



CK Reporter of the Week  
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## Monster hit tops previous sequel



To celebrate 25 years since the 1993 classic “Jurassic Park,” Universal Pictures has produced “Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom,” marking four sequels since the original.

In “Fallen Kingdom,” when the U.S. government refuses to give the dinos the same protection they do other endangered species, Owen (*Chris Pratt*) and Claire (*Bryce Dallas Howard*) team up with Zia (*Daniella Pineda*) and Franklin (*Justice Smith*), to attempt to save the dinosaurs from an active volcano and take them to a sanctuary island.

This means going back to Isla Nublar, the site of Jurassic World, a failed theme park shut down three years ago because of a disaster that threatened the planet.

During this mission, they try their hardest to get Blue, a velociraptor Owen raised himself.

They soon figure out what they really want with the dinos, but I’ll save that for the movie.

Though the start of the second trilogy with “Jurassic

World” in 2015 was a little rough, “Fallen Kingdom” definitely adds more of what “Jurassic World” lacked.

One thing “Jurassic World” lacked was a sense of location. The cast spent most of their time in the Jurassic World theme park, while in “Fallen Kingdom” they go to several locations.

Another thing is the storyline: “Jurassic Park’s” storyline was played out in an interesting way, while “Jurassic World” simply reused the same simple plot, but made it less interesting.

However, “Fallen Kingdom’s” storyline does not reuse any other plots.

The other thing is comedy. I’m not going to lie and say “Jurassic World” completely lacked comedy, but “Fallen Kingdom” definitely is more of a crowd-pleaser in that category.

Before the movie started, I wondered if “Fallen Kingdom” would have a sequel.

There are a ton of signs in the movie pointing towards another sequel, and after research, I learned

Jurassic World III (*working title*) is scheduled to release in June 2021, though that date could change.

I was happy to see Owen and Claire back, and I hope the new names in “Fallen Kingdom” will return in “Jurassic World III.”

Kid actor Isabella Sermon plays a young girl, Maisie Lockwood, granddaughter of Dr. Benjamin Lockwood, who partnered with John Hammond to recreate dinosaurs.

This is one of the characters I would like to see return in “Fallen Kingdom’s” upcoming sequel.

In conclusion, while “Fallen Kingdom” is better than “Jurassic World,” the original “Jurassic Park” still surpasses it, but not by far.



By Marcus Turner,  
12, a CK Reporter  
from Aurora

## Fun, puzzling mystery could have been longer

“The Jigsaw Jungle,” by Kristin Levine, is an exciting book. It is a mystery novel, but it is not scary or anything.

One word that describes it is “puzzling,” because there are a bunch of mysteries that the main character has to solve, all tied into the book.

Also, the book is literally about puzzles.

This novel is the only one in the series, but I think there are still some background things that needed to be considered and then recapitulated.

Besides that, however, I think the book was very enticing and absorbing to read.

The book is about 12-year-old Claudia Dalton, a puzzle fanatic.

Her father has disappeared, and she wants to find him, not only to get him back but to find out what has happened to him.

Claudia also wants to fix her family, for it was partially torn apart by her father disappearing.

She is very determined through difficult situations to get the information she wants: Where is her father and why is he gone?

One day, she gets a puzzle piece in the mail. On the back, there is a message from her father, telling Claudia that he has gone to visit an old friend “to think things over.”

Reading this, Claudia decides to put a scrapbook together using anything she can find — letters, phone calls, voice memos,



receipts, banknotes, postcards, emails, home movies — and describing what is in them, what they say, and everything else about them.

Set in her grandfather’s house, the book also takes you to the other places where Claudia tries to find the pieces of the puzzle of her father.

“The Jigsaw Jungle” gives a message of being who you are and not hiding from things you are scared of.

When you get to the end of the book, you will know what I mean, because there are hidden meanings behind the mysteries in the book.

This was a really well-written book that I could hardly put down.

It is a medium length, but I wish that there were more explanation at the end of the book because it kind of wrapped things up too fast.

It is a good book for around 10-year-olds because it is pretty easy to read, and not confusing.

I really liked it, though, and would recommend it to anyone who likes mysteries.



