

San Diego City Schools

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District Accountability Framework

Over the past two years, San Diego City Schools (SDCS) has been working with a group of representatives from district schools, the charter community, City Heights Educational Pilot, and higher education community to develop a comprehensive district accountability framework that incorporates and builds upon mandated state and federal accountability structures and requirements.

The districtwide system will hold all schools authorized under the SDCS Board of Education accountable for improving student achievement. This includes schools directly managed by the district, schools operating as contract schools under a board-approved Memorandum of Understanding, and schools operating as charters under board-approved petitions.

Goals of the District Accountability Framework

- To establish a uniform accountability process that applies to all district schools
- To ensure compliance with federal- and state-mandated accountability processes, and extend federal and state support, intervention, and corrective action requirements to include non-Title I schools
- To ensure support for struggling schools, and provide for recognition of schools that continue to raise the performance of all students and close achievement gaps
- To establish annual expectations for school progress and performance
- To clearly communicate and consistently apply criteria for rewards and sanctions

Five Main Components

1. **School Performance Indicators:** As required by federal and state law, the district will use the Academic Performance Index (API), as defined by California's *Public Schools Accountability Act*, and the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) measures, as defined through *No Child Left Behind*, as the performance indicators.
2. **School Classification System:** Each year, schools will be classified in terms of their performance and progress. The district framework incorporates both API targets and AYP goals and objectives, and will facilitate an annual review of each school's current achievement status.

School Classification Matrix

	API Score		API Growth		AYP Requirements
***** Rewards	800-1000	and	Met All Targets	and	Made AYP
**** Recognition	800-1000 600-799	and and	Met All Targets Met All Targets	or and	Made AYP Made AYP
*** Monitor	800-1000 600-799 200-599	and and and	Did Not Meet Targets Met All Targets Met All Targets	and or and	Missed AYP Made AYP Made AYP
** Support	600-799 200-599	and and	Did Not Meet Targets Met All Targets	and or	Missed AYP Made AYP
* Intervention	200-599	and	Did Not Meet Targets	and	Missed AYP

3. **District Accountability Strategies:** The Accountability Framework includes strategies to address needs and issues at schools across the achievement spectrum.
 - **Rewards and Recognition:** High-performing schools will be publicly recognized and/or rewarded for their academic performance.
 - **Monitoring and Support:** Schools that are generally making progress and/or meeting some performance expectations will be monitored and provided with appropriate support.
 - **Intervention and Corrective Action/Sanction:** Consistent with federal and state law, schools that are not meeting goals and targets will receive intervention and, if needed, engage in a corrective action process consistent with that required under state and federal law. Schools that improve will exit the corrective action phase. Schools that do not will be subject to restructuring and/or closure.

4. **School Accountability Agreements:** Each school will sign an annual accountability agreement that delineates performance expectations, potential rewards and sanctions, and roles and responsibilities associated with the district accountability process. Each school's School Site Council (SSC) chairperson and Site Governance Team (SGT) chairperson will also sign the document to indicate that the SSC and SGT have reviewed and discussed the School Accountability Agreement and understand the school's academic achievement goals.

Program Improvement Timeline

Consistent with federal and state program improvement requirements, the District Accountability Framework provides for a review of each school's progress and performance at the conclusion of each accountability cycle. Federal law requires that any Title I school failing to make AYP for two consecutive years be identified for Title I Program Improvement. The District Accountability Framework proposes to apply Program Improvement Requirements Timeline to all district schools, whether or not they are Title I schools.

More information on the District Accountability Framework is online at http://sandi.net/depts/saa/dist_accountability.html, or you may contact Standards, Assessment and Accountability at (619) 725-7186.

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Information Workshops for Employees Affected by Layoff and Reduction in Hours/Work Year

On April 13, the Board of Education took action on a recommendation for the elimination and reduction of certain classified positions. Each classified employee that is affected by this action (either by their position being eliminated or reduced or by being bumped by a more senior employee) must be noticed by certified mail. The certified letters were placed in U.S. mail on Thursday, April 15 and began to arrive at home addresses on Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17.

Many employees affected by bumping (due to seniority) may not have any idea that they will be affected. Managers and/or supervisors are expected to personally contact affected employees so that no employees are taken by surprise when they receive their certified letter at home on Friday or Saturday.

Affected employees should note that information on their letter is "a picture in time." Decisions by other affected employees, vacancies, etc. will all come into play when implementing the bump chain. It is anticipated that some employees who receive "you are affected" letters will receive notification prior to June 30 that they are no longer affected.

If you have received a letter this week, please consider attending one of the layoff information meetings that will be held in late April. Human Resources staff will be available during these meetings to answer questions. Information on meetings is available online:

- Meeting Times for Classified Employees: http://www.sandi.net/staff/news/04layoff_flyer_classified.pdf
- Meeting Times for Custodial Employees: http://www.sandi.net/staff/news/04layoff_flyer_custodial.pdf

The Human Resources Layoff Information Hotline at (619) 725-8101 is open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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New Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Information Available

A new brochure on the PacifiCare Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is now available for all monthly employees who are enrolled in a VEBA medical plan. EAP is a strictly confidential, free of charge service for helping eligible employees (including members of their household) resolve issues in their personal and work life. These brochures have been sent to all school sites and departments. If you have not yet received your brochure, please check with your supervisor. If you have any questions about EAP, please contact Dana Perrin, Benefits Operations Supervisor, at (619) 725-8131 or dperrin@sandi.net.

The April 2004 update from VEBA is available in the online version of *Staff Bulletin*.

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Arts Education Month Attracts Policymakers to SDCS Art Programs

The San Diego Arts Education Partnership (SDAEP) and the Community Council for Music in the Schools worked together on a statewide campaign inviting legislators and policymakers to visit schools and their art programs. Congresswoman Susan Davis and Board of Education Trustee Fran Zimmerman honored several San Diego City School programs and schools by visiting last month during Arts Education Month.

Susan Davis and her staff were given a special tour of the Superintendent's Art Exhibit by SDAEP, Community Council for Music in the Schools and the SDCS Visual and Performing Art Department. During the visit, Hang Pham, a junior from Crawford High School, had the opportunity to show her self-portrait to the Congresswoman.

Fran Zimmerman visited Morse High to see firsthand its outstanding orchestra program, directed by Roslynn Symington. Principal Rocio Weiss provided a tour of the classrooms and a visit to the Visual and Performing Arts Department (VAPA). Several art teachers, including Bridget McConnell, Mike Klepper, and Lori Miles, were available during the tour to answer questions and talk about teaching art to students.

