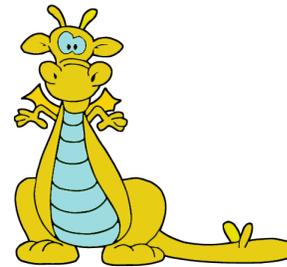


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LA's BEST Times



Jedis, Ewoks and Adventure

By Alexis G.

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LA's BEST Times news team at the Egyptian Theater

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One of the secrets was that Darth Vader's son was Luke. Another secret was that Luke and Princess Leia were brother and sister. The third secret was that Darth Vader had a boss. There was also a lot of action. The sad part in the movie was when Yoda died. It was cool when they killed Jabba the Hutt.

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USC's campus landmarks

By Adrian N.

In February, LA's BEST Times visited USC. We took a tour of the campus and saw the different statues on campus. Some of the statues are: a statue of a horse, a statue of a dog and a statue of Tommy Trojan.

The horse statue is USC's official mascot. At football games there often is a horse that runs around the field. The horse is white and there are many different real life horses that are used as the mascot.

Another is a dog statue. In the 1950's a dog

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200 elementary student reporters at USC



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Toni C.



Victoria A.



Yajaira S.



Zittlaly M.

Not pictured: Elvis M., Melody O., William H.

Return of the Jedi at the Egyptian Theater

Lucasfilm and Entertainment hosted 300 elementary student reporters and PressFriends' middle and high school mentors at the 30th Anniversary of "Return of the Jedi" at the Egyptian Theater in Hollywood

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By Alexis G.

The movie, Star Wars VI: Return of the Jedi was awesome. My favorite character is Chewbacca because he is a brave and is a cute and is awesome. My other favorite characters are Darth Vader, because he is the father of Luke Skywalker and has super strong force powers, and the Ewoks, who are small and soft and look like little Chewbaccas.

My favorite part of the movie was when an Ewok stole the enemies' AT-ST (sort of like a flying motorcycle with no wheels). My other favorite part of the movie was when the bad guy, Jabba the Hut, died.

The funniest part of the movie was when the guy who

took care of the beast, Rancor, cried after Rancor died. The saddest part of the movie was when Yoda died.

The coolest part of the movie was when Darth Vader killed the emperor so that Luke could survive. And the most suspenseful part was when Darth Vader took off his mask. My favorite place in the movie was the Death Star. The weirdest character in the movie was Jabba the Hutt.

By Adrian N. and Brian V.

Star Wars: Return of the Jedi is a film directed by Richard Marquand and written by George Lucas and Lawrence Kasdan. It was really cool. I also liked the music by John Williams. I liked the plot a lot; it was cool too. I didn't like the ending

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Mark Hamill as
Luke Skywalker



Yoda



An Ewok

Return of the Jedi

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as much as I liked the beginning.

Overall, *Return of the Jedi* is a great film. I really want to watch all the films. I suggest you watch the movie too.

By Matthew B.

It was awesome to see *Star Wars VI: Return of the Jedi*. It was awesome when they had a battle in space and on earth.

In the movie, there is a green monster who loves to eat frogs because he found some in the pond. A lady kills the green monster because he was a mean monster.

There also is a robot who gives a sword to the men so he will destroy the ship. There were ten ships in space when they have to destroy the bad ships. The big ship destroyed five ships in space, and they shot down four ships. Only it was the last one ship in space. He went inside the bigger planet, he had weapons to destroy the bigger robot planet. Then it was destroyed and the planet was saved. When Darth Vader died, Luke put him on a funeral pyre.

When the planet is saved, they have a huge dance. Thank you Lucasfilm and Entertainment Weekly for inviting LA's BEST Times to see the movie, *Star Wars VI: Return of the Jedi*.

By Kevin H.

S*tar Wars VI: Return of the Jedi* was an awesome movie that I want to see again. First, Luke Skywalker was going to save Han Solo. Princess Leia got capture by Jabba the Hutt. Luke

Skywalker killed the beast Rancor, and Jabba the Hutt sentenced Luke and Han to Sarlacc, which is a creature that sits at the bottom of a huge pit of sand in the desert and eats anything that falls into it. Luke breaks free by telling R2-D2 to throw his light saber, and he throw the light saber to close the gate to the pit. Then Princess Leia defeats Jabba.

Luke went to Yoda's home and Yoda was about to die. Yoda told him that Dark Vader was his father. Meanwhile, the Ewoks are helping Han and Leia against the Stormtroopers and Luke joins them.

