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## Marade shows faces of our nation

**O**n the Martin Luther King Jr holiday, Denver celebrated its thirty-fifth “Marade” in his honor.

The Marade was created in 1986 by Wilma Webb, a state legislator who was also married to Denver’s first black mayor, when she combined “march” and “parade.”

It starts in City Park near the MLK statue, goes down Colfax and ends at Civic Center Park.

Mayor Michael B. Hancock started us out with an inspirational speech in front of the MLK statue, reminding marchers to “walk with a purpose.”

I have been attending for quite a while now, and I personally love it; It’s a great way to see communities come together to celebrate on Dr. King’s birthday and to see how diverse Denver is.

But being on a reporting assignment allowed me to see things from a different point of view.

I have always seen the crowds of people, but now I got to experience interviewing them, and seeing what brought them there.

First I met Jeremiah, 10, and his mother, Linda. Jeremiah has been coming to the Marade for three or four years.

When I asked him what his favorite part of the Marade was, he told me, “We get to represent black people.

We used to be slaves and had to sit in the back of a bus, so I couldn’t sit with my friend.”

Linda was no newcomer to the Marade. She has been coming for over 20 years.

She told me, “About 30 years ago, there was only 500 people, so it’s good that today, there’s a lot more people. And every year it’s a little bit different. You really get a compass of what’s going on the world today when you come here, by the people that are here and what they represent and the different signs, and it’s nice.”



The Gonzalez family comes to the Marade to make sure the kids understand the principles that Dr. King stood for.

I also got to meet Virgie Washington and Jill P. Jenkins. Their favorite part of the Marade is seeing everyone come together.

“It makes me feel good, and that’s why we come out,” Jill tells me. “Because this is what the world really is: The faces of our nation.”

The community and love between cultures was also a favorite thing of theirs, especially seeing the future generations and cultures side by side.

But, they added, they believe that we still have a long way to go in civil rights and democracy.

The Gonzales family also attended the Marade. Sarah and James Gonzales, the mother and father, are very proud of Dr. King’s work and

the impact it could have on their kids’ lives.

“It was definitely our motivation for making sure we got out here, so that they can be a part of something that the community comes together and celebrates,” Sarah said.

“They are very aware of who Martin Luther King Jr. was and the principles he stood on,” James added, “but it’s still important for us to make sure that they understand that.”

They also believed that their children should grow up and have a future and be able to go after their dreams.

Aside from the people, the march on its own was wonderful. There was singing, laughter, celebration and diversity.



Story and photos  
by Sophia Levy,  
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### My Favorite Book

## ‘Legend’ kicked off a dystopian action series

(Editor’s Note: “My Favorite Book” is a new feature in which CK Reporters reflect on older books that they particularly enjoyed.)

“Legend,” by Marie Lu, was published in 2011.

In the future, the world has changed drastically. What is left of the U.S.A is separated into two nations called the Republic, the harsh – ruling empire, and the Colonies, the free and rebellious country.

In the Republic, plagues occur often, so the nation is divided into rich sectors and poor sectors.

The Republic supplies vaccines to the rich and marks the doors of the poor.

Day is a 15-year-old boy who is also the Republic’s most wanted criminal.

June is a 15-year-old girl who is considered a prodigy, the only one who got a top score on the trial, a test in which the Republic decides if you belong in the rich or poor sectors.

June’s older brother is killed and Day becomes the prime suspect. When a dark secret about the Republic is revealed, June has to reconsider which side she chose.

“Legend” is a story for people who like books about wars for justice and equality. More of the history of the Republic is explained in the other books in the series, and they will keep you up all night.



It is full of things that will make you choose which side is the most fair and then it says something that changes your mind.

A true cliffhanger about choosing sides on the brink of rebellion, I would recommend this to those who like “The Hunger Games” or “Throne of Glass” novels.

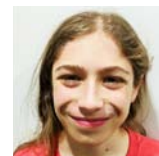
This book is extremely violent and its target audiences are teenagers and late tweens.

Bloody scenes are abundant, showing how poorly the main character is treated. As well as action, this book also contains partial romance themes.


Throughout the plot, many of the characters develop into different personalities.

The general theme is not that obvious, but when you finish the book and reflect, it suddenly becomes clear.


This book is very compacted with chunky transitions and cliffhangers, but a good read, nonetheless.

