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GREAT ADVENTURES

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some of the
World's Greatest Places.

Sky Bridge 721, in
the Czech Republic,
is the world's longest
hanging footbridge.



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STANDSTILL Traffic is backed up on California's San Francisco–Oakland Bay Bridge on August 24.

GAS-POWERED CAR BAN

By **CRISTINA FERNANDEZ**

California is phasing out gas-powered vehicles. On August 25, officials said all new cars sold in the state will have to be electric or hydrogen-powered by 2035. Transportation accounts for about half of California's greenhouse-gas emissions, which contribute to climate change. The policy could cut car emissions in half by 2040.

Major automakers are eager to ramp up production of electric vehicles. But they say meeting

California's target won't be easy. The state has only 80,000 vehicle chargers, a fraction of what it will need. And supply-chain issues—such as getting materials to make batteries—will be a challenge.

"It's going to be very hard getting to 100%," Daniel Sperling says about going electric by 2035. He's director of the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Davis.

Another problem, critics say, is that most people can't afford

electric cars. Officials say prices will eventually go down. "We will not set Californians up to fail," says Tania Pacheco-Werner of the California Air Resources Board. "We will not set up the other states who want to follow this regulation to fail."

Stop and Think!

WHAT is the story's headline? Is it effective? Why? Can you think of other headlines that would work here?

HAWAII WINS LITTLE LEAGUE

By **JAIME JOYCE**

On August 28, Hawaii won the 2022 Little League Baseball World Series, beating Curaçao 13–3 in four innings. It's the fourth time since 2005 that Hawaii has won the championship.

"We're fortunate that everything clicked at the right moment," team manager Gerald Oda said. "I'm very grateful

that these kids played loose and relaxed."

The tournament took place in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Ten teams from the United States and 10 from other countries competed in the 12-day event. Curaçao is a small island in the Caribbean. Its team was the series champ in 2004.

"I knew Curaçao was going to be a great team," said Jaron Lancaster of Hawaii. "My mindset was to go out there, do my best, and do my thing."



THEY DID IT! The Honolulu Little League team, of Hawaii, celebrates after winning the 2022 Little League Baseball World Series.

GENE J. PUSKAR—AP

COVER: ATILA MARTINS FOR TIME



What's Your Pitch?

Before journalists can begin reporting a story, they need to pitch it. No, that doesn't mean tossing it like a baseball! It means convincing an editor that a story is important and timely—basically, that it needs to be told, and told now. Why should readers care about the story?

How can it be communicated in an engaging way? These questions need to be answered in a clear, concise, and persuasive pitch.



PITCH PERFECT Working on a pitch? Do your research! Find out as much as you can about the topic.

Junior Journalists, we want to know: What's your pitch? Think of a story you'd like to report on. It can be something in your community, or it can be something that affects people everywhere. Then make your pitch, either in writing or a short video. Ask a teacher, parent, or guardian to send it to us at timeforkids.com/tfkpressclub or to email it to tfkpressclub@time.com.

SNAPSHOT

DOLPHIN RESCUE This dolphin calf is improving after being stranded near the shore in Thailand. When it was found, it was sick and too weak to swim. Vets and volunteers feed the calf about every 20 minutes.



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SACHAI LAUT—AP

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WORLD'S GREATEST PLACES

Want to see the world? Each year, TIME magazine makes a list of the World's Greatest Places. Join TIME for Kids on a tour of our favorites. We'll take you from city to wilderness, and from tiny villages to faraway islands. Maybe you'll want to visit these places in person. Each one reminds us about the importance of protecting the environment. Enjoy the ride. And spread the word about our wonderful planet!



HIGHER LEARNING

You'll find lots to learn in **AHMEDABAD, INDIA**, in Asia. A place called Gujarat Science City is dedicated to science education. Visitors can learn about local plants and practice yoga at the nature park. Or they can explore the new robot gallery and an aquarium featuring species from around the world.