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Superintendent's Art Exhibition Brightens Ed. Center

For the fourth year in a row, artwork from San Diego City Schools (SDCS) students in all grade levels (K-12) was on display in the hallways of the Eugene Brucker Education Center (Ed. Center) during the month of March and the first few weeks of April. The exhibit included a myriad of different art pieces, including drawings, paintings, photographs, collages, multimedia, sculptures and ceramics. 410 art pieces from 43 classrooms at 32 district schools were on display. A full list of student artists who contributed their art and a photo album of selected pieces are available in the online version of the *Staff Bulletin*.

The Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Department is responsible for collecting and displaying the artwork from talented young artists from a variety of the district's schools. Teachers are invited to showcase their students' best work and encouraged to have students include titles for their pieces as well as explanations of the art's significance for both the artist and society. When available, this information is posted next to the students' artwork to provide insight for observers interested in the artists' intentions.

Although much of the students' artwork is part of classroom assignments, each piece beams with individuality. Concepts related to the California Visual Art State Standards and multicultural, religious and historical influences are apparent in many of the artists' pieces. Students invest extensive amounts of thought, time and energy into the art that they produce. While creating this artwork, students are also able to explore other subject matter such as history, literature and science, and they relate what they learn in front of the canvas and/or kiln to other important concepts in the traditional curriculum.

The 410 pieces of art include self-portraits, still-lives, landscapes, Native American pictograph drawings and even a watercolor painting of cats singing. The exhibition brings the lively spirit of art classrooms to the lives of many district employees who may not have direct access to students on a daily basis. During an Open House, this year on March 17, 2004 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., students had the chance to share their creative projects with an even larger audience, as friends, family and the general public were invited to walk through this unique art gallery. The featured student exhibit brings students, parents, teachers, district staff, and the community together to enjoy the talents of many of the district's exceptional student artists.

The Superintendent's Art Exhibition is designed for students to showcase their art and gain recognition for their talents, while promoting the importance of art in our schools. VAPA intends to expand this program in the next few years to include more artwork and to display it where the community can more easily and frequently access it. Art teachers who are interested in getting involved with this program are encouraged to contact the VAPA Department at (858) 539-5353.

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District Breaks Ground on Proposition MM School in City Heights

On March 25, 2004, students from Central Elementary helped shovel the first scoop of dirt at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Cherokee Point Elementary School. The new school, scheduled to open on September 6, 2005, will relieve overcrowding at Central Elementary and other City Heights schools.

Cherokee Point Elementary will be located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Wightman and 38th Street, near the Copley YMCA and Park de la Cruz.

The project is funded by Proposition MM, the \$1.51 billion bond measure passed by San Diego voters in 1998. Proposition MM pays for critical repairs and modernization at 165 existing schools as well as construction of 13 new schools and 3 rebuilt schools to alleviate overcrowding in the city's most densely populated areas.

Michael Sprague, chair of the City Heights Planning Committee, said the community has waited for new schools for a long time. The planning process for Cherokee Point began in 1999; it typically takes six years to plan and build a new school due to environmental studies, acquiring property, relocating residents, design and community involvement.

Sprague thanked residents who moved to make way for the new school. In total, 132 households were relocated by the school district. Nearly half stayed in City Heights. Also, 12 families used their relocation assistance to become first-time homebuyers.

Cherokee Point Elementary will open to 740 students. It will include 32 classrooms over two stories, multipurpose room, library, media center, lunch shelter, 100 trees and joint-use fields for soccer and baseball.

The name "Cherokee Point" was selected by the community. It is the name of the surrounding neighborhood area, in which the streets create the shape of an arrowhead.

The next new school groundbreaking in City Heights is planned for May 4 at 11 a.m. for Herbert Ibarra Elementary. For more information, please contact Erika Wilgenburg at (619) 725-5602 or ewilgenburg@sandi.net.

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Solar Power Saves \$6.9 Million in Energy Costs

By Cynthia Reed-Porter

Photos courtesy of Bob Martin

Innovative thinking isn't limited to the classrooms in San Diego City Schools. In fact, our own energy/utility management unit in Maintenance & Operations (M&O) continues to lead the way when it comes to thinking "out of the box" to conserve energy and save utility dollars, benefiting both the district and the taxpayers.

One of the unit's latest innovations is a photovoltaic roofing project, which uses a solar roofing method that converts the sun's energy to electricity and reduces energy costs. The overall project will result in a potential cost-savings of more than \$6.9 million for the district during the 20-year life of the agreement.

The program is offered at no cost to the district. The vendor, Solar Power and Electric (SP&E) installs the full solar roofs free of charge, maintains the roofs at no charge for 20 years, and sells the district energy at about half the cost of the energy that the district buys from SDG&E. The system works in conjunction with SDG&E so the sites are never without electricity, even during cloudy or inclement weather.

The energy/utility management unit spent three years actively pursuing various electricity-generating opportunities. As a result, a proposal from SP&E and Southern California Roofing (SCR) to provide just such a service was approved by the Board of Education in December 2003. With that approval, came authorization to begin installing the photovoltaic roofs on nearly 20 sites.

The actual installations, which began in February, span two years. During the first year, roofs will be installed at Jackson, King, Curie, Sequoia, and Juarez Elementary Schools; Lewis Middle School; the Education Center; the Instructional Media Center; the main warehouse; and Wiggin Center. During the second year, sites include Mason, Schweitzer, Zamorano and Miramar Ranch Elementary Schools; Serra High School; and Whittier Center.

In order to maximize the district's return on this project, sites were chosen on the basis of their need for new roofs and on the roofs' compatibility with the photovoltaic system, according to Bob Martin, M&O electrical planner/estimator/inspector, who is coordinating the installation of the photovoltaic roofs.

"Lead by J.W. Naish, energy/utility coordinator, our staff worked diligently with the San Diego Regional Energy Office and the Renewable Energy Development Institute in order to provide the district with a sustained and predictable source of discounted electricity," said Bill Dos Santos, director of Maintenance & Operations.

Bill O'Quinn, planner/estimator/inspector; Joanne Pilgrim, contract specialist; and Tad Parzen, general counsel; were instrumental in developing this new and innovative contract," Dos Santos added.

The district staff leading the installation phase of the roofing systems include Martin, O'Quinn and Mike Woehler, planner/estimator/inspector. O'Quinn, along with Woehler, are inspecting the work at each site during the installation phase to ensure a safe, high-quality product.

"Everything is going very well," Martin said. "I'm extremely pleased. We have very good construction companies (SCR and subcontractors) working with us on this project."

"Many of the teachers and students are interested in what we're doing," Martin added. "The science teachers are especially interested, and many want to use the science curriculum that has been developed by the program."

