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DID YOU KNOW?

- Lionel Messi led Argentina to the 2022 World Cup title.
- He now plays for Major League Soccer in the US.
- He scored the winning goal in his first Inter Miami match.





This week's big news

DID YOU KNOW?

The official name of China is the People's Republic of China.



Henry Kissinger (left) and Chinese President Xi Jinping

China fact file



- **POPULATION:** 1.4 billion (second largest in the world)
- **OFFICIAL LANGUAGE:** Mandarin Chinese
- **MONEY:** Yuan
- **SIZE:** 3.7 million square miles
- **GEOGRAPHY:** Mountains, including part of Mount Everest, deserts, dense forests, and thousands of rivers, including the Yangtze, which is the world's third longest

Former top US official visits China

Former US official Henry Kissinger traveled to China on July 18 for two days of meetings with Chinese President Xi Jinping and other leaders. Political experts said the visit highlighted tensions between the US and China and was an example of China's unusual approach to diplomacy (management of relationships between countries).

Who is Henry Kissinger?

Kissinger, age 100, is a former US secretary of state and national security advisor who does not currently have an official government role. He played a major part in shaping policy under Presidents Richard Nixon (1969–1974) and Gerald Ford (1974–1977). In July 1971, he became the first high-ranking US official to visit China in 22 years and helped repair a troubled relationship between the two countries. Since that meeting, Kissinger has traveled to China more than 100 times. In 1973, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to end the Vietnam War (1955–1975). He has also faced accusations in the past of causing harm to people in other parts of Asia.

What's happening with the US and China?

Tensions between the world's two largest economies have escalated over trade issues. In

October 2022, US President Joe Biden imposed bans on exporting semiconductor chips to China. Semiconductors are used in smartphones, computers, and cars. China has responded by preventing the US from acquiring materials needed to make semiconductors. In February, the US government became angry when China flew a "spy balloon" — an aircraft capable of surveillance — over US airspace. This led the White House to cancel a planned visit to China by Secretary of State Antony Blinken. China has accused the US of trying to limit its power and is also angry about American support for Taiwan, an independent island that China views as part of its territory. The US has encouraged



Janet Yellen

Taiwan to push back on China's attempts to take control, leading to fears of an armed conflict between China and the US.

Why did Kissinger travel to China?

Kissinger said he went to Beijing, the nation's capital city, as a "friend of China." "The US–China relationship is of vital importance to the peace and prosperity of both countries and the world," Kissinger was quoted as saying. Xi's willingness to meet with Kissinger is noteworthy because he has recently refused to

meet with US diplomats, including Janet Yellen, secretary of the Treasury. Chinese military officials have also refused to meet with US military leaders. However, Xi has met with US business leaders, including Bill Gates of Microsoft, Mark Zuckerberg of Meta, and Tim Cook of Apple. Political experts believe Xi is hopeful that Kissinger and corporate leaders will support China and influence the Biden administration.

How did people react?

US officials said Kissinger's trip was a private visit by a private citizen who was not acting on behalf of the US. They knew about his trip in advance but were frustrated that he had more access to China's top leaders than government officials have. Xi was quoted as saying he hoped Kissinger "will continue to play a constructive role in bringing China–US relations back to the right track." Many political experts said the visit by Kissinger represented a clear effort by China to influence US policy without directly engaging with the White House.

What will happen next?

US officials said they looked forward to hearing from Kissinger about his trip. The US government will continue to try to restore regular communications with China and resolve the many areas of disagreement between the countries.



Senior doctors go on strike in UK

From July 20 to 22, thousands of senior doctors in the UK went on strike (when people stop working to protest pay or working conditions) for the first time in 50 years. The doctors with the National Health Service (NHS, the UK's government-run healthcare program) rejected a pay increase offered by the government, saying it was not enough to match the current cost of living.

The NHS provides free or low-cost medical care to more than 65 million people. During the strike, only emergency medical care was available. Thousands of people with appointments for regular care had to wait. NHS patients already face delays in getting care, with more than 7.4 million people on a waitlist for an appointment.

The government said the pay increase was fair and doctors who weren't working were putting patients at risk. The strike came days after junior doctors stopped working for five days. Nurses and ambulance drivers also went on strike earlier this year. Senior doctors are set to stop working again in August if a deal is not reached.



Doctors protest on July 20.



Sônia Guajajara (left) and Rosa Weber with a copy of the translated constitution

WOW!
An estimated 28 million people live in the Amazon rainforest region of Brazil.

Brazil translates its constitution

For the first time, Brazil's constitution has been officially translated into a language used by Indigenous peoples (the first to inhabit a place). The translation of the document into a language called Nheengatu was unveiled on July 19 at a ceremony attended by Indigenous leaders and Brazilian officials in the town of São Gabriel da Cachoeira. "Today is a milestone in our country's constitutional history," Rosa Weber, the top judge of Brazil's supreme court, said at the ceremony.

A constitution is a statement of the basic principles and laws of a nation, state, or group. Brazil's constitution was created in 1988 and describes the rights of Brazilian people, including the rights of Indigenous peoples to their land, languages, and cultures.

However, the constitution was written only in Portuguese, Brazil's official language.

There are 305 ethnic groups in Brazil, and they speak a total of 274 Indigenous languages. Nheengatu, a modern version of the ancient Tupi language, is used by many groups in the Amazon rainforest region. A group of 15 Indigenous people from communities in the Amazon worked to translate the constitution into Nheengatu.

Sônia Guajajara, Brazil's minister of Indigenous peoples, called the translation "a way to combat social inequality." Joenia Wapichana, who runs an Indigenous rights organization, said the newly translated document will help Indigenous people "know their rights in their own language."



IT'S AN AMAZING WEEK FOR...

ANTICIPATING AN ARRIVAL

The World's Largest Rubber Duck is set to visit Maryland in August. Mama Duck, as she's also known, is 61 feet tall and weighs over 30,000 pounds. She travels the world bringing cheer and "makes people so happy," said her creator.



Mama Duck



Zebby and his owner

A CARING COMPANION

Zebby the cat was named the National Cat of the Year by an animal-welfare group in the UK. Zebby helps his owner, Genevieve Moss, who is deaf, by tapping her when the phone or doorbell rings. He also brings her the mail or her slippers. "[I] can't imagine life without Zebby," Moss said.

EATING PINK

While the movie *Barbie* smashes box office records, Barbie-inspired treats are sweeping the globe. Fans can try Krispy Kreme's Barbie donuts, Burger King's Pink Burger with Ken's Potatoes, and Barbie x Swoon Pink Lemonade. For dessert, Pinkberry's Berry Pink frozen yogurt has Barbie's "fun yet bold personality," the company said.



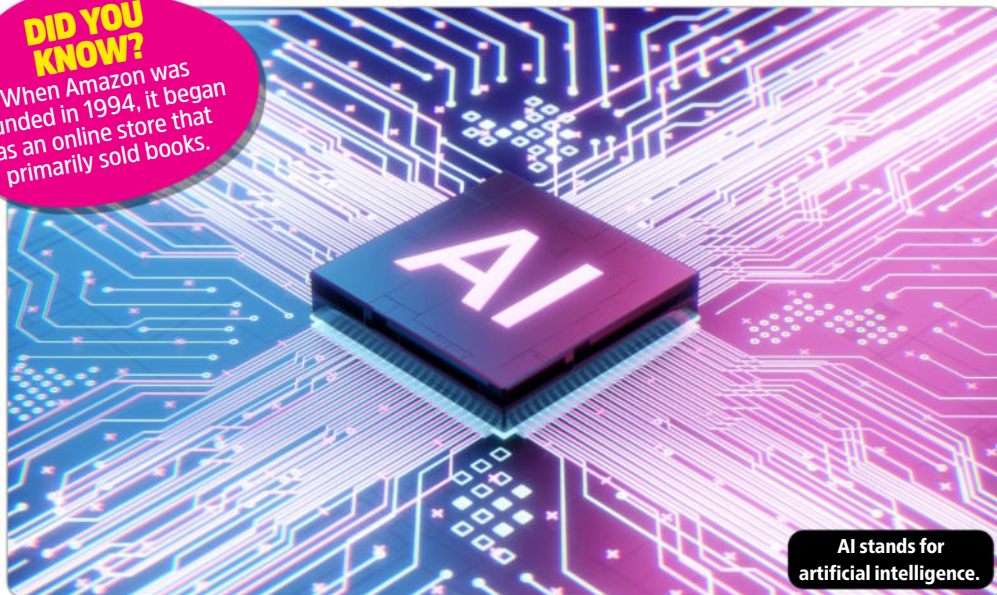
Pinkberry's treat

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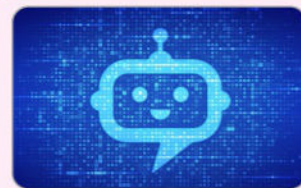
DID YOU KNOW?

When Amazon was founded in 1994, it began as an online store that primarily sold books.



AI stands for artificial intelligence.

Chatbots in classrooms



In our Big Debate in Issue 157, we asked whether chatbots, which are computer programs people talk to, should be banned from school. Most kids who responded, 58%, said chatbots don't belong in the classroom, but 42% said the technology could help kids learn and that they should be taught to use it responsibly.

Tech companies agree to AI safeguards

Seven US technology companies that are leaders in the development of artificial intelligence (AI) said they will work together to manage risks posed by AI's capabilities. The agreement was announced on July 21 at the White House, where executives from the companies met to discuss the topic with President Joe Biden.

What is AI?

AI is the ability of a computer to complete complex tasks that are typically done by humans. It is developed by analyzing patterns of the human brain and using this data to develop systems. These systems have resulted in innovations like self-driving cars, as well as chatbots, which are capable of creating text, photos, music, and video without human input. Although there are benefits

to the technology, some people are concerned about risks. For example, AI could replace people in jobs and be used to spread false information or break into private computer systems.

What did the companies agree to?

Amazon, Anthropic, Google, Inflection, Meta, Microsoft, and OpenAI agreed to take voluntary safety and security steps, even as the seven companies continue to compete with each other to develop AI programs. They will test products for security risks before offering them to the public and hire independent experts to examine their AI products. If they identify problems, they will share what they learn with one another. Because the companies volunteered to take these steps, the government will not enforce the plan.

