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A bi-monthly community publication of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, in its 89th year of service to the community.

City of Duarte/City of Hope's Rose Parade float awarded Past President's Trophy

With millions watching, Duarte's Tournament of Roses float entry proudly made its way down Colorado Blvd. accompanied by a banner proclaiming it the winner of the Past President's Trophy.

"What a thrill and a wonderful way for Duarte to kick off 2010," said Mayor Margaret Finlay who watched the parade on the street with family and friends. We're so proud of our collaborative effort with the City of Hope. The kids on the float are great representatives for our city."

The float, themed "Harvesting Good Health", was the 37th annual joint entry sponsored by the City of Duarte and City of Hope National Medical Center.

The float brought to life a fun-filled "Community Garden" patch of oversized fruits and vegetables in a colorful and whimsical setting.

Plump melons, crisp asparagus, wholesome corn and fresh peas and carrots are ready to harvest and eat. It was designed and built by leading Tournament of Roses float builder, Fiesta Parade Floats.

Gardens of yellow roses and gerbera set the backdrop for floral displays of purple larkspur, yellow and white daisy poms with design clusters of green bells of Ireland, purple liatris, white monte casino and yellow sunflowers.

The watermelon was decorated in dehydrated parsley flakes and crushed green split peas.



Ears of fresh corn were created with shades of yellow and gold strawflower petals. Carrots were decorated in actual dehydrated carrot granules.

Five pediatric patients from the City of Hope rode on the float: Michael Miyamoto, 16, of Walnut; Kelsy Lopez, 14, of Pasadena; Jessica Mastan 14, of Pasadena; Carina Melchor, 17, of Anaheim; and Raphael Forbes,

15, of Upland. The young patients were accompanied by City of Hope nurse Awa Jones, RN, BSN, MSHCN.

Staff from City of Hope, one of the world's leading cancer centers, along with residents and volunteers from numerous community organizations in Duarte, participated in decorating the float built by leading float builder, Fiesta Parade Floats in Irwindale.

County offers financial assistance program for prevention of homelessness

Los Angeles County is offering one-time financial assistance to residents who have become homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless because of job loss, reduction of work hours or other unexpected hardships.

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Funding for the program is made available through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

For more information on HPRP, dial 2-1-1 for Los Angeles County offices or go to the Los Angeles County Housing Resource Center website at <http://housing.lacounty.gov/HPRP>.



Duarte Gold Line Station unveiling set for Jan. 30

An unveiling of the Duarte station in concert with the extension of the Metro Gold Line from Pasadena out to Azusa has been set for Saturday, January 30, at 10 a.m. in the City of Hope, Cooper Auditorium, located at 1500 East Duarte Road. The family friendly celebration will begin at 10 a.m. with the unveiling ceremony scheduled for 10:20 a.m.

Work is expected to begin on the Line in early in June, 2010 and is anticipated to create thousands of new jobs, increase economic investment and more public transit options in the area. The proposed center platform station will be located along Duarte Road, approximately 500 feet west of Highland Avenue.

Funds for this project are coming from the monies generated by Measure R which increased sales taxes by a half cent.

Metro and Gold Line Construction Authority leadership and local elected officials will join community members to commemorate this milestone achievement for the City.

Officials intend to unveil the six station signs in early 2010 as a symbol of the train's forthcoming arrival in 2013. For additional information on the upcoming unveiling, please contact Deputy City Manager Karen Herrera at (626) 357-7931.

"A Valentine Musical Interlude"

Come to the Duarte Senior Center to hear lovely romantic pieces played by Los Angeles Philharmonic violinist Paul Stein and pianist Ralph Alberstrom. You can kick off Valentine's Day early with selections by Fritz Kreisler, Edward Elgar, and Tchaikovsky. The program will be held on Thursday, February 11, from 5-7:30 p.m. Dinner will be catered by Burger Continental and the cost of the evening is \$12 per person and reservations are required.

For more information please contact the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513. 1610 Huntington Dr.

ers to Charter Cable in Duarte can watch DCTV, Duarte Public Access television on Channel 3. DCTV is moving down the dial between CBS and NBC from its current location on Charter Cable Channel 55. The move is part of an overall plan to standardize channel lineups serving all Southern California communities. The alignment means that channels will be on the same locations regardless of whether or not a

customer has a converter box. DCTV, which carries Duarte City Council meetings and a variety of programs produced by and for the Duarte community, including "Chamber Spotlight" featuring Duarte Chamber businesses, is also available on the Worldwide Web. Programs can be viewed on demand on the website located at www.dctvduarte.com.

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Waste disposal rates for Duarte residential and commercial customers to increase

Waste disposal rates for residential and commercial customers will be going up in Duarte for the first time in two years effective January 1, 2010. Under the City's contract with Burrtec Waste Disposal, annual rate adjustments for

refuse collection and recycling are permitted based on a specific formula that takes into account various cost factors. The last time the City granted a request by Burrtec Waste Disposal to increase rates for residential and commercial

customers was January 2008.

Residential customers can expect an 8.8% rate increase, paying between \$1.11 and \$1.47 more per month. The most common service for residential is a 90 gallon trash container, 60 gallon recycling container and 60 gallon green waste container. The new rate for that service will be \$18.20, while seniors and/or handicapped customers with 40/60/60 service will pay \$13.79.

Rates for commercial customers will increase by 7%, about \$8.13 more per month. The most commonly used commercial service is a 3 yard bin picked up once a week. The new rate will be \$129.26.

Under the City's contract with Burrtec, annual rate adjustments are permitted based on a specific formula that takes into account various cost factors including the percentage change from July to July in the Consumer Price Index, tipping fees charged for waste disposal and the cost of fuel. A 4% cap is set forth on each annual adjustment, but Burrtec may petition the City Council for an adjustment in excess of 4% when justified by extraordinary circumstances.

Burrtec submitted its request to the City for adjustments to its refuse collection and recycling rates on Oct. 8. Included in their letter was information that Los Angeles County Sanitation District (LACSD) had once again increased the tipping fees at the Puente Hills Landfill to \$38.26 per ton, a 13% increase over the previous year's fee. In anticipa-

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Duarte Elks Lodge gives dictionaries to local 3rd graders

This is the fourth year the Duarte Elks Lodge #1427 has given out Dictionaries to each 3rd grade student in Duarte and the third year at each school in Monrovia. This also includes the private schools.

Mr. Larry Von Den Bossche, the Elks liaison to the schools, estimates almost 800 Dictionaries along with bookmarks stressing "say no to drugs" are included.

Last year 289,799 were dis-

tributed, making a grand total of 948,770 books distributed by participating Elk Lodges throughout the country.

In the past money for the Dictionaries mostly was funded by the National Elk Foundation and local members but this year the 2010 Census has helped with this project.

The Duarte Lodge hopes to continue this project for many years to come.



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Providing Early Education services to Duarte's children, Maryvale has been a part of the community since 1999. The new Maryvale Family Resource and Early Education Center at the southwest corner of Huntington Drive and Crestfield is nearing completion. Expanded services to address the needs of Duarte families and residents will include:

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Duarte on its way to creating a Youth and Family Master Plan

The City of Duarte is on its way to having a Youth and Family Master Plan that will enhance the community's programs, services and quality of life for youth and families.

A volunteer 27-member Advisory Committee, appointed by the City Council and headed by co-chairs Doug Edwards of Westminster Gardens and Dr. Vincent Castro of Maryvale, is made up of a cross-section of the community including parents, teens, educators, child development professionals and others.

The role of the committee is to develop a measurable action plan that will guide the City of Duarte, the Duarte Unified School District, community organizations, and others over the next five to ten years regarding youth and family programs, services, and facilities. Plans are to present a completed action plan to the Duarte City Council by July 2010. It will include action steps, benchmarks and timetables for meeting the goals of the plan, said Duarte Recreation Director, Donna Georgino, who is overseeing the committee with consultant Dick Guthrie.

At its December meeting, the committee approved a Vision and Guiding Principles Statement drafted by a task group chaired by Helen Nwangwu with members Gerald Delker, Yovana Bruno, Michele Kirschenbaum, Becky Michaelis, and Vanessa Stumbaugh. The Vision Statement reads:

"To develop a supportive environment, Duarte is committed to ensuring safe neighborhoods, fostering unity, and promoting dialogue among youth and families from diverse cultural, religious, social, economic, and educational backgrounds. This commitment promotes use of and provision of necessary educational, recreational and posi-

tive activities, as well as support services in the community to meet the wide range of needs of young people and their families. Our goal is to provide nurturing opportunities for safe practices that support young people in becoming responsible members of the community through the attainment of environmental, physical and mental health."

Among the Guiding Principles adopted by the committee, were:

- Harness the power of youth and families through volunteer services to make the community safer and stronger.
- Treat youth with respect; give them opportunities to contribute and recognize them for positive actions.

Guest speaker for the meeting, K. Yip, Instructional Technology Outreach for the Los Angeles County Office of Education, underscored the importance of all adults in the community connecting with youth so that they feel valued. Yip presented a talk on 40 Developmental Assets identified by the Search Institute as building blocks that help young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible.

These important assets include Support by family, non-parent adults, neighborhood, school, and parent involvement in school. Empowerment, Boundaries and Expectations, Constructive Use of Time, Commitment to Learning, Positive Values, Social Competencies, and Positive Identity. Based on a 2003 Search Institute survey of almost 150,000 students in grades 6-12 in public and alternative U.S. schools, the more assets young people experience the less likely they are to engage in a wide range of risky behaviors and the more likely they are to engage in positive behaviors.

"We need to shift from looking at young people problems to look-

ing at young people's strengths. Instead of looking at kids as users of resources, we need to look at kids as resources," said Yip. Stressing that focusing on creating new programs alone won't solve problems, instead he urged adults to form relationships with young people, and to encourage their strengths and talents.

Committee task groups are working on various aspects of the Master Plan development process. Damon Colaluca, CEO of the Santa Anita Family YMCA is heading the task group assigned to Review Current Programs and Facilities. He is assisted by Cynthia Davis, Lillian Cabral, Sagar Desai, Brenda Smith, and Carlos Cortez. Communication and Media task group is headed by City of Duarte employee, Roxanne Alatorre. Members of the task group are: Erica Christianson, Kyle Garza, Mirtha Hernandez, and Ana Lisa Hernandez. Resident Thaddeus Smith is chair of the Community Outreach task group which is in the process of surveying community members to explore their insights, issues, ideas and concerns related to youth and families in Duarte. Members of the task group are: Lisseth Duenas, Eloise Hart, Terri Burns, Elsa Moreno, and Beverly Haynes. The Youth Outreach task force, headed by Michelle Trail of the Duarte Unified School District will query students on their assessments of life in Duarte for kids. Students from elementary school to high school will be surveyed. Members of the task group are Melissa Pereyda, Erik Quezada, Nick Lopez, Henry Perez, and Sheriff's Department representative, Robert MacLean.

