

Early winter puts chill on migratory sea turtles



The blast of frigid winter weather that swept across the country in late November could have been deadly for Kemp's ridleys, an endangered sea turtle species that begins heading down the East Coast towards warmer waters this time of year.

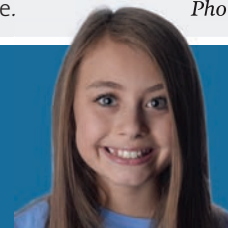
"Cold stunning" is the term for the hypothermia that can kill the turtles, which are reptiles and so cannot control their body temperature. Cold-stunned turtles become slow and lose the energy needed to get to a warmer place. If they become too cold, they can die.

Fourteen ridleys were flown to the South Carolina Aquarium Sea Turtle Rescue Program in Charleston, where this picture was taken, as the New England Aquarium in Boston tried to deal with a record 150 ridleys rescued from the frigid waters there.

Photo/South Carolina Aquarium

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HILARITY FOR YOUR HOLIDAYS

PENGUINS. MADAGASCAR PENGUINS

The lovable and silly penguins arrived back in theatres just in time for you to eat one more slice of pumpkin pie and head to the movies for some laughs.



By Jayden Ponsford,
11, a CK Reporter
from Aurora

"Penguins of Madagascar" is about four penguins who work together to solve a giant problem.

Skipper, Rico, Kowalski and Private find out that someone named Dr. Octavius Brine (*also known as Dave the Octopus*) is penguin-napping all of the penguins in the zoos across the world.

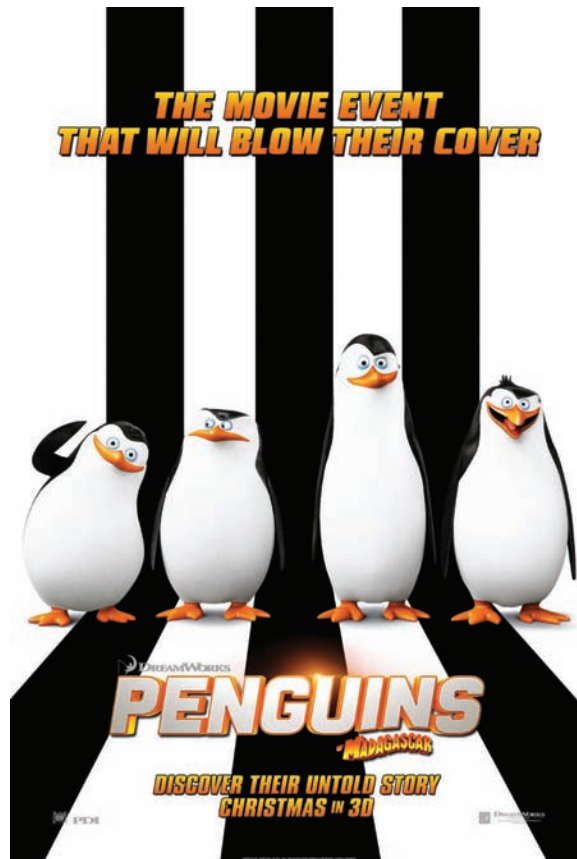
As they go along they meet an undercover team called, The North Wind.

In the North Wind, there's Agent Classified, Eva, Short Fuse, and Corporal.

Together this team and the Penguins of Madagascar find out that Dave the Octopus is taking the penguins.

His penguin-napping is from his own sense of jealousy when he was at the zoo. Zoo visitors would never watch him because he was a boring octopus.

THE MOVIE EVENT
THAT WILL BLOW THEIR COVER



They only wanted to look at the adorable, playful and talented penguins.

Dave gets angry and makes a special mysterious serum.

North Wind and the other penguins agree on a plan to capture Dave, but Private starts to feel like he isn't important because he always seems to get the least important jobs.

Will he be the hero, save the penguins and stop Octavius Brine?

I would recommend seeing this movie over the holidays.

It is rated PG and is great for everyone in the

family. It even had my dad laughing.

The penguins have hilarious personalities and I was also laughing throughout the entire movie.

The moral of the story, is that it doesn't matter what people (*or penguins*) say about you, you are an amazing person (*or penguin*).

ANOTHER REASON THAT YOU SHOULD STUDY FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Archaeologists around the world were excited last week by a discovery made seven years ago.

The discovery was of 1,700-year-old tombs in western China where several routes of the famed Silk Road had entered that ancient empire.

Chinese archaeologists weren't able to discover exactly who was buried in them, but artifacts found there and the carvings on the stone walls showed they were wealthy.

The reason the 2007 discovery is only now making Western archaeologists excited is that it was featured in "Chinese Cultural Relics," a new English-language journal that finally lets archaeologists who don't read Chinese share the discoveries in that nation.

Seems like another reason why, no matter what career you plan, studying a foreign language can give you a large advantage.

Photo/Chinese Cultural Relics



Living an accidental life among the ‘gifted’

Each year, kids throughout the state vote for the Colorado Children’s Book Awards, at school or public libraries.

But first you have to know the books you’re voting about.

We’re running reviews of the 10 Junior Book finalists.

