



'Toy Story 4' is a solid winner



After the seemingly perfect end to the Toy Story franchise with "Toy Story 3" (2010), I didn't know what to expect from Pixar with "Toy Story 4."

On one hand, I didn't expect much more than a cash grab, and, on the other hand, I expected Pixar to make it even better than the first three movies.

Either way, "Toy Story 4" blew my expectations out of the water.

The story starts with Bonnie, (voiced by Madeleine McGraw) who received Andy's toys at the end of the last film, creating Forkie (Tony Hale) out of trash.

We then see Woody (Tom Hanks), help Forkie find out that he's a toy.

It's hard to discuss a lot of what made this film great without giving away spoilers, but I will say there was character growth and great expansions to the Toy Story universe, answering some questions about that Toy Story universe while adding some more along the way.

The character arcs for members of the first film have been expanded upon greatly.

All of this with the best visuals Pixar has to offer, a script with no continuity errors as far as I'm aware, and outstanding writing that I haven't seen since the first movie.

The movie is great in a lot of ways, but (and I know this may sound strange) I think it has too much comedy.

Now, of course, it's Pixar. They're going to put in comedy.

This being a Pixar film, kids are obviously the target audience, but then again, being a Pixar film, anyone can enjoy it,

But I feel that most of the cast is just there to make jokes, and that makes it hard to take the movie seriously.

Don't get me wrong: The comedy is an upside to the film, the movie's attempts at comedy were successful and there were parts where the whole theater laughed.

And, walking in I expected Forkie would be a comic relief character, and that was very much true.

However, there were two other characters who are just there for laughs: Bunny (Jordan Peele) and

Duckie (Keegan-Michael Key).

My point is that Bunny and Duckie are, as I say, just there for laughs, and the story could've been easily rewritten not to include them at all.

Longtime fans of the series won't be disappointed with "Toy Story 4," but the same can't be said for newcomers. If you've somehow managed to avoid watching a single Toy Story movie, I'd recommend you catch up before watching "Toy Story 4."

I can assure you a few tears will be shed in the theater where you watch this in. (You can always tell people they were due to allergies.)

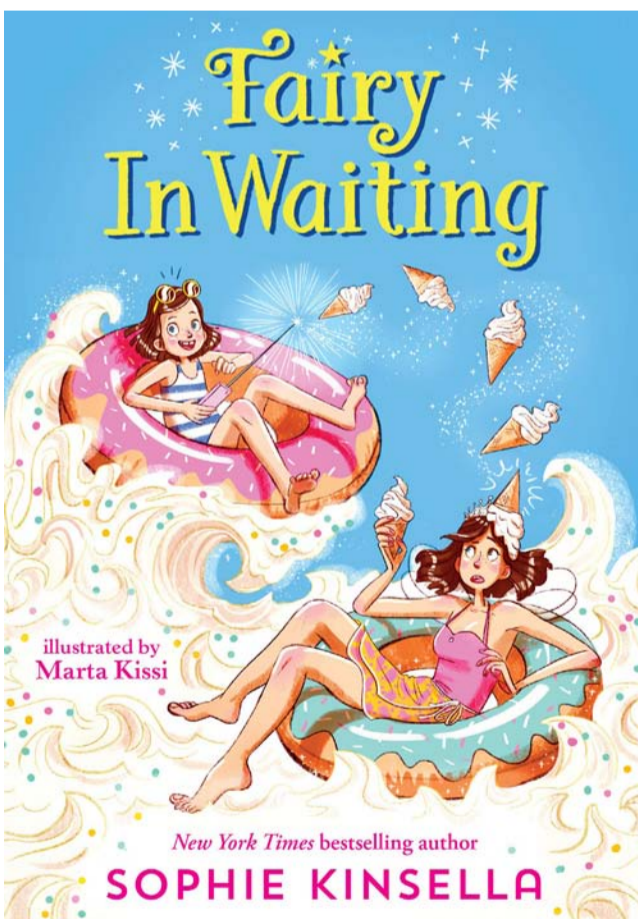
This movie is definitely worth your money.

It has a thrilling plot, outstanding visuals, and good humor (even if there is a bit too much of it).

