“Baby Steps”
Open House,
Walk-a-Thon
Sat., April 25

Did you know about the miracle in your own backyard?
Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center is that neighborhood miracle. We would like to invite you to join us this year as we celebrate an Open House/Walk-a-Thon event, Saturday, April 25, from 8 a.m. to noon.

This fun awareness and fund-raising walk through the public, along with our friends and long-time supporters. The Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center is located at 924 Buena Vista St., Duarte.

“Baby Steps”, as the event is billed this year, features a sponsored walk along the Royal Oaks Trail for willing hikers, plus more! The center will be open for walk-through tours at which time the public can see for itself just what FPRC is all about.

Donation drop-offs will be accepted from all our participants can even find out ways to volunteer as they walk through the center. Rewards will be given to all participants in the walk-a-thon and center tours. Festivities such as carnival games, great food and raffle prizes round out a full morning.

Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center is now in its fifth year of serving women, men and families in our own neighborhood and surrounding areas. Services include free pregnancy testing, confidential and educational resources, medically supervised ultrasound, parenting information, referrals and assistance, post-abortion counseling, sexual integrity classes and more! Feel free to visit us on the web at foothillspre.org.

Advanced registrations are available for the Walk-a-Thon, but people may also register on the day of the event just by walking up to the registration table.

There is a minimal fee to walk the course. The Open House tour is free. Small costs apply to carnival games, raffle and food.

For more details, call (626) 358-2122.

Duarte’s First Neighborhood
BBQ a Success

More than 250 Duarte residents turned out on a sunny Saturday afternoon, April 4, to attend the first annual Neighborhood Barbeque hosted by the City of Duarte at Otis Gordon Park.

Families enjoyed free hot dogs grilled by the Marvell West nonprofit corporation, and provided by Joe’s Place. Volunteer DJ Sanchez, a graduate of Duarte’s Youthworks program, set a fun loving atmosphere, while children were entertained with games and face painting by youth volunteer group Duarte Area Resource Team (D.A.R.T.).

It was also an opportunity for residents to learn about services available to the community. Representatives were on hand from Foothill Unity Center, Foothill Family Services, Santa Anita Family Santa Anita Family YMCA, Cal-Am Water, Southern California Edison, and Burrtec Waste, which showed off one of its new clean air vehicle trash trucks powered by compressed natural gas. The Foothill Workforce Investment Board Mobile Training Unit came out to assist residents with employment services, while Deputy City Manager Karen Herrera and members of Duarte’s Promise: The Alliance for Youth surveyed residents on public safety issues. Public Safety Director, Brian Villalobos, whose department coordinated the event, thanked sponsors and participating organizations for helping to make the event a great success.

Annual Rabies
Clinic Slated
for June 27

The City of Duarte in cooperation with VET CARE has scheduled the annual vaccination clinic for Saturday, June 27, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The clinic will be held at Duarte Park, located at Buena Vista St. and Bloomingdale St., adjacent to the Teen Center.

Rabies vaccinations will be available for $8 each, other vaccinations will be available upon request. Duarte dog licenses will also be available for purchase at the clinic. Microchip and registration will be available for $35.

It is important for all dogs over the age of four months to be vaccinated for rabies to comply with state law. With the foothills in our back yard, the chance of your dog having contact with local wildlife is great. Don’t hesitate...Vaccinate!

For questions concerning this or any other Animal Control matters, please contact the Public Safety Office at (626) 357-7938.

MILLBRAE BLOCK CAPTAINS and Mayor John Fasana (second from right) enjoying the get-together.

BURRTEC WASTE SERVICES’ new Clean Air Vehicle.
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Students from Sichuan Province in China visit Duarte

What’s better than going to school and getting an education from teachers? Going to school and learning from students that have experienced a life that we have only read about here in Duarte.

This past month, the Duarte Education Foundation and Duarte High School helped to host a group of 20 high school students from Sichuan Province in China. Last May, an 8.0 earthquake caused unimaginable death and destruction in this area of China. These students were on a cultural exchange arranged by the Zhongkun International Youth Foundation, headquartered in Monrovia. This foundation was established by Mr. Huang Nubo. The students were selected based on their high academic achievement, low family income and extraordinary performance during the earthquake relief. Almost all of the students lost one or more family members in this devastating earthquake. Their 10-day itinerary included tours to the Getty Art Museum, a day on a tour and lunch at the City of Monrovia. This foundation was established by Mr. Huang Nubo.

In addition to all of the tours in and around Los Angeles, these students, that all spoke very good English, spent part of the day teaching, as well as learning, in the classroom with Duarte High School teacher Joe Kenney, and Duarte Councilmember Phil Reyes.

Furthermore, the Chinese students and their Principal spent an evening at Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Finlay’s home having a barbecue and swim party, sponsored by the Duarte Education Foundation. Mayor John Fasan, Councilmember Lois Gaston, School Superintendent Dean Conklin and Deputy Superintendent Terry Nicholas were there for the evening to help with barbequeing and to make the students feel welcome. The students especially enjoyed swimming in the pool and spa, as it is too cold in their part of China this time of year to swim outdoors. The next day, at their request, the students went to the pool and spa, as it is too cold in their part of China this time of year to swim outdoors. The Foundation members, Brian Finley and Robert Cuite, kept the hamburgers and hotdogs coming off the barbeque fast enough to keep the students and Chinese school administrators well fed.

Duarte Waste Services sponsored the annual Talent Show as well as the teacher Wishing Well Grants program. Former School Board President Ed Ferguson and his wife, Helen, also Education Foundation Board Members, enjoyed talking with the students. “One of the students said that we were the first American people she had ever spoken English with,” said Ed Ferguson. “It was a delight to have them visit and to keep the students and Chinese school administrators well fed. Duarte Waste Services sponsored the annual Talent Show as well as the teacher Wishing Well Grants program.”

Duarte Home Improvement Grant deadline April 30

The City of Duarte is offering grants for the purpose of completing exterior improvements to your Duarte homes, such as window replacement, roof replacement, or exterior painting.

This program is open to qualifying residences within the incorporated area of the City of Duarte. The applicants for this upcoming application period will be determined using a lottery system. Priority will be given to those properties that have never received a grant. Applicants’ gross yearly income (before taxes) cannot exceed the amount shown in the table below:

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Residents can pick-up fill-out applications during regular city hall business hours in the Community Development Department from March 2, 2009 through April 30, 2009. The deadline for submitting pre-applications is April 30, 2009.

For complete details, please visit City Hall and pick-up the Frequently Asked Questions handout or download the handout on our website at www.accessduarte.com.

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Development Department at (626) 357-7931 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Tour of D’Aquino Imports April 25

The Duarte Woman’s Club is having a fundraiser on April 25, 1:30-4 p.m. There will be a tour of D’Aquino Imports Co. followed by a wine and cheese tasting at the home of Nobu and Ruby Shiroma. Tickets are $10. Call (626) 359-5770 for tickets and details.

Duarte Woman’s Club names 2008-09 WOTY

Doreen Tulloch-Reid was recently crowned Duarte Woman’s Club Woman of the Year (WOTY) at the Club’s 60th anniversary banquet held recently at Young’s Gourmet.

Dressed as bees, the WOTY committee comprised of past WOTYS, buzzed around the restaurant, revealing tips as to who would be crowned. In the end, the coveted award went to Doreen whose achievements are so numerous that she was described by the skip as a beezie bee, flying from one volunteer post to another.