There is specific curriculum designed to compliment this project. Kerry Johnson, teacher on special assignment, has developed a curriculum that integrates solar power (specifically photovoltaic cells) into the elementary-level science curriculum. Thus, theory becomes reality for our students.

Jackson Elementary School is the first school to have the roofing system installed and completed. The installations at King Elementary School and the Education Center are already underway. On April 13, Board of Education members were given an opportunity to tour the photovoltaic roofing project at the Education Center.

For more information on this project, please call J.W. Naish, energy/utility coordinator, at (858) 627-7217.

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2004 Peace Officer of the Year: George Anderson

In March, George Anderson was selected as San Diego City Schools' (SDCS) Peace Officer of the Year for 2004 because of his efforts at Morse High School. Morse has the highest student population and activity rate of any high school in the city of San Diego. In this high-pressure environment, Officer Anderson and his staff have been credited with decreasing crime by 20%.

Also to his credit, Officer Anderson helped save Vista Grande Elementary School from fire during the October 2003 Firestorm. When he noticed flames coming up the canyon toward the school fence line, Officer Anderson and a district employee from Maintenance and Operations acted on the threat by opening a fire hydrant and "fanning" the water stream with a metal plate cover from a water meter. By directing the water spray toward the flames, they kept the fire from advancing further and damaging nearby school buildings.

In recognition of these efforts and his outstanding service, 2004 Peace Officer of the Year George Anderson represented the SDCS Police Department on April 16 at a countywide ceremony at the Sheraton Hotel. Officer Anderson, along with 16 other officers from city, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, was honored for exemplary excellence: going above and beyond to assist the community in resolving a problem and exhibiting the admirable traits of valor, leadership, initiative, investigations, and community involvement.

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"It's Cool to Eat at School" Food Fair at Parent Congress

The Food Services Department hosted their "It's Cool to Eat at School" Food Fair at the Parent Congress on March 11, 2004. Seventeen vendors served samples that showcased three areas of emphasis: breakfast, changes at secondary sites and future directions.

'Junior Seau says, "It's Time for Breakfast"' banners were displayed to focus on the new breakfast program that encourages students to eat breakfast at school every day. A Kid's Choice breakfast bar was displayed and a variety of breakfast menu items were sampled. Changes at secondary schools include new soup and salad bars and new healthier menu choices. Parent Congress participants also were offered a variety of new items and a few old favorites.

Displays also featured various Food Services Department activities: the essay contest, online payment methods and information on employment opportunities. Options Catering featured its new luau which is available to every school along with Mexican fiestas, and western barbecues. Options Catering also offers a Manners Class and caters any type or size of event.

Photos from this event are available in the online version of the *Staff Bulletin*. For more information on this event or any other Food Services Program, please contact Joanne Tucker at (858) 627-7316 or jtucker@sandi.net.

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2003 Academic Performance Index (API) Base Report

On March 9, 2004, the California Department of Education released the 2003 Academic Performance Index (API) Base reports for each district and school in the state. Details on the district's 2003 API Base results of 697 are available online in the 2003 API Base Report: District Report at http://inet5.cde.ca.gov/apipre/API/2003Base_DstApi.asp?cYear=2002-03&cSelect=3768338&cChoice=2003BapiD. A list of district schools' individual API scores is online in the 2003 API Base Report: List of Schools: District Level at http://inet5.cde.ca.gov/apipre/API/2003Base_Dst.asp?cSelect=3768338&cChoice=DstAPI2.

The Academic Performance Index (API) is a numeric score between 200 and 1000, representing a measurement of overall academic performance and progress. The state has set 800 as the API statewide performance target that schools should strive to meet. The API Base establishes a yearly baseline for the district and for each school site and sets annual targets for growth. Schools must meet not only schoolwide targets, but also targets for a number of student sub-groups, including various ethnic groups and socioeconomically disadvantaged students. Sub-groups include African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Filipino, Hispanic/Latino, Pacific Islander, White, and Socioeconomically Disadvantaged.

API reports are released by the California Department of Education in cycles, with the **base report** issued in February/March of each year and the corresponding **growth report** published the following fall. The API Base and its corresponding API Growth use the same indicators and weights, and are calculated in exactly the same manner. The 2003 API Base reflects performance on:

- California Standards Tests (CSTs) in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics (grades 2-11), in Science (grades 9-11), and in History/Social Science (grades 10-11);
- California Achievement Test (CAT/6);
- California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) (grade 10); and
- California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) (grades 2-11), an alternate assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities who cannot participate in the general STAR Program assessments, included for the first time in the 2003 API Base.

For more information, please read the Board of Education report from March 23, 2004, available online at http://www.sandi.net/board/reports/2004/0323/e6i_report.pdf, or visit the district website's API webpage at <http://www.sandi.net/assessment/api/index.htm>. More information on student performance and testing is also available online at <http://www.sandi.net/indices/testscores.html>. Questions can be addressed to the Standards, Assessment and Accountability Division at (619) 725-7166 or saadept@mail.sandi.net.

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Hall of Fame

• **Alexandra Robinson Named to SBF Advisory Board**

The director of Transportation Services at San Diego City Schools, Alexandra Robinson, has been named to the School Bus Fleet's (SBF) Editorial Advisory Board. Alexandra's contributions to transportation as well as the visibility of her expertise as shown by publications she has authored, presentations she has led, and general advocacy for her field, demonstrate that she is well-suited for such a prestigious position. Congratulations, Alexandra!

• **Bersin Named Administrator of the Year**

The California Music Educators Association-Southern Border Section has named San Diego City Schools Superintendent Alan Bersin the Administrator of the Year. The Bersin family was present on March 28 as Superintendent Bersin was honored along with other awardees at the Administrators' Dessert following the San Diego Symphony's "Hot Shots" concert. The concert included a performance by Lisa Kim, a freshman at La Jolla High School and a winner in the Young Artist Competition. School Board Trustee Katherine Nakamura was also present at the concert and award ceremony.

• **Dr. Susan Weinshanker Selected as Outstanding Educator**

The California League of High Schools (CLHS) has selected San Diego City Schools teacher Dr. Susan J.K. Weinshanker of Mission Bay High School as one of ten Outstanding Educators in Region 9. She will represent the educators in San Diego and Imperial Counties as a finalist for this award. The CLHS Educator of the Year Award is an honor bestowed upon individuals who have made exemplary contributions to high school education within the state of California. The ten finalists, including Dr. Weinshanker, will be honored at an annual EOY dinner in April.

