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Walk through the American Revolution

All fifth graders were given a very fun and unique lesson on how our amazing country got started. “Walk Through the American Revolution” teaches students about various famous historical people and events that occurred before and during the creation of our great nation in an interactive, exciting and informative way.

Each student is assigned to dress up as a historical character such as King George III, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Betsy Ross, or George Washington. Students have to memorize and act out their assigned parts and perform in front of their class.

The class is divided into three teams: The Red Coats, The White Tories and The Blue Rebels. The three teams compete by answering questions and get points on their performances

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Colette J., Terra K., and Sonoma S.

Upcoming Events

- JUNE 9—AUTHOR VISIT-K & 2ND GR
- JUNE 9—5TH GRADE CATALINA
- JUNE 10—5TH GR/STAFF KICKBALL
- JUNE 11—MIN DAY/GRADUATION
- JUNE 11—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- JUNE 22 TO JULY 17—ARTS ALIVE THEATER PROGRAM AT DG

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Fun in the Sun

LA County Junior Lifeguards offer a great summer program

Summer is a great time to do fun sports! Many of you will sign up for sports camps: baseball, soccer, surf, tennis, golf, or camps in the mountains or at the seashore. Others will enjoy sports with their families: bike riding, hiking, or swimming at the beach or in a pool.

One of the best programs for overall physical conditioning is the Junior Lifeguard program. It is a five week program that shows kids 9 through 17 how to take care of themselves in the ocean. It teaches them swimming, body surfing, surfing, competition skills, lifesaving, and the use of professional lifeguard equipment.



LA County Junior Lifeguard Program

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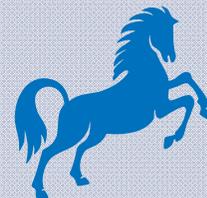
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Ideas for Summer Fun

It's almost summer, time for trips to the beach, drippy popsicles, and long, lazy days. I asked some of my third grade buddies, and a couple of Dapplegray teachers, if they have summer plans, and mostly they do.

Student Vacation Plans

Will M. is going to Massachusetts to visit his family's vacation home.

Joseph R. will visit Washington D.C. and go camping with some friends near San Francisco. He also plans to attend a performing arts camp in Denver to do a very fun play.

Alexia J. is going to swim camp to have a fun time swimming with some new friends.

Kai K. says he is going to sports camp to learn some new skills.

Jeffrey C. is going to play basketball and have picnics with his family, as well as take a planned trip to Disneyland.

Priscilla C. says her family is going all the way to Guate-

mala to visit her aunt, whom she hasn't seen in a long time.

Aimee S. will go to a horse camp with friends and family.

Teachers Have Fun Too

Now for the teachers. They really have fun. First grade teacher, Ms. Carullo, said: "I will be around most of the summer relaxing and enjoying the weather. My family lives in San Diego so I always spend a lot of time there. My nephew will be turning one so we will have his first birthday party in August."

"My sister that lives in Philadelphia," said Ms. Carullo, "and she'll be visiting with her two sons in July. We always take them to the zoo, the beach, Legoland, and maybe even Disneyland this year. They are 3 and 5 years old so they are a handful. I have a wedding to go to also. So I will keep very busy."

My own third grade teacher, Ms. Dunn said: "Unfortunately, I don't have too much exciting to tell you.

The first week after school gets out I have Jury Duty. Then I plan to relax and enjoy California for the rest of the summer.

"I would love to take a few short trips to places like Napa Valley and San Diego," said Ms. Dunn. "I hope to see a few Dodger games and maybe take a trip to Hawaii. I've never been there, and I'd really love to go! Other than that, I plan to teach a couple boot camps in August to help students get ready for the school year to start up again."

That's not exciting? Well, jury duty maybe not, but the rest sounds like a blast.

Enjoy Your Summer

My own plans are to hike the local trails with my friends and go to swim camp with my good friend, Natalia. Whatever you have planned, take along a good book, some sunscreen, and plenty of water to drink. See you in September!

*Rachel G.
Colt Editor*



Girl Scouts Walk for a Cancer Solution

Girl Scout Troop #544 walked in the REVLON Run/Walk for Women in Los Angeles on May 9th. We were so proud to be able to participate in raising money for the fight against women's cancers. 50,000 people came out to

walk and run for cancer that day. We walked shoulder to shoulder with cancer survivors and those who've lost loved ones to cancer.