Speaking as a “Hi Cap,” Dareen volunteers at the Duarte Senior Center, Pasadena Senior Center, and Westminster City of teaching seniors how to navigate and understand Medicare. She organizes medical visits for seniors and writes a health bulletin.

Since joining the Club in 2003, she has fulfilled the office of health chairperson, as well as treasurer for two years and as first vice president for one year. She is also active in the district and state levels of the club.

Born and raised in Jamaica, Doreen lived in Edinburgh Scot-

land for 4 years attending graduate school to become a RN.

Following graduation she lived in New York, came to Al-

tadena in 1977 and has lived in Duarte since 1993.

Presenting Doreen with a crown, flowers and a silver bracelet, last year’s WOTY, Sheri Uhlig, proclaimed, “It is a real blessing to have Doreen as part of our Club. She is always on the go, willing to help with anything. Her enthusiasm is amazing and she is always willing to accept a hard job.”

Doreen admitted shock when she realized she was the recipient. “I’d like to thank the WOTY com-

mittee and the entire club for this honor,” she said. “It is a motivational force for me to con-

tinue to work hard for the benefit of our Duarte community.”

The dinner meeting also honor-

ored past presidents and WOTY’s. Awards were presented to Jan Brillhart honoring her 35 years of membership, and Mildred Shaw, who joined DWC 50 years ago. The 2009-10 slate of officers was elected, with Nita Carey, who served as president in 1960-61, to hold that office once again.
Belinda Rowe is a motherless daughter and is also the Founder/CEO of GEMSS Ministry.

GEMSS (God Empowering and Mobilizing with Steadfast Success) is a ministry dedicated to reaching, teaching, touching, developing and mobilizing women to rebuild their foundations to a place of wholeness.

It began as a result of Ms. Rowe’s life experiences and the resulting heartfelt desire and gift to care for the broken hearted.

Prior to starting GEMSS Ministry, Ms. Rowe previously led two ministries: “Motherless Daughters” and “Proverbs 31 Woman.”

The ministries revealed to her just how many women were struggling with anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, guilt, pain, grief and a multitude of various other ailments that kept them from loving themselves, holding their heads up high, and truly believing that they are special, that they matter, that they are important and that they are loved.

The Motherless Daughters ministry specifically helped women who were dealing with depression and dysfunction as a result of the loss of a mother. It also helped women whose mothers may still be living, but for a number of reasons, the mother-daughter relationship is extremely strained or non-existent.

Ms. Rowe incorporated GEMSS Ministry as a place of refuge where women could come pursue God’s presence and connect with other women to rediscover their value, and to impact their world as GEMSS of excellence.

Because of Ms. Rowe’s commitment and passion, she is in constant pursuit of healing that she has experienced.

Ms. Rowe became a member of the organization and was a participant of the luncheons, however her heart was to be able to invite many women who may have had the desire to attend but were unable to participate for various reasons.

On May 2, Ms. Rowe will be hosting her 8th annual Mother’s Day Garden Luncheon & Tea. The luncheon will allow women to come together to celebrate the roles they hold in each others lives, whether they are mothers, daughters, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, nieces, or just a friend of one.

It will be a time of joy and celebration for all that they have accomplished and their dreams yet to be fulfilled.

This event will take place in the beautiful garden at 3415 Sagehurst Dr., Duarte, at 1:30 p.m. To be a welcomed participant at this event, please RSVP at the GEMSS website www.gemssministry.net or call (626) 357-8548.

A love offering will be collected to bless GEMSS Ministry.

“I doubt whether the world holds for anyone a more soul-stirring surprise than the first adventure with ice-cream.”

– Heywood C. Broun, journalist, author

Duarte 5th grader wins grand prize out of 12,000 entries in a National Scholastic “Picture a President” drawing contest

Anita Oaks School 5th grade student received the good news from Scholastic Book Clubs that she was the Grand Prize Winner in the “Picture A President” Drawing Contest. Helena Bundy, a 5th grader at Anita Oaks School, a small private school in Duarte with 105 students in preschool through 8th grade, was announced as the winner at the school’s Holiday Program on December 11.

There were almost 12,000 entries for the contest from all over the country. Drawings represented all 44 American presidents and Scholastic reported that the level of achievement was very high in the entries. Helena’s drawing represented Woodrow Wilson.

The Grand Prize reward includes an all-expense paid three-day/two-night trip to two Washington DC and two 50-Book Presidential Libraries, one for Helena and one for Anita Oaks School.

Anita Oaks School girls volleyball team wins Foothills Sports League Championship for second year

Anita Oaks School, a small private school in Duarte, does it again! The Anita Oaks School Girls Volleyball Team remained undefeated during the entire volleyball season. On Friday, December 14, 2008, the Anita Oaks School Girls Volleyball Team beat Westminster Academy, clinching the Foothills Sports League Championship for a second consecutive year.

Anita Oaks School will honor the Girls Volleyball Team at their annual sports banquet held at the school in the spring.
**Public Safety 2008 in Review**

**By Brian Villalobos,**
**Director of Public Safety Services**

The Duarte Satellite Sheriff’s Station is pleased to announce the release of the 2008 Part 1 crime statistics. Major crimes, categorized as Part I crimes, showed a 6% decrease in crime compared to 2007. Grand theft dropped approximately 12%, while auto theft and vehicle burglary dropped a combined 30%.

Although an overall decrease was reported, increases were seen particularly in residential burglaries. This dramatic increase is a phenomenon seen along the foothills cities and west coast. Residential burglaries totaled 58, highest in the last 8 years. The majority of residential burglaries occur during day time hours and there are many continuing investigations.

Gang violence decreased in 2008 in part due to aggressive gang enforcement operations.

In 2009, we need to continue to implement innovative intervention programs, community relations and the revitalization of neighborhood watch programs is an ongoing project. There remains a lot of work to be done.

The Public Safety Department remains committed to our residents. By that token we are looking to expand our community outreach and we just held the first in a long line of Community BBQ’s at Otis Gordon Park. Please keep a look out for our soon to be released Movie Night this summer at Beardslee Park.

The safety of Duarte’s residents is of utmost importance to the Duarte Public Safety Dept., LA County Sheriff Dept., and Duarte’s school district. Although many plans can befall it, the residents in the community who must take a stand and get involved in their community to make any plan work. We all want and deserve a safe neighborhood. Get involved! Stay informed! If you See Something, Say Something!

Call Temple Station to make an immediate report at (626) 446-8961 or Sgt. Tony Haynes at the Duarte Sheriff's Satellite Station to provide us with information by calling (626) 359-5671, ext. 304. You may also contact Special Assignment Deputies, Deputy Avila at ext. 305 and Deputy Frederickson at ext. 306, if you have any information that you may feel will lead to arrests. You may also leave an anonymous tip by calling the Sheriff Satellite Station Anonymous Tip Hotline (626) 359-5671 ext. 462, all calls are confidential. Sc habla español.

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**YMCA members enjoy discounts at businesses with YRewards**

Members of the nonprofit Santa Anita Fam. YMCAs now have the opportunity to do business with the YMCA membership benefits. The SAFYMCA’s newly-launched YRewards program allows members to enjoy savings at a select group of area businesses just by presenting their YMCA membership card.