How did people react?

Biden said the announcement represented a good start. "This is a serious responsibility," he said. "We have to get it right." Brad Smith, the president of Microsoft, said the pledge will help ensure that the upsides of AI stay ahead of any risks. Many experts, however, said the agreement was not strong enough and called for Biden and Congress (the branch of government that makes laws) to require companies to release more information about the data they use to create AI.

What will happen next?

The White House said Biden will issue an executive order (instruction from a President) to create new AI safeguards. Congress is also working to introduce AI legislation later this year.



WORD OF THE WEEK

DIPLOMAT

The word "diplomat" is based on "diploma," which today means an educational certificate. But diploma originally described an official government document and comes from a Greek word, *diplōma*, which meant "folded paper."

A diplomat was someone who carried such important documents.



THE WEEK IN HISTORY

July 31, 2012

Michael Phelps enters Olympic history

On July 31, 2012, at the Olympic Games in London, England, US swimmer Michael Phelps won gold in the 4x200-meter freestyle relay. This was his 19th Olympic medal, the most of any athlete ever. He surpassed a record that had been held for nearly 50 years by a Ukrainian gymnast. When Phelps ended his career in 2016, he had won 28 Olympic medals—23 gold, 3 silver, and 2 bronze.

Michael Phelps





Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift breaks album record

Singer-songwriter Taylor Swift has broken the record for the most number one albums by a woman on the Billboard 200 chart. Swift's album *Speak Now (Taylor's Version)*, released on July 7, hit the top spot in less than a week, becoming her 12th number one album. Barbra Streisand previously held the record with 11 top albums, set in 2016. Swift is currently performing her Eras Tour, which is set to become the highest-grossing tour of all time.



Lionel Messi (center) with teammates on July 21

POPULAR PLAYER

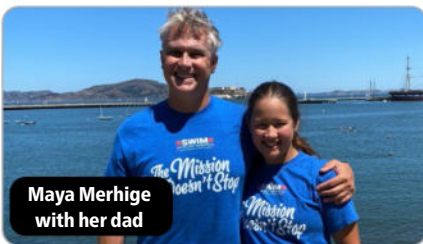
Inter Miami's Instagram account went from having about 900,000 followers to nearly 12 million after Lionel Messi joined.



A rendering of the monument

Statue for historic lawmaker

New York City has approved the construction of a 32-foot-tall green and yellow monument to honor Shirley Chisholm (1924–2015). She became the first Black woman elected to Congress in 1968 and the first Black person to run for the Presidential nomination of a major political party in 1972. The statue will be placed near Chisholm's childhood home in Brooklyn by 2025.



Maya Merhige with her dad

Teenager swims to fight cancer

Maya Merhige, 15, of California, swam 28.5 miles around Manhattan, a borough of New York City, to raise money to beat cancer. The 20 Bridges Swim is part of Swim Across America, a nonprofit that funds cancer research. Merhige, who has raised \$70,000 for the organization since 2017, finished her swim in 8 hours and 43 minutes. She said she swam for every person touched by cancer.

Soccer icon makes debut in US

Lionel Messi, a soccer player from Argentina, made his first appearance for Inter Miami CF, a Major League Soccer (MLS) club, on July 21. The team was playing Cruz Azul, a Mexican club, in the Leagues Cup, a competition between MLS clubs and Mexico's Liga MX clubs. Messi, who came on as a substitute in the 54th minute, scored the winning goal for Miami off a free kick in stoppage time, for a 2–1 win.

Messi, age 36, is considered the greatest player in the sport's history, and he is the most accomplished athlete to play in MLS. He has won a record seven Ballon d'Or awards, which are given out every year to recognize the world's best male soccer player. He led Argentina to the World Cup title in 2022 and the Copa America, the South American continental championship, in 2021. He has scored 103 goals for Argentina, the most in the country's history and the third-highest of any male soccer player in the world.

At the club level, Messi spent most of his career with FC Barcelona in Spain. He won the UEFA Champions League, which is the European club championship, four times with Barcelona. He also won Spain's national cup competition, the Copa Del Rey, seven times and the top Spanish league, La Liga, 10 times. He is La Liga's all-time leading scorer. He moved to the French club Paris Saint-Germain in 2021 and won two

French league titles with that team.

On July 16, Inter Miami officially welcomed Messi at a ceremony attended by a sold-out crowd of about 20,000 fans. Murals depicting him have been painted on walls in Miami, home to one of the largest Argentinian communities in the US. Ticket prices for Inter Miami matches have surged.

"I want to thank all these people," Messi said after the win on July 21. "They are making me feel very welcomed here, so I'm very happy to give this victory back to them."



Inter Miami CF's team logo

THE WEEK'S SILLIEST HEADLINE

"Loose llama blocks package delivery driver in Washington" UPI





Around the world



Residents survey the flooding.

Villars-sur-Ollon, Switzerland Artwork on mountain slopes

A Swiss-French artist known as SAYPE has created two huge pictures of children, using mountain slopes as a giant canvas. The art was painted with environmentally friendly chalk and charcoal. The works show a boy and a girl sketching their view of the world around them. SAYPE said the works show the importance of different perspectives.



One of the giant paintings

Nova Scotia, Canada Heavy rainfall causes major floods

Nova Scotia experienced severe flooding following the heaviest rainfall in the area in 50 years. A storm that began on July 21 dropped nearly 10 inches of rain in 24 hours—the same amount that usually falls in three months. Flooding damaged roads, bridges, buildings, and a vital rail track used to transport goods. At the storm's peak, more than 80,000 people had no electricity. A state of emergency has been declared until August 5.



A protest against the new law

Jerusalem, Israel New law limits Supreme Court's power

The Israeli parliament (branch of government that makes laws) passed a law to restrict the ability of the nation's Supreme Court to overturn government decisions, such as who can be appointed to government roles. The controversial law is part of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's plan to overhaul the country's judicial system and has sparked widespread protests, with opponents saying it is an attempt to undermine democracy.



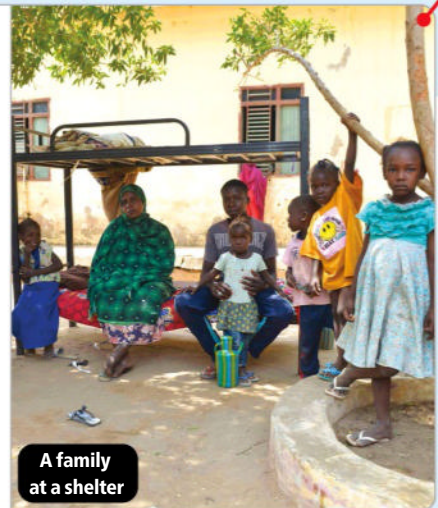
Souza and Ruby get ready to go.

Sao Paulo, Brazil Motorcycle duo help hungry street dogs

Miguel Pereira de Souza and his dog Ruby are on a mission to feed dogs living on the streets of Brazil's biggest city. The pair zoom around on a motorcycle, giving out dog food to hungry strays. Ruby, who Souza rescued from the streets, has a helmet and a backpack full of treats. Souza pays for the food he gives away by selling dog food to pet owners.

Sudan Conflict continues

It has been 100 days since fighting broke out between two sides who want to control Sudan. One is led by General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, the head of the army and in effect the country's president. His former deputy, General Mohamed Hamdan, is head of the rival military group Rapid Support Forces, which has been accused of war crimes. Thousands have died, and about 2.6 million people have had to leave their homes.



A family at a shelter



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The United Repair Center

Amsterdam, the Netherlands Refugees help city recycle

Migrants and refugees are helping Amsterdam in its goal to be a "circular city," one that eliminates waste and keeps goods in use. The city's United Repair Center, which opened last September, employs migrants and refugees to repair clothes that would otherwise be discarded. Amsterdam's goal is to become a fully circular city by 2050.



The damaged cathedral

Odesa, Ukraine Historic church damaged in air strikes

Russian missiles have badly damaged at least 25 Ukrainian architectural landmarks, including the Transfiguration Cathedral in Odesa. The port city's largest church is a UNESCO World Heritage site, which means it's considered to be of great cultural and historical importance. Russia has been targeting Odesa since July 17, when it backed out of a deal that allowed Ukrainian ships carrying food to leave the port.



Soundarya, the AI anchor

India Robot news anchor makes her debut

An Indian television channel introduced its first non-human news anchor, created with artificial intelligence (AI, computer technology that allows a machine to imitate human intelligence by learning as it goes along). Soundarya, who called herself a "robot anchor," read some of the news, including a report about AI in the news industry. The channel said the AI presenter is an experiment and won't replace human newscasters yet.



Protesting against the plan

Adelaide, Australia Aboriginal land owners win fight

The Barngarla people have won a court case to stop the government from building a facility to store nuclear waste on their land. The Barngarla are a group of aboriginal Australians (descendants of those who lived in an area before another culture came and took over). The court said that the Barngarla's concerns had not been listened to.



Basra, Iraq Minaret destroyed

City officials have demolished a mosque (place of worship for Muslims), including a 300-year-old minaret, to make room for a bigger road. Minarets are tall towers used to call Muslims to prayer. Officials said the minaret, which was located in the street, was causing traffic jams. Many local residents are upset, saying the historic minaret represents Iraq's cultural heritage and should have been saved.



The demolition site



The big debate

Has tipping gotten out of control?

Some people think it's OK to tip more, but others save the tips for certain services.

What you need to know

- A tip is money a customer pays in addition to the bill to thank someone who provided good service. In the US, the tip typically ranges from 15% to 25% of the total bill.
- Tips are usually given to restaurant servers, cab drivers, delivery people, and hair stylists, among others.
- Tipped workers are paid a lower wage because tips are considered part of their income. In many states, tipped workers earn as little as \$2.13 an hour in their paycheck.



DID YOU KNOW?
Tipping is considered offensive in Japan, where people prefer to be thanked with a compliment.

People say they're being asked to tip at every turn these days, whether they're ordering a four-course meal at an expensive restaurant or ringing themselves up at a self-serve register at a convenience store. There have been reports of requests for tips at dry cleaners, banks, and even online travel sites. Workers at these kinds of businesses have not traditionally received tips because they're not doing "service" jobs. And the amount of an expected tip has risen too, often as high as 30% or more. Some people say it's gone too far, with customers feeling the squeeze of the frequent requests for extra money. What do you think? Has tipping gotten out of control?

