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## Meet Alvin's "Dad", Jason Lee

By Tiana B.

The *Roosevelt Times* interviewed Jason Lee, who plays Dave Seville in the new movie, *Alvin and the Chipmunks Chipwrecked*.

**Roosevelt Times:** Who was your favorite character in the movie?

**Jason Lee:** I have a soft spot for Theodore. He's probably the cutest.

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

**Jason Lee:** I was 24

years old. I was a bit of a late start, but look at Morgan Freeman who didn't start until he was in his fifties. You're never too old to do your thing.

**Roosevelt Times:** Which of the Alvin movies is your favorite?

**Jason Lee:** This one. I liked the first one, because you really got to see how it all started. This one [*Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked*] is definitely the most fun, because it's the most adventurous. The more crazy stuff happening, the more exciting it is, and this one definitely has a lot of crazy stuff. ❖



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## Alvin and The Chipmunks Chipwrecked Preview

By Alaya B.

Are you ready to see Alvin and the Chipmunks Chipwrecked? It's a fun movie for everyone in the family.

The movie is about how Dave, The Chipmunks, and The Chipettes go on a cruise

for their vacation. When they get on the cruise ship, Alvin does what he normally does—mess up things for everyone else. So, right after Alvin messes everything up for the other chipmunks, they end up

off the ship and on an island—and they have to survive without Dave. In the meantime, Dave is looking for the Chipmunks and Chipettes, and trying to rescue them.

There are a lot of funny scenes. My favorite one is when the Chipettes were dancing on the ship, then one of the Chipettes bump into a girl, and they had a dance off. I also liked the part when Simon turns into Simone.

We don't want to tell you the whole story and spoil the movie, so go see *Alvin and the Chipmunks Chipwrecked*. It will be in theaters starting on December 16th. ❖



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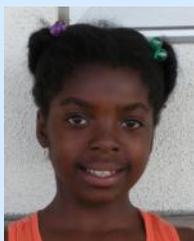
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Not pictured: Kimberly G. and Christina D.

## Mike Mitchell on Directing Chipmunks

By Tiana B. and Alaya B.

**M**ike Mitchell is the director of *Alvin and the Chipmunks—Chipwrecked* movie and he also directed movies like *Shrek Forever After* and *Sky High*.

**Roosevelt Times:** What kind of movies do you like to watch?

**Mike Mitchell:** I like kid stuff and that why I'm real lucky getting to work on kid films. I

love animated films, live action kids films, and the mix of animation and live action—which is really what we're doing these days.

**Roosevelt Times:** Who is your favorite actor?

**Mike Mitchell:** I did a film a long time ago called *Sky High* that I liked working on. The actor who played the dad in it, Kurt Russell, did a lot of Disney films when he was a kid, so it was really neat to work with him since I had grown up on his movies. I also like Amy Poehler who is the voice of Eleanor, I worked with Amy on a film long ago, and it was neat to see her again. ❖



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## A Chipmunk Legacy

By Alaya B. and Tiana B.

**T**he producers of the *Alvin and the Chipmunks* movies and cartoons are Ross Bagdasarian and his wife Janice Karman. Both of them were the voices of the Chipmunks and Chipettes in the cartoons.

Mr. Bagdasarian's father was the creator of the Chipmunks.

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

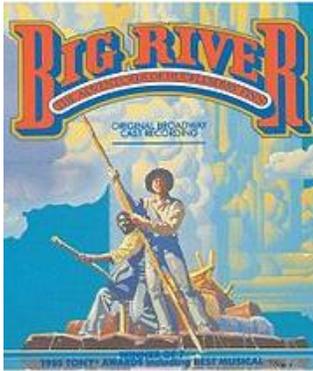
**Ross Bagdasarian:** There are

so many of them. Actually, the one when Alvin is surfing on Dave's shoe down the water-slide. I also loved it when he was flying through the jungle, sort of zip lining, but then I also love those scenes where Alvin kind of feels bad about what he's done to Dave and everything... My absolute favorite, of course, are the songs that the Chipmunks and Chipettes sing.

**Janice Karman:** I love the emotional scenes. I love when Simone dancing with Jeanette and they have their ... and I love the scene, love the scene where Alvin comes back to



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## RAP Takes a Ride Down the Big River

By Ariana D.

**B**ig River's setting was at a foggy swamp with crabs everywhere. There was green scenery to go with the swamp; there were trees left and right. A bridge in the back, and all you could hear was the sound of water and crickets. Out of nowhere a boy comes out, and reads a sign.

This was the play *Big River*. *Roosevelt Times* had the opportunity to see Big River, and it was awesome and exciting. This was the first time I had



ever seen a play and musical. Everything on stage looked real. The fog made it look like there was a real swamp on stage. The props were very

real, like the raft that Jim, a slave, and Huck rode on. The lighting brought the play to life.

One of my favorite times was during the night scenes. *Big River* told a story about Huckleberry Finn and his adventures with the slave Jim in the South. Huck meets a lot of interesting people like King, Duke, and Mary Jane.

