

COLORADO KIDS: WORD BANK

September 16, 2008

“From America, with love”

calluses – thickened area of skin caused by rubbing

“Candidates fight for top spot in polls”

Republican National Convention (RNC) – the gathering of Republicans to celebrate the presidential nominee before November’s election

Democratic National Convention (DNC) – the gathering of Democrats to celebrate the presidential nominee before November’s election

poll – a survey in which many people are asked the same questions or asked for their opinions

candidate – someone trying to get elected

campaign trail – the places a candidate visits trying to win votes

battleground state – a state in which voters aren’t showing a strong indication of who they will vote for

indication – signal

strategy – a well thought-out plan of action

prisoner of war – a member of the military who is captured by the enemy and kept in jail

Vietnam war – the war from 1954-1975 between the Communist forces in North Vietnam and South Vietnam, helped by American forces

mortgage – monthly house payment to buy a house

“Gas up, teen deaths down”

economist – an expert who studies the money system of a country or state

decline – decrease, go down in numbers

fatalities – deaths

consumer – someone who buys products or services

hybrid – vehicles powered by a combination of energy sources



“Paralympic athletes impress the world”

Paralympics – Olympics for athletes with disabilities

disability – condition that makes it hard for a person to do certain things

paralyzed – unable to move

rehabilitation – helping a person or animal to recover from an illness or injury and become independent again

“Molly the Pony”

amputation – to remove an arm or leg by surgery

Hurricane Katrina – the hurricane that pounded the Gulf Coast in America in August 2005, killing more than 1,600 people

evacuate – having to leave an area because of danger

prosthetic – manmade or artificial replacement body part

donate – to give without expecting anything back

“Will you wait longer for a Wii?”

patent – official proof that an invention is exclusively yours

infringement – taking over rights that belong to someone else

Word game below ▼

FILL IN THE BLANK

September 12, 2008

Name _____ Grade _____

Fill in the blanks with the correct Word Bank word.

Hybrid fatalities rehabilitation indication evacuated
polls paralyzed decline lawsuit prosthetic
campaign

- 1) A study presented at the American Society of Health Economists concluded that when there is a 10 percent increase in fuel costs, a six percent _____ in teenage auto deaths occurs.
- 2) Chances are that the _____ will take years to settle and Wii systems will keep trickling into the U.S.
- 3) Colorado is considered a battleground state, meaning the voters aren't showing a strong _____ of who they will vote for.
- 4) _____ cars, which are better for the environment, are becoming more popular.
- 5) Through tears, Harris convinced the vet to help get Molly a false, or _____, leg.
- 6) In the hospital, Wagner received the shocking news that he was _____ and would never walk again.
- 7) In 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast. Molly's owners _____, leaving the healthy four-legged Molly behind.
- 8) Wagner played table tennis during his _____ exercises and then tried wheelchair tennis at a camp. He took to it immediately.
- 9) The candidates are giving it their all on the _____ trail, especially in battleground states, such as Virginia, Ohio, and Michigan.
- 10) With only 49 days left until Election Day, Republican Senator John McCain leads Democratic Senator Barack Obama in most national opinion _____.
- 11) "When gas prices go down, we drive more, we drive bigger cars, we drive faster, and _____ are higher," said Dr. Micheal Morrissey, a researcher at the American Society of Health Economists.