Yes—it's becoming a burden

Tips are supposed to be for truly outstanding service, not for self-serve kiosks or every cashier you encounter. If people pay with a debit or credit card, digital payment screens prompt them to tip a minimum suggested amount, usually while people are waiting in line behind them. This "guilt tipping" is more pressure than an old-fashioned tip jar and makes people feel bad. But studies have shown that the more people are expected to tip, the less likely they are to do so. People are struggling financially due to rising prices. Businesses should be paying their workers a fair living wage rather than pushing that cost onto the customer.

No—people deserve fair pay

More than 4.4 million workers in the US rely on tips to put food on the table. Women and people of color are more likely to have these types of service jobs. Customers who are willing to pay a steep price for a fancy beverage shouldn't mind paying a little more for a good tip. Besides, service industries like restaurants, coffee shops, and hair salons really suffered during the pandemic—and yes, so did stores with self-checkout. Everyone deserves to be rewarded for their hard work and lost income. With rising costs, business owners can't always afford to pay their staff more. Studies also show that people feel good when they tip, so it's a win for everyone.

YES Three reasons why tipping is out of control

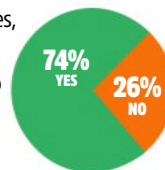
- 1 Customers are expected to tip more money more often. People should be able to decide when and how much to tip.
- 2 Pressure to tip can backfire. People might tip less or be less likely to tip at all.
- 3 Customers are feeling the pinch of high prices too, and businesses shouldn't pass extra costs on to them.

NO Three reasons why tipping is not out of control

- 1 The minimum wage is low in most parts of the country, especially for tipped workers who count on tips to pay rent and buy food.
- 2 Many businesses took a hit during the pandemic and now face rising costs. Their workers need a chance to recover.
- 3 Tipping is an emotional decision, and being generous makes people feel good.

LAST WEEK'S POLL

Last week, we asked whether everyone should learn to drive. Nearly three quarters of you said yes, it's good for everybody to get behind the wheel.



What do you think?

Now that you've read a bit more about this issue, visit kids.theweekjunior.com/polls so you can vote in our debate. Vote **YES** if you think tipping has gotten out of control or **NO** if you don't. We'll publish the results next week.

The goal of the big debate is to present two sides of an issue fairly in order to stimulate discussion and allow our readers to make up their minds. The views on this page do not reflect those of *The Week Junior*, and the page is not funded by third parties.



A passion for sharks

Davon Strickland is pursuing his dream of studying sharks up close.

As a child, Davon Strickland loved watching shows about sharks. Today, he is a student at Florida International University (FIU) studying sharks and has made his first appearance on National Geographic's *SharkFest*, an annual TV series that offers six weeks of programming about the lives of sharks.

Strickland, age 23, grew up in Florida and loved going to the beach and aquariums. He attended a special high school with a marine science program where he also played football. At FIU, he was able to pursue both of those passions. He was captain of the football team and studied marine biology. Now he is at FIU studying for his doctorate degree in shark ecology.

His opportunity to appear on *SharkFest* came about because he is part of a

research team led by Mike Heithaus that studies the behavior of hammerhead and bull sharks off the coast of Florida.

The *SharkFest* episode Strickland is in is titled "Bull Shark vs. Hammerhead," and it's available on Disney+. He is shown attaching tags to bull sharks to track their movement in the ocean. At first, Strickland didn't know he would be in the episode. "I was super excited to get involved," he told *The Week Junior*.

Reflecting on his years of playing football while studying to become a scientist, Strickland said he benefited from balancing the two passions. In football, he picked up on "how to operate as a team and pay attention to details," he said. Those skills carry over to studying, he said: "You're just applying them differently."



Nat Geo's *SharkFest*



Davon Strickland

WOW!
There are 15 different species of sharks living off the coast of Florida.

Making music history

Singer-songwriter Tracy Chapman has become the first Black woman to be the solo writer of a song that hit number one on *Billboard's* Country Airplay chart. She achieved the record when singer Luke Combs' country version of her 1988 folk-rock hit "Fast Car" topped the chart in July. Chapman, age 59, has released eight albums during her career and has won four Grammys (top music award) for her work. She told *Billboard*, "I never expected to find myself on the country charts, but I'm honored to be here."



Tracy Chapman

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Dr. Pablo Borboroglu

A top science prize

Pablo Borboroglu, a scientist in Argentina, has been awarded the 2023 Indianapolis Prize, a top honor that recognizes animal conservation and is presented by the Indianapolis Zoological Society. He is the first South American to win the prize. As the founder and president of the Global Penguin Society, Borboroglu has helped protect more than 2.5 million penguins around the world, which has earned him the nickname "the penguin protector." He said the \$250,000 he received in prize money will go to increasing his conservation efforts to help penguins and other marine animals.

OVERHEARD



"It's not all of you. It's just a part of you."

UK actress Emily Blunt's message to people who stutter (a speech disorder). Blunt, who developed a stutter while growing up, has starred in films such as *Mary Poppins Returns* and *Jungle Cruise*.



HUGE VARIETY
There are nearly 11,000 species of moths and about 4,000 native bee species in the US.

A Mother Shipton moth on a stitchwort plant

Rare butterflies released

The Oregon Zoo has been raising Oregon silverspot butterflies in captivity and released 2,172 of them in the mountains this summer. The butterflies are at risk of dying out in the wild. "These beautiful pollinators have lost a lot of ground," said a team leader, but "we can give them a good chance to survive."



A silverspot

Moths are super pollinators

Moths may be just as important as bees when it comes to helping plants reproduce, a new study has found. The research, from the University of Sheffield in the UK, showed that moths visit more types of plants and carry more of a substance called pollen than experts had thought.

Flowering plants use a process called pollination to reproduce. This involves taking pollen from the male part of a flower (the stamen) and carrying it to the female part (the stigma). Some flowers have both a stigma and a stamen, so they can self-pollinate. However, others need help from

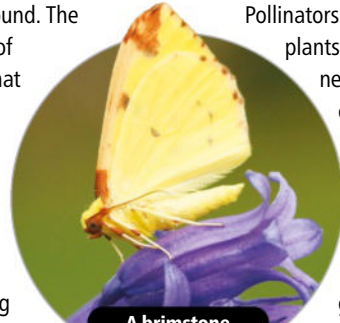
pollinators, which are often bees or other insects, birds, or bats.

Pollinators typically eat substances that plants produce, such as pollen and nectar. When the creatures land on a flower, the pollen attaches to them. Then, when they fly to another plant, the pollen brushes off onto the stigma. Once it has been pollinated, a plant produces seeds that grow into new plants.

The researchers collected insects at eight community gardens (pieces of land where people can grow food or flowers) in England. The team tested the pollen on the insects to find out which plants

they had visited. This revealed that moths were pollinating many different plants, including some plants that bees would not visit.

The new research suggests that moths could be responsible for one third of all the pollination of flowering plants in towns and cities. Dr. Emilie Ellis, who worked on the study, said, "People don't generally appreciate moths." She hopes the discovery will make people more aware of the important role the insects play in creating a healthy environment. The moths may also rely on the plants they pollinate, since some species only feed on a single type of plant. Ellis says the study shows it is important to make sure that green areas, like gardens and parks, contain plants that are attractive to moths as well as to bees.



A brimstone moth on a bluebell



PLACE OF THE WEEK

Natural Bridges National Monument, Utah

Inhabited by humans as long ago as 7000 BCE, this stunning desert landscape was sculpted over many years by wind and water and continues to evolve today. The park has three natural sandstone bridges, including Sipapu, the second-largest natural bridge in the country. At night, mountain lions and bobcats come out to hunt while as many as 15,000 stars dazzle from above at this International Dark Sky Park. During the day, chipmunks, antelope squirrels, rock wrens, sharp-shinned hawks, golden eagles, snakes, and lizards can be seen.



Visitors often see mountain lion tracks.



DID YOU KNOW?

London Zoo in the UK was the first to open a children's zoo in 1938.

Humboldt penguins at the London Zoo



The zoo animals that like a visit

A study has found that some zoo animals enjoy human company more than others do. Some animals seem to particularly like having visitors.

Animal behavior experts at two universities in England studied more than 250 species in zoos. The team noticed that elephants showed fewer signs of boredom during activities that involved visitors, like public feedings. At these times, social activity among the elephants increased.

Cockatoos (a type of parrot), jaguars, penguins, and polar bears also became

more sociable when people were around. On the other hand, some animals were negatively affected by humans, including hedgehogs, ostriches, and tuataras (a type of reptile). For most animals, having visitors nearby made little or no difference.

Dr. Samantha Ward, an author of the study, said that although visits can cause stress, "some species appear to show good adaptability for the changing conditions of visitors." The fact that most of the animals were not bothered by visitors also suggests that their enclosures were well designed.

Animal of the Week

Wolverine



A wolverine has been spotted in California for the second time in 100 years. Wolverines last lived in the state in the 1920s, except for one individual that traveled from the Rocky Mountains in 2008. No one knows where the new visitor came from.

- **LIFE SPAN:** 7 to 13 years in the wild
- **HABITAT:** Forests in Canada and the far north
- **SIZE:** 17 to 66 pounds
- **DIET:** Plants, rodents, deer, and farm animals
- **FUN FACT:** A wolverine can smell a meal buried under 20 feet of snow.



Good week / Bad week



Australian sea life

The Australian government is expanding Macquarie Island Marine Park, an area of the ocean that is home to wildlife such as penguins, fish, and seals. The park will now be about the size of Germany and will protect millions of animals.



Sharks

The populations of five species of reef sharks have declined by more than 60% in about 50 years, according to a new study of coral reefs around the world. Sharks are the top predators at coral reefs and are at risk of dying out due to overfishing.



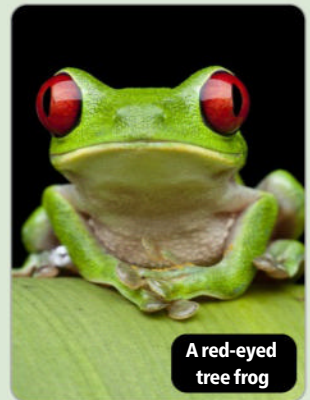
"What's the difference between frogs and toads?"

