

EDITORIAL

Roses & raspberries



A raspberry — the “What Planet Are You From?” award — to San Dieguito Union High School District Assistant Superintendent Eric Hall, who opposes the idea of putting a plaque at San Dieguito Academy in memory of school graduates who died in the Vietnam war, because, Hall said, “We just felt the kids who attend the academy would not have any positive connection with these individuals.” Whoa! Just a minute here. So far, the SDHS alumni who are trying to erect the plaque have identified five SDHS alumni who gave their lives for their county: Marine 1st Lts. James M. Mitchell of Encinitas and Charles B. Henricks of Solana Beach, Navy Lt. j.g. Michael R. Zerbe of Del Mar, and Army Spec. 4 Victor Lopez and Pfc. Thomas L. Mericantante, both of Solana Beach. Placing a plaque in their memory at their old high school seems like very little recompense for what those five did. San Dieguito Superintendent Peggy Lynch wrote that the general public would not have access to a plaque at the high school, and that “safety concerns” might prohibit people from visiting it. Oh, please. If the students at the San Dieguito have no “positive connection” with graduates of their school who died for their country, it’s high time they acquired it. Put the plaque up.

Another raspberry — the “Exquisitely