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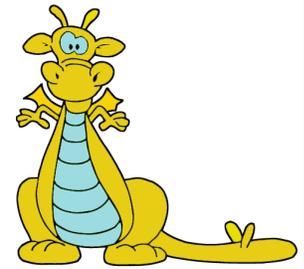
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A Look Back at the LA Dodgers

By Ashley B.

The Dodgers were the first Major League Baseball team to ever play in Los Angeles. The team moved from Brooklyn to Los Angeles and on April 18, 1958, the Dodgers played their first LA game. The Dodgers defeated the former New York Giants (now the San Francisco Giants) 6-5.

The famous Dodger's catcher Roy Campanula was never able to play in Los Angeles. He was in a car

accident and left partially paralyzed in an accident before the first LA. game.

The Dodgers first played in the L.A. Memorial Coliseum and then in 1962, on Opening Day, the team moved to the newly constructed Dodgers Stadium.

Since moving to Los Angeles, the Dodgers have won nine more National Leagues and five World Series rings.

Some teams have nicknames that they use in games;



many call them The Blue Crew.

The Dodgers are members of the National League West Division of Major League Baseball. The current manager is Don Mattingly.

Delicious Ice Cream Tie Dye

By Dayanara V.

Do you want to make ice cream that will make everyone guess how you did it? Try making Tie Dye Ice Cream, which is very good and easy to make. You can find the YouTube video with the recipe at <http://youtu.be/1mli4A5h9ko>.

Ingredients

2 quarts of vanilla ice cream
6 boxes of jello

Cooking Steps

If you buy the vanilla ice cream in a square box, you can use the box.

First, divide the ice cream into six portions and



save the ice cream box. If you don't have an ice cream box, you can use a large plastic box. Put the portions in separate bowls.

Then get the six boxes of jello and pour the jello powder from one box into the bottom of the ice cream box or plastic container. If you use a plastic container, line it with wax paper.

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Not pictured: Carlos C., Talia C., Jerry M.

The Little Mermaid is a Classic

By Ruby Z.

Most everyone has seen the animated Disney movie, *The Little Mermaid*, but did you know that the story is based on a fairy tale by Hans Christian Anderson?

In the Disney movie, that came out in 1989 and was re-released in 2013, the Little Mermaid lives underwater and she has a father named King Triton. Her name is Ariel and her family lives with her.

Ariel is a girl with red hair, with very red lips, and blue eyes. Her eyelashes are dark and curly.

Ariel is a wonderful girl. When she was swimming

under water she saw a handsome prince on a ship. When the ship was in a storm and sank, she rescued the prince. His name was Prince Eric.

She goes to the Sea Witch Ursula so that she can become human and win the prince. She has to give Ursula her voice in exchange.

In the movie, Prince Eric has a dog. His dog was jumping on top of Ariel because his dog was happy and Ariel got scared and jumped on a huge rock. Ariel wanted to marry Prince Eric but Ursula takes the form of a pretty princess and puts a spell on the prince. Ariel has to swim fast to prevent the wedding,



and you have to watch the movie to find out what happens. Ariel's friends are Flounder, a fish, and Sebastian, a crab.

There also is a Disney TV show about the Little Mermaid and her life before she saves Prince Eric. Flounder and Sebastian are in the TV series. *The Little Mermaid* TV series has been on the Disney Channel.



The Little Mermaid Returns to the Sea

By Michelle G.

Disney made another Little Mermaid movie called, *The Little Mermaid II: Return to the Sea*.

The Little Mermaid II takes place when Prince Eric comes back on a ship from a voyage. Then Ariel comes out of the castle with her newborn baby to welcome the Prince back home. Ariel goes onboard with the baby. While the Prince hugs Ariel and the baby, Ursula's sister Morgana gets the baby with a shark because the shark shakes the boat with his fins.

Ariel then drops the baby overboard, which causes Morgana to get the baby.



Morgana then says that if she doesn't get the trident from King Triton, she will harm the baby.

Ariel and Eric save the baby named Melody.

