



## Pictures From a Refugee Camp

The Balata Refugee Camp is located outside the West Bank city of Nablus. It is home to almost 25,000 residents. It is the most densely populated refugee camp in the West Bank. The Balata camp was established in 1951. It was supposed to be a temporary home for the

hundreds of thousands of Palestinian refugees who were displaced from their homes during the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948.

In recent years, Balata has seen hundreds of deaths and arrests, dozens of home demolitions and almost nightly invasions by the Israeli army. In late May when Israel's military and a group of Palestinians in Gaza fought rocket and air

force battles, Israeli troops entered the Balata Refugee Camp and shot at residents' homes.

It is in this refugee camp that the Picture Balata workshop was started to teach youth about photography.

Picture Balata puts cameras into the hands of Palestinian children born and raised inside the Israeli-occupied territory. Participants range from ages 11 to 18. They photograph the situation as they live it. Three youths from the program recently toured the United States and exhibited their work.

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This article was adapted from Picture Balata. You can see more photos at <http://picturebalata.net>



There are **4.4 million** Palestinian refugees in the world registered by the United Nations.



**“ I want to show the impression of the face of the children — their style of living, their background, their experience and how they suffer from the occupation. The children here live in horror and panic; sometimes the mothers will tell the children not to go outside because the army will come.”**

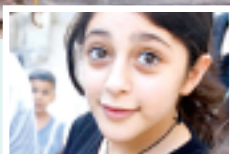


Safaa, age 12

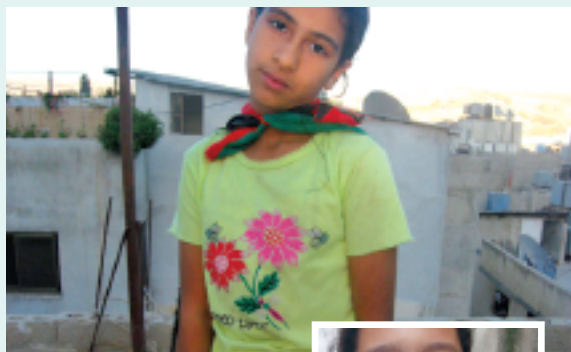
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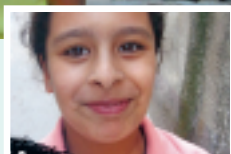
**“ I want to speak to the Americans since they are living better than we are, and they are also supporting the Israeli occupation of our land. I hope my photos can teach people something.”**



Ala', age 14



**“ The situation here is very bad and people outside don't care about us, the Palestinians. The children are deeply affected by the occupation and still, somehow, they know how to smile.”**



Do'a, age 11



**“ I take photos because in the camp there is no good media; there is no good image of Palestinians for the people outside. They think the Palestinians are terrorists.”**



Taha, age 16

## REPUBLIC OF GUINEA QUICK FACTS

**Population:** 9.9 million • **Capital:** Conakry • **Official language:** French; 8 national languages, including Soussou, Peuhl, Maninka, Kissi and Toma  
**Religion:** 85% Muslim, 8% Christian, 7% native/traditional beliefs • **Work:** 76% of workers are in agriculture • **History:** Ruled by France from 1890-1958; previously part of Mali Empire • **Name:** The country's name comes from the Soussou language, where GinE means "woman."

## MEET MAMADY FROM GUINEA

**Name:** Mamady Conde, age 11  
**School:** Morignoumaya Village, Guinea, West Africa  
**Languages:** Mandingo and French  
**Religion:** Muslim  
**Favorite subject in school:** Poetry  
**Favorite hobby:** "I like to play football (soccer)."  
**Family:** Mamady lives with his uncle who is a farmer in the village.  
**What he wants to be when he grows up:** "I would like to be a driver."

-BY SAA ROBERT MILLIMOUNO, AFRICAWRITES.COM



## Learn a little Mandingo!

<b>Hello:</b> I nike!	<b>School:</b> Lacoli
<b>How are you?</b> Ta na sitti la?	<b>Boy:</b> Kanberen
<b>I'm fine:</b> Ta na sitè	<b>Girl:</b> Demusso
<b>Bread:</b> Buru	

## New Leaders in France, Britain

By MALLORY JENSEN

Starting this summer there will be two new faces at meetings of leaders of the world's most powerful countries.

