



CK Reporter of the Week
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'Paddington 2' outdoes original

Warner Bros. made a huge jump in quality with their new film, "Paddington 2," which, in my opinion is way better than its 2014 original, "Paddington."

In this movie, Paddington (voiced by Ben Wishaw) needs to get a present for his Aunt Lucy's (voiced by Imelda Staunton) birthday.

He goes to Mr. Gruber's Antiques, where Mr. Gruber (Jim Broadbent) suggests a pop-up book of London in exchange for \$250.

In order to raise the money, Paddington gets a job as a sweeper at a hair salon.

After getting fired for accidentally giving someone a bad hair day, Paddington employs himself as a window cleaner.

But, just when he almost has enough money for the pop-up book, a clever thief steals the book, and Paddington gets framed and ends up in the Big House.

It is then that the real story begins.

This magically mystical story gets four and a half stars for Warner Bros.'s extremely realistic effects in combination with the abstract ideas of "Paddington 2."

The movie is a mix of realistic animation and live-action, a mix that works beautifully, especially in the scenes where the pop-up book shows Paddington and his Aunt Lucy wandering through a book that also happens to have pictures of people from real-life, and when also when Paddington is whipping up some marmalade.

"Paddington 2" is better than the first Paddington because the plot was more complicated.

I think that, if the Warner Bros. team from 2014 had made this movie, they would've stopped at



paddington needing a present for Aunt Lucy, which is funny, but not as complex and interesting as the plot developed for this new film.

And little touches matter, too:

The film made me laugh out loud when Paddington said "Mr. Gruber, be serious," which was ironic because not only does he say this with a lot of fruit on his head, but also after using a toothbrush to clean his ears and

because the humor is relatively easy to understand and there's not intense violence anywhere in the plot.

My only hesitation for very young viewers is that they add some unnecessary drama and mystery which may be confusing for the youngest viewers.



By Marcus Turner,
11, a CK Reporter
from Aurora

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nose.

Overall, I would recommend this film to any age

Better buy a copy of this book before 1776

Imagine if you could travel back in time. If you ever do, it might be useful to have a guidebook with you!

"The Thrifty Guide to the American Revolution: A Handbook for Time Travelers" is a humorous handbook for time travelers to use when visiting colonial America in the 18th century.

It's one of the books in the Thrifty Guides to History: A Handbook for Time Travelers series, which also includes guides about Ancient Rome, Ancient Greece, and the Middle Ages.

This guide tells you everything you need to know if you want to time travel to the American Revolution: how to dress appropriately, how to fire a musket, and people to have lunch with.

It also includes summaries of what happened during that time, so you know what to expect when you arrive.

There are jokes on practically every page in the book, including some about plans that the British and American armies came up with to attack the other side, and comments that time travelers (and people from that time period) made about places in the area.

Here's George Washington's resume –

POSITION DESIRED: Farmer.

PERSONAL STATEMENT: I do NOT want to be general.

EDUCATION: College: None.

WORK EXPERIENCE: ???

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: Accidentally caused three wars.

SPECIAL SKILLS: Proficient in writing with a quill pen.

And here's British General Howe's not-so-brilliant plan that shockingly didn't work:

1. Send British troops up Breed's Hill, directly into American gunfire.
2. Get shot at the entire climb.

3. ???

4. Victory.

Of course, there are there are warnings that you might get injured during your "vacation," but the book gives you "helpful hints" for worst-case scenarios.

For example, it tells you what to do if you're shot by a musket ball (*you will probably die*) or what to expect if you're about to be shot by a cannonball (*your chances of survival are almost zero percent*).

Unfortunately, you can't get a refund for your vacation package, so you would probably want to read this guide first and then decide whether you really want to visit the American Revolution.