Committee meetings are open to the public at large. Committee and task force meeting schedules are posted on the Committee's Facebook page, Duarte YFMP. The committee also updates the



SOME OF THE MEMBERS of the 27-member Duarte Youth and Family Master Plan Advisory Committee pose for a picture following a committee meeting at the Duarte Teen Center. From left to right: Donna Georgino, City of Duarte staff liaison; Sagar Desai, member Review of Current Programs and Facilities task group, Kyle Garza, member of the Communications and Media task group holding a notebook with the committee's logo designed by Duarte High School senior, Sierra Gallivan; Helen Nwangwu, Vision Statement and Guiding Principles task group chair; Dr. Vincent Castro, Advisory Committee co-chair; Michelle Trail, chair of the Youth Outreach task group; and Doug Edwards, co-chair of the Advisory Committee.

City Council on their progress at the first council meeting of each month.

The community is invited to attend the Youth and Family Master Plan Advisory Committee meeting on Monday, Jan. 25, at the Duarte Teen Center to provide input on the Master Plan process. Community comments

will be key in determining the direction of Duarte's plan. Youth are especially encouraged to attend and share their views with the committee.

For more information, call Donna Georgino at Duarte City Hall, (626) 357-7931, or Email questions or comments to yfmp@accessduarte.com.

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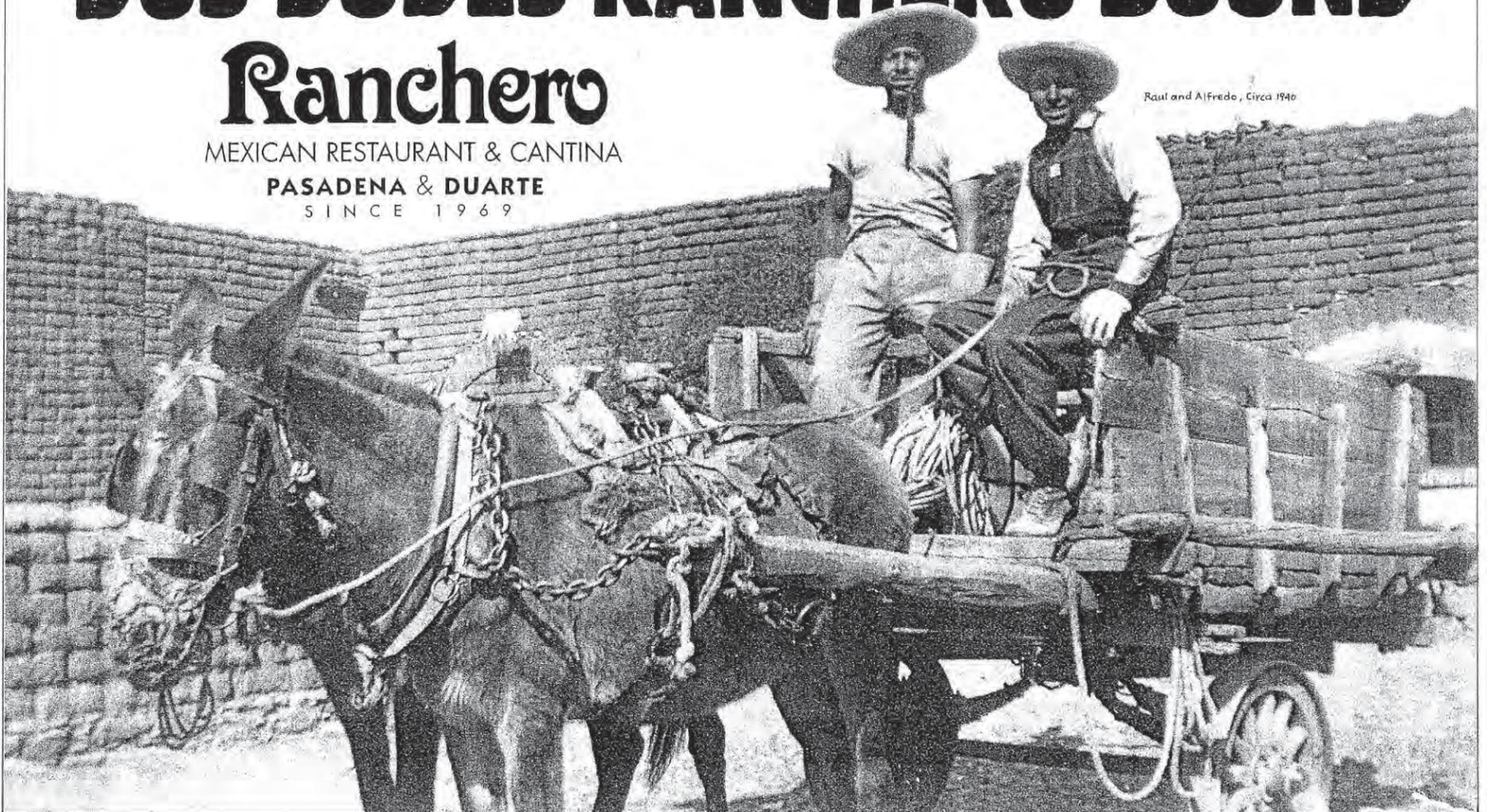
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City honors eight retirees Santa Anita Family YMCA launches "Y Academy" after school enrichment classes

As a result of a Strategic Planning Workshop where the Duarte City Council prioritized the goal of exploring creative staffing options as a tool for addressing ongoing budget deficits, the City of Duarte established an incentive program for full-time employees willing to retire early.

Eight employees elected to take advantage of the early retirement incentive opportunity. The City and its community are extremely grateful for their service and commitment.

- Evelyn De Jesus worked for the City since 1984 as the Deputy Finance Director.

- Silvia Hurtado, in our Community Development Department, started with the City in 1982 as an Assistant Planner/Code Enforcement Officer, and worked her way up to City Planner.

- Anita Laygo started with the City in 1993 as an Accounting Technician and was promoted to Accountant four years later.

- Patty Lopes took care of the administrative needs of the Com-

munity Development Department since 1989.

- John Mack, the longest tenured employees of the retirees, began his service with the City back in 1977 as an Assistant Animal Control Officer and promoted his way through the ranks to become the Code Compliance Manager in 2005.

- Steve Maroste served the Parks & Recreation Department first as a Custodian in 1985 and eventually as the Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, starting in 2002.

- Pat Razavi started with the Administrative Services Department in 1989 as an Account Clerk/Cashier and finished her tenure as a Human Resources Analyst.

- Sandi Shannon served as the City's Redevelopment Coordinator beginning in 1990.

These eight employees played an active role in shaping Duarte's history and the impact of their efforts will continue to be evident throughout the years!

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One way the Santa Anita Family YMCA plans to make good use of its newly acquired facilities at the Mary Wilcox Youth Center in Monrovia is by launching a "Y Academy" enrichment program for 3rd grade to 8th grade students beginning Jan. 4.

The idea behind the Y Academy is to offer youth opportunities to sample and learn new and exciting skills, hobbies and experiences that may not be available to them during the regular school day, said Chief Executive Officer Damon Colaluca.

"We've got all kinds of ideas.

Fencing, model building, performance, video production are just some of the classes that we will be offering over the course of the new year. We want to peak kids' interest and give them a chance to expand their universe of knowledge and experience. Y Academy classes will also be influenced by the kids input as well," said Colaluca.

Among the first classes to be offered at the Y Academy in the month of January will be video production, in partnership with KGEM, the Monrovia Public Access station; art, Spanish, skate boarding, and basketball.

A selection of classes will run concurrently. Each class will be taught 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., two days a week, for a month. Experts in their field will teach the classes,

using their passion for the subject matter to ignite passion in their students and help spark their imaginations.

To learn more about the Y Academy and to register for classes, visit the Santa Anita Family YMCA at 501 S. Mountain Ave., Monrovia, or call (626) 359-9244. Information is also available on the website at www.safymca.org.

"I have always been delighted at the prospect of a new day, a fresh try, one more start, with perhaps a bit of magic waiting somewhere behind the morning . . ."

— J. B. Priestley,
author, dramatist

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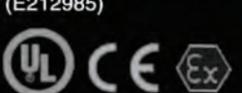
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Duarte Mayor Issues "Biggest Loser" Weight Loss Challenge

It's worked for her and her family, so Duarte Mayor Margaret Finlay decided why not issue a challenge to others in the community to set a healthy new year agenda to lose weight, get in shape and win the title of Duarte's "biggest loser".

The eight-week contest will begin Feb. 1, with the final weigh-in on March 29. The individual who loses the highest percentage of body weight, not necessarily number of pounds, will be crowned the winner.

"This is not just about dieting but about making positive changes to live healthier for the rest of our lives. Duarte's motto is 'The City of Health'. As mayor, I'd like to help translate that motto into action and motivate our community to begin living a healthier lifestyle," said Finlay.

The contest is open to all Duarte residents and students 16 years of age and older. There is no entry fee to participate. The winner will receive his or her choice of either a one-year total facility individual membership to the Duarte Fitness Center, or \$100 in cash, provided by Mayor Finlay.

Private and confidential weigh-ins will take place every Monday at the Duarte Fitness Center. Only percentages of weight lost or gained will be shared. The Duarte Fitness Center, located adjacent to City Hall at 1600 Huntington Dr., is offering a membership Fitness Sale from Feb. 14-17.

For more information about the Biggest Loser contest or Fitness Center membership, contact the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118, ext. 243.

Citrus College hopes to continue momentum of last year

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell, Duarte Representative
Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees

American author Hal Borland once wrote, "Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us." While the coming of a new year incites many people to establish resolutions, at Citrus College our only goal for 2010 is to continue to move forward and maintain the momentum of the past year.

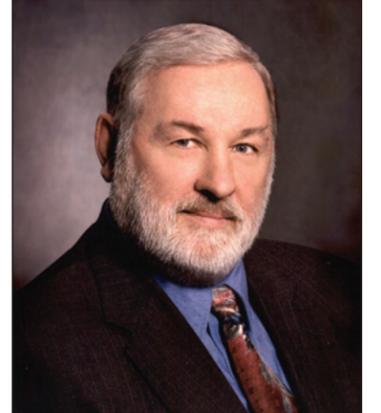
During the fall 2009 semester, Citrus College achieved several major accomplishments that promise to be beneficial for the citizens of Duarte. Perhaps one of the most significant of these accomplishments was the procurement of a \$2.1 million grant from the United States Department of Education. Designed to help Citrus College enhance and expand our capacity to service students, this grant will be dispersed over a five-year period and will fund a project entitled "Bridge to Success." This project is designed to increase the success, persistence, degree completion, and transfer rates of underrepresented students and basic skill students.

Another important accomplishment was the grand opening of our new STEM complex. This new facility, which was funded by a College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA) STEM Grant, offers unique resources and services to students who are science, technology, engineering, or mathematics majors. Knowing that a community's economic vitality and competitive advantage is dependent upon the level of skill its workforce has in the STEM areas, this addition to Citrus College could have extremely positive implications for Duarte. In fact, over 500 students per week have already been utilizing the complex's services.

