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Zion offers hikes, bikes, beauty

Looking for adventure and outdoor excitement?
Go to Zion National Park!

This national park is in Southwest Utah. There you will see amazing hanging gardens, breathtaking waterfalls, and fantastic, thousands-of-years-old rock structures!

Zion is full of beautiful hikes, bike trails, and amazing scenery.

We took a beautiful bike ride, and two hikes that truly blew me away.

There were cacti along the paths, and when it rained, the red sand ran off the rocks and turned the Virgin River that runs through Zion *red*!

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There are buses to take you to the starting points of these hikes, and a visitors' station with a gift shop.

Many famous views are in Zion, like the Weeping Rock that looks like it's crying. It's only a 0.4 mile hike to the rock from the shuttle.

Angels' Landing is a popular hike about 3 miles one way that finishes on a high cliff with a spectacular view.

Narrows is considered the prettiest part of the park, but was recently closed because of all the rain.

Emerald Pools is a hike to a pond that has an emerald green color, caused by minerals in the water.

On the shuttle, you will see the Three Patriarchs, which are sandstone cliffs that represent the three prophets from the Bible: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The Hanging Garden is next to Weeping Rock, and once you get to the viewing point, you'll find tons of



photo/Grace Ascione

flowers and blossoms hanging from the rock above.

My favorite hike was the Weeping Wall, because it has beautiful plants that you can't normally see in Colorado.

Zion National Park is a 14 hour drive from Denver, and it passes by other national parks such as Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (*Lake Powell*) and Bryce Canyon National Park.

Zion is a beautiful park that shows Utah's natural beauty and has accessible hikes for all ages.



By Reese Ascione,
9, a CK Reporter
from Golden

High-Speed Internet comes to San Luis Valley



The fiber optic cable being laid in Conejos Canyon. (photo/Gary Strieker)

Since I study at home, I depend on a good Internet connection for nearly all of my school-related activities, from attending classes to submitting homework assignments.

Here in the remote canyon where we live, our normal Internet connection is very slow, so we signed up for a satellite connection that is much faster but often cuts out, and we lose it completely when our electric power fails, making it difficult for me to focus on my studies.

Around a year ago, we were told that a high-speed fiber optic cable was going to be connected in our remote canyon, giving us up to 1 Gigabyte of Internet speed!

I'm really excited about this, because it's going to make so much difference for me in my studies!

I was curious about how this connection was going to happen, so I contacted the company responsible for the project, Jade Communications in Alamosa.

So far, Jade has dug trenches and laid more than 100 miles of fiber optic cable in the San Luis Valley.

"We normally plow at between three and four feet," says Josh Wehe, the director of operations at Jade. "Sometimes it has to be deeper, like if there's a water line ... then we have to go under it by two feet."

Jade has been connecting communities all over the San Luis Valley and neighboring regions as part of a state program to give people high-speed Internet throughout Colorado, including remote places like where I live.

Because there is such a limited market with so few customers for Internet connections in our area, projects like ours are only possible because of special funding from the state.

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Getting the funding for this project was one of the biggest challenges that Jade had to overcome.

"We waited around a year and a half to get a permit to do this project," Wehe says, "So that was really frustrating."

There are a lot of difficulties that the workers face while laying the cable, especially given the terrain where they're working.

They have to bore horizontally under roads, driveways and rivers. Underground boulders often block their path.

"Getting [the cable] into the ground is 90% of the battle," Wehe explains. "Once it's in the ground, we move really quickly getting people lit up."

Since I've learned about all the difficulties faced in laying the fiber optic cable, I'll appreciate it even more when it finally reaches our home.



By Nandi Strieker,
12, a CK Reporter
from Antonito

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Anthony’s life makes interesting reading

Women changed America more than a school textbook shows, and more than we learn in school.

Teri Kanefield’s book, “The Making of America: Susan B. Anthony,” highlights the role of one woman, Susan B. Anthony, in changing the role of women in the United States.

You will learn a lot ... but it will feel like you are reading an interesting story about an interesting woman.

This is a biography, so it tells the story of Anthony’s life as well as her many achievements as a public figure.

Readers learn a lot not just about Anthony, but also about other important historical figures like Sojourner Truth and William Garrison, and about events that happened during Anthony’s life, like the Civil War.

Kanefield starts her book with Susan B. Anthony’s birth and early life.

She was born on February 15, 1820, in Massachusetts to Daniel and Lucy Anthony.

The Anthonys were Quakers, a Christian religious group that did not like slavery and that let women hold positions of power in the community.

By 17, Susan was collecting anti-slavery petitions.

Her uncle Joshua Read helped her get a position as headmistress at the Canajoharie Academy, where she taught older women reading, writing, and history.

This job increased Anthony’s interest in the rights of women, and later led her to demand the outlawing of alcohol when she heard from wives of alcoholics that they were being abused by their husbands and having their money taken by their husbands to buy alcohol.