This, of course, being a Pixar film, kids are obviously the target audience, but then again, being a Pixar film, anyone can enjoy it, especially those who grew up on the original "Toy Story" (1995).



By Marcus Turner, 12, a CK Reporter from Aurora



A book for moms and daughters

"Fairy In Waiting," by Sophie Kinsella, is a great mother-daughter read.

The story starts off with Ella Brook, whose family seems normal, except that her mom is really a fairy!

As for Ella, she has to be a fairy in waiting.

I really loved this book. It is short, but it is just a fun read.

Her mom doesn't do spells very well, so every once in a while, Ella has to help her out.

The two meet monkeys, a missing parrot, a talking wardrobe, and more!

But this only reminds Ella just how much she wants to be a real fairy, do spells, and use Mom's Computawand!

So when their family goes on a vacation to Florida, Ella is tempted to cast a spell.

Will Ella finally get to be a fairy?

Or will she stay a fairy in waiting?

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I liked how each chapter is a different spell. That made it fun, and easy to follow along.

It also has activities in the back of the book, which is cool.

I would recommend this book for younger readers because it has a lot of things that they will think are funny.

This would also be a fun mother-daughter read because it focuses mainly on Ella and her mom.

This is the sequel to Kinsella's earlier book, "Fairy Mom and Me," but I don't think you need to have read the first book to understand it.

I highly recommend this book to younger kids and their moms.



By Izzie Intriago, 11, a CK Reporter from Aurora

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Read the first, but you'll love the second

"Aru Shah and the Song of Death," by Roshani Chokshi is just as good as "Aru Shah and the End of Time," the first book of the planned quartet.

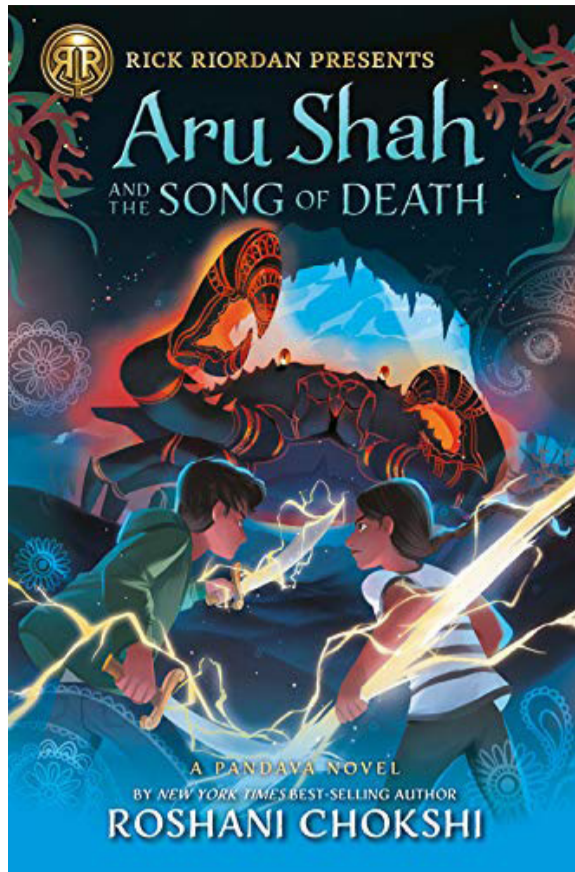
I liked how the book had action from the start, although this would be confusing for people who have not read the first book.

It can get a little slow at times but it always picks up the pace again, like any good book.

There is not a time in the book that recaps the reader on what happened in the last book, so I would highly recommend reading the first book to understand what is going on.

I also thought that most of the characters that have power and influence over others are girls because this shows that they are just as capable as any other hero.

This second adventure is just as fun as the first. It has clever chapter titles, funny pop culture references and many hidden messages, just like the first book.



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If you do not like books that have mythology and a lot of action in them then this is probably not the book for you.

Aru and her soul-sister and BFF Mini track a thief through the Night Bazaar. In doing so they find themselves face-to-face with Brynne, who is also a Pandava, a person of power and influence.

All three of the Pandava girls are accused of being the thieves.

To set the record straight they have ten days to track the real thief, give back the stolen goods to the gods, and to clear up their names.

To make matters worse there is an addition to their team, Aiden.

