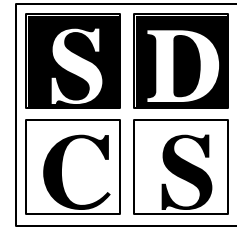


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Lion Dance In Winter



YEAR OF THE SNAKE--Crawford High students who are members of the Bach Van Lion Dance Club in San Diego formed three lions to welcome the Lunar New Year during festivities at the school. The school's Vietnamese Student Alliance and the United Chinese Association presented dances to greet the New Year. Teacher Jonathan Ton coordinated the presentations.

Governor's Performance Awards Announced

The checks are in the mail!

Ninety-seven schools now know the specific pot of money each will be receiving under the Governor's Performance Awards for having met all their Academic Performance Index (API) goals for 2000. The amounts are based on the number of students at a school multiplied by \$63 per student, and range from \$14,753 at Florence Elementary to \$130,691 at Patrick Henry High. A total of \$4,314,449 was distributed to San Diego City Schools out of \$17,565,091 parceled out to public schools countywide. Statewide, there was \$227 million available. The average award statewide for elementary schools was \$39,410, for middle schools/

junior highs \$56,297, and for high schools \$98,470. About 67% of public schools in California qualified for awards.

A memo has been sent to the 97 schools by the Accountability and Research Office with information on how the funds can be spent. The money is designated for school-wide use and state regulations require that the use be decided by an existing site governance team/school site council. Because a school must meet its new API goals annually in order to receive an award in subsequent years, the funds should not be used for projects and activities with continuing costs. A school's plan for spending the money must be ratified by the

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The Word Is: "CONSERVE!"

The district's utility watchword is *conserve!*

All district employees are being asked to conserve electricity whenever and wherever possible at a time of rapidly increasing utility costs and uncertainty over the reliability of power supplies.

For the past several weeks, the state of California has been under a daily "Stage Three Energy Alert," meaning that residents and business—including San Diego City Schools—could face rolling blackouts that would cut power in a designated neighborhood for up to 90 minutes.

In addition, the district's electric bill more than doubled from July through November 2000 as compared with the same period in 1999: to \$2.85 million from \$1.354 million.

Administrators are presently working on a utility conservation plan for all district schools and administrative sites that will be sent as soon as it is completed.

In the meantime, employees have been asked to turn off unneeded lights and electricity-consuming equipment, and to shut off computers after the workday. Computer servers should be left on.

School sites have been instructed to monitor their 800 megahertz radios (channel 1-A) during student attendance hours in case a rolling blackout becomes imminent.

The district's maintenance and operations center hopes that it would receive notice of an imminent blackout from SDG&E up to a half-hour before the blackout would begin, and it would notify schools in affected areas as soon as possible.

When notified, a school or site should immediately take the following steps:

- Do not send students home early. Continue the instructional program as best as possible.
- Shut down computers and peripherals (e.g. printers).
- Turn off lights in unoccupied areas.

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IN MEMORIAM

A memorial scholarship fund has been established in the name of Joyce Mulligan, the president of the San Diego Unified Council of PTAs who died on Jan. 26. The scholarships will be targeted for senior high students who plan a career in teaching and who plan to begin post-secondary education at a community college.

Donations may be sent to the San Diego Unified Council of PTAs, 4100 Normal Street, B-7, San Diego, Ca. 92103. A notation should be made that the donation is for the Joyce Mulligan PTA Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Additional information is available by calling Judy Williams at (619) 297-7821.

Janet L. Anderson, a teacher at Correia Junior High School and a district employee since 1968, died Jan. 12.

Frances Haidar, a food service worker at Bell Junior High School and a district employee since 1997, died Dec. 30.

Juanita Johnson, a food service worker at Montgomery Middle School and a district employee since 1999, died Jan. 2.

