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Lawndale Youth Parade 2011

By Mitzi L.

Have you ever participated or been to the yearly Lawndale Parade? The Lawndale Youth Parade has been held for a few years now; I have only been in the parade two times. The only problem with the parade is all the walking you have to do and the scorching heat. All the schools in the district come out and so do other schools from different places around Los Angeles County. If you haven't been to the parade then read ahead and it will be like being there at that moment.

The parade takes place every last Saturday of April. This year's parade was lots of fun. We had to walk right be-

hind a marching band. One of best moments in the parade was when the commentators introduced Roosevelt Times. The flattering got to us and right when we left the judges area, our banner fell and we almost tripped and fell. Instead of acting fast and picking up the sign we laughed for a couple of seconds then picked it up.

FDR represented with 6 clubs at the parade and they were newspaper (Roosevelt Times), soccer, football, basketball, cheer and last but not least rock band. Rock band



played on stage at Alondra Park. They played two songs; and it was an honor for them to play because it was only supposed to be middle schools playing.

Over all the parade was awesome. Rogers received a couple of first place trophies. They were not the only one with trophies at the end of the day though, FDR received two trophies one for sports and the other for the ever so awesome Roosevelt Times!

Hopefully you can come out and be part of our parade next year! ❖

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Meet the Wimpy Kid's Brother

By Julissa A.

The Roosevelt Times interviewed actor Devon Bostick, who plays Rodrick in the movie, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules*.

Roosevelt Times: What was your favorite scene in the movie?

Devon: My favorite scene is probably the talent show, which you see at the end of the movie, because I get to rock-and-roll. I play my drums for

an audience and be goofy—that's definitely my favorite.

Roosevelt Times: Was it hard being mean when playing Rodrick?

Devon: I've acted mean before on camera, as an actor, so I'm used to it, but with Rodrick, it's playing him mean in a way that people could enjoy. He was a maniacal



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Zachary Gordon's Star Power

By Mitzy L.

The *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* characters may seem goofy in the movie, *Rodrick Rules*, but the actors that play them in real life are completely different. The Roosevelt Times interviewed Zachary Gordon, who plays Greg Heffley. Read ahead to find out the questions we asked and Zachary Gordon's answers.

Roosevelt Times: What role would you like to play other than Greg?

Zachary: Another role that I've really looked into is Rodrick. He's a lot of fun; he plays the drums, which is awesome, because I used to play the drums, and in general

likes to have a lot of fun even when he's torturing Greg. So yeah, totally.

Roosevelt Times: How does it feel being the main character in a movie?

Zachary: It's really something else. It was an amazing experience filming the movie, and it's also an experience seeing people shaking when you walk up and whispering "It's the Wimpy Kid." I look up to Leonardo DiCaprio and Johnny Depp, and it's amazing that people look up to me like that.

Roosevelt Times: Which movie was more fun for you, the first or second movie?

Zachary: Both were extremely fun, but I love the first of everything. *Wimpy 2* is better than the first movie, because it's really funny. But the first one was really fun to film because I didn't know anyone, and it was challenging to get to know everybody as well as trying to portray this stick figure with three hairs.

Roosevelt Times: In what other movies have you acted?

Zachary: *National Treasure: Book of Secrets*, *Georgia Rules*, *Lower Learning*, *The Brothers Bloom*, and in some television shows, *How I met Your Mother*, *Desperate Housewives*, ...

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Robert Capron plays Rowley

By Andrea C.

The Roosevelt Times got a chance to interview Robert Capron, who plays Rowley in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules*.

Roosevelt Times: What movie did you like working on most - the first or second *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* Movie?

Robert: They were both really really fun to film. I think there were more crazy scenes in the second one, so I guess that may have been a little more fun to film.

Roosevelt Times: Who is your favorite actor or actress that you haven't worked with but would like to work with?

Robert: I like a lot of good actors, but if I have to pick one, maybe Robert Downey Jr. Then, if they make an *Ironman III*, I could be in it!

Roosevelt Times: Which character in the book would you want to be other than Rowley?

Robert: If I could be a character other than Rowley, I would probably like to be Fregly, because he's so funny and it would really be fun to be him and to be as insane as he is.

Roosevelt Times: What was the best part of playing Rowley in the *Diary of Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules* movie?

Robert: The best part of play-

ing Rowley was that he got to do a lot of really crazy stuff. He got to go inside of Rodrick's van and get tossed all over the place, which was really fun to film. He got to sit on a tin foil ball with spikes which was really really fun. He got to do a lot of really funny stuff.

Roosevelt Times: Do you know why Rowley hung out with girls when he broke his arm?

