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Finding the potential within through a smile

Community Gatepath helps those with autism find jobs

By **Bill Silverfarb**
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF

Smiling probably comes easy to most, but for one young man who works at a local movie theater, his inability to smile could have cost him his job.

Lucas Coulston, who works at Century Theatres in San Bruno, has autism and grew up in a less than desirable living situation, being shipped from family member to family member and attending sever-

al schools in his youth before reuniting with his grandmother, who lives in Belmont.

He always wanted to work, however, and secured the job he has now through a Community Gatepath program.

But theater management told Coulston's job coach that there was concern about how he was not smiling when greeting customers.

Coulston asked his job coach to help him understand what smiling was because he did not know what

his face "feels like" to smile.

With coaching, support and encouragement from his co-workers at the movie theater, Coulston now smiles and is more engaging than ever. He also lives in San Bruno in a community housing environment and can walk to work if he chooses.

In fact, with his new confidence and bright smile, he now imagines himself as being a standup comedian.

To honor his achievements, Community Gatepath awarded

Coulston with the Neal Poppin Award yesterday at its annual Power of Possibilities breakfast.

Poppin was a former Gatepath client whose spirit and determination allowed him to live an active life despite his disability. Each year, an outstanding Gatepath participant is given the award who demonstrates that same extraordinary dedication and can-do spirit.

"It was amazing, fulfilling and

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Lucas Coulston



REUTERS

Anti-Gadhafi fighters walk at an area where clashes with Gadhafi forces took place in Sirte, Libya.

Libya's new threat: Themselves

U.S. leery of motives of those who promise quick move to democracy

By **Bradley Klapper**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The secular and the religious, the politicians and the militants all basked Thursday in the demise of a dictator after fighters killed Moammar Gadhafi and eradicated once and for all his four decades of repression in Libya. But while congratulations poured in from across the world, the Obama administration and others tempered the celebrations with a dose of



Moammar Gadhafi

caution, conscious that Libya's formerly ragtag band of rebels must now avoid falling prey to extremists among themselves, or the type of political infighting that has hijacked the hopes of previous revolutions.

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California adopts cap and trade

State to provide financial incentives for polluters to reduce gas emissions

By **Jason Dearen**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — California formally adopted the nation's most comprehensive so-called "cap-and-trade" system Thursday, an experiment by the world's eighth-largest economy that is designed to provide financial incentives for polluters to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

State officials said they hoped other states and Washington, D.C., would follow suit, calling the plan a "capstone" among the suite of tools California can use to reduce the pollution linked to climate change and cut dependence on foreign oil.

"For half a century every American president has been calling for America to move away from our dependence on foreign oil and become energy independent," said Mary Nichols, chair-

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Mary Nichols

Battle of the bots begins

By **Heather Murtagh**
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Fall is often the time of year associated with football games and earlier sunsets but, for many high school students in San Mateo County, October is the beginning of a year-long robot project.

These aren't the kind of robots one buys in the store. These bots are designed and built by students in their spare time often with the help of volunteers and lots of fundraising. This week-

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