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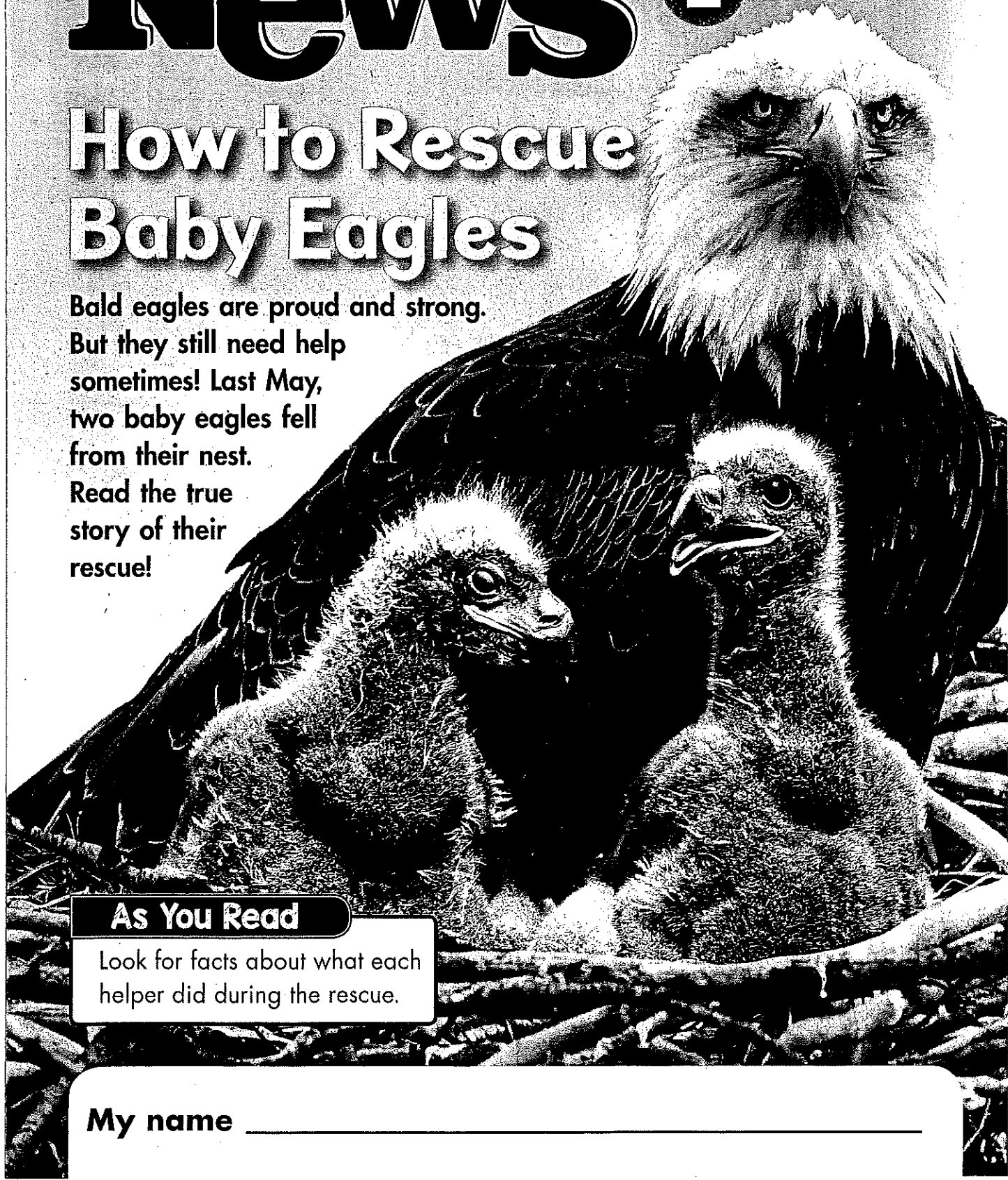
## How to Rescue Baby Eagles