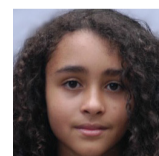
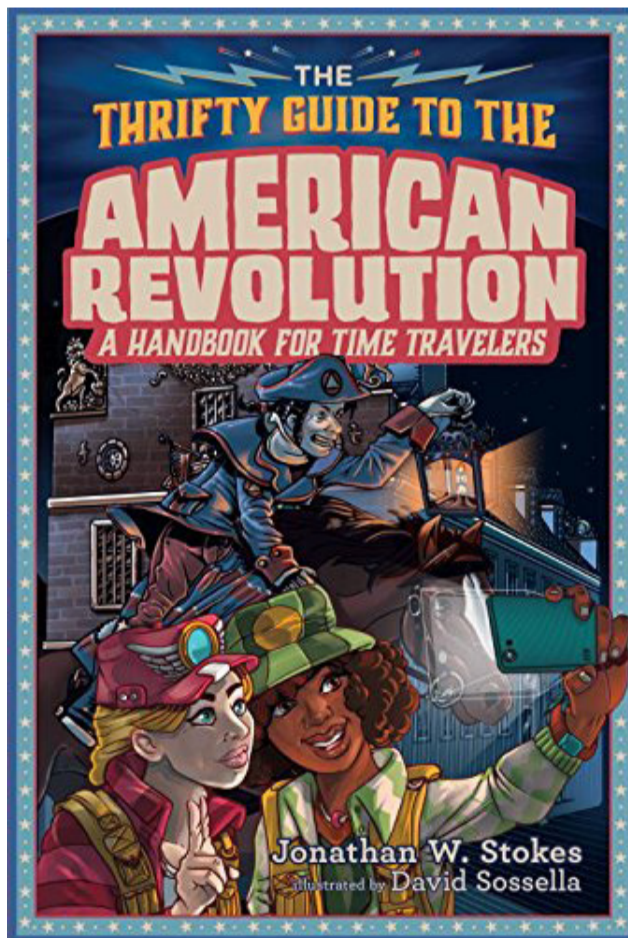
Overall, this is a hilarious book, even if you're not really interested in history.

It does explain what happened during the American Revolution, but there are some jokes and parts of the book that might be hard to understand without knowing some basic history.

It's not very long, with only about 130 pages, but it's just the right size to take with you when you're time traveling.

I would recommend this book for kids ages 10 and up.

It's set to be released on January 30, 2018, but if you have a time machine, you can buy it right away!



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Gold Star father explains Constitution

"This is our Constitution" by Khizr Khan is a terrific book about a legendary document.

It explains the thoughts and logic of our country's founders, and puts the Constitution in a new way that is more easily understood.

This book explains every bit of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

This is not your typical book. It's non-fiction, so it does not have a plot, but it's also written so that you can skip around and still feel like it is one continuous story.

Each chapter tells you about a different section of the Constitution.

For example, "Chapter Two: Writing the Constitution," explains the thoughts of the Founding Fathers, the individuals who shaped America.

And the 18th amendment was odd because it restricted manufacturing, transporting, and selling intoxicating liquors such as beer and wine.

This was interesting because the 21st amendment repealed it. This is the first and only amendment that has ever been repealed.

Although the book has no plot, it has a really long introduction of 21 pages, which is primarily the backstory on the author.

The author himself is interesting. Khizr Khan is a gold star father. This means that his son or daughter was killed while serving in the U.S. military. This inspired him to protect the legacy that his son died for.

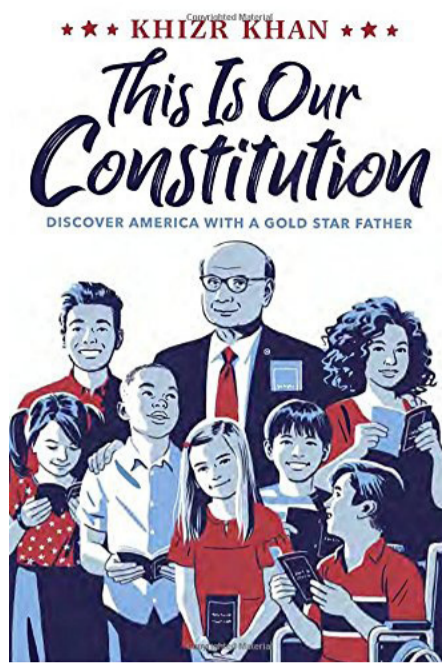
Then, at the end, there are over 40 pages devoted to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights which are basically just the Constitution and Bill of Rights copied into the book.

