

THE
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MAGAZINE

Spring has Sprung



MAKERS: Ayva Stone-Dahl And Ella Plansky

The best book, movie, and game Of the month



BY ISABELLA SKYE

THE ELDER SCROLLS V - SKYRIM XBOX 360

-Choose your characters features and set out on an adventure to find out more about the Dragonborn. Lots of side quests, third and first person play style. 17+ or mature younger teens (but ask your parents first!)

Howl's Moving Castle

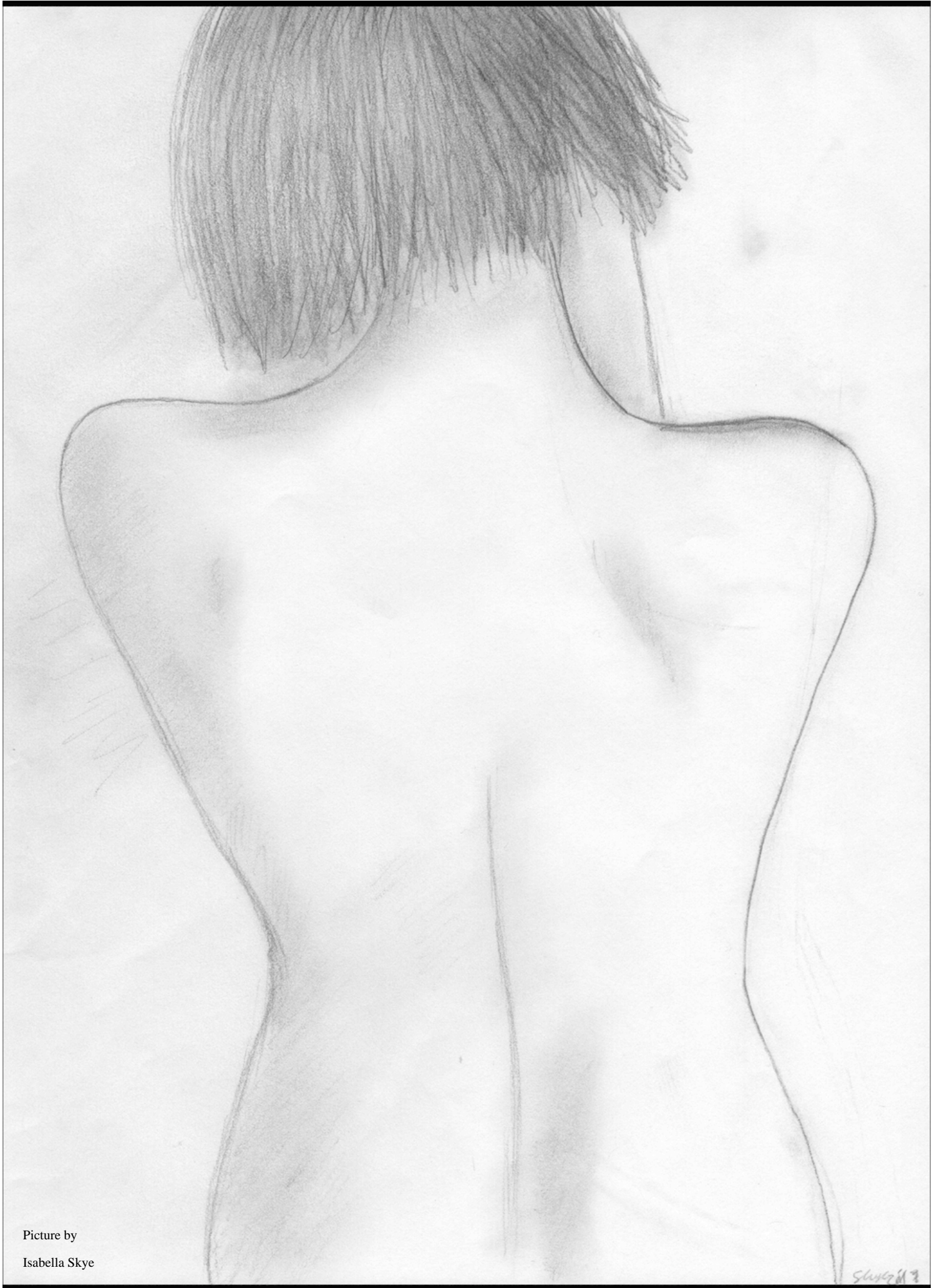
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Join Sophie, a quiet girl working in a hat shop, as her life is flipped upside down when she meets a handsome wizard named Howl. Jealous of Sophie and Howl's friendship, the Witch of the Waste puts a spell on Sophie. In a life changing adventure, Sophie climbs aboard Howl's flying castle and enters a magical world.