In France, Nicolas Sarkozy was elected president. Many French people worry that Sarkozy's government will be bad for the poor people in suburbs where many North African immigrants live. Sarkozy wants to restrict immigration even though his own father came from Hungary.

But others, especially big business-people, are happy because Sarkozy wants to make the economy grow faster by encouraging people to work longer

hours and cutting taxes for rich people and companies.

In Britain, Prime Minister Tony Blair said he will leave office in June after ruling for nine years. Gordon Brown, the current finance minister, became leader of the Labour Party and will be the next prime minister.

In a speech, Brown said that education and health care are the main issues he wants to work on and that he would strive to "earn your trust in our schools, in our hospitals, in our public services."

Brown also wants to regain trust in Britain's foreign policy. The majority of British people are unhappy with Prime Minister Blair's support for the war in Iraq.

## IN AFRICA, SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL TREATMENT, PLAY

KwaZulu Natal (KZN) is a province of South Africa where one out of every five children has lost one or both parents to the AIDS epidemic. AIDS, or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, is caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), and it makes a person's body unable to fight off infections. There is no cure yet for AIDS.

Medical advances have allowed people with HIV in rich countries to be treated and to live longer lives. But, according to the *New York Times*, these treatments are still not available to 70 percent of Africans who are infected. Drug companies in the United States and Europe control the manufacture and sale of AIDS medicines. They keep prices of medicines high so that they can make a profit.

In KwaZulu Natal the majority of people infected with HIV are mothers. How can these children cope with losing a parent? One way is by playing. The Uthando doll-making project has sent 8,000 homemade dolls to children in KZN, two-thirds of whom live in poverty.

In many cases, a doll gives a child who has never had a toy something to hold on to. The project also connects children to medical services fighting AIDS, which are very hard to access.

"For doll makers around the world it is a chance for the givers to express them-



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South African children at play with handmade dolls. A doll-making project has produced 8,000 such dolls, which are sent to children whose families are affected by HIV.

selves in a human way and learn about HIV/AIDS," said Agnes Johnson of the Uthando Project.

Said one KZN father, "The dolls are like shaking hands with the world."

### MAP OF LOCATIONS COVERED IN THIS ISSUE



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## News Briefs

### WORLD

#### Russian Chess Champ Arrested

Former chess champion Garry Kasparov was arrested at an anti-government rally in Moscow in April. He became the youngest world chess champion in 1985 but is more famous for playing a series of chess games against IBM's best computer, Deep Blue. He finally lost in 1997. Now he advocates for political change in Russia.



WIKIPEDIA

#### U.S. Threats to Iran

President Bush said he planned to work with other countries to start sanctions, or punishments, on Iran for refusing to stop its nuclear program. The U.S. military also moved nine warships to the Persian Gulf near Iran to show off its strength. Iran says its nuclear program exists for peaceful energy purposes, not for nuclear weapons, but the U.S. government and some other governments do not believe this. The United States has over 9,000 nuclear weapons.



NEWSDAY

### NATION

#### Funding for Iraq War

In May, Congress voted to give \$96 billion more for the military to continue fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan with no plan to withdraw U.S. troops. May was one of the deadliest months for U.S. soldiers in Iraq, with 127 killed. The U.S. military plans to send even more troops to Iraq, and it is estimated there will be over 200,000 troops there by the end of 2007.

#### Immigration Proposal

After months of debate, the U.S. Senate proposed a new immigration plan in May. It calls for more fences and troops at the



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Mexican border and changes the way immigrant visa applications are judged so that education and skills matter more than family ties. The plan offers legal status for some of the 12

million undocumented immigrants in the United States but with requirements such as a \$5,000 fine and returning to their home country first. This bill will face more debates in the coming months.



## FAIR PLAY & FAIR PAY

### Pittsburgh Baseball Fans Demand Better Treatment for Workers

By AMANDA VENDER

**W**hen you watch a baseball game, do you ever think about where the team's hats, shirts and souvenirs were made? Some Pittsburgh Pirates' fans did. When they looked into it, they found that Pirates and other teams' gear is made in factories around the world, just like many other clothes, shoes and toys.