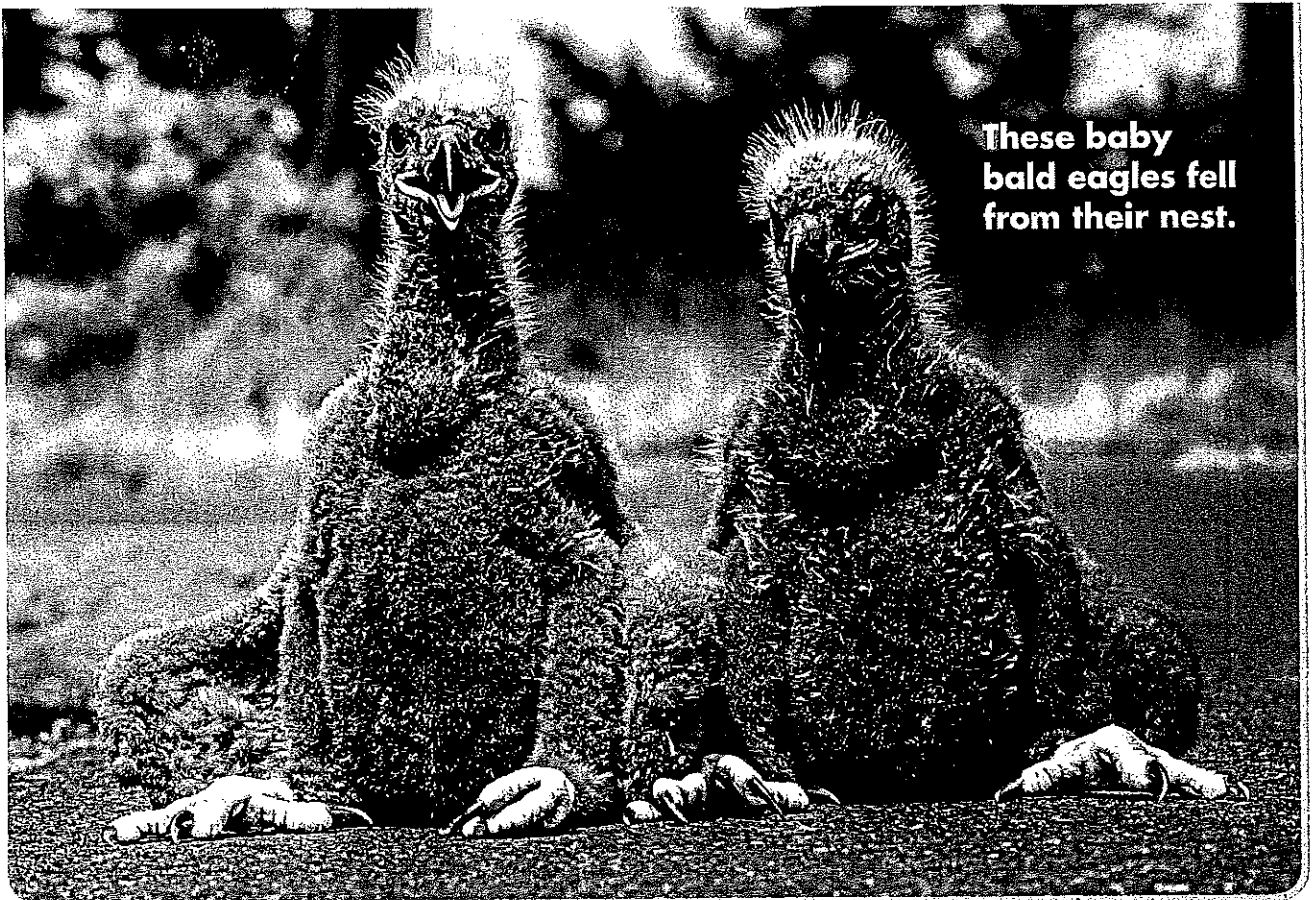
Bald eagles are proud and strong. But they still need help sometimes! Last May, two baby eagles fell from their nest. Read the true story of their rescue!

### As You Read

Look for facts about what each helper did during the rescue.

My name \_\_\_\_\_





These baby bald eagles fell from their nest.

# Saving Baby Eagles

When two baby bald eagles fell from their nest, a team of helpers worked together to rescue them.

## Helper #1: A Woman Walking Her Dog

The story started when a woman named Kathy was walking her dog. Suddenly, the dog started barking at a bush. What did the dog see?

Kathy peered under the bush. She saw two birds.

Their bodies were covered with soft gray feathers. Each had sharp claws and a pudgy belly. They were **eaglets!** Those are baby eagles.

The eaglets had fallen out of their nest, high in the trees. They looked scared. They needed help. Kathy called some friends, and they drove the eaglets to an animal hospital.



**Two of Kathy's friends helped take the eaglets to the animal hospital.**

## Helper #2: A Doctor

At the hospital, a doctor **examined** the eaglets. He checked them to make sure they were OK.

The doctor said the eaglets were about 3 weeks old. They were not injured. But they were too young to fly. Somebody would have to carry them to their nest high in the trees. Who could get them up there?

## Helper #3: A Tree Climber

A man named Casey offered to help. Casey's job is taking care of trees. He is great at climbing them.