Because of the long introduction and conclusion, the body of the book was shorter but still managed to be the perfect size.

The author makes the Constitution easier to understand because throughout the book you will find grey boxes with blurbs from the author that describe his thoughts on the topic in words that kids can easily understand.

I think that this is a good book for adults to read, but some younger kids might be bored by it.

This is because there is no sense of action, no sense of adventure and no comedy to keep the reader reading.



By Jack Vanourek, 12, a CK Reporter from Littleton

Westport Independent: Playing with facts



How much would you risk to let others know the real truth? Your company? Your reputation? Your life?

That question is asked in "The Westport Independent," a game that circles around the idea of censorship in the news and "fake news."

This is a game made for anybody who has been worried about who controls the news.

Westport takes place in the late 1940s. You are an editor and your job is to follow the Loyalist Government's latest bill, which means that everything you publish from now on should make the government look good and the rebels look bad.

However, who said you have to follow those guidelines?

Suddenly, you're forced between two decisions:

Do you put your employees and yourself in danger to publish the truth about the governments, or do you suck up and be loyal, enjoying a life that's not behind bars?

The choice is yours, since the game allows you to change and censor articles based on what you feel is the right thing to do — or, of course, the safe thing to do.

Throughout the game, there are different storylines that you can choose to follow or ignore. However, risky stories lead to risky outcomes.

I found that it's important to pay attention to the details in your articles. While it was gripping to follow a story about a government official attacking a group of teenage rebels, it nearly cost me a "Game Over."

A threatening letter stating that my business was in danger caused me to kill the scoop.

Depending on your choices, you're most likely to get 30-90 minutes of gameplay out of Westport. While it's tense and closed-ended, it's exciting and compelling.

Overall, I would give this game 4.5 stars out of 5.

Despite the fact that it is a little short, this is truly an excellent game that requires you to think before you act.

While it is not new, it's relevant and popular: It is the #2 top-rated role-playing game on the Apple AppStore and gives lessons about the dangers of censorship.

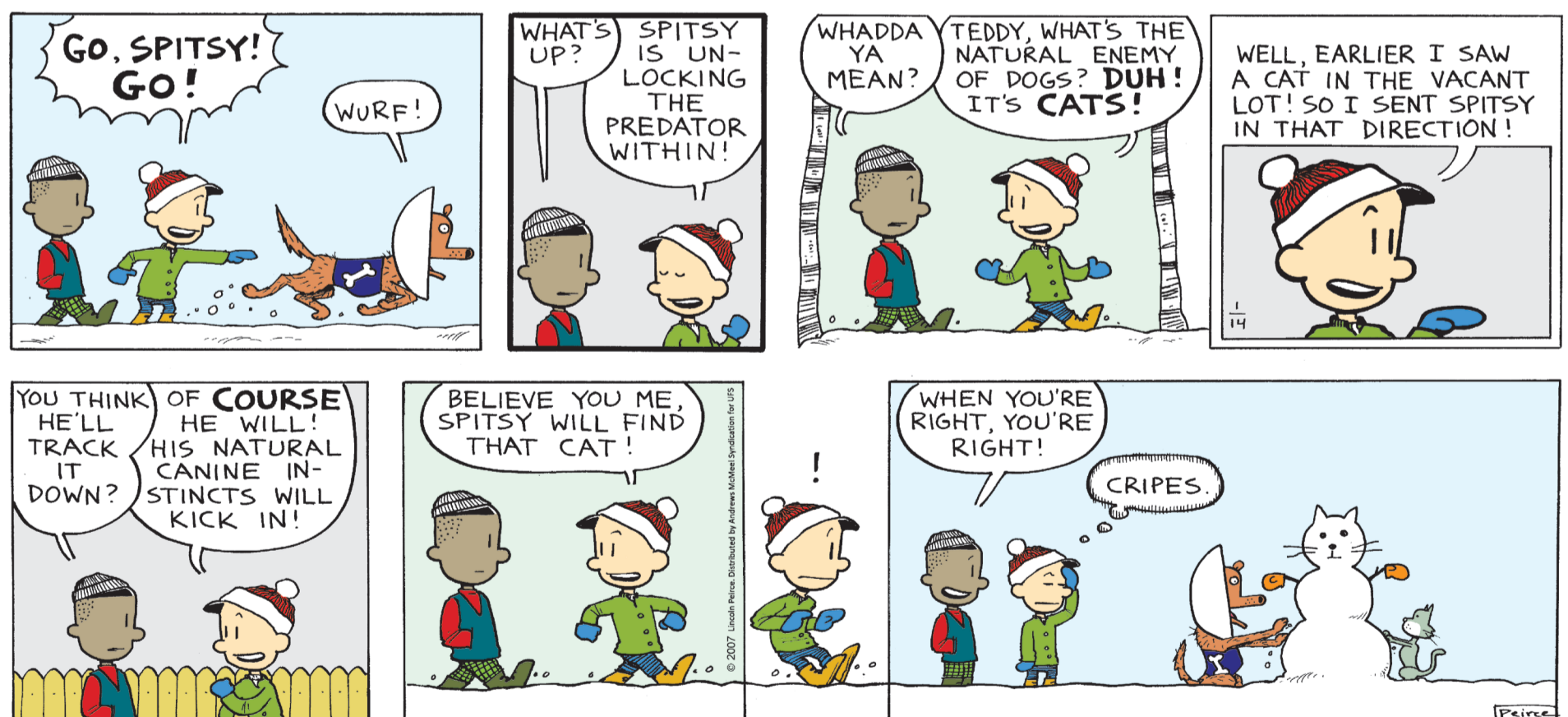
If you enjoy simulations, historical fiction, or journalism in general, I highly recommend Westport.