The Pittsburgh Anti-Sweatshop Community Alliance (PASCA) is working to find out more. They met workers in Bangladesh, a country in Asia, who make Pirates merchandise. The workers said they earn 17 cents an hour, but in order to live decently in Bangladesh they need to make four times that much. Also, many of them are teenagers who are helping to support their families.

"We know that baseball fans care about fairness and they care that the

workers who produce baseball merchandise be paid fairly," said Kenneth Miller of PASCA. That's why PASCA is pressuring the Pirates and Major League Baseball to reveal which factories make the merchandise and commit to use only factories that pay the workers enough money to live.

"Sweatshops violate the human rights of women and children all over the world," said Celeste Taylor, a member of PASCA and Sweatfree Communities, which works to end sweatshop exploitation. "Sweatshops are not just a problem in Asia and Latin America. There are over 7,000 sweatshops in the U.S. too."

Fifteen-year-old Pirates fans Forrest and Hunter McCurdy of Pittsburgh said, "We do not want to wear Pittsburgh Pirates gear if kids our age are making them for so little money."

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For information, go to [www.sweatfree.org/baseball](http://www.sweatfree.org/baseball)

## Prison Labor Replaces Immigrants in Colorado

By LIAM MICHAEL O'GRADY

**I**n March, the state of Colorado announced a new prison labor program. Prison labor is a program where prisoners work for less than minimum wage while they are in jail. In Colorado's new program, prisoners in some prisons pick fruits and vegetables on farms owned by large companies. The prisoners make just sixty cents per day.

Last summer, Colorado passed some of the strictest immigration laws in the United States. Because of this, farm owners have a shortage of workers, most of whom are Mexican immigrants. Many of the same rights denied to immigrant workers are now being denied to prison laborers. Workers who do prison labor do not have the same rights as other workers. In most cases, they don't have the right to quit, they don't have as many health benefits and they often work in more dangerous conditions than other workers.

There are currently prison labor programs in thirty-five states. Toys "R" Us and Microsoft have both used prison labor to make their products. The state of Colorado says that prison labor makes its prisoners become better citizens. At the same time, many programs that teach prisoners to read and write or teach job skills have been cut.

The United Farm Workers, a union of farm workers, urged the public to write to Colorado's governor to "tell him that allowing growers to hire prisoners to work in agriculture is nothing more than legalized slavery."

## U.N. KIDS PONDER CLIMATE CHANGE

Children's PressLine

**T**he United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development met in May in New York City to discuss how world governments can come together to address issues of climate change and environmentally friendly energy use. Sustainable development means protecting the environment from global warming that causes damage. As part of the meeting there was a youth and children's caucus. This group of young activists from around the world met to voice their opinions about the environment.

Youth caucus members said those who are contributing most to global warming must take responsibility. Paul Ferris, a

youth delegate from Australia with the group SustainUS said, "It's mainly the poorer people around the world who are affected by climate change."

Noemi Robiati, a youth delegate from Italy, said, "I feel we're all responsible to this earth and problems just don't go and stop at borders. I think the underlying principle is to just understand the unity of mankind."

Much of the discussion among adults was focused on what is cost effective and efficient. "Countries aren't thinking, 'Is this the right thing to do?' They're thinking, 'Is this going to cost money?'" said Ivy Wanta of Children's PressLine. "Youth are thinking, 'What's going to be good for me when I grow up?'"



CHILDREN'S PRESSLINE

Outside of UN headquarters, Children's PressLine reporter Evan Wood, 13, interviewed Bob Ma, 19, about the sustainable development youth caucus.

# Summer Book Spectacular!

## THIS SUMMER, TAKE THE BEST VACATION OF ALL

Stories are powerful. Through reading stories about other people, places and events, you can better understand yourself and your world. This summer, why not vacation with words? You can visit far-off lands without leaving home.

### LEON'S STORY

Written by Leon Walter Tillage

*Leon's Story* is a tale of the life of an ordinary man who went through great struggles and tragedies only because of the color of his skin.