After Melody grows up, she goes outside and swims in the water and collects some seashells. Her parents Ariel and Eric had forbade her from swimming in the ocean. She finds a locket that her grandfather King Triton had given her as a baby, and in Morgana's lair is touched by Ursula's magic and becomes a mermaid herself.

The movie has a lot of mystery and is fun to watch.





The Blues Can Move You

By Ingrid E.

What do you think about blues music? Do you like it or not?

Students we interviewed said that they like it. To the students, it is interesting. It doesn't really matter how long it takes. What really matters is if you enjoy the music. Anybody can read this article at any age, even adults.

One of the best blues musicians is B.B. King. He is one of the best singers of the blues. Students at first thought that blues music was

pretty boring, but when they heard it, they really want to know about the blues.

Students thought that blues music was very nice and interesting. They didn't really know what the blues meant, until the teacher played the music out loud, and they liked it.

Today they are impressed that they know how it sounds, and they can identify a blues song.

What students liked about the blues is the beat.



Even though he is an old man, B.B. King is still one of the best singers of blues. He is the Blues Hall of Fame and the R& B Hall of Fame.

7 Castaways on Gilligan's Island

By Talia C.



Gilligan's Island is a comedy show that started in September 26, 1964 and ended in April 17, 1967. The reruns are still going, so it makes you think that the show has been going even longer. Even though it only ran three years, it still has a cult following.

The show is about 7 people who take a charter boat for a 3-hour tour, but get caught in a storm and end up on a desert island. The boat's name was the SS Minnow.

The castaways were the captain, his first mate, and five passengers. The characters names are Gilligan, the

first mate (played by Bob Denver), Skipper, the captain (played by Alan Hale), Thurston Howell III (played by Jim Backus), Mrs. Eunice Lovelle Wentworth Howell I (played by Natalie Schafer), a movie star, Ginger Grant (played by Tina Louise), a Professor (played by Russell Johnson), and Mary Ann Summers, a farm girl (played by Dawn Wells).

There were a lot of silly stories about their life on the island and sometimes other castaways would be on the island—although they always seemed to be able to get off the island.

Even though the show only ran three years, they had a few movies after the show was cancelled. *Rescue from Gilligan's Island* had the castaways rescued but then during a reunion cruise, they are shipwrecked again on the same island.

There were two more movies, two animated series, and the cast popped up as guest stars in other TV shows. There even was a documentary about the show, and it was featured in the *E! True Hollywood Story*. If you get a chance to see a rerun, give it a try. It is funny and fun to watch.

Supercar—the Venom GT

By Jerry M.

Venom GT is the fastest car in the world. The Venom GT goes about 300 miles per hour. It is fast and it comes in gold, silver, black, white, blue, red, and yellow. The Venom is faster than a Ferrari, but it depends on the speed and what type

of Ferrari it is. Most people think that a Venom GT is faster than a Scorpion Bugatti. Other people say that it would be a tie between these two cars. Some people think this car is slow because it looks slow them. Some people say that a Bugatti is fast-

er than a Venom GT but others say that Venom GT is faster than a Bugatti. The Venom GT is manufactured by Hennessey Performance Engineering.

The 750 hp version is about \$600,000, and the 1200 hp version is about one mil. They cost around 1,000,000 dollars in the US.

Hennessey also has a convertible version called the Hennessey Venom GT Spyder.

The Venom GT uses a Lotus Exige chassis, but it is not part of Lotus Cars..



Doing Justice to Injustice

By Carlos C.

Injustice is about super hero who saves the world from other villains. There are a bunch of super heroes from Injustice like Super Man, Batman, Cyborg, Green Arrow, Flash, Night Wing, Raven, Robin, Star Fire, Beast Boy, Green Lantern, Wonder Woman, Hawk Girl, Shazam, Black Adam, Super Girl, Martian Man Hunter, Super Boy, and Red Tornado.

Some of the villains are the Joker, Killer Frost, Death Strock, Scorpion, Bane, Scarecrow and Sub Zero and a lot of other villains. Some

information about Superman is that he saw his wife die. When he defeated Doomsday and he ran out of power and he was sleeping for days.