THE GIRL WHO CIRCUMNAVIGATED FAIRYLAND IN A SHIP OF HER OWN MAKING

By: Catherynne M. Valente

(The title says it all, a wonderful fast paced family book. Go and check it out!)



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THE WORLD OF ALDRAZEYA™

By FINN RASMUSSEN

A man in a dark cloak bursts into my lab while I was working on one of my inventions. "Why are you working here so late?" He said to me while I was grabbing for one of my tools.

I didn't catch up from last week," I said.

"You're probably wondering why I'm here Zapten," he said.

"Why yes I am."

"I'm here to warn you that there is a dragon on the loose."

"Why didn't you tell me Kashu!" I yelled.

"I just got here!" yelled Kashu.

"Well anyway let's go and get it!" said Zapten, annoyingly.

"Ok," said Kashu. Then we ran off. We went through a meadow and up a hill, then we saw the smoke rise from the village.

"What should we do!" I said.

"Well what do you think, kill it!" Said Kashu.

"Well it's not that easy you know." I said.

There's one thing we needed to know, we need to make a plan. So I did.

"We need to get the villagers out!" I said. So we did, we got all the villagers we could find- which were not most because most were fighting the dragon. Then we saw the dragon fall, but it was not over yet. It was just badly injured, then a knife flew from the air, it was from Kashu! The dragon fell to the ground.

THE END

Name to dream

By Ella Plavsky

Ty was in bed. He was asleep. And then he wasn't. He was standing in nothing, at least it looked like nothing. He put out his hand, and felt water droplets condensing on it. It was mist. He was standing in the middle of some flat space, surrounded in mist. He started walking. As Ty walked through the mist, he saw a figure. Standing out, tall and dark. Ty approached it. The mist cleared a little and Ty could make out a girl, a little older and taller than he, facing away from him. She stood straight and still. Apparently, she hadn't noticed Ty watching her yet. She wore a long purple gown, with sleeves trailing all the way to the ground. Her long, wavy, golden brown hair cascaded down her back in a wave.

Ty stepped a little closer, and she seemed to notice his presence. She spun

around quickly, her dress glittering in the mist.

Her face was black. No, not her face, her *skin*. Her skin was black. The deepest, darkest, black that only comes in the dead of night, and sometimes not even then. But her eyes shone out from all that black like a candle flame in a dark room, sparkling and dancing with light.

"I am Sari," she said. "Who are you?"

Ty was jerked back to reality then, or semi-reality, as Ty had just noticed that this must be a dream. That made much more sense. It explained why he had suddenly appeared here for no apparent reason. Things like that happened in dreams.

He looked up at Sari and said: "Ty. Ty Brooks."

Sari smiled. A mysterious smile, with just a hint of sadness.

"You say your name so casually, like it does not matter."

"Well it doesn't, does it?" Asked Ty.

"Not to you maybe, but where I come from, names matter. If you are not named correctly, you dishonor your whole family. For me, that is especially bad. I was not named right. My full name is Princess Sarellina Korabell Bont of Bont. My father is the King of Bont and my mother is the Queen. They hid me, in fact, my father wished to banish me. Only my mother's love for me stopped him," here a tear rolled down her cheek, "so when my mother died six months ago, my father banished me from the kingdom, saying that I could only return if I changed my name."