The Revlon Run/Walk has raised nearly \$55 million to help with the research into the

cause and cure of women's cancers. What a great cause! We hope all of you will come out to walk next year. Lives are being saved!

*Rachel C.
Health Editor*





DG Times Survey

California Adventure versus Disneyland

Which park do you think is the Number One Choice for Dapplegray students?

Now that summer's coming closer, I'm sure many of you are looking forward to going to fun amusement parks. I mean, who doesn't? So I was wondering...which park is more popular around our school: California Adventure or Disneyland?

I surveyed 40 3rd and 4th graders, and the vote was definitely not a tie, because California Adventure won with 27 votes (67.5 %) while Disneyland only received 13 votes (32.5 %). Many Dapplegray Colts who liked California Adventure told me they loved the thrilling rides such as Cali-

fornia Screaming, the ultimate loop-de-loop rollercoaster, and The Tower of Terror, the frightening up and down dropping elevator ride.

The people who told me Disneyland was their favorite park either stated that they were afraid of roller coasters and enjoyed rides like It's a Small World and Peter Pan or said the rides in California Adventure were a little too much, so they preferred Space Mountain, Big Thunder Mountain, Splash Mountain, and Indiana Jones.

There's no doubt about it, both parks are very exciting

and have really cool rides, too. If anyone has recently been to California Adventure then they might have noticed that the bay is drained! Well, don't worry. A new attraction called the "World of Color" is just being built. It's scheduled to open sometime around December 2010, and I know it sounds like a long time, but most rides take a lot longer. Whichever is your favorite, have fun at all the amusement parks this summer!

*Kiersten H.
Survey Editor*

DG Times Green Report

Have an Eco-Friendly Summer

Get some great eco-friendly ideas at the Venice Eco-Fest on June 27th



Are you looking for something fun and educational to do during the summer? Come visit the Venice Eco-Fest and learn more about being eco-friendly!

Eco-Fest will feature a solar powered sound stage with performances by popular artist and appearances from a few well known celebrities. There will be many booths with fun activities sponsored by green businesses and organizations. Also, there will be

a food court with organic and healthy foods and a play area where kids can create, play and be artistic in environmentally aware ways.

The purpose of the festival is to honor the Earth, all life, and to teach us how we can help.

Eco-Trivia

Did you know that half of our smog has cleared up in the past 37 years even though we have 4-times more cars now?

Find out why and more interesting facts at the Venice Eco-Fest.

Where it's all happening

The Venice Eco-Fest is on June 27, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is being held in the Venice Beach Recreation Area at Windward Ave. and Ocean Front Walk. The fair is free to public. For more information, check out www.earthdayla.org.

*Kai K.
Green Editor*

Have a Strike of a Summer

Gable House Bowl has lots of summer fun in store for kids and families

Anyone can have fun bowling this summer. You don't need to be a superfantabulous bowler. Bowling is fun for any age—and best of all, it's air-conditioned! So when you want a break from the beach or swimming pool, think about going bowling.

The Dapplegray Times interviewed Mickey Cogan, the general manager and president of Gable House, Inc. to find out what's in store this summer at this favorite hang-out spot for kids in the South Bay.

DG Times: Why is Gable House fun for kids in the summer?

Mr. Cogan: Gable House is fun for kids in the summer because we have some great deals at times when you don't really want to go to the beach anyway.

All summer long we run our Daytime Quartermania. That runs from 9:00 am to noon Monday through Friday. There is a cover charge of \$6.00 and after that bowling is only 25 cents a game! You can also get hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, and soft drinks for 25 cents each. Tuesday and Friday we do it with Glow in the Dark. We turn off the lights and turn on the music, black lights, and laser and disco lights. The pins, lanes, and just about everything else glow in the dark. It's a lot of fun. Also, who wants to go to the beach before noon anyway? The fog doesn't burn off until after that.

DG Times: How is Gable House going green?

Mr. Cogan: We have gone

green by installing 732 solar electric panels. This provides over 1/3 of our electric needs. We produce enough electricity to power over 50 homes. We also recycle all of our bottles. We estimate that we recycle over 25 tons of glass a year.

DG Times: How is bowling good exercise for kids?