- **Cay Casey Receives USD Alumni Award**

San Diego City Schools nurse, Cay Casey, who has worked with deaf and hearing-impaired youngsters for more than 20 years, was honored on April 3 at the University of San Diego (USD) Alumni Association's 10th annual Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Awards. The black-tie gala event honors alumni who have achieved outstanding success in their field. "Cay has a special gift for working with young children with special needs and helping make sure they can develop to their full potential," said Jack Kelly, USD's director of Alumni Relations. "She truly represents USD's spirit of excellence and service to the community."

- **Madison Robotics Team Receives Donation**

Madison High School's Robotics Team was fortunate to receive a generous donation of \$5,000 from Betty Clarquist to help pay for the team's trip to Atlanta, where they will compete in the For Inspirational and Recognition of Science and Technology Robotics Competition. Team Advisor Joe Acker, Betty Clarquist, and the team are pictured here.

- **Mira Mesa First to Show the Student Discipline Video**

On March 24, Mira Mesa High School became the first school to show the district's new Student Discipline Video to students. Great job, Mira Mesa! All secondary school students must view the video, as mandated by the Board of Education. Videos and printed materials were sent to schools on March 16. If you have not received your discipline materials, please contact Lisa Jaycox in Communications at (619) 725-5598 or ejaycox@sandi.net.

- **School Nurse of the Year Awarded to Susie Horn-Sosna of SDCS**

When the California School Nurses Organization (CSNO) held their annual conference in Sacramento Feb 25-29, Susie Horn-Sosna, one of the district's most dedicated school nurses, was named the San Diego/Imperial Section School Nurse of the Year. Susie was honored at the awards banquet during the conference. Susie has been in the district for 29 years, and has worked as a state preschool and elementary nurse practitioner, a special education team nurse, the coordinator of district immunization and CHDP programs, a member of the Medi-Cal collaborative, the coordinator of a federal grant for the PARD project, and a district project nurse involved in training new nurses. Susie holds a monthly TB Clinic for district employees and volunteers. In addition, Susie has been the Chair of the Nurse Governance Team for SDCS nurses. During the conference, Susie was installed as CSNO President for San Diego/ Imperial. Congratulations, Susie, for being recognized for all of your hard work!

- **SDCS Recognizes Commission for Arts and Culture**

On March 23, the City of San Diego's Commission for Arts and Culture's Executive Director, Victoria Hamilton, was recognized at the San Diego City Schools (SDCS) Board Meeting with a commendation for her department's commitment to arts education and support of the collaborative project, San Diego Arts Education Partnership.

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News You Can Use

- **Advanced Placement Training for Teachers**

Both new and experienced Advanced Placement (AP) teachers can benefit from the AP Summer Institutes for Teaching Professionals workshop at Cal State, San Marcos, taking place this summer from July 26-30. Participants will enjoy a week of challenging and worthwhile training that will help them meet the special instructional needs of students, in both course content and pedagogical knowledge. They will interact with highly experienced AP teachers who are trained and endorsed by The College Board and will experience an enriching forum for sharing ideas and strategies with other AP teachers. Above all, teachers will return to the classroom re-energized and eager to teach— equipped with fresh resources, new materials and practical strategies that can be easily incorporated into daily lesson plans. For more information or to register for the workshop, please visit the website at <http://www.csusm-es.org/apsi>. Sign up by June 25 and save \$50 on registration! For more information, please contact Suzanne Lingold at (760) 750-4020 or es@csusm.edu.

- **Barnes and Noble 25% Discount for Educators**

During Teacher Appreciation Week, May 1-9, the Barnes and Noble store located at 7610 Hazard Center Drive, San Diego 92108 is offering a 25% discount to all teachers and librarians. Bring your school ID card or pay stub to verify employment with San Diego City Schools in order to receive your discount on school supplies and other items.

- **CACSE Nomination Form Now Available**

The Community Advisory Committee for Special Education (CACSE) is currently accepting nominations for recognition awards in the area of special education. Nominees should be individuals who have contributed in an outstanding way to the students in San Diego City Schools who are currently receiving special education services, and can be teachers or

students who help other students. More information and the nomination form are available in the online *Staff Bulletin*. Nominations are due no later than May 7. If you have any questions, please call (858) 490-8500.

- **Change the Life of a Foster Child**

Volunteer San Diego's abused and neglected children need you! There are over 7,500 children in foster care who are waiting for help. Become a child advocate today, and serve as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). You'll be glad you did! All necessary training is provided. Volunteers will research the case, gather information, attend court hearings and lend support to the child. Please call Voices for Children at (858) 569-2019 or visit the website at <http://www.voices4children.com/> for more information on getting involved.

- **Congressional Art Competition**

High school students who live in the 53rd District, including San Diego City Schools students, are invited to participate in the Congressional Art Competition. The winning student will receive two free round-trip airline tickets to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Washington, D.C. and have his/her piece hung in the Cannon Tunnel for one year. Submissions are due to Congresswoman Susan Davis' San Diego office by Friday, May 14. Please contact Kelley Van Auken at (619) 280-5353 for more details.

- **District Training for Staff on Increasing Parent Involvement**

In April and May, the Harold J. Ballard Parent Center (2375 Congress St., Old Town) is sponsoring training sessions for community assistants, volunteer parent coordinators and parent leaders on increasing parent involvement. Participants will learn how to increase parent attendance at school events, organize effective childcare during parent meetings, develop parent leaders, and explain what parents need to know about the "No Child Left Behind" Act. For more information, please take a look at the flyer, available at http://www.sandi.net/staff/prof_dev/parent_trainer_training.pdf or contact Maria Moore at (619) 293-3008 or mmoore2@mail.sandi.net or contact Bea Fernández at (619) 293-4410 or bfernand@mail.sandi.net.

- **Donors Choose Website for Teachers**

Now there's a way for teachers to connect with donors, and it's as easy as clicking your mouse. Just log onto <http://www.donorschoose.org> to propose an activity or resource you'd like to provide to your students. Concerned donors will contact you, and together you can work out how your activity will receive funding. This is a free service offered by Donors Choose (SM).

- **Elementary Mathematics Specialist Certificate Program**

San Diego State University (SDSU) offers a 2-year Elementary Mathematics Specialist Certificate Program designed specifically for elementary school teachers. The program consists of 12 units of coursework in mathematics geared to particular grade levels, and focuses on helping teachers acquire a deeper understanding of elementary-level mathematics and the skills needed to teach mathematics effectively. All courses are offered at a reduced tuition level, and SDSU is seeking outside funding to provide stipends. If you would like to receive more information or to be added to the mailing list please complete and return the Interest Form which is available in the online *Staff Bulletin*. More details are available online at <http://pdc.sdsu.edu>.