Sari's voice broke and she stared at her feet.

"Well, change it then," said Ty. He didn't see what the big deal was.

"It is not that easy, Ty Brooks. Your name is your name. It is hard to change."

"It can't be that hard. I'll help you!"

"That is very generous of you, Ty Brooks, but it will be very dangerous," warned Sari.

"First we should get out of this mist. We should try to get to a town or something." Ty spoke matter-of-factly, as if he were the leader of some great expedition. He liked the idea of helping a princess. It sounded like something out of one of the fantasy books he liked to read. Dream or not, it was still an adventure.

"Well I have two options, actually," Sari said. "First, I could find the Goddess of Names, Yulki, and she could change it, or I could find The Mask of Identity, which would change my name, and myself."

"Wait a moment, what do you mean change yourself?" Ty asked.

"Well to begin with I would probably look different afterwards, and I would have a different name, although I would probably act the same."

To be continued in a later issue.....

POETRY PAGE

POEMS ON THE SUBJECT OF WRITING BY ELLA PLANSKY

CINQUAIN POEM

Writing
 My pen, my words
 Black words on white paper
 The words flow out and tell stories
 Penning

DOUBLE HAIKU

I sit down to write
 Ideas form in my mind
 I think of dragons
 Pen goes to paper
 I write them into being
 They exist in words

COLOR VERSE

Black ink
 Dark ink
 Type
 Pen
 Marker
 Black
 Is always darker

DIAMANTE POEM

Author
 Busy, Imaginative
 Writing, Working, Publishing
 Pencils, Pens, Paper, Notebooks
 Thinking, Brainstorming, Reading
 Determined, Hard working
 Writer

PHRASE POEM

New idea
 Pen on paper
 Hand never resting
 Words flowing out
 Thrill when work is published

Words
 Authors
 Pencils
 Notebooks
 Literature
 Novels
 Grammar

Did you know?

By Ayva

“Did you know?” is a new column it informs you about new or interesting facts.

Did you know that the average American consumes 77 pounds of sugar annually, along with 22 pounds of added sugar (like putting sugar in your tea).

Did you know that The Hunger Games trilogy by Suzanne Collins and the Twilight Sage by Stephenie Meyer are challenged books in the U.S. along with many others.

Did you know that The Beautiful Ladybug squirts blood out of its back legs as defense.

This column is by Ayva and I hope you enjoyed this Issue of the superior magazine!

THE AMERICAN BITTERN

BY CECIL PLANSKY

Birds have ruled the skies for hundreds of years. A very interesting bird is the American bittern.

If you are wanting to spot one you should look for a thick necked stocky bird. they also have a thick bill. They are brown and tan with white stripes.

If you are looking for one you will need to know where to look. American bitterns live in freshwater marshes. They prefer to have tall grass and shallow water.



Food is very important to all creatures. American bitterns eat mainly small fish, bugs and crustaceans.

American bitterns migrate north in the spring but in mid fall they migrate south. They stay year round in a part of Mexico.

They are on the endangered species list. They build nests on the ground. They also may have multiple mates.

The American bittern is a mid-sized stocky bird with long legs. It eats mainly small fish, bugs and crustaceans. In the fall it migrates south. In all, the American bittern is a wonderful bird.

12 AMAZING facts I bet you never knew about LAKE SUPERIOR!

by Ella Plansky

- It has the most surface area of any other freshwater lake in the world.
- Its surface area is as big as the state of Maine.
- Its deepest depth is 1,332 ft.
- It could fit all the water in all the other Great Lakes, plus 3 more Lake Eries.
- It has 10% of the world's fresh surface area (not counting ice caps.)
- It has enough water in it to cover North and South America in 1 ft. of water.
- It is very clean and cold. (Its average temperature is 40 degrees Fahrenheit.)
- It's June, and there's still ice on it.
- It takes nearly 2 centuries for all the water in it to be replaced.
- The lake is fed by over 200 rivers.
- There are 3 quadrillion gallons in it.
- There have been over 350 shipwrecks in it.

