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Curiel Top Personnel Director in California

Ramon Curiel, Personnel Commission administrator, was recently awarded the 2002 Schuyler C. Joyner Award of the California School Personnel Commissioners Association. It is awarded annually to the personnel director who demonstrates the strongest leadership, most creativity and success in implementing a merit system of employment in California.

Curiel has been Personnel Commission administrator for Long Beach Unified School District for the past three years, where he has implemented several innovative programs in personnel administration, selection and employee recognition. He held similar positions at UCI, the County of Orange, the City of Pasadena and Rowland Unified School District before joining the district. LBUSD employs more than 3,000 classified employees under the merit system.



Curiel

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Notice something different about the Long Beach Unified School District's website? The home page at www.lbusd.k12.ca.us now offers much quicker and far easier access to more information than ever.

The district launched its revamped home page and many other redesigned pages on Friday, January 31. This is the first major redesign of the district website in five years. The recent launch is the first phase of the website's redesign, which will continue in the coming months.

The new home page features an easy-to-use alphabetical index, one of the quickest ways to find any school, office or service. A new search engine powered by Google allows exhaustive word searches and rapid access to information.

Students, parents and others in the community will find new sections designed just for them. Students can get help with homework, learn about college entrance requirements and print forms to request school transcripts. Parents will find daily tips on helping their children to be successful, healthy and safe. Important information on enrollment policies and child immunizations is just a click away. A section for the community offers several ways to get involved in local schools.

News about schools is updated frequently, and articles are now archived by year, date and

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Governor's Scholars Here Earn \$1,683,000

A total of 1,683 Long Beach Unified School District high school students have received high qualifying scores to earn a Governor's Scholars Award of \$1,000 each. Hundreds of Cal Grant awards were also announced this month for local seniors who are model applicants for the state financial aid award.

The Governor's Scholars Award provides \$1,000 scholarships to 9th, 10th and 11th graders scoring in the top 10 percent of their high school class or scoring in the top 5 percent statewide on the Stanford 9 exam in math and English. The awards are held in trust until the student is ready to use the award for any accredited post-secondary institution. A student can earn this award for a maximum of three years. Some students are three-time recipients.

Governor's Scholars who achieve high scores on rigorous math and science exams

may also qualify for a Distinguished Math and Science Scholars award of \$2,500. Online claiming of this award will begin later this spring.

In 2000, the California Legislature expanded the Cal Grant program, guaranteeing a grant for all eligible college-bound seniors. Cal Grants are awarded based on family income level and high school grade point average of at least 3.0 for students attending a four-year university. Annual grants are intended to cover fees and tuition at the California State University or the University of California.

Cal Grant awards can also be used to pay up to \$8,832 for tuition at a private college. Community college students are eligible for a Cal Grant of \$1,551 that covers living expenses and education-related costs.

Students can claim their Governor's Scholars Awards at www.scholarshare.com.

February is Cal Grant Month. Students interested in a Cal Grant must submit their applications this month. A series of "Cash for College" workshops will take place across the state where students and their parents will receive assistance in preparing financial aid applications. For more information on the Cal Grant program or to see a list of events, visit www.californiacollegegoalsunday.com or call (866) 476-8787.

A Cash for College Workshop will be held tomorrow, February 8, 10 a.m. to noon at Long Beach City College, Pacific Coast Campus, 1305 E. Pacific Coast Highway. For information about that workshop, call 938-4257.