See what our reviewers say, pick up at least three at the library or your favorite bookstore and then read and enjoy them.

Your librarian can tell you more about when and how to vote!

In “Ungifted” by Gordan Korman, Donovan Curtis has never been considered gifted.

He is more of a do-before-you-think kid and is always getting in trouble.

When one of those do-before-you-think incidents happens, he is sure to get into major trouble, but instead he accidentally lands a

place in the gifted program.

There he must hide from the wrath of Dr. Schultz. Little does he know what a huge impact he will make on the students there.

I thought this book was both interesting and funny, and kept me interested at every point.

Each chapter is told by a different character which



I thought helped to make the book interesting.

The gifted kids in the books were stereotyped much more than to my liking, but other than that it was a great book.

There was also some mention of human development and birth but it did not go into too much detail.

This book is geared towards 10+. If this sounds like a book you might like, remember “Ungifted” by Gordan Korman.

– Bailey Dorsey, Monument

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BEYOND THESE FOUR PAGES

On Page Four, Ashley Gaccetta writes about visiting a creamery to see how cheese is made. Look through today’s paper and find three things that you would like to go see made and talk to the people who make them.

CORRECTION

Natalie Huttner was not given credit for her review of “Just Grace and the Trouble with Cupcakes” in the Nov 18 issue.

‘Wings’ offers an adventure under the sea

In the “Wings of Fire” series by Tui T. Sutherland, there is a magical world, called Pyrrhia, ruled by dragons.

There is a great war over who will rule a dragon tribe that has torn the land, and put dragons against each other.

Eighteen years ago Pyrrhia was given hope, the land received a prophecy for tailing the arrival of five young dragons, or dragonets, who may put an end to the war.

These young dragonets have become known as the Dragonets of Destiny.

However there are other

dragons who would like nothing more than to destroy the dragonets.

Each book focuses on one of the Dragonets of Destiny.

“The Lost Heir,” the second book, focuses on the dragonet Tsunami, a dragon from the Seawings tribe.

The seawings are dragons who live underwater.

They have blue, green, or aquamarine scales, webs between their claws, gills, and strips of scales

that glow, are great swimmers and can see in the dark.

Tsunami can often be bossy to her friends, but she still loves them like brothers and sisters and they still love her.

In this book Tsunami explores her own underwater world with her friends and has a great adventure.

I highly recommend reading this book, but you should read the

first book before this one.

– Anja Mook, Northglenn



Assembling the clues adds up to a fun novel

Award-winning author Chris Grabenstein has written another terrific book, “Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library.”

Even if the first pages seem boring, I would encourage you to keep reading because as the story develops you’ll get more involved and interested.

The book also shows you how to use the library in creative and different ways.

The story starts when Kyle

Keeley forgets to write an essay on “Why I am excited about the New Public Library,” and

quickly scribbles down a sentence about balloons.

He doesn’t know the essays are being judged by the world famous game maker, Luigi Lemencello.

The next day the school has an assembly and Kyle miraculously gets chosen as one of the 12 winning

essay writers.

That evening, the other win-

ners go to a party to celebrate, and a librarian ushers the kids to the new library.

There, they play a challenging game, trying to find their way out of the library for the prize of starring in Mr. Lemoncello’s commercials.

To do this, they must discover all the clues and solve the puzzle in 36 hours!

The book kept me intrigued and I highly recommend it to children who like figuring out mysteries.

– Natalia Goncharova, Fort Morgan, from her April, 2013 Colorado Kids review



Must-read mystery thriller Racing to close fatal doors

Imagine that your summer starts off nice and relaxing and then major disasters throw it all off track.

It happens to Mo LeBeau, in "Three Times Lucky" by Sheila Turnage.

Mo and her best friend Dale are trying to solve the mysteries of their lives and call themselves the "Desperado Detectives."

Mo and her mother were separated during a hurricane when Mo was a baby.

Since then, Mo has been trying to figure out who her actual mother is.

As 5th grade comes to an end, her summer looks good, working at the café and spending time with Dale.

Then Jesse Tatum is found dead in his boat floating in the river.

Just when the Desperado

Detectives decide to investigate this case, more trouble strikes when Mo's stepmother and the Colonel both go missing.

While the Desperado Detectives are investigating the murder and the kidnapping, a professional detective is called in and starts to get suspicious of them.

The Desperado Detectives have almost cracked the case when the winds pick up and rain pours down: a hurricane.

Mo is not willing to give up but is she willing to possibly get killed to answer the mystery of her life?

"Three Times Lucky" will grab and pull you into its mystery. I would recommend it for kids 11+ because there is some violence in the book and death.

Still, this is an exciting must-read.

- Mreedul Gupta, Littleton



In "The House of Hades," the fourth book in the Heroes of Olympus series, Percy Jackson and his friends are on a mission to close the Doors of Death.

As long as the doors stay open, all of the monsters they kill just keep re-forming.

At the end of the third book, Annabeth and Percy fell into Tartarus, the most terrible part of the underworld.

They now need to avoid being eaten, crushed and poisoned as they try to make their way to the Doors of Death.