The boy who is not a Pandava, the boy that is the new, "cute", and popular boy at Aru's school, and the boy that the three girls will have to deal with.



By Suhani Agarwal, 14, a CK Reporter from Centennial



'Zax Axe' toy just doesn't cut it

"Zax Axe" sounded like a really fun idea: It is lightweight, which means that it does not cause permanent damage to furniture or people.

(M)y high hopes fell to the ground along with the toy.

And the fact that it is shaped like an axe made it seem a good choice for kids who enjoy play-fighting with each other. However, my high hopes fell to the ground along with the toy.

The foam axe appeared to be a nice toy, but I soon learned that there was not much to do with a foam axe and three suction cups also made of foam.

It has a maximum of 30 seconds for keeping itself on a glossy surface, and does not stick to a rough surface at all.

The "Zax Axe" wears out; the foam got ripped up, and the cups stopped suctioning as well as they used to within two weeks of playing with it.

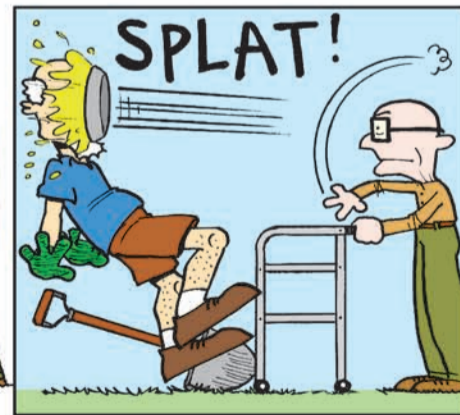
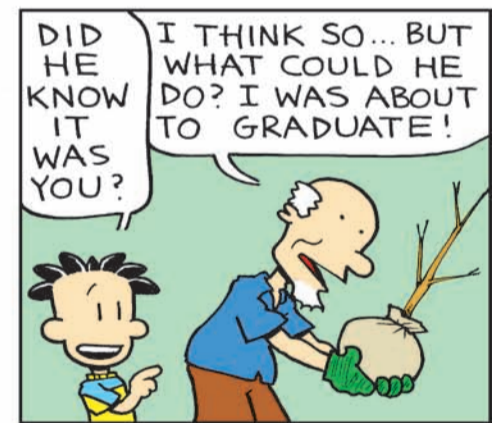
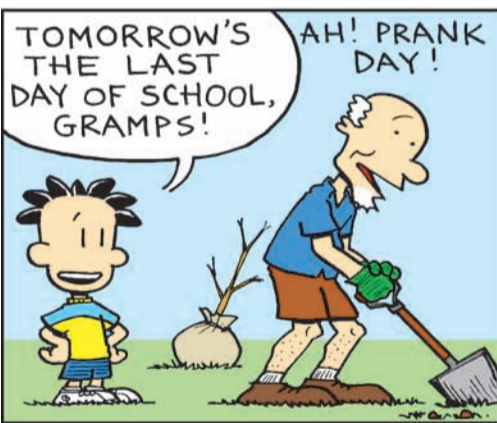
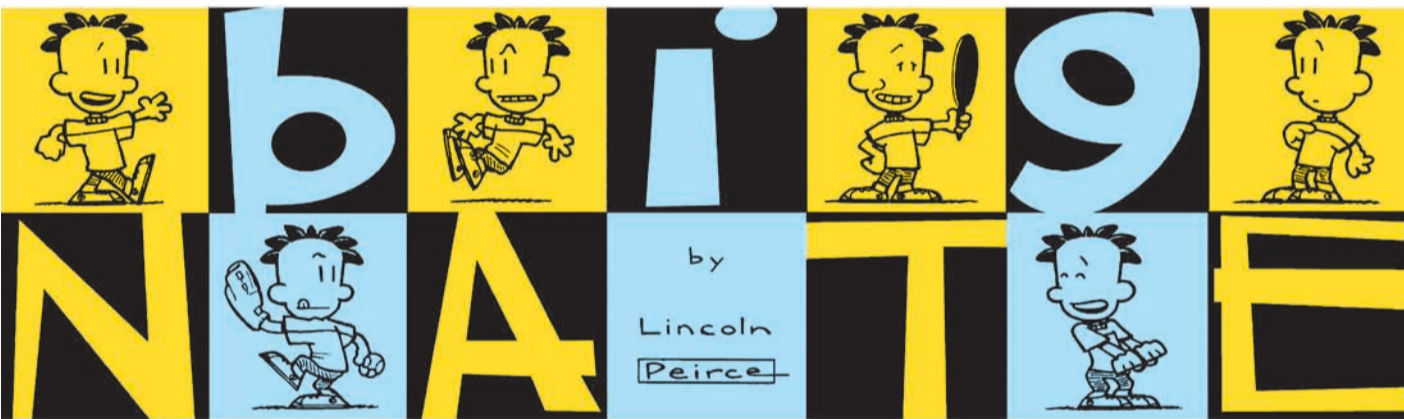
"Zax Axe" is based on a good idea, but with terrible follow-through.