Leon Walter Tillage grew up in segregated North Carolina in the 1930s and '40s. This engaging memoir is illustrated with unique black paper cut-outs. The thin black lines of the illustrations remind us of the racial lines that restricted Leon. In the book, the reader watches Leon grow into a young man who learns to think outside of the racial lines that controlled him his whole life. We watch him stand up to what he and many others thought was wrong.

While reading the book, I realized that even though Leon and I were part of two different worlds, we had the same soul, the same understanding to know who we are and where we are going. I would recommend this book because even though the events happened a long time ago, they will lie

deep in the reader's mind and remind us of who we are, where we came from and where we are going. **-EDWIN ASHE, 8TH GRADER**

### IN YOUR FACE: THE CULTURE OF BEAUTY AND YOU

Written by Shari Graydon

Did you know that to achieve a trendy pale complexion during the Middle Ages, women applied blood-sucking leeches to their faces? Or that it was fashionable in China for women to bind their feet to demonstrate grace and wealth?



*In Your Face: The Culture of Beauty and You* explores what people in various cultures have done to fit in, stick out or measure up. *In Your Face* also explains why we place so much importance on appearances, who gets to decide what's hot and what's not and what forces shape our views about beauty. This fact-filled book examines and challenges the lessons we've been

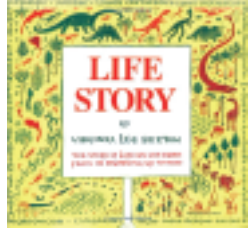
taught from fairy tales, ancient mythology, popular movies and magazines.

*In Your Face* helps us put beauty into perspective so we can stop feeling so controlled and influenced by it. Fun, helpful tips for coping with the pressures around our looks also appear at the end of each chapter. **-LUCINE KASBARIAN**

### LIFE STORY

Written by Virginia Lee Burton

This book is an illustrated scientific history of evolution set in the "theater of time" with gorgeous illustrations.



It is recommended by Isaiah, Ren, Emily, Aidan, Memet and Othmane from the Butterfly Room at Belle Sherman Elementary School in Ithaca, New York. They learned that trilobites once ruled the seas and that you can find

salt deposits where there used to be oceans.

This is a great book for anyone who wants to know more about the natural world.

### MADE YOU LOOK: HOW ADVERTISING WORKS AND WHY YOU SHOULD KNOW

Written by Shari Graydon

This is a book about the advertising industry and how it became so powerful and influential.

It explains the ways ads catch our attention and how advertisers try to influence us. It also explores how advertisers who pay broadcast, print and other media outlets to feature their commercials can control the sorts of news and entertainment we will or won't see, read and hear.



Before you buy something based on an ad, *Made You Look* recommends that you ask yourself: Who wants me to believe what the ad says? How do the advertisers benefit if I buy this product? Aside from the product itself, what else does this ad sell? What information does this ad leave out?

*Made You Look* draws attention to the important things that money can't buy, and how time away from TV, radio, computers and billboards frees us to reach for the relationships and experiences that enrich us and make the world a happier, healthier place. **-LUCINE KASBARIAN**

### AWARD WINNERS

At the Olympics, the fastest swimmers win the gold medal. In the world of children's publishing, the best books that promote peace win the **Jane Addams Children's Book Awards**, given each year to books that uphold the legacy of Jane Addams. She was an activist in the early twentieth century who fought for equality in education. Some 2007 winners:

#### WEEDFLOWER

Written by Cynthia Kadohata

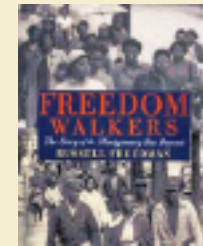
During World War II, the United States government set up internment camps (jails) and put many Japanese American citizens in them. Set in 1941, *Weedflower* follows the struggles of a 12-year-old Japanese American girl named Sumiko in an internment camp on Mohave Native American land. There she meets and befriends a Mohave boy who teaches her to face her uncertain future with confidence and grace.



#### FREEDOM WALKERS

Written by Russell Freedman

This nonfiction book is an account of the 1955-56 bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, and is full of personal anecdotes and photographs. This story of African American citizens who "rose up in protest and united to demand their rights—by walking peacefully" shows how powerful a group of people can be if they get together to fight racism and injustice.



