

Combat Challenge Day at ROP Fire Science



Ken and Theresa Johnson's ROP Fire Science class at **California High** last May

Last May ROP Fire Science at **California High** sponsored Combat Challenge Day. Led by ROP instructors Ken and Theresa Johnson, students participated in activities such as the bucket brigade, hose drag, dummy drag, hammer slide, and water ball tug of war.

Shawn Hulligan, one of the ROP Fire Science students, says he's been

interested in becoming a fire fighter since he was in the 8th grade, when his house burned down. "When I found out about this class, I took it both Junior and Senior years. It's a great class to take. You learn a lot."

"It's an awesome class," says Angel Amaya, who plans to go into the Forestry Service to fight forest fires.



Student drags a 180-pound dummy to safety



Hammer Slide

Environmental Science in the News



Katie Jahns, Linus Eukel, Beth Pardieck, and Patrick Oliver discuss environmental education

"You can make a difference in your own back yard," said Katie Jahns, ROP Environmental Science Instructor at **Monte Vista High**, discussing field trips with Muir Heritage Land Trust representatives Linus Eukel and Beth Pardieck. "Students love going on working field trips," she says, where they might build a trail, plant native grasses, or help restore wetlands.

The Muir Heritage Land Trust has several restoration projects available and discussed environmental education opportunities for the upcoming year with ROP Environmental Science

instructors and Student Programs principals at a June meeting at the Contra Costa County Office of Education.



Desert Tortoise

Above, Lauren Gillespie says hello to Nemo, a California Desert Tortoise brought by guest speakers from Native Bird Connections during a presentation to Katie Jahns' ROP Environmental Science class at **Monte Vista High**. Below, Jenny Papka holds aloft a Swainson's Hawk.



Swainson's Hawk

ROP Students Win Journalism Awards

Ned Purdom's ROP Journalism class at **Albany High** won several awards for outstanding work on *The Congar*, which received these awards last spring:

- Gold Crown* - Columbia University Student Press Association
- First Place* - American Scholastic Press Publishers Association
- Finalist* - California Newspaper Publishers Association

The following students received recognition from the San Francisco Press Club:

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| Nina Lincoff | Sophie Dresser |
| Mathew Ungson | Jessica Tan |
| Leslie Ribovich | Emily McKeown |
| Megan Moss | Sam Shumacher |

The following students from Natalie Wojinski's ROP Publications class at **Hercules High** were inducted into the Quill and Scroll, the international honor society for student journalists:

- Ivanna Chavez
- Dennison Gallardo
- Lovejeet Kaur
- Ryan Luna
- Andrea Manrique