The fact that the handle and the axe "blade" deteriorates quickly makes for a less fun toy over a short period of time.

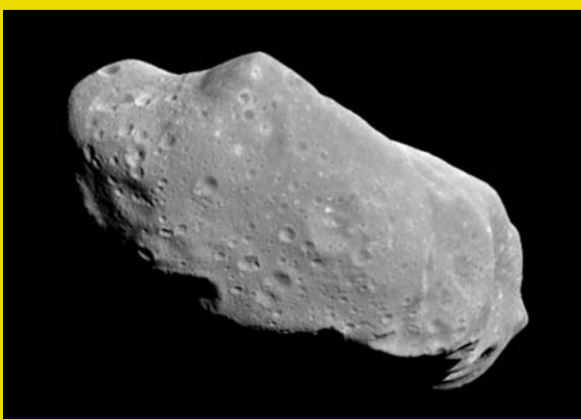
I would rate it 5 out of 10 and recommend it for ages 3 and up, if you are willing to spend ten dollars for a toy that wears out rapidly.



By Jerry Krim, 10, a CK Reporter from Denver



Poll asks the easiest question ever about NASA and space



Here's a tough question to answer:

Which would you rather do:
Watch astronauts walk on the Moon?

Watch astronauts walk on Mars?
Avoid having the Earth smashed into bits by an asteroid?

Okay, it's not that tough: In a poll conducted by the Associated Press and the NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, most people felt

it was more important for NASA to find ways to avoid asteroids hitting the Earth than to put astronauts on the Moon or Mars.

However, it wasn't an either/or question, and they didn't really ask it the way we just did.

What the poll did was to offer a number of goals that NASA could set and ask people which was the most important.

Almost two thirds listed avoid-

ing asteroid collisions as Number One, while support for sending people to other planets was down around 23 percent.

This doesn't mean people don't want an end to space exploration, but many favored sending robots instead of people, because the information is as good and the cost is a great deal less.

How would you rank the things NASA could be doing? photo/NASA

Education, comfort blend in new bear habitat



Tundra photo/Denver Zoo

The Denver Zoo has opened a new bear exhibit called "Harmony Hill Park."

This new bear enclosure is split into two parts: One side is campground themed, showing visitors how to camp responsibly and avoid contact with bears.

The other side shows what to do if you live in a bear area, to keep them from coming into your yard.

Harmony Hill replaced the old bear enclosure which was built in 1918. The space was considered progressive in 1918, but the modern Denver Zoo did not feel it best suited the bears needs now.

The old Bear Mountain was too small, and

used pools instead of running water, and bears are not used to pools.

The two grizzly bears at the Denver Zoo are named Tundra, a female, and Kootenai, a male. Each bear has its own emotional story.

Kootenai was walking across the street in Montana when his brother was killed by a car.

Their mom ran off leaving him alone, and he was eventually found by park rangers and sent to the Denver Zoo as a six-month-old cub.

Tundra was in Alaska as a young cub, being taught by her mother how to scavenge through trash cans in local towns.

Sadly, Tundra's mother had to be euthanized because she was considered a threat and her three cubs were sent to zoos across the US.

Tundra's two brothers were sent to South Carolina while Tundra was sent to the Denver zoo, also at six months old.