#### COUNTING ON GRACE

Written by Elizabeth Winthrop

*Counting on Grace* is a book about standing up for your rights and how reading and writing can change the world. It is set in the early 1900s in Quebec, the French-speaking province of Canada, and it follows the story of a girl who is forced to leave her school and her home and go to work in the mills in Vermont. She makes friends with a local teacher and a photographer and together they discover things far beyond the walls of the mill.



**-GRIFFIN EPSTEIN**

### GIRLS WILL BE BOYS WILL BE GIRLS WILL BE ...

Written by Jacinta Bunnell and Irit Reinheimer

Have you ever felt excluded because you were a girl? Have you ever felt like people treated you unfairly because you were a boy?



This coloring book is the project of two friends, Jacinta and Irit, who set out to re-write "the book" on gender, literally. Based on their experiences with real kids who expressed gender in complicated ways, they created a book that showed girls being powerful and fixing lawn mowers and boys who spend Super Bowl Sunday sewing.

A collection of drawings from artists all over the United States, with words by Irit and Jacinta, this is a fun book to stick in your backpack if you like coloring and thinking outside the lines.

**-DAVE END**



Can you think outside the lines? Color this picture however you want!

**Unless things change around here, we don't want to be boys anymore.**

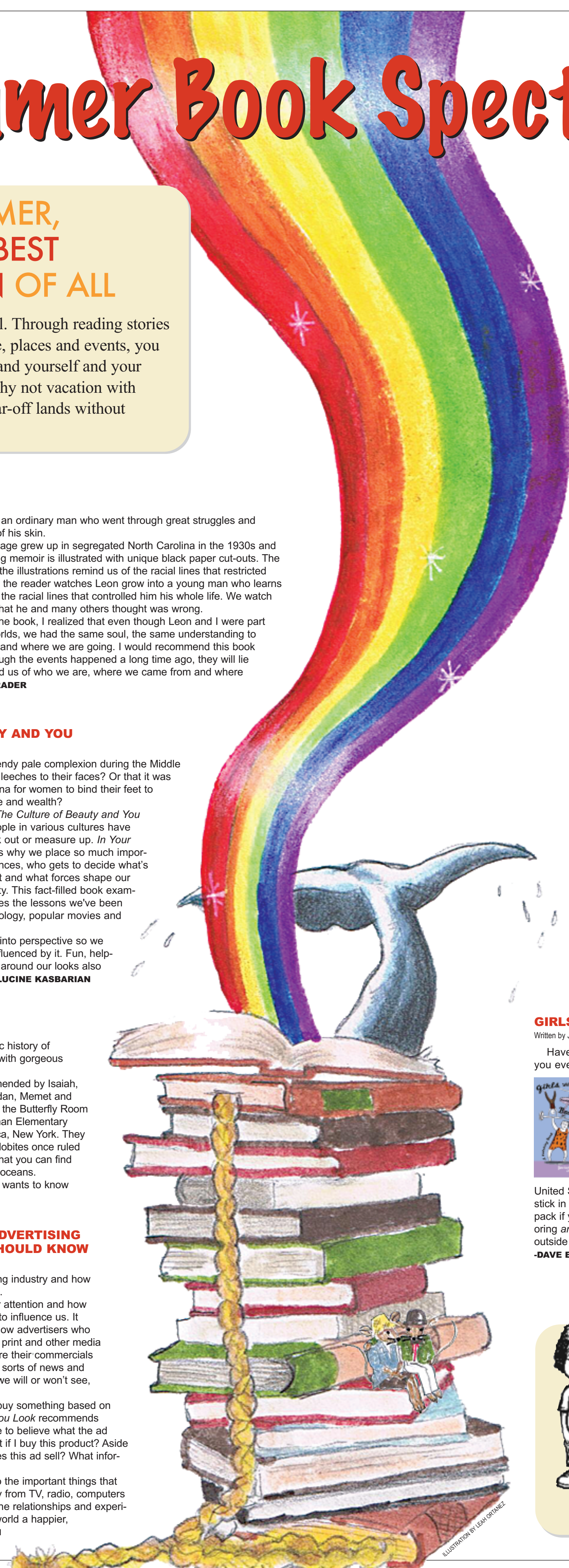


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## Science & Health Briefs

### Underwater Jackpot

Scientists recently discovered at least 700 new species of marine life on the floor of the Antarctic Ocean. They were surprised to find so much life in complete darkness over 20,000 feet below the surface. Some new species found include a carnivorous (meat-eating) sponge and a free-swimming worm.