Mr. Cogan: Think about it. A game is twelve frames. You get two shots per frame. That's 20 times a game you are throwing a 6 to 16 pound ball as hard as you can. Makes my arm tired just thinking about it.

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DG Times: In your opinion, what is the best part about bowling?

Mr. Cogan: I think bowling is a great game and sport. It can be very challenging to reach high scores, yet anyone can do it. But in my opinion the best part about bowling is spending time with your friends. You can spend the same amount of

money and time going to a movie, but you sat there in quite watching other people do something. With bowling you are actually doing something with your friends, talking, slapping high fives, laughing at your mistakes. It's a lot of fun.

DG Times: Do you need to make a reservation to go to Gable House?

Mr. Cogan: You don't need reservations. You might want to call to see if we are busy.

DG Times: How much does it cost to bowl at Gable House?

Mr. Cogan: The cost depends on when you bowl. Weekdays it's \$3.75 per game. Weeknights \$4.75 and \$5.00 per game on weekends, but you also have specials like Quartermania to make it cheaper.

DG Times: When are the hours that Gable House is open?

Mr. Cogan: We are open 9:00 am to 2:00 am every day.

DG Times: Can kids use bumpers at any time?

Mr. Cogan: Bumpers are available to everyone all the time.

Get Ready to Bowl

Gable House Bowl is located at 22501 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, CA 90505, (310) 378-2265. For more information on Gable House and Laser Storm (like their birthday party packages), go to www.gablehousebowl.com.

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Mickey Cogan of Gable House Bowl





Summer Reading

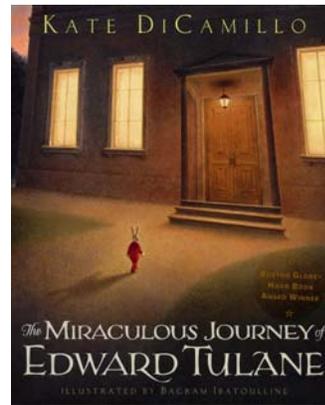
Do some detective work to find some good summer reading

It is hard to believe that the summer of 2009 is almost here! Even though you're on vacation it's still important to read. I plan to read some mystery books because I want to try a different genre. I usually read books that are funny or sad such *Island of the Blue Dolphins* or *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.

Amazon Reading Lists

My mom and I are currently researching summer reading lists on Amazon.com. There is a different list for each grade level and there are reviews

from teachers, kids, and parents. Also, if you like a certain author, you can search their



name on Amazon and it will list all of the books he or she has written. If you remember, I really enjoyed reading the book *Desperaux* by Kate DiCamillo. Amazon informed me that she also wrote *Tiger Rising*, *Because of Winn Dixie*, and *The Miraculous Adventure of Edward Tulane*, which is now one of my favorite books.

So, keep up your reading, try something new, and have a magnificent summer!

Happy Reading!

Meghan M.

Book Review Editor



DG Food Journal

Summer Fruit Bonanza

At the beginning of summer, I look forward to the delicious fruit that will soon be available. Summer fruit is best when eaten off the tree or bought at a local farmer's market. Fruit from the grocery store is often trucked from places far away, which means it was picked unripe. It will not be as delicious or as juicy as local tree-ripened fruit. Here is a list of what to look for in the upcoming months:

June

Blackberries – I have them in my yard and there is nothing better than eating handfuls of them straight off the branch. Be careful – they are thorny bushes!!

Cherries – Farmers' markets are full of them right now and they are so sweet!

July

Apricots – These are the best in early July. If you have a tree, or a friend with a tree, that is the way to go. If you want to buy them at the farmers market, be sure and look for Blenheim or Royal variety. They are much sweeter than the Patterson variety that is sold at supermarkets.

Plums – A tree-ripe plum is like a sweet and tart dessert. Beware of the juice that will get on your shirt when you eat them! My favorite type is Santa Rosa. They have dark purple skins and ruby red centers.

August

Peaches – My favorite, the white-fleshed kind, are ready earlier – some even in June or July. The yellow-fleshed types aren't good until August. There is a great stand at the Saturday farmers market in Torrance, which has a peach, called the Indian Blood Peach. They aren't ready until late August, but they are the sweetest you will ever taste.

Melons – I'm not really a big melon fan, but a good watermelon is always great on a hot day. The types with seeds are often sweeter than the seedless variety.