This game is available for Android, IOS, Microsoft, Linux, and Windows. Westport is has a recommended playing age as +9 because of a small amount of swearing.



By Kate Erickson, 14, a CK Reporter from Centennial

Big Nate



Climate change creating too many female sea turtles



Last week's sudden flow of very frigid air, particularly on the East Coast, may have led people who don't understand climate change to think "global warming" wasn't happening.

But if you know your science, you know that climate change often causes strange weather, which is not the same thing as "climate," and that it also means changes in the environment that can cause other unexpected effects.

Here's an odd impact that could have serious consequences:

One factor that determines whether a reptile is a male or a female is the temperature its egg is exposed to before it hatches.

Normally, that means one sea turtle nest might produce more males than females, while another one just up the beach in a slightly different spot produces more females than males.

But Australian researchers

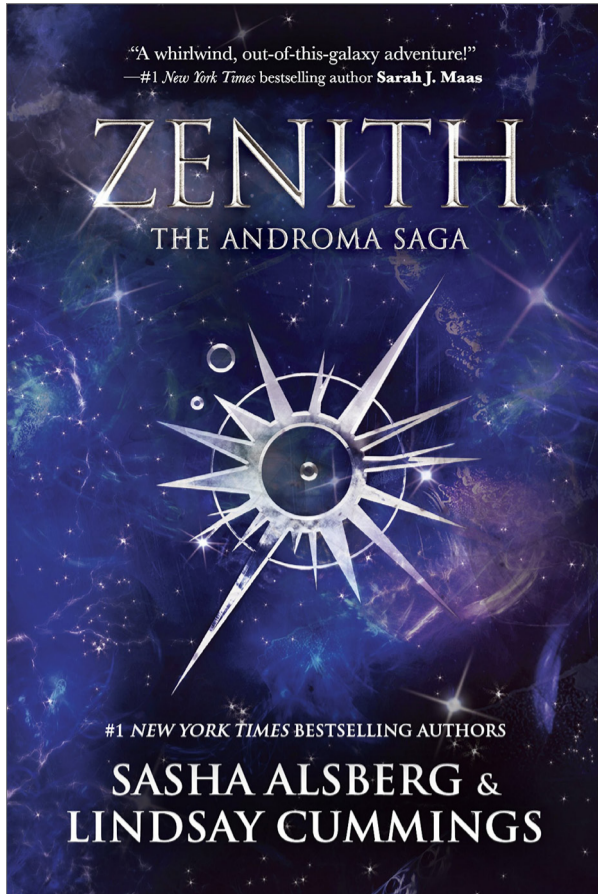
found that rising temperatures in one bay where sea turtles breed created conditions where 99 percent of all the hatchlings were female.

