

Bright Lights

News for the week of August 9, 2010

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Inspiration Knows No Bounds

Physical Limitations Can't Stop Josh Kennison

Josh Kennison, a vibrant 20-year old from Paris, Maine has a thing or two to teach all of us about attitude and sheer determination.

He and a team of six bicycle riders completed a 5-hour, 60 mile ride to Camp No Limits— a summer haven for children with disabilities and serious illness.

What distinguishes Josh from the crowd is the fact that he was born without the lower half of both of his arms and legs. Kennison, an avid athlete, skier and bike rider enthusiast said he chose to ride to the camp to encourage others.

"I want them to understand no matter the limitations—you can conquer. You can accomplish anything as long as you set your mind on it," said Kennison.

**That's
Attitude**

Good News to Use—Pass it On

Preliminary state testing results indicate the **Victor Elementary School District continues to show gains**. The District improved from a score of 804 to 810 out of a possible 1,000 points on the Academic Performance Index (API). Puesta Del Sol School gained 50 points on the API from 723 to 773!

A graduation ceremony was held last week for **29 students who graduated from the first phase of the Southern California Logistics Airport School of Aviation Technology**. The students are on course to receive an FAA Airframe & Powerplant certificate for jobs in the aviation maintenance industry beginning at \$40K a year.

For the third year, **Azusa Pacific University secured a place in the national category of the U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges 2010 rankings**, placing in the third tier of this prestigious category that includes schools like Harvard, Yale, and UCLA. In years past, APU ranked within the Western-Universities Master's category, and last year received acknowledgement as an up and coming university by U.S. News. **Azusa Pacific University's Victorville campus currently offers a bachelor's degree in Nursing, and plans to soon offer a doctorate degree in Education.**

The new signal at Fish Hatchery and Bear Valley Roads is set to begin operation the week of August 23rd prior to the start of the Fall semester. The project is funded by the City of Victorville (through a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant), Victor Valley Community College Board of Trustees and the Associated Student Body, the City of Hesperia and the Excelsior Charter School.

Coldwell Banker Commercial secured a Victorville location for **Symmetry Physical Therapy that is expanding its business** from its Apple Valley site. The new offices are set to open in September at 12384 Palmdale Road. It will fill the need for physical therapy services on the west side of town.

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