



# Seventh Street Sailor

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## Fantastic Cars and More

By Keone S.

Reporters for the *7th Street Sailor* went to the Toyota Car Museum on May 2, 2014. There were a lot of schools already there when we arrived. *7th Street Sailor* reporters got to listen to Jessica Pedersen, who is an ice skater, and Oliver Mayer, who is a professor at the University of Southern California. Oliver wrote a book about his dog, Don Aldo. The book is called *Big Dog on Campus*.

All of the kids went to the exhibit hall. Reporters from the *7th Street Sailor* saw a lot of cars. One of them was the 2000 Prius. Prius in Latin means "to go before." This Prius only runs on electricity.

Another car was the Camry Hybrid. This car was the first out of 3,000 units. It is a 4-door sedan and is built in the U.S.

My favorite car was the Lexus LFA. This car had full throttle bodies. Its engine was hand-assembled. The compression ratio was 120:1. The Lexus LFA was white, and it was the best looking car in the museum. ❖



7th Street Sailor's reporters at the Toyota Car Museum

## The Totally Awesome Toyota Car Museum

By Gabriel H.

Seventh Street Elementary's newspaper staff went to the Toyota Car Museum. When we were to see the cars, there were so many different types.

One of the most impressive cars was the Hotchkis Avalon Pursuit. It is a police car with four doors. It was black and white and like all police cars, on the rear of the car it said, "To Serve and Protect." As a police car, it probably goes pretty fast to catch all the suspects. Inside the car it was black and di-



viding the backseat, it had a small fence to keep the suspects from hurting the police car driver. The one thing that I noticed was

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## On Your Mark, Get Set, Toyota

By Sebastian H.

The reporters from the 7th Street Sailor went to the Toyota Car Museum on May 2, 2014, for the Press-Friends Annual Conference. We saw so many cars that I couldn't keep track of all of them. There was a section of old cars, a section of new cars, and race cars.

My favorite car was the

Scion FR-S. That car looked like a futuristic car, which may not be sold publicly yet. It would probably cost about \$45,000. The car would go 375 mph or even more. It was red with black markings. The design of the car was like no other car in the museum. It seemed very unique among the hundreds

of other cars. It looked similar to a Ferrari, and its interior was black with gray leather seats. The engine was huge and super loud.

The Scion FR-S could be improved by silencing the engine sound, which is very loud. This red awesome car would really stand out in a crowd. ❖



## A Trip to the Toyota Automobile Museum

By Adam P.

On May 2, 2014, reporters from the 7th Street Sailor and a bunch of other schools went to the Toyota Car Museum for the PressFriends Fifth Annual Conference. It was so fun. We got to eat, play games, and won lots of toys and cool stuff. We even got our own bags.

The museum has a bunch of really cool cars. There was one with turtles and sharks and a car with Monopoly pictures all over it. The Monopoly car was really cool, because it looked like the real game. They had the game but they had way more money in it. But my favorite car of all

was an all-yellow car. Inside the yellow car, it had leather seats and a really nice steering wheel. The yellow car would be a great car for anyone to drive.

The trip with PressFriends was fun, and we can't wait until we can go back to the museum again. ❖



## The 1978 Toyota Cressida

By Michael Z.

On May 2, 2014, the reporters from 7th Street Elementary School's newspaper, went to the Toyota Automobile Museum with other schools in the Press-Friends program. All the schools ate dinner and

heard from keynote speakers Oliver Mayer and Jessica Pedersen, they went to the museum exhibit. The exhibit was filled with cars.

The first car popped out a lot. The 1978 Golden Cressida made a big im-

pression on me. It had five black seats – two in the front and three in the back. The car had a pretty big trunk. It was about four feet wide and over six feet long. The wheels were 26 inches high. ❖



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## Cups and Cars

By Dean C.