Later, Luke confesses to Leia that she is his sister, that Vader is their father and that he is leaving to confront him. Luke surrenders to Imperial troops, so that they will bring him to Vader. He unsuccessfully tries to convince Vader to turn from the dark side of the force. Vader, intent on turning his son to the dark side, takes Luke to the Death Star to meet his Sith master, Emperor Palpatine.

This movie is really exciting, so be sure to see it to find out what happens to Luke, Princess Leia, and Han Solo.

By Erick H. and Steven C.

On May 4, 2013 there was a PressFriends annual conference in the Egyptian Theater in Hollywood. There were *Star Wars* characters walking around. Even Jabba the Hutt was there, but he was a statue. There was face painting and more activities.

After meeting the characters and getting our faces painted, we went into the theater. We watched a very funny short film with lots of actors talking about why they liked *Return of the Jedi* called "The Return of the Return Of The Jedi".

Then the movie started and the action began. It all started in Jabba's palace. Han Solo was Jabba's hostage. Princess Leia dressed up as a Stormtrooper to save Han Solo. The problem was that Jabba discovered her identity. Leia became Jabba's hostage too.

Luke Skywalker came to save Han Solo and Princess Leia. Luke used the force but Jabba laughed and suddenly a trap door opened, and Luke fell into it. A monster called the Rancor wanted to eat him. Luke used his skill and defeated it.

Jabba's minions captured Luke. They prepared the ships to take Luke and Han to the Sarlacc Pitt. The minions and the Jedis had a huge battle. And of course the Jedis win. Later Luke finds out by Yoda that Leia is his sister. But Yoda died and Luke couldn't get all the info he wanted. Actually Yoda told him he wasn't a Jedi until he had a battle against Darth Vader. So he went but he didn't know that Emperor Sith was there. In Luke's battle with Darth Vader, Darth Vader got his arm cut off. Emperor Sith came and was about to kill Luke if it wasn't for Darth Vader. Darth Vader told Luke that he was Luke's father. And then Luke took off Darth Vader's

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mask. So the story ended with the Jedies having a celebration.

By Martin V.

Star Wars VI: Return of the Jedi is a very awesome movie. It has action and excitement. My favorite Star Wars character is Luke. The reason I like Star Wars is because it has a lot of fighting. The sad part is when Yoga died. It was also funny. I want to see it again! I would watch this for many years to come. It is a very cool movie. When I grow up I want to watch it again!!!! That was the best field trip ever!!!!

By Zitlaly M.

Thank you for taking us to the Egyptian theater, Press-

Friends. I loved the movie. It was so fun to be there watching it with our friends and Press-Friends. My favorite part of the movie was when Luke, Princess Leia and Han Solo, R2D2, C3PO, Chewbacca, and the Ewoks were celebrating.

I loved the face painting at the Egyptian Theater. The face painted our faces so they were exactly the same as the characters in the movie.

I loved the food that we had for lunch. It was so good and at the same time healthy. Thank you too for the flipbook that you gave us. I like a lot the baseball bat. Thank you for everything and I hope that we go to another field trip with PressFriends and

write another article like this one.

By Rocio Z.

The movie was so cool and awesome.

We want to see it again. It was also very funny. When I have kids I am going to take them to watch Star Wars. The best part of the movie was when Ewok came in the movie. The best character is Ewok. The sad part of the movie, is when Yoda dies, it made me cry a little. We were shocked when,

We found out that Luke and Princess Leia are brothers and sisters in the movie.

By Angie S. and Yajaira S.



Chewbacca

Short Story: Weege's Adventure

By Millie G. Matthew B., Zitlaly M.

In 2013 there was a Weege spotted in Zitlaly's garage. Zitlaly did not know that he was in there until he knocked on her door. He said, "YOU MUST GO!!!!!"

"NO!" yelled Zitlaly.

Weege was so mad that he blasted Zitlaly to the moon.

Zitlaly said, "Weeeeeee!"

When Zitlaly landed on the moon she said, "Uh...how did I get here?"

Meanwhile, back on earth, Weege was plotting to go to Millie's house. Millie was playing with Matthew.

Suddenly, Weege appeared

out of nowhere. Then Weege said, "YOU MUST GO!!!!!"

"Wait a minute where's Zitlaly?" asked Millie.

"Yeah where is she?" said Matthew.

Weege said, "Let's just say that she's not here!"

Then Millie and Matthew said, "Say what!?"

Weege said, "Yup... I blasted Zitlaly to the moon."

"Anyways," Millie said.

Weege said, "LET ME STAY IN YOUR HOUSE!"

Then Zitlaly landed on earth and said, "If you go to the moon, it will be cold out there."

Millie was trying to kick Weege out of the house and nobody was helping her.

