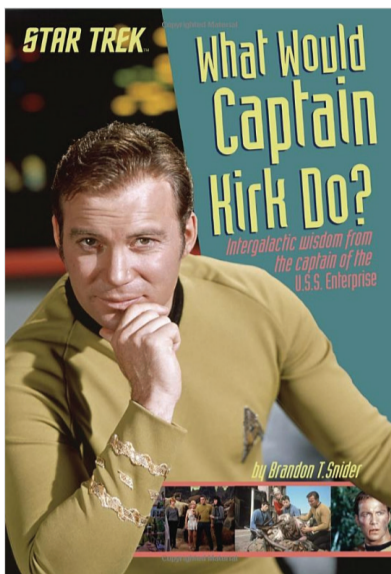




CK Reporter of the Week
Terra Dundon, Elizabeth

Trek on down to the bookstore!



"Star Trek: What Would Captain Kirk Do?" by Brandon T. Snider and "Star Trek Starfleet Logbook" by Jake Black are being released the same year as the 50th anniversary of the television show Star Trek, which first aired in 1966.

The first book includes "intergalactic wisdom from the captain of the U.S.S. Enterprise," and is a book about a Star Trek commander and his top-notch advice.

Most people who have watched the older "Star Trek" movies and original TV show would like this because they would understand it.

Some of the advice is actually useful, like "Don't just be a leader, be a friend" and some of the other advice is just plain silly and funny like "There are always consequences to time

travel. Always."

Captain Kirk also lets out some very funny wisdom such as "There's a time and place for impish behavior; it's called childhood."

Anyone who likes advice -- especially intergalactic advice -- would love this book. On every page, a new piece of advice appears.

I enjoyed the colorful pictures on all of the pages, though, since I have not seen many Star Trek TV episodes or movies, I did not understand all of the references in the book.

This book is a mere 80 pages, so it is a quick, easy read. You really wish there were more.

The "Star Trek Starfleet Logbook" is more of a work book. It asks on its front cover "Find out if you have what it takes to rise through the ranks of Starfleet!"

It has many pages that you can journal on. It also has puzzles including connect the dots, mazes, creative writing pages, coded messages that you interpret, and sudoku to name a few.

This book is a bit longer with 102 pages and has an answer key in the back.

This second book would be great for travelling on vacation. It took a while to go through all of the activities.

It had a variety of difficulty levels with some activities being pretty easy and others more challenging.

I enjoyed both books and feel that they go together rather well. These books seem to be aimed at 10-15 year olds.



By Ben Vanourek,
11, a CK Reporter
from Littleton

Reality and dreams blur in fantasy novel

"Thornghost" begins with a young farm boy named Niklas, who often thieves from the surrounding farms, which he used to do with a girl named Lin, though she moved to the city.

But not everything is as it seems.

A terrifying beast is prowling the nearby forest, killing without mercy. No one has even gotten a good look at the thing.

And mysterious new facts about his mother's death and past are resurfacing, leading Niklas to a curious talking lynx he named Secret, and to believe that the beast is something out of his own imagination brought to life.

After finding a portal to another world, one of a child's imagination, he and Secret uncover a plot driven by the evil Sparrow King's madness for revenge and attempt to stop him from killing the few survivors of the violence that occurred when the Nightmares took over.

Now the Nightmares, the Sparrow King and a troll witch named Rafsa at their head, are trying to take over the human world, too.



Can Niklas, Secret, and their newfound friends stop the invaders and uncover the terrible secret of the Sparrow King, the dog Sebastifer, and Erika, Niklas's own mother?

Read the book to find out.

The line between reality and dreams is blurred in this epic novel where one learns of true courage, meaningful sacrifice, and the infinite power of love itself.

Tone Almhjell has also written the book "The Twistose Key."

It and "Thornghost" share a character and have many of the same plot twists, though you do not have to read them in any particular order.



By Sylvia Goodman,
11, a CK Reporter
from Centennial

Learning how to go about really wishing well



The Seventh Wish by Kate Messner started out with an Irish-stepdance-loving girl named Charlie, whose sister has started to act a little weird.

After she has stomach problems, Charlie's older sister Abby, has to take a trip to the hospital.

Once they run some tests on her they find that she has been using heroin, which is an addicting drug.

Meanwhile, Charlie has missed a huge *feis*, a big Irish dance competition, because of the hospital visit that she has to go to for Abby.