Robert: I honestly don't know. I guess it was because they were all nice to him, because he broke his arm.

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Author Jeff Kinney

By Shamy M. and Mitzy L.

The Roosevelt Times interviewed Jeff Kinney, the best-selling author of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series. The books have sold over \$42 million.

Roosevelt Times: How has Greg changed from the first movie to the second movie?

Jeff Kinney: I think that Greg has chilled out a little bit. He's not as self-centered in the second film. He's a better friend to Rowley and this time he's kind of the victim to his older brother Rodrick.

Roosevelt Times: Did you get involved in the casting of actors in the movie?

Jeff Kinney: Yes, I did. I helped with the casting and I helped decide who I thought should be in the film. It was really exciting to be part of that whole process.

Roosevelt Times: Do you plan to write any books other than the *Wimpy Kid* books?

Jeff Kinney: I don't have any plans now. I definitely want to write more *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books, but I hope I come up with a new series as well.

Roosevelt Times: Where did you get the ideas for the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books?

Jeff Kinney: I got a lot of ideas from my own childhood. I think that every kid has a lot of stories if they would just take the time to write some of the funny stuff down. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* is part of my imagination and part of my real life all mixed together in one big stew.

Roosevelt Times: How did come up with the ?

Jeff Kinney: I wanted to create characters that felt like real kids. Greg is kind of a bad version of myself in middle school and Rowley is a good kid who is not in a rush to grow up, so that's why Rowley is my favorite character.

Roosevelt Times: Were you ever bullied in school like some of the book's characters?

Jeff Kinney: I was bullied a little bit. There were some real bullies in my middle school and even in high school. Bullying is something in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books that's not taken very seriously, but in real life, I take bullying very seriously. I meet a lot of kids who tell me that you should never snitch, that you should never tell on a bully, but silence is a bully's best friend, so I always encourage kids to tell your teachers and parents if you are ever being bullied.

Roosevelt Times: Why does Patty Farrell have a bigger role in the movie than the book?

Jeff Kinney: That's true. We needed to come up with a villainess, and Patty Farrell seemed to fit the bill. What's funny about Laine McNeil who plays Patty Farrell is that she's just a really sweet kid and she's the actor who is least like their screen character.

Roosevelt Times: Will Gregory ever get back at Rodrick for all the things he did to him?

Jeff Kinney: I don't know if

there's enough time in his life to get back at Rodrick for all the things that he did to him. I doubt it but I think that they're going to end up being friends in the long run.

Roosevelt Times: How do the new characters in the movie relate to the book?

Jeff Kinney: We've taken Holly Hills and made her a bigger character. Chirag Gupta is a bigger character as well. We try to take characters from the book and kind of fill them out and make them a little more interesting.

Roosevelt Times: I'm going into middle school next year. What kind of advice would Greg give me?

Jeff Kinney: Greg would say that middle school won't last forever, so if you're not enjoying it, then you'll be fine later on, and if you are enjoying it, then you're in luck.

Roosevelt Times: How did you come up with the name of Rodrick's band Loaded Diper?

Jeff Kinney: I thought it was a funny name, and it's misspelled, because a lot of bands misspell their names because they think it makes their band sound more cool for some reason.

Roosevelt Times: What inspired you to become a writer?

Jeff Kinney: What inspired me was failure. I really wanted to be a newspaper cartoonist and I couldn't break into that business and I became an author instead. ❖

“[S]ilence is a bully's best friend, so I always encourage kids to tell your teachers and parents if you are ever being bullied.”

Rainy Day Schedule

By Berenice R.

A rainy day schedule doesn't always mean it's a gloomy day. For me rainy day schedule feels like a little bit fun because in class we get to play board games.

However, I don't think it is that fun because we don't have our regular schedule for school

like all the time. Also, we can't go to recess so its no fun.

If it is still rainy day schedule, then that means that we have to eat lunch until 12:05 and I dislike that too.

Then we don't get to have lunch recess either and that means we have to stay inside and play board games, which are fun but not as fun as going outside and playing with our friends.

Like I said, I still like it

when it is rainy day schedule because we get to play inside. Also, we get to see more of our teachers and classmates and we all know that it is never a bad thing.

Also, if we were all outside on rainy days we could get really cold and sick. Probably run the risk of getting pneumonia, nobody wants that.

So that's what I feel about a rainy day schedule. How do you feel about rainy day schedule?? ❖



Basketball

By Arline N.