This play was a musical, and every once in while you would hear the characters sing,

and the songs would describe what they were feeling. One of the characters in the play was Tessa Southwell who played Mary Jane; she sang really well. ❖



## Mothers Advocating Prevention

By the *Roosevelt Times* staff

The *Roosevelt Times* interviewed Danielle Lauro, the Executive Director for Mothers Advocating Prevention (MAP). MAP teaches kids how to stay safe by making safe choices. Mrs. Lauro talked to the *Roosevelt Times* about knowing when to call 9-1-1, what to do if a kid is separated from a parent, how to recognize "safe helpers," and how to identify a bad person online and in person.

**Roosevelt Times:** How and why did MAP start?

**Mrs. Lauro:** MAP started in 1999, when five women saw the need for personal safety prevention for children. There were a number of high profile abductions at the time, and this was something we wanted to prevent.

**Roosevelt Times:** How long have you been working for MAP?

**Mrs. Lauro:** I am one of the founding members, so since 1999. 12 years.

**Roosevelt Times:** What do you like best about working for MAP?

**Mrs. Lauro:** I love educating and interacting with the kids. Seeing their faces when it clicks.

**Roosevelt Times:** How many presentations does MAP make a year?

**Mrs. Lauro:** We make presentations to over ten Elementary schools (K thru 5) and various parent education and youth organizations every year.

**Roosevelt Times:** What do kids need to look out for when walking to school?

**Mrs. Lauro:** When walking to school you should always walk with a crowd, either with friends or a least a parent. Always be aware of your surroundings.

**Roosevelt Times:** What can kids do about bullies at school?

**Mrs. Lauro:** Bullies should always be reported. If you

feel uncomfortable talk to a "safe helper" and get this situation resolved. School should be a safe place for you to learn and play.

**Roosevelt Times:** What is MAP's advice about cyber bullies?

**Mrs. Lauro:** Cyberbullies think they are anonymous; their not. Document any activity, print it out and save it on your computer. Then report them to your parents, school administration and if needed the police.

**Roosevelt Times:** How has MAP's program changed in the last 10 years?

**Mrs. Lauro:** MAP has gone into the Digital Age. When we first started, we talked about the predator in the park or public areas. Now we talk about cyberbullying and predators on and offline.

Remember to always tell someone if you are being bullied. ❖





## Capeless Heroes

By Alaya B.

What is Mothers Advocating Prevention, or M.A.P for short, all about? On Friday, September 24th, we met Mrs. Lauro, one of the founding members of the organization. M.A.P's purpose is to inform kids on how to be safe on Internet and on their way home.

Mrs. Lauro told us that when you walk home always walk in a group and never by yourself. If your walking by yourself and you see a stranger

just run away and find an adult.

She also mentioned that if you catch yourself on Facebook or Twitter, or any social network, always ask for permission and don't give out any personal information. You may run into somebody that you don't know and it can lead into problems. Don't engage in a conversation online, instead report them and let the social network take care of it.

Mrs. Lauro gave us easy steps to remember that we will

need to be safe online and when we walk home. Just remember the ABC steps for safety...

A: ask for help

B: bring a friend

C: check first

D: do tell

E: explore the Internet safely

Thank you Mrs. Lauro for helping us learn how to stay safe on our way to different locations and on the internet. ❖



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## From Our London Correspondent

### London School Days

By Helena C.

In the UK, the school year always starts in early September. This means that it is officially autumn when the school year begins. Slightly depressing, but it means that we're not ever in the middle of a major heat wave when we're sitting at our desk. Not that we ever *are* in the middle of a major heat wave. I'm sure you'll have heard about the notorious British weather. As a native, I can tell you it's not as bad as it's cracked up to be, but even so you very rarely get temperatures above thirty degrees [Centigrade or 86 degrees Fahrenheit], even in August.

The first day of school is not very eventful. In England, we only have three stages of school: primary school (age 4-

11), secondary school (age 11-18) and then optional university. I am in Year 8- the equivalent of seventh grade in America- but this is my second year at secondary school so I am already fairly well informed as to how everything works.

Last year, on my first *ever* day of secondary school, we split into teams and sent running wildly round the school filling out a quiz. I *think* the purpose of this was to help us memorise the layout of the school—they didn't make it very clear—and for some of us it worked; but for me, not so much. My primary school was extremely small so it took awhile for me to adjust.

This year I start a new subject—Spanish. You cannot quit

any subject until GCSE level (GCSEs are a qualification, one for each subject- a bit like individual middle school diplomas for maths, English, Spanish, etc.) which isn't until Year 11 (tenth grade for you) so that means this year I am taking maths, English, chemistry, physics, biology, French, Spanish, Latin, drama, ICT, Cooking, History, Geography, Art, Philosophy, Design Technology, PSHE, Music, and Sport—nineteen subjects in all. As you can imagine, this makes for quite a packed timetable. In two years I will have to learn either Russian or Italian, but apart from that there will be no changes to my timetable for the next three years.

Be grateful for the American system. ❖

*"I am taking ...  
nineteen subjects  
in all."*

## We Are Hungry For The Gold

By Berenice R.