Weather finally warm!

By Ella

It finally seems to be Summer in Ashland WI, with temperatures reaching 80 degrees fahrenheit! Ella Plansky has recently been to the WI capitol, Madison, and reports that it is wonderfully warm there too. Looks like we've got May flowers after all. Ella and Ayva camped out in the woods due to the pleasant weather. Kids are having squirt gun fights and going to the beach already!

The new frozen yogurt place on Main Street in Ashland, Kraven, is very busy. A lot of people claim it is extremely good (although I haven't been their yet).

Everyone is happy about this pleasant change in weather, and it looks like this time it might last.

Students are also excited because school is coming to an end. However, it is continuing longer than expected. In spite of the extra 10 minutes added to each school day, schools find that there were so many snow days that they have to add an extra day, so school will be continuing until June 9th, which is a Monday! Kids are outraged. A lot of students say that they won't be coming that day, even though it's a fun day.

Even though it's this warm, some traces of our freezing Winter live on. The lake still has quite a bit of ice on it. It's amazing to think that some people are swimming while the lake is still full of ice!



News Page:

Huge measles outbreak- biggest since 1996!

By Ella Plansky

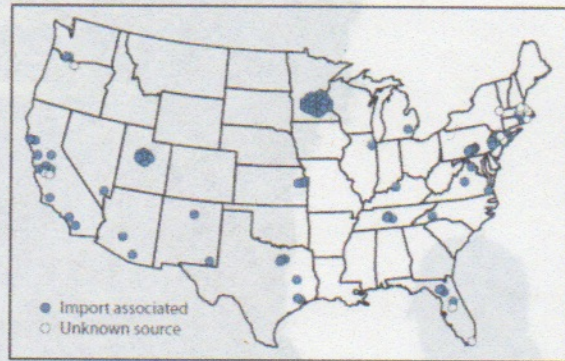
Measles. I thought they were totally gone now. But it looks like they're coming back.

Measles is a disease common in children that causes a runny nose, cough, fever, and rash all over the body. Although it's usually children, 52% of the cases in the U.S. are people 20 or over, says the CDC. The age range of the victims is from 2 to 65.

It was eradicated from the U.S. in 2000, but it's back now. It is common in Europe, Asia, and Africa. Worldwide, there are 122,000 measles deaths per year. There have been no reported deaths here yet, but people have been hospitalized. There have been 288 cases of measles in the U.S. between January 1st and May 23rd- that's the highest number of cases in the first 5 months of a year since 1194.

Why? Dr. Anne Schuchat (Assistant Surgeon and director of CDC's National Center for immunizations and respiratory diseases) says that most of the cases come from people who are unvaccinated and bring the disease back from another country. In the Philippines, there have been 32,000 cases and 41 deaths since January! Half of the U.S. cases originated there. On Thursday, the CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) said that it has spread to 18 states, although the largest outbreak was in an Amish community in Ohio. 97% of the cases have been linked to places in 18 other countries.

