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19 I enjoyed meeting many of you, and having you participate in my workshops, at the Palmetto Association of Independent Schools Technology Symposium at Converse College. Go to the PAIS NING where I have posted my powerpoint.

 The image shows the cover of the 'Middle Ground' magazine. It features a photograph of a young woman with long brown hair, wearing a green shirt, sitting at a desk in a classroom and looking towards the camera. The magazine title 'Middle Ground' is at the top in a stylized font. Below it, there is a subtitle 'Teaching 21st Century Skills' and some smaller text about 'An International Journal for Teachers' and 'Building 21st Century Skills'.	<p>Media educator David Considine contributes to the current issue of NMSA's Middle Ground (Teaching 21st Century Skills) with a piece advocating for media literacy in the middle grades. Excerpt: "Teaching students to critically analyze and evaluate advertising provides them with the skills to be competent consumers—a skill they will use for the rest of their lives, whether making decisions about their next bag of potato chips or the next president of the United States." (Article available to NMSA members)</p>
 The image shows the cover of 'CURRENT SCIENCE' magazine. It features a close-up of a Na'vi character's face from the movie Avatar, with blue skin and large, expressive eyes. The title 'CURRENT SCIENCE' is at the top in bold, yellow letters. Below the image, there is a section titled 'REEL OR REAL' with the subtitle 'What elements of our planet inspired the world of Avatar?'.	<p>The main feature in the April 30th issue of Current Science describes the scientific connections between the plants and animals of Pandora—their bold stripes, vivid colors, and night-glowing hues—and the wildlife on Earth. A sidebar to the feature explains how Cameron managed to avoid a dreaded “uncanny valley” and achieve a high level of realism in the movie.</p>