Flag Football season is back! Prepare for sportsmanship, action, flag grabbing, coaching, mentoring and most importantly of all team work! I interviewed Coach Armando to get an insight of this year's team and goals. This is what he had to say...

**Roosevelt Times:** What new goals do you hope to accomplish this year you're your new football team?

**Coach Armando:** I want them to develop some leadership skills and I also want them to take their responsibility of showing the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders how to become some great athletes.

**Roosevelt Times:** What new training do you have this year with the football team?

**Coach Armando:** I don't really think there's a lot of new training. I think everything's

been the same since we started football 2 years ago because we haven't lost the championship. Like they say, if it's not broken, don't fix it.

**Roosevelt Times:** Unfortunately, last year you couldn't claim an undefeated streak. What new strategies are you thinking of so that won't happen again this year?

**Coach Armando:** Well, we only had one lost last year. This year we're hoping to go undefeated, win the 3<sup>rd</sup> championship and that's by mixing up the players. We're not going to have a specific quarterback. We're going to have a lot of tricks up our sleeves and just hope that the defense can realize who's being who and who's going to play what.

**Roosevelt Times:** We know that team spirit is important to

every team. How does your football team show team spirit?

**Coach Armando:** They do several chants. They have maybe 2 or 3 chants that they do. They do a chant before practice, they do a chant during practice, and then they have a huddle where they do a chant after practice.

**Roosevelt Times:** Can we really expect the trophy back this year since we didn't get it last year?

**Coach Armando:** I can say we can but to me that's up to the football players and the determination if they want it really bad.

So we hope the football team works together with Mr. Armando and so does he. We hope they try their hardest to bring back the gold! ❖



2011 FDR Flag Football Team



### Roar Tigers, Roar!

By Zeyna A.

**I**s this your first year of F.D.R? If it is, then I'll tell you about this amazing school!!! If you don't want to be in the low class, then you have to finish your homework, follow directions, and use good language.

We also have recess where you can play whatever you want, like dodgeball, soccer, football and plenty of more games! There's morning recess, lunch recess, and regular recess.

At school we also have P.E.! P.E. is when you play a game, but you can also switch classes. For example, I am in Mrs. Sipila's P.E. class, and the next day I'm in Ms. Tamargo.

The teachers for fifth grade are Mrs. Sipila, Mrs. Sofa, Ms. Tamargo, and Ms. Manabat. At F.D.R, we also have P.S Arts. P.S. Arts is a place where you can do drama, music, and

art. The first trimester you have drama, second trimester you have music, and third trimester you have art. The price to come is nothing! You don't need to pay! You still have to sign a lot of applications though.

If you're wondering what F.D.R stands for, I'll tell you. F.D.R means Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Franklin Delano Roosevelt is great. ❖



### Cloud Envy

By Joanna A. & Isabel F.

**C**louds are made of hot steam, which means you cannot sit on a cloud because you can just go through it.

There are seven kinds of clouds. The main clouds are cirrus, stratus and cumulus. Cirrus cloud is a cloud that spreads across the sky, like the sky is foggy. Stratus clouds are clouds that are flat; they al-

ways make me feel relaxed when watching them.

When Cumulus clouds are together they are similar to the Cumulonimbus. They are stacked on top of each other and these are rain clouds.

Clouds are pretty to look at. They always look like something if you use your imagination.

If you go in an airplane, you go above the clouds so it makes you feel like you are in a pond of white water. If you look down, it could make you feel dizzy or it could make you feel a lot of wonder at how magical it is.

Some of the best sceneries include a sunset and a layout of Stratus clouds. ❖



### Wild for Toucans

By Joanna A.

**T**oucans are known for their bright-colored bill. They only eat fruit but sometimes-small birds and spiders. Their bill is also used to defend their babies from other animals too. Some of them live in the South America in the tropical rainforest.

In the rain forest they live in big nice fruit trees. These

fruit trees are very important, not only are they used for food, but also for shelter.

Toucans help with growing fruit trees by spreading seeds.

Female Toucan's can have two to four eggs. The eggs hatch in fifteen to twenty days. They make sure they're nice and warm like other birds by sitting on their eggs.

Female toucans are not bigger than the male toucan; the biggest difference between them is the size and shape of their bills. Females have a shorter straight bill.

Toucan's wings are small so they travel short distances.

We hope you learned something new about the Toucan. ❖

## A Burst of Colors

By Joanna A. & Isabel F.

**T**ulips are flowers. They grow and bloom, but unlike most flowers they sometimes don't give off a scent. Some of the most amazing sceneries have a colorful tulip fields.

Tulips come in different colors like red, pink, orange, yellow, purple, hot pink, and white. Tulips are delicate to the touch. Tulips are native to some places in Europe, China and the Middle East, where mountains are found.

Tulips grow in the spring and fully grow in the summer when the bees come.

Tulips have a strong steam and very pretty petals. Tulips



grow one flower to stem, but if you're lucky, you get about three to a stem.

Tulips come, from different places like from farms or gardens.