Have a *fruitastic* summer!

Peter G.
Food Editor

Go on a Language Learning Adventure this Summer

Whether or not you're planning to travel to another country, learning a foreign language can be fun thing to do this summer

Summer is here! Everyone thinks this is time for beaches and vacations. This is also a great time to spend time with friends or to go to a summer camp to learn sports, dancing, karate, or even art. This also a perfect opportunity to learn something new, like a foreign language. It can take you on a trip to learn about a foreign land without leaving Palos Verdes!

Learning Languages is Fun

One place to learn languages is the Academy of Foreign Languages on Deep Valley Drive in Rolling Hills Estates. The Academy gives foreign language instruction in Chinese, Japanese, French, Spanish, Italian, Latin, German, and Russian.

Anyone who thinks that learning a foreign language is boring, is wrong. My brother and I are taking Mandarin Chinese, and we think the lessons are a lot of fun. We love to travel, and it's more fun being able to speak to people in their own language. We also are interested in learning French, because we have friends who live in France.

Why Learn Foreign Languages?

I interviewed our Chinese teacher, Cleo Young, who was born in Taiwan.

DG Times: Why is it fun for kids to learn different languages?

Ms. Young: They can learn about a different culture and can use the language to com-

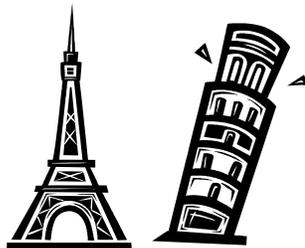
municate with people from other countries.

DG Times: When did you first start taking English in Taiwan?

Ms. Young: When I was in Middle School.

DG Times: When is the best time to start to learn a foreign language?

Ms. Young: At any age! The earlier you learn a foreign language, the more advantages you will have.



DG Times: Do you speak any other languages besides Mandarin Chinese and English?

Ms. Young: There are actually many Chinese dialects. It is like a huge umbrella and each spoke represents a different language. I speak Taiwanese too.

DG Times: Why should kids take foreign languages?

Ms. Young: To increase their knowledge of the world and to enhance their learning and memory skills.

Academy of Foreign Languages

I also talked to the co-owner of the Academy of Foreign Languages, Ms. Daiana Baldanzi, who also teaches

Italian and Latin at the Academy and sometimes brings in great treats like Panettone.

DG Times: What is your job?

Ms. Baldanzi: I am the director of the Academy of Foreign Languages; it is kind of like being a principal or dean.

DG Times: What is the Academy of Foreign Languages?

Ms. Baldanzi: It is an institute for people of any age to study language.

DG Times: What languages do you speak?

Ms. Baldanzi: Italian, English, French, Spanish, and Latin.

DG Times: Why should people come here to Academy of Foreign Languages to study?

Ms. Baldanzi: Because we customize the programs to adapt to each student's learning style.

DG Times: How can people contact Academy of Foreign Languages?

Ms. Baldanzi: Call us at 310-975-4133, because our motto is "talk to us" or by e-mail, info@academyofforeignlanguages.com.

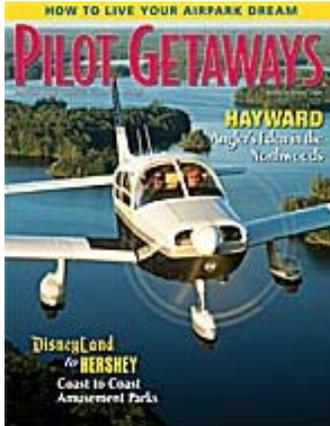
Live and Learn

If you like to travel or want to learn more about other cultures, learning a new language is the way to go!



Cleo Young and Daiana Baldanzi

Tessa S.
Editor-in-Chief



Careers Corner

John Kounis —Writer, Editor, Pilot, and Linguist

The Dapplegray Times careers editor, Austin D., interviewed John Kounis, Editor-in-Chief of Pilot Getaways magazine (www.pilotgetaways.com).

DG Times: How old were you when you first were interested in flying?

John Kounis: I was working at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena and found out about the CalTech flying club (officially called the Aero Association of Caltech— <http://aacit.caltech.edu>) when I was 17. My first flight lesson was on my 18th birthday.

DG Times: What is your favorite airplane to fly and how many different airplanes have you flown?