Zitlaly was just standing there while Matthew was saying, "Ohh finally some action! Zitlaly, could you pass me the popcorn please." Then Zitlaly was still standing there.

After that Weege said, "I am tired of trying to get in your house, I am going to go into Matthew's house.

Then Weege step out of Millie's house and went to Matthew's house. Then Matthew

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Doheny Library



Alumni House



George Tirebiter

Fight On USC

LA's BEST Times attended a PressFriends workshop at USC

Doheny Library

The best thing I saw at USC was a library that has four underground floors and five floors above ground. It was big. We were going to go inside, but it was closed. The tour guide said that it has about a million book. The library is old fashioned and has water falls all around it.

There was a football field that was big, but we didn't go inside. There was also a soccer field that was so big and long that it could fit a hundred people. I would like to come here again.

By Kevin B.

The White House

LA's BEST Times reporters visited USC. One of my favorite buildings in USC is the Alumni House. It was built for graduates and people can visit any time after they graduate. The Alumni House at USC was moved many times. It will stay in the place it is now probably forever. It is very old. It looks like an old cabin and has two stories.

When it was first built, some staff and students were living there. It was built in the 1880s when there were about fifty students and about ten staff. We also learned that USC was one of the first schools to allow women to study.

The Alumni House is an interesting building to see at USC.

By Steven C.

Hooray, USC!

LA's BEST Times fifth grade reporters traveled to USC! It was amazing there. They took a tour around USC! There was a statue of a dog. His name was Tirebiter. Tirebiter was the unofficial mascot for the Trojans in the 1950s.

Other statues were Tommy the Trojan and a horse. A lot of people say that the Trojan is the mascot, but it is not. The official mascot is the horse.

Did you know that one of the libraries in USC has nine floors? Some of the floors are in the bottom of the ground. USC is also one of the first universities to allow women to study. There are a lot of different waterfalls. USC is a university that I want to go to.

By Martin V.

Tour Around USC

When we started our tour of the USC campus, we saw the big field where the sports teams practice. We also a big red track. We saw people running around the track, and we saw the equipment for the athletes.

On our tour, we saw three statues that represent their mascots. When there is a game between USC and UCLA, USC students stay outside near the statues all day and bring their mattresses out to sleep on. Then we saw a big library that had four underground stories and was five stories high. There were

so many places to see. Going to USC with PressFriends was the best field trip I ever had.

By Kevin P.

Friends of USC

In the past, USC has had games vs. UCLA. UCLA has vandalized Tommy the Trojan. That is why before every UCLA vs. USC game, USC is always protecting Tommy the Trojan. Students bring their mattresses out of their dorms and guard "Tommy" around the clock. One time, UCLA poured blue paint (their school color) all over Tommy the Trojan.

The mascot of USC is the USC Traveler. Every time USC gets a touch-down, the USC Traveler comes out and runs around the field. The USC Traveler is a white horse.

Another friend of USC is George Tirebiter. George Tirebiter was an actual dog. He used to come out at the USC games. They build a house for Tirebiter. Now he has a statue. USC is a very spirited school.

By Alexis B.

USC vs. UCLA

LA's BEST Times editorial staff visited USC and learned about USC's rivalry with UCLA. Whenever USC plays against UCLA, UCLA tries to cover the Trojan statue as a prank. On the week before the football game, students from USC sleep around the statute so that

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UCLA fans won't vandalize the statue.

Usually USC beats UCLA in the game, but last year UCLA beat USC. USC Trojan fans were upset because UCLA hasn't beat USC since 2004. For good luck, the USC football players kick a flagpole before the game. Hopefully, this ritual will work one year and the Trojans will win the Rose Bowl.

By Brian V.

The USC Campus

By the fountain, in the center of the school, there is so much to do. There is a nice grassy area where students like to relax and hang out with friends. There are also many restaurants nearby, like California Pizza Kitchen. The flowers were surrounding the fountain and were all over the campus.

The statue of Tommy the Trojan is kind of a bronze color. We took pictures next to him, but he is not the mascot. The horse is. Across the fountain, there was a horse that was somewhat big. His name is Traveler. Students get around campus by bikes, skateboards or they just walk. At USC, there are plenty of study spots. There were a lot of libraries, and USC's main library has nine levels, with over one million books! USC has a really nice campus to relax, to meet friends and to get a great education.

By Matthew B.

USC's Secret Mascot

Some people may think that Tommy the Trojan is USC's mascot, but it is not. The real mascot is a horse. The old mascot was a dog.

Every time there is a football game, USC's football players run out into the stadium with their mascots Tommy the Trojan and their horse. Even though both are popular, it is known that Tommy the Trojan is more famous. When USC's football team would score a touchdown, Tommy would come out riding the white horse and the crowd would cheer for their school.