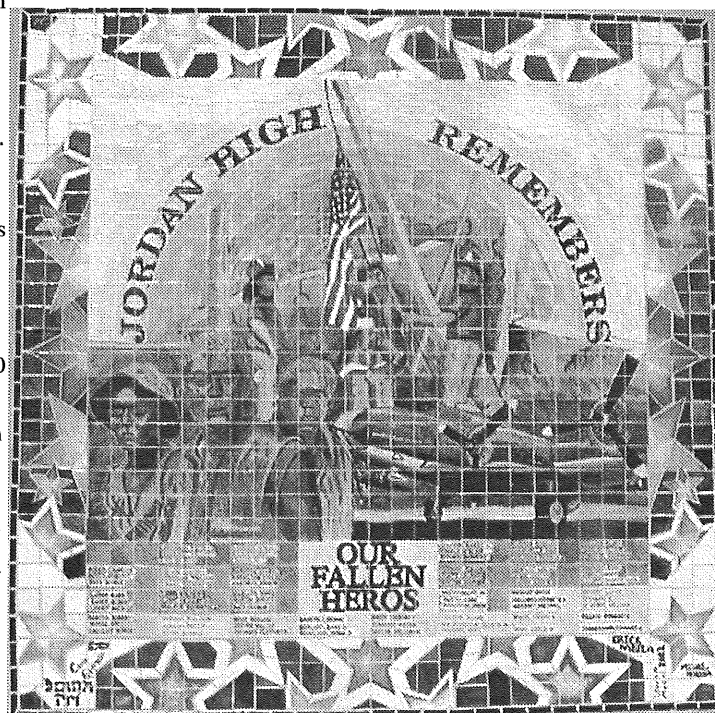
Jordan Mural Honors 74 Fallen Heroes

Funds allocated by the Long Beach City Council have enabled the Public Corporation for the Arts to commission major projects in areas of the city where there was previously very little public art. One of these projects, the Houghton Park tile mural project titled "Jordan High Remembers Our Fallen Heroes," by artist Tom Barter, was just completed. The 225-square-foot tile mural is located on the exterior wall of the Jordan High School auditorium.

The colorful mural honors 74 graduates of Jordan High who paid the ultimate price in service to their country.

Barter worked closely with Jordan High Visual Art and Design magnet students and their instructors Tim DeGreif, lead teacher, and Holly Coar, Visual Art Department chair. Barter led more than 20 sessions with students to explore tile murals as an art form, research the subject and design the mural. The students, in turn, hand crafted, painted, glazed and fired more than 1,000 tiles for the complex mural.

The mural features three images--conceived by students as



• Redesigned Website

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headline. The School Finder page offers several ways to locate a school, including by clicking on any school shown on a map of the school district or on any school named in the map legend. Prospective homebuyers and renters will easily find their closest elementary, middle and high schools. Realtors can use the new feature to assist clients.

The website's no-frills design provides for faster loading, especially on dial-up modems and older hardware. The site looks best in Internet Explorer 4 and above or Netscape Navigator 6 and above, although it functions well with older browsers, too.

The website redesign project will continue as the school district adds new pages and makes existing ones more attractive and accessible.

All employees are encouraged to log on to the website to see what the new web pages look like and how they can go directly to what they need in far fewer mouse clicks. All schools and offices are encouraged to upgrade and update their web pages to serve parents, students and other web users better.

W-2 Omits Hyphens

An error was made in printing W-2 forms for some district employees. The state ID code was printed as 80090669, rather than 800-9069-9.

State tax officials say this will not cause problems for most taxpayers in filing their state income taxes.

The only cases in which this could cause a problem would be for those employees who choose to "e-file" or who obtain tax refund advance loans from their tax preparers, such as H&R Block. For those employees who will e-file, simply enter the correct ID code (800-9069-9) into your tax preparation program. For those using tax preparers, provide them with a copy of a letter explaining this mistake that is available from your payroll clerk.

Teach This Summer

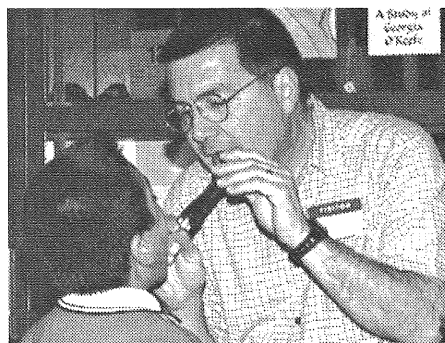
Applications for summer positions will be available at all school sites and business offices on Tuesday, February 18.