The reporters from the *7th Street Sailor* went to the Toyota Car Museum for PressFriends Fifth Annual Conference. We played games with the PressFriends middle and high school

mentors, and one of my favorite games was the cup-stacking game. Here's how you plan the game – the cups are placed on top of each other in a triangle shape and your goal is to

make a stack before everyone else. I also played a couple of other games. I think the event should be on TV and the whole world should know about it. ❖

## Toyota Rocks

By Destiny C.



The *7th Street Sailor* went to the Toyota Car Museum in Torrance for the PressFriends Annual Conference. There were so many cars in the museum. Out of every single car there, one

car stood out the most. It was called the Celica 2000, and it was yellow. It was small but it looked like it could go fast. And if you wanted to know what brand it was, it was a Toyota.

Toyota cars are the best. IF all of you car lovers did not notice, over the years the Toyota symbol has changed.

I love the car museum. I will definitely come back. ❖



## The Interesting Toyota Matrix

By Sarah J.

On May 2nd, at the Toyota Car Museum in Torrance, many schools in the PressFriends program came to see the cars. The most interesting car was the

2003 TRD Matrix, 4-door, blue and purple car. The design of the car was very interesting. There were many other cars, but the Matrix was the most interesting.

Another nice car was a green Toyota Tundra "Terminator 3" Special Edition.

The PressFriends conference was lots of fun and exciting. ❖



## Customized Toyotas

By Hanna M.

On May 2, reporters from the 7th Street Sailor went to the PressFriends Annual Conference at the Toyota Car Museum. First we ate pizza and chicken and then we went

into the museum.

Toyota has built over ten million cars, and when you buy a Toyota, it can be customized to the max. One car in the museum had a crazy pattern on the outside and

rhinestones on the inside of the car.

Toyota also makes the Lexus and Scion cars. Toyota's logo has changed over the years. The first Toyota was made in Japan. ❖



## ELEMENTARY STUDENT NEWSPAPERS—MAY 2, 2014



PressFriends 5th Annual Conference for Elementary Student Newspapers at the Toyota USA Automobile Museum—May 2, 2014

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## Cars, Cars, and More Cars

By Rosanna G.



On May 2, 2014, our PressFriends' club at 7th Street Elementary School attended the PressFriends' Annual Conference for Elementary Student Newspapers at the Toyota Automobile Museum in Torrance, California.

The best part of the trip was looking at the cars in the museum. One of the more unusual cars was a gold car that had rhinestones or diamonds woven into its seatbelts and that has decals of eyeballs all over its body. It was both creepy and cool!

Another great part of the trip was the bus we took. It wasn't a normal, yellow school bus. From the outside, it looked like a tour bus, and the seats had pictures on the upholstery. Riding on that bus and seeing those cars made this a great trip! ❖

## Totally awesome Toyota Car Museum

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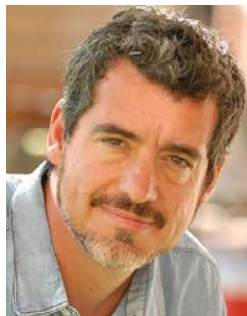
that the front seat was cushioned and the back seat was made from plastic. There was also a model

called the Cressida, which was the second best car after the Hotchkiss.

I really liked this trip. I

want to thank PressFriends, because without them, this trip would not have happened. ❖

## PressFriends Thanks Its Conference Speakers



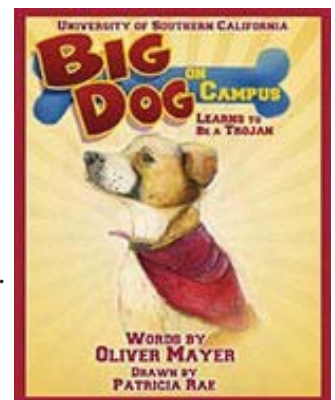
### Oliver Mayer—playwright, scholar, and author

Oliver Mayer has written more than twenty plays and is a professor of dramatic writing at the University of Southern California. His plays have been produced nationwide at such venues as the Joseph Papp Public Theater, the Mark Taper Forum, and INTAR,

and internationally at the Royal Court Theatre, London and the Teatro Lirico, Mexico City.