The name of the horse is Traveler, and the name of the dog is Tirebiter. Tirebiter was a stray dog that the USC students made their mascot. Tirebiter would always stick around their campus after the games ended to make sure that USC's students would come to the next game.

By Amy M.

The USC Mascots

The USC tour was amazing and the guide taught us many things about the many USC mascots.

The school's mascot is a horse and its old mascot was a dog.

People say that Tommy the Trojan is the mascot, but the mascot is Traveler, the horse. Every time the team makes a touchdown, Tommy the Trojan rides out on the field with Traveler. The crowd would cheer for their team to win. People say that Tommy the Trojan is the mascot because he is more popular than Traveler.

The old mascot, the dog, was called Tirebiter. He would run alongside cars and bicycles and try to bite their tires. He would stay on campus and he would come to all the football games. At the games, Tirebiter would make sure that everyone was having fun.

By Ariana V.



Tommy Trojan



Traveler



USC Fountain

The Jester and Pharley Fund's Barbara Saltzman

LA's BEST Times interviewed the executive director of the Jester and Pharley Fund, Barbara Saltzman.



Barbara Saltzman

David Saltzman was the son of Barbara Saltzman. David started writing the book, *The Jester Has Lost His Jingle*, when he was in college. He was later diagnosed with cancer.

David continued to write the book. When he died, his mother, Barbara, and his brother, promised him that they would publish the book for him. After many obstacles, Barbara was finally able to publish her son's book.

Barbara continues to share his book and message by visiting schools. The book is now available in Spanish. She hopes to make the book in more languages

by Alexis B.

Barbara Saltzman is an important woman because she followed her son's dream and made it come true. Her son David came up with the idea to write the book *The Jester Has Lost His Jingle* when he didn't make anyone laugh in his classroom.

After he graduated high school, he went to college at Yale and began working on his book.

However, David got cancer when he was in his last year of college. Unfortunately, he died nine months after that.

That was when Barbara Saltzman wanted to publish his book. She finished publishing it in 1995. The book helps people with cancer and other problems. Also, it was just translated into Spanish. This book is good because it helps people that have cancer.

By Steven C.

David Saltzman was the son of Barbara Saltzman. When David was attending Yale University, he decided to write a book. When he had time, he would write in his book. He named his book, *The Jester has Lost His Jingle*.

David died of cancer when he was twenty three years old, but his mother helped get his book published. It was cool listening to David's story from his mom.

By Kevin P.

When David Saltzman was a senior at Yale University, he was writing a children's book. He was diagnosed with cancer, and his last wish was for his book to be published and shared with other kids that were sick in the hospital.

David's family finally published his book and later made a Spanish version of the book, *The Jester Has Lost His Jingle*. David's mother, Barbara now travels to schools all over and reads David's book to children.

By Matthew B.

Barbara Saltzman's is a very interesting person. Her son David wrote a book called *The Jester Has Lost His Jingle*. He got the idea of writing this book when he was at school and nobody laughed at his joke. This is when he knew he wanted to make the book, *The Jester Has Lost His Jingle*.

Barbara Saltzman helped publish the book after David died of cancer. The book was just translated into Spanish.

By Kevin B.

At the PressFriends USC Kids News workshop, LA's BEST Times fifth grade reporters interviewed Barbara Saltzman. Barbara's son, David Saltzman, wrote a book called *The Jester Has Lost His Jingle*. Her son unfortunately died of cancer. Barbara promised to publish the book for kids with cancer.

David Saltzman created the book in his art class and language class at Yale. He hoped to make the kids laugh because laughter is the best medicine. Someday, I want to write books like David.

By Martin V.

Barbra Saltzman has a son named David, who wrote a book named, *The Jester Has Lost His Jingle*.

David found out, in his senior year of college, that he had cancer. He wanted to write the book to help other kids with the same disease as him. He died on March 2.

That book inspired kids with cancer. The kids felt like that story helped them. The book, *The Jester Has Lost His Jingle*, made them feel so grateful that they forgot about their sicknesses and had fun reading.

Before he died, his family promised to publish the book and give it to the children. When it was finally published, it was hard covered, colorful, full of his drawings, and had high quality paper.

David's book was meant to touch the lives of sick children, and it continues to do so each day.

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David and Barbara Saltzman

Marvelous Stan Lee

By Kevin B.

Loki opens the portal for his other family so they can finally start their reign of terror, buildings are breaking, and that is when the Avengers come.

Captain America starts ordering the police to take all of the people to the safest place. This is only one of Marvels big adventures.