By Essie Lamar,  
12, a CK Reporter  
from Denver

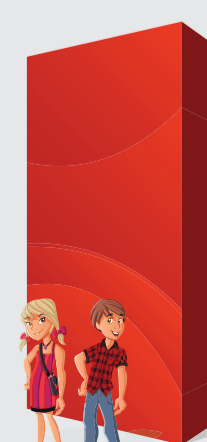
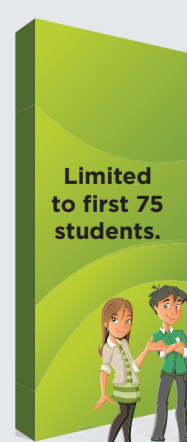
## Youth Journalism Day

For 4th-8th grade students  
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# Comic Con: Inspiring artists, fun cosplay



It's the time of year where costumed adults and children flood downtown Denver, and I'm not talking about Halloween.

I'm talking about Denver Comic Con.

Held at the Colorado Convention Center, this year's Comic Con featured film celebrities such as Bonnie Wright (who played Ginny Weasley in the popular Harry Potter franchise) and Pom Klementieff (who played Mantis in "Guardians of the Galaxy 2"), and authors such as Christopher Paolini, author of "the Inheritance Cycle," and Tamora Pierce, author of many books including "Mastiff" and "Tempests and Slaughter."

Every year, Comic Con also includes a plethora of independent artists selling their wares. These products range from sketches, paintings, and woodwork to comic books, sculptures, and stuffed animals.

In the face of such accomplished artists, it may seem that anything you might do on the side will never measure up.

However, it is important to remember that these people had to start somewhere, too.

Some of these artists have been drawing comics since high school, like C. Major of "Delphinity Comics," although she said she began drawing other forms of art as soon as she could pick up a pencil.

Likewise, Will Terry, who has been a children's book illustrator for the past 20 years, began drawing in elementary school.

But if you're already an adult, no need to give up: Artists such as Jane Zei of the "Pigeon Gazette" and

Orion Sperelman, creator of "Save the



Sperels," both started drawing as adults.

No matter where you start, there is one thing they all agree on: if you want to make a career out of drawing, you need to practice.

Denver Comic Con is a place for people to unashamedly show their fanaticism for a variety of fandoms from movies, books, TV shows, and comic books.

People from many backgrounds and all ages dress up like their favorite characters and swarm the Colorado Convention Center.

Each handmade costume is unique, many are extremely detailed, and all are the product of extensive research and hard work.

As such, Comic Con is a way to celebrate fandom in and of itself: sharing your love of something like Doctor Who or Star Wars with people who understand and appreciate the depth of your passion.



Orion Sperelman, creator of "Save the



Story and live photos by Maria Ciobanu, 13, a CK Reporter from Denver

## Newest 'Treehouse' book doesn't disappoint

My favorite book series right now is The Treehouse Book Series, so I was eager to read "The 78 Story Treehouse" by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton.

There are eight books in the series: "The 13 Story Treehouse," "The 26 story Treehouse," "The 39 story Treehouse," "The 52 story Treehouse," "The 65 story Treehouse," "The 78 story Treehouse," "The 91 story Treehouse," and "The 104 Story Treehouse."

I fell in love with this series because I think it would be really cool to live in a treehouse that has lots of levels to have fun on. Also, I like the characters, Andy, Terry, Mr. Big Nose, and Jill, their neighbor, who loves animals.

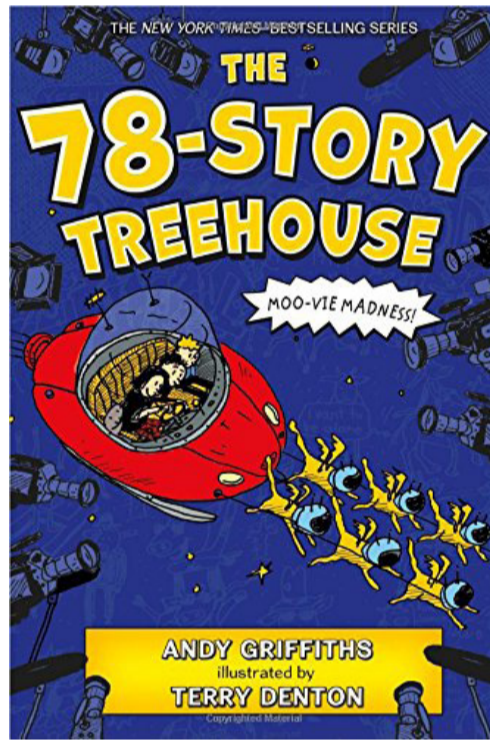
As well as loving the words, I also love the illustrations. Andy and Terry love to write books. Andy writes the words and Terry draws the pictures.