“These are financially challenging times for families and businesses. The YRewards program is a way of adding another layer of value to YM membership by helping our members stretch their dollars, while giving local businesses an opportunity to get their products and services in front of a captive audience,” said SAFYMCA Chief Executive Officer, Damon Colache.

Businesses currently enrolled in the YRewards program include: Butterflies and Bees!, creators of custom gardens; Chang Thai Bistro, noted for over 20 years Home Loans; Monrovia; Gentile, McCloskey & Company, Certified Public Accountants, Arcadia; Monrovia Floral; Old Town Sign Company; Irwindale; Stables Promotions, promotional products, Arcadia; The Skin Care Shop, Monrovia; Ink Tank, silk screening; Duarte; Joe’s Place Restaurant; Duarte; Villa Italia Restaurant, Duarte; and Ward Voice, auto repair, Monrovia.

For information, call the Santa Anita Fam. YMCA at (626) 359-9244 or visit www.safymca.org.

**Local harvest**

Apples, oranges, lemons or limes if you have an abundance of fruit growing in your yard, don’t let them go to waste! Call Local Harvest to have your homemade fruit harvested by a team of supervised Duarte youth that will deliver the harvest to the Foothill Unity Center for immediate distribution to families in need! Harvesters are equipped with bags, 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.

The Foothill Unity Center has been providing food and other necessities to local families in need for over 20 years.

To request harvesters for the next Local Harvest Day, call (626) 359-5671, ext. 475.
Duarte Woman’s Club celebrates 60 years

It was a bittersweet occasion for the Duarte Woman’s Club as they celebrated the organization’s 60th anniversary at Young’s Gourmet Restaurant recently. Sad about the recent loss of one of their own, the ladies mustered up their courage and through an elaborate skit revealed the name of this year’s Woman of the Year (WOTY), the Club’s most coveted title. Sue Lawrence, a DWC member since 1975, passed away on February 27, at the age of 81. She was pre-deceased by Doug, her husband of 60 years.

Sue was an avid volunteer throughout her life. She served as president of DWC in 1985-1986 and was named Woman of the Year at the end of her term. Throughout her membership, she was an active member of the San Gabriel Valley District serving in many offices, including a two-year term as District President. “Do what you like, like what you do, and life will be good,” was her motto, a phrase she lived by.

Dressed as bees at the dinner, the WOTY committee comprised of past WOTYS, buzzed around the restaurant, revealing tips as to who would be crowned.

In the end, the coveted award went to Doreen Tulloch-Reid whose achievements are so numerous that she was portrayed in the skit as a bizzee bee, biting from one volunteer post to another.

Serving as a “Hi Cap,” Doreen regularly volunteers at the Duarte Senior Center, Pasadena Senior Center, and Westminster Gardens teaching seniors how to navigate and understand Medicare. She organizes medical seminars and writes a health bulletin.

Since joining the Club in 2003, Doreen has actively supported fund raising, promoting membership and holds the office of treasurer. Born and raised in Jamaica, Doreen lived in New York, came to Alhambra in 1977 and has lived in Duarte since 1993. Presenting Doreen with a crown, flowers and a silver bracelet, last year’s WOTY, Sheri Uhlig, proclaimed “It is a real blessing to have Doreen as part of our Club. She is always on the go, willing to help with anything. Her enthusiasm is amazing and she is always willing to accept a hard job.”

Doreen admitted shock when she realized she was the recipient. “I’d like to thank the WOTY committee and the entire club for this honor,” she said.

The dinner meeting also honored past presidents and WOTYS. Awards were presented to Jan Brillhart honoring her 35 years of membership, and Mildred Shaw, who joined DWC 50 years ago. The 2009-10 slate of officers was elected, with Nita Carey, who served as president in 1960-61, to hold that office once again.

The ladies will hold a wine and cheese tasting party in April. Women over the age of 18 are invited to join. Call Marion Stone at (626) 338-7028 for more information about the Duarte Woman’s Club.
First Baptist Church of Duarte at its prominent location along the "Mother Road", Route 66.

Photo by Neil Earle

COMMUNITY NEWS

First Baptist Church marks 125 years, mourns Pastor

By Neil Earle

"In the midst of life we are in death."

These words from the Anglican Book of Common Prayer almost epitomize the recent events at historic First Baptist Church of Duarte. The congregation's commemoration of 125 years of activity on February 15, 2009, anticipated by only five weeks exactly the tragic and surprising death of their beloved pastor, 60-year-old Dr. Ricardo O. Crocker, from a heart attack on March 22.

During his tenure, Crocker became a quite familiar name as he helped research the church history for an Arcadia Publishing book on Duarte's history to be released later this year and formed a quick friendship with this dynamic man of God. An extremely hospitable, friendly and trusting man, Pastor Crocker had been planning their 125th celebration for months. At the February 15 service, Pastor Crocker revealed a staffing commitment to community by currently promoting the February 21 Peace March and Community Unity Festival to begin in Monrovia and end at Duarte Park Baseball Field. Even more, he had arranged for his congregation – the youth especially – to hear that day a testimony from a former Latino gang member in a wheelchair. His name was Tony Riger and he had been shot with a 45 bullet through the neck in the Rodney King Riots. His brother had been killed 12 years before that in a street fight, stabbed thirteen times.

Long before that Tony had run away from a violent home situation.

After a stint in jail Tony faced the tragedy that his pregnant girlfriend had lost her twins in another violent encounter. Tony was up against the wall. He fell into depression for years – confined to a wheelchair, unemployed, nothing to live for. Then he reached out to God. "I owe God for saving my life," he said, largely through the help of New Beginning Ministries in Baldwin Park. He learned to become a man of prayer, a "billboard for the Lord," training as a street evangelist in Monrovia. Now he belongs to a Christian gang-rehabilitation group named "Loco for Christ."

"Try Jesus," he exhorted the young people in the congregation. "He will never leave us!"

Impressed with First Baptist’s sense of timing, I asked Pastor Crocker if he planned to bring in Tony after the fatal murder of an 18-year-old in our community on February 9. "No," said Dr. Crocker. "It had been already planned." Great timing indeed, perhaps with an assist from Higher Up! City Public Safety Director Brian Villalobos who wisely said of gang violence at a town forum on February 17: "You cannot arrest your way out of it."

"This indenure made the Thirtieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four and a half dollars gold crown of the United States of America...the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged both by these presents grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said parties of the second part and to their heirs and assigns forever all that certain lot, piece or parcel of lands situate, lying and being in the Duarte County of Los Angeles...commenced on the East Line of Lot N Sixteen Section Twenty Five (25), Rancho Arana de Duarte."

This formal language adds background to Charles F. Davis’ History of Monrovia and Duarte (1938) which mentions that “a group of Baptist families” had organized a house of worship in 1881 costing $2,275 and dedicated it free from debt. The one gold coin reference makes us what is called a “consideration.” Especially back then, contracts were considered binding if something tangible was offered.

LIVING HISTORY

During the research for the Duarte book I found Pastor Crocker extremely accommodating with a willing to help. "There wasn’t anyone who crossed his path who wasn’t impressed with him," said Pastor’s Ade President Ruby Booker. He allowed me possession of two important artifacts. One was a 1938 wall picture of their congregation formerly located on Elder Street in the Davis Addition (Rocklin) south of the 210 Freeway. That, and a laminated copy of an 1884 title deed to property in Rancho Arana de Duarte. Pastor Crocker had proudly read from this in a January service to build support for the February 15 event. It states in part: "This indenure made the Thirtieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four and a half dollars gold crown of the United States of America...the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged both by these presents grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said parties of the second part and to their heirs and assigns forever all that certain lot, piece or parcel of lands situate, lying and being in the Duarte County of Los Angeles...commenced on the East Line of Lot N Sixteen Section Twenty Five (25), Rancho Arana de Duarte."