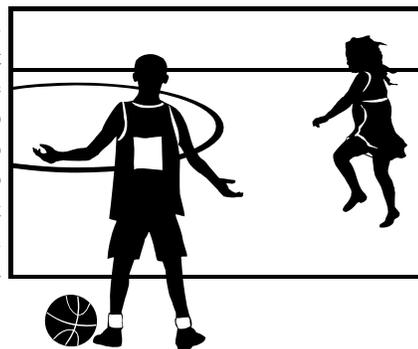
Do you like to play basketball? Basketball is a fun thing to do if you live next to a park. For any reason if you're bored just grab a ball and go to the park.

I play basketball with my family twice a week and it is the best, we play 3 vs. 3 and Around the World. We are usually outside playing for forty-five minutes.

I like playing basketball because it keeps me healthy, like the rest of my family.

Did you know that

playing basketball burns about 750 calories? It also helps build muscle so you can grow up strong. It is also a good cardio workout. It helps with endurance and self-discipline.



Basketball helps me with my stress for example, my homework sometimes causes me to stress..

A reason why I like to play basketball is because it always

keeps me active and that is always good. It's fun and the best part of it all is that I get to go twice a week with my family.

That's why I like to have basketball in my life! Do you?? ❖





The Mysteries of Alfred Hedgehog

By Leticia C.

What is your favorite character from the show *The Mysteries of Alfred Hedgehog*?

The show is about three kids named Alfred, Camille, and Milo. They solve mysteries over and over again about different problems, but there are no villains, there is only a little girl who is a tattletale.

There are more characters too, but I can't name all of them.

The villain is a young girl who blames the Serious

Mysterious team and her name is Cynthia. This show comes out every day in channel 302 and it has only been showing for about one week and a half.

One of the episodes that I've seen that I like is when Camille and Cynthia turn all BLUE. When they turn all blue, Cynthia not only work as a group with them but she also doesn't fight with them.

In this article, I went around the campus during R.A.P and asked twenty two students who their favorite character was.



The majority of students voted for Alfred and Camille, the points they earned were seven each. Next came Milo with five points and Cynthia received three points.

As we can see Alfred and Camille are very popular in this new show! ❖



Interesting Facts About Candy

By Jasmyne C.

Here are some facts about candy that is on *Unwrapped*, the show on the Food Network channel!

Dubble Bubble

Bubble Gum was invented by Walter Deimer. The kind he made was Dubble Bubble.



The new Dubble Bubble is not that sticky like back then. The gum gets stretched miles away and gets cut in little bite sizes. This is a sneak peek of how they make Dubble Bubble!

Candy Corn

Here are some facts about

candy corn! Candy Corn was invented by George Renninger in 1880.



Candy corn was made popular in the early 1900's by the Goelitz Confectionary Co. It was its bestselling candy. Candy corn starts as a white mixture called smeary. Then you add a little color and vanilla flavor. Don't forget the special ingredient for the mouth feeling!

The Goelitz Company also made another kind of candy popular—Jelly Bellies.

Jelly Belly

Jelly beans have been around since the 1800s, but in 1960, the Goelitz Candy Company began making all different types of jelly beans, and then in 1976 began making jelly beans with natural flavors. President Ronald Reagan gave jelly beans a boost when he made them his favorite candy.

It is so cool to learn where our favorite candy comes from and how it is made! That's all the facts I got for now but one question I have for you is...do you know what your favorite candy is made of??

You can find more information and cool facts about your favorite kinds of candy on the internet at www.foodnetwork.com. ❖

How to Train Your Dragon

By Jalen J.

Have you ever wondered what would it be like if you had a pet dragon?

Lucky for you, there is a movie about it, called *How to train your Dragon*. It is about a boy, named Hiccup who becomes friends with dragon. The dragon's name is Toothless, who is brave and is willing to help Hiccup prove that dragons aren't bad creatures.

You also find out later on that this movie has to do with love, because Hiccup has a crush on a beautiful girl.

Throughout the movie you see Hiccup and Toothless get into mischief, trying to help out the village. There is a big scary dragon; it is the biggest dragon

you ever seen in your life, which goes by the name of Red Death.

Hiccup has to travel the volcano with Toothless. The fight between Hiccup and Toothless vs. Red death must have been the best part of the movie.

If you guys want to see it you'll just have to see it on DVD, which can be found anywhere movies are sold or rented. You should see it! If you want to see an action pack movie, or if you like dragons, this is your movie. ❖



Mariscos Chente Restaurant

By Leticia C.

Mariscos Chente Restaurant translates to Seafood Chente Restaurant.

When we go out and eat at a Mexican restaurant, we expect to eat delicious food, but when I ate at Mariscos Chente, I found new taste buds that I never knew I had.