Mr. Big Nose is their book publisher.

In this book, Andy and Terry are making a movie.

Andy tries to warn Terry, Jill and the movie director that spy cows are trying to steal their movie and make it into their own, but they don't listen.

Andy says that there's a spy cow on every page and if you



look, there really is a spy cow on every page!

Finding the cows is just one of the silly, fun things about this book.

I think that this book is funny because the treehouse levels are so cool! For example, it's got a drive-through car wash that you can drive through with the windows down and the roof up!

Another level is a chainsaw-juggling level, and there is also a scribbletorium, where you can scribble all day long all over the walls.

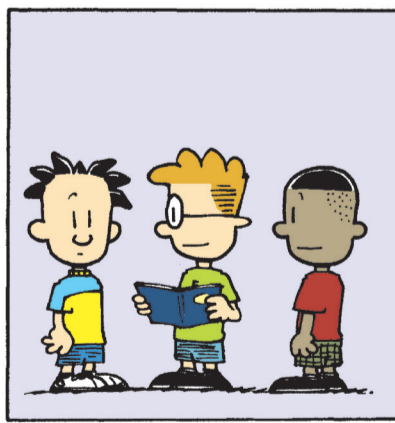
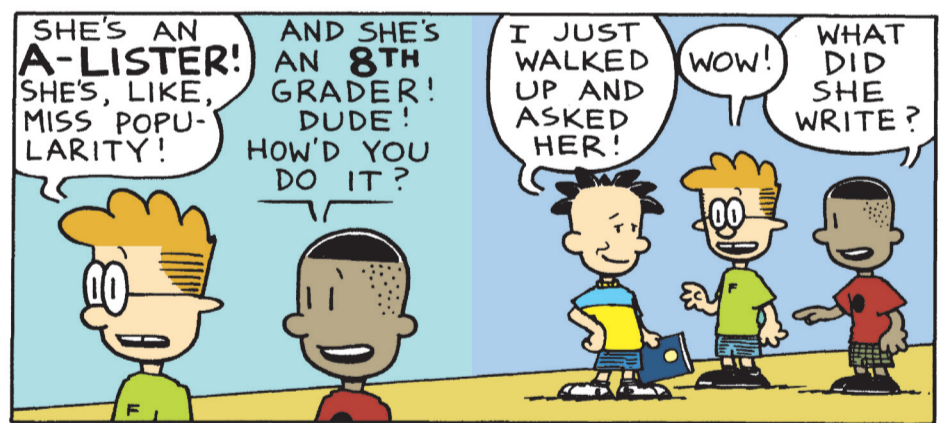
I have read every book in this series, up to "The 78 Story Treehouse," and this book was just as funny and entertaining as the rest of the series.

This book series is for kids and adults who like to be surprised and have fun.



By Hannah Hensley, 8, a CK Reporter from Centennial

## Big Nate



## Babies get an adult overdose of sugar

Parents of very small children may be careful not to give them candy, soft drinks and other sweets, but a recent report says that may not protect them from having too much sugar in their diets.

Researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported last week that a study of 800 kids between six and 23 months old showed that they are getting way too much added

sugar, including the kind you often need to look at labels to find.

It's not just that they're getting more sugars than they ought to.

They're getting more sugars than anybody ought to: More sugar even than is recommended for adults.

Some of it is "junk food:" Sodas, desserts, cookies and candy.

And some a little more hidden. For instance, yoghurt can be a health food, until companies add

jam and sugar and make it into something more like pudding.

In addition, many baby and toddler foods have sugar added, even to vegetables and other foods you wouldn't think of as sweet.

Too much sugar can lead to obesity, diabetes and heart disease.

For toddlers, researchers said, it's important that they learn to like, and eat, food that doesn't contain too much sugar.

photo/Orring



# With CALF, even city kids can learn Ag skills



**C**ALF, or Colorado Agricultural Leadership Foundation, is an educational foundation designed to connect people to agriculture through educational programs and community projects.

In addition to having different learning experiences such as the Farm and Ranch Day in May where you can learn about farm and ranch life, Harvest Day in September, and various volunteer opportunities and Barnyard Tours, they also let kids who live in the city and do not have the space to have a farm raise their animals on CALF's Lowell Ranch in Castle Rock.

There are 10 CALF kids who are currently raising their animals there.

If you have animals at the ranch, you have to come down twice a day to take care of them.