- **Internship Opportunities for Students in San Diego and Washington, D.C.**

Susan Davis is accepting applications for summer internship positions in her San Diego and Washington, D.C. offices. Congressional internships are an excellent opportunity to learn about public service and gain valuable work experience. Interns will field constituent inquiries and comments, research and provide information to constituents, and assist members of Davis' staff with a variety of projects and events. Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, and a list of three references to the respective intern coordinators: Luis Cruz in San Diego or Bill Cone in Washington, D.C. Please contact Luis at (619) 280-5353 or Bill at (202) 225-2040 if you are interested in learning more about these internship opportunities.

- **Literacy Peer Coach/Staff Developer Orientation for Certificated Staff**

Any permanent certificated staff member who is interested in becoming a certified Literacy Peer Coach/Staff Developer in San Diego City Schools (SDCS) is encouraged to sign up for the certification process. SDCS and San Diego State University will be holding an orientation meeting on Thursday, April 29, at 4:30 p.m. at the SDSU City Heights Community Center, Suite 100 (4283 El Cajon Blvd., 92105). Please call Lisa Sheldon at (619) 725-7265 if you are interested in the certification process and plan to attend the orientation meeting.

- **Make-it/Take-it Open Lab for Parents and Staff**

The Make-it/Take-it Open Lab at the Harold J. Ballard Parent Center (2375 Congress St., Old Town-formerly Fremont Elementary) has adopted new hours in order to accommodate parent schedules. The lab will be open on Mondays from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Wednesdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and every other Friday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. The calendar is available online in English at http://www.sandi.net/staff/newsline/PDFs/make_it_lab.pdf and in Spanish at

http://www.sandi.net/staff/newsline/PDFs/make_it_lab_sp.pdf.

The Make-it/Take-it Lab provides:

- Self-directed activities to use at home with children (pre-K to grade 5)
- Study aids to support learning (K to grade 5)
- Computers with Internet access
- Ellison cutters for making patterns and letters of the alphabet
- Free childcare for young children up to age 5
- Materials in English and Spanish

Parents and teachers are invited to drop in during lab hours. No pre-registration is needed. To schedule a group tour of the Ballard Parent Center and Make-it/Take-it Lab, please call (619) 293-3008 or email mmoore2@mail.sandi.net. The Center can provide transportation for a minimum of 20 parents. The Harold J. Ballard Parent Center is funded by the Title I program.

- **Master of Education Online Course**

The College Network has partnered with Regis University to offer an accredited Master of Education degree. The program blends independent study, online learning and practical experience for credentialed teachers who desire professional growth. The online course consists of 12 eight-week sessions that allow graduate students to focus on one class at a time and earn a M.Ed. degree in less than two years. The program has no GRE or MAT requirements. For details and further information, please visit the College Network website at <http://www.college-net.com/regis.htm> or contact Janice Freeman at 1-800-378-8515 or jfreemancollege@webtv.net.

- **Paid Summer Internships at Scripps Research**

During the 2004 Bank of America Summer Internship Program, five selected middle and high school science teachers will conduct basic biomedical research in a laboratory under the supervision of a Scripps Research scientist. This program emphasizes the scientific process, research planning, bench experience, experimental design, data analysis and interaction with laboratory personnel. Participants will attend weekly events with fellow teacher interns throughout the course of the summer and will present their work along with teacher, undergraduate and high school student interns at the final session. Teachers are paid \$14.50/hour (40 hrs/wk) for the eight-week program, from June 21 to August 13. The deadline to apply is **this Friday, April 23**. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.scripps.edu/community/hsteacher.html> or contact Program Coordinator Jennifer O'Sullivan at (858) 784-2171 or delasol@scripps.edu.

- **Project YANO Speakers Available**

Representatives from the non-profit Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities (Project YANO) are available for secondary school classroom presentations that encourage students to investigate the realities of military service and to explore non-military, alternative college financing and careers in community service. Volunteers, including military veterans, are available to speak to any size group. If you would like to arrange for a free presentation or if you would like more information, please contact Project YANO at (760) 634-3604 or projyano@aol.com.

- **San Diego READS Charity Golf Tournament**

A major mission of San Diego READS is to provide high-interest, classic, contemporary books by award-winning authors to classrooms throughout San Diego Schools to promote literacy. On May 17, you have the opportunity to support the efforts of San Diego READS by agreeing to become a sponsor of the San Diego READS Charity Golf Tournament presented by Scholastic, Inc. and *The San Diego Union-Tribune* at the world famous La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, California. Sponsorship is available at a variety of levels. For more information on participating in the tournament or to make a donation, please contact Eventicity Event Planners at (949) 951-2542 or view the brochure and registration form, available in the online version of the *Staff Bulletin*.

- **Sign Up for the DWA List Servs**

List servs are an effective way for the DWA team to communicate to Time and Labor, PAR and ePro users. Through one email message, everyone who is a part of the list can be easily reached. Joining the DWA list servs will allow you to receive up to date training announcements, helpful tips, a description new features, system announcements, FAQs and answers, and instant networking with other users. Follow these two easy steps to sign up today!

1. Using the email address where you want to receive messages, send a message to majordomo@lists.sandi.net.
2. In the body of the message include "subscribe time-labor," "subscribe ePro" or "subscribe PAR." If you want to subscribe to multiple lists, please send a separate email for each subscription request.

If you have any questions please call the PeopleSoft Support Line at (858) 496-2117.

- **Statistics Course for Teachers**

Want to learn more about statistics? San Diego State University (SDSU) is offering a one-unit course, Math 385 - Measuring and Interpreting Data, designed especially for teachers. This class focuses on topics related to the California Mathematics Standards and middle-level (grades 4-8) curriculum, and is only open to practicing, credentialed teachers.

Classes will meet on five consecutive Thursdays, starting May 6, from 4:15 to 7:00 p.m. at a convenient location near SDSU. The cost is only \$60, and participants will earn 1 unit of credit. For more information, please visit <http://pdc.sdsu.edu> or contact Karen Payne at (619) 594-3970 or kpayne@sciences.sdsu.edu.

- **Study Exchange Trip to Ecuador**

Rotary International is sponsoring a one-month study exchange trip to Ecuador for local educators to learn about another educational system in November 2004. This "Group Study Exchange" program connects U.S. and Ecuadorian educators for cross-cultural learning. All major travel costs are provided by Rotary. Interested educators are encouraged to apply for this once in a professional lifetime opportunity. Applications must be received by **this Friday, April 23**. For more information or to download an application, please visit the Rotary International website at <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse> or contact Bill Stumbaugh at (619) 258-2363 or bstumbaugh@santee.k12.ca.us.