Hunter, 12, California

Matthew Evans

Assistant curator, Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute

Toads typically have short, stumpy legs, drier and bumpier skin, and a heavier body. Frogs typically have smoother skin and longer hind legs. Most frogs live close to water and lay eggs in clumps. Toads can live far from water and lay eggs in long strings. Both animals' eggs hatch in water and become tadpoles.



A red-eyed tree frog

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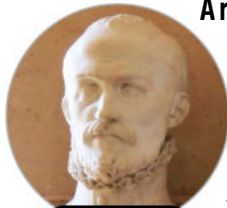
An exquisite museum

Discover why more than 7 million people visit the Louvre every year.

This year marks the 230th anniversary of the Louvre. Long before the grand Paris landmark became a museum, it was a palace.

A royal entrance

In 1109, King Philip II of France built a defensive fortress to protect Paris. In 1546, King Francis I hired the architect Pierre Lescot to replace the fort with a majestic royal palace and called his new home the Louvre. Almost every French monarch (king or queen) who ruled after Francis further developed the Louvre. Francis was an art collector, and the palace collection continued to grow, especially under King Louis XIII and King Louis XIV. When Louis XIV moved to Versailles in 1682, the Louvre was no longer used as a royal residence.



Pierre Lescot



Napoleon Bonaparte

A museum for the people

In the 18th century, many French people began calling for the royal art collections to be displayed publicly in a national art museum. The French Revolution broke out in 1789, challenging the power of royalty and wealthy nobles. Before long, progress on the museum had begun. On August 10, 1793, the Musée Central des Arts (Central Art Museum) opened in the Louvre's Grande Galerie (Grand Gallery) with an exhibition of 537 paintings. Structural problems with the building caused the museum to close in 1796. Napoleon Bonaparte, who rose to power during the revolution, reopened the museum in 1801, renaming it the Napoleon Museum. He displayed items his army took from the lands they conquered, which later had to be sent back.



FUN FACT
The biggest painting in the Louvre, *The Wedding Feast at Cana*, is 32 feet wide and 22 feet high.

At 652,300 square feet, the Louvre is one of the largest art museums in the world.

Famous artwork

Some of the world's most well-known works of art are housed in the Louvre. These are three notable attractions in the museum's collection.



Mona Lisa

The most famous painting in the world is a portrait created by Leonardo da Vinci in the early 1500s. Visitors are fascinated by the subject's mysterious smile and entrancing eyes. The work was stolen from the Louvre in 1911 but was later recovered. It now hangs in a large room behind thick glass.





in Paris, France



WOW!

The collections of artwork and artifacts in the Louvre cover nearly 10,000 years of history.

FOR KIDS

Children get into the museum for free and can ask for a special "Louvre passport" at the information desk.



Skylights in the Rubens Room

Making it modern

During the 1980s and 1990s, the Louvre underwent major remodeling to make it more accessible and accommodating to visitors. New exhibition space was opened, new skylights were added so art could be viewed in natural light, and an underground complex was built with an auditorium, shops, and a cafeteria. The entrance, in the Cour Napoléon courtyard, was crowned by a steel and glass pyramid designed by the American architect I.M. Pei. He also redesigned the Richelieu wing, which had been used by France's Ministry of Finance, so it could be opened to the public on the museum's 200th anniversary in 1993. For the first time, the entire Louvre complex was an art museum. Since 2005, the Louvre has also overseen the nearby Tuileries Garden, where flowers are arranged to coordinate with exhibitions.



The Tuileries Garden

Viewing the collections

Today, the Louvre houses paintings, sculptures, writings, drawings, furniture, jewelry, textiles, and other objects. It has paintings from every period of European art up to the mid-19th century. (Works painted after the year 1848 are now in the care of the Musée d'Orsay, also in Paris.) The museum's collection also includes Islamic art and artifacts from ancient Egypt, as well as the Napoleon III Apartments, a part of the palace that has been preserved in the Richelieu wing. About 35,000 works of art are on display at the Louvre, so many people return again and again. You can visit louvrekids.louvre.fr to see stories about artwork at the museum.

Venus de Milo

This well-known statue was found in 1820 on the Greek island of Melos. A sculptor named Alexandros carved the figure from marble, probably to represent Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love and beauty. The sculpture was discovered in pieces, and her arms were never found.



Crown jewels

The gallery of Apollo holds the French crown jewels, a collection of jewelry and gemstones that once belonged to French royalty. Several pieces were stolen or sold in the 18th and 19th centuries. The Louvre has since recovered many of them, including the crown of King Louis XV (left).



An ancient Egyptian statue



A bunk in space

SPACE BORDER
The official boundary between Earth's atmosphere and space is called the Kármán Line, which is 62 miles above sea level.

Helping astronauts sleep in space

Scientists at NASA, the US space agency, hope to find a way for astronauts to enter a hibernation-like state during long trips into space. In the past, astronauts traveling to the Moon or the International Space Station have stayed awake for the trips, which take anywhere from a few hours to three days. But NASA plans to send people to Mars for the first time by the 2030s—a journey that would require about nine months of travel. They think astronauts flying to the red planet could go into a deep sleep and wake up once they get there.

As a first step, the team has been investigating a state of being called torpor. This is when an animal stops moving and its body temperature and heart rate drop, which reduces the energy it needs to survive. Some animals, such as mice, naturally enter torpor if the weather is cold or food is in short supply. Torpor is similar to hibernation (when some animals sleep through the winter).

Scientists wanted to find a way to switch on torpor in mice. To do this, they made special hats for the animals that could fire pulses of high-energy sound waves (called ultrasound) at the part of the brain that controls body temperature

and sleep. When the team turned the hats on, the mice's body temperature and heart rate fell, just as they would during torpor. If their body temperature started to rise, the scientists sent another burst of ultrasound. They kept the mice in this state for 24 hours, with no negative side effects. Once the hats were turned off, the mice returned to their normal body temperatures and activity levels within 90 minutes.

The researchers then tried it on rats, which don't naturally enter torpor. The rats' body temperature fell, although not as much as it did in the mice. Still, the results mean that the technique is effective on animals that don't naturally enter torpor, such as rats or humans.

Scientists have not tested the process on people yet because they have more work to do to make sure it's safe. They are hopeful, however, that it will not only be effective for space travel but also may help with medical conditions. Putting people in a torpor-like state when they are experiencing a stroke or heart attack "might extend the treatment window and enhance their chances of survival," said Hong Chen, the study's lead author.



An astronaut on the International Space Station

Re-creating Mars on Earth



Inside Mars Dune Alpha

Four volunteers are participating in an experiment that re-creates life on Mars in as realistic a way as possible. The study is being conducted by NASA at the Johnson Space Center in Texas. The 3D-printed living space, called Mars Dune Alpha, has bedrooms, a bathroom, work stations, and a living room with a PlayStation and board games.

The volunteers perform tasks that astronauts might do on Mars, like growing food, studying rock samples, and maintaining the facility. An area called "the sandbox" is filled with red sand and rocks, like Mars, and images of Martian scenery hang on the walls. To imitate the lower gravity on Mars, volunteers hike in the sandbox on treadmills while hanging from straps.



Science reveals an ancient teenage girl's face

The face of a teenage girl who died 1,300 years ago has been re-created by a forensic artist. These artists use scientific methods to study skulls and create an artistic impression of what a person would have looked like when they were alive.

The girl's skeleton was found in England in 2012 and dates back to the 600s. The artist, Hew Morrison, used measurements of her skull to determine the shape of her face. He could tell that her left eye was slightly lower than her right eye, but he had to guess the color of her eyes and hair.

The skeleton was found in a wooden bed with a gold cross on her chest, which indicates that she was Christian at a time when the religion was spreading

in England. It was rare for someone to be buried in a bed, which suggests that she was from an important family.

Sam Leggett, an archaeologist (scientist who studies ancient human-made objects), and her colleagues analyzed the girl's bones and teeth.

They could tell she was about 16 years old and that she was born in Germany and moved to England some time after she turned 7.

They also found that her diet had changed. She had eaten a lot of meat in Germany but less in England, where people had mostly vegetarian diets. She died of an unknown illness.

Leggett was happy to see what the girl might have looked like. "She is a wonderful example of bringing the past to life," she said.



The facial reconstruction

FUN FACT
The oldest complete human skeleton found in England was Cheddar Man, who lived about 10,000 years ago.

A rendering of the new ship



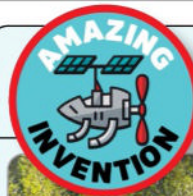
Cruise ship runs on batteries and solar

A cruise company in Norway has announced plans for the world's first zero-emission electric cruise liner, which won't release any waste products into the environment. It is expected to launch in 2030.

Traditional cruise ships run on fuel oil, which produces large amounts of greenhouse gases (gases that stay in the atmosphere and warm the planet). Typically, one large cruise ship releases more emissions than 12,000 cars.

Most of Norway's electricity is supplied by renewable energy (energy created by nature that does not run out). The new ship will run on batteries that can be recharged using this clean energy. One charge will last for about 400 miles.

The ship will also use solar and wind power from 164-foot sails covered with 16,000 square feet of solar panels. It will have 270 cabins and hold 500 passengers and 99 crew members.



An instant tent for all seasons



The Anywhere for Anyone Tent

A company that designs camping gear has created a pop-up tent that works in all weather conditions. The Hub V2, also called the Anywhere for Anyone Tent, is made by Freespirit Recreation. It measures 8 feet wide, 8 feet long, and more than 6 feet tall.

The fiberglass tent is lightweight, portable, and quick and easy to set up on the ground or on a car. Pull tabs on each side pop it open, and a light strip keeps it bright inside. Three-layer walls let campers modify the tent to warm it up, let air flow in, or block rain and snow.



Photos of the week



Snack break

Linda Scher snapped this picture of a verdin gathering food in Arizona.



Twice as nice

This image of two rock pigeons in Canada was taken by Liron Gertsman.



Who, me?

This photo of a Northern hawk owl was captured by Liron Gertsman in Canada.