It takes about an hour to feed the animals, and, if you are not properly taking care of your animals, you will be kicked off of the ranch.

They have 133 acres now and will be soon expanding to 168 acres. The types of animals that you can keep there include pigs, cows, sheep, donkeys, chickens, turkeys and goats.

In addition to providing housing for the animals, the ranch also has access to an on-site veterinarian.

I met Brooke Fox, the CEO. She has been with them since 2007 and CEO since 2010.

She explained that 4-H is America's largest youth development organization and is for kids aged 8-18. It includes science, health, and citizenship, in addition to agriculture.

She also let us meet some of the 4-H kids.

One of the 4-H/CALF kids that I met was Ethan, who is 15 and lives in Highlands Ranch. He is raising sheep at Lowell Ranch as well as building a chicken coop. The chicken coop will house 25 egg laying hens.

He will use it as a business opportunity and hopes to sell the eggs.

I also met Lauren and Taylor Averill.

Lauren has a pig whose name is Otis, and who weighs 160 pounds. She also has a pig named Milo.

Taylor has a pig named Stacey.

All three of the pigs are Yorkshire pigs and are only three months old.

They told me that you have to put sunscreen on pigs because they can burn in as soon as 10 minutes!



April through October is the organization's busiest season for field trips. Many Douglas County elementary schools visit during this time.

They have other school districts that come too, but since they are located in Castle Rock, most of the field trip kids come from Douglas County.

Part of the CALF program is to help people become more independent, develop leadership skills, and learn how to lead projects and other people.

It reminded me a bit of Boy Scouts.

In Boy Scouts you can do an Eagle project, and you have to put a plan together, have it reviewed, and get it approved.

It is similar for this program: Kids outline a project, plan it, etc. and then submit it to be approved by a board of directors.

I really enjoyed Lowell Ranch and recommend visiting it on one of their educational tour or festival days. Check out [www.thecalf.org](http://www.thecalf.org) for more details.



Story and photos by Ben Vanourek, 12, a CK Reporter from Littleton

# NASA announces asteroid protection plan

**T**he news lately has been full of stories about asteroids passing close by the Earth, along with quotes from NASA scientists saying why we were really in no danger from them.

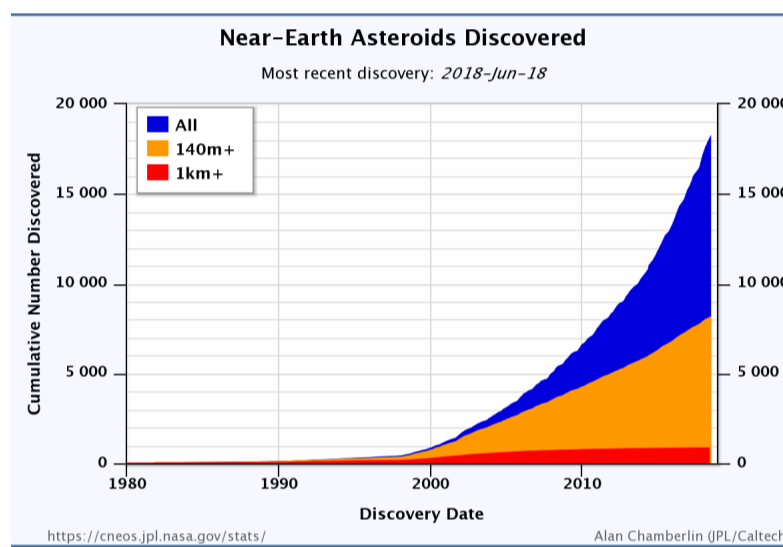
This graph shows why these near-misses have been in the news: We're obviously getting much better at spotting them than we were even 20 years ago.

But, whether we've seen them or not, near-Earth asteroids have been passing by as long as we've been a planet, and there have been some times when one didn't pass by.

In 1908, something -- scientists still aren't sure if it was an asteroid or part of a comet -- exploded in the air over Tungusk, Russia.

Fortunately, it was a very rural area and no people were injured, but it certainly could have been much worse. As it was, it flattened 2,000 square kilometers (770 square miles) of forest.

In 2013, Russia was also the site of a smaller event, but was not so lucky this time: A meteoroid exploded in the atmosphere over the city of Chelyabinsk, and nearly 1500 people were injured, many from flying glass as the force of the explosion shattered windows throughout the area.



Nobody was killed in Chelyabinsk, but now that we can spot these Near-Earth asteroids, governments have decided it's foolish not to put real effort into protecting ourselves.