Marvel was created by Stan Lee. He got the idea of making

Marvel when he was little. He was influenced by books and movies, and always had an interest in writing.

Stan Lee created Marvel to show us what it would look like in our world to have real super heroes.

Stan Lee is a very interesting



Stan Lee

writer and also created the first Marvel character Captain America. Other popular super-heroes that Stan Lee created are Spiderman, Iron Man, the Fantastic Four, and Hulk.

Super heroes are amazing, next time you can watch Marvel! ❖



The Avengers

By Sarah V.

The Avengers are these cool super heroes. There is Thor, Black Widow, Hawkeye, Iron Man, Hulk, Captain America, Loki and Nick Furry. Thor is played by Chris Hems Worth. Thor is this cool super hero. He is a god in the movie. He has an evil brother name Loki. Thor has this heavy hammer that only he could pick up. He could only pick it up because his dad gave it to him only him. The hammer is strong and shoots out Lightning.

Black Widow is played by Scarlett Johansson and Hawk Eye is played by Jeremy Renner. Black Widow is super flexible. Her name is Black Widow because she's super flexible like one. She has 2 weapons to use. Hawk Eye is super cool. He's tuff and smart. His weapon is bow and arrow. He has these cool glasses.

Iron Man is played by Robert Downey jr and Hulk is played by

Ed Norton. Iron Man is so awesome he has this cool suit made out of iron. Also, he doesn't have a heart he has an arc reactor. An arc reactor is his heart because he died and scientist made that for him. Ed play hulk in the Avengers. Hulk is super strong and green. Whenever he gets angry he turns into Hulk.

Captain America is played by Chris Evans. Captain America is super cool. He was a week guy, but they did an experiment to make him strong. He was very tuff and he had this cool shield. When he throws it the shield it knocks them out. Also, in his



movie he was frozen in water for about 20 years.

Nick Furry is played by Samuel I Jackson and Loki is played by Tom Hiddleston. Nick is the guy that brings all the Avengers together to fight Loki. He lost an eye and he wears and I patch. Loki is a villain. He's Thor's brother well not really. Loki's history is Thor's dad found Loki with the frost giants. Frost giants are these big blue giants. Loki became super evil and mad when he found out.

The Avengers is when Nick Furry gets all the Avengers because Loki stole cosmic cube. The cosmic cube is this blue cube and its super powerful. He mind controlled Hawkeye and this other guy. Then when all that happened Loki let out the frost giants and they were in New York. They destroyed a lot of stuff. The Avengers fought them and they captured Loki. ❖





Cristiano Ronaldo

By Kevin and Alexis G.

Cristiano Ronaldo was born on February 5, 1985. Now he is 27 years old. His place of birth is Funchal, Madeira, Portugal. His height is 1.86 m (6 ft 1 in).

Ronaldo's position is forward. His current club is Real Madrid and Portugal. His t-shirt number is 7 on both of the teams. He used to play on Manchester United and they paid him 12 million dollars.

Maria Dolores dos Santos and Jose Dinis Averios were his parents. His mother passed away from cancer and his father was a gardener and died from kidney problems in 2005.

When Ronaldo was 10 years old, he jumped out the window every night to play soccer when he was supposed to be doing his homework.

When he was 16 he signed a contract to play in Portugal and

on Manchester United.

Ronaldo played the championship 2004 FIFA Cup final. He scored the three winning goals.

Cristiano Ronaldo always wears Nike cleats to play soccer. He is the best soccer player in Portugal and is the captain of Portugal's national team.

Renaldo is not the captain of the Real Madrid team, but he is still proud of playing on that team. ❖



Miley Cyrus

By Rocio Z.

Miley Cyrus use to work on a show called Hannah Montana. She used to play two roles. One was Miley Stewart, and the other one as Hannah Montana. When she was at school, she was a teenager named Miley Stewart. Sometimes she was a pop singer called Hannah Montana.

This show started on March 24, 2006 on the Disney Channel. Her dad Billy Ray Cyrus use to work on Hannah Montana with Miley Cyrus, playing her dad.

Miley Cyrus was born on November 23, 1992 in Nashville, Tennessee. She was not any ordinary girl. She was many things—an actress, singer-songwriter,

dancer, and musician.

She has a dad and mom but they are divorced. Her original name is Destiny Hope Cyrus.

When Miley Cyrus moved to Toronto, Canada with her family, she decided to be an actress.

In 2008 she earned \$25million dollars, and she's still popular today. ❖



Taylor Swift

By Amy M., Angie S., Denise G.