At a bay not too far away, things were less extreme, but the nests still produced two-thirds females instead of half and half.

A degree or two doesn't sound like much, but as temperatures rise, sea turtles could be in real trouble.

photo/ Brocken Inaglory

Bad girl is the good girl in action series



Androma Racella: the Bloody Baroness. Who could think of a better name for her?

With her twin swords, harsh personality, and some compassion, 23 (ish) year-old Andi fights and kills her way through hard times in her life.

The first book in this adventurous series leads Andi and you on an enormous exploit of gruesome fights, friendship, love, and hate.

Andi, the main character in "Zenith: The Androma Saga" by Sasha Alsborg and Lindsay Cummings, has to strike tallies on her twin swords and dance with the dead in order to restore balance in her head.

All the lives she took have haunted her dreams, leaving her sleep deprived and feisty.

She and her crew aboard the Marauder-- Lira, Breck, and 12-year-old Gilly -- fight their way through galaxy Mirabel.

The Marauders are recruited to go on a life-threatening mission with the help of a figure from Andi's past, and Andi is offered a helpful reward - her previous "life" cleared from the most horrible death she caused.

But with the prize for her mission comes some losses: more death, more grief, more tallies.

Andi and her crew may seem villainous, but they are actually the good guys in the story, and you can sometimes connect and feel for them.

The Bloody Baroness may cut too many throats, but she grabs your attention, makes the book funny and

fun, and shows that not all bad girls are really bad.

This book includes plots twists you never ever would have imagined, and it doesn't stop giving you more mysteries. It is told from the third-person perspective, with makes it all that more interesting.

It switches off following different characters, so you can find out exactly what people are doing.

Something that would make it better would be to look at different characters, because sometimes the book skips a certain character when you might want a brush-up on what they are doing.

This book is a 512 page detailed, thrilling story that captivates and excites. It is a very well written book and is very hard to stop reading.

The authors work really well together, making the book eye-opening and an edge-of-your-seat adventure.

It is a "Young Adult" book, but just because of a lot of violence and some curse words. If you enjoy battles, friendship, secrets, and plot twists, this is the perfect, detail-driven book for you.



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Webb Telescope launch gets a step closer

While most of Houston was experiencing the horrors of Hurricane Harvey this past August, the James Webb Space Telescope was keeping its cool. Real cool.

Minus 424 degrees Fahrenheit, which is about as cool as you can get, and technicians at the Johnson Space Center in Houston were careful to make sure that Harvey didn't cut the power to this particular refrigerator.

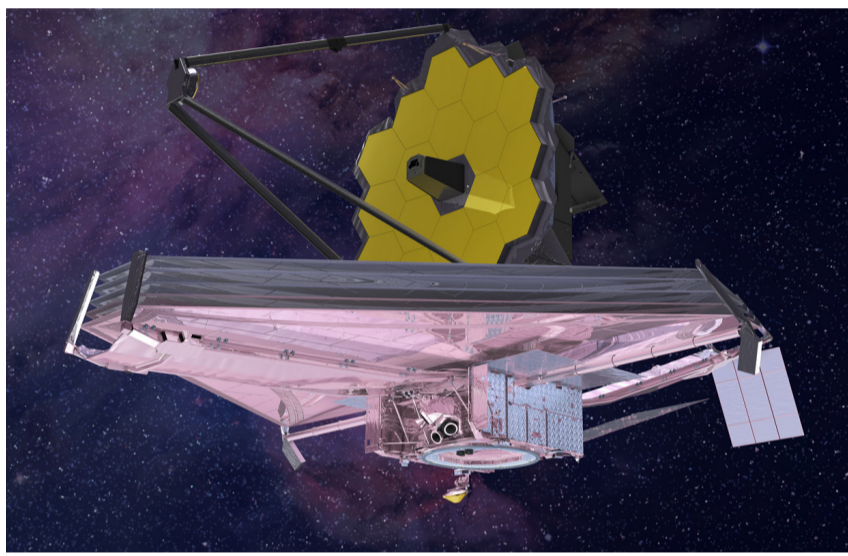
The Webb Telescope was at the Johnson Center to make sure it could operate in the chill vacuum of space.