John Kounis: My favorite airplane is the airplane I currently own. It's a Cessna 185, which is a "bush plane." That means it can land on short, unpaved runways, such as small grass airstrips in the mountains or even on the beach. I haven't counted the number of different airplanes that I have flown. I just tried to list the different aircraft types that I have flown, and I could think of 40 different types off the top of my head. The number of different aircraft is probably somewhere around 100.

DG Times: What is your favorite destination and why?

John Kounis: It's very difficult to rate a favorite destination, because each destination has its own appeal. It's akin to asking a mother which child is her favorite—she can't do it,

since each child has his or her own qualities. So I'll rate a few of my favorites—

Idaho backcountry— The state of Idaho has many small airstrips in inaccessible mountain locations. There are no roads and no buildings at many of these places, so it's like going back in time. Moose Creek, Idaho, for example, is 28 miles from the nearest road and they have to cut the grass there with a wagon that has a rotating blade on it, pulled behind a horse.



John Kounis, Woody, and George Kounis

The Okavango River Delta, Botswana. There are many small strips, some next to tiny villages with mud huts that have grass roofs. The river delta is teeming with life: elephants, lions, giraffes, wildebeest... you name it.

Norway. The fjords of Norway are a place to see huge glaciers, ice fields, and waterfalls. Flying over the country is the best way to see it.

DG Times: Does your dog keep you good company?

John Kounis: Of course my dog keeps me good company. Often, we have to wake up at 3 or 4 am for our photo shoots. We are groggy and grumpy that early, but Woody is always happy and excited to get going. It helps cheer us all up and get us going in the morning.

DG Times: Did you like being an engineer at JPL or do you like flying for Pilot Getaways more?

John Kounis: Both jobs were fascinating. At JPL, it wasn't

only the work that was interesting; the people there were great to work with too. The entire team I worked with at JPL was excellent, and I still miss interacting with them. JPL had 6,000 employees, but Pilot Getaways has only 3 full-time people (and several part-time contractors). So I interact with fewer people in the office on a daily basis at Pilot Getaways. On the other hand, I prefer the travel and excitement of Pilot

Getaways. So both jobs offer their advantages.

DG Times: What did you study in school and what kind of degree did you need to get this far?

John Kounis: I have a bachelor's degree in computer science from USC. However, I draw on a wide range of the education I received at USC, including accounting, business, math, science, and, of course, English.

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Pet Care Pointers

Let's See About Guide Dogs

You may know that guide dogs help the blind, but do you know what they are taught? Guide dogs are taught many things that can help them take care of their masters. Read on to see that miracles can come on four legs too!

Lessons for Beginners

When the dogs are very young they are sent to raisers who are volunteer people who try to socialize the dogs as much as possible. The job of the raiser includes taking the dog to restaurants, work, and most other public places.

Middle School Lessons

At 18 months, the dogs are taken back to their school to complete their formal training. Soon after their arrival, instructors hook them on leashes and begin teaching the basic commands: sit, down, stay,

stand, come, and heel. After learning to walk properly on a leash and obey the basic commands, they are put in a guide dog harness. Over the course of about 4 ½ months, guide dogs accomplish many things such as:

- Resisting food that isn't theirs or offered to them.
- Sitting/standing/lying quietly in public places while not being used.
- "Intelligent Disobedience" example: Dogs are color blind so it is impossible for them to know when to cross the street by looking at traffic lights. It is the users job to listen for traffic and give the command "forward". If the dog doesn't think it is safe he won't budge. This is his way of saying, "It isn't safe, and I won't let you cross!" This skill can save an owner's life.

- Learning how to avoid running his owner into low hanging objects that only the dog would be able to pass under.
- Being able to go or to turn right, left, and forward on command.

Guide Dogs in Action

When you meet a guide dog team, you should always act calm. Do not walk up to the dog and begin to pet him. This can break his focus and put his owner in peril. As you can see guide dogs learn a lot in the 4½ months at school. This helps give blind people the independence they deserve. Have fun with your pet this summer, and remember, a healthy pet is a happy pet.