Last week, NASA announced a five-part program.

The first part is to work on improving our ability to spot approaching asteroids sooner.

Second is to improve our ability to predict the exact path of an asteroid, so we can tell not only if it will hit the Earth, but where and when.

That would help emergency agencies make plans for a disaster.

The third part of the plan is developing ways to change the path of the asteroid. This could be done in a number of ways using unmanned spacecraft, because, in the weightlessness of space, it's not that hard to make a small change

in an asteroid's direction that could make all the difference.

The fourth part is to improve cooperation with all the nations of the Earth so that they can exchange information in time to avoid disasters.

The fifth is to make plans for a disaster, in case parts one through four should fail. Meanwhile, remember that most of the Earth's surface is ocean, and that the chances of an asteroid hitting a city remain as small as they've ever been.

## Sudoku

			2		6
	5				
		6			
				1	
5	2		4		
		4	5		2

**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

**On this date in 1945, 50 nations signed the United Nations Charter, pledging to uphold human rights and work for peace, so our answers this week will start with "U."**

- Four-stringed Hawaiian instrument, its name means "jumping flea"
- The official behind the plate in baseball or softball
- This National Forest is nearly 1,500 square miles in area and has its headquarters in Delta.
- Ancient Greek God who, with his wife, Gaia, was the parent of the Titans
- Tashkent is the capital of this Central Asian nation, which is between Khazakstan and Turkmenistan.
- Darkest part of the shadow during an eclipse
- This type of light is at the opposite end of the spectrum from infrared.
- Vernon Dursley was one to Harry Potter.
- Where you would go to see Bryce Canyon
- Group of workers formed to guarantee fair treatment and good contracts

**(answers on Page Four)**

# Dogs outscore cats in brain study, and not just because of size

**W**hen it comes to brain power, size isn't the only measure. In fact, it doesn't seem to be a particularly good measure at all.

And, if you're a cat person, you might want to stop reading right here, because some recent research has provided an answer to a very old question, and you might not want to hear it.

Dogs are smarter than cats.

We already knew that the average dog is much more willing to work than the average cat: You don't see cats out herding sheep, helping to find lost hikers or sniffing out bombs at airports.

But now a group of researchers have studied the brains of several types of carnivores, from tiny ferret

brains up to large brown bear brains.

Instead of just weighing and measuring them, they counted the neurons -- the cells that transfer information -- in their cerebral cortex, and dogs had about 530 million, compared to 250 million for cats.

And size has little to do with it: Dogs and lions have the same number of neurons, but the lion's brain is twice as large as the dog's.

Meanwhile, a cat and a bear are tied for number of neurons, but the bear's brain is 10 times larger, while a raccoon, with a brain the size of a cat, had nearly as many neurons as a dog.

The study mostly proved how complex brains are, but dog lovers will like the results.

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# Beyond These Pages!

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# Flying Plates

Story by Frances Milburn/Illustrated by Emily Lesch

## Chapter Six: Itchy Eyes

**The story so far:** Mom and the boys wait in the Visitors Center while a rescue team searches the cave for Conner. Mom is nervous when a staff member lists all the possible things that could happen to Conner. Surprisingly, Conner walks in the center, having found his way out near the river and someone to drive him back. They return to the campground, but Ben is miserable from itchy eyes.

I woke up early and went outside to find the outhouse. My eyes felt weird, like they were only open a slit. I rubbed them hard. Then they hurt.

Conner was making hot chocolate on the cookstove as though yesterday had never happened.

He did a double take when he looked at me. "What's with you, bro? You look like a freak!"

"What you mean?"

He walked over and stared at me. "Your face is all messed up!" He leaned in closer. "Oh wow!"

He turned to the tent.

"Mom!" he shouted. "Come look at Ben's face!"

Mom crawled out of the tent and came over to me. She was still in her pjs.

Her eyes popped out when she looked at me. "Oh my gosh, you're all swollen!"

I ran to the car mirror. They were right, I looked like a zombie!

My face was red and puffy. I could barely see my eyes.

"What is this?" I yelled.

"I'm not sure. Let's see your arms." There were red pimples.

"You must've gotten into poison ivy. It's in your eyes."

Suddenly, I felt the itchiness and a powerful urge to run my nails up and down my face and arms.

"Don't touch it!" Mom shouted. "You'll spread it."

But her words only made me want to scratch more.