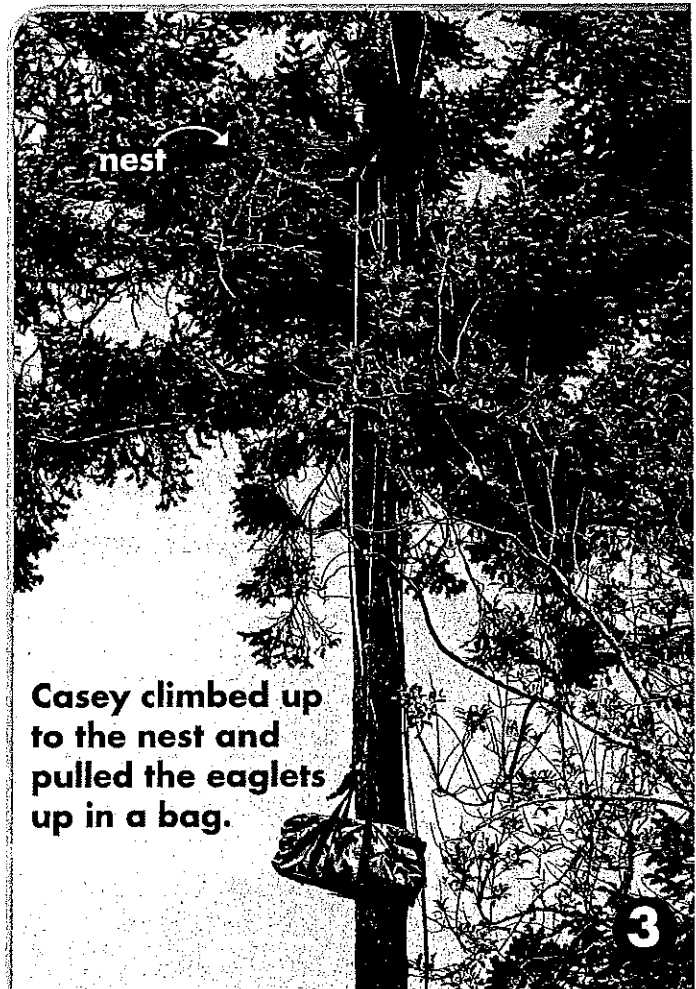
Casey rushed over to help. He put the eaglets in a cloth bag. Then he climbed the tall pine tree that held their nest. When Casey reached the nest, he pulled up the bag. Then he gently placed the baby eagles back in their nest, called an **erie**.

## Helpers #4 and #5: Eagle Mom and Dad

During the rescue, the eaglets' mom flew around the tree. She was making sure no one hurt her babies.

When her eaglets were back in the aerie, she swooped in to take care of them. Then she and the eagle dad took turns going out to hunt for food and staying home to protect the babies from predators.

The little eaglets were home. They had been scared. But now they were safe. A whole team of caring helpers had made sure of that. —by Erin Kelly



**Casey climbed up to the nest and pulled the eaglets up in a bag.**

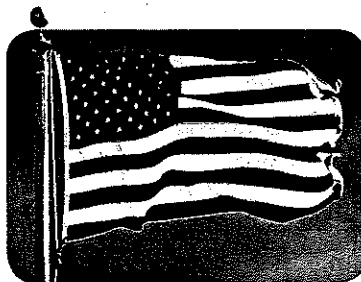
# American Symbols

The bald eagle is a symbol of our country. Learn about three symbols.



## Statue of Liberty

The Statue of Liberty reminds us that freedom is important. *Liberty* means "freedom"!



## American Flag

People call the flag "the Stars and Stripes." It has 50 stars—one for each of the 50 states.



## Bald Eagle

Bald eagles are big, powerful birds. They are strong and beautiful, just like our country is.

1. Which symbol has a word for "freedom" in its name?

Statue of Liberty

American flag

bald eagle

2. Which symbol is called "the Stars and Stripes"?

Statue of Liberty

American flag

bald eagle

3. Which word does NOT tell about bald eagles?

big

powerful

weak

4. Why does the flag have 50 stars?

It has one for each president we have had.

It has one for each state in our country.

It has one for each letter in *America*.

### ★ Bonus

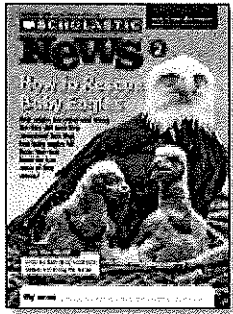
Do you think the bald eagle is a good symbol of our country? Why or why not?

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Reading Checkpoint:

# How to Rescue Baby Eagles

Fill in the circle for each correct answer.

**1. What is this issue mostly about?**

[main idea]

- (A) different kinds of birds
- (B) how people helped baby bald eagles
- (C) what adult eagles look like

**2. Why did the eaglets need help**

**getting back in their nest?** [key details]

- (A) The nest was high in a tree and they could not fly yet.
- (B) The nest was low in a tree and they could not walk yet.
- (C) The eaglets did not want to go back to the nest.