When I went to the Mariscos Chente restaurant I thought they would serve food like beans and burritos with tapatio sauce and other spicy things, but when I looked at the menu I actually took back all of my thoughts about the food.

All the dishes I tasted there were unbelievable. One of

the dishes is Ceviche of raw shrimp, which you can have in two ways.

Another dish is the Drunken Shrimp (Camarones Borrachos) the true craft of Sergio Penuelas.

Last but not least, The Aguachile, really sweet shrimp from Sinaloa fresh cooked with lime, and a slightly pulpy puree of jalapeno chiles.

One of my favorite dishes is Ceviche of raw shrimp it's my favorite because the shrimp is really soft, the juice is really tasty and has the flavor of lime.

Lastly, the taste of everything mixed together like the tomato, avocado, the cucumber, plus the onion, and cilantro everything tastes delicious. The price range is \$11-\$30 it's kind of pricey but it's worth it.

The phone number of the restaurant is (310)-672-0226 and the location is 10020 South Inglewood Ave. in Inglewood. I hope you can go to this restaurant with your family and enjoy this delicious seafood restaurant. ❖





Helena attends Godolphin & Latymer school in London

London's Green Scene

Helena, our London Correspondent, tells us what London does to help the environment

In London, almost everything has to be recycled. Everything, from food, to cans and tins and aluminum, to cardboard and newspapers, to plastic. There's even a recycling service for shoes and diapers. (The material is re-used, not the actual diaper.)

Every Monday morning, we bring all our recycling out in front of the house. Each kind of material is in a different box. Most are in dark green plastic bins, but there's a bucket for food waste, a woven white bag for plastic, and a woven pink one for leaves and plant waste.

Watch Out for Foxes

Everything except food waste is already in the front garden so we don't have to carry them all the way through the house.

We never leave the food waste out over Sunday night because if you do the foxes that haunt our roads come and eat whatever food might be in the rubbish. On my way to school I often see black plastic bin liners which have been left out overnight, the bags ripped open, the rotting contents strewn across the pavement.

The Green Cycle

I also see the huge green trucks driving slowly through the street, stopping every so

often for the drivers to get out and throw the contents of the bins into buckets and grinders inside the truck.

I hear the smashing of broken glass when they throw that bin in and it always makes me wince.

From there, the various items are separated and taken to the local depot. The glass, for instance, is broken down and melted, then solidified into new bottles. So every glass bottle I see is made up of a million glass bottles, each of which was made up of a million glass bottles... Hard to get my head around.

Good for All

Every council is fined if they don't recycle. So basically, it's cheaper, environmentally friendly, and a good idea in about every possible way. ❖



Adventure Time

By Kyle R.

Finn, the human, and Jake, the dog, are best bros who like to go on adventures. Their only goal is to become true heroes.

Finn is the only human in the show, and Jake is a magic dog who can do pretty much anything with his body.

Finn and Jake encounter many obstacles. One of them being the Ice King who is evil; the only interest he has is stealing princesses and trying to

force them to marry him.

Another villain is Marceline, the Vampire Queen, who is kind of cool. She enjoys scaring Finn all the time, but unlike the Ice King, Marceline tends to cause minimum damage.

Not all of the characters are bad. Some are helpful, like Lady Rainicorn who is Jake's best friend and love interest.

There is also Princess Bubblegum who has a lot of



show time and rules over the Candy People. You can watch Adventure Time every Monday on Cartoon network; it's very funny. ❖

Sea World

By Berenice R.

Roosevelt Time readers you are about to read about an amazing water park! I'm about to tell you guys all about SeaWorld. SeaWorld is an awesome place! There are a lot of rides and a lot of nice and funny shows.

Shamu

The first show I am going to talk about is the Shamu Show. Most of you people know about this show. The animal that comes out in the Shamu Show is a killer whale, by the name of Shamu.

Killer whales' colors are black and white. The Shamu Show first starts with a story of a kid who gets a piece of wood and carves it into a killer whales' tail. While the story is playing, Shamu is jumping around in the water and doing flips. The trainers make Shamu do flips and if he does something good, they give him fishes as his treats.

Sea Lions

Another show in SeaWorld is the Sea Lion show. The Sea Lion Show is very funny and entertaining. It first starts with a man who has a T.V. and listens to music or a show. Whenever he hears the word SpongeBob, he starts dancing. When he hears the theme song of Batman, he goes to his supplies box and grabs the Batman cape and then acts like Batman and pretends to fly around. When the man is dancing, the sea lions join in, and it's really funny.