Mayer also recently authored a children's book called "Big Dog on Campus." The book stars his dog, Don Aldo, who lives with Mayer and his wife on the USC campus and who learns what it takes to be a USC Trojan.

Mayer was born in Hollywood, CA, and is proud of his Mexican-American heritage. He attended Cornell, Oxford, and Columbia Universities. ❖



## 5th Grade at Catalina

By Abigale H.

For a fieldtrip, the 5th graders went to Catalina. There were many activities to do at Catalina, like kayaking, rock climbing, the polar plunge, snorkeling, low ropes, hiking, plankton, astronomy, and dissecting squids. There were also different activities to do at free time, such as: Gaga ball, Volleyball, Frisbee, Frisbee golf, basketball, football, poly pong, and just watching other people playing games.

If you were late for the activities then you had to do

something embarrassing like: write words in the air with your butt, do the dance “I’m A Little Teapot”, do the chicken dance, and other things.

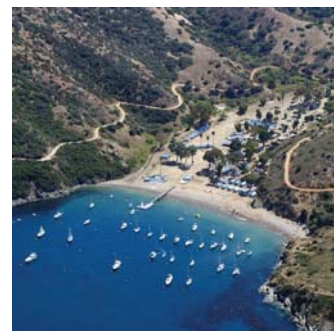
There were also many different cabins that different groups were assigned to stay in. The camp directors choose the people in each cabin group.

The 5th graders got there by boat. The boat rides can be really rocky, but others times it can be very smooth.

The food served at

Catalina varies for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and dessert. For breakfast there can be pancakes, milk, cereal, water, muffins, and other foods. For lunch there can be sandwiches, chips, French fries, water, milk, corndogs, salad, and other foods. For dinner there can be milk, water, chicken, Hawaiian bread, salad, and other foods. Finally we have dessert after dinner like rice crispy treats and chocolate chip cookies.

That is what the 5th graders did at Catalina. ❖



### Jessica Pedersen—on Team USA for synchronized team skating

Jessica began skating when she was five years old, and this past year her synchronized skating team, ICE’Kateers, qualified for Team USA status and placed sixth in the International Synchronized Skating Competition in Sweden in March. ❖



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## An Ungifted Kid

By Jose C. and Dominic C.



**U**ngifted is a book about Donovan Curtis who gets in trouble at his middle school, and is hiding out at A.S.D (Academy of School Distinction). Gordon Korman is the author of the famous book.

Ever since Donovan Curtis knocked over the old statue that could not be

fixed, it was a prank gone bad. When he went to the A.S.D., he cheated off Noah Youkilis. Noah got all the answers wrong, but he has an IQ of 206.

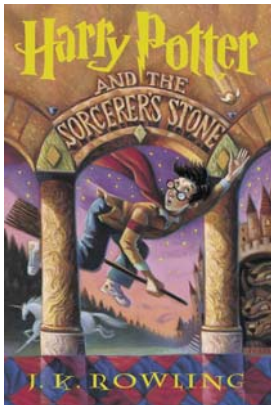
Noah wants to get out of the school. They make Donovan take a test to see if he is really gifted. While Donovan takes the test,

someone hacks his computer. But who? That's why you have to read the book.

This is a book good for boys and girls in grades 4th grade and up. This book is a realistic fiction book. Readers will find it to be a humorous and interesting book. This book is rated 3.95 stars out of 5. ❖

## The Harry Potter Series

By Hanna R.



**H**arry Potter is about a boy who lives with his cousins, the Dursleys, at 4 Privet Drive.

Harry does not like living with his cousins, mostly because of Dudley, his cousin. He bullies Harry. A little while later Harry gets a

letter from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and finds out he is a wizard.