**3. What is an **aerie**?** [vocabulary]

- (A) a nest
- (B) a kind of bird
- (C) a baby eagle

**4. What is the section under “Helper #3: A Tree Climber” about?**

[nonfiction text features]

- (A) how the eagle parents helped the eaglets
- (B) how doctors helped the eaglets
- (C) how Casey helped the eaglets

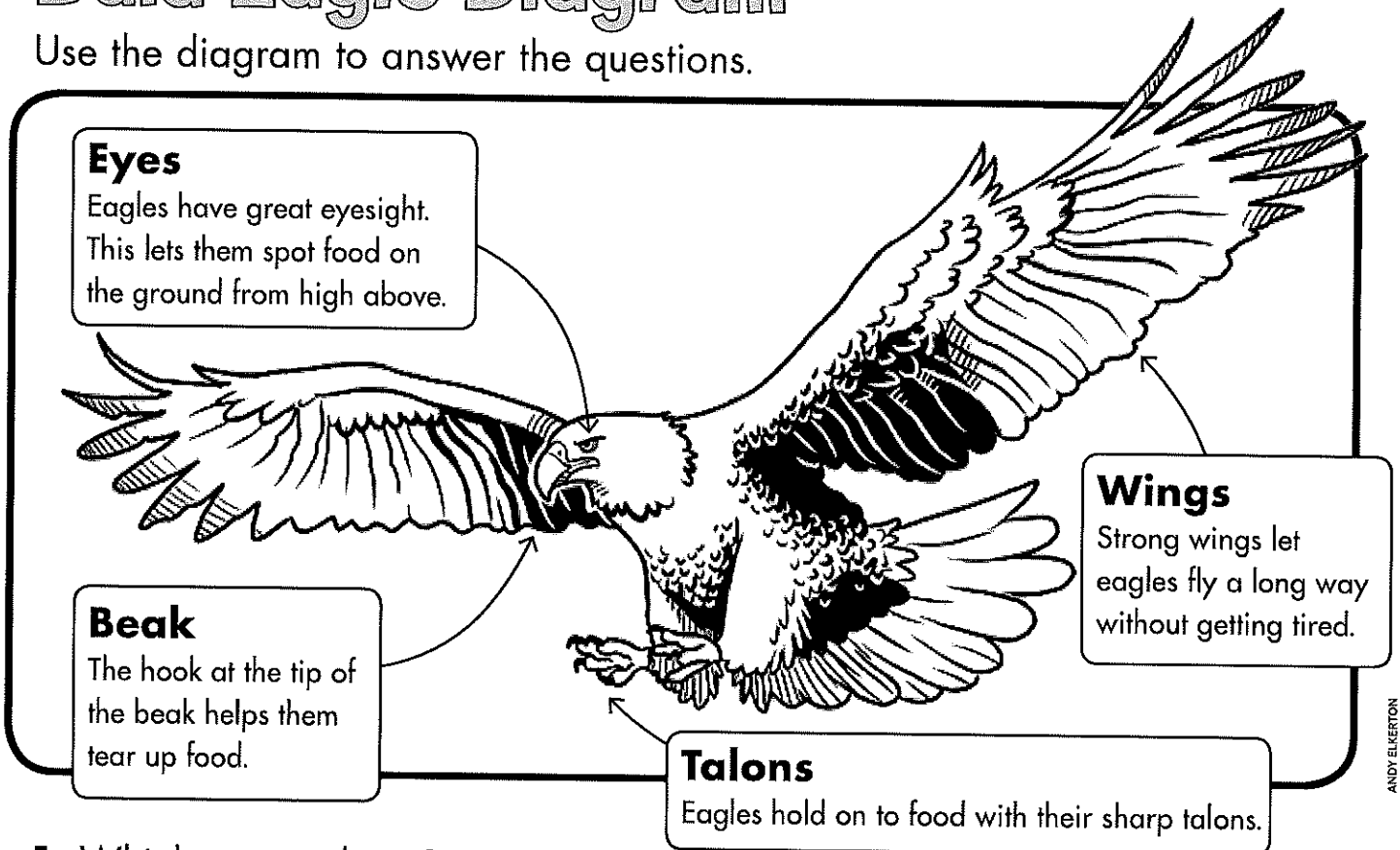
**5. Why do you think the author wrote this article?** [author’s purpose]

- (A) to compare baby and adult eagles
- (B) to tell you an eagle rescue story
- (C) to show you how eagles make their nests

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# Bald Eagle Diagram

Use the diagram to answer the questions.



1. Which one is sharp?

feathers

talons

eyes

2. Which one helps them spot food on the ground?

feathers

talons

eyes

3. Which one helps them tear up food?

eyes

feathers

beak

★ Bonus

How do you think wings help an eagle find food?

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