Abby is then advised to go to a camp where addicts go to improve their health and try to stop using drugs.

During the time that Abby is at camp Charlie goes fishing and comes across an emerald eyed fish that talks and that says it will grant her seven wishes if she lets him go back to where he belongs.

But Charlie finds that there are some consequences to the wishes.

For instance, when she wishes for her friend to be good at basketball tryouts, she forgets to wish for him to be good during the actual game.

With her seventh, and last wish, Charlie risks it all to help her sister.

Will it work? Will her sister ever get better?

This book is recommended for kids 8-10 but I would recommend this for someone older, or at least mature enough to read about heroin and other drugs.

I would give this book five stars. It had great describing words and never left me hanging at the end of a chapter.



By Ella McAnally,
11, a CK Reporter
from Aurora



Love to Write?

Apply to be a Colorado Kids Reporter!
It's fun and there are cool perks

Get all the details at ColoradoNIE.com today!
Or email dplewka@denverpost.com

Ancient photojournalists aid science

The familiar American bison, what we often call a "buffalo," has an older cousin in Europe, known as, of course, a European bison, but also as a wisent.

Wisents are only found in nature preserves today, but they once roamed Europe, and they, in turn had older relatives as well.

The "steppe bison" was an ancient form of the animal that lived in Europe and North America within the last million years, and that timing is important.

Paleontologists have wondered about the connection between the extinct steppe bison and today's wisent, because it wasn't clear.

Researchers from Australia's University of Adelaide had a number of bones from steppe bisons, and they were puzzled when the DNA from those bones did not match up with wisent DNA as, if it were simply evolution, they would expect it to.

They began to suspect that the wisent might be the result of a cross between a steppe bison and an auroch, an ancient and not terribly friendly type of cattle. But that seemed unlikely.



AP photo/Bernd Thissen

There are times when two different animals mate, but, first of all, it's usually because people have caused them to.

Second, the resulting hybrid is usually infertile. That is, it cannot have children.

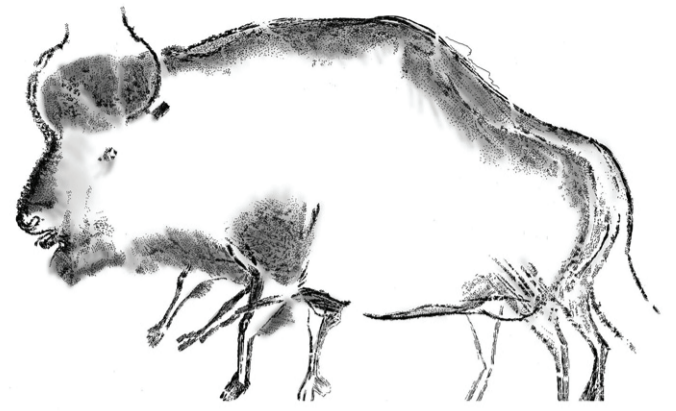
Crosses mostly made for circuses, like "tigelons" (tiger/lion), would be examples of these, but so would common and useful hybrids like mules.

So even if steppe bisons and aurochs somehow got together, it seemed unlikely the result would be a new animal that, 120,000 years later, would be a successful species.

If only someone had been there with a camera! This is where that timing comes in: By the time wisents appeared on the scene, cave people were around to record the fact, not on film but on walls.

