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5th Grader Can Type 119 Words a Minute

AUBURN, KA. -- Fifth-grader Mackenzie Lundgren has and her classmates and teachers at her school in Auburn, Kan., with her lightning-fast typing. The average adult can type between 50 and 70 words per minute, and that's not counting errors. But Mackenzie can type 119 words per minute with just three errors. The average student in her class can only type about 20 words a minute. "It makes me feel powerful," Mackenzie said. "When I was 4, I started playing on the computer a lot and I played a lot over the weekends and I typed a lot." Mackenzie's technology coach Kristi Bruce said Mackenzie types twice as fast as she does. "I think she's so far above the other students that they know she's almost untouchable. I mean she's untouchable for me," Bruce said. Mackenzie said she now practices on Facebook by playing the game "Typing Maniac" and hopes to type 200 words a minute by the time she's in 8th grade. "[The other students] are really proud and they always pump me to get better. Keep going Mackenzie, Go, Go, Go. And it's very cool." ([Video](#))



5-Year-Old Girl To Santa: Bring My Daddy Home

CUMMING, Ga. -- Beau Bellinger, who turned 5 Thursday, arrived home from school to find a special guest at her Cumming home. Santa greeted her when she walked in the door. Asked what she wanted for Christmas, Beau replied, "I want my daddy home for Christmas." Beau's father, an army Staff Sergeant, has served in Iraq and Afghanistan off and on since Beau was born in 2004. Santa told the child, "Close your eyes, keep them closed tight and think 'I want my daddy home for christmas'." Beau repeated the phrase several times and within minutes the doorbell rang. The family opened the door and Beau's father ran into the house. He scooped up the 5-year-old and hugged her. "Just from the expression on her face, just seeing her, was incredible for me," Staff Sgt. Bellinger. "It made my heart tickle." Even Santa, who has made a lot of children's wishes come true, said the reunion was emotional for him. "To see something like this, to see the wishes of a child come true, especially when it involves a family member, the only thing I can say is it touches Santa's heart beyond belief," he said. How did Santa's surprise visit unfold? Beau had told Santa during a recent tree-lighting ceremony in a neighboring community that she wanted her father home for the holidays. Santa then got the wheels in motion for the happy homecoming. A father of four, Bellinger said that this will be a special holiday for his



family, but he has not forgotten the soldiers he has left behind. "Christmas is great, being home is great, but I still think about the family members that are not going to have a good Christmas because they've lost a loved one," Bellinger told CBS Atlanta News. ([Video](#))

Book overdue for 99 years returned to New Bedford library

NEW BEDFORD, MA -- A few days, yes. A week, sure. A month, maybe. Plenty of overdue books are returned to libraries around the country. But 99 years? A 75-year-old man from Mansfield walked into the New Bedford Public Library on Monday to return a book that was due in 1910. Stanley Dudek returned the book, "Facts I Ought to Know about the Government of My Country" by William H. Bartlett, which was due on May 2, 1910. Dudek said he had found the book in his mother's possessions after she died in 1998 and didn't realize it was a library book until last year. "I didn't feel I should keep it any longer. It belongs to the people and city of New Bedford, the government. I felt it was my duty to get it back to the library," he said. Fortunately for Dudek, the fine on the book -- about \$360, he said, or a penny for each day overdue, which was the charge way back when -- was waived. "My blood pressure will probably go down now," Dudek said. Dudek said the book was given to his mother in 1922 after she had immigrated to Massachusetts from Poland. Dudek said she was taking night school classes, and assumes that someone gave her the book -- at that time, already over 12 years overdue -- to help her get used to her new country. "For a person just becoming a citizen, it was the perfect book for her," Dudek said. "The book explained the basics of government." Dudek found the book after cleaning out her New Bedford home after her death in 1998. He packaged the book, amongst other belongings, to take to his Mansfield home. Opening the book last year to read a few pages, Dudek noticed it was a library book. "I didn't think about returning it," Dudek said, but that changed recently, when the Globe and other news outlets ran stories about a man who had returned a library book that was 60 years overdue. "I thought, 'I have 40 years on that guy!'" Dudek said, so he decided to return the book to the New Bedford library, which he said was the rightful owner. "They were glad to have it back, they're going to have it on display," Dudek said. "I don't know if they'll let it be borrowed again." New Bedford Library Director Steve Fulchino said the library is always happy to get books returned. "We wouldn't have any circulation records from 1910 about who took out what," Fulchino said. "We're putting this one in our special collections department because it's an interesting historical artifact." The book, which was printed in 1894, includes some anachronisms, saying, for example, that US senators are picked by state Legislatures, instead of being elected by the people. "All kinds of information in this book is wrong, but some is right, and it's interesting to see what people learned back then," Fulchino said.



Man pays \$72 for a taco, says 'Merry Christmas'

SANDUSKY, Ohio — So much for the value menu. A Taco Bell manager in Ohio says a man who appeared drunk walked into the restaurant earlier this week and handed him \$72 for just one taco. The manager tells police near the northern Ohio town of Sandusky that the customer who seemed to be in his early 20s refused to take back the money and told workers "Merry Christmas." Manager Aaron Ohm says he thought for sure the man would return for his money, but he so far he hasn't shown up. Police are holding on to the money as evidence and say if it's not claimed in 60 days, the store manager will get a late Christmas gift.



Ticklish Toad



Ticklish toad likes when you tickle him. No, you don't understand, ticklish toad REALLY likes it when you tickle him. [\(Video Here\)](#)

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