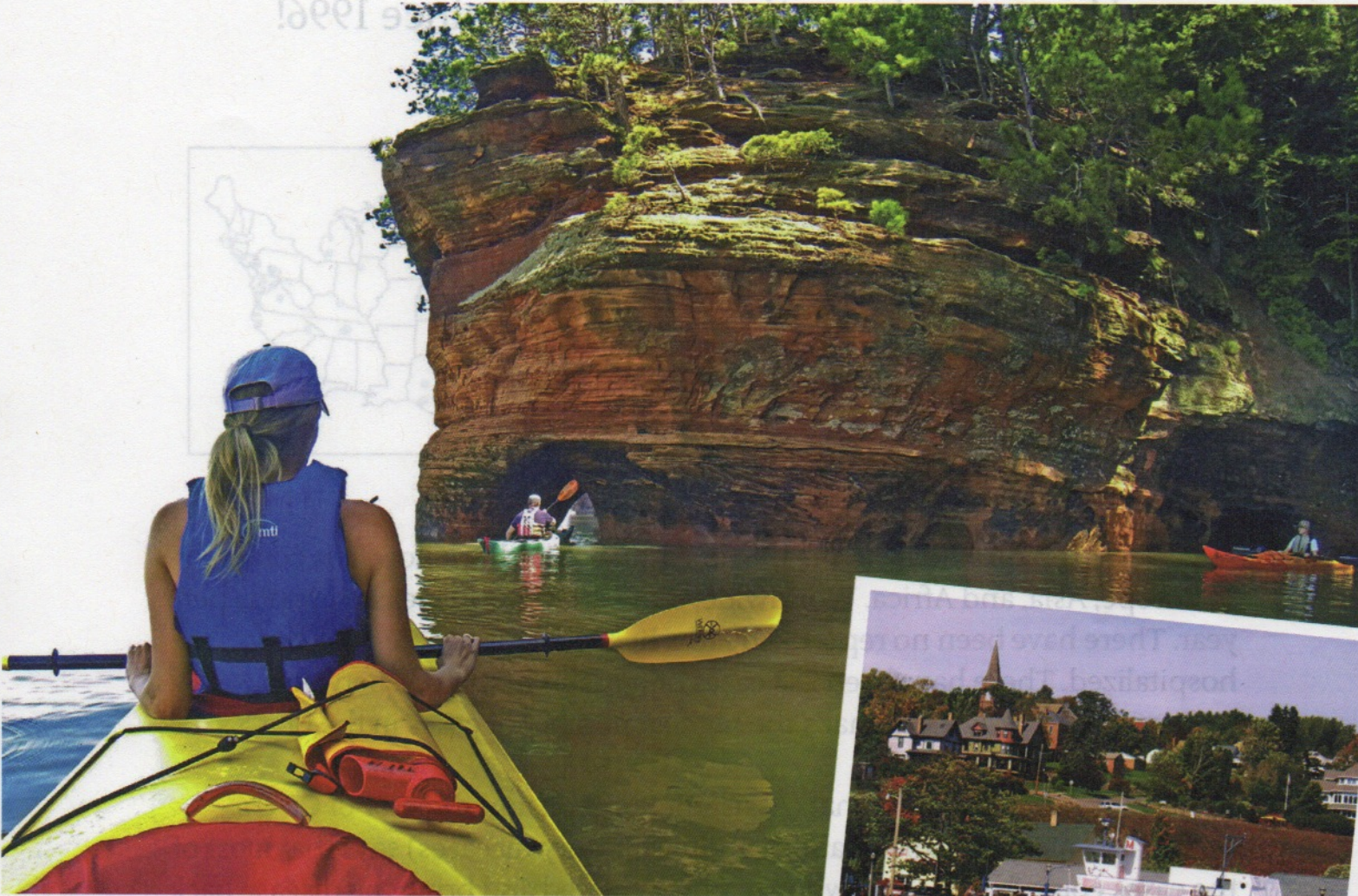
85% of U.S. citizens aren't vaccinated, and health authorities are telling healthcare providers that they should recommend the vaccine to their patients. Some people are against vaccines, sometimes for religious reasons. Others think its a good and easy way to stop disease from spreading and from getting it ourselves.



Picture: CDC outbreak map

News Page:

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Picture: CDC outbreak map

getting it ourselves.

Good Bye.

Dear readers,

We're very sorry to tell you, but the Superior Magazine is closing down. We enjoyed bringing you news and entertainment from Lake Superior for a long time, but we are both very busy people. We hope you understand. Thank you so much for your support of the magazine.

Sincerely,

Ella & Ayva