Alvarado To Talk on Blueprint

Chancellor of Instruction Anthony Alvarado will talk about the proposed second-year *Blueprint for Student Success* strategies on the Feb. 20 **For Our Students** cable television program. Alvarado will be joined by members of the Institute For Learning to explain proposed retention programs and expanded prevention and intervention strategies. They will take telephone calls on the live program, which airs from 7 to 8 p.m. on Instructional Television: cable 23, Cox San Diego; cable 12, Daniels Cablevision; cable 16, Cox North County; and cable 17, Time Warner Cable.

Each school will also hold two information/feedback meetings on Year 2 Blueprint, one for parents and one for staff, by the end of February. Year 2 Blueprint will be before the Board for action on March 13.

People and Places

Jefferson Elementary counselor Kathy Vienna received the Kiwanis Elementary Counselor Recognition Award for outstanding service to students, parents and staff, and for her advocacy in lobbying district and state educators for improved counseling.

Dan Adams, a driver for delivery services, will exhibit his latest paintings at "Bread & Cie," 350 University Ave., during February.

Morse High magnet coordinator and athletics director John Shacklett will receive the Distinguished American Award for 2000-2001 from the San Diego chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

Lafayette Elementary students and staff will wear two different shoes on Feb. 22 as a symbol of support to value differences. The day has been designated Different Shoe Day worldwide by the Girls Scouts and Girl Guides to celebrate international friendship and world peace.

McKinley Elementary received a nomination from the San Diego Society of Human Resources Management for practices leading to employee satisfaction and exemplary performance.

Students and staff from Rolando Park Elementary took part in a sign-unveiling ceremony at the Ray and Joan Kroc Center under construction on University Avenue in the Rolando area. The school participates in all community ceremonies of the center.

The School-to-Career Department participated in National Groundhog Job Shadow Day, where students spend part or all of the day shadowing employees at businesses to gain insight into what the everyday workplace entails. Students from the following schools participated: Clairemont, Crawford, Garfield, Gompers, Lincoln, Mission Bay, Patrick Henry, Point Loma, San Diego and Scripps Ranch high schools; and Roosevelt Junior High.

Pros Front and Rear



KUST's Rod Luck posed with fellow journalists who produce the Freese Elementary News 2000 show. Luck spent an hour at Freese doing live news segments. He regularly visits district schools for live presentations on the morning and noon news. Want to showcase your school? Call the Communications Office, (619) 725-5578.

Governor's Performance Awards *(Continued from Page 1)*

Board of Education before it can be implemented. The Institute for Learning has promised to make the process and paperwork as simple as possible.

All schools that have received Governor's Performance Awards also will receive School Site Bonus awards. A total of \$350 million is available statewide for the second awards, which will provide every full-time staff member last year at a qualifying school a sum of money for individual use. The school will receive a sum of money for school-wide use equal to the total amount paid to all full-time staff members. The state is expected to announce the per-employee and per-school amounts in late March or early April.

Student Salutes

Mira Mesa High students were busy displaying their academic prowess. Alexander Phillips wrote a winning script for the 2000 California Young Playwrights Contest and will have his play presented in association with the Globe Theatres. John Nielson was named a Scholar-Leader Athlete by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. Students in the health and driver education class at the school won top awards among San Diego County students participating in the "When Not To Keep A Secret" contest of the American Psychiatric Association Alliance: Stephanie Nguyen; Maria Santiago; Lea Angela Vallido; Luis Valenzuela; and Daniel Larsen. Their teacher is Jean Palmer.

La Jolla High students have been equally active in garnering recognitions. Students Ashley Finch, Ariela Ronay, Francis Song and Tiffany Tse won top awards in music, literature and computer science in the College of Creative Studies exams at UC Santa Barbara. Several students from advanced drama and stagecraft classes were recognized for excellence at the 2001 California Education Theatre Association festival. Amanda Miller won the senior audition competition and scholarship. She was joined by Brandon Bowles, Erin Hamada, Suzanne Hirsh, Jenny Kramer, Scott Lennard, Arend Raifsnider and Amy Reed in winning the best ensemble award for their performance of a scene from *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*. The Varsity Cheer team from La Jolla took first place in its division at Cheer Jam 2001 and the JV team placed second in its division.