Tulips are good for giving it on Mothers Day, Easter, and Valentines Day. The most popular colors are red, pink, hot pink, and purple and sometimes white. Tulips can become the perfect present; they are not as common as roses.

Tulips are beautiful. ❖



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## Wild Experience!

By Joshua S.

**L**ions, tigers, and bears, oh my! You can see all these wild animals at that the San Diego Zoo. The San Diego Zoo has animals from all over the world. All you need is a map to find your favorite animal, or an exhibit.

In one location, you can feed certain animals. It is

really cool to be up close with wild animals. If you feel like taking break, you can stop by some their restaurants, or anywhere you see a vendor. My family and I had hot dogs with ketchup and mustard for lunch. The San Diego Zoo also has an Imax theater, with movies about animals. My family

watched "Born to Be Wild", some parts of the movie were sad. Afterwards you can go visit the Safari Park, this is park where you can explore and see all kinds of animal up close. You and your family should go to the San Diego Zoo you guys will have a great time. ❖





## Shake It Up, Break It Down

By Kimberly G.

Do you know what the album of “Shake it up Break it down”, and the bonus CD is all about it?

Let’s start by the songs. All the songs the CD has are catchy, and danceable. #1 is Shake It Up #2 is Break It Down #3 is Not To Young #4 my favorite is Schools Out #5 is Watch Me #6 is All The Way Up #7 We Right Here #8

Dance For Life #9 is Twist My Hips #10 is Roll The Dice #11 is Just Wanna Dance #12 Our Generation #13 All Electric and #14 Watch Me. That’s all the songs, but there’s still more in the album the bonus CD. On the bonus CD you have the opportunity to learn how to dance to their songs. There are only five dance lessons though, if you watched the show you

may seen the dances. The songs are “Schools Out”, “Watch me”, “Shake it up”, and “Break it down”, and “Not to young”. The dance lessons are between easy and difficult, but the only dances I could do, were “Schools Out” and “Shake it up”. Everyone should go get this CD; it will be fun to dance to with friends. ❖



## CAUTION! Mindless Behavior

By Alaya B.

Mindless Behavior? They are the newest boy band to hit LA.

Mindless Behavior has 4 singers, which are Princeton, Ray Ray, Prodigy, and Roc Royal. They sing hip-hop music. They all of came from Los Angeles, California, except for Prodigy, who came from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They are all 14 years old. Isn’t that awesome?

They made 4 songs. They are: My Future, My Girl, Number 1 Girl, and Mrs. Right.

Before they worked on their album, they worked as back-up dancers to Beyonce and Timbaland. They were also opening acts for artists like the Backstreet Boys and Justin Bieber.

Ray Ray’s birthday is January 6th, Prodigy’s birthday if December 26th; Princeton’s

birthday is April 21<sup>st</sup>, and Roc Royal birthday July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I like Princeton from Mindless Behavior because Princeton has a pretty voice and he’s so quiet just like me and he has a pretty cute Afro.

I also like Prodigy, because I like his Mohawk in the letters “MB”. If you want to listen to some new music, you should give the music by Mindless Behavior a try. ❖



## Banda Diva Jenni Rivera

By Daisy M.

Who loves Jenni Rivera? I know I do.

Jenni is a Mexican-American who sings in the genre of Banda and Norteña music.

Jenni was born in a family of singers. She has five kids of her own, and a grand child. Jenni has made 12 albums over the past years, her last album

“En Vivo Desde Hollywood” in 2010. She is very popular among the ladies; Jenni sings about topics that are related to every woman.

Jenni Rivera even has her own show in MUN2 called “I love Jenni”, this a reality show that shows what Jenni does when she is not performing. One thing you should know

about her is, that she is adventurous. Jenni has worked at a taco truck, and gave away free tacos for everyone.

Jenni loves being a performer and all the perks that come with. The only thing she doesn’t like about is being away from her family at times, because she won’t see them for a couple of months. ❖

## I Wanna Be A Billionaire...with Bruno Mars

By Andrea C.

Have you ever heard yourself singing a catchy song? During this last month I have listened to the song *Grenade* by Bruno Mars. When I first heard the song *Grenade*, I loved it so much! Then when I read the lyrics, I thought in my head, that girl is a cheater!

I heard so many of his songs that I love a lot such as

*Grenade*, the *Lazy Song*, and *Billionaire*. But if I were to choose from those three, I would choose *Grenade* because I know it by heart.

Bruno Mars was born in Hawaii on October 8, 1985. He started performing at the age of 4 with his family's band, "The Love Notes." Bruno can play different types of instruments

such as, guitar and piano. I can't play any of those instruments!

Bruno's real name is Peter Gene Hernandez. Can you believe it! Bruno Mars sings pop, alternative, hip-hop, and soul music. When people hear Bruno Mars, I believe boys and girls are going to like and know him. ❖



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## An Exclusive Look Into Selena Gomez

By Kimberly G.

I am sure you all have heard about Selena Gomez' new movie, her awards, her best songs, albums, music videos, and her clothing line. This is only stuff in 2011.

