

NASA turns retired 'scope back on for a 3-year mission



Rockhound on the trail

The Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE) was launched in December, 2009 and from January 2010 until February 2011, WISE shot 7500 images a day, recording asteroids and other near-Earth objects.

Now WISE, which was shut down at the completion of that mission, has been awakened from hibernation by NASA to resume its hunt for NEOs.

The mission is, in part, to add to the warning system that protects Earth from unexpected objects that might enter our atmosphere and cause harm, by either striking the surface or exploding from the heat of entry.

It's also part of NASA's attempt to find a small asteroid that could be captured and placed into orbit around the moon so that Orion astronauts could practice for long-range trips to the Kuiper belt. *Illustration: NASA/JPL*

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TEENS STILL TAKE CANCER RISK TO GET A FAKE TAN

Despite the warnings about using sun screen, some people -- especially young women -- seem to be going the other direction when it comes to protecting their skin and their health.

Cancer specialists report discouraging news from a recent study: Nearly a third of high school girls use tanning beds, and more than half of those who "fake bake" do it ten or more times a year.

Joanna Harp, MD, of Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City told MedPage Today that, to these risk-takers, "looking tan is really important and they continue that habit through their life, even if they're getting the message that this could cause skin cancer, even if they're getting the message that this could cause premature aging."

Melanoma, the disease responsible for 75% of skin cancer deaths, is the second-most common form of cancer for people between 15 and 29.

Photo: Janneman

CATCH A STAR ON STAGE!

"Peter and the Starcatcher," the prequel to Peter Pan, is a fun and humorous Broadway show.



By Anna Brandner,
12, a CK Reporter
from Centennial

I went to opening night at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, where it is playing until Sept. 1, and found it very entertaining.

The play is recommended for kids ten and up and is filled with adult humor that would maybe go straight over a ten-year-old's head.

One thing that I thought was very cool was their use of props and scenery.

In the whole play there were only two backdrops, however it seemed like more thanks to creative use of lighting.

The props were also very cool because they used items like a rope for waves and stairs, or a glove used to make a bird.

If you have not read the book and want to see the play I would encourage you to do so.

However, don't be surprised that there are some differences.



Photo: Terry Shapiro

They did leave some of the characters out like the orphans. I was a little disappointed about that because I thought they could add a couple more boys considering how many people they had.

Also, some of the ways the story falls out are a little different. But those differences didn't make a huge impact on my overall feeling for the show.

You should definitely go see this play.

It moves very quickly so you are entertained the whole time. I was always on the edge of my seat even though I have read the book.

The actors are full of energy and humor throughout the play. I think the funniest character was Black Stache, Captain Hook before he got his hook.

I would definitely recommend this show. For information on show times and tickets, go to ColoradoNIE.com/links

Colorado celebrates some of its many cultures



Dragon boats, music, food and fun

Every summer, Denver holds the Dragon Boat Festival at Sloan's Lake, to celebrate the area's Asian-Pacific culture.



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from Aurora



Many groups participated in this year's event, including dancers, bands, and entertainers.

Traditional dancers as well as modern dancers performed multiple times during the couple of days this festival went on.

There were many people there, including adults and children of all ages and of different cultures, including Chinese, Japanese, Indian, Filipino, Greek, and American.

There were also boat races, in which young adults and teenagers competed against each other rowing a long boat designed as a dragon.

Many teams such as The Fighting Dragons, The Flying Dragons, The Phantom Dragons, and many more joined this competition.

There were numerous food vendors and craft vendors. Basically, any type of food you would



Dragon Boats Photo by Jane Sarmiento

want was there. There were sweet pastries, different barbecue styles, ice cream, a variety of drinks, and more.

Dragon Boat is a family-friendly festival that anyone should look into going to in the summer to be entertained, to have some family time, and to try the many activities that are offered.

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BEYOND THESE FOUR PAGES

One of the reviews on Page Four is of a reference book that was fun to read. With a partner, choose a story from today's newspaper that was also fun to read, and take turns pointing out facts in it and saying which subject that you study can use those facts. See who can find the most!

Korea Day includes K-pop contest

Colorado Korea Day was celebrated August 3, at the Infinity Park Event Center, in Glendale.



By Yejin Campbell,
12, a CK Reporter
from Brighton

Colorado Korea Day is a day of celebration in remembrance of the first president of South Korea's 1906 visit to Denver, when he was requesting support from the world's leaders.

That was the beginning of Korea and America's relationship.

About a thousand people came to Korean Day this year.

"It's a great opportunity to show Korean culture," said Jennifer Kim, chairman of the Korean American Community Foundation Colorado (KACFC).

The event included a Korean food trade show, Korean pop music (K-pop) and traditional performances.

"The main goal is to make Korean food and Korean culture more known to the world, and to bring cultures together." Kim said.

The highlight of the event was the U.S. and Korean K-pop contest and concert, where contestants sang or danced to win a chance to make an album in South Korea.

The battle was fierce, but in the end Chloe Jeon won the Grand Prize.



Chloe Jeon Photo by Jason Campbell

Jeon, 17, is from Colorado Springs, and was extremely surprised and happy to win despite having a cold.

"It was a blessing," she said. Jeon usually sings with her church band, and this was her first time performing in a competition.

Great Basin is a great national park

From the amazing night sky to the jaw-dropping views, Great Basin National Park in Nevada is a place that you have to visit.



By Natalia Gonchorova,
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from Fort Morgan

This place has the darkest and clearest night skies and the oldest trees in the world, the bristlecone pines.

The Lehman Cave has organisms that are only found there, like the Great Basin Cave Pseudoscorpion and millipede.