Taylor Alison Swift is a singer and song-writer. She was born on December 13, 1989 and was raised in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania. She started singing at a young age, but she moved to Tennessee at age 14 to pursue a career in country music. She was the youngest songwriter ever

hired by the Sony/ATU Music publishing house. The release of Swift's "Eponymous" debut album in 2006 established her as a country music star. Swift's second album, "Fearless," was released in 2008. Her singles "Love Story" and "You belong with me," made her a pop crossover success.

"Fearless" was the top-selling album of 2009 .

Taylor Swift mother's name is Andrea and she has a younger brother, Austin, who attends the University of Notre Dame.

Taylor Swift has a lot of fans and albums. She is a really good singer and also very beautiful. ❖

Ben 10 Omniverse

By Kevin R.

One of the best shows on TV is “Ben 10 Omniverse.” Ben is a super hero who lives in Bellwood. He has a watch on his arm that lets him transform into aliens. His grandpa is the captain of the plumbers team. The plumbers are a fighting force that protects Bellwood.

There are a lot of enemies that attack Bellwood. The most dangerous enemy that Ben fought as a child is the hunter. He has an alien dog that can transform into different aliens that Ben has a hard time defeating. Some aliens can get maximum power. He is always getting

new aliens with cool powers every time he fights aliens. He is also meeting new friends.

Ben has a partner named Rook. He has a team that helps him when he fights crime: Kevin Levin, Gwen, and Grandpa Max. The creator of the Omnetrix is Azmuth. ❖



Marquis Collection in Beverly Hills

By Martin V.

Marquis Collection is a company which you can buy beautiful sculptures for your house. In the warehouse there is a room you enter it leads to whole bunch of other rooms there are a whole bunch of sculptures. Outside of the rooms there are more sculptures. There are vases, clocks, penguins and many more things that are made out of stone and shell. My personal favorite is the shark. It is really cool. I interviewed one of the workers—my dad!

LA’s BEST Times: What do you like about your job?

Mr. Vargas: I like to repair the sculptures.

LA’s BEST Times: What do you do?

Mr. Vargas: I check the sculptures to see if any of them are damaged and then fix them

LA’s BEST Times: What materials do you work with?

Mr. Vargas: A bunch like drill, saw, and hammer.

LA’s BEST Times: Do you make the sculptures?

Mr. Vargas: No. They are made in the Philippines.

LA’s BEST Times: What stores buy your sculptures?

Mr. Vargas: Ashley and a whole other stores buy them.

You heard it folks. Come on down to buy sculptures from the one and only Marquis Collection of Beverly Hills. It is located at 369 S. Doheny Dr.



Short Story: Weege’s Adventure

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ordered over 9,000 bricks to make a huge wall.

Meanwhile, back at Weege’s lair, Weege was planning to get inside Matthew’s house. When Matthew finished the wall he ordered more stuff. He ordered a lot of dogs in a long path all chained up. When Weege saw all the dogs he was thinking about if

he should be Millie, Matthew, and Zitlaly’s friend. So when he went everyone was playing in Matthew’s house, Weege was so scared of the dogs that he ran so fast to the wall that he cut the wall in half. Then Weege said sorry to everybody and said, “Do you want to be my friend?”

So everybody just gathered up and started to whisper if they should be his friend, and then decided that they shouldn’t be his friend. So they told Weege that they’re not going to be his friend and finally said, “Noo!”

Weege said, “Fine I am going to find better friends than you.” ❖





How to make a funnel cake

By Alexis G. and Steven

Do you want to know how to make funnel cake? To make funnel cakes these ingredients are needed.

Ingredients

- 1 egg
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 1/4 cup flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

The first step in making funnel cake is heating the oil at a medium heat in a deep pan. After heating the oil, it is time to make the batter. Mix the egg, milk, sugar, flour, salt, and the baking powder into a bowl. Next pour the batter into oil with a funnel. The best funnel cakes are layered, so make sure to make a weaving pattern.

After the funnel cake cooks for 2-3 minutes, take it out. When it's done cooling add powdered sugar and eat it. This is how you make wonderful funnel cake. ❖

How to make lemonade

By Millie G.



Lemonade is a very delicious drink. Back in the old days kids sold lemonade in lemonade stands, but now they sell it in the stores.

Do you ever wonder how to make homemade lemonade? Here's how.

Step 1

First get the supplies like a pitcher, a measuring cup, a lemon squeezer if you have one (you don't really need a lemon squeezer you could just do it with

your hands), sugar, 1 spoon, 3 or 4 lemons, and water.

Step 2

Squeeze the lemon juice in the pitcher and put 1 cup of water in the pitcher. Then add about 3 teaspoons of sugar. Then mix it all up with the spoon. Now pour your homemade lemonade in to a cup.

