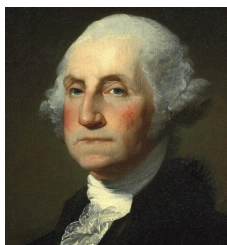




What's New With Hancock *Juliana Macedo & Yuka Takai*



During this month, we have so many activities at school. We have a guest speaker and all the school will go to a

library. It's a very interesting program and an opportunity to learn with other students. Finally, on February 15th we have Presidents' Day. This day is a tribute to all presidents of the U.S. and on this day we don't have class at school.

Tips for New Students in San Diego

- Be sure to check the parking signs in downtown or near the beach because they are busy areas and you cannot usually park for a long time. Sometimes you can actually park for free on the weekends.
- Be careful while driving. There are some photo enforced speeding areas. So, you have to be cautious while you are passing those areas. They are usually at intersections.
- You can use a U.S. website for selling or buying things. Visit www.craigslist.org. It not only gives one the opportunity to get a good deal but also it is good for practicing English.
- If you have a reservation at the DMV

before you visit there, you don't have to wait there for A long time.

- I would like to introduce the San Diego Public Library. You can borrow lots of valuable books and DVDs for free. Additionally, you can enjoy your time there, which is quite a good place for studying and reading. Besides, the library has many events such as performances and book sales. You can also find free English tutors there. Visit and enjoy www.sandiegolibrary.org.
- Before you shop at the outlet mall in Carlsbad, etc., register at www.premiumoutlet.com. This allows you to get lots of discount store coupons at the VIP club.

—Young Hyo Kang

THE LOW-DOWN ON WHAT'S UP

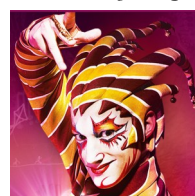
by Sergey Martinovich

Moscow Festival Ballet
2/5/10, 8 pm 'Swan Lake'
2/6/10, 2 pm 'Sleeping Beauty'
Balboa Theater, 868 Fourth Avenue

Monster Energy Supercross
Motorsport event
2/6/10, 7 pm
Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Rd
More info: sosorgan.com

Whale Watching with Birch Aquarium
Twice daily cruises
Until 4/4/10
Sdhe.com or aquarium.ucsd.edu

KOOZA by Cirque du Soleil



Kooza tells the story of The Innocent, a melancholy loner in search of his place in the world. It combines two circus traditions—

acrobatic performance and the art of clowning. It is presented in a colorful mélange that emphasizes bold slapstick humor.

Begins 2/25/10
Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd.

In the News: *The Budget Crisis in San Diego Public Schools*

From several years ago, California is suffering from a budget crisis.

California's budget deficit made lots of changes in each social field. They have already reduced a lot of officers, teachers, and various welfare departments.

Especially, the state of California has reduced the budget for education.

For K-12 school they cut \$2.2 billion for the fiscal year 2009-2010 and \$2.4 billion for fiscal year 2010-2011. Accordingly, San Diego had to cut \$25 million to \$35 million additionally for the fiscal

year 2010-11 and their total budget deficit is estimated at \$89 to \$99 million.

Without this current budget cut, San Diego's districts projected a deficit for the fiscal year 2010-2011 at \$64 million.

It has already resulted in so many changes for San Diego school districts.

San Diego reduced a number of teachers, employees, and their classes. Of course, they already terminated low priority programs. For example, principal training, child care programs, festivals, camping and other activities.

Actually, it means our children have to receive lower quality education. In the case of having rich parents, these students can attend extra-educational programs but poor students poor students can't have extra-education. It can have the effect of poverty being inherited continuously.

President Obama insisted on the importance of education but I don't know why the priority of education is low.

—Yeonwook Kwon

Special Interest: A Cultural Story from Vietnam *Duong Nguyen*

From ancient times to the present, there has been a legend which tells about the origin of the Vietnamese people. This legend describes the ancestors of the Vietnamese, which are a Dragon and a Fairy. Today I'll bring you to the root of this belief through the myth "Lac Long Quan and Au Co".