Mission Bay 4-D

In SeaWorld there is a place called Mission Bay 4-D. But the 3D glasses are not red and blue, they are actually all black. When you go to pick your seats, you will see that there will be holes in the back of the seat in front of you, which you'll soon discover has something to do with the show.

Ernie is about to play the trombone when he suddenly sneezes. That's when the hole in front of you squirts water in your face. And when Ernie jumps into the bathtub with bubbles in it, bubbles start coming out of the ceiling. When I saw that, I was thinking in my head, this is incredible!!!

Rapids

There is one more thing you need to know it is a ride called Rapids! This ride is sooo cool because there are waterfalls, twisting, turning, and splashing! What you ride on is like a tire. It can fit up to 9 people!!! But be careful because there is this big, humongous COLD WATERFALL!!! It splashes on you and gets you all wet!!!

So what you guys need to do now is go to Sea World because it's nice, fun, funny and entertaining.❖



Soak City

By Berenice R.

One day we went to Soak City and I couldn't wait to go. I couldn't sleep all night, so I sat up and watched Nick @ Nite, The *George Lopez Show* is the best. I was too excited!

So, the first thing we did was go to the store to buy some hats and some towels to dry our selves and sunscreen.

It was about an hour long to

get there. I was shaking the whole ride there. So when we got there, we saw all these water rides and they were all so cool!

My favorite ride was the Tornado! We had to wait in line for a half hour and we were all burned from the sun. Good thing we bought sunscreen at the beginning of the trip or else we would've been toast!

Finally, we were at the top of the ride! It was so scary and I was thinking of backing down because it was so huge. But I knew that there was no turning back because this is what I had been waiting for. So I just thought of George Lopez and went with it.

It was one of the most awesome days of my life, hands down! ❖



There are Soak Cities at Knott's Berry Farm and in Palm Springs and San Diego



Sonic Hedgehog

By Kyle R.

Sonic the Hedgehog is 15 years old and was born with no parents.

Sonic trained himself to run fast. Later, people wanted to discover how Sonic was born and to find the parents who gave birth to Sonic.

Sonic likes Amy, but not that much. So Sonic has been in a lot of adventures discov-

ering the world with all of his friends. The journey never stops until secrets are revealed.

Sonic was normal in every way since he was born. Then, when the adventures came, he showed that he was a brave, strong, hedgehog, and that there is no adventure too dangerous for Sonic. He can handle anything—no matter what.

Sonic is in comic books and in the comic books are pictures and stories of his family. Sonic had always been rough since his childhood days, and he wanted to be the way he is—rough. In Japan, Sonic increased the population for more families and friends to watch Sonic the Hedgehog for fun. ❖



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PlayStation 3 vs. Xbox 360

By Arline N.

What do you like better PS3 or Xbox? They're a little bit of the same thing. They both use wireless controllers. They both can play online. They both have Bluetooth to play online. They both have media connectivity to your PC. They can both play high definition movies. They

both have a marketplace to buy demos.

Not everything is the same. A PS3 has a lot of stuff. It has an HD cord to plug into a TV. A PS3 has more games than Xbox. It has more online players. It has more HD movies. Last but not least it has a memory card to store your stuff.

An Xbox has more fun interactive games, especially with Kinect boosting it up. It has more games with violence than the PS3. It requires a memory card. Last but not least, you can talk with friends using the web cam or Bluetooth.

In the end, it is up to you to decide which you prefer. ❖



Invaders Zim

By Kyle R.

Have you seen *Invader Zim* on Nicktoons? Well if you haven't done so, it is a must.

The show *Invader Zim* is about an alien named Zim, who comes to earth so he can take over it, just for Zim to prove himself an invader. Zim also wants the approval of the tallest. They are group of aliens who are superior and are

the tallest aliens of the aliens.

Zim begins his quest by becoming a student on earth. Zim has a companion, a robot by the name of Gir. Gir is Zim's right-hand man, especially in his mission to take over earth, but Gir gets bored very quickly and quits.

Unfortunately, Gir is not only problem Zim has when it comes to conquering earth. It

is all because of a human boy named Dib. Dib is a very smart kid, but a nerd in school, and is the only one who knows Zim's true identity.

If you are watching T.V. and want to see a funny cartoon, tune in to *Invader Zim*. You'll soon be laughing up a storm.

Thank you for reading this article about *Invader Zim*. ❖

Selena Gomez

By Andrea C.

Selena Gomez. Have you heard that name before? Well if you haven't, where have you been?

Facts About Selena

For starters, Selena Gomez was born July 22, 1992 in Texas, making her eighteen.

Selena was named after Tejano singer Selena.

Did you know that Selena is half Mexican American and half Italian?