- **Summer Positions Available for Surf Instructors**

Surf Diva Surf School is currently accepting applications for their summer all girls surf school at La Jolla Shores. If you love surfing and are interested in teaching others to surf, please fax your cover letter and resume to (858) 454-8505 or call Izzy at (858) 454-8273 for more information.

- **Volunteer for Earth Day!**

It's almost time, and every year, over 500 folks, just like you, participate as volunteers with San Diego Earth Works. This service is for a healthy, prosperous and sustainable future for all living things. There are three event opportunities in honor of Earth Day 2004, including Earth Fair 2004 **this Sunday, April 25** at Balboa Park; VIP (Very Important Planet) Reception and EARTH Awards on May 12; and Green Built Tour in the fall of 2004. Volunteer positions for Earth Fair include set-up, break-down and clean-up, transportation, stage assistants, information, first aid, and logistics. The Earth Awards will need volunteers for logistics, set-up and clean-up, cashiers and silent auctioneers. Volunteers for the Green Built tour are needed as docents along with logistics, set-up and clean-up crews. For more information or to schedule a meeting for your school, office or club, please contact Earth Day at (858) 496-6666 or volunteer@earthdayweb.org. If you can't make a meeting and would still like to volunteer, please sign up online at <http://www.EarthDayWeb.org>. And if you can't volunteer, just come to the Fair!

- **YES Afghanistan Exchange Program**

Sister Schools of San Diego and World Link are looking for families to host international students from Afghanistan that are participants in the Youth Educational Studies (YES) Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. Students would arrive either in late July or early August 2004 and stay in San Diego until May or June of 2005. To make your home available to a student from this embattled country or to find out more about this wonderful opportunity, please contact Liz Hinkle at (858) 695-9560 or Liz@sisterschoolsofsandiego.org. More information is also available online at <http://www.sisterschoolsofsandiego.org>.

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Retiring Types

- After 30 years with the district, and 14 at Toler Elementary School, **Susanne Jevne**, has retired. There will be a reception on Friday, June 4 from 4-6 p.m. at Toler Elementary School. For more information on the reception, please contact Pricilla at (858) 273-0294. Congratulations, Susanne. We wish you all the best!

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Save the Date

APIA Heritage Festival

On **May 8-9**, the San Diego Alliance for Asian Pacific Islander Americans, Inc. is hosting a Heritage Festival at Balboa Park (at President's Way and Park Blvd.) to celebrate the cultures of China, Guam, India, Japan, South Korea, Laos, Philippines, Samoa, Tonga, Vietnam, and others. For more information or to get involved either by hosting a booth or volunteering, please contact the San Diego Alliance at (858) 565-6698 or sd_alliance@sbcglobal.net.

Applause 2004! Fundraiser

The third annual Applause 2004! A Celebration of Student Expression fundraiser will be held on **June 2** at 6 p.m. This year's event will be held in a gallery setting, and will exhibit and auction off student artwork. In addition, students will be performing musical selections during the reception. For more information, please contact Fran Carrillo at (858) 539-5354 or sdaep@mail.sandi.net.

APSARA Cambodian Dance Performance

On **Saturday, May 8**, a special 5th anniversary performance of APSARA, a Cambodian dance group, will be taking place at the Joan B. Kroc Theatre for the Performing Arts (6611 University Avenue, San Diego). Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. For more information or to RSVP, please contact the Cambodian Dancers of San Diego at (619) 269-1553 or cyouth@cambodiandancers.org.

Border Voices Poetry Fair

Performances by "Alaska's fiddlin' poet" and best-selling Latina author Sandra Cisneros, as well as poems and art by students from around San Diego County, will be among the highlights of the 11th Annual Border Voices Poetry Fair **this Saturday, April 24** at San Diego State University's (SDSU) Aztec Center. The fair, presented by *The San Diego Union-Tribune* and SDSU, is free and open to the public. This year's theme is "Doorways to Vision." For more information about the fair, or about the Border Voices Poetry Project, please call the Border Voices Hotline at (619) 293-2546, or visit <http://www.bordervoices.com>.

Cesar Chavez Celebration

An awards dinner will be held in honor of Cesar Chavez on **May 8** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Awards will be granted to several members of the community, and the keynote speaker will be Luis Natividad. Presale tickets will be available for \$15.00 until Saturday, May 1. Tickets will NOT be available at the door. For more information please contact the Tubman/Chavez Center at (619) 326-5890. If you would like to purchase tickets, please mail your check to the Focus Project at 415 Euclid Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104.

Community of Colors

The 19th Annual Linda Vista Multi-Cultural Fair and Parade will be taking place **this Saturday, April 24** at Linda Vista Road (between Comstock and Ulric) at 10 a.m. There will also be an opening ceremony, entertainment, booths, and games starting at noon. Admission is free. If you have any questions, please contact Neri Ramirez at (858) 560-0871 or director@lindavistafair.org.

Fiesta Educativa: A Bilingual Special Education Conference

Spanish-speaking and bilingual parents, educators and professionals who work with children with special needs are invited to the 8th annual Fiesta Educativa conference, "Parents and Professionals Collaborating for the Education of Our Children." This bilingual conference, presented in Spanish with English interpretation, will take place **this Saturday, April 24**, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Memorial Academy Charter School (2850 Logan Ave., 92113). Breakfast and lunch will be served. For more information, please contact Manuela Valdez at (858) 490-8523 or Mvaldez@mail.sandi.net or call Mireya Andrade at (619) 594-7411.

Grab Your Calendar and Circle the Day, the Race for Literacy is Coming in May!

This is a reminder that *The Union-Tribune* Race for Literacy will take place on **May 1-2**. In order to show their appreciation for participants' tremendous efforts in organizing teams, *The Union-Tribune* has arranged for special gifts and incentives to be given to all team captains, including a chance to win a trip to Mexico! Don't miss out on this great opportunity to show your support and have fun too! You can register your team online at <http://www.utraceforliteracy.com/> and download your team packet as easy as 1-2-3! Please take part in helping to eliminate illiteracy in San Diego. If you would like more information about *The Union-Tribune* Race for Literacy please contact Michele at *In Motion, Inc.*, at (760) 692-2900 or michele@inmotionevents.com.

Let the Groundbreaking Begin!

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Herbert Ibarra Elementary School in City Heights has been set for **Tuesday, May 4**, at 11 a.m. This is the second of five Proposition MM new school groundbreaking ceremonies to be held in 2004. Official invitations to the ceremony will be sent in mid-April to all appropriate officials, guests and community members. Surrounding neighborhoods will soon be properly notified of upcoming construction. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Wilgenburg, Proposition MM Communications, at (619) 725-5602.