Injustice: Gods Among Us first come out as a comic book and then as a video game. It can be played on the Wii, a Playstation, and Xbox 360. This is a battle fighting game. There are gadget heroes, who uses gadgets to fight. For example, Batman doesn't have super powers

and instead uses objects to fight. There are also power characters, who have their own power to fight, such as Superman.

In addition to playing *Injustice* on game systems and computers, players can also play on their smart phones.





Minecraft—Build, Prosper and Have Fun

By Michael H.

Minecraft is a cool game because players can build houses and castles.

In the game, players can craft tools to mine and to collect resources. You can also shave sheep to make beds. There are a lot of resources in the game mine-craft including diamonds, emeralds, gold, water, lava, and humans. Players can also craft portals to other dimen-sions.

Players can play online with their friends and other people. All the people that play minecraft can craft swords. There are a lot of swords like diamond swords, golden swords, stone swords, and iron swords.

There is also dye, and the dye comes in different colors like blue, red, purple, green, pink, black, and yellow.

People can use resources to craft armor like diamond armor, golden armor, leather armor, iron armor, and chain-mail armor. Players can dye leather armor different colors

like blue, red, purple, green, pink, black, and yellow.

In the sur-vival mode, you have to find something to eat like pork chop, bacon, chicken, and apples. But in creative mode, players can fly and they don't have to eat food because they don't get hun-gry.

In my opinion, I think creative is better than surviv-al. Even though the survival mode is more challenging, both modes make you think of ways to succeed. In the creative mode, you get blocks, food, and resources. Survival does not provide you with resources, and play-ers have to mine with a pick-axe.

There is a lot of chances to try new things in this game. In survival, if players do not feel like building a house or crafting beds, they can look for a village. Vil-



lages have blacksmiths that have chests in their houses. There are a lot of useful things in the chests. Players can often find diamonds in the chests. Finding dia-monds in chests is rare, be-cause diamonds are the hardest minerals to find.

There are a lot of miner-als in the game Minecraft, including diamonds, lapis, red stone, gold, stone, iron, and emerald.

Players can create iron golems with 4 iron blocks and 1 pumpkin. Iron golems can protect players from mobs. Players can craft a lot of things with red stone in-cluding traps.

In my opinion players should craft traps so they can catch food. Traps can also protect players from mobs like spiders.

The game can get frus-trating, because sometimes it lags. However, it is probably because it is so popular, and there are lots of people play-ing the game. Even with the time lags, this is a great game, and you should give it a try.



All About Cristiano Ronaldo

By Rafael A.

Cristiano Ronaldo plays for 2 teams. They are Real Madrid and the Portugal national team.

Cristiano Ronaldo's birthday is on February 5 1985, so he is thirty years old this year. Cristiano Ronaldo's



real name is Cristiano Ronaldo Dos Santos Aveiro. Cristiano Ronaldo was born in Funchal Madeira and Portugal.

Ronaldo has played with Sport CP and Manchester United before joining Real Madrid, His position is forward with Real Madrid..

In 2008, 2011, and 2014 Ronaldo won three of the main PFA and FWA trophies.

He was named the FIFA world player of the year. He also got the golden ball. Ronaldo also jukes people.

Cristiano Ronaldo ended the last season making 53 goals. In 2012 he won golden boot award. His manager is Carlo Ancelotti.

Cristiano Ronaldo is the world's second best soccer player next to Lionel Messi. He has gotten a lot of awards in 2008, 2011, and 2014.

Ronaldo has trained all the players that are in Real Madrid.



Cristiano Renaldo

By David P.

Cristiano Ronaldo is on the Real Madrid team. Cristiano Ronaldo is the second best player in the world, and Lionel Messi is considered the best.

Cristiano Ronaldo was born in Portugal, in the neighborhood of Santo Antonio on February 5, 1985. He will be 30 years old this year.

Cristiano Ronaldo plays for 2 teams: his international Portugal team and his Spanish club Real Madrid.