—By Rosalind Cummings-Yeates

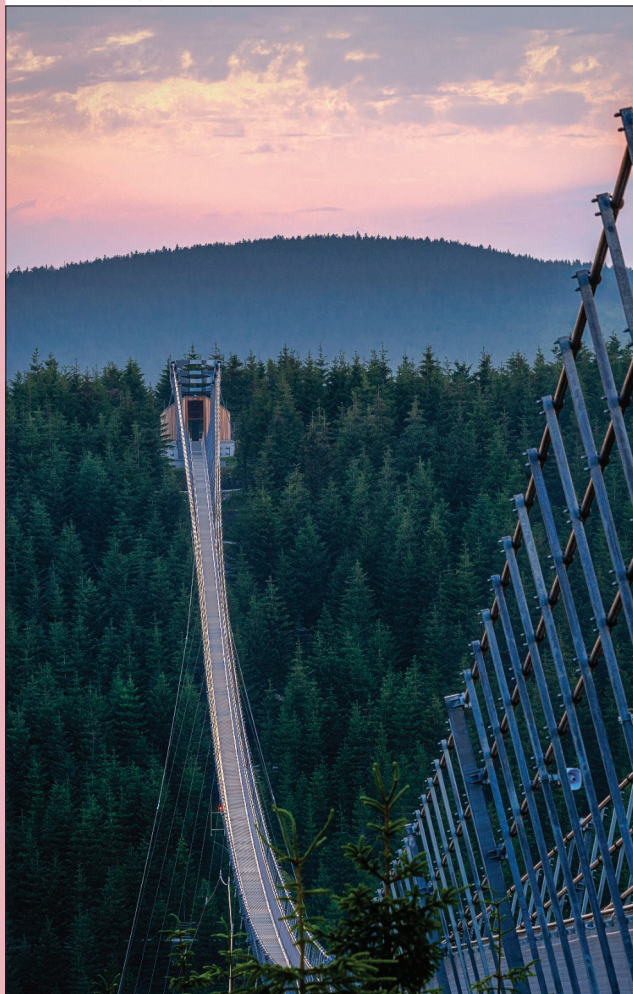
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IN THE CLOUDS

Feeling courageous? Sky Bridge 721 is the world's longest suspension footbridge. It spans a valley in **DOLNÍ MORAVA**, a village in the Czech Republic, in Eastern Europe. The bridge is nearly half a mile long and hangs more than 300 feet in the air.

—By Kathleen Rellihan

ATILA MARTINS FOR TIME



SAVING RHINOS

White rhinos roam near **HWANGE NATIONAL PARK**, in Zimbabwe, Africa. In May, two of the animals were taken to an area bordering the park, where people from the local community will care for them. White rhinos are in trouble because of **poaching**. They have not been seen in the park since 2007.