Step 3

Then drink and enjoy! ❖

How to make chocolate covered strawberries

By Denise G. and Yajaira S.



Did you know that making chocolate-covered strawberries is pretty easy and that you can make at home. Make sure you do this with your parent.

Step 1: Go to the store with your parents and go get strawberries and also chocolate.

Step 2: Wash and Dry the strawberries.

Step 3: Melt the chocolate in a double boiler.

Step 4: Insert a toothpick into the top of strawberries.

Step 5: Turn the strawberries upside down and insert into a container for chocolate to cool down.

These chocolate covered strawberries are good to eat. ❖

Short Story: Lego Destruction I

By Martin V. and Brian V.

The world was all fine since the other battle did not cause much damage, but today will be the last battle. It all started in space. Our heroes Kai, Flash, Green Lantern, Thor, R2D2 were having lunch when something strange happened. Clone troopers with jet packs were flying in space. "Battle stations" cried Kai. "But I want my hamburger" said Flash

"Flash run around the world and tell all supers to help" said Kai "The rest of you attack!!!" Kai got on his dragon and flew like a

flame. His dragon shot a flame ball. A few fell.

"Leave this to us" said Green Lantern. Thor and Green Lantern knocked down some too, but then clone troopers all shot at the same time.

Suddenly Superman got in the way the bullets dodged on his stomach a bunch of heroes came too.

Meanwhile at the death star "We are targeting Earth, Darth Vader," said general Veers.

"Excellent," said Darth Vader as they were preparing to

shoot the laser.

Back on Earth... "What is that," said Kai.

"It is the Death star," said Anakin.

"We should prepare the ships," said Kai. Our heroes were in their space ships like the Millennium Falcon, the Quinjet, Endeavor, and other space ships. They were out of sight of the Death Star.

"Everyone space suits on!" demanded Kai "Attack!!!" he said.

To be continued . . .



Six Flags of Fun

By Kevin R. and Adrian N.

There are 11 Six Flags amusement parks in the United States, one in Canada and one in Mexico for a total of 13 in the world.

There are two Six Flags in California— Six Flags Magic Mountain and Six Flags Discovery Kingdom.

Six Flags Magic Mountain is located in Valencia, CA. and Six Flags Discovery Kingdom is located in Vallejo, CA.

Six Flags has five water parks; they are called Hurricane Harbor, White Water Atlanta, and The Great Escape Lodge. The best ride is Tastu because the ride is like flying as a dragon.

If you like thrill rides, Six Flags is the place for you. Six Flags also has family and kid rides, so if you don't like big

roller coasters you can still enjoy your time at Six Flags. In all Six Flags there are characters like Bugs Bunny, Tweety Bird, Taz and more.

In Six Flags Great Adventure there is a roller coaster called Kingda Ka, which is the tallest roller coaster in the world. It goes up to 128 mph, a height of 456ft (139m), and the drop is 418ft (127m).

In Six Flags on Halloween there is Fright Fest and there is a lot of scary mazes and scary people from horror movies.

In Six Flags Magic Mountain there is a ride called Lex Luther Drop Of Doom it is the tallest drop ride in the world the height is 415ft(126m) and the drop is 400ft(120m) and the speed is 85mph.

In Six Flags Magic Mountain there is a new ride coming out in Spring 2013 called Full Throttle. Full Throttle has the biggest loop in the world.

In Six Flags Hurricane Harbor there is a water ride called Tornado and the funnel length is 132ft and the ride throws 5,000 gallons of water per minute.

In Six Flags they have great food they give Funnel Cakes, Cheese Sticks, Pizza, Cheese Burgers and more.

The Six Flags season pass is only \$64.99 and they give you free parking and discounts for food and stores. Six Flags is great for you and your family ❖



Six Flags



Short Story: Lego Destruction II

By Martin V.

It all started in the underworld. All the villains in the Lego world were gathered together for this meeting.

Lord Garmadon said, "Order in the underworld!" Everyone got quite except some snakes and an alien.

"Sorry Garmadon," said the alien, "No sorry you know the drill!" said Garmadon.

Lord Garmadon vaporized the snakes and the alien.

"Now for business." said Garmadon. "Okay, we have to destroy the city of legos!" said Darth Vader.

"Here is the plan." said General Veers.

Meanwhile in the city, there was another meeting in Stark building. All the good guys were together.

"There is a meeting in the Underworld!" said Kai the Ninja.

"Ewww spooky!" said Tony Stark, aka Iron Man.

"We have to make a plan!" said Superman, "or else they will squish us!"