Patrick Henry High senior Tiguisti Kidane will appear in an upcoming AVID video with its founder and former Clairemont High teacher Mary Catherine Swanson. The video will be shown at AVID conferences. AVID stands for Achievement Via Individual Determination.

Morse High senior Becky J. Barrera is a semi-finalist in the Coca-Cola Scholars program.

The 6th Battalion JROTC at Madison High received designation as an "honor unit with distinction" following an inspection by the U.S. Army Cadet Command and representatives of San Diego State University. Its rating was 98.7%. Instructors are LTC Jan Janu, 1SG Theodore Jenkins and 1SG Robert Deatherage.

Students from several high schools put on winning performances at the Dramafest festival sponsored by Southwestern College. In period monologues, winners were: Brianna Ledford and Chris Renda from Point Loma High; Ben Randle from SCPA; and Chris Reed from Madison. In dramatic monologues, winners were: Lily German from SCPA and Amber Cjeda and Janell Jones from Scripps Ranch. SCPA student Monica Bimbaum won in comedy monologue.

Art Honors



La Jolla High junior Amy Asher (left) stood with teacher Carol Brady in front of Asher's second-place award entry in the California Art Education Association Youth Art Month exhibition at the San Diego Art Institute in Balboa Park. The juried exhibit runs through Feb. 18. Eight La Jolla and 8 Bell Junior High students had pieces accepted. Bell teachers are Tamara Klida and Marilyn Williams.

X T R E M E



Students from Standley Middle School, accompanied by head counselor Armond Hankins (left in back with cap) and campus police officer J.R. Ula, spent a weekend at Camp Cuyamaca as part of the first-ever Youth X-Treme Team Conference. Nine middle schools/junior highs participated along with Our Lady of Angels school with teams of 8-10 students each. Ula and three police services colleagues--John Adams, John Courduff and Ken Hebdon--joined students from their campuses for the weekend event, which represented the culmination of year-long efforts by the Regional Community Policing Institute and Community Oriented Policing Services to design a program to talk with teenagers about what they believe are their problems. San Diego Police also joined representatives from the city of San Diego's 6-to-6 Extended School Day Program and from Americorps, and student volunteers from area colleges. Outback Steak House rewarded school police officers with a special meal.

CLASSIFIEDS

Ads run on a space-available basis. Send to Communications Office, Room 2145, Eugene Brucker Education Center. **Limit to 10 words (not including phone) or ad not accepted. Include work location and phone (for identification purposes only).**

FOR SALE: Girl baby clothes, 50 cents – \$2, diaper genie, \$10, comforter, \$20, (858) 974-1570; White Speedylock serger, 4-spool, c.1990, \$1250, (619) 275-1393; Dimension One spa, redwood, 7' X 7", cover, you move, \$500, (858) 492-9374; Jacuzzi, seats 6, paid \$4200, sell \$750, excel. cond., (619) 562-0382; '98 VW Golf, AC, power locks, excel. cond., \$11,000/obo, (619) 265-1613; Gem 500 organ, great buy, value \$2000, sell \$600, (858) 278-2042; Sleeper sofa, full, black leather, w/ recliner, excel. cond., \$400, (858) 268-2296; Metal rack, for Ranger p/u, 6" bed, \$100, (619) 465-5791; Upright freezer, \$125/obo, (619) 582-8192; 19" Novaro road bike, excel. cond., upgraded gears, \$100/obo, (858) 569-1770; '93 Mazda MX6 LS, auto, fully loaded, excel. cond., \$6000, (858) 587-1451; Toyota MR2, 165K, runs great, \$2000/obo, (619) 303-2940; Oak entertainment center, like new \$150, off-white sofa, \$80, (858) 481-8108; '94 Plymouth Voyager, 65K, maintained, \$6700, '91 Buick Century, \$3300, (619) 223-0627; Square oak&glass coffee table, 42", \$95, (619) 523-5044; **FOR RENT:** Pacific Beach condo, large bedroom, pets O.K., \$1200/mo., April 1, (858) 274-5156; Santee home, Starlight Circle, available 3/12, \$1500/mo., (858) 586-1414 **ROOMMATE:** Carmel Valley home, prefer female, bedroom with own bath, (858)794-9619.