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A COMMITMENT to youth ministry is a strong focus at First Baptist.

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First Baptist Church of Duarte at its prominent location along the "Mother Road", Route 66.

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CHURCH ON THE MOVE

I asked Church Clerk Sandra Robinson about First Baptist’s foundation stone which mentions the dates 1924 and 1948. "We were originally at 201 Elder Street in the old Rocktown," is her best memory. This matches the description given in Aloysia Moore and Bernice Watson’s History On the Duarte. Robinson’s reference to a fire may explain why the church was reorganized in 1948. This can be matched with two different addresses given in older Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte City Directories for the Elder Street Church – one date in 1924 at 380 Elder Street and another in 1948.

The same source confirms that by 1966 the church in Rocktown had moved very near its present location, close to the corner of Huntington and Mount Olive. "The present building was already serving some other purpose," says Church Clerk Robinson. This may explain the pastor’s references to refurbishing in 1976-1977 on the present 2200 Huntington Drive site.

A LIVELY PRESENCE

For First Baptist’s congre- gates, a special highlight of the 125th commemoration was the special luncheon on February 7 at the Courtyard Marriott. "Everyone appreciated the presence of Mayor John Fasana and Council Member Steve Bart, who were present at the event," said Robinson. About 75 people showed up for the official anniversary service at the church (located in 280 Elder Street in the old Rocktown) on February 15 which featured a special address by Rev. C. W. Parker of Ajalon Baptist Church in Palm Springs.

In a fast-paced, extremely mobile part of the world such as Southern California, we are learning to choose more and more to every important connection to our past – a rock, perhaps, in a weary land. First Baptist, even while mourning the loss of its activist pastor can take pride in the fact that this "outsider" sees them showing evidence of being what all churches hope to be – relevant, lively and possessing an active social conscience. A deeply-rooted presence in our city, a concern for youth, a clear commitment to community – these are things to give thanks for in the midst of grief.

Even knowing him ever so briefly, you feel that the way Dr. Crocker would have wanted it.

Neil Earle is host of DCTV’s “A Second Look” which often covers Duarte history. He is co-author along with Irwin Margil- off, of a soon-to-be-released book titled “Duarte” in the Arcadia Publishing’s Images of America series.

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Duarte Fitness Center spring membership sale & aquatics program

It is time to get into shape. Save 20% during the Spring Sale at the City of Duarte Fitness Center. The sale prices are available March 23 through April 1.

During the sale Duarte residents can enjoy one full year of aquatics, exercise, and aerobics for only $100. 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.

At the Fitness Center you can choose from a wide variety of activities including strength training equipment, Stairmasters, treadmills, bikes, and Elliptical Trainers. The Fitness Center also has two courts available for either racquetball or wallyball. Aerobic classes are offered at various times daily.

The spring aquatics program will begin April 11. The pool will be available Monday through Friday for lap swimming from 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Join us for our expanded 9-mile version if desired. Boaters and hikers must carry their own water. Hearty hikers can hike out of the hunting grounds, and no dogs allowed. There is no charge for this activity.

Two sessions of swim lessons will be offered this session. Session 1 will run from May 4-May 14, with registration beginning April 27. Session 2 will run from May 18-May 29, and registration begins May 11.

Priority registration will be available to City of Duarte residents with valid ID from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. the first day of registration. All non-residents may register beginning at 8 a.m. For more information call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118.

Junior Olympics track and field meet

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will once again host the annual Junior Olympics Track and Field Meet. The event will take place Saturday, March 21 at Duarte High School Stadium. Entries for boys and girls born 1994-2002 taken from Andres Duarte, Beardslee, Maxwell, Royal Oaks, Valley View, and Northview Schools will participate in the event. Medals will be awarded in 5th place in each event. All registration for the meet will be taken at the schools. Participants will have a wide choice of events to choose from, including, 50m, 100m & 200m dashes, 400m, 800m & 1600m runs, and long jump & softball throw. This meet will act as a qualifying meet for the SCMAF San Gabriel Valley Track and Field Championships that will be held in May. Children who win at the School level will go on to participate in the Southern California Amateur Athletic Federation Track Meet. For more information call (626) 357-7931 or call your school.

Youth recreation classes

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is currently taking registration at Duarte City Hall and at all local supervised playgrounds for youth mini soccer leagues. The fee is $20 per child and includes a t-shirt. Practices are scheduled to begin the week of March 30. Boys and girls born in 1997-2000 (in a grade no higher than 6th) will play in separate boys and girls leagues. Practices and games will be conducted during the week, after school, and will be held at local supervised parks. The field size for league games is about half the size of a normal field and the goals are also smaller.

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Duarte Teen Center’s annual spring break trip will be to Magic Mountain on Wednesday, April 15 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The price for the excursion is $30 for teens grades 9-12. The fee covers tickets and transportation. Meals not included. Spring break is a great time to seek excitement at Six Flags Magic Mountain. You must pre-register and pay at the Duarte Teen Center. Space is limited.

For more information call the Duarte Teen Center (626) 303-0863, Monday-Friday 3 p.m.-8 p.m.

Knott’s Berry Farm Youth Excursion

An excursion to Knott’s Berry Farm will be held on Thursday, April 16. Register now at Duarte City Hall or at local supervised playgrounds. Ride on Sierra Sidewinder, Racer, Supercycle, Montezuma’s Revenge, Ghost Rider Roller Coaster and many more thrilling rides and attractions. The fee is $25 for 8-17 year olds. The fee covers tickets and transportation. Meals not included. Space is limited. For more information call (626) 357-7931.

Youth spring break activities

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

On Saturday, April 11, the Duarte Rotary Club will host its annual Breakfast With the Easter Bunny. The event will be held at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 E. Huntington Drive from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Tickets can be purchased for $4 for adults and $2 for children 10 and under. All proceeds will benefit Rotary’s local service projects.

Those in attendance will be treated to a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast cooked by Rotary Club members. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures. All children with a ticket will receive a free book. For ticket information for this fun filled morning, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

Easter Egg Hunts

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will conduct the annual Duarte Easter Egg Hunts at Royal Oaks and Beardslee Parks on Saturday, April 11 beginning at 10 a.m. SHARP! The event is open to three divisions 3-4 years, 5-7 years and 8-10 years old. There is no charge for this event. Parents are asked to stay out of the hunting grounds, and no baskets or bags will be allowed. For more information call (626) 357-7931 or call your school.