Harry ends up becoming friends with a half giant ( Hagrid ), gets a snowy owl ( Hedwig ), a wand, and other things for school.

On the train to Hogwarts

he meets his new friends Ron and Hermione. They are going to go on a big adventure.

This book is written by J.K. Rowling. I don't know about you, but I love the Harry Potter series. ❖

## Trip Trip Hooray!

By Rosanna G.



**I**f you're not busy and you're bored and you're thinking of a fun place to go to, Universal Studios is a great place for you. There are many exciting things, like rides and cool shops there.

What's so cool about Universal Studios is that they

make some cartoon movies. The movies that they make are as good as Disney movies. They started making movies on June 8, 1912.

The Mummy ride is one of the rides that they have it is also my favorite ride, it is really fast and the video that they put on is really

scary and loud. My other favorite ride is the transformers ride, you just sit in a car and it moves front and back and when you drop it is just a screen it is soo cool how they make it look real.

Universal Studios is a really cool place to visit and have fun. ❖



## The Heroes of Olympus

By Sarah J.

The *Heroes of Olympus* series is the exiting conclusion series to Rick Riordan's captivating *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series. Riordan brings old enemies back and adds new allies to the story. Now Percy, Annabeth, Grover and many more are facing Mother Earth known as Gaea.

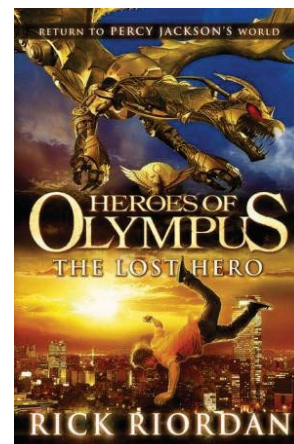
Riordan brings the Greek gods Roman aspects

into view. Gaea seeks revenge and brings all of her fallen children back from the deepest parts of Tartarus. The Doors of Death are opened and the next Great Prophecy is spoken. Percy and newcomer Jason are thrown into new lives with Percy as a Roman and Jason as a Greek. They are sent to each other's camps with no memory. They only regain their memory in the

later books and are returned to their families.

Only four of five books in this series are out in stores. This is a must-read for fantasy adventure lovers of all ages.

A list of the books from Riordan are *The Lightning Thief*, *The Sea of Monsters*, *The Titan's Curse*, *The Last of the Olympians*, *The Son of Neptune*, and many more. ❖



## Attention 5th Graders

Are you interested in helping out at 7th Street Elementary next year as a PressFriends mentor? PressFriends is an all-volunteer, student-run program, and we have trained over 350 middle and high school students in the South Bay and San Pedro. You can earn community service hours and there are leadership positions on our Middle School Advisory Council.

Our new volunteer trainings are on June 7 in Palos Verdes and June 14 in Lawndale. For more information and to sign up, go to [pressfriends.org](http://pressfriends.org) and click on the links to the trainings.



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## Garry's Mod

By Keone S.



There is a really cool game called *Garry's Mod*. *Garry's Mod* nickname is G Mod.

*G Mod* can be played on the PC and Mac. There are a lot of game modes too. Some of the popular game modes are Prop Hunt and Sandbox. In Prop Hunt, if you are a seeker, your main goal is to find props that are other people. If you're a prop you have to try your best to hide from seekers until time runs out. You spawn as an old man and go around the map looking for props

to change. into. The time starts at seven minutes. This game mode is played online in a public or private match.

Prop Hunt is a well known game type. About 1,000 people play it a month. My favorite prop is a soda can.

Another one of my favor-

ite game modes is Sandbox. In Sandbox you pretty much go on random maps and create random things. I like making a rocket ships and fly onto the moon. You can play with all of your friends and have even more fun!!

You can create anything. You



can also buy DLC packs to get extra maps. A DLC pack means downloadable content. It is something that upgrades your game content.

