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SENIOR EDITION

One Big Family

What has a filmmaker learned from following a herd of elephants for 15 years?

Filmmaker Martyn Colbeck captured this photo of a female elephant named Echo leading her family across the African plains.

Martyn Colbeck Collection at Gallery24.com

**News Debate:
Will school uniforms make you smarter?**



Child's Play

A kid inventor creates a best-selling board game.

As a first grader, the last thing on Kylie Copenhagen's mind was becoming an inventor. When she created a board game about ladybugs for a science project, the student from Pleasanton, California, thought it would be just a fun way to earn a good grade. But what started on poster board is now the Ladybug Game, which is flying off shelves at Barnes and Noble stores nationwide. Now 11, Kylie was not "bugged" to talk to *WR News* about her invention.

WR News: How did you come up with the idea for the Ladybug Game?

Kylie Copenhagen: We had to do an insect project for Mrs. Ditto's first-grade class. I did ladybugs. We had to make a visual. I really like board games—I have a whole closet full of them. So I made a game out of poster board and markers.



Kylie Copenhagen shows off the original concept for her invention, the Ladybug Game.

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WR News: Why ladybugs?

Kylie: I like their colors, and I think they have a cool life cycle. Before I did the report, I didn't know that there were so many different colors of ladybugs.

WR News: Your dad took your game to a family friend who works in the toy industry. How did you feel when you heard that your game was going to hit store shelves?

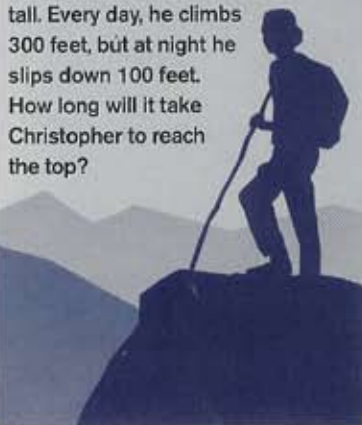
Kylie: [The game] is going all around the nation, so it was really cool. When I go into the store, sometimes the people say, "Oh, I know you. You're on the side of the box!"

WR News: Do you think you might try to invent something else someday?

Kylie: I don't know. It would be fun, though.

BRAINTEASER

Christopher the climber is tackling an icy mountain that is 2,400 feet tall. Every day, he climbs 300 feet, but at night he slips down 100 feet. How long will it take Christopher to reach the top?



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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

On April 6, 1896, excited fans poured into Athens, Greece, to witness the return of a worldwide spectacle. Over the next several days, representatives from 14 nations gathered in the city in the spirit of national unity, cooperation, and competition. The local crowd had a lot to cheer about when a Greek runner named Spyridon Louis won the marathon. That competition was a part of the return of a major event. What was that event?



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Send your answer, postmarked by April 20, 2007, to This Week in History, *WR News* Senior Edition, 200 First Stamford Place, P.O. Box 120023, Stamford, CT 06912-0023. Include your name, school name, and address. Good luck!