Selena's Acting Career

Selena decided to become an actress because of her mother, who was an actress. Selena is mostly known for



playing the role of Alex Russo in *Wizards of Waverly Place*. Selena has also been seen in the big screen, playing the role of Beezus, in the movie *Ramona and Beezus*.

Singing Sensation

Her talent doesn't stop in acting; Selena is also a won-



derful singer. She sings the opening theme for *Wizards of Waverly Place*, and the opening for *Shake It Up*. She has released two albums with her band, *Selena Gomez & the Scene*. Their first album was called *Kiss & Tell*, which featured the ever so popular song "Naturally".

As of this year there is a second album by Selena & the Scene called *Beautiful*.

I can't wait to see or hear what new things Selena will have coming soon. ❖

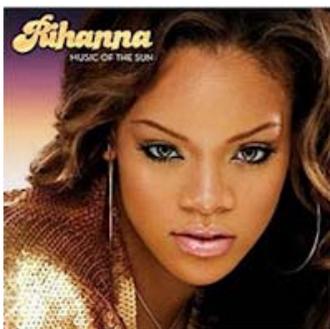


Rihanna

By Cynthia G.

Rihanna is a popular singer. She was born on February 20, 1988, and she came to America at age 16.

Rihanna's first album was produced by Evan Rogers and Carl Sturken, and they have worked together many times since.



Her first song was *Music of the Sun*, and it got in the top 10 of the music chart. Rihanna sold more than 15 million copies. She got four Grammy Awards, four American Music Awards, and fifteen Billboard Music Awards.

Rihanna is one of the best selling singers today. Rihanna's major influence was Mariah Carey. She looked up to her a lot when she was growing up and still does now. Other artists who influenced her were Madonna, Janet Jackson and Beyonce.

Rihanna's favorite songs are *Umbrella*, *Rude Boy*, and *Don't Stop the Music*. But she has a long list of songs and

also is a songwriter.

I really admire Rihanna and would like to go to her concert someday.

If I ever meet her, I would like to ask her how she became a super star and would like to get her autograph. ❖





Justin Bieber

By Yazlyn S.

Justin Bieber's full name is Justin Drew Bieber. Scooter Brun is his manager. Usher Raymond signed him to Island Def records and beat out Justin Timberlake's hopes of signing the young singer.

He taught himself how to play the piano, guitar, drums, and trumpet, and he hopes to learn the violin.

Justin Bieber was born in

London, Ontario, Canada and raised in Stratford, Ontario. He moved to Atlanta, Georgia, when he was 14 to pursue his music career.

His interests other than music include hockey, soccer and chess. Justin's favorite color is purple, and he wears it a lot.

Justin has also appeared on a number of television shows such as True Jackson VP, Si-

lent Library, Saturday Night Live, and Extreme Makeover: Home Edition just to name a few.

Also if you haven't already done so, you should check out the movie about his life called, "Justin Bieber: Never Say Never." It's a great movie and I know I was the first one in line. ❖



Drake

By Yazlyn S.

Do you think you know a lot about Drake? Well think again because now you can learn more about Drake.

Did you guys know that Drake was born on October 24, 1978? Drake is a Canadian because he is from Canada. Drake's last name is Rodgers sometimes known as Rod. They call him Drake Drizzy when he raps. Did you know

his moms name is Sandi? Did you also know that he is also coming out in DJ Hero 2? Cool huh!! His real name is Aubrey Drake Graham Rodgers. So that means that his middle name is Drake. Weird huh? Did you also know that he came out in a drama show called Degrassi? Drake started rapping when he was a teenager because he found out

that he had a talent he loved a lot. That inspired him to join Young Money. Drake's favorite food is Mexican and Chinese food. His favorite junk food is ice cream and Devil dogs. Some people say that his favorite color is brown.

My opinion about Drake is that he is a great rapper and performer. I even learned his music. ❖



Prince Royce

By Yazlyn S.

Do you want to learn about Prince Royce? Well guess what, you will and right now.

The first thing you should know about Prince Royce is that he sings Bachata. Some of you guys might not know what Bachata is. It comes from the Dominican Republic.

He is from the Dominican Republic and his real name is Geoffrey Royce Rojas. His favorite color is purple and his favorite food is pizza. He was born on May 11, 1990. He is now 20 years old.

Prince Royce is very cute and what makes him cute is his

dimples. His 2 famous songs are *Stand by Me* which was originally sung by Ben E. Kings but the difference is that Prince Royce sings it in Spanglish. *Stand by Me* and his other song *Corazon sin Cara* are my two favorite songs that he sings. ❖

Actor Devon Bostick

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mean, so he wasn't a truly hated character. It was a little hard, but it's fun to act that way when you're not actually as mean as Rodrick, because you don't get to be that way in real life.