I love the game *G Mod*. You should try it out sometime. ❖

## Minecraft

By 7th Street Sailor reporter



There is a game for Xbox called *Minecraft*. In this game there are two game modes — survival mode and creative mode.

In creative mode, you can build without running out of blocks. In survival mode you run out of blocks and it is more challenging.

There are also mobs that can give you food . You can eat food in survival

mode and you can't in creative mode. There are also crafting tables , anvils, furnaces, brewing stand, and more. You can also go to different dimension like the Nether and the End. There are also potatoes and carrots and wheat and pumpkins.

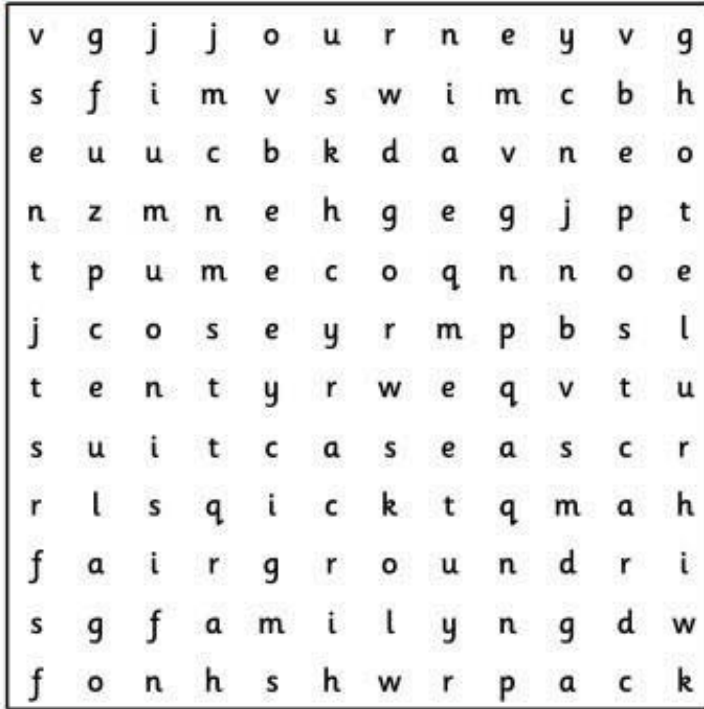
In survival mode you can tame dogs with bones to get achievements. In survival mode you have to make a

house. In survival mode you have to survive, so you also have to get food. You can then do more exploring. Then you can find stone, iron, gold, diamonds, emeralds, redstone, lapis and coal. You can also find water and lava. You can also duplicate those ores. And that is what you can do in survival mode

In creative mode you can do what ever you want. ❖



## Summer Vacation Word Search



## Word Search



fairground	family	fun	hotel
ice cream	journey	pack	postcard
suitcase	summer	swim	tent

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# CMA Kids News

*Join PressFriends' middle and high school mentors for free, fun summer workshops at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium*

## **June 21—10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

We'll play science detectives to find out more about climate change and the impact on local marine life. You'll also get a behind-the-scenes tour of the aquarium from a CMA student docent. You'll pick a topic to research in the CMA's library and write an article that will be published in *CMA Kids News*' September issue.



## **August 23—10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

We'll be joined by CMA educator Carl Carranza, who always has a special treat in store for *CMA Kids News* reporters. In the past, we've been to the salt marsh, to the tide pools, and collected plankton. You'll pick a topic to research in the CMA's library and write an article that will be published in *CMA Kids News*' September issue.

**SPACE IS LIMITED SO SIGN UP SOON.**

**Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/cmakids2014>**

You must be registered to attend.

*CMA Kids News* is a program of PressFriends, Friends of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, and the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.



**Parents:** Please note that this is a student-run mentoring program led by middle and high school students. This is a discovery program run by kids for kids. PressFriends' focus is on making writing a fun experience.