Mandatory Section 504 Training for Principals and Vice Principals

Training on Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 will be offered to principals and vice principals immediately following the Secondary and Elementary Principals' Half Day Conferences on **April 27 and 29**. In compliance with the statute, this training is **mandatory** for new principals and new vice principals who have not previously attended, and for all principals and vice principals who have not attended within the past two years. The training will be held from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Marina Village Conference Center (1936 Quivera Way, San Diego), on April 27 in the Marine Room and on April 29 in Room E5. Onsite registration begins at 3:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Marty Stultz at (619) 725-7116 or mstultz@mail.sandi.net.

NAEYC Annual Conference for Early Childhood Educators

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) will host a conference and expo for early childhood educators on **November 10-13, 2004** in Anaheim. This unique professional development opportunity offers the leaders who train and mentor young children a chance to learn about the latest research and teaching strategies and hundreds of sessions and seminars. Please visit <http://www.naeyc.org/conferences/annual/2004/> for more information.

Statewide Leadership Conference on Family, School and Community Partnerships

Today and tomorrow, April 21-22, the California PARENT Center is sponsoring a conference at the San Diego Quality Resort in Hotel Circle designed to help districts and schools (K-12) strengthen school, family and community partnerships. For more information, please view the flyer, available in the online *Staff Bulletin*. To register please fill out a registration form, also available online in the *Staff Bulletin*. If you have any questions, please contact the California PARENT Center at (619) 594-4756 or ckaufman@projects.sdsu.edu.

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Scenes from Schools

AOIT Students Mix with High Tech Professionals

On February 18, students from the Academy of Information Technology (AOIT) at Hoover High School attended the High Tech Fair at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. The San Diego Science Alliance, whose President, Gary Devan, is on the AOIT Business Advisory Board, sponsored the event which featured exhibits from over 50 local high tech companies. Students interacted with businesspeople from various companies and asked questions regarding careers in Information Technology (IT), as well as questions related to using the latest technologies.

Audubon Celebrates Dr. Seuss' Birthday and Opens New Library

Students at Audubon Elementary School tipped their hats to Dr. Seuss and celebrated his 100th birthday by reading some of their favorite Dr. Seuss stories. To conclude the event, the school cut the ribbon on their brand-new library, funded by Proposition MM.

Crawford Dedicates New Library During Small Schools Open House

Crawford High School drew a large crowd for the dedication ceremony of their new library. Hundreds of parents and students gathered for the event, which served as a kick-off to the evening's community festivities promoting the small schools that will open at Crawford in Fall 2004. The new library is funded by Proposition MM.

Dana's Variety of Talent

Dana Middle School's Incredible Kids' Week concluded on Friday, March 26, with the Third Annual Variety Show, a presentation of 20 talented acts. The Knight Music Jazz Band provided pre-show entertainment with smooth sounds.

Force 8 Project at Farb Speaks Out Against Violence

San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) Safe Schools Unit and KFMB Channel 8 have partnered up to "Stop the Violence" on school campuses through the FORCE 8 (Focus on Resolving Conflict Everyday) Project. Most recently, the FORCE 8 Project landed at Farb Middle School, giving students the chance to receive 5 weekly workshops from SDCOE, and the opportunity to present Public Service Announcements (PSA's) to be aired on Channel 8 throughout the year. The PSA's focus on students' efforts toward stopping the violence on their campus. At Farb, two new solutions to stopping violence have been developed. Drop boxes are now available in classrooms where students can confidentially report concerns regarding school safety. This project hopes to open the lines of communication between the staff and students so that safety issues can be addressed. The second student effort toward stopping the violence is a play written by one of the sixth graders which describes issues brought up during the FORCE 8 Project. The play presents scenarios typically faced by middle school students and decisions that they have to make. For more information on the FORCE 8 Project, or to nominate your school, please visit <http://www.kfmb.com/community/force8/force8.php>.

Grand Opening of Power Up Café at Roosevelt

KUSI's live broadcast from Roosevelt Junior High on March 29 featured Rod Luck cutting the ribbon to open the Power Up Café, a new area of the cafeteria offering a soup and salad bar to students. Rod interviewed students, Roosevelt staff and Food Services staff about this exciting new addition to the school. Roosevelt is participating in a state grant called LEAF-Linking Education, Activity and Food. The grant focuses on increasing physical activity, providing nutrition education and encouraging students to eat fruits, vegetables and foods low in fat and sugar. The Power Up Café is one of the choices available to students participating in the School Lunch Program and promotes the LEAF program.

Memorial Middle School, also participating in the LEAF grant, will be opening their Power Up Café after spring break. With the success of the Kids' Choice Café at elementary schools and the Power Up Café at these schools, Food Services

hopes to extend this choice to other secondary schools in the future. For more information, please contact Joanne Tucker at (858) 627-7316 or jtucker@sandi.net.

Music Abounds at Fletcher

Fifth-grade students get the chance to try a variety of different musical instruments during music lessons at Fletcher Elementary School. The yearlong class provides group lessons focusing on different instruments, including the trumpet, violin and clarinet.

Pajama Literacy Night at Hearst

Students at Hearst Elementary pulled on their pajamas for a special reading event on March 19. The Family Reading Night and PJ Party, held in the school library, gave students a chance to cozy up to a good book, as well as listen to noted storyteller, "Aunt Betty" (a.k.a. Deboarh Ford). Parents and Hearst staff members also shared their favorite books with the 100+ people who attended the event. Everyone was encouraged to wear their pajamas and bring their favorite bear and blanket. The evening ended with hot cocoa and cookies.

Student Journalists Cover Underage Drinking at Annual Conference

On March 17, over 40 students, teachers, administrators, and policy makers attended the 4th Annual Student Journalist Press Conference hosted by the district's Counseling and Guidance Department's Safe and Drug Free School Program. Student journalists from district high schools, including Hoover, Morse, Point Loma, Scripps Ranch, SCPA, Serra and University City, attended the event to cover issues related to local policies regarding underage drinking on both sides of the Tijuana border. Students will use the information learned at the conference to write feature articles for their high school newspapers.

The press conference was intended to empower district youth with accurate alcohol facts in order to help them make healthier choices and reduce their risk of harm. As in years past, local television, radio, and newspapers covered the event. The press conference was held during lunch, in order to minimally impact the regular school day. Rubio's restaurants generously donated food and provided lunch for attendees. The district appreciates that Rubio's shares in our dedication to educating students so that they are able to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Student to Student Program Tells the Real Hazards of Smoking

Students at Henry High School are on the front lines of combat against underage smoking. The Student to Student program, developed by school nurse Susan Efting, gives these high school students a chance to speak out about the hazards of smoking to 5th and 7th grade students. The 8-year-old anti-smoking program was recently featured on Channel 8's "Cool School of the Week." The segment showed Henry students presenting the program to Hearst Elementary School students on March 30. For more information on the program, please contact Nurse Susan Efting at (619) 286-0452.