Cristiano Ronaldo use to play for Manchester United and Santos .Real Madrid bought Cristiano Ronaldo so

he can be in Real Madrid team. Cristiano Ronaldo gets paid per year 21 million dollars. Cristiano Ronaldo lives



in Madrid, Spain. Ronaldo lives in many houses in Madrid and has a lot of cars. Ronaldo drives a Lamborghini, Ferrari, and Audi.

In 2014 Ronaldo got his golden ball. He got it because he was the best soccer player in Europe.

Cristiano is the second best player because Lionel Messi the soccer player from Barcelona scored 10 goals before Ronaldo so that's why Ronaldo is the second best player in the world.

Ronaldo hopes to beat Messi and become the best soccer player in the world.





Cristiano Ronaldo — 7

By Keven L.

Cristiano was born February 5, 1985. He's known as Cristiano Ronaldo.

This Portuguese professional footballer plays as a forward for Spanish club Real Madrid and captains the Portuguese national team.

Ronaldo became the world's most expensive player when he moved from Manchester United to Real Madrid in 2009, which cost Real Madrid 80 million dollars. Ronaldo's contract with Real Madrid, where he is paid 21 million per year makes him

the highest-paid footballer in the world, with a buyout of 1 billion dollars. He is called the current best player in the world, and one of the greatest of all time.

Ronaldo began his career as a youth player for Andorinha, where he played for two years, before moving to C.D. Nacional in 1997 to Portuguese Giants sporting CP.

In 2003 he caught the attention of Manchester United manag-

er Alex Ferguson, who signed him for 12.2 million dollars. In 2004, he won his first trophy, the FA cup.



Zlatan Ibrahimovic

By Dylan G.



In Malmo, Sweden on October 3, 1981, Zlatan Ibrahimovic was born.

Ibrahimovic plays the striker position in soccer and started playing Malmo FF in the late 1990s. Later, he was signed to Juventus because of his striker partner, David Trezeguet.

In 2006, Zlatan signed for Internazionale, where he won an Individual award. In 2007 and 2009, he won UEFA Team of the Year and league highest score in 2008-2009, and he also won three straight Scudettis awards.

In the summer in 2009, he started to play for Barcelo-

na. Ibrahimovic was back playing Serie A and he signed In for AC Milan the next season.

In July 2012, he signed for Paris, Saint Germain and was starting to play in

League 1. When Ibrahimovic started playing for Paris Saint Germain, he was starting to play good in the league, but Paris Saint Germain has won a lot of championships in the league.



Life of Ambrose

By Derek T.

Dean Ambrose was born in December 7, 1985 and he lives in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dean Ambrose is 6 feet 4 inches tall, and his weight is 225 lbs.

Ambrose is a WWE superstar. He came to the WWE with two brothers, but they aren't a team anymore because one of his brothers hit him with the chair.

Ambrose still remains loyal to sports and he never gives up the WWE. When he came to WWE he had 2 brothers but they don't speak anymore. One of his brother made him go to the doctor and his other brother thought

it was funny. And his brother came back to beat him and get payback on him.

Dean Ambrose was the USA champion but he lost it to a WWE superstar and he doesn't have it anymore. so

then Dean Ambrose took his contract, put soda and popcorn in it, and he took it one more time. This time one of his brothers hid goo when and when big brother opened it the goo got on his face.



Floyd Mayweather

By Drayon M.

Floyd Mayweather is a professional boxer who won five heavy weight championships.

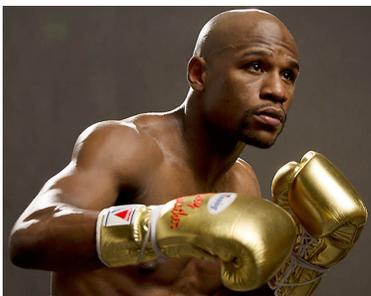
Mayweather was born February 24 1977. He is currently undefeated, with 47 fights and 47 wins and 26 KO he loss zero times.