NATHAN ARNOLD; SANDRA M. ROTHEBERG; KAREN BLACKWOOD; LINDA SCHER; LIRON GERTSMAN (2)



Open wide

Nathan Arnold shot this photograph of a reddish egret in Florida.



Hard at work

In this shot by Sandra M. Rothenberg, a Baltimore oriole collects materials for a nest in Pennsylvania.



Diving in

Karen Blackwood took this image of a chinstrap penguin in Antarctica.



Sports

FUN FACT

On July 24, Korea's Casey Phair, age 16, became the youngest player ever in a FIFA Women's World Cup.



Sophia Smith

US team jerseys

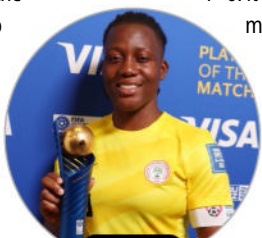


At the World Cup, the US team wears white jerseys when they are the home team and blue ones when they are the away team. The jersey designers at Nike were influenced by abstract expressionism, an art style that often features large brushstrokes or marks.

Women's World Cup matches begin

On July 20, the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 kicked off in Australia and New Zealand. The soccer tournament takes place every four years and is the most prestigious event in the sport. The US team won the past two World Cups and hope to become the first men's or women's team to win three in a row.

For the first time, 32 countries are competing in the tournament, eight more than in the past. They are divided into eight groups of four. In the group stage, each of the four teams plays each other once and they earn points for wins and ties. The two teams with the most points in each group advance to the next round, which is the knockout stage.



Chiamaka Nnadozie

On the first day of the competition, both host countries delivered wins. New Zealand, ranked 26th in the world, upset 12th-ranked Norway, 1–0. It was the country's first women's or men's World Cup win. The women first made the tournament 32 years ago.

Australia played without their injured star Sam Kerr but still beat the Republic of Ireland, 1–0.

In another exciting match, Nigeria and Canada tied, 0–0.

Canada, the gold medalists at the 2020 Olympics (played in 2021), had multiple opportunities to win, but Nigeria's goalkeeper Chiamaka Nnadozie came through with many key saves. The biggest one was on a penalty kick that she kept out of the net.

On July 21, the US team began their quest for the title with a 3–0 win over Vietnam. It was the first World Cup match in Vietnam's history. The star of the contest was American Sophia Smith, who scored two goals and assisted on the third. The other two teams in Group E with the US, the Netherlands and Portugal, faced off on July 22. The Netherlands won, 1–0.

The next day featured a match between fifth-ranked France and 43rd-ranked Jamaica, which ended in a surprising 0–0 draw. Not only did it earn Jamaica their first point in a Women's World Cup, but it also means they could have a shot at making it to the next round.

The US team was set to play the Netherlands on July 26 in a rematch of the 2019 World Cup final. They are due to play Portugal on August 1.

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS...

GOLF

On July 23, American Brian Harman won the Open Championship, also known as the British Open. It is the oldest continually run golf tournament and one of the four major tournaments in men's golf. It was Harman's first victory at a major, and he won by six strokes. Harman, who is 5-foot-7, is one of the smallest golfers on the PGA Tour and one of five left-handed players to win a major.



Jarrod Neumann

BASKETBALL

On July 23, the New York Liberty beat the Indiana Fever, 101–83. The Liberty scored 44 points in one quarter, a new WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association) record.

LACROSSE

During the Premier Lacrosse League's All-Star weekend, Jarrod Neumann won the fastest shot competition on July 22. One shot reached 121 miles per hour, the fastest in league history.



DID YOU KNOW?
In 1986, American Greg LeMond became the first non-European rider to win the Tour de France.

Jonas Vingegaard

Danish cyclist wins Tour de France

From July 1–23, top cyclists competed in the Tour de France, the most famous men's cycling race in the world. The course was a 2,115-mile journey that began in Bilbao, Spain, and ended in Paris. Danish rider Jonas Vingegaard, who won the race in 2022, was the champion again this year.

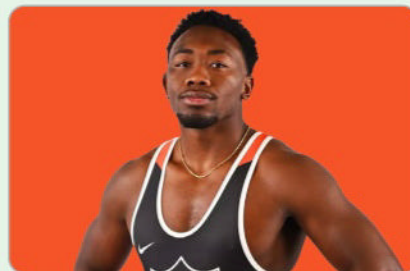
The first Tour de France took place in 1903 and had six race stages and 144 riders. Today, it has 21 stages and features 22 pro cycling teams with eight riders each. The course includes hills, mountains, and flat roads, and riders travel an average of more than 100 miles per stage. There were two rest days and one time trial (a race against a clock). Riders can earn points based on their positions when they complete each stage. At the end of each one, leaders in different categories are awarded different colored jerseys.

The overall leader wears yellow. Although each stage has a winner, the champion is the person with the fastest overall time.

For much of the race, Vingegaard, who rides for team Jumbo-Visma, was in a tight competition with Tadej Pogačar of Slovenia, winner of the Tour de France in 2020 and 2021. However, after a standout time trial in Stage 16 and a strong performance in Stage 17, Vingegaard built up a big lead and eventually finished more than seven minutes ahead of Pogačar, who placed second.

For the fourth year in a row, Pogačar, age 24, won the white jersey for being the best rider under 25. Jasper Philipsen of Belgium won the green jersey for having the most points. Italian rider Giulio Ciccone earned the polka-dot jersey for being the best mountain climber.

SPOTLIGHT ON...



Quincy Monday

AGE: 22 SPORT: WRESTLING
TEAM: PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Family history My father won gold at the 1988 Olympics. He ran a youth club, so I was always around the sport. I started wrestling when I was 6.

Top sport I wrestled and played football growing up. I liked how wrestling was so individual. You practiced with teammates, but competitions were one-on-one. My favorite thing is the life lessons wrestling teaches you about perseverance, mental fortitude, and the value of hard work.

College choice I chose to go to Princeton because I always valued academics highly. I wanted to go to the number one school and try to achieve my athletic goals at the same time. Our team has a saying, "Be where your feet are." In the practice room, you're thinking about wrestling. In the classroom, you're doing your work. You're not letting your mind wander.

Keeping calm My father would tell me that pressure is a privilege. Not everybody gets to compete on a big stage, so you have to embrace that moment. I think pressure lessens the more familiar you are with it and the more experience you have.

Big honors I made the finals at the national tournament my junior year, and I was also the first Black All-American wrestler at Princeton. I'm proud of the impact I think I've had on the program. I won a big award this year, which is given to athletes who display great leadership and service in their communities and on their teams. It felt like a great culmination of all my hard work.

Best advice Give it your best effort, but don't lose sight of what you're doing. And have fun.



COACH OF THE WEEK

Coach's Name: **Gabriela Sofia**

Team: **Long Island Aquatic Club (LIAC)**

"She inspires our team and helps us perfect our strokes. More important, she encourages us to do our best and respect and inspire each other. Some of us affectionately call her Big Gabby because she is a big believer in discipline and giving it your all in practices. She also teaches us what to eat to perform well, and she believes in us. My dream is to reach the Olympics one day, and coaches like her keep my swimming passion alive." Luca, 11, New York



To nominate a Coach of the Week, send your coach's name, photo, sport, and team to hello@theweekjunior.com. Include your name, age, state, and a few reasons why your coach is great.



Arts and entertainment



DID YOU KNOW?
Breakdancing will debut as an Olympic sport in 2024.

A list of these stars can be found on page 28.

Big milestone for hip-hop

The popular music genre is celebrating its 50th anniversary and being honored with an upcoming concert.

This year marks a big moment in music as hip-hop, one of today's most popular genres, turns 50 years old. It began in New York City as a youth culture movement in Black and Latino neighborhoods and has four main elements: deejaying, rapping, breakdancing, and graffiti painting.

The most important date in hip-hop is August 11, 1973, which is when 18-year-old DJ Kool Herc introduced a new technique at a party in the Bronx,

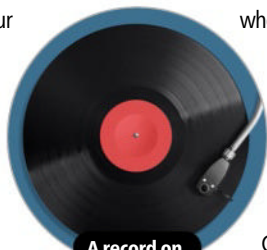
New York. Using vinyl records and two turntables (record players), he played rhythmic beats from one song and layered it over a different song.

Another early pioneer was DJ Grandmaster Flash, who developed more sound innovations.

In 1979, the first hip-hop record, "Rapper's Delight" by the Sugarhill Gang, was released and became a hit. In the 1980s, the popular rap group Run-DMC helped make hip-hop more mainstream. In 2007, Grandmaster Flash and his rap group the Furious Five became the first hip-hop

performers inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Run-DMC joined them two years later. To celebrate 50 years of hip-hop, early creators and many current stars, such as Lil Wayne and Lil Kim, are uniting for Hip Hop 50 Live, a concert at New York City's Yankee Stadium on August 11.

Today, hip-hop culture has significant influence on the world, Carole Boston Weatherford, author of the children's book *The Roots of Rap*, told *The Week Junior*. "The genre now shapes commerce, politics, and pop culture," she said. "At heart, though, it is still a platform for youth to realize the power of their own voices."



A record on a turntable

3 major hip-hop moments

Arts prize

In 2018, Kendrick Lamar became the first rapper to win the Pulitzer Prize for music, one of the most prestigious arts awards. Past recipients had been classical and jazz musicians.



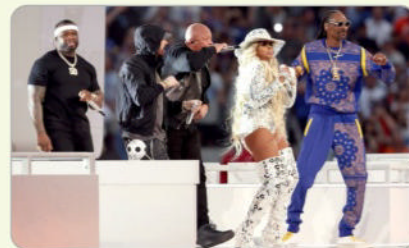
Kendrick Lamar (right)

Grammy wins

Solo artist Queen Latifah, who is often called the "Queen of Rap," and the group Salt-N-Pepa made history in 1995 when they became the first female rappers to win Grammy Awards (a top music honor).



Salt-N-Pepa



Football event

Super Bowl halftime shows feature major music acts. The 2022 performance was the first with hip-hop headliners. The artists were 50 Cent, Eminem, Dr. Dre, Mary J. Blige, Snoop Dogg (shown above), and Kendrick Lamar.



FUN FACT
Samurai warriors shaved the tops of their heads so they were cooler under their helmets.