These discoveries help scientists compare marine life around the globe.



### Exposed to Poison

An investigation has found that several hundred students in California and seven other states have been exposed to pesticides (chemicals that destroy pests) in the past decade. Students in schools near farm areas that spray pesticides to protect crops have been suffering from serious illnesses linked to these poisons. There are no federal laws against spraying pesticides near schools, and states that have made pesticide laws may not enforce them enough to protect the students.



### Seeing Green

To help save the environment and save money too, many companies are rethinking and redesigning their products' packaging. Many big companies like Coca-Cola and McDonald's have tried to find ways of using less packaging, using more recyclable materials and even using less energy in making the packaging and disposing of it. Despite these efforts, some products will retain the same packaging for product protection or product image. **-WN**



# STONE AGE KIDS

In southern France, Spain and Australia there are many caves whose walls were painted by people thousands of years ago. There are also designs on the ceilings of the caves — zigzags, curves, swirls and long tracks of lines known as “finger fluting.”

Most people have thought that the designs hold a deep religious meaning. However, after comparing the lines to the size of fingers of kids today, some researchers think the finger fluting was created by young children who ran their fingers along dusty ceilings when their parents held them up or carried them on their shoulders through the caves.

Over time that dust hardened into rock



GARY MARTIN

and the designs were left permanently.

Kids and teenagers may also have done some painting themselves. Archaeologists have found small painted handprints and pictures that might be the

Stone Age's version of graffiti — or doodling!

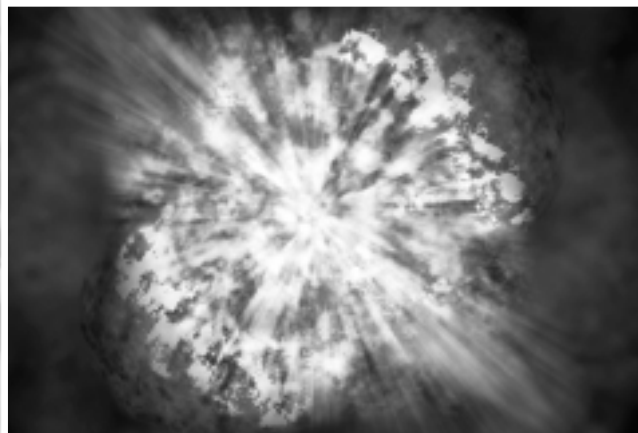
But like kids today, Stone Age kids didn't just get to be artistic. They also had to work, and researchers now think some of the tools and weapons they found may have been made by young people who were not yet expert toolmakers.

As archaeologist Steven Kuhn says, for a long time “children's activities have been ignored at [Stone Age] sites,” even though since cave people did not live very long, there were high numbers of children within cave societies. With this new research, more details about the lives of children many years ago might come out of the darkness of the caves into the light. **-MJ**

## DEATH OF A STAR

**LAST MONTH, SCIENTISTS** saw an explosion in the sky — the biggest supernova anyone has ever seen. A supernova occurs when a star runs out of fuel, collapses, and then explodes. If a supernova is close enough, you'll see a star that is bigger and brighter than every other star in the night sky.

You won't be able to see this supernova without a high-powered telescope, because it is in a galaxy 240 million light years away. But before it exploded, the star, called “2006gy,” was the size of about 150 of our own suns put together, and the scientists believe its supernova is 100 times more energy-producing than most. Astronomer Alex Filippenko said, “Of all exploding stars ever observed, this was the king.”



NASA ILLUSTRATION

This is an artist's rendering of what a supernova looks like in space.

Scientists think that they'll learn a lot from observing this supernova, like how stars die and maybe even how the universe was created, since many of the first stars were probably as big as this one and died like this one.