*Tina R.
Pet Care Editor*



Quest for the Cup

Hey Dapplegray Colts, although the weather has turned warmer as we approach summertime, the sport of ice hockey continues. Sixteen NHL ice hockey teams and one Stanley Cup, there's no turning back now...let the "Quest for the Cup" begin. The Detroit Redwings and the Pittsburgh Penguins will be playing for the 2009 Stanley Cup. It will be an exciting seven game series between these two NHL teams. The Red Wings are led by forward Henrik Zetterberg, goalie

Chris Osgood, and the oldest NHL player, forty-seven year old defenseman Chris Chelios. Detroit defeated the Columbus Blue Jackets, Anaheim Ducks, and Chicago Blackhawks to win the Western Conference championship. The Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Philadelphia Flyers, Boston Bruins, and Carolina Hurricane to become the Eastern Conference representative. The Pens are led by 2008 NHL MVP Sid-

ney Crosby. I am rooting for Sidney Crosby and the Pittsburgh Penguins to beat the Detroit Redwings for the cup.

*Kristopher K.
Co-Sports Editor*





Restaurant Review

The Amazing Bottega Louie

This month's article is about a place that I will not go every night, but you should go once or twice because it is amazingly good. It is a modern looking downtown restaurant with high ceilings. There is a gourmet market inside.



This new restaurant also has a bakery whose pastry chefs work 22 hours a day. They are open weekdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., and 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The gourmet market is open from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and weekends from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

They have great pizzas made in a separate kitchen, including a delicious Bianca, which is made with lots of mozzarella and ricotta cheese, arugula, and no sauce.

The name of this restaurant is Bottega Louie.

Its bakery has phenomenal pastries. Bottega Louie also has salads to die for. My favorite was their Caesar. And they serve club sandwiches that come in two sizes. The first one is a regular sized one. The one that caught my eye was long and skinny. This restaurant is amazing, and I want you to think that too.

Bottega Louie is located at 700 S. Grand Avenue in downtown Los Angeles (213-802-1470, bottegalouie.com).

*Matthew P.
Restaurant Editor*



Movie Review

Summer Movie Hits

Hey Colts! I bet you are all excited that summer is so close! I know I am! Especially since so many movies are coming out!

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian

One that is already in theaters is the new Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian. The Natural History Museum is closed for renovations and the Museum pieces are moved to the famous Washington Museums. Larry Daley, the security guard at the Natural History Museum, comes to the Smithsonian to rescue Jedediah and Octavius who got shipped there by mistake. The movie has a lot of interesting characters and awesome pieces in the museum.

You'll be entertained every second you watch it! This movie has Ben Stiller as Larry, Amy Adams, Robin Williams, Owen Wilson, and many more! C'mon, this isn't the only movie to see!



UP

UP is a new Favorite! UP is about Carl Fredrickson, a 78 year old man who ties balloons to the roof of his house!

He finally lifts his house in the air, when someone knocks on the door! An optimistic Wilderness Explorer named Russell, asks to come in.

They both travel to South America and experience things they will never forget, like Doug, the talking dog! Don't miss it!

I hope you all have a great summer! Keep cool, and keep a look out for great movies this summer! Have fun!

*Francesca L.
Entertainment Editor*

Technology Review

Video Game Roundup

Since Summer is almost here, I decided to talk about one activity that you're bound to do this summer—video games.

Guitar Hero 5 First Look

Did you know that a new Guitar Hero is coming out? It's called *Guitar Hero 5 First Look*. Neversoft (the company that made guitar hero) is working on making this new one more social and hassle-free as a follow up to *Guitar Hero World Tour*.



Transformers

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen is another new game that will be coming out. It's single and multiplayer based on the new movie coming out.

Terminator Salvation

Terminator Salvation the video game just came out, and

I heard it was pretty good. You're a third person shooter that battles Skynet enemies from the new movie. The movie still has John Conner and Arnold Schwarzenegger. The game starts with a war in Los Angeles in the year 2016. It ends.....well, that is a secret. If you're looking for some new video games, these are the ones. Everyone have a happy summer.