"Like pancakes?" said Anakin the Jedi.

"I have it. We will make team and a command center." said Captain America.

"Okay Captain America, Superman, Wonder Woman, Aqua Man, Robin, Iron Man, Black Widow ,and Batman are in my team" said Kai. "The rest of you are in command central."

Our heroes were walking through the city when they spotted something strange. It was a homeless clone trooper that had a sign that said will build a battle fort for food. It was all a trick. Skeleton trucks, Snake cycles, and the two face car surrounded our hero's.

"We surround you now" said Garmadon.

"Lex Luthor destroy the city with your weapon. Joker destroy

the city with your robot," said Garmadon.

"I don't think so" said Iron Man . He shot laser beams at the Joker bot. The joker bot was defeated.

Superman flew too but suddenly Lex shot Superman with his kryptonite weapon.

"Im getting weak!" said Superman.

"Everyone use your powers and aim for the weapon," said Kai.

They created a powerful destruction beam and overheated the weapon. All the citizens applauded.

"We will be back" said Lord Garmadon.

Iron Man said "We should write a story about this"

And they all lived happily ever after until Garmadon came back of course.

Coming soon more Lego Destruction. ❖

Nintendo Land

By Zitlaly M.

Nintendo Land is an interesting game on the Wii U. There are 12 attractions in Nintendo Land: Link's Battle Quest, Pikmin Adventure, Metroid Blast, Mario Chase, Luigi's Ghost Mansion, Animal Crossing Sweet Day, Yoshi Fruit Cart, Octopus Dance, Donkey Kong's Crash Course, Taka Maria's Ninja Castle, Captain Falcon's Twister Race, and Bal-

loon Trip Breeze. Mario Chase, Luigi's Ghost Mansion, Metroid Blast, and Animal Crossing Sweet Day. These are my favorite attractions! Which game sounds most interesting to you?

Nintendo Land is the best game I have ever played. Your guide for Nintendo Land is Moneta.

You also get stars on your attractions. If you're an expert on

the attractions you will earn more stars. If you collect all stars Moneta will make a party and there will be a lot of stars, and there's a little surprise also—you get to be king of Nintendo Land, isn't that awesome? Also you could collect stamps if you do what the stamp says.

This is a great game to get as a gift. It is rated "E" so it is good for kids ❖





CMA KIDS NEWS FREE SUMMER CAMP



on July 15, 16, 17 and 18
(an additional day may be scheduled for July 19)

Sign-Up is Required and Space is Limited

Sign up at: tinyurl.com/cmakids2013

Join PressFriends middle and high school mentors and CMA junior and senior docents in a free, fun summer camp, and have your articles published in CMA Kids News. This is a program run by kids for kids.

Please only sign up if you can make the entire week. The camp meets in the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's library on the 2nd floor.

Tentative schedule:

- July 15 - 2-4 p.m.—News day. Reporters will interview CMA staff and report on the latest CMA News.
- July 16 - 2-4 p.m. - Profiles day. Reporters will write profile articles about the staff and volunteers at the CMA.
- July 17 - 2-4 p.m. - Marine Life day. Join a CMA Educator on a fun activity. Past workshops have included tidepool walks, visits to the salt marsh, collecting plankton and many more fun adventures. Afterwards, re-search your articles in the CMA library.
- July 18 - 2-4 p.m. - Robotics day - join us for a special day of fun experiments run by engineering students from the California Academy of Math & Sciences and other local high schools.



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LAWNDALE KIDS NEWS

August 3 at the Lawndale Library

Join us for lots of fun, games, interviews,
and writing for Lawndale Kids News.

For information and to sign up, call (310) 676-0177.

PressFriends Program Round Up

By Luke Southwell, President, Student Advisory Board



PressFriends is pleased to finish up a third year with 135th Elementary School and LA's Best program.

We would like to thank Wendy Beltran for all her work on this program, and the LA's Best program director, Lupe Saldana.

We would also like to thank Mrs. Nikki Ueda, who has been PressFriends' board chair as well as our program liaison at 135th Street.

We are especially grateful to your principal Antonio Camacho and wish him well on his retirement. However, we are especially pleased that Mr. Camacho is also on the PressFriends board, and will help us make PressFriends an even better program.

We hope that all fourth graders will consider joining PressFriends next year. We will be doubling the number of mentoring sessions and look forward to having a lot more.

We hope you all have a great summer and hope to see you at either or both our Lawndale Library program on August 3 or our summer camp at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium on July 15, 16., 17 and 18. At the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, besides exploring the ocean, we'll do lots of fun engineering experiments put together by local high school students in STEM programs. Both programs are free.

See you next year! ❖

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