During all this Susan B. Anthony remained a firm abolitionist (someone who opposes slavery).

In 1851 Anthony met Elizabeth Cady Stanton and they started the American Equal Rights Association and became the editors of the group’s newspaper, “The Revolution.”

When Congress passed the 14th and 15th Amendments allowing black men to vote Anthony was angry because the amendments did not let women vote.

In the final years of her life, she continued her quest for women’s suffrage, going around the country gathering signatures and going to Congress every year to petition them to make women’s voting legal.

Sadly, Anthony died in 1906, fourteen years before American women were allowed to vote.

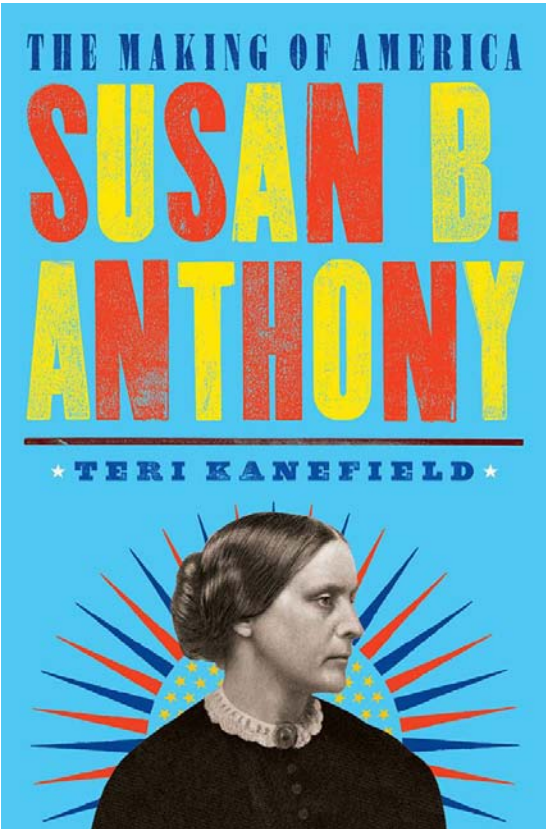
Even though she died before the law changed, Kanefield’s book makes clear how crucial Susan B. Anthony was in helping women gain the right to vote.

This book is part of “The Making of America” series, which also includes books on Alexander Hamilton and Abraham Lincoln.

I will definitely be reading these other books by Teri Kanefield and I recommend that you check out “The Making of America: Susan B. Anthony.”

Even people who do not like history in school are likely to enjoy this book because it reads more like a personal story than a textbook.

You will learn a lot about early America, the abolitionist movement and women’s rights, but it will feel like you are reading an interesting story about an interesting woman.



By Aidan Muldoon, 12, a CK Reporter from Denver

‘Rangers’ series racks up yet another winner

“Ranger’s Apprentice: The Royal Ranger - Duel at Araluen,” by John Flanagan, is another terrific book set in this fictional world.

The world is similar to our Medieval times: There are knights and kings and castles, plus something we may not have thought about: Rangers.

In this series, a ranger is a highly skilled warrior who goes through years of training. They specialize in unseen movement, archery, and planning. They are very good battle planners.

The “Ranger’s Apprentice” series is a 12-book long saga that I think everyone should read because it is wonderful.

The 12th book of that series is titled “The Royal Ranger” and is the story of a princess who was put into ranger training and is now trying to save her mother, the queen, from rebellious citizens who are armed and took over the castle from the inside.

“The Royal Ranger” has become a sub-series telling her story, and “Duel at Araluen” is its third volume.

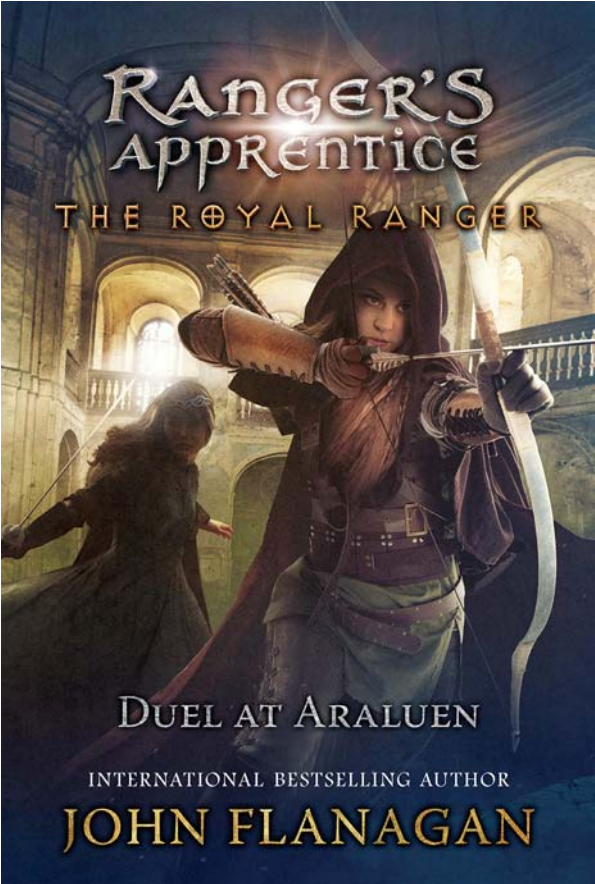
This book follows Maddie (*the princess*) after she snuck out of the castle with her ranger skills while the queen and a few loyal to her are stuck up in a safe house in the south tower.

