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'Chicken Soup' entry from Mission Viejo

A father-daughter team from the Valley has a story in the most recent installment in the "Chicken Soup" series: "Chicken Soup for the Father and Daughter Soul."

The story by **Jean Stewart** is called "The Lesson" and recounts the graduation day that she was afraid to tell her parents about a minor car accident ... and her father stayed cool about it and said cars can be repaired.

Her story was selected from thousands submitted for inclusion in the book which will be published just in time for Father's Day.

Jonathon's choice: Remember, a few weeks back, I wrote about a Valley youth in the enviable position of having every top university in the country vying for him to select them as his college-education choice?

(The list included Harvard, Yale, Princeton, UCLA, UC Berkeley, USC and California State University at Long Beach.)

At the end of the article, I said I hoped that he would let us all know what school he finally selected?

Well, his justifiably "proud" parents, **Joe** and **Blonca Serrato** of Mission Viejo, just sent an update that Jonathon will be heading to New Haven, Conn., and the Yale University campus.

The Capistrano Valley High School senior is a National Honor Society member, officer of the Associated Student Body and band president. He has had perfect school attendance since kindergarten.

He also volunteered at the Mission Viejo Library (Children's Reading Program) and the Mission San Juan Capistrano.

His parents say the decision was hard to make, but he had always dreamed of attending the Ivy League school.

Speaking of scholars: We just got word on two Valley residents that have gotten top scholarship awards.

David Hallowell of Mission Viejo is the recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship to study psychology in Vienna, Austria. He will study at the University of Vienna, conduct research at the Society of Logotherapy and Existential Analysis and be mentored by Alfred Langle, a protégé of the Viennese psychiatrist Viktor Fankl, who coined the term existentialism.

Hallowell graduated from the University of California, Irvine in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in psychology and social behavior. He received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research for work he conducted in self-perceptions of parents of children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

The United States Fulbright Scholarship was established by Congress in 1946 to promote understanding between nations by allowing graduate students and professors to study abroad.

Vicky Zhou, also of Mission Viejo, is a sophomore with a double major in biological science and dance and will pick up a two-year scholarship in the Goldwater-funded specialization of biochemistry and molecular biology. She wants to pursue a research career exploring biochemical and molecular profiles of immunological disease to help develop treatments.

She already has conducted undergraduate research on asthma and is a member of the Campus-wide Honors Program.

The Barry M. Goldwater scholarship program was established by Congress in 1986 to encourage students in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering. It covers the cost of tuition, fees, books and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year.

The winners of both scholarships are students at the University of California, Irvine.

Tap champs: The Junior Dance Co. mini tap team from Dance Works in Lake Forest captured first place overall in the petite division (age 8 and under) in their first dance competition of the season.

The "On Stage America" dance competition was held in Long Beach. Their performance piece was called "Elvis Is Back" and really was a stand out for its choreography by Megan Cantrell, and use of props. The dancers include

Kaity Strietbeck, Kate Fahey, Romy Piovan, Sydney Golbert, Kristen Bogler, Hnnah Gilbert, Natalie Hull, Shannon Smith, Riley Beeler and Riley Kurilko.

Troop movements:. Navy Hospitalman Apprentice **Jan Ryan Dollete**, 2004 Aliso Niguel High School graduate and son of **Nellie Bares** of Aliso Viejo, just graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Field Medical Service School, Camp Pendleton.

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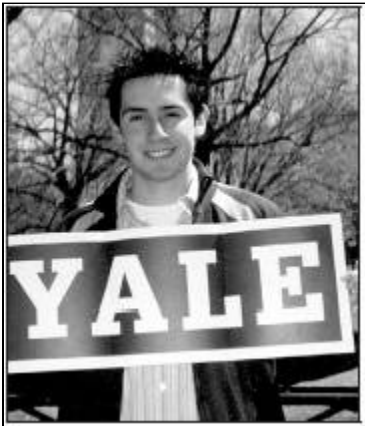
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BULLDOG: Jonathon Serrato has made his college choice.



WINNING EFFORT: Junior Dance Co. cuties' "Elvis" dance got top prize at the "On Stage America" dance competition held in Long Beach.



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