### Monte Carlo

Let's start with her movie. Her new movie is called *Monte Carlo*. It's a romcom (romantic

comedy) directed by Tom Bezucha.

*Monte Carlo* is about a girl named Grace that is going to graduate from high school and gets a job to save up money for a trip to Paris.

Her dream has turned into a disaster. Then, she is mistaken for someone else and pretends to be royalty. She goes to all these fancy dances and gets to go on a trip ... to Monte Carlo.

### Fashion Diva

Now let's start with her clothing line. Her clothing line is called Dream Out Loud. Dream Out Loud expresses fun creative style and you can wear it no matter what kind of style you have. You could get all of these items at Kmart.

### Awards

Now let's move on to the awards Selena Gomez has received. In the Nickelodeon Kids Choice Awards she won the Best Female Celebrity

Award. For Teen Choice Awards her whole band won. Also, for the Music Awards she won for Best New Artist.

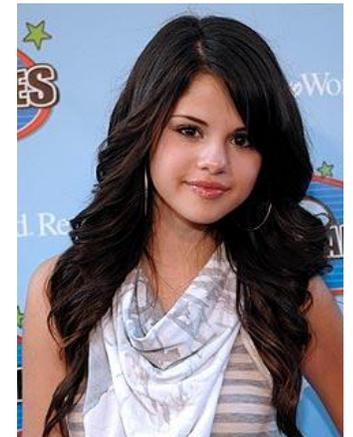
### Selena's Best Recordings

Here you will see all the best albums, song and music videos of Selena Gomez.

The best song is *Tell Me Something I Don't Know* and *Naturally*. *Tell Me Something I Don't Know* was made for a movie called *Another Cinderella Story* which Selena Gomez was part of as well. *Naturally* is a song about everything is natural when you're with someone special.

The best album is called *Kiss and Tell*. *Kiss and Tell* has cool rock songs.

The best music video is *Tell Me Something I Don't Know*. *Tell Me Something I Don't Know* is an awesome video, it has cool dance moves and the song makes you want to get up and dance! ❖



## Deals, Deals, Deals!

NORDSTROM  
rack

By Marvel N.

Nordstrom Rack is a big store. There is one located in Inglewood. The one located in Inglewood is the only one you'll see for a couple of miles. It is very different compare to the Nordstrom in the Galleria. When you go inside, you'll see that this store has a lot of stuff on the floor, one thing is clothing. The clothing they have in stock is

good quality. The brands they carry are made by top designers. You may think that the store is only for adults, because it is very fancy, but they carry items for kids too. Some of the brands you may see there are Nike, Sketchers, Adidas, Volcom and Ralph Lauren. The prices are low compared to the regular Nordstrom store. Nordstrom Rack has all

the clothes that were not sold in the regular Nordstrom Rack. The people who work there is really friendly, they can help if you need to find a certain item in the store. Like my aunt who works at Nordstrom Rack, you can find her at the kids department. I hope you go to Nordstrom one day, we may even see each other. ❖



## Between the Slices

By Berenice R.

Yum, yum, yum. I love me some pizza. Would you love yourself some pizza from Pizza Hut, Dominos, or Little Cesars? I know you would, so read along and you'll find the results of the most requested pizza.

The *Roosevelt Times* narrowed down the survey to only 3 questions, which are:

- What are your favorite yummy toppings?
- What is your favorite crust?
- From where you like your pizza such as, Pizza Hut, Dominos, and Little Cesars.



The *Roosevelt Times* interviewed a total of 18 people. 12 chose pepperoni as their favorite topping, while Hawaiian came in 2<sup>nd</sup> with only 3 votes.

When it came to crust preference, hand tossed came in 1<sup>st</sup> with 10 votes, while other such as garlic or stuffed, came in 2<sup>nd</sup> with 6 votes in total.

Lastly, FDR students voted Little Caesars as their favorite pizza company. with the total of 11 votes. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place, with the total of 5 votes, was Pizza Hut.



pizza. It was weird because of the differences that people have between them and me. If your reading this, you may be one of the people interviewed for this article.

Now that I'm talking about pizza, when I get home, I going to ask my mom to take me to Little Cesars! Yum, yum, yum!❖



I had really fun asking people around about their favorite



## Sizzling Steak

By Mike N.

Sizzlers is an amazing steak restaurant. When you first step inside, you'll see a giant menu. Further inside you get see chandeliers and colorful decorations with red, yellow, and gold colors on the walls and ceiling.

Sizzlers is family-friendly; they offer kids meals. When you order any meal they offer you their endless salad bar. The only answer coming out of your mouth is "yes!"

When they say endless, they mean endless.

This salad bar has onion rings, fries, spaghetti, soups, salads, taco bar, and soft serve ice creams. The main reason for going to Sizzlers is for their



juicy steaks. They serve every cut of steak, like new strip, to tri tip. They also serve ribs, with just right amount of barbecue sauce. If you don't feel like eating beef they also have chicken.

If you order any kind of shrimp you get to decide how you want it to be cooked. You can get it friendly fried, roasted burnt, crispy, burnt, or raw.