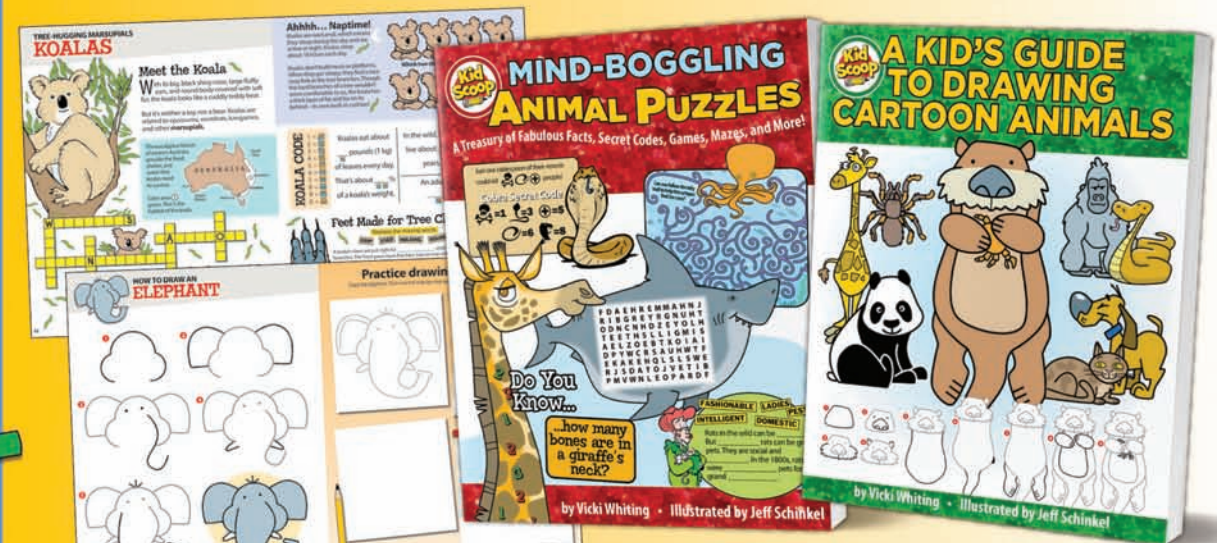


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From the Creators at 

## Two Totally Awesome Activity Books!







# Mythology-based novel promises more to come

Fast-paced, exciting and magical, "The Dragon Warrior" tells the tale from a hidden culture.

Katie Zhao, the author of this Chinese diaspora volume, weaves a compelling tale of a heroine named Faryn Liu of untold power – and bossiness.

She and her motley crew of her brother, her frenemy, and numerous other things they pick up along the way must fight an evil of old, and find her long-lost father.

The characters are very well-done, each having motives and sides that they come from. They each have specific roles that they fit into.

However, they are sometimes too fixated in place, and character development is kind of lacking, some things are just kinda abrupt and unexplained, or they don't change at all.

Also, there is one spot in the book where they introduce a new character, but first the pronouns used are female, and then they switch to male.

This inconsistency not only was annoying, but it distracted me from the new character, and, when they appeared again, later on, I was completely confused as to who they were, until I remembered that there was that one character who switched genders after half a page.

There was another thing that I found unclear: all the monsters mentioned in "The Dragon Warrior" were translated to be in English letters, but when sounded out, be Chinese words.

This made it confusing because it was very hard to keep track of all the foreign

words, so whenever something was referenced twice, I forgot what it was.

There is a glossary, but (A) it doesn't include many of the things mentioned, and (B) constantly checking back with the glossary slows the reading down and makes it boring.

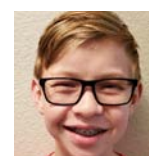
These confusing bits, plus the action, death, and stressful situations, makes this book less-than-ideal for many younger audiences, but above 11 or so this book is pretty good.

The novel features a good heart and standing up for what you believe in, so the concepts and characters are uplifting and inspiring, while the prominent featuring of Chinese mythology will excite many Rick Riordan fans.

This appears to be the first of a series, and if so, many readers (*including me*) will want to continue to follow Faryn's story.

I have a feeling that this series will continue to improve as Katie Zhao finds her groove, and, with the base already there, this series could be improving with every book and even every page.

I am very excited for the next book to see where this series will go. Meanwhile, this one, on its own, is a thrilling story that many will want to experience.



By Thatcher Mulholland, 14, a CK Reporter from Broomfield

## Big Nate



## Sudoku

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

**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 3.



## Brainteaser

On this date in 1894, Walter Thomas of East Peckham, England, was going four times the speed limit and became the first driver to receive a speeding ticket, so our answers will start with "A" for "automobile." (He was going 8 mph.)

1. Able to use either your right hand or left hand equally well.
2. The Greek name for the goddess known in Rome as Venus.
3. Orangutans, gorillas and chimps, but not baboons or marmosets
4. Denver native who starred in "The Santa Clause," "Home Improvements" and "Toy Story" and is now seen in "Last Man Standing."
5. In the Russian space program, they're called "cosmonauts." What do we call them?
6. Her most famous novel is now a popular movie starring Emma Watson, Saoirse Ronan, Florence Pugh and Timothee Chalamet.
7. Ski resort town in Pitkin County also known for its music festival
8. Author of "The Little Mermaid" and "The Ugly Duckling"
9. The state capital of Georgia and its largest city
10. Heavily armored, low-slung dinosaur famous for the club on its tail

(answers on Page Three)

## One Deandre speaks up for another in dress code controversy

If you're going to get in trouble in school over dreadlocks, there might be some advantage in living just a few minutes from Houston, Texas.