This meant carefully transporting the giant lens and its support system from the Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland, then easing it into the test chamber in Houston where Apollo and other space craft had been tested years before.

Once the chamber was sealed, it took a week to remove all the air, and then nearly a month to lower the temperature to minus 424 F.

The Webb Telescope then went through another month of testing in that ultra-frozen vacuum before they began to slowly bring it back up to room temperature.

Last week, the Webb Telescope finished its Houston testing, a process that had begun in May, and the scientists and technicians announced that it had passed with flying colors.



(NASA Illustration)

The James Webb Space Telescope will launch in 2019, and will join the Hubble in exploring distant space.

But the Webb is far more powerful than the faithful old Hubble, which has been sending back data to Earth since 1990.

It's not just a matter of better lenses like you might have in an expensive pair of binoculars, compared to a cheap pair.

The Webb will be able to collect and analyze different wavelengths of light than the Hubble, meaning that it cannot simply see farther, but see differently.

For example, if an exoplanet is passing in front of its star, the Webb will not only be able to see it, but will be able to sample its atmosphere and analyze any gases, water or other clues about the potential for life.

In addition, it will be able to see through dust clouds and other barriers that the Hubble cannot, which means it will be able to see stars being born and trace the way galaxies evolve.

Its ability to pierce the far distances of space and analyze light from the corners of the Universe will give the Webb the ability to see the light from the distant past and study how the Universe was first formed.

The Webb will be launched into orbit in the Spring of 2019, but it has already launched a lot of fun, fascinating activities at <https://jwst.nasa.gov>

Sudoku

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

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 Four.



Brainteaser

On this date in 1919, the 18th Amendment was ratified by three-quarters of the states, bringing Prohibition to America, so our answers this week will begin with "R" for Raymond Rascoe, the fictional customs officer in "Hooch."

1. Daikon is a large, Japanese type of this common root vegetable
2. US President who used a wheelchair
3. African hound used for lion-hunting, it has a distinctive ridge of hair along its spine
4. Type of wheat used to make a dark bread. Also a town in Pueblo County.
5. Bucharest is the capital of this European nation.
6. Before digital music, people stored their music on these round, flat disks
7. Dried grapes
8. Conejos County is named for these wild animals
9. In a fairy tale, the Miller's Daughter had to guess his name or he would take her baby away
10. English actor who played the role of Harry Potter in movies

(answers on Page Four)

Science shows how grown-up different news organizations are

The capsules in this picture -- one without its cover, one covered -- are an interesting breakthrough in the study of digestion.

It's also an interesting study of how different news organizations cover the same story.

The capsule is being developed by engineers at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia, and is designed to be swallowed and to then sense gases as it goes through the digestive system.

By transmitting data on the levels of oxygen, hydrogen and carbon dioxide in different parts of the digestive tract, the capsule will help doctors know how well a patient digests different types of food.

They hope to help identify conditions like colitis,

irritable bowel syndrome and perhaps even colon cancer early and more accurately than other methods of measuring how well your body digests food.

Pretty serious, interesting stuff, right?

So "Nature" magazine's headline read "A human pilot trial of ingestible electronic capsules capable of sensing different gases in the gut," while NPR's coverage had the headline, "Gut Check: Gas-Sniffing Capsule Charts The Digestive Tract."

And then "Popular Science" chose this accurate but not terribly technical headline: "This pill could help you figure out why you're always farting."

Perhaps, if Popular Science were a student, he'd be headed for the principal's office now. **photo/RMIT Univ.**



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Hooch



Chapter Two – The Roadster

“Do they punish you in that school for speaking French?” Uncle Martin asked, and because they were at the farm, he asked it in French.

Kenny looked up from his place at the long table and started to speak, but Uncle George broke in first. “Who speaks French in high school?” he asked. “He’s nearly in high school now. Seventh grade.”

“I went to seventh grade,” Martin said. “I finished eighth. And they slapped us for speaking French, even in the halls. Even at lunch.”

“We don’t speak French in school,” Kenny replied quietly. “Even at lunch.”

“You didn’t speak French in seventh grade, either, did you?” Raymond asked Martin.