The dedication of Citrus College's newly-opened Field House and Gate House was another highlight this fall. Funded by the Measure G bond measure passed in 2004, these new facilities provide our talented Citrus College student athletes with tools to achieve even greater milestones in intercollegiate sports. At the same time, these new facilities will be a wonderful resource for the communities we serve. In fact, many local schools and organizations use our stadium as an event venue.

The final accomplishment, though not entirely our own, can be considered an important victory for Duarte and its citizens. In October, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority placed the Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2a on its Long Range Transportation Plan. The extension will be funded by Measure R, a bond measure approved by voters in November 2008 and is intended to relieve traffic and upgrade transportation throughout Los Angeles County. One of Measure R's most significant projects will be the Gold Line extension, which will create new jobs and infuse money back into the local economy. It will also increase access to higher education for students throughout the region.

As we settle into a new year, Citrus College would like to acknowledge the community of Duarte for their consistent support of our efforts to empower students. I am personally grateful that you repeatedly invest in the future of the city and its young people. I wish you all a new year full of happiness, prosperity, and continued success.



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New Year's resolutions should include review of personal assets

Given the current economic situation, it is clear that maximizing personal assets is important. The American Society of Appraisers suggests that people take the opportunity at the beginning of the new year to resolve to document and assess personal assets.

"The contents of most peoples' homes are worth tens of thousands of dollars and they don't even realize it," said Sharon Ring Rollins, chair of the personal property committee of the American Society of Appraisers.

When people count up their assets, they normally include the value of their home and other real estate, cars, bank accounts, retirement accounts, stocks and bonds, etc. What many people forget, however, is that their personal assets include the contents of their home including artwork, antiques, jewelry, collectibles, etc. The value of those items needs to be considered for estate planning purposes, to ensure that they are properly covered by their homeowners or renters insurance policies in case of a loss, and for sale or charitable donation purposes.

The American Society of Appraisers offers tips for homeowners or renters to get started reviewing their personal assets.

Documentation. Take an inventory of the items in your house. Open cabinets and closets and document the contents with video or photos. Make lists of what you own, where you got each item, etc., and keep receipts.

Make note of potentially valuable items.

Make a list of items that you think might be especially valuable, including family heirlooms, artwork, and antique furniture.

Get an appraisal of valuable items. If you think you have valuable items and want to know more about their value, consult an accredited appraiser.

Review your homeowners or renters policies. These policies have a certain coverage amount for the contents of your home. Do a rough calculation of the value of the contents of your home if you had to replace everything.

Does the amount in your currently policy cover it? If not, talk to your insurance agent about raising the limit or get special riders for extremely valuable items. Owning a few pieces of fine art or a few good antiques may mean that the coverage in your policy is less than adequate.

"Appraisals are important documents like wills. They provide proof of the worth of a piece of property," said Rollins. "An appraisal performed by an accredited appraiser will stand up in court, with the IRS, or the insurance company if need be."

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From the desk of the Superintendent

Dr. Dean Conklin, Superintendent,
Duarte Unified School District

The New Year brings with it changes to the Duarte Unified School District, and with those changes the hopes of a more promising future. One change involves our current Board. The Duarte Unified School District is pleased to announce the election of Mr. Ken Bell as President of the Board of Education, and Pam Kawasaki as the Vice President.

Ken is a long-standing citizen of the Duarte community and has served in various committees and commissions. His dedication and leadership is best exemplified by his 20-year commitment to the education of our children in his capacity as a member of the Duarte Board of Education. His recent reelection reinforces that he has served this community well.



DR. DEAN CONKLIN

Ken is a 36 year veteran of law enforcement. He has 25 years of experience working in all aspects of juvenile street gangs. Ken has been a proud Duarte resident for the past 29 years. He married his college sweetheart Rosa, 41 years ago, and they have raised five wonderful children who all attended and graduated from Duarte High School. Ken and Rosa have six grandchildren.

Pam Kawasaki was elected to the Board in 2003. Pam has spent the past 15 years volunteering for the students in the Duarte Unified School District; first at Royal Oaks as the coordinator for the Cross Age Tutoring program, then Northview, where she has volunteered as many as 30 hours per week assisting in math and AVID classes. She is also their coordinator for the peer tutoring program. Pam was involved in the Royal Oaks PTA and Northview PTSA, having just finished two years as their President.

Pam moved with her family to the Duarte area in 1957, and has spent the majority of her life in this community. She has been married to Greg for the past 21. They have two children, Brandon and Ally, who attended Duarte schools and are recent graduates of Duarte High School. They attend Citrus and Azusa Pacific University, respectively.

In the coming months you will be hearing things like, "20/20 Vision" and "21st Century skills." This is our decade program. What does this mean? Our 2nd graders will be graduating in the year 2020, a decade from now. In order to give those children a quality education we need to start thinking now, at this moment, about what is needed to insure that our students are ready to face the challenges of the 21st century. We are doing this.

Unfortunately the state's economic woes are still upon us, and as we look for a brighter future we tread the waters with care giving our best effort in dealing with the financial crisis. Making budgetary plans has become an art form, given the ever changing state forecast, but we are in good shape and will continue to make plans without sacrificing the education of our students.

Change is inevitable. Change is not always easy. I encourage any and all of you to talk to me about your thoughts regarding our children. I am eager to listen, and I too share your concerns and hopes. During these challenging times it is comforting to know that we have outstanding schools with knowledgeable and caring teachers, staff and students who are engaged. Now, more than ever it is important to remember that, "If things are to stay the same...things need to change."

Head Start reaches out to homeless preschoolers and their families

By Kaye Ekstrand, Director

Federal McKinney-Vento legislation expands the definition of "homeless" to include families who are living doubled-up due to loss of a job, eviction, or other economic hardship or loss. Three and four-year-old children who are homeless are automatically eligible for Head Start services.

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THINK Together after-school program continues strong and growing

By Janice Kolodinski, Principal

THINK Together program will soon be celebrating its third anniversary in Duarte and at Royal Oaks School. THINK is an after-school program that provides tutoring and mentoring to students. They use a combination of paid staff and volunteers from the local community to focus on academic support and enrichment activities that reinforce concepts learned during the school day.

At Royal Oaks the THINK staff is led by Ginny Jones who is not new to Duarte. Ms. Jones brings 20 years of work in Duarte after-school child care programs to her leadership of THINK. She believes she can better serve our students and the program if she knows the students and their families.

As such, she can be seen greeting students in the morning carline and popping in and out of classes to see how kids are doing. Her staff follows her lead, as she indicates, "It's become a really exciting program. Our staff is a great team and everyone works well together to problem solve and do what's best for kids."

Students find THINK Together to be a safe and fun extension of their school day. Activities include a nutritious snack, physical activity, character education, homework support and computer time to work in MIND math program or research for a class project. New this year are special enrichment opportunities such as Kids' Lit reading program, CTP science and clubs such as dance, art and journalism.

The students are currently working on a second THINK newsletter featuring articles about the program and issues of interest to them.

Fifth grader Julia indicates that she likes the activities, her program leader, and that "being with other kids is fun because you get to meet new friends."

Parents really appreciate the opportunity for their children to participate in the program. It is free to families and funded out of Proposition 49 from the state, as well as foundations, corporations and individual contributions.

Parent, Derazett Crutchfield indicates she appreciates "the additional support, structured sched-



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ule and help with homework. It is helpful because it frees me up so I can do what I need to do." Parents know their children will be safe until they are able to pick them up after work. The program runs until 6 p.m. each school day.

However, since the program is funded per pupil, students generally must remain until 4:30 p.m. daily to maintain their spot in the

program.

Royal Oaks is proud of its THINK Together program and looks forward to providing more opportunities to students and further partnerships with the Duarte community. In the next year the program will add Study Island to computer lab opportunities, and is seeking support to develop a school garden.

"Land That I Love"

By Esther McDonald, Principal

Maxwell Elementary School students and staff meet together every morning to "Jump Start Our Learning". Voices are joined as we salute the flag, exercise our brains and bodies, and sing a song. Increasing the oxygen to our brains by beginning our day with movement and exercise prepares

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We have a song of the month and for the past three months these have been Patriotic Songs. All of these songs are connected with our academic standards or sup-

port our students in their future social or cultural experiences. For example, "This Land is Your Land" is in our third grade social studies book and supports the 5th grade social studies standards learning about the United States of America. "God Bless America" has become a significant part of our lives as it is sung at every major league baseball game during the 7th Inning Stretch.

In addition, our children are learning American Sign Language, connecting words they are singing with the appropriate signs thus becoming in some cases tri lingual. Wow! And all of that happens in the first 12 minutes of our day. We are very excited about how this has brought our community together as we intentionally focus on excellence in learning.





THE ENTIRE Northview Debate Team with Coach Thomas celebrate a job well done.

The Great Debate

By Miriam Fox, Principal, and Michelle Randall, Vice Principal

We currently live in a society, which thrives on expressing one's opinions freely, whether you are informed or not. With information so readily available via the internet, television or texting the information super highway is constantly racing, changing and delivering tidbits of knowledge, whether fact or fiction. At Northview Intermediate, our Debate Team prides itself on challenging other schools and expressing themselves in an informed and educated way. Eight years ago a community member approached an English teacher at Northview about the possibility of forming a middle school debate team. Claremont McKenna College was attempting to form the first middle school debate league in California. They were encouraging participation by providing financial support through a grant, which included transportation to competitions. The seed was planted and the idea grew until a small team was formed at Northview. The group met as an after school club, dedicating many hours in the late afternoons and weekends in preparation for competitions. Almost from the very beginning our students experienced success in this arena. Our original debate coach Ms. Radesky, paved the way, passing the baton to Mr. White, a Special Education teacher, who raised the bar taking our team to a new level of achievement before handing the reigns to Mrs. Danayan-Rostami, a Northview Social Science teacher, who worked closely with her students to ensure their continued success at the debate competitions and took the program to new heights. For the past several years, another one of our Special Education teachers, Ms. Aisha Thomas has served as our Debate Coach and under her tutelage our students continue to place well and be successful in competitions. She teaches them public speaking, critical thinking and listening skills, as well as teamwork and sportsmanship. The funding from the college is no longer available, so many of the costs, such as transportation and competition fees, have fallen on the school site or are being subsidized by parents, who often provide transportation to debate events. Annually, Northview hosts a debate competition attended by dozens of middle school debaters and we also participate in many

MR. TODD TURNER is available for student questions as students collaborate in preparation for their next debate.

competitions throughout the year. The Inland Valley Debate League is the product of the original vision and is the largest and oldest middle school league supporting both public and private school so the experience of debating is vast as our students meet and compete against a wide variety of schools. There are currently 12 schools actively participating and geographically the leagues stretches from Compton to eastern Los Angeles County, including parts of Riverside and San Bernardino. Debate is now offered as an elective at Northview, which allows students to prepare and practice debating skills daily. The dedication of our students is the reason for this success, coupled with the hard work of their teacher and coaches. Ms. Thomas, our current coach has spent many long hours helping to prepare her teams and for the past two years has recruited additional support in the form of her colleagues, Ms. Randall (Assistant Principal) and Mr. Turner (Outreach Consultant). Working together these individuals have supported our students as they



PROUDLY DISPLAYING their medals and trophies are (left to right) Amina Walker, Ms. Aisha Thomas, Isaiah Mendoza, Jordan Bejjani, Jasmine Torres, Cesia Velasco and Diego Sacramento.