Spring Recreation Classes

The Duarte Recreation Department offers classes to adults, teens, children and families. Spring recreation classes to be offered will include Ballet, Belly Dance, Homework Helper, Hip Hop Dance, cooking the Fun & Healthy Way, Dog Obedience, Folklorico, Golf, Guitar, Hip Hop Dance, Homework Helper, Mini Picassos, Polynesian Dance, Racquetball, Salsa Dance, Skateboarding, Story Theater for Performers, Tennis, Tumbling, Youth Rembrandts — Elementary Basics of Drawing, Watercolor Workshop and Youth & 1st Aid - Babysitter Training. Registration for the spring session of classes began March 9 on a first-come, first-served basis. Mail-in registration is available and telephonic registration began March 10. Visa and MasterCard are accepted for purchases over $30.10. Visa and MasterCard are accepted for purchases over $30.10. For more information call (626) 357-7931, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. or visit www.accessduarte.com.
MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteer Drivers Needed

If you possess a current CA driver’s license, have access to a personal vehicle, and proof of insurance, you are eligible to volunteer to pick up meals from a local retirement home and deliver to homebound seniors. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Special training is required. For more information contact the YMCA Intervale at (626) 357-3513.

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday, or seven frozen meals delivered once a week by YMCA Intervale Senior Services.

For more information, please contact the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 or YMCA Intervale at (626) 858-8382.

ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

This program provides transportation for individuals with disabilities. For eligibility or more information call (800) 827-0829.

HOW TO MAKE MEDICARE WORK FOR YOU

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Two afternoons a month a top run movie is featured FREE. Call (626) 357-3513 for dates, times and movies.

BINGO

Tuesday and Thursday, 12:45-2 p.m. Fee: 25 cents per card

CLASSES

The Duarte Senior Center began taking registration for the spring session of classes on March 9, and classes will begin the week of March 23. Registration hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Classes are for 10 weeks unless otherwise noted. All classes are for adults 55 years and older.

THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.

Fee Classes: Piano/Keyboard, Piano (private lessons), Strength Training Program held at Duarte Fitness Center, Watercolor, and Yoga.

Ongoing Free Classes: Art Appreciation, Ceramics, Cross Fit, English as a Second Language, Exercise with Shelly, Guitar, How to Write Your Own Life’s Story, Knitting, Music Appreciation, Beginning Spanish, Intermediate Spanish, and Tai Chi.

EXCURSIONS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department began taking registration for spring trips on March 9 at Duarte City Hall. Registration is held 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Monday through Thursday. No more than 4 participants can be registered at one time. Visa and MasterCard are accepted for purchases over $30. You can pick up a brochure at City Hall or the Senior Center to receive in-depth information about the following trips.

Beautification Awards

Duarte residents are encouraged to begin preparing their homes and businesses for the 30th Annual Beautification Awards. Judging will be held during the month of April and the awards ceremony to honor the winners will be conducted during the May 26 city council meeting. All homes and businesses within the City of Duarte will be judged. There is no registration required. Local service organizations will do the judging and will recognize those who go above and beyond the norm in making the outside of their homes and businesses presentable. Beautified homes and businesses will be able to purchase the San Gabriel Valley and helps foster community pride and involvement. For more information about the City’s Annual Beautification Awards program, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931 ext. 203.
Duarte Senior Center Co-Ed Softball Opening Day April 16

Opening Day for the Duarte Senior Center Co-Ed Softball teams was held at Otis Gordon Park on April 16. Mayor John Fasana was on hand to throw out the first pitch.

The co-ed softball team began in 1996. The program has really grown and this year we have two teams in the league.

Last season we had two people co-manage/coach the team and when we had so many people who wanted to play this year, the two co-managers each took a team. The Duarte 66ers are lead by their coach Sam Angulo, and the D-Crew is lead by Dennis Maldonado. Practices are held on Tuesdays and games are played on Thursdays. Most of the games are played in Pico Rivera because it is central to all the cities playing, such as Commerce, Cerritos, Pasadena, Whittier and Pico Rivera. The league runs from April through the last week of August.

If you are interested in attending a game, please call the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 for the schedule.

THE DUARTE 66ERS AND THE D-CREW teams lineup on the baselines for the National Anthem.

A D-CREW TEAM MEMBER blasts a hit in the first inning.

PEGGY DIAMOND, Duarte Senior Center Supervisor, was the official scorekeeper for the game.

FIRST PITCH THROWN by Duarte Mayor John Fasana.

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Welcome to “CSI: Duarte”

On April 1 and 2 Duarte was visited by the television series CSI filming along Huntington Drive. The parking lots behind Cabrera’s Mexican Cuisine and Route 66 Roadhouse were turned into an area in Nevada where dozens of bikers were in one scene and a car exploded in another scene. CSI actor Laurence Fishburne was onsite riding a motorcycle. Wallace Langham took a break inside the Route 66 Roadhouse. This episode is expected to air May 7, 2009, titled “Hog Heaven”. Below are some photos of the happenings on April 2.
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Tamara’s office helps seniors throughout the San Gabriel Valley to remain in their homes. Some of the services they provide include companionship, cooking, light housekeeping, laundry, incidental transportation, Alzheimer’s and dementia care, medication reminders and personal care. To find out how Comfort Keepers can provide the kind of care that makes a real difference, be sure to give Tamara a call.

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Children help children? Do they just play there? Is my child too young to go school? Occasionally parents ask us why they should enroll their three or four-year-old children in preschool instead of keeping them at home. Here are some answers to questions, as well as that their children’s Head Start/State Preschool early childhood experiences have helped them develop in all academic and social areas.

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Space is still available for this school year. We are accepting applications for Fall as well. Stop by the Child Development office on the Andres Duarte campus, pick up an application at any elementary school office, or call us at (626) 599-5123.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CELEBRATES “LOVE YOUR HEART” MONTH

Valentine’s Day took on a new meaning at Child Development. February was designated as “Love Your Heart” Month. Heart Disease is the #1 cause of death in the U.S. Children, Parents and Staff have been involved in a variety of activities to learn about heart health and practices ways of reducing their risks to Heart Disease.

A blood pressure clinic was conducted by Program Nurse, Laura Thomas at Andres Duarte, Beardslee and Maxwell schools where parents joined their children in fun activities that exercised the heart and encouraged family fitness. Finally, our Registered Dietician conducted a workshop that explained preparing heart healthy recipes for families, where parents will have a chance to taste foods that are good for the heart.

Beardslee students shine inside and out!

By Jennifer Janetzke, Principal

The month of February brought many exciting events to Beardslee Elementary School! We kicked off the month with our second Safari Reading party. This program honors students who dedicate themselves to reading during the month of February. Teachers contribute to retirement out of their paychecks to our veteran teachers who are close to retirement age, which will allow them to consider the benefits of retirement. Teachers contribute to retirement out of their paychecks from the time they begin teaching, and the retirement package can be attractive to a teacher who has dedicated 20 or 40 years to the profession. As those teachers who are some of our best, move into retirement, we will have openings for some of the number of individuals who will not be fully employed next year, and we would rather have teachers enjoy retirement than face unemployment.

Question – Given all of this budget talk, how are students, teachers, parents, and staff holding up?