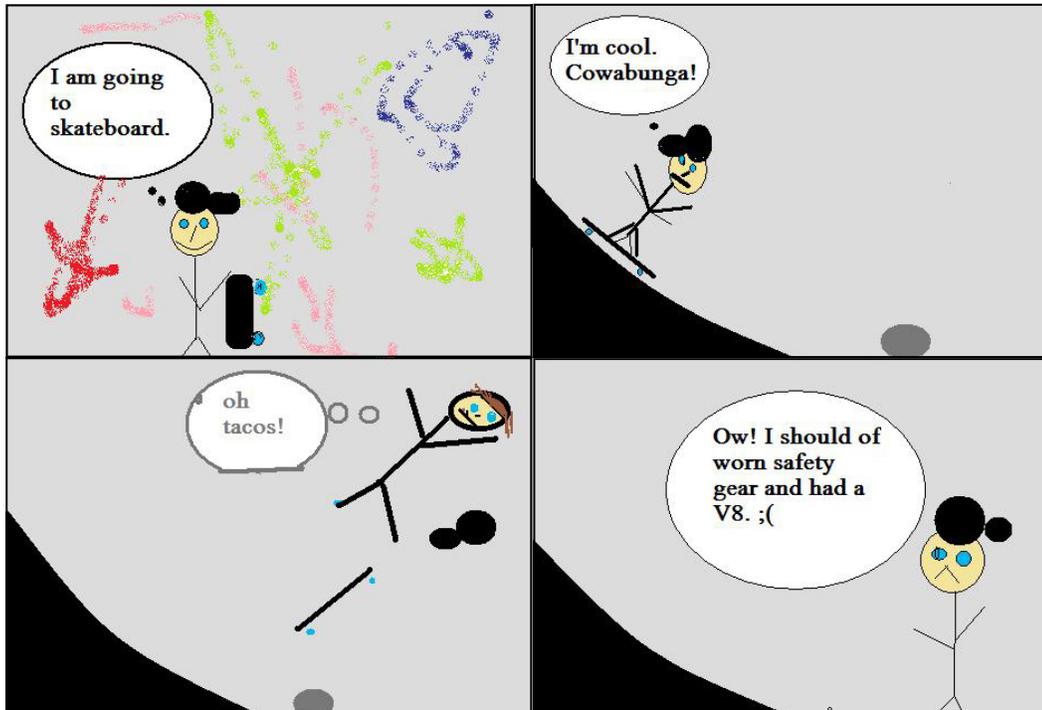


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Skateboard Escapades



By Josie J., Colette J., and Clair D.





Music Review

Songwriter Will Austin

Dapplegray kids got into the Xone with its lead guitarist, vocalist, and songwriter

As you all know, last week we had our Annual Writers Workshop. I attended so many amazing workshops but I have to say, Will Austin's was my favorite.

Will Austin is one awesome songwriter. He has written many songs called Ironheart, the 4th Dimension, and more!!!



During the workshop, we wrote four lyrics to a fake song. Then we read them aloud to the class.

My favorite part was when he played heavy metal music. It sounded really cool.

You know that some people think that if you want to become a really good guitar player or songwriter you don't need to learn much at school. Well those people are wrong. Will explained to us that you have to do very well in school, especially writing. Because how could you write a good song if you don't know anything about writing?



If he comes again next year, I highly recommend taking his workshop class.

*Daniela M.
Music Editor*



Music Review

Camille Velasco

Elena Waldman's music review won first place in Doug Kato's writers workshop music review contest

Ever since Camille Velasco was a little girl, she has decided to share her beautiful voice with all of America. She conquered her dream by participating in Season 3 of American Idol. Out of 80,000 contestants, she scored the 9th best singer.

New Dawn, New Day

Though her smile could lighten up any dark room, so could her new song called "New Dawn New Day" which was originally written for her



mother. This unique new song can make a sad, gloomy person happy and excited. This song makes me want to sing along and dance.

"KOY"

The marvelous rhythm is quite enjoyable, and I would like to listen to more songs in her album "KOY". I can't wait until this song comes out in the fall so I can listen to this wonderful song again.

*Elena W.
Community Editor*

ARE Point of View

By Alexa M., Robert J., and Eddie J.

Dear ARE,

My "friend" is always making fun of me around my other friends. I don't think she is trying to be mean, but it really hurts inside.

From,

Has a Mean Friend

Dear Has a Mean Friend,

I think you should probably talk to that person face-to-face but alone so people don't start talking about it. Tell her how you feel in a very nice way. And you can also say that friends aren't mean and don't make fun of each other.

From, *Alexa*

Dear Has a Mean Friend,

To help your friend understand how you feel, make fun of her, and then ask, "How does that make you feel?"