Roosevelt Times: Are you anything like Rodrick in real life?

Devon: I'm like Rodrick in that I like sleeping in a lot. I love sleeping in until noon or 2 pm or however long Rodrick does. I'm not as lazy or as mean as Rodrick, so that part's acting, but Rodrick and I both have a quirky sense of humor. Rodrick is really mean to his little brother, but me and my younger brother get along very well, so I'm not really like him.

Roosevelt Times: Was it more fun shooting the first or second movie?

Devon: It was definitely more fun shooting the second movie. I was only in the shooting for the first movie for two or three weeks, and you only get a glimpse of Rodrick and who he really is. We only got to see him be mean or play tricks on Greg.

It was very fun to do the second movie, because in the second movie, you get to see his playfulness, his happy side and his vulnerable side, and also his dark side. So I had a lot more fun shooting the second movie, because I was there every single day on the set working with the kids and the crew and there was a lot more opportunity to show who Rodrick is.

Roosevelt Times: Was it scary auditioning for the role?

Devon: It was a little scary auditioning for the role. In the beginning, it wasn't scary, because I just auditioned from Toronto, which is where I'm from. I auditioned on a self-tape where I put myself on tape and sent it out to LA and Vancouver where the casting people were, so from that point on I didn't know I had the role or anything. Once they called me to Vancouver to audition in person, then I was a nervous – in a good way – I really wanted the role, because the script was hilarious and it was different from every other kids' thing I've seen or read or anything. I was nervous, because I really wanted the part.

Roosevelt Times: How old were you when you started acting and what was your first role?

Devon: I moved to a new area when I was in grade one and I didn't know many people. I was very shy, and one of the few friends I had in that area, invited me to a theater camp. So, I joined the theater camp and I played the old man in Jack and the Beanstalk in grade one, and then I did that theater camp for four more years. Then I asked my mom how I do this professionally, and got an agent and got my first professional role when I was ten, which was playing a gothic teen, because they couldn't find a teenager to play the role. I had one line, "That's a lame costume, dude."

Roosevelt Times: What has been your favorite acting role?

Devon: My first favorite acting role was playing this troubled kid in a movie called *Adoration*, which was an Atom Egoyan movie I did, and it's a journey of this kid trying to figure out why his parents died and that was my favorite role until Rodrick came into my life. Now Rodrick is by far the most exciting, exhilarating, funny character, that I've ever played. I love Rodrick with all my heart.

Roosevelt Times: Did you learn to play the drums for the movie or did you already know how to play?

Devon: I didn't know how to play, actually. I learned how to play the drums three weeks prior to filming with a drum teacher who taught me the drums in a matter of three days, I learned really fast. I actually became too good for Rodrick, because Rodrick is not actually supposed to be that good, so I had to stop playing because Rodrick spends more time on twirling his drumstick than learning how to play. So I learned how to play, and I learned how to do tricks and make it look cool.

Roosevelt Times: Do you plan to stay in acting as a career?

Devon: I do plan on staying in acting as a career. Hopefully people will still hire me. I'm hoping that I'll be able to do this for a long time and expand into writing and directing, I love all parts of this industry and making movies. ❖





Actor Zachary Gordon

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Roosevelt Times: How old were you when you started acting?

Zachary: I was 8 years old when I started acting and now I'm 13.

Roosevelt Times: Do you know kids in middle school who try to act cool like Greg?

Zachary: Yes there are a couple in my middle school- I go to a public school - they're really nice but sometimes they try to act cool in front of people but they should really act like themselves and more people would like them.

Roosevelt Times: What is your favorite scene in the movie?

Zachary: One in particular is a scene where I'm in my underwear. It was really fun because I would never get to do that in real life; I mean, I was embarrassed when it first started but after awhile I kinda got used to it.

Roosevelt Times: Do you have any brothers or sisters, and what is your relationship with them like?

Zachary: Yes, I have two older brothers named Josh and Kyle, and my relationship with them is kind of like Greg and Rodrick's. I got picked on a little when I was younger, but now that I'm older I can kind of defend myself.

Roosevelt Times: Do you see more Wimpy Kid movies being made and do you see yourself playing the role of Greg?

Zachary: Yes, I see many more being made, because

Greg doesn't age. But the problem is that I age; I'm a regular kid and Greg is a stick figure. If we do make more, I would love to participate in them, they're really fun.

Roosevelt Times: How are you similar and how are you different from Greg?