Beardslee Celebrations

By Jennifer Janetzke, Principal

The month of December brought many different events to the families, students, and staff at Beardslee Elementary School. We began with our annual Winter Performance. Hosted by our 6th grade student emcees, Luz Elena Diaz, Andrew Orellana, and Manuel Schaffino, all of our classes in grades 2 through 6 performed songs and poems for their families. This special event was held in

tackle such topics as Should heckling be allowed in Congress, Should school attendance be voluntary, Should military troops be withdrawn from Afghanistan and Should the Olympics allow performance enhancing clothing? Not easy topics for adults to discuss so it is amazing to watch students working together in their three person teams as they take a stand for the proposition or the opposition and present their arguments supported by research and delivered with passion. In the 2009-2010 school year, Northview has been successful in the two debate competitions they have entered. Isaiah Mendoza, Jasmine Torres and Kayla Denson, current eighth graders and returning debaters, have received Top Speaker Awards, and Jordan Bejjani, a current seventh grader, also won a Top Speaker Award. The team of Kayla Denson, Marcus Lopez and Crystal Nunez earned a 9th place Team Award and Cesia Velasco, Amina Walker and Diego Sacramento took a 6th place Team Award at the last competition. The Northview Debate Team has earned a 2nd place Best Overall School and two 3rd place trophies for the most debate wins at a competition. We wish all our debate students continued success and good luck and we know that they will continue to represent Northview, themselves and their families well.

the Performing Arts Center and was widely attended by our students' families and friends. It was a great way to celebrate the holiday season and to give our students an opportunity to perform for their families.

Other special events that took place in December were our first trimester Awards Assemblies. Students were honored for their improvement and excellence in math, reading, and writing, for displaying exceptional citizenship, and for having perfect attendance. Over 200 different students were recognized during these award ceremonies.

The Beardslee Staff was also proud to announce the beginning of a new award that will be given each fall to recognize students for their performance on the California Standards Test.

Shiny gold medals were given to students who scored proficient or advanced in Language Arts or Math, and students who had im-



ANDREW HAREN proudly shows off the medals he earned for doing well on the CST tests!

proved their scores from 2008 to 2009 were given medals that said "I did my best on the test". We are especially proud of Savannah Cook, a fourth grader who scored a perfect score on the Math portion of the CST last spring! She received a blue and gold medal to honor her for this tremendous accomplishment.

Congratulations to all of our Beardslee students for their accomplishments on the CSTs and during the first trimester of this school year!



ALYSSA BRENES AND TAIS MORENO are proud of their CST medals, too!

It's time to start thinking Duarte High!

By Eric Barba, Principal

This is the time of year that families start to think about the educational choices for their children. As a parent myself, and resident of Duarte, I am preparing for my son to enter Kindergarten. As a parent who is also a principal, I am looking for a school with high academic standards, a sense of community, caring teachers, staff members, and an overall positive experience that will build a solid foundation for my son's future. Fortunately, for me I have 5 wonderful elementary schools that meet all these criteria.

As a high school principal I think of Duarte High School with the same lens. I ask myself, "Would I want my son to attend Duarte High and be guided by that counselor, disciplined by that administrator, or sit in that class?" With great pride I can say yes to these questions.

Duarte High School is a rare gem when it comes to high schools. While most high schools in the area are over populated with over 2,000 students, Duarte High School remains a small community high school with just over 1,100 students. Duarte High students are provided with the same academic, athletic and extracurricular activities as these larger high schools but are given greater attention and care.

Academically, Duarte High

School continues on a path to opportunity and success. Duarte High offers a comprehensive Advanced Placement (AP) program which includes: English 11AP, English 12AP, Calculus AB and BC, Biology AP, Chemistry AP, World History and Geography AP, US History AP, Government AP, French AP, Spanish AP and 2D/3D Design AP. Many of these courses have Honors courses that prepare students for the rigor of AP courses.

Duarte High School is the only public comprehensive high school in the area that has an early college program. Currently in partnership with Citrus College, Duarte High is running a pilot early college program where 40 juniors are dual enrolled at Duarte High School and Citrus College. Students take 2 Citrus College courses and 4 Duarte High School courses each semester. When this pilot cohort graduates they will have a high school diploma and 31 college units, equivalent to 1 year of college/university coursework.

Duarte High School is a leader in the area of career pathways. Unique to Duarte High School is an on site Regional Occupation Program (ROP). While most high schools send their students on a bus to attend ROP courses, Duarte High students just walk across the hallway. Students are

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Celebrating at Valley View Duarte High



ENTERTAINING at the winter program are (from left) Nick Foley, Tyler Jackson, Jeric Gaddi and Madalyn Manrique.

By Robin Nelson, Principal

As we welcome 2010, we can look back at a rewarding fall and look forward to a new year.

It has been party time at Valley View! We had a CST Celebration, Family Star Party and the winter program. We had the opportunity to join together as a school community for fun and fellowship.

In November, we had an evening to celebrate our success on the California Standards Test. We increased the API points 43 points – to 826. So, we had a party. Many of our families gathered together to celebrate the amazing student achievement. Delicious tacos were enjoyed by all. Dan D. Dolphin and his dance troupe performed and we had a chance to celebrate as a school community.

In December, the fun continued with our Star Party! The day started with an assembly for the children to learn more about the stars and planets. It was an oppor-

tunity for students to learn more about the night sky. That evening, we had the “Hot Dog on a Stick” truck here for dinner. After dark, telescopes were set up for families to get a view of the sky and get a closer look at the moon, stars and other planets.

Unfortunately a cloud cover rolled in and for a time, we were only able to view the moon. Just as quickly as the clouds rolled in, they rolled out!

As the evening came to a close, we had an amazing view of Jupiter and its moons! The families that had lingered were in for a real treat. Our thanks to **Meredith Clark** for her hard work putting this together.

We closed 2009 with our traditional winter program. Winter Wonderland was the theme for our show. The Performing Arts Center was full to the brim with excited families and students. The third, fourth, fifth, sixth grade classes and the Valley View Chorus performed. The joy and thrill of the winter holidays and excitement were in the air. The children were fabulous as always.

All of the hard work and practice once again paid off. Thanks to **Ruth Munoz, Christy Carrillo, Tracy Hall, Char Wilson, Garry Prado, Scott Moses, Teri Mesko, Harvey Fenster and Tami Cutler** for helping us to welcome the holiday season.

We are excited for the new adventures, exciting learning and celebrations to come in 2010 for Valley View.

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prepared to be leaders in the fields of business, arts media and entertainment, health, building trades and construction and engineering and design.

Two premier and unique programs at Duarte High are the television production and culinary arts programs. Taught by DCTV’s own Levon Yotnakhparian, Duarte High School’s television production class is second to none. Housed in the new applied and performing arts wing, this career pathway is equipped with industry current equipment and a state of the art studio.

This year Duarte High School developed a culinary arts program through ROP. Taught by Theresa Parra-King, this course prepares students for careers in the gourmet food industry. The state of the art culinary classroom was designed by both the Duarte Unified School District Maintenance Department and the Summer Cooking Academy.

Duarte High School also has a comprehensive athletic program, which includes boy’s and girl’s tennis, boy’s and girl’s swim, football, golf, boy’s and girl’s soccer, boy’s and girl’s basketball, girl’s volleyball, coed wrestling, boy’s and girl’s track and field, baseball and softball.

While many of these programs have a tradition of winning, Duarte High School values much more.

Character, perseverance, teamwork and sportsmanship are the top priority for Duarte High School athletes. Scholar Athletes are the norm at Duarte High School.

The following are 2009 fall sports Scholar athletes: Erica Christianson, Jackie Garcia, Ryan Haase, Cassandra Jones, Yadira Marquez, Melissa Ortega, Bryan Park, Marisela Ramirez, and Natalie Reyes.

Duarte High School’s performing arts program continues to grow. Both the Band and Choir programs boast growing numbers. Led by new Band Director John Reed and Choir Director Claire Hsu, students thrive in the study of music and performance. Duarte Unified School District has its own Performing Arts Center, which serves as the main venue

Andres Duarte Honors Student Achievement

By Joilyn Campitiello, Principal

Students at Andres Duarte are a unique bunch of amazing kids working hard to achieve their dreams. Every month we honor these hard workers with a Student of the Month celebration, Author’s Breakfast and academic achievement charms presented during our weekly assemblies.

In addition, outstanding academic achievement is honored at the end of every trimester with award for Perfect Attendance, On Target achievement for grade level standards, the Principal Award for above average performance, Exceptional Effort and Character Awards.

But that’s not all, once every trimester we celebrate good behavior, good attendance and great class work with Cougar Pride Day.

Goal setting is an important part of a successful life and Andres Duarte students start early by setting academic goals for themselves everyday.

In addition, students in grades 4-6 will be developing personal goals for success on the upcoming California Standards Test to be given state-wide in May.

Students will review their past per-

formance, areas of strength and then identify areas to focus on over the next four months. Pride in personal performance is what Andres Duarte is all about.

Unique students need a unique shirt and new school shirts for Andres Duarte will be introduced in January 2010. The shirt was designed by the Principal and Student Council to truly reflect what an Andres Duarte student represents.

Gold color shirts represent generosity and elevation of the mind, blue printing represents truth and loyalty, lions on the side of a shield represent dauntless courage. On the shield lies a book to represent academics and learning along with a paw for school spirit. But most importantly is the Andres Duarte motto, “Semper Superne Nitens” or *always striving forward*.

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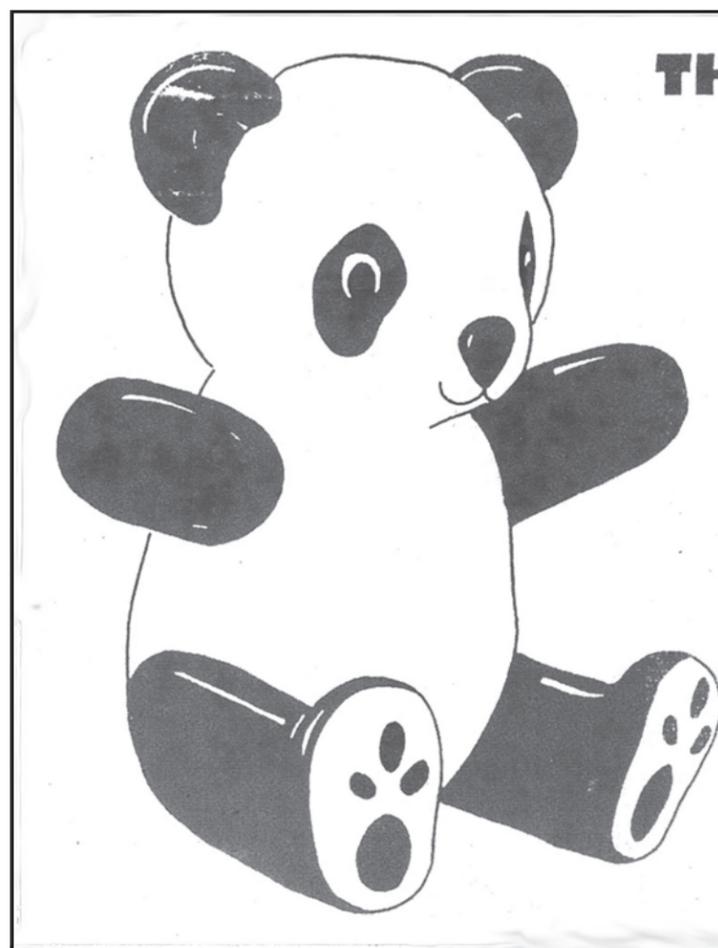
By Kevin Morris, Principal

Mt. Olive Alternative High School has set their sights on building character through the creation of a Boy’s Soccer Team. Coaches Victor Champion and Alonzo Lopez are getting their team conditioned with weekly scrimmages against the Duarte High School’s Soccer Team thanks to the cooperation of Duarte High School’s Principal, Eric Barba.