Items on display

Exhibit shows off samurai armor

This summer, an exhibit at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, Georgia, is giving visitors a look at incredible items from Japanese history. *Samurai: Armor from the Collection of Ann and Gabriel Barbier-Mueller* features more than 150 objects including masks and swords that belonged to samurai, members of Japan's legendary elite warrior class that existed until the late 1800s. The items come from a span of nearly nine centuries.

The exhibit has been touring for years, and this is the first time it has been in the southeastern US. The items in the show come from the Ann & Gabriel Barbier-Mueller Museum: The Samurai Collection in Dallas, Texas. It is the only museum outside Japan that is focused on samurai armor.

One thing that makes samurai armor so special is that each warrior wore pieces with a unique look that helped them stand out on the

battlefield. The items are made of materials such as leather, gold, silk, paper, and wood. Collector Gabriel Barbier-Mueller has said he appreciates the superior creativity, beauty, and craftsmanship of the pieces.

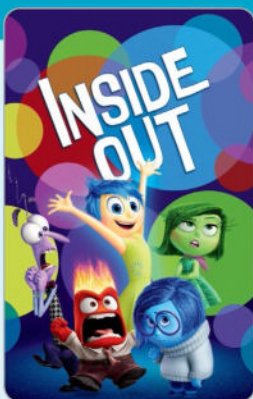
In addition to seeing the objects on display, visitors can learn about the samurai class, samurai moral code, and women in samurai families. There is also an area about the workshops where pieces of the armor were crafted, a section about the role of horses in samurai life and their special saddles and armor, and one area about weapons. A group of rulers called the Mōri clan are also highlighted.

Although samurai no longer exist, people still find them fascinating. In fact, the High's chief curator, Kevin Tucker, said their legacy "persists to this day," especially in popular Japanese art forms such as anime, manga, and contemporary film.



A mask from 1710

READER RECOMMENDS



Inside Out PG (Disney+ or rent on demand)
"This is a great movie about feelings. Joy, Disgust, Sadness, Anger, and Fear are the main characters, and they work inside the brain of a girl named Riley. My favorite character is Disgust because she is really sarcastic but also really funny. One day, Joy and Sadness get sucked up by a tube that collects Riley's memories, and they have to find their way back to headquarters. Along the way, they meet a character named Bing Bong, which is my favorite part. Meanwhile, Anger, Disgust, and Fear try to keep Riley happy. I think the movie will make people of all ages laugh." Mia, 9, Connecticut

Do you have a film or TV show to recommend to other kids? Send your review to hello@theweekjunior.com.

THIS WEEK'S WATCH LIST



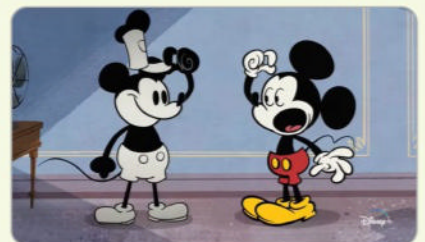
Running Wild with Bear Grylls: The Challenge

(National Geographic) Sundays at 9 pm ET
Adventurer Bear Grylls brings celebrities on extreme outdoor adventures and tests their survival skills in season two of this reality series. In one episode, he travels across the Scottish Highlands with deaf actor Troy Kotsur (above).



Miraculous: Ladybug & Cat Noir, The Movie (Netflix)

This new animated film is based on the popular *Miraculous* TV series about an awkward teen in Paris, France, who becomes a superhero. In the movie, she teams up with fellow superpowered teen Cat Noir to protect the city from a villain.



The Wonderful World of Mickey Mouse: Steamboat Silly (Disney+)

Steamboat Willie was the first Mickey Mouse cartoon. In this new short, Mickey watches it and accidentally unleashes hundreds of versions of his on-screen self into his town. He and his friends must stop the chaos.



On screen



Visit an island with Disney stars

Disney Illusion Island is a new puzzle-adventure game. It is out now exclusively for the Nintendo Switch.

In the game, Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, and Goofy travel to the mysterious island of Monoth. It is in danger of being destroyed by an ancient curse, and it's up to the group to save the day. To prevent total destruction, they have to find the Tomes of Knowledge, three magical books that are somewhere on the island.

Gamers can play as any of the characters, and there is a single-player mode and a four-person co-op mode. While animating the game, the creative team thought of each character as a toy. Mickey was a bouncy ball, Minnie was a paper airplane, Goofy was a slinky, and Donald was a slingshot.

As you play, you can unlock skills and moves such as gliding, swimming, and swinging on hooks. The game is filled with funny and clever ways to use those skills in various environments. Mickey and friends can also break barriers, zoom on rockets, and leapfrog. Movement in Disney Illusion Island is especially important because the game has no combat. Instead of fighting enemies, the group uses their skills to navigate around obstacles and level bosses. If a character's health level is down, a hug from a buddy is revitalizing.

Monoth is filled with secret areas and puzzles, so exploring the island leads to extra fun. Because playing Disney Illusion Island as each character is its own unique experience, coming back to the island in a different role can feel like a new adventure.



VIDEO OF THE WEEK

TURNING CHOPSTICKS INTO FURNITURE

tinyurl.com/TWJUS-Chopsticks

Every year, about 80 billion pairs of chopsticks are thrown away. ChopValue, a company in Canada, has found a way to turn used ones into tables, shelves, and furniture. This video visits the ChopValue factory to see how it's done.



APP OF THE WEEK



KIDSPOD

Apple App Store, Google Play

This new app was created to ensure kids have a fun and safe way to listen to audio content. It offers more than 300 podcasts for kids ages 3 to 13 and includes many popular programs. You can also use the app to create a webpage for your own podcast and play interactive activities.

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

CONNECTIONS

nytimes.com/games/connections

The New York Times is testing this game about making shared connections between words. Each game has 16 words that have to be divided into four groups of varying difficulty. Past themes have included famous brothers (look below) and bike parts. Make four mistakes and the game is over.

Create four groups of four!

CANOPY	LINK	PASSPORT	MARX
PILOT	SONIC	WRIGHT	ACCORD
MURPHY	CRASH	CIVIC	BUNK
MARIO	JONAS	TRUNDLE	WARNER



BOOK OF THE WEEK

Half Moon Summer

By Elaine Vickers

(Peachtree)

Drew and Mia were born on the same day and even shared a cradle at the hospital in Half Moon Bay, California. But their paths don't cross again until the summer before they turn 13. Drew is upset that his best friend moved away and his parents seem to be hiding something. Mia and her family have been staying with her grandmother to save money while her dad is away. Drew and Mia start to become friends by running together. At first, they meet up to

run because it's fun. But when Mia realizes that a person who can help save the house her father was building is taking part in a half-marathon, she asks Drew if he'll sign up with her. As they begin to train more seriously so they can run the race, Mia and Drew lean on each other to get through tough times. This beautiful friendship story contains both happy and sad moments, and the plot is a good reminder that obstacles can be overcome. The chapters alternate between the perspectives of Drew and Mia. Drew's chapters are written in prose while Mia's are in verse.



ASK THE AUTHOR

Elaine Vickers

We spoke to the author of *Half Moon Summer*.



What inspired this book?

The core of the story came from training for a half marathon with my son. A friend who became a runner also inspired me.

Growing up, did you want to be a writer?

Yes, except when I wanted to be an architect, an artist, a pediatrician, a judge, or a famous actress!

What do you enjoy most about running?

I love the clarity that I get

from taking a run. As I put one foot in front of the other, running helps me realize that I can do hard things.

What's your favorite summer activity?

I love hiking all year round, but I especially enjoy hiking in the summer.

Best advice for kids?

Believe in yourself. Believe in your strong body, your sharp mind, and your good heart. And always reach out for help when you need it.



4 books that are set at sleepaway camp

These summer adventures are full of mystery, magic, and more!



Camp Famous

By Jennifer Blecher

(Greenwillow Books)

Abby is bullied at school and just wants a best friend. Her parents send her to sleepaway camp, and it turns out that all the campers there are famous. To fit in with everyone, Abby lies about being a famous author. Find out what happens when the truth comes out. Ages 8–12



Epic Ellisons: Cosmos Camp

By Lamar Giles, illustrated by Morgan Bissant

(Versify)

In this first book in a new series, Wiki and Leen are twins at space camp. During the day, they have fun with the other campers. At night, the camp director has asked them if they can help solve a mystery. Can they figure out who has been interfering with a rocket launch? Ages 8–12



Sports Camp

By Rich Wallace

(Yearling)

At Camp Olympia, sports teams are made up of the kids in your bunk. Riley, who is small for his age, worries he will cost his teammates the trophy. He figures out what other activities he can do to earn trophy points. But then a giant snapping turtle unexpectedly shows up and starts following Riley. Ages 9–12



Witches of Brooklyn: S'More Magic

By Sophie Escabasse

(Random House Graphic)

In the third book of this graphic novel series, Effie doesn't want to go to camp. Once there, she becomes connected to nature and develops powers. When a dare doesn't go as planned, her powers may be valuable. You don't have to read the other books in the series to enjoy this book. Ages 8–12



READER RECOMMENDS

A Taste of Magic By J. Elle

"A Taste of Magic is a magical, humorous, and action-packed fantasy book. It's about Kyana, and for her 12th birthday she learns the family secret—she's a witch! But when her new magic school interferes with her best friend Nae's birthday party, their friendship might come to a end. Will Kyana save the friendship and still keep her magic a secret? Read it to find out." Sidonie, 11, North Carolina

Do you have a book to recommend? Send your review to hello@theweekjunior.com.





How to...

DID YOU KNOW?

One survey found that 66% of Americans would rather drive to their vacation destination than take a plane.



Take a family road trip

Plan an adventurous journey that offers something fun for everyone.

Road trips are a great option for vacation because they allow you to see multiple places in one trip and can be customized to what your family wants to do and see. A successful road trip also takes some planning. Here are some steps to take before you hit the road.

Pick a date

First you and your family will want to figure out when you can take a road trip and for how long. You can have everyone sit down with a calendar and decide when you can take time off together. You may find you have a week at the end of the summer when you're free to travel or a long weekend in the fall when you might have an extra day off from school. Once you've determined what can work, have everyone add the trip dates to their calendars.