Zachary: Greg is manipulative and he takes things way too far. He takes advantage of people. He does things with-



Robert Capron, Devon Bostick and Zachary Gordon

out thinking them through. I have a lot of friends and I'm nice and that's a big difference between Greg and me.

Roosevelt Times: What do you like to do when you aren't acting?

Zachary: I love to play basketball, I love to play on the computer, I love to roller skate, I learned that from the Wimpy Kid 2 and I am continuing with that. I love to play ping pong and football at school, and I just like hanging out with my friends.

Roosevelt Times: How do you memorize all your lines

and not forget them, and how long does it take to memorize your lines?

Zachary: It's really hard to memorize all those lines. You really have to be in the moment when you're memorizing them; you have to be the character. You also have to think through the lines, because if you look at the page for ten minutes and you don't know your lines, you'll really be embarrassed the next day. If there is scene like the monologue in the first movie, that took me about 30 minutes to memorize.

Roosevelt Times: What is your favorite movie?

Zachary: Titanic.

Roosevelt Times: What do you want to be when you grow up?

Zachary: I'd really like to be a director. I'd like to continue with acting as well. I really like writing; I have a passion for writing. I'd like to write films and maybe star in them and direct them.

Roosevelt Times: Do the kids in your school treat you differently since you are a movie star?

Zachary: Some do. Some just want to be my friend because I'm the movie. I wouldn't say I'm a movie star and my friends who were with me before the movie came out and before I even got the movie have been really supportive. It was nice to know that my real friends are my true friends but there are some people who still want to be my friend just because I'm a nice person. ❖

Actor Robert Capron

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Roosevelt Times: What would you like to be when you grow up?

Robert: I definitely want to be involved in movies. I want to be an actor, but I also want to be a director or a writer for movies. I just want to be involved in movies.

Roosevelt Times: What other movies have you been in?

Robert: I was in a movie called *Bride Wars*, and I was also in a movie called *the Sorcerer's Apprentice*.

Roosevelt Times: What is your favorite scene in the movie?

Robert: My favorite scene in the movie is probably the talent show. That was really really really fun.

Roosevelt Times: Are you and Zachary Gordon good friends like Rowley and Greg?

Robert: Yes, we are very good friends. We hang out with each other all the time.

Roosevelt Times: How does Rowley's life compare to your own life?

Robert: Well, I don't have a lot in common with Rowley. I'm gullible like him but our lives are really different. I don't wear the stuff like Row-

ley wears, and I don't have a big house like Rowley does.

Roosevelt Times: When did you start your acting career?

Robert: I started my acting career when I was about 8. I took an afterschool acting class.

Roosevelt Times: What was the hardest part playing Rowley?

Robert: The hardest part of playing Rowley in the movie was doing the Tik Tok dance thing, because it was so embarrassing, and it was hard not to crack up laughing in the middle of it.

Roosevelt Times: Why did Rowley like Joshie so much?

Robert: I think Joshie is similar to Justin Bieber.

Roosevelt Times: What is your favorite food?

Robert: Probably pancakes.

Roosevelt Times: Who is your favorite co-star?

Robert: I really can't say, because everyone on this movie is really awesome. I can't pick a favorite. ❖

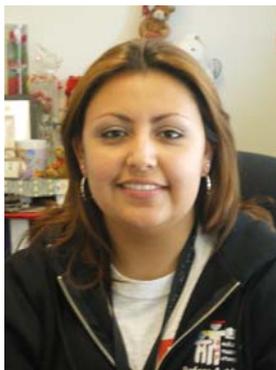


Robert Capron and Zachary Gordon



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RAP Roundup

By Maggie Guillen, RAP Program Coordinator

Hello Roosevelt Tigers!

We are back with another issue of our Roosevelt Times! We are excited to share all of the new articles all the kids wrote this time around and also learn who is part of our Editor group.

RAP Adventures

So many exciting things have been going on in the world of RAP. We were able to take our cheer girls to the Hermosa Beach Parade for St.

Patrick's Day and then for the Lawndale Youth Parade. However, the Lawndale Youth Parade we had a lot more groups.

We have also started a Rock Band since January and I hope you enjoyed listening to some of their music at one of your lunch recess, Open House and Student of the Month Assembly.

We always have so many other clubs going on and we are also looking for more ideas every time.

Summer RAP program

Summer is coming around the corner and we will have some fun activities for all of you here at FDR! Information regarding summer's activities and field trips with RAP will be coming in your Tuesday's Folders.

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Thank you for reading our student's articles and I hope all of you enjoy them as much as I did! !

Sincerely,

Ms. Maggie

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