Answer – As I have often said, some of the best teachers in California are right here in Duarte. I enjoy visiting schools, and observing the great teaching taking place. Teachers are teaching, and students are learning. It is amazing to see our teachers at work. We are getting ready for the state testing that is coming up. Our classified staff members do a wonderful job of keeping the budget is a major challenge to us. As I have often said, some of the best teachers in California are right here in Duarte. I enjoy visiting schools, and observing the great teaching taking place. Teachers are teaching, and students are learning. It is amazing to see our teachers at work. We are getting ready for the state testing that is coming up. Our classified staff members do a wonderful job of keeping the budget is a major challenge to us. As I have often said, some of the best teachers in California are right here in Duarte. I enjoy visiting schools, and observing the great teaching taking place. Teachers are teaching, and students are learning. It is amazing to see our teachers at work. We are getting ready for the state testing that is coming up. Our classified staff members do a wonderful job of keeping the budget is a major challenge to us. As I have often said, some of the best teachers in California are right here in Duarte. I enjoy visiting schools, and observing the great teaching taking place. Teachers are teaching, and students are learning. It is amazing to see our teachers at work. We are getting ready for the state testing that is coming up. Our classified staff members do a wonderful job of keeping the

SCHOOL NEWS March-April 2009

From the desk of the Superintendent

Dr. Dean Conklin, Superintendent, Duarte Unified School District

Q & A WITH DR. CONKLIN

Public Education in California is facing some major challenges. As I write this, it is currently pouring down rain. I am sure many of you will be getting some bad news about everything from Plate

Andres Duarte 6th graders make memories at OSS

By Jolyn Campitelli, Principal

Packed bags line the hallway, sleeping bags lay on the carpet, and students smile with anticipation. Fifth graders look on with expectant eyes as their turn to arrive approaches. Today is the day! Andres Duarte sixth graders head to Wrightwood for a week of learning, fellowship and fun. Many 6th graders have been trekking to the local mountains for more than fifteen years, and the memories, often come back to serve as high school cabin leaders. Students hike mountain trails and learn science with hands on experiences, songs and interactive games. Naturalists teach students about everything from Plate

Teutonic’s to ecosystems. In addition, students have a chance to be friends and share the OSS experience with students from another school.

I had a chance to spend a day with my students at OSS in Wrightwood. We started the day with our class singing songs about Black Oak trees, omnivores, and carnivores, then heard a story about John Muir and his work to save the California wilderness. We went on long hikes up the side of the mountain in small groups, testing our skills over rocks and snow. We ate lunch at the top of the mountain with views spreading for 20 miles across the valley. Stops along the way offered opportunities to learn about native plants, and rocks.

I enjoyed this special time with students. It was exciting to watch them learning new things and challenging themselves in ways they never had before. We conquered the mountain together and learned a little about nature and ourselves along the way.

Each year the cost of OSS grows more expensive. At Andres Duarte, we offer scholarships through our parent association and donations from teachers, singers, a clown making balloon animals, a baton twirler, and folklorico dancers with beautiful costumes. The winners of our Talent Show will go on to compete in the district-wide Talent Show on March 28. In addition, Beardslee’s Track Meet brought out a different type of talent as our students were able to take the stage and show their athletic skills! Our students showed their strength, speed, and agility as they sprinted, jumped, threw objects, and competed against each other for the honor of attending the district-wide track meet this spring. Both of these events gave our students a chance to shine outside of the classroom and were a lot of fun, too!

Inside the classroom, February gave us the chance to take our most recent assessment information and focus on specific skills that our students need extra support with in order to reach proficiency on the CST tests in May. Our dedicated teachers spent many hours analyzing data, planning lessons, and preparing in-class intervention to

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CHILDREN IN Mrs. Bustamante’s class at Beardslee exercise for heart health during February’s Love Your Heart Month.
Duarte High School
By Eric Barba, Principal
Winter sports season was exiting...
Mt. Olive has a lot to offer

By Kevin Morris, Principal

MT. OLIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT SERVICES

As students face challenges in the traditional school setting, Mt. Olive High School can provide the necessary support for them to attend school and get back on track academically. AAEOP provides educational options designed to meet the unique needs of every student who has struggled in the traditional educational setting.

The objectives of Mt. Olive are to provide students the opportunity to:

- Attend school with smaller class sizes
- Receive a quality standards based education
- Participate in individualized programs of instruction
- Make up credit deficiencies through direct-instruction, PLATO Learning, Regional Occupational Program (ROP), and independent study
- Develop a sense of responsibility

Complete requirements that meet State competency and graduation requirements

Be provided counseling and guidance services for every student

Be provided tutoring services for every student

Be offered a second chance to succeed

**INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS**

Mt. Olive has 10 educational programs available to meet the varied needs of our students. Students may enroll in ROP classes at Mt. Olive or at another school district. Be prepared to attend these classes for one hour each week.

**DROPOUT RECOVERY (ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION OUTREACH PROGRAM)**

This high school diploma program has been developed to assist students who have already dropped out of school. The AEOP program is a state dropout recovery program. The AEOP program is open to students who have been out of school for at least 45 days. Students can remain in the program until they receive their high school diploma.

**6TH GRADE SUSPENDED EXPULSION PROGRAM**

This limited high school diploma program is reserved for students whose life circumstances make it impossible for them to attend school on a regular basis. Students receive weekly assignments, must agree to complete 20 hours of work at home and must check-in with the school one hour each week.

**REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM (ROP)**

The Regional Occupational Program provides tuition free, hands-on job training for high school students and adults. Students can enroll in ROP classes at Mt. Olive or at another school district. Be prepared to attend these classes for one hour each week.

**ADULT EDUCATION**

This high school diploma program has been developed for students ages 18 through 24 who have not been successful at the comprehensive high school. Students who are not succeeding academically or who have become “challenging” at their school may be transferred to the Adult Education Program at Mt. Olive High School. Students who have become “challenging” at their school may be transferred to the Opportunity Program at Mt. Olive High School. Students are placed in the program after all other interventions have failed. The curriculum offered is equivalent to that offered at the intermediate school. Students will remain in the program for at least one semester and must “earn” their way back to their home school.

**9TH GRADE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM**

This limited high school diploma program provides tuition free, hands-on job training for high school students and adults. Students can enroll in ROP classes at Mt. Olive or at another school district. Be prepared to attend these classes for one hour each week.

**Drop-Out Prevention AB 1982 Counseling Services**

Every student is guaranteed counseling services that include academic planning, registration review, credit checks, Individual Learning Plans, personal counseling, parent information, college counseling, financial aid planning, career counseling, and graduation checks. If students require services above and beyond that which the school can supply, the staff will refer students to the appropriate agencies. The staff at Mt. Olive is working hard to develop a program of Integrated Services that will be available to all students and their families.

**CITRUS COLLEGE NONCREDIT COUNSELING AND MATRICULATION**

Noncredit Counseling is free of charge and provides CAHSEE tutoring, academic tutoring, individual skills assessment, ESL classes, career/occupational counseling, academic advise, personal counseling, support and parenting skills groups and various workshops. Classes are held at Mt. Olive and Citrus College.

**CAREER PLANNING**

Career Planning is available to all students. Students have the opportunity to attend the DHS Career Expo and career fairs at Citrus College. All students will receive a copy of the Los Angeles County ROP Career and College Planning Guide. Career planning is also available through the various branches of the military.

**COMMUNITY UNION PROGRAM**

Nonprofit Corporation providing free computer technology training, public speaking, business training, and a free computer to students that complete one of their four-10 week courses. This program is open to all students in grades 7-12.

**Opportunity ProGraM Descriptions**

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**Continuation Program**

Students can remain in the program or “earn” their way back to their home school.