We started our vacation by touring the Lehman cave. We saw many formations: straws, popcorn, stalactites, stalagmites, shields, and, my favorite, cave bacon.

Caves rarely have shield formations, but the Lehman cave has more than three hundred!

There were plenty of places to take pictures of the beautiful things that grew there. The ranger showed us a cut-apart stalagmite and I noticed that it has rings like a tree.

You can see results of light pollution under the cave lights, a red carpet of bacteria, and that, in the 1930's, people broke off many straws, stalactites, and stalagmites.

The next day we went on a three-mile hiking trip to a bristlecone pine grove.

Some of the trees there were almost five thousand years old! They only live in Nevada and California.

Bristlecone pines only add an inch in diameter every 100 years of growth. Their wood is very densely packed so they can stand another 2,000 years after death without decaying.

The trail was very rocky, but had a pleasant view of the majestic mountains. You can continue on the trail and see a glacier, which is unusual for Nevada.

At night, the rangers held an astronomy program for visitors. The park is proud of their beautiful night sky full of bright stars.

We got to look through telescopes and see Saturn's beautiful rings, twin stars, and a star nursery. They also explained how light pollution affects our ability to see stars.

Great Basin National Park is a fantastic place and has something to offer everyone.



Old timers Some trees at Great Basin have been around for 5,000 years, but the views there never get old *Photo/Natalia Goncharova*

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Sudoku

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.

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DON'T EXPECT STORIES IN A REFERENCE BOOK

“How to Read Literature Like a Professor For Kids,” by New York Times Best-Selling Author Thomas C. Foster, isn't a book most kids would pick up off the shelf for a pleasure read.



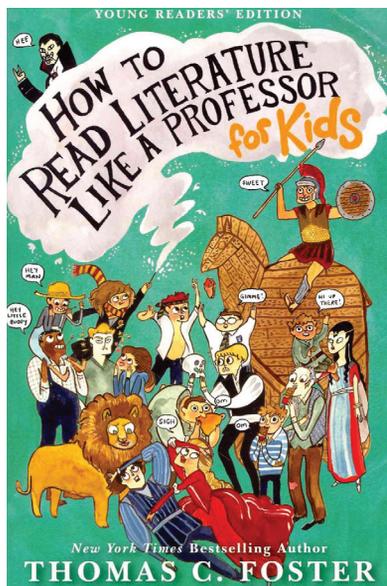
By Brooklyn Webb, 11, a CK Reporter from Littleton

Foster's book is about detecting secrets in literature as you read, to help you become a better student.

For example, the book explains the significance of characters eating meals together, how to tell if a character is on a quest, and much more.

Foster teaches this by using many examples from popular literature, including the Bible and Shakespeare.

Although it has various helpful tips about reading and writing and would make a great book to study for school, it's not a storybook and lacks adventurous



heroes and a detailed plot that readers might be looking for.

It's more of an academic reference book than a story, and, if you are looking for a fun tale that you can't take your nose out of, then this book probably is not for you.

Even if you are looking for a book to use for school purposes, readers of this book should be 12 and over, due to the difficulty of the content and the vocabulary used to describe the topics being discussed.

Also, most books used as examples are young adult novels that younger kids might not have read and wouldn't understand.

But if you are younger and a good reader and you want to give this book a try, go for it, because while there are some difficult concepts, it is a relatively quick read with a bit of humor.

Overall, “How to Read Literature Like a Professor For Kids” is a short, funny book for studying.

Although it is a little hard to get through, this book deserves a 3 star rating!

STRONG CHARACTERS IN AN INTRICATE TALE

I came into “The School for Good and Evil” thinking it was going to be a simple story about two girls who find their true selves.



By Lexie Greenawalt, 13, a CK Reporter from Evergreen

After reading the blurb, I figured that this book could

go one of two ways: simple and shallow, or deep and intricate. When I got the book, I discovered it was, at 488 pages, the latter.

Also, the cover blew me away with its sleek appearance and gorgeous drawings of Agatha and Sophie that have their personalities written all over their faces.

Sophie is a shallow, vain girl who, subconsciously, does good deeds for her own promotion and to become a princess.

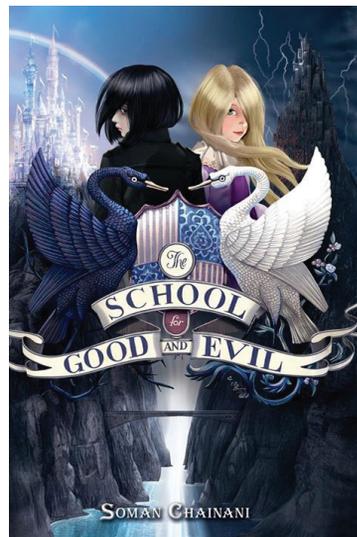
Agatha, on the other hand, has low self-esteem and hates almost everyone, but really cares about the friendship she and Sophie share.

The supporting characters

were also quite developed, from Sophie's malicious roommates to the shallow students and the School of Good.

“The School for Good and Evil” is about two girls thrown into a school that trains villains and heroes to survive their own fairy tale.

Every four years, the School Master takes two children to the School for Good and Evil, where one becomes a villain and one becomes a hero.



Sophie has always wanted to go to the School for Good, and Agatha seems a perfect match for the School for Evil, but when they arrive, they're sent in the opposite direction they expected.

There were only a few weak points to the book. Sometimes the author rushed scenes, and a few events

weren't entirely explained. Also, there were some loose threads that weren't tied up at the end of the story.

This is a fun fantasy read with a lot of depth, some romance, and a touch of humor. I'd recommend it to young adults, although most age groups would probably appreciate it.

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