If you are craving steak, go to Sizzlers it will satisfy your taste buds, any day of the week. ❖

## Need Some Extra Help?

By Zeyna A.

Did you ever think of what it takes to be a good house cleaner? The *Roosevelt Times* asked Zeyna's House Cleaning about what it takes to be a good housekeeper.

Aren't you tired of people not showing up? A good clearer shows up on time.

A good cleaner should leave your home fresh and clean.

Does the cleaner tackle windows? Some don't, so you want to look for one who will.

You want to make sure that a cleaner will also clean bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchens, living rooms,

ovens, stoves., showers, bathtubs., and do laundry!

This reporter has personal experience on cleaning, and it's an art so make sure that you chose carefully. ❖

*Zeyna's House Cleaning can be reached at (310) 709-3044.*



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### Birds Attack!

By Brenda R.



Angry Birds is a game that needs aim and skill. There are a lot of great things I could name about angry birds but right now I'll name 3 things.

One, it's really really fun. Two, this gives you a chance to practice aim and strategy and last but not least the third

reason is you can play it wherever you go! But the thing with angry birds is that its one of the best games in the world! The greatest thing about angry birds is that it's about throwing birds that are destroying the enemies and enemy bases by using your birds and your bird's specialties! This game is

really fun maybe one day you could use a super awesome birdy to tweet you up! Once in a while some one will put the game down but in most cases it's impossible. So, if you're looking for everlasting entertainment there is nothing better than Angry Birds!❖

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### Black & White is the New Theme

By Juan H.



Nintendo presented the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of Pokemon known as Pokemon Black and White, the best Pokemon game yet. It has awesome new features like the 3D effects in the environment, the way the Pokemon moves when you send them out. This generation has all new Pokemon, people, plot, and scenery.

In the beginning of the game the professor, known as Juniper, sends a present to your house and tells you to call your friends. Inside the box there are 3 Pokemon balls containing oshawott, tepig, and snivy. After you get your Pokemon you go on your adventure with your friends who receive the other two Pokemon, and you

find a mysterious young man named N who becomes your rival. You also have to fight an enemy team known as Team Plasma that are trying to find and use the power of the Pokemon Reshiram and Zekrom.

I had a really fun time and if you ever get the chance to play it, I'm sure it will be an awesome experience.❖

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### Just a *Regular* Article

By Mariana S.



Have you ever seen *Regular Show*? If you have you, would know it's awesome and hilarious. It has two main characters Mordicai the blue jay, and Rigby the raccoon, two awesome funny guys. There is also Skips the gorilla, Benson the grumpy gumball machine, Pops

the happy guy, Muscle man the "tough" one, and finally High 5 Ghost.

Mordicai and Rigby enjoy playing videos and having fun, but sometimes when they do a particular thing like find baby ducks, play broken bonez, summer time lovin, they will always

have an awesome adventure like fight music, an evil man that wants ducks, and a video game show down with a giant bearded face.

You can see the *Regular Show* on Cartoon Network. Like Mordicai and Rigby always say "yey yah!" ❖

## Not Your Ordinary Plumber

By Kayla M.

**S**uper Mario Bros is a game of skill. You can find this game on every Nintendo platform. You will advance to different levels, with overall wearing plumber by the name of Mario. There are different kinds of mushrooms you need to get blue ones, yellow with orange ones, greens, red ones and don't take a brown mushroom,

because they try to destroy you.

You are going to fight some very big enemies. So you're going to need to use the star, which makes you invincible. You can also put on a defense by using a blue shell, and for a great offense a fire flower. There are tons of enemies to face like brown mushrooms,

turtles, bombs, bowser, caterpillars, bumblebees, piranhas and eels. With all these enemies it sounds like Mario is on his own, but he actually has Luigi, he's thinner and taller. They both fight evil in order to save a princess by the name of Peach. ❖



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## Brawl It Up!

By Edgar S.

**S**uper Smash Bros is one of the best games out there, because it allows you to play against four at the same time, and it has some of the most famous characters from Nintendo.

The first Super Smash Bros was for Nintendo 64 in June 24, 1999. This Super Smash

Bros has a total of 12 characters.

Super Smash Bros Melee was the sequel. This game has 29 characters and better graphics. Super Smash Bros. Melee released in 2001 for the Nintendo Gamecube.

Finally Super Smash Bros. Brawl is the last current game

out for this trilogy. It was released in March 2008 only for Wii. You have to be looking for the smash ball. You can collect trophies and stickers, and the game organizes your stickers and trophies. Everyone has different specials which special do you like? Do you like the game too? ❖



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## Adventures of Stanley

By Felix P.

**T**his book is about a boy named Stanley, or better known to the rest of world as Flat Stanley.

Stanley is the hero in the book. This story takes place in Snow City and Christmas is a few days' away. Santa has been getting ready for this day to come every year, but this year it is different.

Santa believes that all the world's children are naughty. This year it is up to Stanley to save Christmas from being cancelled but he has help from his sister Sarah.

I liked reading *Stanley's Christmas Adventures*; it is a good chapter book. This book talks about one of my favorite times of the year—Christmas!