Students can earn credits toward graduation for time spent on the job as well as for classroom experiences.
Northview Intermediate School

By Miriam Fax, Principal

As the springtime approaches many of us prepare to spend more time outdoors and our youngsters begin to dream of summer. However...before Northview students are allowed to succumb to “Spring Fever” they have many academic challenges to master including participation in the California Standards Test (CST). This state wide assessment is administered every spring to all students in California and the results are used to rank schools. The individual student results are also increasingly being used to place students in educational programs that provide remediation or acceleration. Based on this information it is easy to conclude that this is a high stakes test both for schools and individual students. As parents we want our children to be successful in school because we believe this will assist them in establishing successful lifestyles as adults. This should encourage our parents lies not knowing what to do to assist their son/daughter to prepare for this high stakes assessment. It is important to understand that “cramping” study sessions for this test is not possible because it is a cumulative test that assesses what has been learned over the course of the entire school year. Keeping in mind, there are things that parents can do to positively impact their child’s education and their achievement on the CST, some of these are listed below.

1. Stay informed about your student’s education by being in communication with his/her teacher(s) via phone calls, personal visits to school, e-mail, notes etc.

2. Ask questions of the individual teachers or school staff for specific information about what is being covered in class and how you can support this at home. For example if you have a fourth grade student studying California history taking them to visit local missions could provide them with a valuable experience.

3. Provide a structured homework time for your student that is consistently enforced.

This involves making decisions about the best time for homework completion based on your family’s daily routines and needs as well as your knowledge about how your son/daughter “operates.” Things to consider include whether or not your child needs regular assistance from an adult or older sibling, what time do the adults and children arrive home, are there other time commitments such as sport practices and games etc. You will also need to think about the length of time to be designated for homework and how to structure that time in terms of brief breaks.

4. Provide a designated area for studying and homework completion. This does not have to be a mahogany desk in a well-decorated study. It can be the kitchen table where you can provide supervision and support while cooking dinner. Make sure to consider how easily distracted your child gets and their need for quiet.

5. Check your student’s homework assignment every night. Know what the homework is and how much it is and if it needs to be completed. Pay attention to thoroughness and neatness even if you do not feel that you are able to determine the accuracy because of the complexity of the assignment (i.e. Algebra, Physics, Foreign Language.)

6. If needed seek tutorial support for your son/daughter. Investigate resource options such as after school homework help for the school site. Online homework tutors, tutor (paid or unpaid) including teachers and older students and local community resources such as the public library. A good place to start is by asking your child’s teacher(s) about the availability of these options.

7. Throughout the school year discuss your expectations regarding school performance and emphasize to your student the importance of performing well on the CST. Have explicit discussions about these expectations.

8. Make sure to know the CST administration schedule so that when the testing is occurring you can ensure that your child goes to bed early, has a good breakfast and that you debrief him/her at the end of each day. Encourage them to put forth their best effort and reassure them if they are feeling anxious.

9. Investigate resource options such as after school homework help or tutorials led by PTA President, Leslie O’Brien for their hard work in making the entire event a huge success for all who participated.

10. Provide supervision and support for your son/daughter. Investigate resource options such as after school homework help for the school site. Online homework tutors, tutor (paid or unpaid) including teachers and older students and local community resources such as the public library. A good place to start is by asking your child’s teacher(s) about the availability of these options.

11. Throughout the school year discuss your expectations regarding school performance and emphasize to your student the importance of performing well on the CST. Have explicit discussions about these expectations.

12. Make sure to know the CST administration schedule so that when the testing is occurring you can ensure that your child goes to bed early, has a good breakfast and that you debrief him/her at the end of each day. Encourage them to put forth their best effort and reassure them if they are feeling anxious.

13. Provide a structured homework time for your student that is consistently enforced.

By Robin Nelson, Principal


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The Duarte Teen Center has a lot of great activities happening this spring! The Center is located at 1400 Vista Street in Duarte. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. All Duarte teens’ grades 9 through 12 with school ID are welcome. Free. Pre-registration packets must be filled out and returned. For more information, please call (626) 303-0863.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Cesar Chavez Essay Contest
Deadline for entries is Wednesday, March 3. Contact the Teen Center for more information. Prizes will be awarded! Free!

Teens with Dreams – This program will meet the first Tuesday of each month from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. to discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self esteem, relationships, and much more. Contact the Teen Center for more information. Sign up now. Free!

Teen Book Club – Come join the Teen Book Club. The book club will meet once a month to discuss various books from a designated reading list. Meet new friends and read new adventures in the world of great books. Club starts in March so sign up now. Contact the Teen Center for more information and time, and time.

Free!

March Madness – “Get Ya Hoop On” 3 on 3 Basketball Tourna- ments held Friday, March 28 from 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Fee: $30 per team with up to 4 players. Contact the Teen Center for more information.

A Teen’s View

By Rayleen Dudley

On February 5 Duarte High School and Nor- madian Inter- mediate School had Job Shadow Day. Job Shadow Day is an opportunity to help students see an employer’s point of view.

Guest speaker was Cesia Monsalve with the Duarte Recreation Department. He is funny, interesting, and speaks with passion.

While my friend, Fara, and I were on tour, we learned interesting things we never knew. Have you ever walked on Duarte’s bike trail? That same bike trail has train tracks for the trolley, and the wooden logs on the side of the trail were from the train tracks themselves.

The Duarte pool where every- body goes when it’s hot, also has an 18,000-gallon pool and courts. Duarte is a city that has everything you can imagine.

Towards our beautiful moun- tains there is a river where the city is building a trail; bringing back the Native Americans lifestyle by planting plants from when Native Americans were here.

At Royal Oaks Park the building where we took classes as children in school, Fara and I got all the details about it, and it’s going to be amazingly beautiful.

The one thing I found most interesting was that Duarte has a waterfall that you can hike to. The thing I liked about my day was that the recreation staff was friendly and nice. I would love to do his job when I get older.

Magic Mountain Trip – Hang on to your hats for the best roller coasters in Southern California. On Wednesday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. the Teen Center will host a trip to Magic Mountain. Spots will go quickly so sign up now. The price for the excursion is $30 and will cover tickets and transportation. You must pre-regis- ter and pay at the Duarte Teen Center. Call the Teen Center for more information.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration Sunday, May 5, at 3:30 p.m. the Teen Center will celebrate Cinco de Mayo. There will be traditional Mexican food for all to enjoy. Fee: $1

COMPUTER LAB

The Computer Lab located in the Duarte Teen Center is open Monday through Friday, 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The lab is equipped with 12 computers and is a great place to enhance computer skills, learn new programs, chat on the Internet, do school work, and play various games. There is also a scanner and printer available for use.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

Students can always get in- volved in a variety of activities at the Duarte Teen Center. Movie nights are held every 2 to 3 months. Come watch a movie on our big screen TV. On the first Tuesday of the month, join the Teen Center for a birthday celebration with cake for all those gifts for those born that month. Drop-in tutoring for all teens grades 9-12 is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. These activities are all free!

YOUTH BOXING PROGRAM

Join the fun and excitement with Duarte’s Boxing Program at the Duarte Teen Center. Boys and girls ages 8-18 years old are welcome to participate. Participants will learn all of the fundamentals of boxing and get in incredible shape. Here’s a chance to make new friends, feel more confident, and have fun!

Our knowledgeable trainers provide a safe and stimulating learning environment for all levels of youth. Participants can train for fun and physical activity, or for a chance to compete against other youth in the United States and at our annual Boxing Show.

The Duarte Teen Center Gym is open Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is a $10 monthly fee for each partici- pant. Non-residents are welcome for $20 per month.