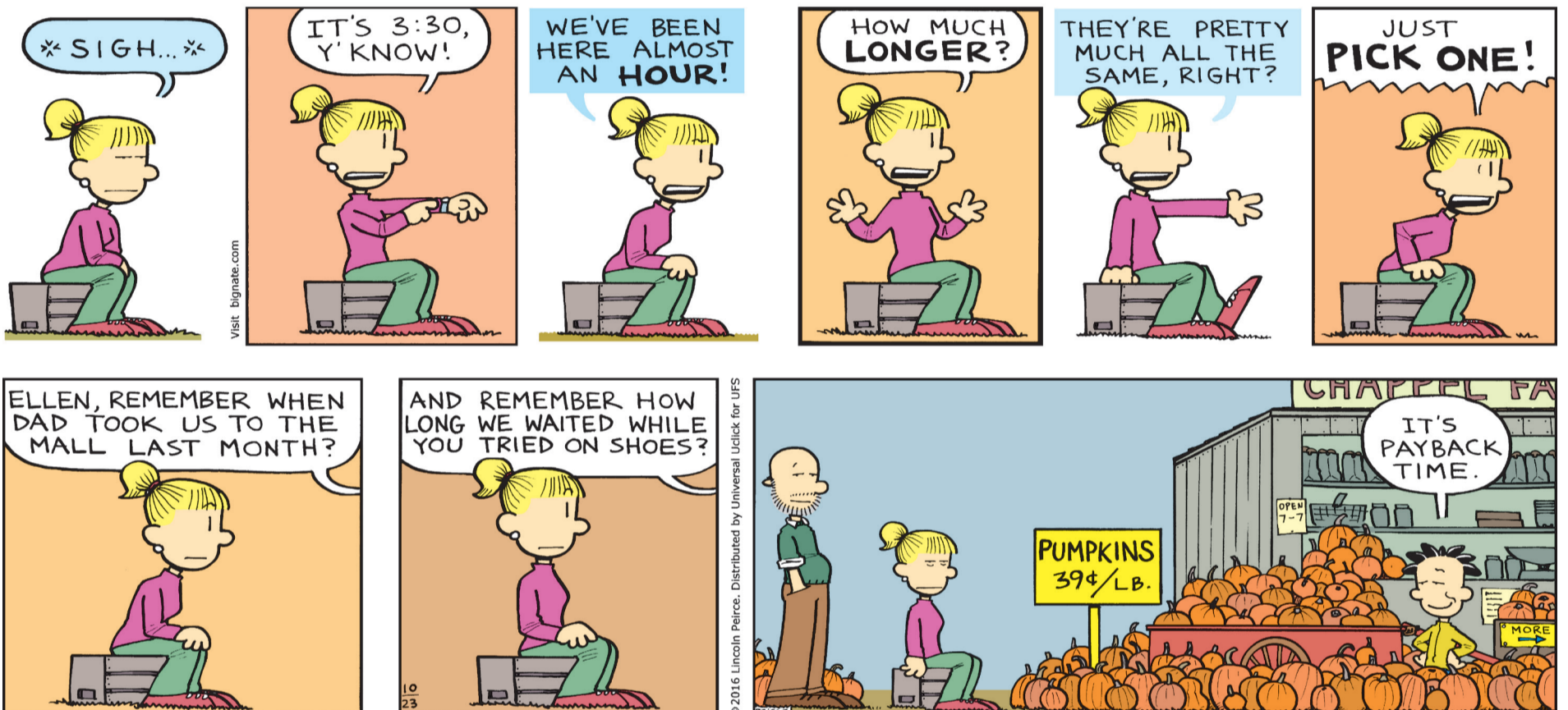
The image at right, above, is from an ancient cave painting, and shows a steppe bison (running!). The lower one shows a wisent, and additional paintings depict aurochs, with their distinctive horns.

The cave paintings, paleontologists realized, showed each animal at the right time to help confirm how the modern wisent had come about.



images/ Carole Fritz, Gilles Tosello /University of Adelaide

Big Nate



Sudoku

	5				
			3		2
2		1			
		4		1	
			1		3
4		3			

Rules: Every row across, every column down and each of the six smaller boxes must contain numerals 1,2,3,4,5 and 6, one time and one time only.
The solution to this week's puzzle is on Page 4.



Brainteaser

Katheryn Elizabeth Hudson turns 32 today, so our answers will all begin with the letter "P."

1. Katheryn Elizabeth Hudson performs under a combination of her nickname and her mother's maiden name. What is that last name?
2. The only nation on the Iberian Peninsula that begins with "P"
3. Founder of Colorado Springs, his statue is in the intersection in front of the high school that bears his name.
4. Author of "A Single Shard," "Long Walk to Water" and "The Kite Fighters"
5. The mild red pepper that gets cut up and stuck in the middles of green olives
6. Aspen is the seat of this more-than-mile-high county
7. Marionette who wanted to become human, and whose nose grew when he lied
8. French hunting dog whose fancy haircut protects its joints from cold water
9. Comic strip that features Snoopy
10. A Fourteener in the San Isabel National Forest, an Ivy League college in New Jersey
(answers on Page Four)

Millions of cavities could be prevented with fast, easy sealants

Dental sealants -- a simple coating applied to permanent teeth -- can cut a child's chances of cavities by 80 percent for two years and 50 percent over four years.

They're fast and easy to apply. It's merely a matter of painting the material on, and the benefits in dental health are enormous.

Oral health isn't simply a matter of bad breath or keeping teeth strong. When teeth hurt, children may miss school, and oral infections can allow disease into the body.