She would never be able to recapture the castle alone, so she must get her father and his troop.

“Duel at Araluen” shows her journey to find and save her father, Horace, the foremost knight in the kingdom, from a group of mercenaries.

He had been lured out of the castle with most of the garrison and led to a group of mercenaries hired by the same rebels trapping the queen in the tower.

The story involves fearsome ruffians from across



the globe, a siege, and secret tunnels galore.

Before you read this book, you should read the others.

I am willing to bet you could get enough context from just reading the first and second “Royal Ranger” books, but the best way to go is to read all of the “Ranger’s Apprentice” books.

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Flanagan has built himself a novel empire it seems. He has the “Ranger’s Apprentice” series, and then the “Royal Ranger” series, and then the “Brotherband Chronicles” about previously mentioned travelling ruffians, and he has “The Early Days” series, which is the prequel to “Ranger’s Apprentice.”

They are all beyond super interesting, and catching up on them all would be a good summer reading project!

By Jack Vanourek, 13, a CK Reporter from Littleton

Big Nate



Disney-based board game has pluses, minuses

“Villainous,” the board game, has its faults but they do not outweigh the good elements.

The older the players are, the longer it can take to complete the game, since they have more strategy, resulting in a longer game.

However, I personally think that the game is not the best for a few reasons.

The directions are a bit confusing at first, so it can take a long time to set up, which can get annoying.

In this game, you get to play one of six Disney Villains, who are Prince John, Maleficent, Jafar, Ursula, Queen of Hearts and Captain Hook.

Each Villain comes with its own board, its Action Cards, its Fate Cards and its marker. The Fate Cards are almost always used against you.

Depending on the location of your marker, you get to perform actions.

Each board is divided into 4 different areas which will give you different possible actions, depending on the location of your marker, you get to perform specific actions.

The main actions are to play a card from your hand, get coins, activate a power, discard cards, and move an item.

For instance, one location could allow you to play a card, get two coins, discard



your remaining cards, and play Fate on another Villain. Another location could allow you to play two cards, get 1 coin, activate a special power, and play Fate.

All of the artwork in the game is remarkable, and you can tell that there was thought put into it. If you are a Disney fan this will be a treat for you.

And the game really is best for people who are Disney fans.

If you are not knowledgeable about Disney movies then this is not the game for you.

The older the players are, the longer it can take to complete the game, since they have more strategy, resulting in a longer game.

Some games can last up to three hours because once you get close to finishing your objective, an opponent can, and most likely will, stop you.

This is a huge difference between the average time stated on the box, which is 45 to 65 minutes.

But, then, I like that you can play with more than

four people -- it is a two to six player game -- because then you can spend time with more people, since this is a time-consuming game.



By Suhani Agarwal, 14, a CK Reporter from Centennial

What exactly is a ‘concentration camp’?

There are two questions being argued over about the migrants being held at our southern border.

The first is whether it is fair to hold them, and whether the conditions in which they live are humane, legal and decent.

That question is complicated, and seems to be as much about political beliefs as it is about facts.

We’re not going to answer that question today.

The second question is about history and about definitions: Is it accurate to call those detention centers “concentration camps?”

It’s certainly not a nice term.

When most people hear “concentration camp,” they think of the horrific places where the Germans kept Jews, Poles, gypsies and gay people during the Second World War, and where many of them were murdered.

But the first places that were called “concentration camps” were in South Africa during Great Britain’s war against the Boers, Dutch-speaking people who staged a rebellion to try to set up an independent country.

The wives and children of the Boer soldiers were taken from their farms and put in camps to keep them



At left, Boer mothers and children in a concentration camp during the Second Boer War in South Africa (1899-1902). At right, children confined to fenced areas in a detention center near the US border with Mexico. (photos, Wikipedia/Office of the Inspector General)

from providing their rebel husbands and fathers with food and supplies.

The camps were hot and dirty, with little water, bad food and almost no medical care. People died there, and little was done for them until a British woman, Emily Hobhouse, began writing about the conditions and alerting the public to how bad the camps were.