—By Terry Ward

PAULA FRENCH—GETTY IMAGES



Power Word

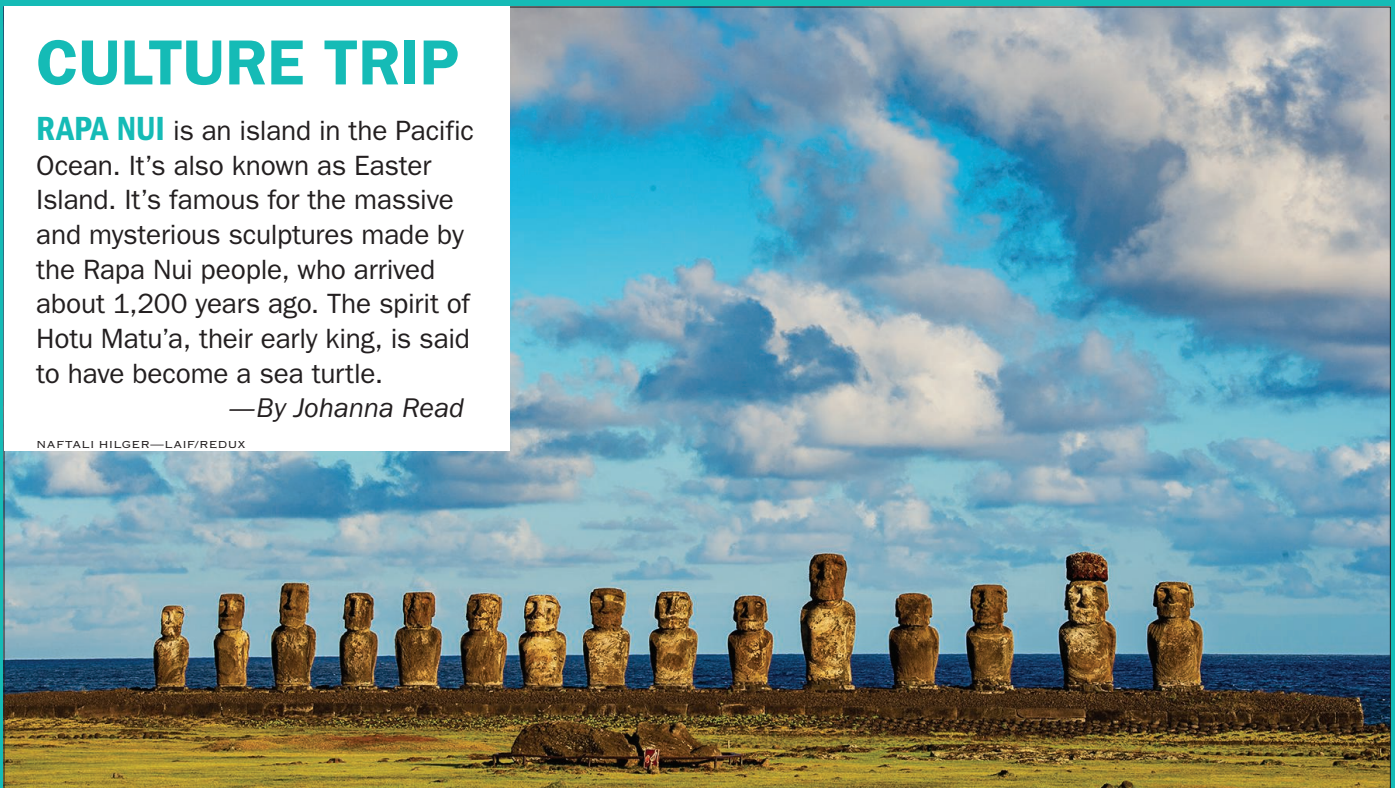
poaching noun: the illegal capture or killing of an animal

CULTURE TRIP

RAPA NUI is an island in the Pacific Ocean. It's also known as Easter Island. It's famous for the massive and mysterious sculptures made by the Rapa Nui people, who arrived about 1,200 years ago. The spirit of Hotu Matu'a, their early king, is said to have become a sea turtle.

—By Johanna Read

NAFTALI HILGER—LAIF/REDUX





LIVELY SPOT

The **GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS** are located off the coast of Ecuador, in South America. They are some of the most **biodiverse** places on Earth. Recently, marine-life protections were expanded in the area, limiting fishing and creating safe paths for animals to travel through. —By Karen Catchpole

CRISTINA MITTERMEIER



BIKE IT!

BOGOTÁ is the capital of Colombia, in South America. It's the perfect place for a bike ride. The city has taken steps to reduce pollution. It has more than 350 miles of bike paths. The city also has a bikeshare program, which will provide bicycles that people with disabilities can use.

—By Kate Crittenden

JOHN HEAVER PAZ—XINHUA NEWS AGENCY/VEVE/REDUX

ANCIENT PAST

ALENTEJO is a rural part of Portugal, in Europe. It is covered with forests and olive groves. There are ancient cities, too. A museum in Estremoz shows off traditional tiles. In Esperança, hikers can see eagles and vultures, plus 5,000-year-old cave paintings.