Choose your destination

Next you'll need to decide where to go. Discuss potential destinations and any special factors to consider, like the weather. You and your family could choose a place you've always wanted to visit, or perhaps there's an area that has something special at the same time you're going, like a Labor Day weekend festival or apple picking in the fall. Just be sure to choose a location that gives you time to get there and back—and enjoy your visit—in the number of days you

have. You may want to discuss limiting driving time to four to six hours per day to build in enough time to make frequent stops, enjoy meals, and take breaks and explore.

Plan the route

Next, you can map out your road trip. Plug in your current city and final destination into a website or app like Google Maps and start considering good places to stop to sleep at night and what sights you might want to visit along the way. You may also want to make sure there is extra time to be flexible, in case you want to be spontaneous and stop at places you see from the car. Another option is to use a website like roadtrippers.com. If you put in your route, the site will populate a list of interesting things to see on your drive.

Load up the car

Have your car stocked with necessities like water, snacks, and first aid supplies in case of an emergency. You'll also want to think about what to have with you in the car to stay entertained, such as activity books or travel versions of board games. You and your family could also discuss downloading an audiobook or podcast to listen to together. Also, make a list of fun games to play in the car, like "21 Questions" or working together to spot license plates from all 50 states.



Make time for frequent stops.

Roadside attractions worth stopping for

Many popular road trip routes around the country feature fun sights along the way. Here are a few to know about.

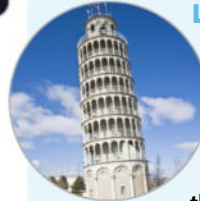
Carhenge

Located along Highway 87 in Nebraska, this attraction features 38 old cars arranged in a circle and stacked to resemble the famous Stonehenge monument in England.



Leaning Tower of Niles

In Niles, Illinois, you can see a replica of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, a famous landmark in Italy. It's exactly half its size.



It's exactly half its size.

Big Blue Bug

If you drive through Providence, Rhode Island, on interstate 95, keep an eye out for the world's biggest bug. This steel-and-fiberglass termite statue is 928 times the size of an actual bug.



World's Largest Chest of Drawers

The city of High Point, North Carolina,



home to many furniture manufacturers, features the world's largest dresser, complete with socks hanging out. It stands 38 feet tall.



HAVE A MOVIE NIGHT AT HOME

A cozy evening in the living room will be even more enjoyable with these tips.

- 1. Schedule it** Talk to your family about days that would work for a movie night. If you want to make it a regular activity, take that into consideration when choosing a day. You may decide that every Friday night works or maybe the first Wednesday evening of every month.
- 2. Pick a movie** Choose the movie ahead of time so you can look forward to it. You can alternate who gets to choose the movie every week.
- 3. Add snacks** Popcorn is a classic movie snack that's great plain, or you can set up a popcorn bar. Place a large bowl of popcorn on the counter with small bowls of toppings—like chocolate chips, pretzels, small candies, or garlic powder seasoning. Give each person a bowl to self serve.
- 4. Get comfy** Add sleeping bags and pillows to make the room inviting. For extra cozy viewing, you could put an air mattress on the floor. Dim the lights and enjoy the movie!



WARNING!

Ask an adult's permission before using a knife.

ISLAND INSPIRATION

The Caprese salad is named after the Italian island of Capri, where it's believed to have first been made.

Make a tomato and peach Caprese salad

Ingredients

- 12 to 16 ounces of assorted cherry tomatoes
- 2 ripe peaches
- One 4-ounce ball of fresh mozzarella
- Freshly picked basil leaves
- 2 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- ¼ cup olive oil
- Salt and pepper

Instructions

1. On a cutting board, use a knife to carefully slice each cherry tomato into two halves.
2. Remove the pit in each of the two peaches. To remove the pits, ask an adult to help you carefully cut each peach in half, making sure you cut all the way down to (but not into) the pit. Use both hands to grab the halves of the peach, then twist the halves in opposite directions. Remove the pit.
3. Slice the peach halves further into bite-sized pieces.
4. Slice the ball of mozzarella into small pieces.
5. Arrange the tomatoes, peaches, mozzarella, and basil together on a large serving platter. You can keep the salad refrigerated until you're ready to serve it.
6. In a small bowl, whisk together the white balsamic vinegar, lemon juice, and olive oil. Season the dressing to taste with salt and pepper.
7. Drizzle the dressing over the salad right before serving. Makes 4 servings.



ECO TIP
OF THE WEEK

WEED WITHOUT CHEMICALS

When a plant grows where it's not supposed to, it's considered a weed. Weeds could be non-native plants that pop up in your vegetable garden, for example, and take resources (like water) from other plants. Instead of getting rid of weeds with pesticides, which can be harmful to the environment and animals, ask your family to consider using a more natural solution. For example, you can mix 1 gallon of white vinegar, 1 cup of salt, and 1 tablespoon of dish soap in a watering can and pour it on areas where you've seen weeds grow. Or you might choose to leave some weeds alone. Dandelions, for example, provide nectar for pollinators, especially bees.



A dandelion



Puzzles



Word search

Can you find all these words associated with an airplane trip in the grid? They are hidden horizontally, vertically, or diagonally and can be forward or backward. When you're done, read the remaining letters to get a bonus message.

- aisle
- bags
- bins
- boarding
- cabin
- carry-on
- coach
- crew
- crusing altitude
- delay
- flight
- frequent flyers
- gate
- jet lag
- legroom
- meal
- piot
- runway
- seat
- tail
- terminal
- tickets

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W E A S L W M U
V Y E I N O L F
E U O E E
T R R N T
A G C L
O E E N
L S G

FOUR IN A ROW

Place four of the letters below to complete the first pair of words, in the same order in both words. Use the remaining four letters to complete the second pair of words, in the same order in both words. (NEED A HINT? Check the bottom of the page.)

A E J N O P U X

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S A □ O □ H □ N □

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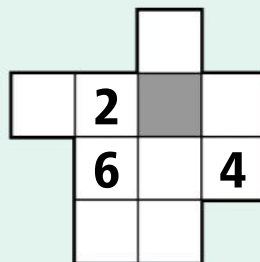
FILL IN THE BLANKS

Fill in the blanks in each sentence with two words that are the same except for a different first letter, like GEAR and PEAR. The two words will not rhyme.

- Now that Grandma has retired, she takes things at a _____ pace than she used to, spending a lot of time tending her _____ garden.
- I _____ a lot of money emptying out the neighbor's garage, although Mom had _____ me that it was going to take all weekend.
- Dorothy knew the Lion wasn't really a _____ when she saw the bravery he displayed as they made their way _____ the Emerald City.

Out of order

The numbers 1 to 9 can fit, one per square, so that no two consecutive numbers are in squares that touch in any way, even at a corner. Use the numbers already given to figure out where the rest of the numbers go.



Spot the difference

These two pictures of the Metro stop at the Louvre Museum in Paris appear to be the same, but take a closer look. There are actually five differences. Can you see them?





Phil Stringer and the crew on his "private" plane

The flight of a true solo traveler

When an early morning flight to North Carolina was delayed, Phil Stringer sat in the Oklahoma City airport to wait. Finally, 18 hours later, he was called to board the plane. But when he showed up at the gate, he didn't see anyone else in line. The gate agent told him that every other passenger had given up and left. So the solo passenger and the crew spent the flight cracking jokes, playing games, and creating a video that went viral on social media. "We were like, look, we can either be negative...[or we can] at least just have fun," Stringer said.



Does it at least come with a toy?

One cheeseburger, hold the burger

What is a fast-food burger without meat? Burger King restaurants in Thailand may have an answer. The "Real Cheeseburger," introduced on July 8, consists of about 20 slices of American cheese in a bun. Other Burger King menu items that seem unusual to many Americans, such as salmon katsu burgers, have been popular in Thailand. But the cheese extravaganza has caught attention on social media—not always in a positive way. "I could only finish half of it," one person said. Another said it was "exactly how I imagined 20 slices of cheese would taste."



The competitors were a bit sluggish.

The world's slowest race

"Ready, steady, slow!" cried the Snail Master, and the racers were off. It was the annual World Snail Racing Championships, held this summer in the UK for the first time since 2020. Owners bring their prized snails to a table covered with a wet cloth, where the creatures glide to the finish line 13 inches away. This year, Evie the snail left the others trailing behind to win in 7 minutes and 24 seconds. Her 4-year-old owner, Lettie, became the youngest trainer in the tournament's history. Their reward was a large mug of lettuce, a snail delicacy.



Real or fake?

Could viewers believe what they saw?

Media mix-up fools tourists

What do the countries of Brazil, Indonesia, and Switzerland have in common? They are all, apparently, in the Philippines—at least according to a tourism campaign that recently tried to attract people to the Southeast Asian nation. The promotional videos created for the "Love the Philippines" campaign included footage of sand dunes in Brazil, rice fields in Indonesia, and airplanes landing in Switzerland. Is this story true, or are we painting a false picture?*

*Real! The ads included several video clips that did not depict the Philippines. The advertising agency that created the campaign has apologized for what it called an "unfortunate oversight."



Your turn

Editor's note

This week, we're delighted to bring you some very exciting news in sports. Our cover features Argentinian soccer star Lionel Messi, who has created quite a sensation in Florida, where he now plays for Inter Miami (p5). About 20,000 people attended his welcome ceremony, and ticket prices for his new team's matches have surged. Welcome to the US, Messi! On our sports pages, we report on the start of the FIFA Women's World Cup (p18) and the winner of this year's Tour de France bicycle race (p19). Elsewhere, we highlight a teenager who swam 28.5 miles to raise money for cancer research (p5) and recall the day in 2012 when swimming legend Michael Phelps won his 19th Olympic medal—the most of any athlete in history at that time (p4). It always amazes me to see such incredible strength, skill, and determination. What's your favorite story in this issue? Write to us at hello@theweekjunior.com.



Andrea Barbalich
Editor-in-Chief

Cleaning up our parks

“The day after the Fourth of July, my mom and I went to a public park and saw there was a lot of trash. So we started cleaning up everything there and putting it in the garbage. It took us about an hour and a half! We had more than two large bags full of trash! The thing I kept thinking about while picking stuff up was, ‘People should not create litter from fireworks and explosives. The litter could harm animals such as birds who think it is food.’ I really hope people will clean up after themselves next year when they light fireworks. And even if they don’t, we’ll keep cleaning up the park.”