Reading books about Christmas gets the readers excited about the holiday season. It also shows you that anyone can be hero as long they are not afraid to stand up to what is wrong.

If you're crazy about the holidays and want a good book to read choose *Stanley's Christmas Adventures* by Jeff Brown. ❖





### A Day to Remember

By Justin T.

**H**alloween is the scariest holiday that comes once a year. It is my second favorite holiday after Christmas. Kids and adults love this holiday and it is one of the best. Some of us like it because we like to dress up, other for the candy, or just for the parties and for the decorations.

Well, the *Roosevelt Times* decided to ask FDR students three simple questions: What is your favorite Halloween candy? What is your favorite costume? What do you like about Halloween?

The results were surprising, yet expected. For your favorite candy, most of you choose Kit-Kat bar, Snickers,

and lollipops. While in the category of your favorite costume, many of you choose witches. Last but not least, the reason you guys like Halloween, it's for the candy!

Whether, you just like the candy, or the costumes. I hope you had a Happy Halloween, but most importantly a safe one. ❖



### What Time? Kids Tyme!

By Alaya B.

**K**ids Tyme is the greatest place on earth. Kids Tyme is in Las Vegas at the casino called The Orleans.

In the Orleans casino, Kids Tyme is upstairs by the movie theater.

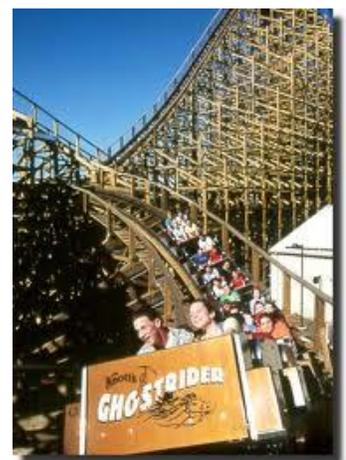
If you go to Kids Tyme you'll get to eat, sleep, and

play. You can eat there but your parents will have to pay extra. The food they serve is hot dogs, cookies, chips, milk, ice cream, and water.

In the play set there are a lot of slides of different colors, they have cars you're allowed to drive, and they

have video games too. Isn't that cool?

It's also good for your parents because they don't have to waste their time watching you, so you and your parents can have separate fun, and they can enjoy their vacation too. ❖



### A Haunting Experience

By Alex H.

**I** enjoy a good roller coaster, do you? Knott's Berry Farm has some cool roller coasters. One of my favorites is Ghost Rider. Ghost Rider looks like a scary roller coaster ride. It is black, and made out of wood. It is also known for being the longest and tallest roller

coaster in the park. Expect the line for this ride to be long because other people like it.

The best time to get on Ghost Rider is at night and on Halloween. The ride goes backwards, so you can't see what is ahead of you. This ride is for screamers. It even

has a spooky cave you have to go thru. Ghost Rider has a drop, a medium one though, but it's scary enough to give you butterflies in your stomach. After 2 minutes you reach the end of the ride, and you get to see the silly picture they took of you while being dropped. ❖

## Where the Magic Begins...

By Tiana B.

Disneyland is the best place to go when you have some free time when it's summertime! The rides that you can get on when it's hot are Splash Mountain and Pirates of the Caribbean because you can get really soaked and it feels really

good. The reason that I like Splash Mountain is because when you go up a hill in the wood log car, the person in the front will get really soaked. So, you have to be brave to get on most rides in Disneyland. The other rides you should get on is Space

Mountain, Autopia, Dumbo, and my favorite rides, Pirates of the Caribbean and Splash Mountain. The Pirates and Splash Mountain are so cool, because these rides also have an awesome drop and while falling you can't help but get butterflies in your stomach. ❖



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## Spokey Apartment on Waverly Place

By Christina D.

Have you seen it, the latest on "Wizards of Waverly Place" episode? Alex and Harper are tired of living with Alex's parents. They go out and try to find a place of their own. They find a new spooky and mysterious room, apartment 13 B.

Alex and Harper can live together, but this room doesn't exist. Apartment 13 B is a wizard room and only wiz-

ards know about the room. Weird things happen in the room, because there are other beings that live there, like a magical talking fireplace with a spooky voice.

There is also a magical light-colored bed, which can become a couch when you flip it. Max also finds the room by following Alex and Harper. Max wants to live there too. Alex and Harper

don't want him there, so they talk about it and Max just decides to leave the room. ❖



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## Happy Holidays from PressFriends



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### Ross Bagdasarian and Janice Karman

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Dave and Theodore sees Dave and hugs Dave, so those are the scenes that I'm going to like the most.

**Roosevelt Times:** What advice would you give someone who wanted to be a voice actor?

**Janice Karman:** I think that you should experiment with your voice, you should listen to dialects, whether it be English, Irish or whatever, practice all the time. Then I would put them on tape and see how they sound, and I would take say, an animated show, take that script, and I would take the voice away and do it the way you want to do it instead of the way it's being done.