—By Robin Catalano

ALAMY. BACKGROUND: ARISSU—GETTY IMAGES





TRAIL MIX

New Zealand is an island nation in the Pacific Ocean, near Australia. The country is home to **FIORDLAND NATIONAL PARK**, which boasts a system of scenic trails. Hikers can scale mountain peaks and dip into valleys. Lakes are fed by gushing waterfalls.

—By Yulia Denisyuk

PURIPAT LERTPUNYAROJ—GETTY IMAGES



Power Word

biodiverse adjective: having many different species of plants and animals

ICY VIEWS

This is the visitor center in **ILULISSAT, GREENLAND**. Its twisted shape was designed to look like a snowy owl in flight. A boardwalk leads to a view of Ilulissat Icefjord, an icy body of water

with steep sides. Part of the center's mission is to remind visitors of how this wilderness could be lost to climate change.

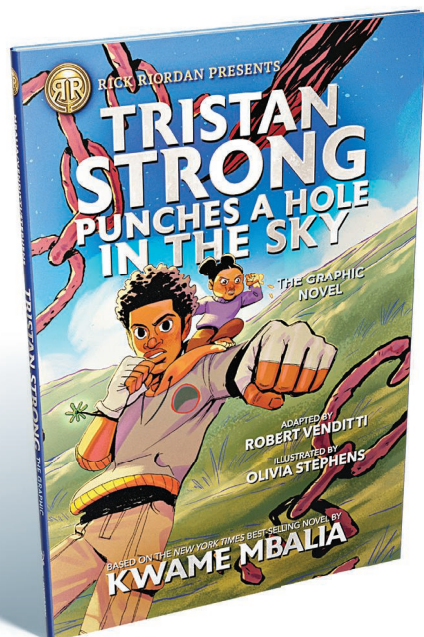
—By Jennifer Duggan

MARIO TAMA—GETTY IMAGES



“LET’S TALK!”

Kwame Mbalia is a *New York Times* best-selling author. The graphic-novel version of his book *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* came out in August. TFK Kid Reporter Orion Jean chatted with Mbalia, one of his favorite writers, about books, diversity, and more.



THIS INTERVIEW HAS BEEN EDITED FOR LENGTH AND CLARITY.

Diversity and representation are important to me. What message do you hope your books can get across to young, diverse readers?

When I’m writing stories, it’s not my goal to write to increase diversity. I’m just writing the stories that I love to tell. There’s always going to be a story first. There’s going to be a fun or terrifying adventure. But I’m always going to include bits and elements of our culture within it. And everyone is welcome to enjoy it. But for me, I’m just telling that story that a kid like you, or a kid like me when I was growing up, would have loved to read.

What role did books play in your childhood?

I was a huge reader. I’m still a huge reader. My office is covered in books. My bookshelves are stacked to the brim. That’s probably because of my mother. She was a writer and an English professor. She was the one who really encouraged my reading.

What does your writing process look like?

For me, the first draft of my story never makes sense. You know how, when you go to a restaurant, they give you those little mats with a maze on it? And you take a crayon and trace your way through the maze? That’s how I write. I write like I’m trying to find my way through a

maze. So if I run into a dead end, I’m like, “Oh, that’s not going to work.” And I try another way. My revision process is erasing all of those dead ends.

Which character in your books do you most identify with? Which character is most like you?

There’s a little bit of me in all of the characters I write. Tristan’s afraid of heights; I’m afraid of heights. There’s a little grain of me in Granddad, as well: just a gruff, no-nonsense type of character. Sometimes, when I’m parenting, I’m like, “Man, I’m acting just like Granddad would right now.” But Eddie is probably the one I identify with the most. That’s the kid who loves his comics and loves to write.



FROM LEFT: COURTESY DISNEY; DIGITAL ILLUSTRATION BY STEPHEN BLUE FOR TIME FOR KIDS (BOOK): BRYAN JONES