

# Kid's Korner

## Readers Write

Dear Readers,

Hi! My name is Emma King. There are nine children in our family: Sarah, 15; Christian, 13; John, 12; Emma, 10; Rachel, 8; David, 6; Amos, 5; Leroy, 1; and Annie, 5 months old. My parents are Levi and Fannie King.

My sisters and I have about ten guinea pigs. My brothers have white pigeons. We have 36 cows. I help to milk in the morning and my sister Rachel helps in the evening. My birthdate is March 30, 1978. We go to West Nickel Mines School. I am in the fifth grade. I like school. My teacher's name is Ruth Ann Stoltzfus. We live in Nickel Mines.

Emma King  
Paradise

Hi!

I am Dorothy Martin Burkholder. I am in fourth grade. I am 10 years old and my birthday is on January 12, 1979. I have three brothers and two sisters. Dorothy, 10; Marilyn, 8; Marlo, 6; Kendall, 5; Michael, 2 and Delmar will be one-year-old on March 26. Today (March 18) is my dad's birthday. Mom made a Boston creme pie and a raspberry dessert for him. I have a pet cat named Flower. She just had some kittens. The first time she had kittens they were gray and black. The time before that I don't know what color they were. Mom is making me a pink summer dress. She is doing her summer sewing because she has to work in the vineyard in April. We have seven acres of grapes.

My teacher's name is Pauline Brubaker. She went to some other states. Now there are some substitutes teaching. Their names are Louise Zimmerman and Martha Hoover. Martha Hoover is my German teacher every Thursday afternoon. We have 31 pupils in school.

In the barn we have 41 cows. I have to clean the trough out, give the heifers hay and grain and make hay down. Sometimes I have to bike to school and sometimes I have to walk. I would rather walk. Last Friday we did art which is my best subject. We had a cross drawn with some nice flowers in front of the cross. I like school.

With love,  
Dorothy Burkholder, Himrod,  
NY

Hello! My name is Phyllis C. Eng. Do you like the name Phyllis? I am eight years old. I am in second grade. I have only one sister and she is three. I love her very much. Her name is Jennifer Eng. She likes to play with me! I like to play with her too. Both of us like to bike in the farm. We love Mom and Dad.

Phyllis Eng  
Wrightstown

Hi!

My name is Elam Beiler. My parents are Christ and Naomi Beiler. I am four years old. Soon we will get baby chicks. Then we can have chicken B-B-Q in the summer.

My brother Christ and I like to drive our pony. Her name is Mable. Sometimes she goes very slow. She is old.

Bye,  
Elam Beiler, Spring Mills

Hello,

My name is Christ Beiler. My parents are Christ and Naomi Beiler. I live in Penns Valley. I am eight years old. My teacher's name is Barbara King.

Yesterday we were flying a kite. We have a lamb. Her name is Nellie. And we have two rabbits. Their names are Thumper and Snow-White. On Thursday, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt at school. I might hide my egg very hard because I have my friend's name.

Bye,  
Christ Beiler, Spring Mills

Hi! My name is Sara Young. I live in Centermoreland, Pennsylvania. I live on a small farm. I have a sheep, a goat, a pony, and an Arabian horse. I also have a dog, rabbit and two cats. Oh! I almost forgot. I have two brothers. Their names are Damon who is 6½ and Kenny who is 3. I am 9½.

This spring, my parents and I are planning to get a flock of horned Dorset sheep. I like spring because



We have a pet goat named Shnickelfritz. She is a pygmy goat. When she was only several days old, we had to feed her with a bottle since her mother would have left her starve.

As she grew her sleeping place was on the cows backs, which she didn't seem to mind. The minute she heard the door latch in the morning, she was up on all fours, hopping from one cow's back to another to come meet us. If a cow was standing, she'd run underneath her, the full length of the barn.

Now she is full grown. Last spring she had twin kids and this spring she gave us a surprise. She had four kids. This is very unusual. They averaged 2¼ pounds to 2½ pounds each. However along with the surprise came a big disappointment. All four kids were found dead. So they were named Eenie, Meenie, Mieny and Moe and out went all four. At least we still have good old Shnickelfritz.

Emily Weaver, Age 11  
Annville

it is my birthday and my dad takes me with him when he goes sheering sheep with his friend Mr. Scott. Sometimes I even have to tie the wool! On the way home we always go to a diner to get a snack. Sometimes my dad lets my brothers go with us.

My mom and dad just let me sign up for sheep 4-H in Wyoming County. My other interests are riding horses, riding my bike and going on family walks in the woods. I also help my church by singing in the Alleluia choir, ringing in the bell choir and acolyting.

I hope that you publish my letter in "Kid's Korner."

Sincerely,  
Sara Young, Centermoreland



Sara Young

## Ridiculous But True

In the Middle Ages it was widely believed that bathing the whole body more than once a month — and in some areas more than once a year — was very unhealthy and might even be fatal. So, always seeking a risk-free society, people just didn't bathe.