**Ross Bagdasarian** Yes, I think the idea of being as many different characters as you can be. For example, let's say that you wondered what a pirate sounded like or you wondered like a weird little bird sounded like. You can do a bunch of voices, and then go to an agency that handle only voiceover people.

**Janice Karman:** And I would practice, practice, practice in as many different voices as I could.

**Roosevelt Times:** How do you make the Chipmunks sound the way they do?

**Ross Bagdasarian:** My dad started teaching us all a long time ago and we just play around with this machine that allows us to slow things up and speed things up - we got this really cool sound

**Janice Karman:** His dad

would talk very slowly, and when you speed it up, it has the same speed as we talk but a higher pitch

**Ross Bagdasarian:** It sounds just like the Chipmunks, and if you do it, your voice is going to sound a little different than if I do it and that is the trickiest thing when you are actually singing the songs.

**Roosevelt Times:** What is the hardest part of your job?

**Janice Karman:** Make sure that the characters are represented correctly that [the audi-



ence] likes the characters and make sure that when they leave that they like them—especially Alvin. We have to be careful that Alvin doesn't get too bratty, but at the end that he still has a good heart. We also need to make sure that the girls aren't mean, aren't mean spirited. Brittany can be superficial but she still has a good heart so it's so important that our Chipmunks are represented right and that you like them and that can be a difficult process.

**Roosevelt Times:** Did you have the idea for the movie?

**Ross Bagdasarian:** No, the

best idea was marrying Janice because she's got such great ideas about what's right for these characters to do.

She didn't come up with the title or putting them on the island, but she did come up with all the ideas about what the characters are going to be doing, creating the character where Simon gets bit by a spider and turns into Simone, the French adventurer.

**Roosevelt Times:** Do your kids want to work with Alvin and the Chipmunks?

**Janice Karman:** My daughter just loves the Chipmunks and my son does too, and my daughter will help me with designing the costumes some times. She helps because I trust her opinion. They're big fans but I don't know if they'll want to get into the business, but they are helping us in other ways, telling

us which lines work and which ones are funny.

**Ross Bagdasarian:** Our daughter has been our assistant with each of the movies we've made. She used to want to be in production before this started but now that she's been working on the *Alvin* movies. I don't know if she'll think the work is too hard.

**Janice Karman:** There are a lot of long hours, a lot of intensity—more than she every imagined.

**Ross Bagdasarian:** Honestly, whatever you wind up doing, it's really about finding something that you're passionate about and love doing . ❖

# The Adventures of Gir and the Crazy Random World—Part 1—Episode: Reload

By Kyle R.



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## RAP Roundup

By Maggie Guillen  
RAP Program Coordinator

### *Welcome to a new school year, Roosevelt Tigers!*

I am excited to see what this new school year has for us. We have begun the year busy with many event preparations to showcase our student's talents. We celebrated after school programs –Lights On! on October 22nd at Lennox Middle School and our very own Rock Band performed. We also attended the Farmer's Market in support of our school. Rock Band also performed and everyone was able to purchase fruits and snacks while participating in fun activities. Our very own Flag Football Team has made it to the Championship Game. Our Cheer Team has been there supporting the Football Team

and cheering them to make those touchdowns.

Have you seen our Skateboarders? Well they can definitely skate now and do some awesome tricks! Finally, we are producing our 1st issue of *Roosevelt Times* for this year! This is a large group of students dedicated to create and find creative facts to engage you in reading and at the same time allow you to learn something new and fun.

I am very proud of every single student who has been working hard to master their skills and those who have found their talents. I am extremely proud of my staff for allowing the students to Realize their Amazing Potential daily. Thank you to all of you for making this all happen!

### **Are you ready for college?**

This year in RAP we are focusing on college knowledge. We are working on teaching students opportunities that they didn't think they had. We plan on visiting universities. Taking field trips will allow students to feel that excitement of being on a college campus and allow them to dream. Throughout the school year I will keep you posted on what new things we find out about going to college and trying to figure out how to pay for it, what steps to take and how to find out what you really want to be when you grow up.

I will keep you posted on our new adventures in RAP in our next issue. Thank you for reading our *Roosevelt Times!*

*Ms. Maggie*



## A Special Thanks from Our Advisor

By Abraham Perez  
RAP Program Leader—*Roosevelt Times* Advisor

This has been a wonderful beginning of the year. I am happy to have a large group of dedicated writers in our group. This is the first time we have a large amount of articles in our first issue, which is very exciting for all of us!

Special Thanks to...our *Roosevelt Times* editors who make these articles possible and fun for you all to read, Dr.

Appell for including us in the school events, Siri for all the help at the Farmer's Market, *PressFriends* for mentoring and taking the time to build positive relationships with our students, Mrs. Lauro for coming to teach us how to be safe., and all the staff and students at Roosevelt who assist us in making our articles happen by answering our questions. This special thanks is to all of you

who are taking the time to read this issue...Thank you!

I want to invite you all to write an article and bring it by the RAP Office for one of our students to edit and publish in the next *Roosevelt Times* issue.

We hope you enjoy this issue and look forward to producing some of your articles next issue.

*Mr. Abraham*

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