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Student Salutes

CTA Students Present to American Subcontractors Association and CSI

Construction Tech Academy (CTA) students Brianna Boling and Allister Caluza were chosen to present term projects to the American Subcontractors Association and CSI during a joint chapter meeting. They also assisted CTA Director Glenn Hillegas in a presentation of Construction Tech Academy, a small school at Kearny High School that focuses on Engineering, Construction and Architecture.

Marshall and Crawford Students Win Top Science Honors

Last month, 40 students from Marshall Middle School and 8 from Crawford High School attended and presented their science projects at the 50th Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair at Balboa Park. These projects were developed over a 5-month period and required an extensive commitment of time from all of the students involved. All of this hard work certainly paid off. First place awards were given to 15 Marshall students, and 10 will be competing at the State Science Fair to be held at the University of Southern California in May. Also, Thanh Phamdo from Crawford won first place in microbiology. A full list of the winners appears below.

First place winners at Marshall included Romy Boiskin, Rachel Brown, Jeremy Hahn, Tyler Heckendom, Kristina Leung, Jared Mimms, Anna Nowak, Jeremy Patashnik, Nicole Poletto, Lindsey Ritter, Bobby Schult, Krystal Tran, Katie Troja, Lindsey Wrape, and Ben Wu. Second place winners included Matt Adler, Shane Bissonette, Brendan Edwards, Spencer Gordon, Annie Hammang, Marcus Montanile, Stephanie Moore, Christine Poletto, Marissa Rea, Donna Reyes, Timothy Shin, Heather Snow, and Alexander Tanzer. Third place winners included Kevin Barber, Adria Brieck, Andrew Burke, Michelle Gaynor, Anna Maske, Natalie Sawaya, Kyle Touns, Chad Whiteley, and Angela Yue. Fourth place winners were

Margot Gandy, Christopher Phillpott, and Jordan Rick. Two Marshall students also won sweepstakes awards. Rachel Brown was the winner in physics, and Nicole Poletto was the runner-up in Life Science.

At Crawford, Sihu Lin and Ngoc Truong won second place in medicine and health, Angela Calderon and Rusa Tong won third place awards for medicine and health, Karin Tran and Sherry Tang won third place in botany, and as stated above, Thanh Phamdo from Crawford received first place in microbiology. Hang Pham and Dangthanh Phamdo from Crawford also participated in the Science Fair. Crawford would like to thank the science department, Gear-Up, former Crawford Student Arturo Torres, and the help of Dr. Park Trefs from UCSD's CHUM program.

Mini Mural Project at Taft Explores Truth about Alcohol and Tobacco

In March, Taft Middle School *Club Live* members Kevin Wynne, Sam Merrill and Sean Merrill entered the 7th annual "Arts Reflecting Prevention" Mini Mural Contest. The contest, which included a guest speaker, was designed to increase awareness of the misleading messages the media gives youth regarding alcohol and tobacco. Entrants created a mini mural that portrayed the truth about alcohol or cigarette use and attended an awards ceremony in January. Thanks to STAR/PAL for co-sponsoring the contest with the *Club Live* partnership through the San Diego County Office of Education.

Mira Mesa Wrestler Wins County Championships

Congratulations to Mira Mesa High School student Ken Nguyen who won the County Freshman Championships for wrestling last month at 105 lbs.

SDEA Recognizes Read Across America Student Hosts

Students from Mira Mesa High School were awarded with \$300 from SDEA for their outstanding efforts hosting Mason Elementary School during "Read Across America" in March.

Student Poll Workers Earn Money for SDCS

During the *Student Poll Workers Program* on March 2, sponsored by the Registrar of Voters, 131 seniors from 10 San Diego City high schools volunteered as poll workers for the Presidential Primary Elections. Normally, poll workers receive a stipend for working at the polls. However, because the students participated as part of a service learning project, money earned was donated by the Registrar of Voters to each participating school's ASB for senior class activities. The students each worked a total of 15 hours and earned \$8,365.00 for their schools. Congratulations to Clairemont, Henry, La Jolla, Madison, Mira Mesa, Mission Bay, Morse, Scripps Ranch, Serra and University City high schools and thank you to the seniors. For more information about the *Student Poll Worker Program* and to learn how students can participate in the November elections, please contact Nancy Hemmings in the Community Relations Department at (619) 725-5597 or nhemming@mail.sandi.net.

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Classified Ads

For Sale:

'99 Honda Civic, 59,100 mi., silver, 75,000 transferable warranty, sunroof/moonroof, alarm, power everything, \$9,200/obo, 619-741-1834

'99 Dodge Durango, gray, leather, fully loaded, immaculate, 49k, \$14,900/obo, 619-993-5263.

'96 Mitsubishi Eclipse, white, moonroof, perfect cond., new tires & brakes, low miles, \$6,000, 619-417-5521

'84 Chevy Blazer, excel, CD/radio, \$3,500, 619-282-2546

Chevy Nova, runs sound, 6 cly., 4 dr., 250 cil. sys., \$1,500-\$2,000, 619-549-5753

Kenmore Upright Freezer, 5.0 cu. ft., new, \$100/obo, 858-273-2418

Refrigerator, 2 yr. old, Amana 26 cu. ft., side by side, white, ice maker/water dispenser on door, \$125, 858-484-6434

Two 6' sofas, lrg. plaid, earthtone sofa back, 48" cocktail tables, wood & glass, \$350/obo, 760-743-4438

48" Sq. Dining Table, custom made, solid pine, natural fin., 2" thick top, turned legs, beautifully made, well cared for, \$300, 619-297-3551

Round Dining Table w/4 chairs, \$250, children's Winnie the Pooh dresser, \$100, 858-569-5875

30 Gal. Aquarium w/stand \$100, 619-281-0111

Ancient Kumeyaay Metate and Mano, great for your patio, yard or flower garden, \$85, 619-222-8562

Baby Items, crib, dresser, table, \$325/obo, highchair, \$40/obo, baby backpack, \$35/obo, 858-272-8951

For Rent:

Imperial Beach, steps to beach, ocean view, townhouse, brand new, beautiful, walk-in closets, jacuzzi tubs, washer/dryer hookups, 2-car garage, \$2,200/mo., \$1,800/deposit, 619-424-8600.

Normal Heights Condo, large, new, 2br/2ba, corner unit, garage, w/d, fireplace, balcony, \$1550/mo + deposit, 619-200-7194.