Once the wheels were in motion, things just naturally fell into place thanks to the donation of uniforms by the Duarte Soccer League’s owner, Nick Lopez. The Duarte Soccer League has been in existence for over 30 years. In addition, City of Duarte’s Donna Georgino graciously donated shin guards. A special thanks to Carolina and Miguel Camarena for their support, refereeing and coaching. Mrs. Camarena serves as the Team Mother and can often be heard cheering along the side lines for the boys!

The Boy’s Soccer team will compete in a Continuation Sports League against schools such as Temple City, San Gabriel’s Del Mar and Monrovia’s Canyon School. In addition to this league, players will also compete in the Duarte Youth Soccer League on Saturdays.

“This is just what we’ve been looking for here at Mt. Olive. This team gives our students a chance to be a part of something bigger than themselves while building character along the way,” remarked Kevin Morris, Mt. Olive’s Principal. Here’s to a great season.



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Increase

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tion of the scheduled closure of Puente Hills Landfill in 2013 and the future rail costs, LACSD has projected that tipping fees could

exceed \$60 per ton and will be phased in over the remaining years. While tipping fees have increased, stabilization in the price of fuel over the last 12 months and the July 2009 CPI of -2.6% helped to partially offset the increase.

Burrtec began providing franchised refuse collection and recycling services in the City of Duarte on Nov. 1, 1996. In Feb. 2008, City Council granted a contract extension for Burrtec to continue service until Jan. 2017.

As part of that negotiation Burrtec agreed to forego an annual rate increase for 2009, complete the conversion of existing diesel fleet to new alternative fuel trucks by Dec. 2011, implement a new household sharps collection program, a new used oil curbside collection program, a new low volume commercial recycling program, a new e-waste collection feature in the Community Clean-up program and a new construction and demolition processing option. All have been implemented and Burrtec is well underway to meeting the 2011 goal having already converted two of the fleet to alternative trucks.

A couple of important things for residential customers to remember, said Assistant City Manager, Kristen Petersen, is that Burrtec will provide free backyard service for senior and handicapped customers who need help getting the refuse containers from the backyard to the curb for pick-up.

Burrtec also offers Duarte customers two free pick-ups a year for bulky items – such as furniture or appliances that will not fit in a 90 or 60 gallon refuse container. Residents can call Burrtec to requests either of these services.

Even with the rate increases, Duarte continues to have some of the lowest rates in Los Angeles County for residential customers, said Petersen. For more information, customers can call Burrtec at (1-800) 325-9417 or the City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931.

“A speech is poetry: cadence, rhythm, imagery, sweep! A speech reminds us that words, like children, have the power to make dance the dullest beanbag of a heart.”

– Peggy Noonan, writer

Proposed Duarte Ordinance seeks to further deter bear pillaging of trash containers

It's been two years since Duarte, in an effort to control pillaging bears, imposed an ordinance modifying the permitted time that trash containers may be placed curbside by residents of the hillside Duarte Mesa area.

While the restrictions have proved somewhat successful in deterring trash day bear activity on the Duarte Mesa, it hasn't stopped the bears from wandering further down the Duarte hillsides to other residential areas in search of trash day goodies.

On Jan. 26, the Duarte City Council will vote on expanding the area covered by the ordinance to include portions of the Hearthstone and Fish Canyon neighborhoods.

Residents of those neighborhoods would also be barred from placing their trash receptacles that do not exclusively contain recyclable materials to be placed on any street, alley, highway, or parkway prior to 6 a.m. on the day of the regularly scheduled collection.

“Bears are now present not only in the Mesa area, but bears are now seen regularly in portions of the Hearthstone and Fish Canyon neighborhoods. The further incursion of the bears into other residential areas as they search for food presents an increased threat to the public health, safety, and welfare because of actual and potential bear-human interactions,” said City Manager Darrell George.

According to the State Department of Fish and Game, removal of food sources is the only permanent, long-term solution to bears in residential areas that abut bear habitat.

If adopted, the amended ordinance would apply to portions of the Fish Canyon area of the City, specifically the 200 Block of Greenbank Ave., 200 Block of Bettyhill Ave., 200-300 Block of Melcanyon Rd., 100-300 Block of Opal Canyon Rd., 3200-3400 Block Tannencrest Dr., 200 Block Mountaincrest Rd., 3200-3300 Block of Shady Lawn Dr., 2800 and 3100-3500 Blocks of Brookridge Rd., 3400 Block of Fallcreek Rd., 2900-3000 and 3300-3400 Blocks of Deerlande Dr.

Also portions of the Hearthstone area of the City, specifically: 400 Block of Woodbluff Ave., 2500 Block Westvale Court, 2600 Block Sunnydale Dr., 2500-2600 Blocks Starcrest Dr., 10-90 Block of Crestview Court, 60-100 Blocks of Cedarwood Ave., 2700 Block Briar Summit, 50-300 Blocks of Las Lomas Rd., 40-90 Blocks of Westvale Rd.

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Monrovia's Y.E.S. program collaboration for youth employment honored with Golden Bell and CCS Partnership Awards

Bells are ringing in Monrovia for the highly successful collaboration between the Santa Anita Family YMCA, Monrovia School District, City of Monrovia, and Monrovia Chamber of Commerce that is the Youth Employment Service (Y.E.S.) program.

The Y.E.S. summer internship program that gives at-risk students practical job skills and experience and provides the mentoring and incentives they need to stay in school and succeed, was honored last week with two prestigious statewide awards.

The Y.E.S. program was presented with a Golden Bell Award in the category of "Partnerships and Collaboratives" from the California School Board Association at the organization's Annual Education Conference at the San Diego Convention Center.

M.U.S.D. School Superintendent Linda Wagner, Mayor Mary Ann Lutz, and Santa Anita Family YMCA Chief Executive Officer Damon Colaluca were among community officials on hand to accept the award.

On the same evening, the Y.E.S. program also received the 2009 "Cities, Counties, and Schools Partnership Award," which recognizes excellence in building communities through collaboration.

The award is presented by the CCS Partnership, a joint effort of the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties and California School Board Association.

"It is very exciting to have the Y.E.S. program singled out as a shining example of what a community can accomplish when it works together to help youth succeed," said Colaluca.

"We are very proud of the collaboration that has made it possible to positively impact the lives of some 70 students who have benefited from the program since its inception in 2007," he said.

The school district provides students with counseling and training assistance. The SAFYMCA handles the employment skills portion of the program and some of the job placement.

The City of Monrovia provides the majority of the jobs that have students working and earning wages for nine weeks during the summer.

The Monrovia Chamber of Commerce partners in the program by coordinating speakers from the business community and providing participants with future job referrals.

To participate, students are required to attend an orientation meeting with their parents, participate in a Job-College-Life seminar, file applications and pass both an oral interview and physical exam.

Once accepted in the program, participants meet weekly with a program mentor to discuss topics related to workplace behavior, appropriate dress and community tools and techniques. At the end of each workweek, they meet again to discuss how they were able to apply the techniques.

"Humor is a spontaneous, wonderful bit of an outburst that just comes. It's unbridled, it's unplanned, it's full of surprises."

— Erma Bombeck, journalist, humorist



BELLS ARE RINGING for members of the Monrovia collaborative recently honored with two prestigious statewide awards for the successful Youth Employment Service (Y.E.S.) Program that provides at-risk students with jobs skills training and summer employment. Standing with a Golden Bell from the California School Boards Association, and the 2009 Cities, Counties Schools Partnership Award are, from left: School Board Member Chris Rich, SAFYMCA Chief Executive Officer Damon Colaluca, City Council Member Becky Shevlin, School Board Member Alex Zucco, Board Clerk Clare Chesley, Mayor Mary Ann Lutz, Council Member Clarence Shaw, Board Member Ed Gilliland, School Board President Bryan Wong, Board Student Representative Pedro Almaraz, and M.U.S.D. Superintendent Linda Wagner.

Altrusa International Club of Arcadia Honored by SAFYMCA's Youth Alliance Program



THE ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF ARCADIA was honored by the Santa Anita Family YMCA's Youth Alliance program at a Christmas dinner for youth and their families at the Monrovia Community Center. Altrusa was presented with a plaque in appreciation for its outstanding service to the Youth Alliance, a community outreach program that provides recreation, counseling, homework help, tutoring and mentoring to youth and teens. From left to right: SAFYMCA Chief Executive Officer Damon Colaluca; Faye L. Nouhi of Altrusa, Monrovia Council Member; Becky Shevlin; and Youth Alliance Outreach Coordinator Ulises Gutierrez.



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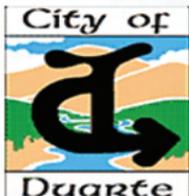
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Duarte Relay for Life pancake breakfast

Pancakes were flipping at an American Cancer Society Relay for Life breakfast hosted recently by Joe's Place, Duarte. The Duarte Relay for Life event is set for Saturday, May 15, at the City of Hope.

Funds raised by Relay For Life contributed substantially to the American Cancer Society's funding of crucial prevention and early detection services; numerous, life-enhancing patient support programs; and advocacy initiatives that encourage lawmakers to do their part to defeat cancer, while rallying communities to join the fight.

For pre-registration, to become a committee member, join or start a team to raise money, or donate to the cause, contact Lisa Magno at (626) 437-7993 or visit www.relayforlife.org/duarteca.



THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST at Joe's Place also celebrated cancer survivors. Among those in attendance, from left: Mary Barrow Somerlott, Joaquin Gonzales, Vee Clark of SCE Federal Credit Union, and Jenny Pappano.

Local In-Home Care Company to Participate in National Food Drive

Undernourishment and malnutrition are serious problems for America's growing 65+ population. In fact, as many as half of all

seniors, cared for at home suffer from being under- or mal-nourished (Mayo Clinic/American Dietetic Association).

To raise awareness for this growing problem, Comfort Keepers, Arcadia, and Foothill Unity Center, Inc., Monrovia, have paired up to support a nationwide Nourishing Lives. initiative to benefit Feeding America® food distribution network.

