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Top: Raj Chaklashiya, 10 and Corrie Sielen, 13, each placed in the top 10 of 1200 entries in a contest for "Curiosity Quest," a local cable show.

Above: Chino Motor Officer Ted Olden demonstrates the use of a Lidar (light detection and ranging) gun, which measures speed of a moving object, for "Curiosity Quest" host Joel Greene. Mr. Greene also visited the detective bureau, worked with Crime Scene Investigators to lift his fingerprints from a car and accompanied officers on a call (Champion photo by Melodie Henderson).

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Curiosity puts Chino kids on other side of TV screen

By Melodie Henderson

Curiosity killed the competition for two Chino youths who placed as finalists in a local television contest.

Raj Chaklashiya, 10 and Corrie Sielen, 13, each placed in the top 10 of 1200 entries in a contest for "Curiosity Quest," a local cable show hosted by Don Lugo High School graduate Joel Greene. The show, which airs at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and 5:30 p.m. Sundays on PBS-KVCR, encourages children to express their curiosity, which sends Mr. Greene on a

quest to research their topic, anything from recycling to kart racing.

The contest was co-sponsored by PFF Bank and Trust, which awarded seven finalists, including Raj and Corrie, a \$100 young savers account.

Two winners won a \$250 account and the top prize was a \$500 account and the chance to co-host with Mr. Greene as he explores the winner's topic.

Raj and Corrie, plus their families were treated to a limousine ride to the Curiosity Quest set, where they had dinner, took a tour and met Mr. Greene. They also appeared on the live results show, which aired July 28.

"My favorite part was being on live television," said Raj, a fifth grader at Newman Elementary whose quest was to find out how to make cheese. Asked by Mr. Greene why he chose the topic, Raj said he replied, "Because it is tasty."

A Hummer limo with disco lights and music was what Corrie liked best, a fitting answer for the Briggs Junior High eighth-grader, who hoped to accompany Mr. Greene on a quest to see what it is like to be famous.

"I wanted to know what it was like to live in a mansion, shop in Beverly Hills and ride in a limo," she said.

The winning topic was from a 6-year-old girl who wanted to know what it would be like to swim with dolphins.

Raj found out about the contest by watching the show. Corrie said she learned about it on a visit to the PFF Bank and Trust branch on Central Avenue in Chino.

Corrie said she plans to use her young savers account to build a college fund, and hopes to attend USC or Loma Linda University to get a degree in pediatric medicine.

"I really like the bank, though," she said. "That might be my starter job."

Mr. Greene and the "Curiosity Quest" crew filmed an upcoming episode Wednesday in Chino, as they tailed Chino Police officers.

Mr. Greene was responding to a request from Anna Pickett of Rialto, who wanted to know how officers know when and where to go on calls.

The episode will air in November.

**Also this week in the
Champion . . .**

- **Fire board will appoint new member**

The fire board announced Thursday that it will appoint a new member to fill the seat of former director Ron Watson, who resigned Monday.

- **YMCA plans new policies in wake of suit**

Local YMCAs will have better guidelines for dealing with special needs children as the result of a settlement reached this week between the West End YMCA in Ontario and the Justice Department, said Bill Hobbs, CEO of the West End YMCA.

- **This grass is always greener -- always**

Chino Hills has nothing against painters. They are free to paint landscapes or portraits, watercolors or acrylics. But they can't paint the grass. A city inspection of Overlook Park in the Vellano Country Club development revealed that several areas of grass had been painted.

- **World champs**

The So Cal Outlaws baseball team from Chino Hills wins the Triple Crown World Series in Colorado.

- **Hoping to cash in**

Schools submit proposals for one-time, discretionary state money.

- **Doing the rounds**

If it's on wheels -- literally -- this Chino Internet entrepreneur has it.

- **Drawing the line**

Chino Hills files a protest against Southern California Edison's power transmission line plan.

- **Bringing them in**

Police break up a crime ring preying upon truck yards in southern California cities, including Chino.

- **Making up for lost time**

The fire board moves to raise its compensation for the first time in five years.

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