Today people still try for a risk-free world. Two years ago in California the people adopted a law — Proposition 65 — requiring warning labels on anything or any place that might expose people to any detectable amount of any carcinogen or toxin.

Biochemists such as Dr. Bruce Ames of the University of Califor-

nia pointed out that almost everything in nature contains some level of some carcinogen or toxin. It's a matter of dosage. So backers of Proposition 65 exempted nature and applied the law only to man-made chemicals. Dr. Ames pointed out that, compared to natural carcinogens and toxins, man-made ones in the environment are trivial.

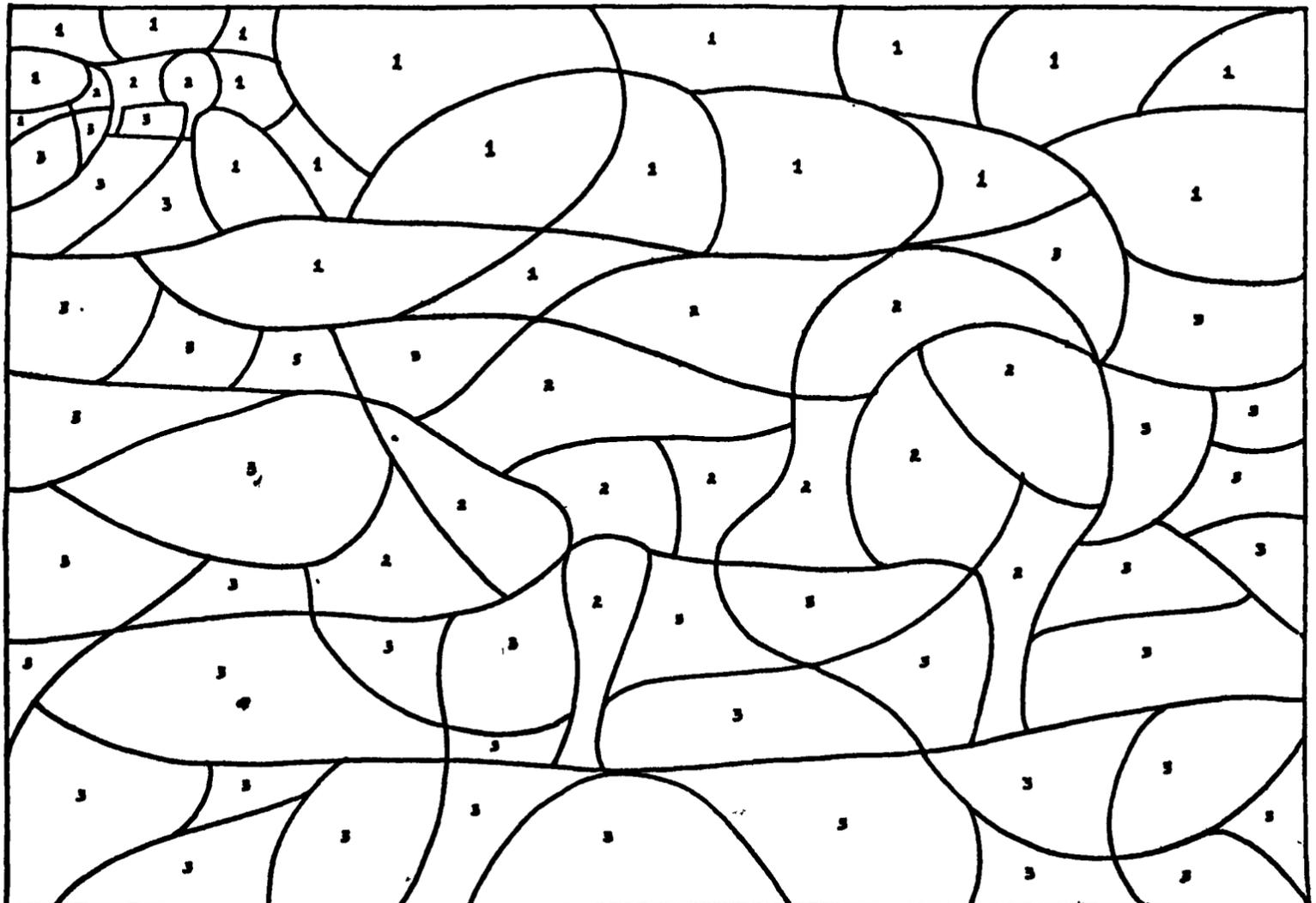
No matter. The law is in effect and everyone is trying to figure out how to separate natural levels from man-made levels in the myriad things we eat, drink, breathe, or touch.

The National Center for Policy Analysis, which has been studying Proposition 65, sums it up: There's no such thing as a (risk) free lunch.

## CAN YOU FIND THE PIGS?

If you color each space the right color, you will find two pigs.

1=BLUE 2=PINK 3=GREEN



## We Want To Hear From You

Write and tell us about yourself. Do you have any pets? Did something funny or sad happen to you? What do you think of school, homework and chores?

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