The next Staff Bulletin will appear March 1. Deadline for submissions is February 16. Staff Bulletin is on the district web site: <www.sandi.net/staff/staffbull/index.html>.

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Looking Ahead

The 44th Annual Washington-Lincoln Laurels for Leaders Luncheon is Tuesday, Feb. 20, from noon to 1:30 p.m., at the U.S. Grant Hotel. All high school ASB presidents will be honored. William Geppert, Vice President and General Manager of Cox Communications, will be the keynote speaker. Call (619) 222-1924 for reservations.

California Coast Credit Union will accept applications through April 20 from 12th-grade students for its 2001 Scholarship Award Program. Two seniors from San Diego County will receive \$1,000 scholarships. Call (858) 495-1600 for information and forms.

The musical "Gypsy" will kick off the performance season at Scripps Ranch High School. Performances are scheduled at 7 p.m. on Feb. 22 and 23, and on March 1, 2 and 3. Students are directed by **Cory Finch**, with choreography by **Rob Beuss**. Musical direction is by **Nancy Shirley**, with the Scripps Ranch High orchestra directed by **Dean Hickman**. Call (858) 621-9020, extension 8105, for more information.

The Scripps Ranch Research Institute offers two programs for teachers: The Science Partnership Scholars Program beginning March 20, and the Summer Research Internship Program beginning June 25. Call Robin Goldsmith at (858) 784-8134 for more information.

The Peace Resource Center of San Diego, a partner with Darnall E-Campus, is sponsoring the play, "Bang, Bang, You're Dead," by William Mastrosimone, on March 2 as part of a "season for nonviolence." Complete information about all events is available from Neill Gibson at (858) 278-2649, (877) 843-2924 or (858) 573-0810.

CONSERVE!

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—Turn off coffee pots, copiers, other appliances and equipment not absolutely necessary.

—Use the telephone if working, or the 800 megahertz radio, to report an emergency, such as a fire, injury accident, water main break, etc.

—Do not use candles, kerosene lanterns or other open flame devices. Battery-operated lights are okay.

If the power does go out, a school or site will receive a call from maintenance and operations with additional information. If

Retiring Types

Norm Kellner at Bell Junior High. A party will be held on Friday, March 2, from 3:30 to 6 p.m., at Sam Choy's Hawaii at the Bali Hai, 2230 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego 92106. \$15 before Feb. 21, \$20 after that date. Price includes Hawaiian-style appetizers. Please call (619) 479-711, ext. 4108, for information and reservations.

Mary Hubbard at Johnson Elementary. A party will be held on Thursday, March 22, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Tom Ham's Lighthouse restaurant, 2150 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego 92101. \$25 cost includes a dinner buffet and gift. Call Linda Grant at (619) 264-0103 for information and reservations.

Darlene Fridell in the Finance Division at the Eugene Brucker Education Center. A party will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., in Room 3133 at the Ed Center. Donations would be appreciated for the gift presentation at 3 p.m. Contact Pat Buman at (619) 725-7745.

CSEA-OTBS Officers Set

The following employees have been elected officers for CSEA-OTBS Chapter 788 for 2001: Ruth Allsbrook, President; Matt Gentile, Vice President; Ann Brown, Vice President Clerical; Treasure Love, Secretary/Treasurer; Irene Brocato, Chief Job Steward; Rita Boxleitner, Chapter Public Relations Officer; Darin Noyes, Political Action Officer; Rosemary Willoughby, Past President. There are vacancies for Vice President Professional-Technical and for Vice President Secretarial.

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After a power outage, computer users should wait 30 minutes before turning on computers.

A Calendar For A Good Cause

It's not too late to order a full-color deluxe desk calendar from Rolling Readers USA, illustrated with original artwork by children and volunteers. The \$10 cost helps support the nationwide program, which does much to encourage reading in many district schools. Call (619) 296-4095, ext. 12, for more information and an order form.