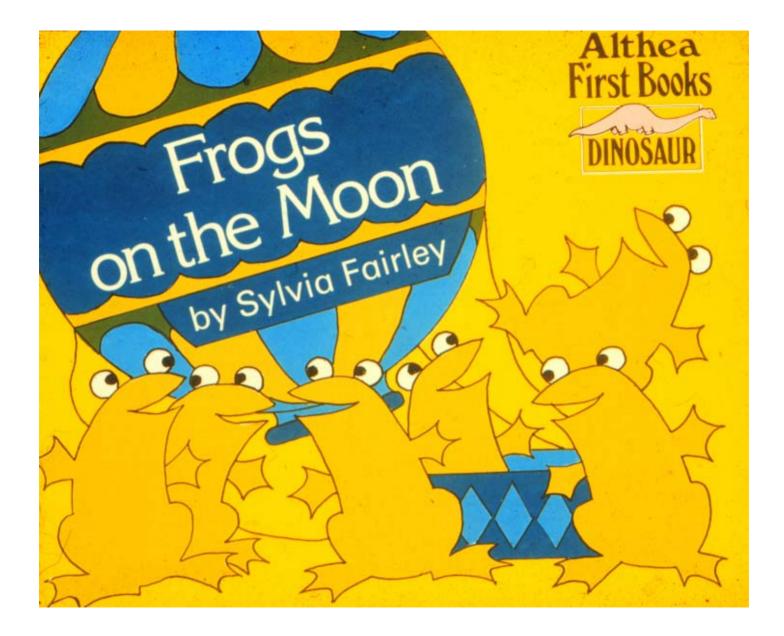
Other Conclusions

- Animals with similar ecology generally show similar responses; e.g., snakes versus fossorial limbless lizards.
- Flexible and limbed lizards are more likely to roll and rotate in micro-g.
- However, geckos as a family all show reduced rates of rolling in micro-g. Many show "sky-diving" postures in micro-g—even those that are ground dwelling. This may related to their common evolutionary history as a primarily arboreal family of lizards.

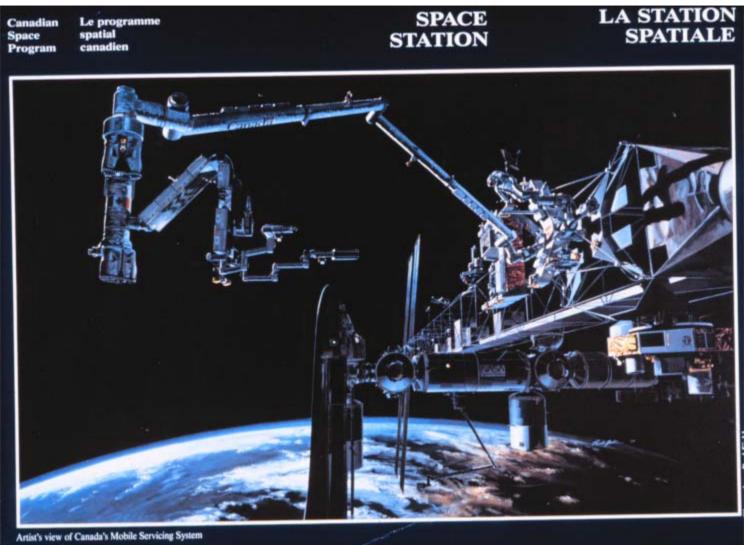
General Conclusions

- There is much variation in how animals react to micro-g...
 - Ecology matters.
 - Phylogeny can also matter.
- Implications to selecting "model" species: for space flight experiments.









Le système d'entretien mobile (conception d'artiste)