Meanwhile, Jason, Piper and the rest of the crew are busy fighting their own monsters as they try to get to the earthly side of the doors.

With a war pending between

the Roman and Greek demigod camps, can they manage to close the doors in time to prevent their camps from destroying each other?

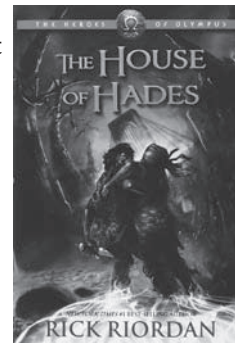
I could not put this book down after I started reading it.

Because of the length and mild violence, I'd recommend this book to readers over 10, giving it 4.7 stars out of 5 because of the mythical but realistic characters and the fast paced plot.

Reading the first three books may help you understand the plot better.

The "House of Hades," by Rick Riordan, is an enjoyable book for those 10+ who want to cuddle up with a great book.

- Kylene Santoro, Morrison



The Prophecy of Seven says:

Seven half-bloods shall answer the call,
To storm or fire, the world must fall,
An oath to keep with a final breath,
And foes bear arms to the doors of death.

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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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GOAT CHEESE A SPECIALTY OF LONGMONT PRODUCER

“Have you ever heard the expression that goats eat everything? Goats don’t eat everything. They just like exploring for new tastes,” John Scaggs says.



By Ashley Gaccetta, 10, a CK Reporter from Longmont

John Scaggs is the director of sales and marketing at the Haystack Mountain Creamery in Longmont, working with head cheese-maker Jackie Chang.

Chang makes the schedule, checks the equipment to make sure it works, and that it is not filled with bad bacteria before they put it to use.

Goats produce a gallon of milk a day. By comparison, a cow can produce up to 10 gallons.

The nutritional value of goat and cow milks are the same, but goat milk is easier to digest.

There are two qualities in all cheeses at Haystack Creamery: safe and yummy cheese.

John Scaggs walked us through the steps of making “chevre,” which means “goat” in French.

The first thing they do is

pasteurize the milk, killing any harmful bacteria.

Once that is done, they add a starter culture which turns the sugar into lactic acid. This is called fermentation.

After the fermentation, the pH level is tested to ensure it is at a certain acidity level.

After the milk coagulates, the curd is cut, cooked and then packed into molds.

Then the curds are pressed and soaked in salt water for 24 hours.

If it is going to be a ‘funky’ cheese with a strong flavor, the molds go into the funk room.

If it will be a mild cheese it will go into the rind room.

Once all the steps are completed, they add the herbs, pack-

age the cheese and are ready to ship it off.

Haystack Creamery produces over 175,000 pounds of cheese a year and ships it locally, as well as to places like New York, California, and Georgia.

The Creamery makes 19 different types of cheese and, just like goats, Haystack Mountain Creamery continues to find new tastes.

Want to know more? You can tour the creamery, too! Go to ColoradoNIE.com for a link!



Photo by Ashley Gaccetta

FROM THE ORPHANAGE TO THE BALLET THEATER

Michaela DePrince was born in a poor, war-torn part of Sierra Leone, Africa, and tells her story in “Taking Flight.”



By Kaiya Cox, 10, a CK Reporter from Aurora

She was orphaned at a young age and named Number 27 at the orphanage, where she was the least liked.

One day she came across a ripped-out magazine page with a picture of a ballerina wearing sparkling pink toe shoes.

Michaela decided that when she got adopted she would become just like that ballerina, and she kept that picture hidden from everyone but herself.

Then she reminded herself of the ballerina in the picture any time she got picked on or mistreated.

At the age of four, Michaela was finally adopted by a loving American family, and became sisters with Number 26 from the same orphanage.

Once home with her mom, Elaine DePrince, Michaela showed her the magazine page and demonstrated what she

wanted with a little dance because she didn’t know English yet.

She was worried her mom would disagree with Michaela’s dream of being a ballerina, but Elaine went along with it and encouraged her every step of the way.

Michaela DePrince is now a young adult, and a rising star in the ballet world.

She has starred on both stage and screen ballet productions.

Her dark skin made it difficult for her to break into the ballet

world, however, and she plans on making sure every African American who wants to dance has the same chance as anybody else.

This book was really intriguing from the start.

I loved Michaela’s personality and determination.

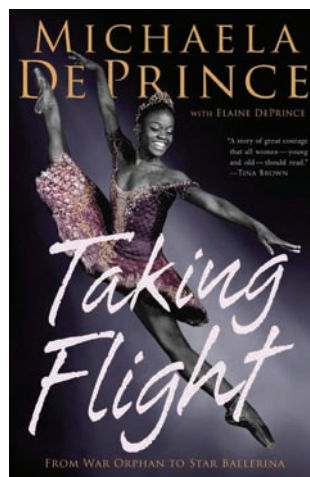
One thing that I particularly enjoyed was the fact that Michaela told

the story from her own point of view.

I felt the emotions she was feeling and the thoughts inside her head.

“Taking Flight” is a complex book and I recommend it for ages 10 and up.

Dancers everywhere will definitely be inspired by Michaela’s amazing story.



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