Register now at the Duarte Teen Center. Call 303-0863 for more infor- mation or just stop by to in- quiry.

The following tournaments will be held this spring at the Duarte Teen Center. All tournaments start at 3:30 p.m. and are free. Prizes are awarded.

Pool – April 1

Wii – April 15

Tennis – April 19

Bocce Ball – April 21

Not a city to be left out, Duarte will soon join the some 5,000 chronicles in the Arcadia Chronicle “Cinco de Mayo” series, thanks to the efforts of two local residents who are feverishly working on this town’s edition. The popular series continues the history of communities from Ban- gar, Fontana to Manhattan Beach, California, with an aim toward “bringing to life the people, places and events that define a com- munity.” Duarte’s book will, of course, be special because of our town’s uniqueness. “The Duarte book is the kind we love to do,” says Jerry Roberts, Acquisitions Editor for Arcadia Publishing. “It is a solid project on a city with a real ‘community feel’ to it and a completely interesting history with evocative photographs to portray it.” He credits the authors, Irwin Margiloff and Neal Earle, with “showing great fidelity to the existing record illuminating local bench marks like the great flood of 1938, and any ‘new hometown hasander’ Glenn Miller.” A treasure of historic photos and research is stored at the Duarte Historical Museum, and as the museum’s current curator, Mar- giloff has spent countless hours sifting through the thousands of images and files, pulling to- gether information appropriate to accurately tell Duarte’s story. A chemical engineer, Margiloff is a Cornell graduate, grew up in New York City and made his home in Duarte in 1991. Soon after arriving he became one of the Museum’s most tireless vol- unteers. “We have completed the heavy lifting on the book,” says Margiloff. “It has been an ardu- ous process, not only the work of scanning, but also manipulating the arrangement of almost 200 separate images and their cap- tions to make the best sense of the whole assemblage from an historical point of view.” This work will, perhaps, promote one of the chief fundamentals of the series: “Viewing photographs in every American City, there are stories to be told.” Neal Earle has lived in Duarte since 1999. He met his wife, Susan, on the Temple Mount Dig in Jerusalem in 1970 and served 20 years in the Canadian field ministry. He has served as co-host at Duarte’s Route 66 parade, hosts a show on DCTV called “A Second Look” interviewing local personalities.

He plays in a band called “Coun- try Sunshine” for community charitable. As co-author of Duarte’s up- coming book, Neal besmirches him- self for being over-eager in his research. “I’m always conscious that Duartans will be reading the book,” he says, a belief which propels him to be accurate and thorough. “I’ve enjoyed digging out specific things about Duarte, such as Sam Shepard graduat- ing in 1961 from Duarte High School.” He confesses he has always loved the 1983 movie “The Right Stuff,” where Shepard played Chuck Yeager.

“I highlighted the story of Justice Brothers, Inc., the great auto museum, and the story of the three entrepreneurial brothers who moved to Duarte to find their empire.” He also took great interest in the saga of the First Baptist Church, which moved from Rocktown to its present location on Cunningham Drive just west of Mt. Olive.

Research has taken the writers to various sites within and beyond Duarte’s borders. “I set up a scan- ning work station in the County Recorder’s offices in Norwalk, to scan the original Duarte subdivi- sion maps,” says Margiloff. The book he says, will contain about 13,000 words, most of them in captions, and about 190 photos, including an image of Andres Duarte’s record of baptism from Book 1 of Mission San Juan Capistrano’s baptismal registers.

As the authors continue their work, Duartans can look forward to purchasing the book before the year’s end. We owe a debt of gratitude to Margiloff and Earle for their dedication to this volumi- nous project. To keep apprised of the status of the book, check the duartehistory.org website.

Neighboring cities that have published books in this series are Arcadia, Azusa, Azusa Pacific University, Covina, El Monte, Glendora and San Dimas. His- torian Steve Baker is currently working on Monrovia’s edition.
Young Steven Spielberg hopefuls will have an opportunity to learn and practice the art of moving making at the Santa Anita Family YMCA’s Movie Maker Camp this summer.

Movie Maker Camp for children grades 5th through 8th is just one of the many unique specialty camps, among the more traditional summer camp experiences, being offered this year at the SAFYMCA.

Camp registration has begun. Just $5 will reserve a spot for one of the many exciting week-long summer camp options that begin the week of June 22 and run through the week of Aug. 24. Summer camp opportunities are available to everyone, regardless of ability to pay full fee. Financial assistance is available.

Childhood memories are made at summer camp. From the swimming, crafts, songs and skits of traditional summer camp to the more unique offerings of specialty camps such as Ride the Rails Camp, Surf Camp, and Super Sports Camp, the SAFYMCA has a camp experience sure to build childhood memories to last a lifetime. SAFYMCA Chief Executive Officer, Damon Colucci says, “With more than 100 years of camping experience, YMCA camps are a safe and nurturing place where children build self-esteem, leadership skills, and develop a sense of responsibility for themselves and the world around them,” said SAFYMCA Chief Executive Officer, Damon Colucci.

Traditional Day Camps are age specific with camp programs for children Kindergarten to 1st grade; 2nd to 3rd grade; 4th to 5th grade and ‘Tweens Camp for middle school age youth 6th to 8th grade. Activities revolve around weekly themes and curriculum that stimulate imagination and development. Field trips or special events round out each week.

For families who would like their children to have a sleep-away camp experience, there’s YMCA Camp E.L.K. in the San Bernardino Mountains. With horseback riding, swimming, rock climbing, wall, archery, crafts, sports, canoeing and more, Camp E.L.K. offers the perfect summer getaway for kids entering 3rd through 8th grade.

At Surf Camp for kids entering 3rd grade to 8th grade, campers will spend a week on the beaches of San Diego enjoying surfing, kayaking, and lots of fun in the sun. Evenings will be spent in traditional camp fashion with campfires, skits, and games.

Ride the Rails Camp offers the opportunity for 2nd through 5th grade age children to explore neighboring communities by riding the Gold, Red, Blue, and Green Lines.

Super Sports Camp for 2nd through 8th grade age children offers a combination of quality day camp and sports specific instruction.

The program focuses on two sports each day where kids learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and skill development regardless of ability or experience. Outdoor Adventure Camp offers children entering 3rd to 6th grade the opportunity to learn urban and wilderness survival skills including how to read a map, use a compass and follow written directions. The week is rounded off with an overnight adventure campout at Canyon Park in Monrovia.

Science Camp is open to children entering 4th grade to 8th grade. Under the guidance of a certified teacher campers will explore Geologic, Marine, and Environmental sciences as they visit the Science and Technology Museum, local tide pools, and go on a hiking expedition.

Flight Camp for 2nd through 6th grade children is an opportunity to learn about the physics of flight and build gliders. Two half-day specialty camps will also be offered. Chess Camp, grades 3rd to 8th, will be taught by USCF Life Senior Master and 2003 Western Team Champion, Mick Bighamian.

At Junior Life Guard Camp for grades 5th through 8th, kids will experience the challenges of beach, pool and water park lifeguardsing.

The camp includes swim training, conditioning and endurance, personal water safety, rescue skills, training, water games, first aid, and CPR.

For more information, check the SAFYMCA at (626) 359-9244, or visit the web site at www.safymca.org.

Movie making, riding the rails, and super sports camps among unique and traditional camp experiences for kids at the SAFYMCA this summer.
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