Remy, 8, Washington

Have you done something interesting or raised money for a cause you care about? Whatever you're up to, we want to hear about it at hello@theweekjunior.com.

JOKE OF THE WEEK
If you have 2 oranges and 3 apples in your hand, what do you have?
A really big hand!



CHARITY OF THE WEEK



Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation

This organization supports children who have cancer. It came about in 2005 after Alex, a 4-year-old who was fighting cancer, started a lemonade stand to raise money for other kids with cancer. It has raised more than \$250 million to fund research for improving pediatric cancer treatment and to help kids and families. Find out more at alexlemonade.org.



THE HIP-HOP ARTISTS PICTURED ON PAGE 23

1. Eve
2. Dr. Dre
3. Lauryn Hill
4. Lil Wayne
5. Queen Latifah
6. LL Cool J
7. Ice Cube
8. The Notorious B.I.G.
9. Snoop Dogg
10. The Beastie Boys
11. Run-DMC
12. KRS-One
13. Tupac Shakur



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IT'S YOUR TURN

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YOUR PHOTOS

We'd love to see pictures you've taken or pictures with you in them! Have an adult email them to us at hello@theweekjunior.com, along with anything you would like us to know about what's happening in the photo.



"ND Stevenson is one of my favorite authors, and I'm super excited that *Nimona* is becoming a movie!"

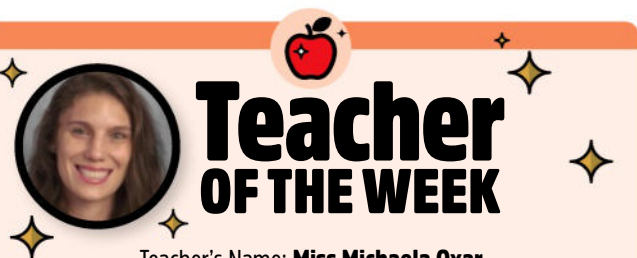
Abby, 12, South Carolina

"I was excited to bring *The Week Junior* on our family trip to Italy earlier this year. I took it everywhere." Maxwell, 10, California



"I'm reading *The Week Junior* at Chincoteague, Virginia Beach! It's excellent summer reading!"

Sophia, 9, Pennsylvania



Teacher's Name: **Miss Michaela Oxar**

School: **Grace Lutheran School**

"Miss Oxar is the best! She always makes every assignment a game. Sometimes, when we answer a question right, she gives us a Starburst or other candy! She has taught us American Sign Language, which is now my favorite subject. She is also our science, English, and math teacher. My class and I are going to miss her next year."

Hudson, 10, Florida

Nominate your teacher for Teacher of the Week!

Send your reason for the nomination, a photo of your teacher, and your school's name and address to hello@theweekjunior.com.



Puzzle answers (from page 26)

Word search

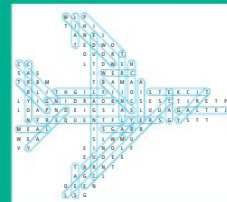
Unused letters: The world's smallest jet plane is just twelve feet long.

Four in a row

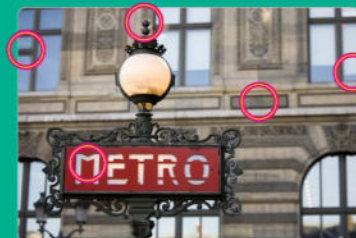
junkyard, journal
explore, saxophone

Fill in the blanks

1. slower, flower
2. earned, warned
3. coward, toward



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8	2		7
	6	9	4
	3	1	



Quiz answers (from page 30)

- 1 c) Inter Miami CF
- 2 False. It was spotted in California.
- 3 Atlanta, Georgia
- 4 b) Football
- 5 c) 12,000
- 6 False. It was held by Barbra Streisand.
- 7 Nine months
- 8 True
- 9 a) Running
- 10 "Rapper's Delight"
- 11 b) Moths
- 12 False. They seek the Tomes of Knowledge.
- 13 c) 35,000
- 14 True
- 15 Evie

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Quiz of the week

How much of this week's news can you remember?

1 Soccer star Lionel Messi recently played his first match for which Major League Soccer team?

- a) Los Angeles FC
 - b) New York City FC
 - c) Inter Miami CF
- a b c

2 True or false? A wolverine was spotted in Colorado for the second time in 100 years.

True False

3 An exhibit of samurai armor has opened at a museum in which US city?

4 Davon Strickland is a shark researcher who also played what sport in college?

- a) Baseball
 - b) Football
 - c) Tennis
- a b c

5 One large cruise ship releases more greenhouse gases than how many cars?

- a) 120
 - b) 1,200
 - c) 12,000
- a b c

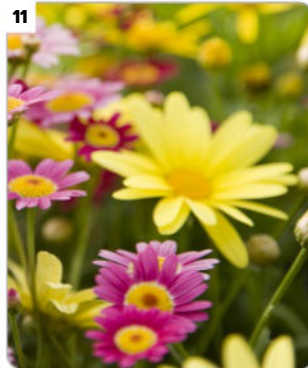
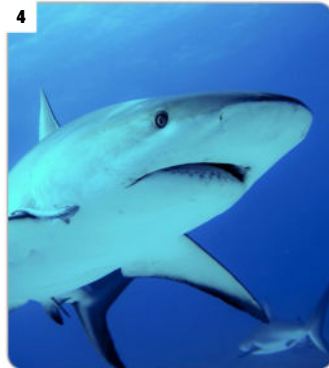
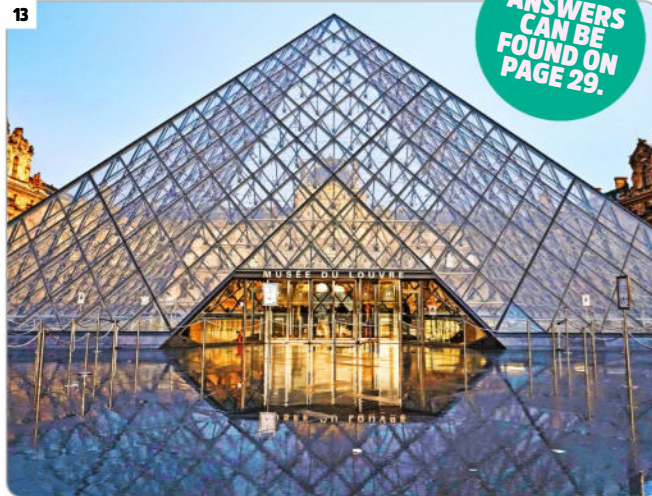
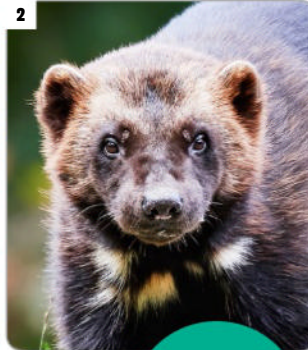
6 True or false? Taylor Swift recently broke a record previously held by Dolly Parton.

True False

7 About how long would it take NASA astronauts to travel to Mars?

8 True or false? Brazil's constitution was translated into an Indigenous language called Nheengatu.

True False



ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 29.

9 In the book *Half Moon Summer*, the characters Drew and Mia become friends while doing what together?

- a) Running
- b) Bicycling
- c) Swimming

a b c

10 What was the title of the first hip-hop record ever released?

11 Which insect may be responsible for pollinating one third of flowering plants in towns and cities?

- a) Butterflies
- b) Moths
- c) Wasps

a b c

12 True or false? Characters in the video game *Disney Illusion Island* seek the Scrolls of Wisdom.

True False

13 About how many works of art are at the Louvre Museum in Paris, France?

- a) 15,000
- b) 25,000
- c) 35,000

a b c

14 True or false? New Zealand recently won its first World Cup match ever.

True False

15 What is the name of the snail that won this year's World Snail Racing Championships?

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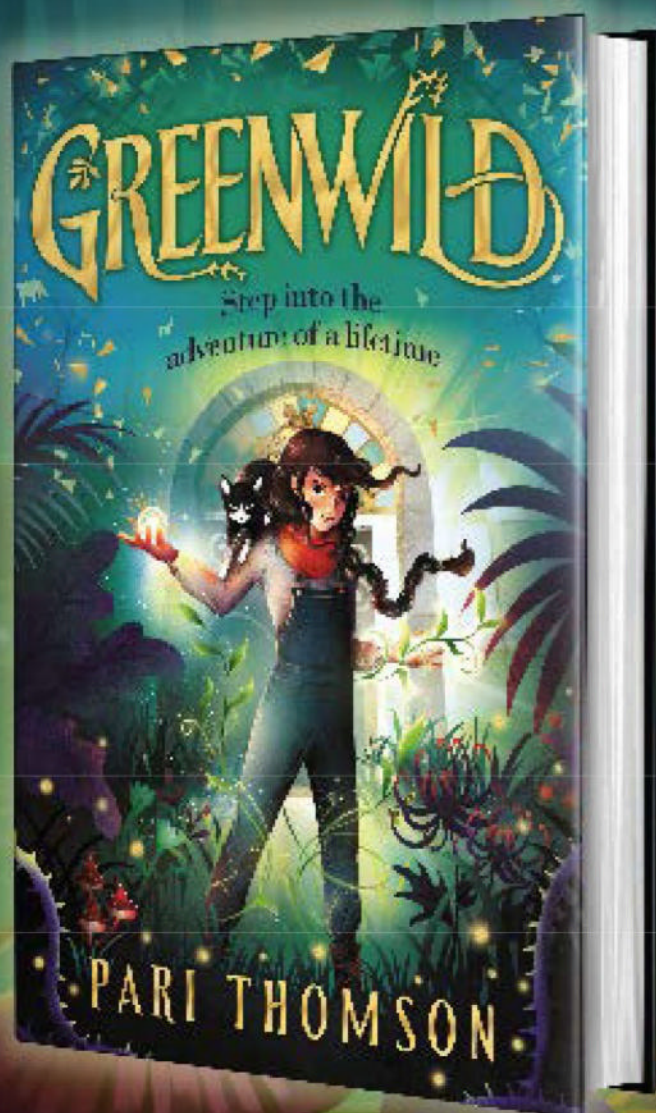
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