"Malnutrition and under-nourishment in seniors are not always obvious, so caregivers and loved ones should pay special attention to the signs," said Tamara Kato, Comfort Keepers Arcadia owner.

"About 30 million older Americans live with chronic diseases that nutrition therapies can effectively manage, so simple dietary changes can make a big difference for seniors," she continued.

Residents interested in making food donations can start dropping them off at the following locations in February and March: Beantown Coffee Bar in Sierra Madre, Altadena Senior Center, Pavilions in Arcadia, Duarte Senior Center, The Gables senior living community in Monrovia and Whole Foods in Pasadena.

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For millions of seniors, hunger and malnutrition are a real issue. Comfort Keepers®, a leading in-home care provider, and Foothill Unity Center, the Community Action Agency for the Foothill Area and the leading community food distributor, are combining efforts for a food drive that will provide food to seniors who need food in local communities. We will be collecting nonperishable foods throughout February and March at participating locations throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

For More Information:
Comfort Keepers: 626-254-0100
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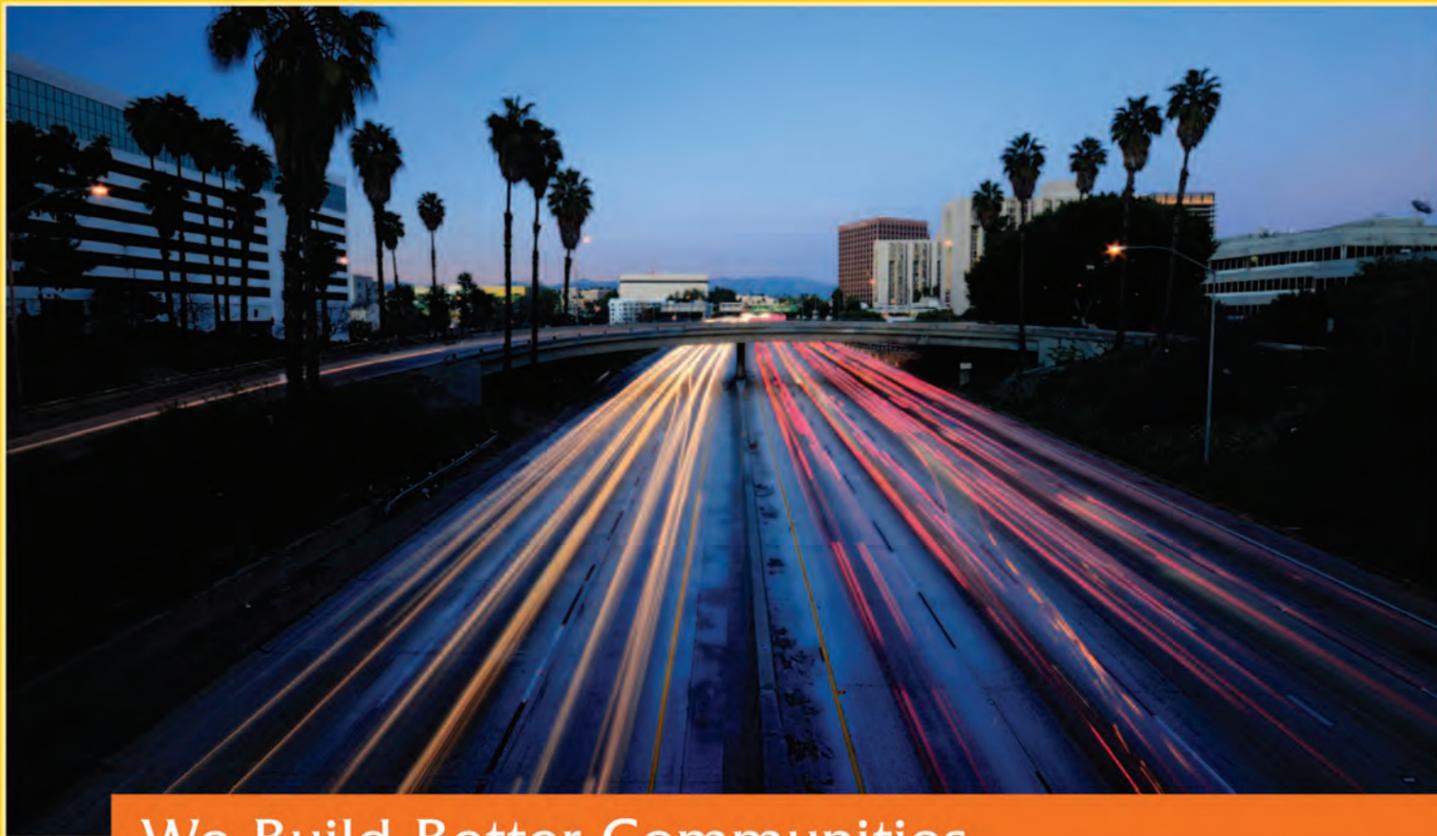
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- Canned foods such as fruits, vegetables, meats, evaporated milk
- Dried fruit, soups (low sodium)
- Grains (rice, beans, etc.) and cereals
- Nutritional drinks

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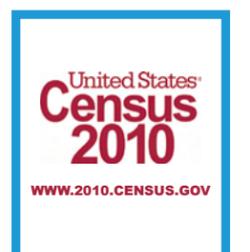
Comfort Keepers is looking to expand this list to more sites within the Foothill Unity service area: Altadena, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Duarte, Irwindale, Monrovia, Pasadena, Sierra Madre and South Pasadena.

"We would like to encourage people to make donations that have added nutritional value for seniors," said Joan Whitenack, Foothill Unity Center Director.

"It's important that our food pantries are adequately stocked to serve more than 3 million seniors across the nation each year," she added.

Comfort Keepers® recommends the following foods for donation: peanut butter, low-sodium canned vegetables and soups, and protein-rich meal substitutes.

For more information on the local Serving Seniors. Nourishing Lives. initiative or for more information on signs of malnourishment in seniors, please contact Tamara Kato, Comfort Keepers (626) 254-0100 or Joan Whitenack, Foothill Unity Center (626) 358-3486.



SAFYMCA ready to help community fulfill healthy New Year's Resolutions with programs, classes, new equipment

While most of us were spending the holidays packing on the pounds, staff and volunteers at the Santa Anita Family YMCA in Monrovia were busy getting the YMCA facilities ready to help new and returning members keep

their New Year's resolutions to get healthy and in shape.

"We traditionally close down the week between Christmas and New Year's to do maintenance, upgrade facilities, and install new equipment. When our members

return after the first of the year, they'll be coming back to a refreshed and gleaming facility," said Chief Executive Officer Damon Colaluca.

One dozen new high-tech Matrix brand treadmills have been installed. The treadmills are equipped with personal entertainment centers to accommodate IPODs and individually selected satellite TV viewing. They are also adaptable to communicate in multiple languages.

Other improvements at the SAFYMCA are a newly resurfaced gym floor and a resurfaced non-slip pool deck. Staff and volunteers have also been working to get the new adjacent SAFYMCA facility at the Mary Wilcox Center ready for programs including the new Y Academy.

New classes and programs slated for the new year include Pee Wee Playtime, Cycling Club, a monthly "Parents Night Out", and young adult dodge ball league. The SAFYMCA also offers a CPR, First Aid, and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) training the first Saturday of every month for certification.

For more information about the SAFYMCA, call (626) 359-9244 or visit the website at www.safymca.org.



CYNDY KARP OF MONROVIA works out on one of Santa Anita Family YMCA's 12 new high-tech Matrix brand treadmills. The machines are equipped with personal entertainment centers to accommodate IPODs and individually selected satellite TV viewing. They can also be personalized to provide members with instruction in English, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, French, Italian, Portuguese, and Dutch. For more about the SAFYMCA facilities, programs and activities visit the website at www.safymca.org.

Citrus College Faculty Member Adopts Guatemalan Family

By Stacy Armstrong

In April, Robin McBurney will be journeying to Guatemala to attend a graduation party.

While this may seem an extreme distance to travel for a common celebration, the Citrus College counselor insists that it will definitely be worthwhile.

"Stephanie is the first person in her whole family to graduate from high school, and the first female in her family not to be pregnant or get pregnant by age 16," she explains. "I don't plan on missing her party."

Stephanie, it so happens, is almost like an adopted daughter to McBurney. Their relationship began 15 years ago when the Claremont resident was living and working in Guatemala.

"While I was there, I met a single mother named Keila who had two young children. Keila worked for me for 7 months as a housekeeper and babysitter," McBurney said. "Her daughter, Stephanie, was four-years-old and around the same age as my oldest daughter. So, I sent her to a bilingual school with my girls. Stephanie really liked school and I have supported her health and education ever since."

This fall, Stephanie earned her high school diploma with a specialty in Tourism. Understandably, McBurney is quite proud of this accomplishment.

"The most rewarding aspect of helping Stephanie complete high school was feeling as if I were a part of her life and family," she said. "We live in very different worlds, but the love we share towards each other brings us together where cultural differences don't matter."

Stephanie's graduation is not the only major event that McBurney has been present for.

"I am part of her very large family and have attended weddings, funerals, birthday parties, and births as if I was one of them," she said.

In fact, McBurney was present during a family tragedy that occurred right after Stephanie's graduation ceremony.

"During the 6-hour event, members of Stephanie's family talked and joked with me. They were very pleased that I had come to celebrate with them, and I even took Stephanie and her mom and stepdad out for food afterwards," she said. "Later that night, I received a phone call from her stepdad saying that they had gotten home and discovered that Stephanie's aunt had died."

The young woman had had an epileptic seizure and hit her head, McBurney explains.

"Suddenly, the feeling of celebration had changed to deep shock and grief. The surprise graduation party we were planning was cancelled and I helped the family as they planned the funeral and burial," she said.

Now, the party is scheduled for April. McBurney says she wouldn't miss it.

"Her plan is to start college in January and continue her major in tourism. I plan on paying for half of her college education," she said. "Love and support have made a difference in Stephanie's life. She will have more opportunities than other members in her family who never made it past the sixth grade."



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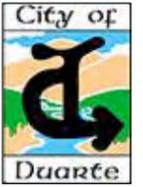
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Azusa Releases Draft Environmental Impact Report On Vulcan's Plan

The City of Azusa released a 1,000 page Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the Vulcan Material Company's request for a Revised Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan. The DEIR is designed to facilitate the public review of impacts associated with the proposed project including aesthetics, air quality, water quality, hazards, land use, noise, traffic another related areas.

As an affected neighboring community, the City of Duarte recently circulated a letter to all San Gabriel Valley communities, Chambers of Commerce and local environmental groups requesting that these groups thoroughly review and provide written comments on the DEIR based on the project's potential regional health and safety impacts.

The DEIR circulation process for the mining expansion project began on December 22, 2009 and will conclude at 5:00 p.m. on February 5, 2010. Vulcan's proposal now goes to the Azusa planning commission for a Jan. 13th study session starting at 7:00 p.m. Additional public hearings are scheduled for Jan. 27th and Feb. 10th. The City of Duarte will be following this process closely to ensure that this extremely tight review schedule still provides for a comprehensive and accurate analysis.