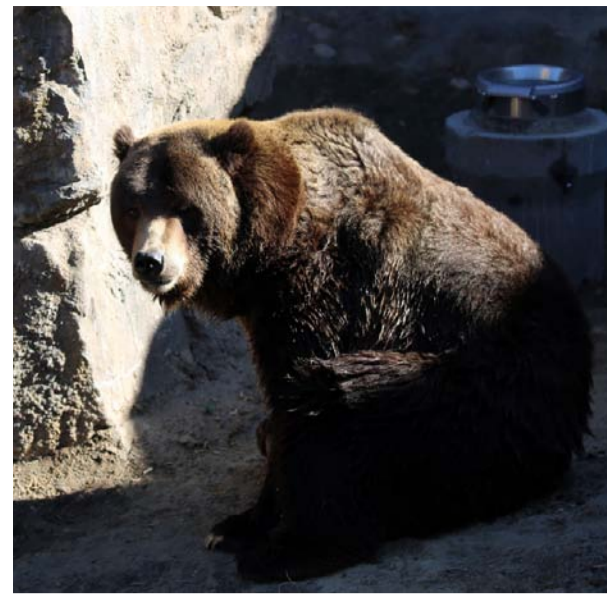
The bears are now both 17 years old and Tundra weighs about 358 pounds during the winter while Kootenai is at a massive 900 pounds during the winter months.

The bears are fed a diet including fish, berries and vegetables.

While hibernation is not enforced at the Zoo, meaning the bears don't have to hibernate, Tundra once slept for almost 19 days straight.

The keepers train the bears in a public observing area known as the training gate.

The keepers use hand signals and noises to tell the



Kootenai photo/Denver Zoo

bears what to do. They do this in part to be able to check the bears' paws and teeth.

You should definitely plan to visit Harmony Hills the next time you are at the zoo.

Just be aware that the exhibit is very popular and be prepared for crowds.



By Aidan Muldoon, 12, a CK Reporter from Denver

Iran's complex system adds to Gulf crisis

The United States government says that Iran is responsible for recent attacks on oil tankers in the Straits of Hormuz, a narrow passage between Iran and Oman where the Persian Gulf enters the Indian Ocean.

Iran says its Islamic Revolutionary Guard was not responsible for the attacks, but had come to the aid of a damaged Japanese tanker.

Sorting out the truth starts with understanding Iran's complex governmental system.

Ours is fairly simple: We have Congress to make laws, the President to carry them out and the Supreme Court to rule on whether those laws are written in a way that fits our Constitution.

And our Defense Department, which reports to both the President and Congress, carries out any military actions we require.

Iran is a "theocratic republic," which means it has elections but is run on religious rules as well as by the laws made by its parliament.

They have a Supreme Leader, Ayatollah

Khamenei, a religious leader who serves for life.

They also have a President, Hasan Rohani, and a parliament like our congress, called the Majlis.

Then there is the Guardian Council, made up of religious leaders. It's like our Supreme Court but much more involved in how the nation is run.

For instance, several years ago, the Majlis was starting to pass more modern laws, but the Guardian Council declared that certain candidates could not run for office, which stopped any more of those new laws from being passed.

The Revolutionary Guard reports to the religious leaders, not to the President or Majlis, and it has armed boats that are not part of Iran's Navy.

So even if the Revolutionary Guard carried out the attacks, as the US says, it may not have been what the entire Iranian government wanted.

It is almost as if there were two Iranian governments. You have to know which part you are really dealing with and be sure that branch is in charge of the problem you are discussing.



This image shows what the Navy says are members of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy removing an unexploded limpet mine from a damaged Japanese tanker. Were they attacking, or trying to help? (U.S. Department of Defense via AP)



Sudoku

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

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

Author Eric Carle is 90 years old today; his book, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," turned 50 on June 3. Our answers this week will begin with "C" for both of them!

1. Scottish term for a herding dog, it's the name of the breed that Lassie was.
2. A bowl-shaped kitchen utensil with holes in it, used for draining pasta or freshly washed lettuce
3. A shortened form of a word or phrase, like "ain't" for "am not."
4. The nation between Panama and Nicaragua
5. Juliet and her cousin Tybalt share this last name in a Shakespeare play.
6. Spanish military explorers like Cortes, Pizarro and Coronado
7. The bright ring around the Sun that is particularly visible during a total eclipse.
8. This Arapahoe County city was incorporated in 2001, not 1976 and certainly not in 1876, despite its name.
9. Fenced lookout platform near the top of a sailing ship's mast
10. Mild orange cheese, it's often combined with Monterey Jack to make an orange-and-white block

(answers on Page Four)

Vaping seen as a serious health hazard for young people

The number of young people vaping is rising, just as health experts are working to sort out its potential health hazards.