A star called “Eta Carinae” in our own galaxy, the Milky Way, may become a supernova before long.

Since it is close, if it becomes a supernova it “could be the best star-show in the history of modern civilization,” says astronomer Mario Livio.

You would be able to see it during the day, and at night it would be so bright that you could read a book outside! For now, though, scientists are using their telescopes to enjoy the show and learn from the faraway star. **-MJ**

# California Teen Conquers Mount Everest

By **ABBY GROSS**

In over fifty years since the first person scaled Mount Everest, fewer than 3,000 people have triumphed over the highest mountain on earth. But this May, 18-year-old Samantha Larson became the youngest to have reached the top of the 29,029-foot peak, located in Nepal.

A recent graduate of Long Beach Polytechnic High School in southern California, Samantha has been working



her way “up” to Mount Everest with her dad, tackling the highest mountain on each continent before embarking on the mountain the Nepali people call

“Sagarmatha,” or “Head of the Sky.”

Mountain climbing is a dangerous yet exciting sport. While mountaineers risk death or injury by falling rocks, avalanches, extreme weather, and accidents, they are also able to find a true sense of accomplishment — as well as

amazing views.

“We made it to the top!” wrote Samantha Larson on May 16, right after reaching the summit of Mount Everest. “Now all we have to do is get back down...”

But since this teenager has conquered the “seven summits” — in Chile, Australia, Tanzania, Russia, Alaska, Antarctica, and now on the border between Nepal and China — for Samantha Larson, college should be a walk in the park!



# YOUR TURN!

What are some of the biggest challenges facing kids from New York City? Here's what some students in the Washington Heights neighborhood of Manhattan had to say.



"Not enough support from parents and teachers, and no one-on-one attention."

**RICKY**



"Snitches and peer pressure."

**NNENNA**



"Living without their mother or father. They miss out on toys, clothes and shoes."

**JOSE**



"Many missing fathers. Parents work hard."

**BRAYAN**



"Finishing school and learning how to respect people. Kids sometimes act out."

**FRANDER**



"Some kids don't know how to keep things to themselves. They spread rumors."

**SHADE**

PHOTOS AND INTERVIEWS BY MARC LAFLECHE

## Letters

These letters were submitted by sixth- and seventh-graders at John Jay Secondary School for Law in Brooklyn, NY, in response to the IndyKids cover story "Immigrant Families With Kids Detained."

I recently read the article about how ICE [U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement] is trying to decide whether they should detain the undocumented immigrants, or just make them wear ankle bracelets. Personally, I think it should be neither. However, since that is not an option, I say ankle bracelets, unless they like staying in an old, moldy, sickening prison.

**KESEAN**

I think ICE is wrong to lock up innocent children who come here with their parents for a better life.

**ANA CRISTINA**

We are all human beings and deserve a chance to enhance our lives. I feel terrible for those kids.

**KURBY**

The following letters are in response to the story "Turkish Denial of Armenian Genocide."

Although Turkish officials deny it, they can't change what happened. My great-grandparents also survived the genocide and I annually go to meetings in New York on April 24. It is a very important date for me, my family and my culture.

**ANI**

The Armenian Genocide was a huge part of my life... My great-grandparents survived it and I hear stories about it all the time. Thank you for acknowledging it. It is important that people know about big catastrophes like that.

**ARMAN**



### RAISE YOUR HAND!

Let us know what you think. Email IndyKids at [indykids@indymedia.org](mailto:indykids@indymedia.org) or write to P.O. Box 1417, New York NY 10276

# Summer Movie Round-up

## PENGUINS, RODENTS & ROBOTS ON THE BIG SCREEN



### UNDERDOG

A beagle with special powers protects Capitol City and wins the heart of a pretty spaniel.

**THIS SUMMER, SPEND** your rainy days riding waves with a penguin, cheering on a restaurant-loving rat, and saving the world from the evil Silver Surfer. Here's what's coming out in the movie theaters!



### FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER

Four superheroes save the world from a shiny evildoer.



### NANCY DREW

The teen detective tackles an unsolved mystery — while taking on high school.