Applications for elementary, middle and high school (including special education teachers, nurses and counselors) must be submitted by Friday, March 14 to Human Resource Services, Attention: Summer School. College aide applications are due Friday, March 21. Applications for School for Adults and ROP should be submitted directly to those offices.

Millikan's Mame

Take a trip back to the Roaring Twenties when Patrick, a 10-year-old orphan boy, is delivered to his eccentric Auntie Mame for an outlandish education.

"Mame" cavorts in the Millikan Auditorium from Thursday, March 6, to Saturday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m., with a matinee at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens. A free dress rehearsal will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5. Call 425-7441 for information.



DENTAL CHECK--Dr. Oscar Valenzuela, president of Harbor Dental Society Foundation, checks International School students to see if any need dental treatment. February is Dental Health Month, and local dentists are supporting the nationwide campaign, "Give Kids a Smile Day." More than 60 local dentists are donating free dental treatment to students whose families cannot afford it.

WeatherFest in LB

As part of its 83rd annual meeting, to be held next week in Long Beach, the American Meteorological Society is hosting WeatherFest, a free science and weather fair.

WeatherFest, offered at no charge to students and parents, will be held Sunday, February 9, noon to 4 p.m. at the Long Beach Convention Center.

WeatherFest goers will be able to watch a weather balloon launch, make their own TV weather predictions, meet local weathercasters Dallas Raines, Rick Dickert and Josh Rubinstein, participate in numerous hands-on science demonstrations and view "Science on a Sphere," a large projected image of the rotating Earth with current weather information displayed showing the effects of mountains and oceans.

Teachers, parents and students will be able to speak with professionals in the fields of meteorology, oceanography and related sciences. WeatherFest will provide students considering careers in meteorology with first-hand exposure to job opportunities. Career brochures and scholarship information will be available.

AMS is offering field trip opportunities for middle and high school science classes on Tuesday-Thursday, February 11-13 to the AMS meeting. For information, contact Stephanie Kenitzer in the AMS Press Room at (562) 628-8204 during the week of February 10.

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• Fallen Heroes

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defining moments in the nation and the school's history. It includes a reproduction of the bronze statues at the apex of the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial in Washington, D.C., the B-17 Flying Fortress named "Jordan High School," purchased with war bonds sold by Jordan High School students in 1942, and fire-fighters raising the flag at Ground Zero where the World Trade Center once stood.

A tile border of red, white and blue stars surrounds the names of the 74 Jordan graduates who fought and died for their country in every major conflict from World War II to the present. Jordan students who helped design and fabricate the mural received internship credit through the school district's School-to-Career program.

Job Share Deadline

Applications for job sharing are due in Human Resource Services no later than Friday, February 28. Job share applicants may be permanent or non-permanent (probationary or temporary contract) certificated employees. A job share situation must be approved by the site principal.

Leave Requests

Certificated employees planning to retire, resign or request leave of absence for the 2003-04 school year should submit the appropriate form to their site administrator by March 1. If you have any questions, contact your site administrator.

Job Opportunities

Applications are now being accepted at the Personnel Commission, 999 Atlantic Ave., third floor, for infant/toddler caregiver, school safety officer and transportation aide-bilingual Spanish.

Bethune Donations

Hundreds of uniform pants, sweatshirts, jackets, skirts, socks and underwear--enough to fill a small room--were donated recently by generous school recreation staff to students at Bethune Center for the Homeless.

"Our recreation leaders and aides are so generous," said Jodi Metz, recreation supervisor. "They continue to rise to the needs of people less fortunate."

Counseling Week

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell recognized February 3-7 as National School Counseling Week:

"School counselors work to create a caring atmosphere where children's needs are met with patience and understanding," he said. From stress and career plans to school violence and drug abuse, "counselors help students navigate the sometimes difficult twists and turns of school life so they can become productive and successful members of our society."