Deandre Thomas, a senior at Barber Hill High School in Mont Belvieu, Texas, was told after winter break that he would be suspended, kept from attending prom and forbidden to walk across the stage at graduation this spring unless he cut his long dreads.

The school has had a policy that boys' hair cannot extend below their eyebrows or ear lobes or touch their shirt collars.

During winter break, the school reportedly changed the rule to add that boys' hair cannot be

that long, even if it is gathered up, the way Thomas had been wearing his dreads.

Thomas has said that his father is Trinidadian and he wishes to honor the culture of a place where dreads can even extend to the waist.

But his mother sees it another way, saying the family will argue in court that the rule discriminates against boys because girls are allowed to wear their hair very long or very short, however they choose.

Meanwhile, Texans superstar Deandre Hopkins, who sports the most famous set of dreads in Houston, added his support in a Tweet, saying "Never cut your dreads Deandre Thomas."

AP photo/Sam Craft





# 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 CK Reporter!**  
<http://tinyurl.com/COkidsReporter>



### To read the sources for these stories

**Coronavirus**  
**Dreadlock Deadlock**  
 go to <http://www.tinyurl.com/ckstorylinks>

# Coronavirus has world's airports on edge



Health official scan body temperatures of passengers as they arrive at the Soekarno-Hatta International Airport in Tangerang, Indonesia. (AP Photo/Tatan Syuflana)

**C**hina is facing a health emergency at a very bad time.

A new type of coronavirus has infected people in the city of Wuhan and spread, in part because it is the lunar New Year, a time when many people travel to be with family or simply to enjoy the holiday.

The disease apparently began at a market in Wuhan that was illegally selling wildlife meat.

When a disease crosses over from animals to humans, it can be very hard for researchers to find a cure before it has spread and caused serious problems.

This type of virus spreads from both saliva and respiration, and Wuhan quickly ran out of the protective breathing masks people often wear when they have colds or flu. People had to stay in their homes because they were afraid of going out without protection.

There have been deaths from the virus, though most, but not all, of them were of older people with other health problems.

The Chinese government has limited travel, canceled many New Year's gatherings and shut down Shanghai Disneyland to try to avoid crowds of people spreading the coronavirus.

Other nations are being careful to screen travelers from China and particularly from the city of Wuhan. Most airports have hired health workers for this important task.

However, the coronavirus has already spread to Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan, with two cases in the United States.

The World Health Organization has declared a health emergency for China but has said other countries are not in an emergency situation yet. However, they are reminding people that washing your hands and sneezing into your elbow are always smart, healthy practices.



## Sudoku Solution

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

## Brainteaser Solution



(see Page Two)

10 right - Wow!

7 right - Great!

5 right - Good

3 right - See you next time!

- ambidextrous
- Aphrodite
- apes
- (Tim) Allen
- astronauts
- (Louisa May) Alcott
- Aspen
- (Hans Christian) Andersen
- Atlanta
- ankylosaurus

## CK Calendar

### Tuesday, January 28 (Tonight!)

Middle School Teen Lounge: Sci-Fi Odyssey, 7 to 9 pm, Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Sixth to eighth graders take over the Museum at this totally free event. Blast off during a sci-fi, space-themed evening as you explore the stories of a place that continues to capture imaginations and spend some time in Space Odyssey before it closes for its transformation. Includes free snacks, entertainment, and activities.

### Saturday, February 1

"Drones: Is the Sky the Limit" opens at Wings Over the Rockies. Explore the history of drone technology, from the earliest unmanned flying machines to advanced systems of the 21st century. Featuring real drones, rich audio-visual content, drone racing interactive, overview of drone technology. For information, visit <https://wingsmuseum.org/>

### Sunday, February 2

Last day to see the Monet exhibit at the Denver Art Museum, featuring more than 120 paintings spanning Monet's entire career and focusing on the celebrated French Impressionist artist's enduring relationship with nature. A special dated and timed exhibition ticket is required and you should definitely buy yours in advance. For more information, go to <https://denverartmuseum.org/exhibitions/claude-monet>

### Thursday, February 6

In 2008, two sailors drifted across the north Pacific to Hawaii on a raft named Junk, made from 15,000 plastic bottles tied in old fishing nets stuffed under a Cessna 310 Aircraft. The 88-day, 2,600-mile voyage was designed to build a movement to save our seas from plastic pollution. This adventure has been captured in the book "Junk Raft: An Ocean Voyage and a Rising Tide of Activism to Fight Plastic Pollution." Author Marcus Eriksen will be at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science at 7 pm to talk about his book and the problem of plastics, not just in the ocean but in your daily life. For details, go to <https://www.dmns.org/visit/events-and-activities/0206-junk-raft/>

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