### RATATOUILLE

Despite the odds, a rat named Remy tries to become a chef at a fancy French restaurant.

### SURF'S UP

Cold-weather birds compete in the Penguin World Surfing Championship.



### TRANSFORMERS

Robots with the ability to turn into cars, trucks and planes battle each other. Root for the Autobots!

## On-Screen Smoking Loses Its Fire

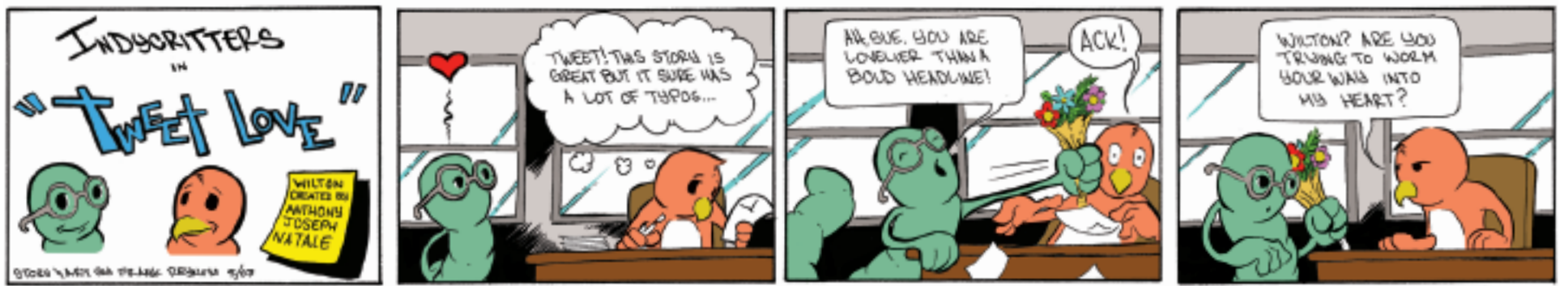
**PARENTS SET RULES** on what their kids can watch on TV, but did you ever wonder who decides if a movie will be rated 'G,' 'PG,' 'PG-13,' or 'R'?

The Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) uses bad language and violence to decide how old you must be to see a movie without an adult (anyone for 'G,' ages 13-16 for PG-13, and age 17 and up for R).

On May 10 the MPAA announced that it will consider cigarette smoking in movies when deciding ratings. For instance, if teenage characters smoke in a movie, the MPAA might give it a stricter rating.

Ratings are designed to make sure kids have good role models on the big screen. MPAA Chairman Dan Glickman said, "Clearly, smoking is increasingly an unacceptable behavior in our society. ... No parent wants their child to take up the habit." **-AG**





# CHROMATOGRAPHY!

## A COLORFUL SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

**Did you know** that many of the colors in markers are actually mixtures of other colors? You can separate these mixtures by using a process called **chromatography**. All you need is a coffee filter and a colored marker (black and brown work best).

1. Take your coffee filter and cut a strip about 1/2 inch wide.
2. Put a dot of colored marker 1/2 inch from one end.
3. Lower this edge into water so that the paper touches the water but the dot is above water.
4. Wait (patiently!). The water will climb up the paper and separate the ink into the colors that make it up.



-By Harriet Vender, 7th and 8th grade science teacher

### Recipe

## CHOCOLATE-PEANUT BUTTER-RAISIN NO-BAKE COOKIES

### Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 pinch of salt

**1** Combine the first four ingredients in a medium-sized saucepan. Combine the other ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Put the saucepan on a stove turned to medium-high.

**2** When the ingredients begin to melt together, start stirring them with a whisk. Once everything is melted, turn off the flame and keep stirring until the ingredients are one smooth liquid.

**3** Pour the liquid into the mixing bowl and stir until all the ingredients are evenly mixed.

**4** Using a spoon, scoop up bits of the batter that are about 2 inches across and drop them onto sheets of foil, leaving an inch on each side from the next cookie.

**5** Put the sheets in the refrigerator and chill overnight.

**6** Eat and enjoy!

-MJ

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Can you find the words listed to the right of this puzzle? The words are names of people mentioned in this issue of IndyKids.

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### FIND THESE WORDS:

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