While vaping may pose less of a risk of lung cancer than smoking, it appears to share some of the other risks, including heart damage.

Experts have also pointed out that, while it seems sensible that taking tobacco smoke into the lungs could cause lung cancer, use of tobacco has been linked to cancer in other parts of the body as well.

What part of tobacco causes these serious health problems?

It's not the smoke, because use of snuff or chewing

tobacco can also cause cancer.

If it is the nicotine, then vaping may not be any safer than those other practices.

As it is, the best that can be said about vaping is that it might be better than smoking, and it might help smokers cut down or quit.

But, if you've never used tobacco, using something that is only a little less harmful is still taking on a risk you didn't have before.

Surveys show that more young people are vaping, and San Francisco has decided not to wait for more research: They're making sales of vaping equipment and materials illegal in the city.

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Hidden Treasures

Things we think you wouldn't want to miss.



Today! Monet Madness!

The Denver Art Museum's major exhibit, "Claude Monet: The Truth of Nature," doesn't open until October, but tickets go on sale today and it wouldn't be a bad idea to get them in advance, because this is a very big deal.

Claude Monet (1840-1926) was a French painter famous for his impressionist paintings of flowers and nature. Impressionism is a style of art that blends your feelings with the topic of your paintings.

Even if you don't want to buy tickets yet, you might want to head downtown today to enjoy all the fun and celebration the DAM is having outdoors on the plaza to celebrate the event.

You can shoot a selfie in the Magic Mirror Photo Booth that will place your smiling face in front of your favorite Monet painting: You'll get an instant copy you can hold in your hand, and a digital version you can post on-line.

Or step up to the easel and try your hand at painting a pastel of your own. There will be an art instructor there to help you learn how Monet made his beautiful paintings.

And the Denver Botanical Gardens are creating a garden on the plaza inspired by Monet's work.

Not only can you enjoy the plants and flowers, but there will be bright paper and instructions to help you fold your own beautiful bouquet to take home!

It's all free, and, because you're a kid, you can also step inside the museum at no cost and have a look at their current exhibition. (Your folks will have to pay \$10 to go inside.)

For more information, just head over to <https://bit.ly/2llwsdC>

CK Calendar

Wednesday, June 26

"60 Minutes in Space," 7 pm, in the Phipps Auditorium of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Get a behind-the-scenes look at space science with a special program of images and animations to help explain the latest news in astronomy. It's free, but it's first-come, first-served. More information at <https://bit.ly/2KTTc6f>

Tuesday, July 2nd

"Spider Man: Far From Home" opens at local theaters. We'll have a review in that week's CK to help you decide if you want to go.

July 5, 6 & 7

Cherry Creek Arts Festival -- Three days of art, music, food and fun at Cherry Creek North. More information at <https://cherryarts.org/>

Sunday, July 7

The Denver Museum of Nature and Science will open its Discovery Zone at 7 am for a special, two-hour low-intensity session for kids who find noise, crowds and flashing lights more than they want to experience. Their families are also invited to this free event, but reservations are required. Go to <https://bit.ly/2Zoj1iG> for more information.

Saturday, June 29

"Chicken Soup for the Soul: Life Lessons from the Dog: 101 Tales of Family, Friendship & Fun," 2 pm, Tattered Cover Book Store, Aspen Grove. Contributors to the book will talk about their true-life stories for dog lovers, and will sign copies of the book. (Dogs welcome!)

Friday, July 19th

"The Lion King" live version opens in area movie theaters. Keep reading CK for a review!

Saturday July 27

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

Sudoku Solution

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

Brainteaser Solution



(see Page Three)

10 right - Wow!

7 right - Great!

5 right - Good

3 right - See you next time!

1. collie 2. collander 3. contraction 4. Costa Rica 5. Capulet
 6. Conquistadors 7. corona 8. Centennial 9. crow's nest
 10. colby

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