The proposed revised mining plan would substitute 80 acres on the east side of the Vulcan mining area, which are acres currently approved for mining, with 80 acres on the west side of the property right on the border of Duarte. This area directly abuts the City of Duarte and is only 0.6 miles from our Fish Canyon residential neighborhood.

Other than mining the western edge of the property, several alternatives are discussed in the study. Among them are continued mining on the eastern 80 acres; mining at another spot on the property like the former Fish Canyon Gun Club; or, mining both sides of the property, just less on each side. The study does not support those alternatives over Vulcan's desire for a western operation.

Duarte residents can find Vulcan's complete submittal, all technical attachments and Draft Environmental Impact Report on the official City of Azusa website www.azusalw.com. Residents can also review the project's Notice of Preparation, the City of Duarte's response to it and Duarte's most recent correspondence on the DEIR review process on the www.accessduarte.com website.

In 2008, the Duarte City Council established a \$700,000 fund entitled the "Fight Against Vulcan Expansion" fund (FAVE) in response to the anticipated expansion plans by Vulcan and its potential adverse impact on Duarte residents.

For more information about the City of Duarte's Fight Against Vulcan Expansion activities, call Duarte Deputy City Manager, Karen Herrera at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

City Budget Process

The City of Duarte has a proud legacy of fiscally responsible decision making with an eye to the future. The 2010-11 budget process will continue this legacy at a service level that the community can be proud of...without sacrificing a strong financial foundation.

In June 2009, the City of Duarte adopted a 2009-10 budget that used \$800,000 in reserves to balance the budget, leaving the city with \$4.8 million in general fund reserves, representing about 40% of the general fund expenditures. However, just as fast as the Council brought costs in line, the recession hit even harder compounded by the State's historic budget crisis. For example, in late July 2009, the State Budget was approved and included a \$300,000 borrowing of City property taxes and a \$2.7 million taking of Redevelopment funds. The Community Redevelopment Association (CRA) on behalf of all agencies has filed a lawsuit against the State, challenging this taking. However, until the lawsuit is settled, funds cannot be spent. As staff prepares the mid year budget for presentation to the City Council in February 2010, these scenarios continue.

Looking to the next fiscal year, the State budget deficit is currently estimated at \$21 billion and growing. Based on recent history, the State government will more than likely again look to local funds to bail them out. This uncertainty of exactly how much the State government will take from the City compounds the challenge of planning for the upcoming budget year. Additionally, over the last two fiscal years the City's annual sales tax revenues have dropped from \$5.5 million to \$4 million. Economic indicators are suggesting that trend will not improve until after 2011. While the opening of a Best Buy, Fresh & Easy and Staples expansion are helpful, they alone cannot fill these structural, revenue gaps.

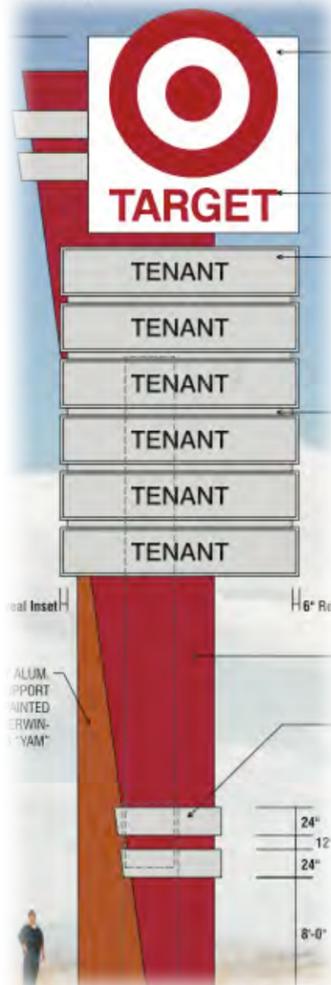
The 2010-11 budget is expected to be very challenging with many difficult decisions to make. The process begins in March with staff analysis and public input including outreach to City commissions and conducting budget workshops. Strategizing and prioritizing reductions will be key in this process in order to bring expenditures in line with reduced revenue while minimizing dependency on general

fund reserves. The City's budget will then be adopted in June with assumptions about how the State budget may affect the operation. However, once the State budget is adopted and if its impact substantially affects City revenues, an amended budget will need to be brought back to City Council for consideration.

Target Center Unveils New Signage

The Mountain Vista shopping center will soon be sporting a new, 70' tall freeway sign featuring its key tenants Target, Denny's, and the new Sonic Burger in March of 2010. The sign, being fabricated at a cost of \$165,000, will also have room for four additional tenants. The driving forces behind the sign project were opportunities to improve the Center's visibility and capitalize on its new tenants.

For the past several months, city staff has been working with the shopping center ownership and representatives from the Target Corporation to arrive at a signage solution. After considering a variety of alternatives including altering the existing sign, it was determined that the best solution would be to erect a new freeway sign. To facilitate the sign project, the Redevelopment Agency provided some financial assistance, negotiated reduced rent for its public safety facility for four months and obtained a financial contribution from the Best Buy developer.



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Deputy Spotlight

Deputy Evelio Galvez began his assignment in Duarte back in June 2008. After working as a relief unit in the City of Duarte for two months he grew fond of Duarte and requested a position. We are lucky to have him fill the Crime Car position which he works in late afternoons into the evening.

Deputy Galvez has worked for the Sheriff's Department for eight years. His first assignment was at the North County Correctional Facility where he worked for six years. After leaving the jail, he completed training at Temple Station



where he patrolled the streets of Temple City, Pasadena, Monrovia, Arcadia and South El Monte. Before joining the Sheriff's Department, Deputy Galvez earned an Associate of Science in Public Administration and worked in management at a McDonald's for five years.

In the day crime car position, Galvez is responsible for handling calls ranging from domestic disturbance to burglaries. He also enjoys working side by side with the Duarte Public Safety Team. He especially likes the small station feel and working closely with the City of Duarte personnel. He appreciates that they help him learn about residents and provide better overall customer service. Speaking Spanish fluently has helped him serve our community.

Deputy Galvez would like to remind residents that the bad guys look for easy targets. Prevent crime by remembering to lock your doors and windows at home and in your vehicles. Also, please be aware of your surroundings and above all, be observant. Adding, "Chances are if it doesn't look right, you are right, and should give us a call." Please, remember to use our business line for non-emergencies, (626) 357-7938 and for emergencies please dial 911.

Duarte's Neighborhood Watch Toy Drive A Success!

Thanks to generous contributions from the community, over 500 children in the City of Duarte received toys this holiday season. Despite tough times, the community seems to always come through for children in need.

Duarte's hardest working volunteers, our Block Captains in the Neighborhood Watch Program, once again assisted the Public Safety Department and encouraged their neighbors to donate toys. This year Neighborhood Watch had help from other organizations which made all the difference.



Red Ribbon Week 2009

The City of Duarte Public Safety Department would like to thank Duarte students, their teachers, and parents for their participation during Red Ribbon Week. Duarte Schools held assemblies, Essay and Art Contests plus a unique Food Drive at Andres Duarte benefiting the Duarte Coordinating Council. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize each school for their participation and winners.

Northview Intermediate School Essay & Poster Contest Winners:
Essay Winners: Reine Nakamura & Lorelei Near;
Art Contest Winners: Jared Evangelista & Mariano Parra

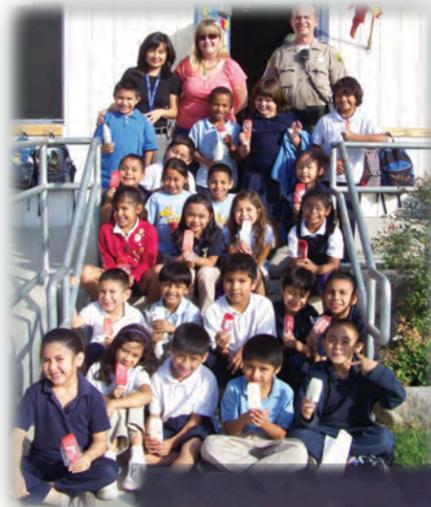
Andres Duarte Intermediate School
Mrs. Walker's Class

Beardslee Intermediate School
Mrs. Bartlett's Class

Royal Oaks Intermediate School
Mrs. Mittman's Class

Valley View Intermediate School
Mrs. Franklin's Class

Finally, a special thank you to our Event Sponsors.
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contact the Teen Center Supervisor Marilyn Mays at 626) 303-0863.



All toys were delivered to the Duarte Community Service Council, an all-volunteer organization that has served the community for over fifty years. DCSC Director Dorothy Smith comments that Neighborhood Watch helps continue their support of those in need and every toy counts. The Duarte Public Safety Staff would like to thank Block Captains and organizations alike for their generosity this holiday season:

Andres Duarte Elementary
Azusa Eagles Club
Bashor Street
Bradbourne Avenue
Delford Avenue
Duarte Elks
Duarte Emblem Club
Duarte Women's Club
Duarte's Promise
Elkhorn Drive
Encanto Parkway
Fairwood Street
Greenbank Avenue
Maynard Drive
Montessori School
Northview Intermediate Canyon Road
Royal Oaks Drive
San Pablo Way
Starcrest Drive
Swiss Trails
Tuckaway Lane
Westvale Court
Windsor Circle

C.H.Y.L.L. in Duarte

By Gonzalo Lozano

C.H.Y.L.L. (Cardinals Helping Youth Live Life) has reached its year anniversary in the City of Duarte. It has closed enrollment for the 2009-10 school year with 30 Northview Intermediate students participating. As the youngest service organization in town, these young men and women are committed to serve their community by participating in community-service events and developing their leadership, work and social skills.

To date, this organization has participated in multiple community events such as Hats Off to Duarte, Northview's Beautification Day, Community Movie Nights, Teen Center Winter Holiday, and many others. Youth are also rewarded with movie nights, Disneyland outings and most recently a trip to Big Bear. Youth meet monthly at the Duarte Teen Center led by Teen Center CHYLL Advisors Natassia Mendez and Luis Sedano. For more information on how to support these young men and women,

Harvest Helpers

If you have a large amount of fruit growing in your yard, don't let it go to waste! Call Local Harvest, our Duarte program designed to have your homegrown fruit harvested by a team of supervised Duarte youth. The fruits of their labor are delivered to the Foothill Unity Center for immediate distribution to families in need! Harvesters are equipped with bags, boxes, fruit pickers and a ladder to carefully pick fruit directly from your trees.

Harvesters can also stop by your home to receive fresh fruit that has already been picked. To request harvesters, please call (626) 359-5671, ext. 316.



Youth Helmets For \$5

Youth between the ages of 3 -18 qualify to purchase helmets for only \$5.00 at the Duarte Public Safety office in the Mountain Vista Plaza shopping center every Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A parent or guardian must accompany the child or young adult and show proof of Duarte residency. Helmets will properly be fitted to ensure their safety. For more information, please call the Public Safety office at (626) 357-7938.