Mayweather has three Bugatti's and has 6 Lamborghinis and 2 Ferraris. He is the richest boxer alive.

He won a fight with Pasqual for the Mexican champion in 2013.

Mayweather has gotten 2 rewards and 5 trophies for fighting and wining every fight he had.

He is one of the most popular fighters in history he

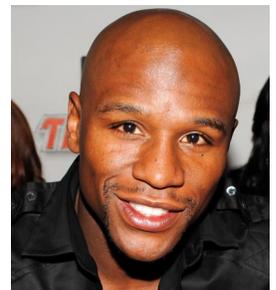


won the national fight in 2006.

Floyd Mayweather Jr. may not be able to read a *Cat in the Hat* book, but he claims that he can.

Mayweather donated \$100,000 to breast cancer because of a promise to a Nevada judge.

Mayweather is the WBC, WBA and Ring welterweight champion, and the WBC, super WBA and Ring junior middle weight champion.





Eddie Lacy

By G'onte M.

Eddie Lacy is a running back and he is fast. Eddie Lacy ran 305 yards against the Minnesota Vikings. He plays for the Green Bay Packers. The Packers won 10 Super Bowl titles and lost the Super Bowl XXXII.

Eddie Lacy can run people over. Eddie Lacy does not like Aaron Rodgers being a quarterback. The teams they beat are Chargers, Rams, Ravens, Vikings, Steelers, Cowboys, 49ers, Saints, Sea-

hawks, Jaguars, Raiders, and the Dolphins.

Eddie Lacy has a Riddell speed revolution helmet. Eddie Lacy has the best jukes in football and he juked Richard Sherman, Troy Polamalu, and Randy Moss. Sometimes he does pass plays and catches them and drops them. The coach will not get mad. He might just say, "Come on Lacy, don't drop it again". He has to

hit at practice, run, then hurdle.

Clay Matthews helps Eddie Lacy run the ball so Lacy will not get tackled.



Tie-Dye Ice Cream

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good size box and spread a layer of the jello powder with a spoon. Then pour one of the ice cream portions and spread the ice cream out.

Repeat with the next jello color until you finish

with all your colors. Place the ice cream in the freezer and allow it to freeze for several hours.

After the ice cream is frozen, take it out of the freezer. Then take it out of

the cardboard box or out of the plastic container.

Then get your ice cream scooper ready to scoop your ice cream, when you have done that, get ready to serve and enjoy!



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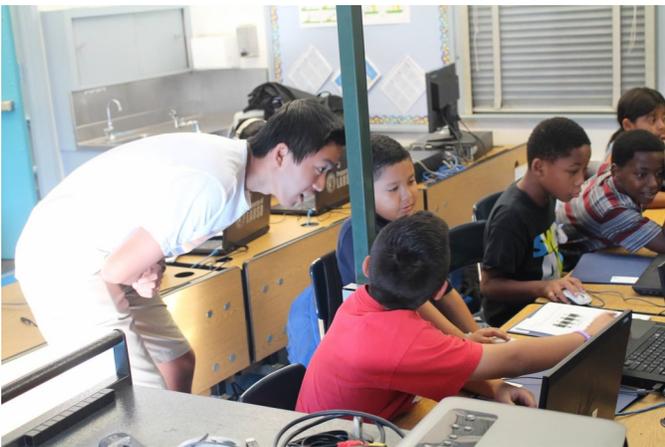
Congratulations to the reporters of *LA's BEST Times* on an awesome issue. We know you all worked really hard on your articles, and you did a great job.

Many thanks to Ms. Wendy Beltran for all her help with the LA's BEST Press-Friends club. We couldn't do the program without you! Thanks to Ms. Lupe Saldana and LA's BEST for their support, and a special shout out

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We hope you'll think about joining the newspaper club and LA's BEST this spring. We will be holding our Sixth Annual Conference for Elementary Student Newspapers at the Long Beach Aquarium, and eight other schools and programs will be joining in. Also, we have a TheatreFriends program lined up for April and May, so we hope you'll sign up for that program too.



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