Thousands of years ago in the country of Linh Nam (the ancient name of Vietnam), there was a clan chief with an extraordinary strength called Loc Tuc. Endowed with magical powers, he could walk as easily on water as on land. One day, he met Long Nu, the daughter of the Dragon King – Long Vuong. They fell in love and from their union a son was born, and his name is Sung Lam (the original name of Lac Long Quan). Sung

Lam's strength became stronger as he grew up, and he inherited the supernatural power of his father and the race of his mother – the Dragon. Later, he became the leader of the country and took the title Lac Long Quan.

After having traveled the nation to assist his people, he came back to the South and taught people to fish and farm safely. At this time he met Au Co – the daughter of the immortal fairy King De Lai who came from the North to visit the South. Impressed by Lac Long Quan's strength, he decided to allow Au Co to marry him. Au Co got pregnant a year later. However, she gave birth to a bundle of one hundred eggs, not a baby. Day by day, the one hundred eggs became bigger and when the eggs were

hatched out came one hundred healthy children. Extraordinarily, all the children knew how to walk and they grew up very fast. But because Lac Long Quan was a dragon, he couldn't live on land for long, so he decided to separate from his wife. Fifty children followed the father to the maritime region of Linh Nam, and the rest followed the mother to the mountains and forests of Linh Nam. They all built the country as best as they could. The one hundred children became the ancestors of the Viets. Only the eldest lived in the Phong Chau and was proclaimed King as Hung Vuong (King Hung). He divided the country into fifteen provinces, each being the cradle of a tribe. Eighteen Hung kings succeeded him on the Throne.

A Traditional Korean Game: *Gong-gee*

Let's enjoy a Korean traditional game with your friends. Please read the following. This game's name is Gong-gee. The name of Gong-gee means "air."

1. Sit on the ground with 5 pebble stones, and gently toss them out onto the playing surface.
2. Pick up one stone and toss the stone into the air with your throwing hand.
3. While the stone is in the air, pick up one other stone using only your throwing hand.
4. Catch the stone in your throwing hand before the stone hits the ground.
5. Repeat steps 3, 4 and 5 until you've picked up all 5 stones.
6. Toss the 5 stones out onto the playing surface again.
7. Toss all the stones into the air, and now pick up 2 stones each time and catch the ball before it hits the ground.
8. It's the other player's turn when you don't pick up the correct number of stones or you miss the stone.

It's similar to the American Jacks game and if you are interested in playing with me, please call me any Time, anywhere I'll be there.

Special Interest: Sibling Rivalry

"Sibling rivalry is the term which is used for the competition between siblings. Actually, the competition between siblings in their childhood is more serious than parents can expect. Maybe it's because children feel that getting attention from parents is a matter of survival.

In many times, the term "sibling rivalry" is used somewhat negatively, but the competition between siblings can teach them how to socialize, how to compete with other children.

Many parents have the fantasies that their children are like angels. They think that their children should be so good and there's no anger or jealousy in their minds. However, the normal children must have those kinds of feelings. Children have to learn how to get what they want in competition and have to learn how to disguise their anger and jealousy from other people. Maybe it is a part of human development.

When they don't have enough food, or when they don't have good enough mothering or when there's no clear rule in the family, the situation becomes more serious.

Sibling rivalry is very influential to human development. Some psychiatrists studied about the birth order, and they believe that there are specific characteristics which depend on the birth order.

Actually, there can be so many

types of birth order, and every family has a unique way to foster children. So, each individual becomes a very unique and specific one which is very different from others.

I think that parents can understand their children more easily with this sort of information. Adequate mothering and very clear and fair rules in the family can help children to overcome this developmental task.

—Byeong Yong Lee

Volunteer Opportunities

Homework Helpers

Agency: San Diego Public Libraries
Spend the evening helping students succeed in school and in life. You can help students with whichever subjects you're comfortable with. Their mission: To offer free mentoring and tutoring to San Diego school children.
February 3, 10, 17, & 24

Voices for Children

The SDCBA's Community Service Committee is looking for volunteers to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) through Voices for Children. Voices for children is a non profit organization that endeavors to ensure that abused, neglected and abandoned children are cared for.