"I've never seen anything like it, you poor thing. I think we'll have to get you to a doctor," she said gently and gave me a hug. "I wonder where you got it?"

"Maybe by the river where we swam?" Nate said crawling out of his tent. I thought I saw some three-leaf plant that looked like poison ivy."

Mom quickly walked over and looked closely at him. "No signs of bumps on you, thank goodness."

She sighed. "I don't think salve will do the trick. Especially with it in your eyes. I'll ask at the camp office about a doctor." She hurried back into the tent to dress. "Conner, you and Nate take down the tents and pack up the car. I'll try to get Ben into a clinic right away, so we can hit the road asap."

Three long hours later, after a shot in the leg and armed with a bottle of pills, we headed back on the highway.

I was miserable and wished I was back home. But the doctor said I'd start feeling better soon.

I shut my eyes, but couldn't sleep.

Mom decided to take backroads instead of the main highway west. "I'm sick of the fast traffic. I want to see some of the real Missouri that you can't see at 70 miles per hour. Besides, we have to find a picnic place for lunch

"But Mom," Conner complained, "That will just make the drive longer. How far are we going? Are we camping?"

"Of course! That's the whole point. And I don't know how far we'll get. It depends on where we can find a campground this afternoon."

Mom's idea wasn't so great.

The roads were only two-lane with plenty of farm vehicles that we couldn't pass.

We also had to slow down through the little towns which weren't that interesting.

But we did find a city park with a picnic table in one town.

I still itched all over but felt a little better.

I wondered how long it would be before I looked normal. Conner and Nate were making PBJ sandwiches at the table while Mom and I brought over the cooler.

"Mom, let's put a bag over his head, so people don't think we have a freak kid," Conner said, laughing.

"You're mean!" I snapped.

"Stop it, Conner! Ben already feels bad enough."

"At least make him sit at a different table." He scrunched up his face. "I'm just kidding, bro."

He walked over put his arm around me. "I'm sure you're miserable, and I hope you feel better soon. You know, I've got your back if anyone ever teases you."

He looked closely at my face. "The swelling has really gone down. Pretty soon, you'll look normal again."

After lunch, we got back into the car. "Well, boys, it's after two, and we're almost to I-70. That means about two more hours to Kansas City. I'm hoping to get through the city and well on our way through Kansas before we call it a day."

Nate was now in the front seat and Conner in back with me.

"Oh no!" Mom slapped the steering wheel as we arrived in Kansas City. "Didn't realize there'd be so much traffic here."

She came to a standstill. "It's rush hour."

Mom turned off the air conditioner and opened all the windows. It was very hot. She tapped her fingers impatiently on the steering wheel.

But the traffic didn't move.

Finally, the cars started to move at a snail's pace, and traffic thinned out. Mom got into the left lane and gunned it.

Suddenly, I heard a thumping noise, and the whole car shook. She slowed way down.

"What's going on, Mom?" I asked. The car was wobbling.

"You must have a flat tire! Stop the car!" Conner yelled.

"I bet you're right." She pulled over to the side of the highway and got out. Conner followed.

She shook her head. "What else could go wrong? We're out on the highway. It's almost 6 pm, and now we have a flat!"



## Sudoku Solution

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

## Brainteaser Solution



(see Page Three)

10 right - Wow!

7 right - Great!

5 right - Good

3 right - See you next time!

1. ukelele 2. umpire 3. Uncompahgre 4. Uranus 5. Uzbekistan  
6. umbra 7. ultraviolet 8. uncle 9. Utah 10. union

## CORRECTION

Contrary to an answer in last week's Brainteaser, the capital of Maine is, of course, Augusta.

# ColoradoKids

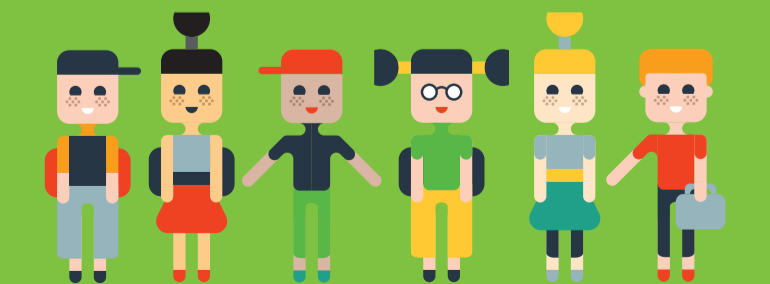
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