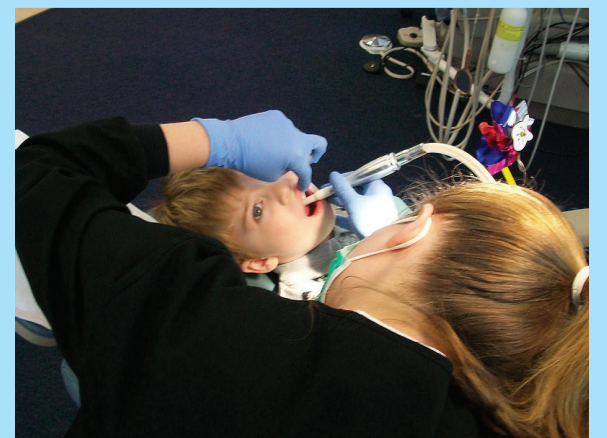
But the Center for Disease Control says that fewer than half of American kids get dental sealants, and the problem is particularly bad for children from

families with low incomes, where regular dental care may seem like a luxury they just can't afford.

Kids from poor families are twice as likely as kids from affluent families to have tooth decay that is not being treated, according to the CDC.

The CDC has been urging schools to bring dental professionals in for check-ups and sealants, to keep kids healthy and to cut back on the number of cavities and other dental problems they have.

Sealants last about nine years, and if these programs could reach 7 million poor kids, they would save \$300 million in dental costs, according to the CDC, which is urging parents to make sure their schools offer the treatments. **photo/Jenlarrine**



Beyond These Pages!

Hot Links to Cool Sites!

NASA's Space Place

<http://tinyurl.com/ckspace>

NIE Special Report

<http://tinyurl.com/ckniereport>

Headline Geography

<http://tinyurl.com/ckgeography>

Pulse of the Planet

<http://tinyurl.com/ckpulseplanet>

How to become a NextGen Reporter!

<http://tinyurl.com/colokidsreporter>



To read the sources for these stories

Prehistoric Bison

Dental sealants

go to <http://www.tinyurl.com/ckstorylinks>

From Seneca Falls to the Voting Booth

Chapter Five: More Women Join the Struggle

Emanicipation of the slaves was only one change the Civil War had brought about. Though they still did not have the vote nationwide, women had gained a great deal from the efforts they had made during the war.

A lot of women had taken on new tasks and responsibilities when their husbands went off to war. In addition to doing more tasks at home that men had done, many had to find ways to earn more money than the army paid their husbands, working either in stores and factories or in their homes.

Some also became volunteers, supporting the war effort in their own communities or going off to serve as nurses or in other ways.

A few women, like Clara Barton and Dorothea Dix, became well-known, made powerful friends through their service in the war, and came away with new knowledge of how to serve the public good. And many, many other women who never became famous were still more confident in themselves because of what they had done during the war.

Their experiences at home, in Washington or at the battlefields, would become a spark for several important social movements.

One of these was the Temperance Movement. There had long been small church groups that were opposed to alcohol, and some of them were able to get laws passed in their communities, controlling alcohol or even making it illegal.

But in 1873, the Women's Christian Temperance Union was founded, a national group dedicated to the goal of ending drunkenness and alcoholism in American society.

Alcohol abuse was not just a religious matter. It was also a serious issue for women.

Though the laws about marriage had improved, a woman married to an abusive alcoholic, or to someone who simply wasted the family's money on drink, had little chance of a decent life for her family. Since she was not permitted in most places to have her own bank account, he could spend every penny the family had.

And while there were some laws to protect women against physical abuse, they were not very strong and they were often ignored.

It was also very hard to get a divorce. If a husband was violent when he drank, or wasted all their money, there was little a woman could do to protect herself and their children.

The WCTU worked not only to ban alcohol, but on other women's issues like poverty, unfair pay and bad working conditions.

And very early in the group's existence, a woman stepped up to lead the WCTU who believed that, to make real progress, women must be able to vote.

Frances Willard took over the presidency of the WCTU and made suffrage a major part of the group's effort. Suddenly, the suffragists had a large, powerful and dedicated group to help as they went from state to state, trying to win referenda that would give women the vote.

But if the WCTU brought energy and volunteers to the struggle, it also brought some powerful enemies: Companies that made beer and liquor realized that, if women were allowed to vote, new laws could put their business at risk.