Some of the Americans of Japanese descent who



were kept in camps during World War II, including in Colorado, also call those places “concentration camps” although they were cleaner and better run than the concentration camps in Germany or the Boer War.

We didn’t answer that first question: Is it fair and right to keep migrants in these places?

But the way someone answers the second question may be a clue as to the way they feel about the first one.

Sudoku

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

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

Celebrate Independence Day all over again! Find an Argentinian friend, whose nation declared its independence from Spain on this date in 1816. Our answers this week will begin with “A” for Argentina.

- Kudus, wildebeests and gazelles are this type of animal, but, despite what they are called, pronghorns are not.
- One-named Denver author of “Crispin: The Cross of Lead,” “Nothing But The Truth” and “The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle.”
- This word, meaning “from the beginning,” is used to describe Australia’s native people.
- The Greek Titan condemned to hold up the heavens on his shoulders.
- Main ingredient in guacamole
- Building material used in the Southwest, made from clay and straw
- Very large seabird; sailors believe it is bad luck to kill one
- Park County town just on the opposite site of Hoosier Pass from Breckinridge
- This South African ant-eating mammal is first word in many dictionaries
- Term for something that happens every year

(answers on Page Four)

FDA links some fancy dog foods to heart problems



You’ve seen the ads on-line or on television: They list ingredients in two brands of dog food and ask which sounds better?

It’s certainly true that your dog would be very happy to eat the things that sound good to you.

But, if you pay attention, you’ll notice that your dog is also very happy to eat some things that are totally disgusting to you.

The FDA recently released a

study showing the importance of dietary research in developing foods that dogs not only like, but that are good for them.

They found that several of the more fancy brands of dog food are linked to a particular type of heart disease that can seriously shorten your dog’s life.

Now, there’s a very important difference between being “linked to” something and “causing” it.

They didn’t say that, if you give your dog one of these fancy brands, it will have a heart attack.

But they do strongly suggest that dogs who eat those brands of dog food are more likely to turn up with a specific type of heart disease than dogs who eat more mainstream brands of dog food.

You can see the list of dog foods linked to heart disease at this site: <https://tinyurl.com/y64awdI3>

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Hidden Treasures

Things we think you wouldn't want to miss.



Happy 50th Anniversary, Apollo 11

We're closing in on the 50th anniversary of the day Neil Armstrong became the first human being to set foot on the Moon. It was a small step for a man, he said, but a giant leap for mankind. It was also a great landmark in a decades-long effort to conquer space!

You'll find several activities listed below that can help you celebrate this milestone in human achievement and learn more about how it came about, and how it continues today.

You can also read a CK interview with Buzz Aldrin, who stepped onto the Moon just after Armstrong, that Reporter Clarice Reichley conducted in 2015, along with her review of his book about what it might be like to set up a home on Mars.

The interview is here: <https://nextgen.yourhub.com/2015/10/27/to-infinity-and-beyond-2/> ... and the book review is here: <https://nextgen.yourhub.com/2015/10/28/welcome-to-mars/>

And, of course, you can always visit NASA's Space Place by following the link in that green column to the left.



CK Calendar

Thursday, July 11

"To The Moon and Back," Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 6 - 9 p.m.

Dinner in the Museum, learn about the moon with interactive activities and viewing of the Moon with high power telescopes (weather permitting), and a Moon-themed planetarium show. Special tickets required, details at <https://www.dmns.org/visit/events-and-activities/>

July 13 - 20

Apollo Palooza at the Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum, a week-long celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the first Moon landing. A variety of fun activities and expert lectures on that mission and others. For a full schedule, visit <https://wingsmuseum.org/events/apollo/visit/>

Tuesday, July 16th

World Snake Day will be celebrated at the Denver Zoo with a variety of herpetological activities -- zookeeper talks, live animal demonstrations & encounters, activities and more between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Learn more at <https://www.denverzoo.org/events/world-snake-day/>

Friday, July 19th

"The Lion King" live-version movie opens in area theaters. We'll have a review, of course!

Saturday, July 20th

Commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first Moon landing at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, with special activities and presentations in the Museum's "Space Odyssey" exhibition. Event included with Museum admission. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday July 27

Harry Potter Birthday Party, Bookies Bookstore, 4315 E Mississippi Ave , Denver, 11 a.m. to noon. Details at <https://thebookies.com>

Wednesday July 31

Special screening of "Jurassic Park" in Phipps Auditorium of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 7 p.m., with a presentation by paleontologist Joe Sertich. Special ticket required, details at <https://www.dmns.org/visit/events-and-activities/>

Sudoku Solution

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

Brainteaser Solution



(see Page Three)

10 right - Wow!

7 right - Great!

5 right - Good

3 right - See you next time!

1. antelope 2. Avi 3. aborigine 4. Atlas 5. avocado 6. adobe
7. albatross 8. Alma 9. aardvark 10. annual

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