Martin shrugged. “True. Probably not in seventh grade. But there it is: They beat the French out of us long before that.”

Martin’s wife, Aunt Irène, was sitting next to him, and put her fingertips gently on his arm to remind him not to argue, but George raised his fork and pointed towards the north.

“It’s right there,” he said, then grinned. “Quebec. You can be there in less than an hour, Martin, and they all speak French in school. You’d love it.”

Martin shook his head at the teasing. “Easy to get back and forth across that border, is it, George?” he asked, smiling, but with a bite in his tone.

Aunt Hélène’s husband, Paul, laughed aloud, but Hélène and Irène looked down at their plates as if they were embarrassed, and Raymond wasn’t smiling at all.

Kenny couldn’t understand why. George often went to Quebec to do carpentry for a company in Hemmingford, and made good money.

That’s why he could drive a shining new Roadster instead of an old Model T like the other farmers. It didn’t seem like anything to laugh at, or to be embarrassed about.

Whatever the joke was, Pépé changed the subject.

“Enough,” he said. “You all went to school in English and yet here we are, all speaking French. Kenny will remember his French, too, and he’ll know more than that, because he’s going to graduate from eighth grade and then from high school, too. That’s so, isn’t it, my boy?”

“First in the family!” said Mémé, as she stood and picked up her plate. Irène and Hélène rose to join her in clearing the table.

Pépé looked around at Raymond, George, Martin and Paul. “So, are we all agreed to cut wood this week? Raymond, can you help?”

“I’m taking three days off,” Raymond said. “Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I need to be back on patrol for the weekend.”

Mémé came to get the big platter from the middle of the table. “You work too many days,” she said. “How do they expect you to get anything else done?”

“I told them we had to get our wood cut and stacked if we want it cured for winter,” Raymond replied. “They understood. I’ll work a few days for the other officers, when they have things to do.”

“I could stay home to help,” Kenny offered. “I’m old enough to drive Paul’s oxen, and I can swing an axe or take one end of a saw.”

But Raymond shook his head. “You lost enough school days for sugaring this spring. Tend to your studies for now. I’ll be home each night and we’ll have supper together.”

“You’ll have all summer for farm work,” Pépé agreed. “Now, go watch your cousins so your aunts and your grandmother can clean up after this fine meal.”

When his grandfather and Raymond agreed, there was no point in further talk. Kenny got up and went to the kitchen as the men continued their discussion of the woodcutting.

The five little ones, Hélène’s two girls and a boy, and Irène’s two boys, had been eating at the table in the kitchen, and they gathered around Kenny as he led them out the back door.

Sometimes, the little ones would run off to play and he could just sit and watch them, but this wasn’t one of those times, and they began to jump up and down, begging their older cousin to think of a game and play with them.

Kenny thought for a moment, then put a hand to his pocket to make sure he still had a piece of penny candy left.

“Hide and Seek!” he said, “Only backwards. You all go on the front porch and count, and I’ll hide. Whoever finds me first gets a Tootsie Roll!”

“How far?” one of the boys asked.

“Fifty,” Kenny said. “But Marie-Claire has to count.”

Marie-Claire was very precise and would pronounce each number, he knew.

The children ran around to the front porch and Kenny thought a minute. The woodshed would be the first place they’d look. He could hide in the cornfield, but if they trampled it looking for him, he’d be in trouble. Then he knew!

He ran to the barn and slipped in the side door. He could hide in George’s Roadster. They’d jump up on the runningboard and look inside, but if he crouched behind the seats in back, they wouldn’t see him.

He eased the door open, then shut it quietly behind him and began to crawl into the back. But there wasn’t room for him: The back was filled with bulging burlap sacks.

Kenny reached into one and pulled out a bottle of Canadian beer.

Uncle George was a rumrunner!

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Sudoku Solution

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

Brainteaser Solution



(see Page Three)

10 right - Wow!

7 right - Great!

5 right - Good

3 right - See you next time!

- radish
- (Franklin) Roosevelt
- Rhodesian ridgeback
- Rye
- Romania
- records
- raisins
- rabbits
- Rumplestilzkin
- (Daniel) Radcliffe

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