The subject of women's suffrage was touchy enough that state legislatures were often unwilling to vote on it themselves, but suffragists in those states could work to get a referendum on the ballot, so that voters could decide the issue.

Of course, the voters were all men.

There were quite a few men who felt women should have the right to vote. But there were many others who did not.

Some felt it wasn't ladylike to become involved in politics, or that women weren't smart enough to make good choices. They often made fun of women who wanted to vote.

Others did not disrespect women, but felt that, since wives would probably agree with their husbands, letting women vote was like giving married men two votes while single men only got one.

It was a challenge to win a women's suffrage referendum when only men were allowed to vote on it.

But the support of the temperance movement brought another problem: When a referendum was planned, the liquor companies would spend a lot of money to help persuade men to vote "no," and would tell bar owners and other beer and liquor dealers that they should help defeat the referendum.

It would be a long time before any of the referenda would be successful.

Meanwhile, however, the changes the war had caused brought other allies to the suffrage movement.

Women had begun working to improve the lives of the poor and to help working women get fair treatment, and they, too, understood the importance of giving women a voice in political decisions.

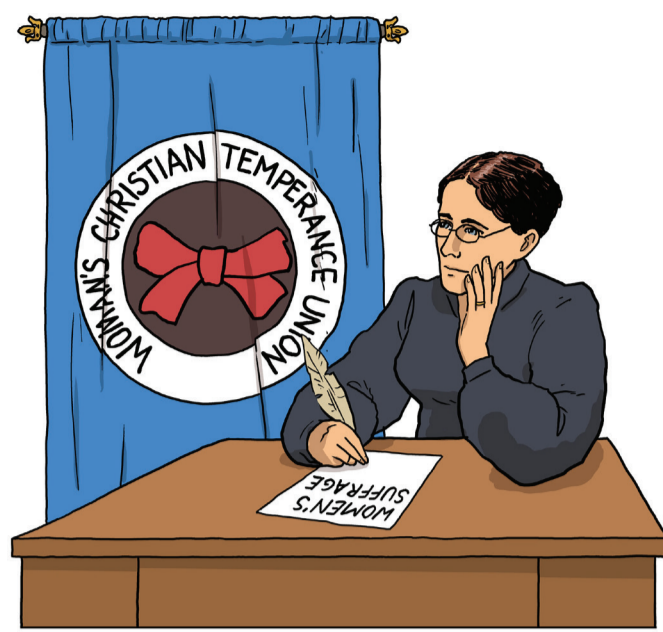
There were women who worked full-time for suffrage, but there were many strong, energetic women whose main work was in other areas but who considered themselves suffragists and could be counted on for support when they were needed.

Besides Clara Barton and Dorothea Dix, there were anti-poverty workers like Jane Addams, labor leaders like Kate Mullaney and Leonora Barry and others, like Josephine Shaw Lowell, who had started a consumer movement encouraging people to shop only in stores that were fair to the women who worked there.

Nellie Bly, one of the most famous reporters of the time, supported suffrage herself, and interviewed Anthony, writing "She is ideal and if we will have in women who vote what we have in her, let us all help to promote the cause of woman suffrage."

text copyright 2015, Mike Peterson - illustrations copyright 2015, Christopher Baldwin

For a teaching guide, go to <http://tinyurl.com/ckserial>



Sudoku Solution

3	5	2	4	6	1
1	4	6	3	5	2
2	6	1	5	3	4
5	3	4	2	1	6
6	2	5	1	4	3
4	1	3	6	2	5

Brainteaser Solution



(see Page Three)

10 right - Wow!

7 right - Great!

5 right - Good

3 right - See you next time!

1. Perry 2. Portugal 3. (William Jackson) Palmer 4. (Linda Sue) Park
5. pimento 6. Pitkin 7. Pinocchio 8. poodle 9. Peanuts 10. Princeton

ColoradoKids

is produced by
Denver Post Educational Services
Executive Editor: Dana Plewka
dplewka@denverpost.com
CK Editor: Mike Peterson
coloradokidseditor@gmail.com
We welcome your comments.

eEditions of the Post are
free of charge for classroom use.
Contact us for information on all
our programs.

Denver Post Educational Services
101 W. Colfax Ave.
Denver CO 80202
(303) 954-3974
(800) 336-7678

For tools to extend the learning in this feature,
look under "Youth Content" at:
www.ColoradoNIE.com

Stories without bylines were written by the editor.



ColoradoNIE.com