Senior Center Valentine Romance



Come to the Duarte Senior Center to hear lovely Romantic pieces played by Los Angeles Philharmonic violinist Paul Stein and pianist Ralph Alberstrom. Reservations required. Event starts at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2010. Program cost is \$12 per person. For more information contact the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

Duarte Fitness Center Membership Sale

It's SALE time at the Duarte Fitness Center where you can save 20% February 14th through February 17th. A membership to the Duarte Fitness Center allows members to participate in a wide variety of physical activities. The Life Fitness strength equipment includes a Chest Press, Lat Pull-down, Arm Curl, Seated Dip, Shoulder Press, Seated Leg Press, Leg Extension, Seated Leg Curl, Hip Abductor and Hip Adductor. Also available are Stairmasters, treadmills, bikes and cross trainers. In addition, the Fitness Center has two courts available for either racquetball or wallyball. Aerobic classes are offered at various times daily.



Sale prices for Duarte residents are as low as \$100 for one full year of aquatics, exercise, and aerobics. Non-resident rates start as low as \$140, and there are no monthly fees or dues. The Fitness Center is located at 1600 Huntington Drive, next to City Hall. Call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626)357-6118.

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Duarte Pool Center	(626) 357-6118
Duarte Teen Center	(626) 303-0863
Duarte Senior Center.....	(626) 357-3513
Public Safety*	(626) 357-7938
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Upcoming Teen Center Events!

The Teen Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Street. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. All teens, grades 9 through 12 with school ID are welcome. Participation is free, but Teen Center registration packets are required to be filled out. For more information, please call (626) 303-0863.

Dromo 1 Racing Excursion

Thursday, January 21 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., experience the thrill of real racing in state of the art racing karts! Suit up in real racing gear and helmets before hitting the track for some exhilarating fast fun! Must be five feet tall, no prior racing experience needed. Trip departs and returns to the Teen Center. Fee: \$25

Club Duarte

On Friday, January 29 from 7:30 p.m to 10 p.m. the Duarte Teen Center will be transformed into a rocking hot spot for middle school youth. Live DJ, dancing, food and game room activities. Fee: \$2 admission with middle school ID.

Teen Cultural Awareness Training

Thursday, February 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This activity-based training is designed for youth ages 14-18. Participants will explore cultural differences, discuss respecting and honoring diversity, and examine personal attitudes in regard to intolerance. Call the Teen Center for more information. Free!

Northview Day

On Thursday, February 18 at 3:30 p.m., Northview Students can come to the Teen Center for games, tournaments, snacks, and music. Take a tour of the Center and hang out with friends. Free!

Tournament Tuesdays!

For the entire month of February, the Teen Center will host tournaments every Tuesday! Come and show off your skills in various tournaments for prizes! All tournaments are held at 3:30 p.m. Free!

Ping Pong Tournament
Tuesday, February 2

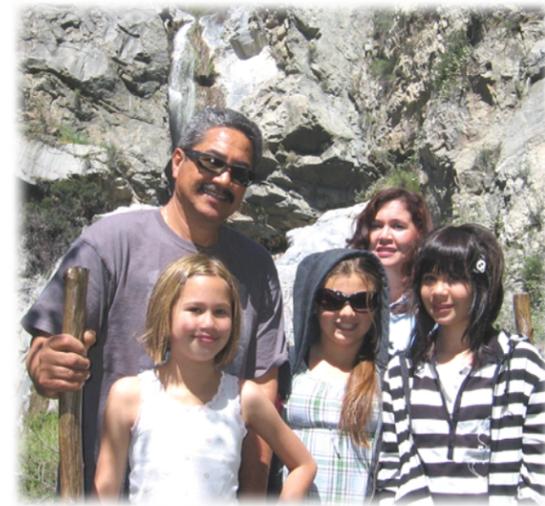
Dominoes Tournament
Tuesday, February 16

Pool Tournament
Tuesday, February 9

Karaoke Sing Off
Tuesday, February 23



21st Annual Family Wilderness Day



The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department invites you to experience one of the most beautiful, local, natural waterfalls in the Angeles National Forest. On Saturday, April 17 the original Fish Canyon Trail will be ready for you, your family and friends to enjoy.

The Fish Canyon Trail will lead you through the site of what was one of the premier outdoor recreation destinations in the San Gabriel Valley. During the early 1900's there were over 50 cabins in the canyon and even a dance hall at the mouth of the canyon. Most of the cabins were destroyed in the 1958 fire and flooding the next year. Remnants of the cabins can be found along the trail. At the end of the trail is Fish Canyon Falls. When the water runs high, the falls are a spectacular delight plunging 80 feet in three stages into an emerald pool.

The 3.2-mile hike through the wilderness requires sturdy shoes and hikers must carry their own water. Hearty hikers can hike the expanded 9-mile version if desired. Activities at Encanto Park will include a hands-on nature experience, barbecue lunch, and fun for everyone.

Check-in will begin at 7 a.m. at Encanto Park. Hikers will be transported to the trailhead by City of Duarte shuttle. The fee is \$15 for adults, \$12 for children ages 11 and under. Registration is limited to the first 300 hikers. There will be an additional \$2 late fee for registrations postmarked after April 12, so register early.

Flyers and registration will be available in February at Duarte City Hall. For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

Duarte Senior Center

The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to all residents 55 years of age and older. The Center offers a variety of services and programs and the phone number is (626) 357-3513.

50+ Health Connection Talk

On Wednesday, February 10th, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., a cardiologist from Methodist Hospital will speak on the common causes, diagnostic tests and current treatment options now available to treat heart disease. Please call the Duarte Senior Center at 626-357-3513 for reservations.

Best Buy Technology Day

Best Buy's certified and friendly associates will be at the Senior Center on Tuesday, March 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. demonstrating the latest in available technology.

Best Buy Digital Photography Day

Learn how to take the best photos and videos possible and share your memories with family and friends. You can also learn the benefits of backing up photographs. Best Buy associates will be here on Wednesday, March 10th, from 9:00 a.m to 11 a.m. to teach you how.

Youth Sports

Boys and girls basketball practice has already begun! Call now for availability for boys and girls grades 3 to 8. Call Duarte Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931.



Duarte Kids are Winners!

Our Kind of Town Upcoming Events!

Calendar Key

Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast 7:00 a.m./ Bourbon St. Bistros	Ground Hog Job Shadow Day 7:30 a.m./ C.C.	Moonlight Basketball 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. D.H.S. Gym	Traffic Safety Commission Meeting 7:30 p.m./ C.C.
Cesar Chavez Volunteer Day 9:00 a.m./ W.G.	Joint City/School Board Meeting 5:00 p.m./ C.C.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting 7:30 p.m./C.C.	Youth and Family Master Plan Advisory Committee 6:30 p.m./ T.C.
Council Meeting 7:00 p.m./C.C.	Lunch and Learn 11:30 a.m./ C.C.	Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m./C.C.	State of the City/ D.U.S.D. Luncheon 11:30 a.m./ C.O.H.
Duarte Elks Casino Night 6:00 p.m./ Elks Lodge	Martin Luther King Celebration 12:20 p.m. - 1:10 p.m. D.H.S.	Public Safety Commission Meeting 7:30 p.m./ C.C.	Weight Loss Challenge "Biggest Loser"
Duarte Gold Line Station Unveiling Set 10:00 a.m./ C.O.H.	Mayor's Youth Council Meeting 6:30 p.m./T.C.	Public Services Commission 7:00 p.m./ C.C.	
Economic Development Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m. /C.C.	Mentor Recognition Dinner 6:30 p.m./ C.C.		

Location Abbreviations
 C.C. - Community Center
 C.O.H. - City of Hope
 D.H.S. - Duarte High School
 T.C. - Teen Center
 W.G. - Westminster Gardens

State of the City/Duarte Unified School District Luncheon Announced

Duarte Mayor Margaret Finlay and Duarte Unified School Board President Ken Bell will update the community on the State of the City and State of the School District at the annual Duarte Chamber-sponsored luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010 beginning at 11:30 a.m in the City of Hope Cooper Auditorium. Tickets are \$20. Reservations can be made by calling the Duarte Chamber of Commerce at (626) 357-3333 or on the Chamber website: www.duartechamber.com.



8th Annual Ground Hog Job Shadow Day

More than 150 Duarte High School students will have the opportunity to spend a day learning about a variety of jobs and careers while they gain valuable insight into the working world during the 8th annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day slated for Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010. The program is sponsored by the City of Duarte, Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth, the City of Hope, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, Southern California Edison and the Duarte Unified School District. Students will shadow adult mentors as they go about their normal work day in careers including banking, healthcare, automotive, retail, food industry and utilities, among others. For more information or to become a sponsoring worksite, call Duarte's Promise at 626- 357-7931, ext. 267.



César Chavéz Volunteer Day

The 5th Annual César Chavéz volunteer Project, sponsored by Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth and the City of Hope, will kickoff at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at Westminster Gardens with a special program featuring mariachi music and a speaker who played an active part in Chavez's labor movement.



A continental breakfast and lunch provided by Joe's Place and bottled water donated by Cal-American Water Co. will keep volunteers well fed and refreshed as they complete a variety of beautification projects on the campus. For more information, call Duarte's Promise - The Alliance for Youth at Duarte City Hall (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

Duarte Gold Line Station Unveiling Set

An unveiling of the Duarte station in concert with the extension of the Metro Gold Line from Pasadena out to Azusa has been set for Saturday, January 30th, 2010 at 10:00 am to the east of the City of Hope main entrance located at 1500 East Duarte Road. The family friendly celebration will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the unveiling ceremony scheduled for 10:20 a.m.

Work is expected to begin on the Line in early in June, 2010 and is expected to create thousands of new jobs, increase economic investment and more public transit options in the area. The proposed center platform station will be located along Duarte Road, approximately 500 feet west of Highland Avenue. Funds for this project are coming from the monies generated by Measure R which increased sales taxes by a half cent. Metro and Gold Line Construction Authority leadership and local elected officials will join community members to commemorate this milestone achievement for the City. Officials will unveil the six station signs as a symbol of the train's forthcoming arrival in 2013. For information contact the City of Duarte (626) 357-7931.

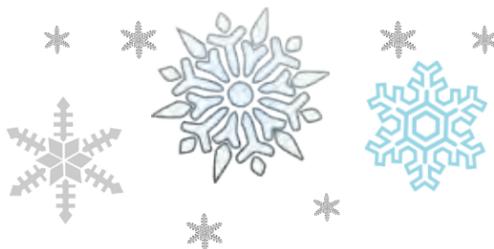


Relay For Life Comes to Duarte on May 15th

The world's largest grassroots fundraising activity, the American Cancer Society Relay For Life, is slated for Saturday, May 15, 2010 at City of Hope campus. Participants will circle a track for 24 hours and raise money for the American Cancer Society. The Relay committee invites any and all survivors and their family and friends to attend for a complimentary Pancake Breakfast Saturday, January 23, 2010. Registration for the relay will begin the morning of the event at 9:00 a.m. at a location to be determined within the City.



For pre-registration, to become a committee member, or questions, please contact Committee Chair Lisa Magno at (626) 437-7993. You may also visit www.RelayForLife.org for more information. Online registration will be available in February at www.relayforlife.org/duarteca.



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