From,

Robert and Eddie

Dear ARE,

Someone went up to me and said right to my face, "I don't like you." I tried to think of something funny to say just like my friend does, but couldn't think of anything.

From,

Someone Doesn't Like Me

Dear Someone Doesn't Like Me,

If the person who said that was one of your good friends tell them how you feel. But if your not really friends don't take it to heart, but tell her/him that you just want to be friends and you mean no trouble.

From,

Alexa

Dear Someone Doesn't Like Me,

Just say back to them, "What's not to like?"

From,

Eddie and Robert

Dear ARE,

There is this one person who is always mean to me. But when I have a party, the person is super nice to me. I fall for it every time and then once the party is over, the person is mean to me again.

From,

Manipulated

Dear Manipulated,

Next time you have a party, send out invites saying, "please don't talk about it at school, because some people aren't invited." And then don't invite the person who is mean to you.

From,

Alexa

Dear Manipulated,

Remember not to invite the person to your parties anymore!

From,

Robert and Eddie



If you have questions for our advice editors, email adviceeditors@dapplegraytimes.com.

Summer Fashion Tips

Oh, is it summer already? For my last Dapplegray Times article, I will first tell you some *Do's* and *Don'ts*. Then I will tell you some tips for the summer. Lastly I will tell you some good summer shops.

Summer Fashion Do's

- Wear shorts
- Wear mini skirts/skorts
- Wear tank-tops and t-shirts

- Wear flip-flops
- Wear Pony tails and hats

Summer Don'ts

- Don't wear jeans
- Don't wear long sleeves
- Don't wear closed-toe shoes to sandy and wet places
- Don't wear swim suits to restaurants

Stores to Shop

Tips for the summer start

at shops. I can't predict the style but I can tell you some good shops. For girls, Hollister, Old Navy, Justice, and Pac Sun. For boys, Old Navy, Tilly's, and Pac Sun.

I hope that my fashion tips help you. Make sure to follow these tips and you are sure to look great.

Clair D.
Fashion Editor





Walk Through Revolution

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based on how well the performances were memorized and how well they were acted out. Our host, Anna, did a wonderful job running this program while teaching all of us facts about the American Revolution.

This lesson on our history lasted for two and a half hours, but time went by very quickly. All of the fifth graders learned a lot about our country. At the end of the lesson, not only did we know more facts, but we had a better understanding

about the many sacrifices people made to allow everyone to have freedom in the United States of America.

*Kelly K.
Campus Editor*



Junior Lifeguards

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If anyone is interested in trying out for Junior Lifeguards next year, I strongly recommend that you do a swimming preparation program for six to eight weeks before the tryouts.

In order to pass the test, kids age 9 to 11, need to be able to swim 100 yards, (four lengths of a high school pool), in 1:50 minutes or less.

If you want more information, go to the LA County Jun-

ior Lifeguard website at: www.watchthewater.org.

Whatever your interests, I wish you all an active and awesome summer!

*Charlie G.
Co-Sports Editor*



John Kounis

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DG Times: When did you get interested in photography, and why do you like photography? Is it easy taking pictures while flying?

John Kounis: I first became interested in astrophotography when I was 10 years old. By the time I was in 6th grade, I convinced my parents to buy me a 10-inch telescope and astrophotography equipment to photograph the stars, galaxies, and nebulae. That interest developed into regular photography when I started traveling more extensively. However, now I concentrate on editorial,

and my brother, George, does most of the photography for the magazine.

DG Times: How did you decide what languages to learn?

John Kounis: My parents were born in Greece, and I was born and raised here, so I grew up speaking Greek and English.

When I was in Germany, I lived only 25 miles from the French border and traveled often to France, so I learned French and German. I studied Japanese because I was invited

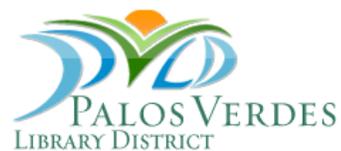
to a Japanese wedding and had to give a 5-minute speech in Japanese. Recently, I traveled to Russia, so I am now learning Russian so I can have an easier time there.

DG Times: Are you happy doing what you are doing?

John Kounis: I really enjoy the travel aspects of the job and the opportunity to be in business with my brother. I always brag that I have the best job in the world!

*Austin D.
Careers Editor*

Extra, extra!
Write all about it!



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