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A bi-monthly community publication of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, in its 90th year of service to the community.



COURT ACTION from last year's Harlem Ambassadors versus Duarte Route 66'ers match up.

Optimism conveyed at joint Duarte State of the City/School District Talks

While there was no getting around pointing out the economic challenges that confront the City of Duarte and Duarte Unified School District, there was also much upbeat about the joint State of the City/State of the School District presentations delivered by Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci and School Board President Pam Kawasaki.

More than 100 civic and business leaders attended the Duarte Chamber of Commerce sponsored luncheon held at the newly opened 34,000 square foot Maryvale Family Resource and Early Education Center in Duarte.

Paras-Caracci and Kawasaki spoke of the reality of budget cuts and the shared dread of more to come as a result of the State's budget crisis. But despite the gloomy economic news, Mayor Paras-Caracci told the crowd, "This could be our finest hour."

One example, she said is the new Maryvale facility which brought 30 new jobs to the City, provides child and family counseling, a family resource center, community classes and health and nursing services to the community. "This is part of our future, part of our legacy," she said.

Other reasons for optimism were cited by the Mayor.

The City is safer. Bucking the norm that when unemployment goes up so does the crime level, Part 1 crimes in Duarte were down 13% in 2010 in almost every category with the exception of auto and grand thefts, up nationwide. The City was awarded a \$191,000 California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Grant



DUARTE MAYOR Tzeitel Paras-Caracci and Duarte Unified School District Board President Pam Kawasaki with The Gas Company Public Affairs Manager Bob Cruz following their State of the City/State of the School District presentation. The Gas Company was the Presenting Sponsor of the event for the Duarte Chamber of Commerce.

(Cal-GRIP) in late 2010 that it is putting to work to expand services to youth Kindergarten through 8th grade and their families.

With the Gold Line now assured to come to Duarte, the City is optimistic that the station with at least 125 parking spaces will be completed by late 2014, constructed by the Gold Line Construction Authority and operated by Metro.

"Most of all we are excited about public and private partnerships. This will make our vision a reality. We will continue to stay positive and plan for an affordable housing and parking project to create synergy around the station. The only way we can complete

this puzzle though is if the State stops taking our redevelopment pieces," said the Mayor.

The completion of the Youth and Family Master Plan is another example of a City that unites together, builds partnerships, shares resources and creates community, said the Mayor. The 10-month process by a volunteer committee of 27, comprised of a cross-section of the community, produced a plan of 66 action steps for enhancing services and programs for youth and families in Duarte. Now, a committee of 12, appointed by the City Council and chaired by Damon Colaluca,

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Charity Basketball April 30

Harlem Ambassadors Team to take on Duarte Route 66'ers

High-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball-handling tricks and hilarious comedy routines are in store when the Harlem Ambassadors bring their unique brand of Harlem-style basketball to town to take on the Duarte Route 66'ers on Saturday, April 30, at 7 p.m. at the Duarte High School Gym.

"It's going to be a great night of fun for the community," said Frank Haynes, event chair. "The Harlem Ambassadors are legendary for putting on a great show with non-stop laughs that the entire family can enjoy. Providing the other half of the entertainment will be the Duarte Route 66'ers, featuring the athletic prowess of team players that will include Duarte City Manager Darrell George; Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci; Council Member Margaret Finlay; and Mount Olive High School Principal Kevin Morris.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the nonprofit Duarte Community Service Council to assist

needy families in the Duarte community, and is co-sponsored by the Santa Anita Family YMCA, and the City of Duarte.

Tax-deductible sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 as a Friend of the Duarte Community Service Council to \$2,500 to be the Event Sponsor.

The Duarte Community Service Council has been helping Duarte families in need with emergency food and welfare services since 1947. It also provides assistance to needy students with school uniforms, school supplies, eye exams and glasses. The Service Council helps bring holiday cheer to as many as 300 families a year, providing them with food and gifts through its annual Christmas Basket program, and donates scholarships to Duarte High School seniors who are planning to major in a medical field, among other activities. The ma-

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Duarte Chamber celebrating 90 years of history

Jan Wight, former President/CEO of the Duarte Chamber, is writing a series of articles throughout 2011 for the Duarte View about the Duarte Chamber's 90 years of history in the Duarte community. The following is part two.

As 1921 progressed our fledgling Chamber took on more responsibility to make Duarte the community we know today. In reading some of the following you need to keep in mind that this period I write about is 1921, not 2011. Morals, culture and politics were very different at that time from what we share now.

Due to a proclamation the chamber made at their meeting on April 21, 1921 a letter dated May 6, 1921 was written to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors concerning "the west bank of the San Gabriel River, just north of Foothill Blvd. in the vicinity of the rock crusher." The chamber was greatly concerned, and rightly so, of the river flooding the low lands of Duarte where farms and the Jewish Sanatorium (now the City of Hope) were located. The chamber went on to explain to the Board of Supervisors that they had the opinion of the State Highway Engineer and the Santa

Fe Railroad Engineer that the first big flood that came would force the river to come out of the west side of the river. They went on to explain that the expense to the County would be far less in preventive measure than to have to clean up after a flood and then build up the west side.

They went on to say in their letter to the Board of Supervisors: "The Jewish Sanatorium alone is entitled to the expense of a few thousand dollars it would take to put in a good flood control at this point, and we want to call your attention to the fact the Sanatorium lies in the direct path of the

danger. It would be a disgrace to Los Angeles County to leave these people unprotected (in the manner they are) while engaged in the noble and humanitarian work of caring for consumptives*. They are spending thousands of dollars and have a first class institution that is the pride and joy of this community, a credit to the Jewish race. A trip by the Board to this locality and a casual observation will, we feel, convince you of the danger as it is patent to the commonest layman."

A committee of three was ap-

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What's NEW with Friends of Duarte Library?

It's what's OLD that we're celebrating! We're 50 years old this year.

When Aloysia Moore helped found the Friends of the Duarte Library in 1961, did she ever imagine the industrious group of Friends and activities we have today?

Under the leadership of Nita Norgard the Friends have grown in fundraising efforts in support and in celebration of reading. Some of our accomplishments this past year include: providing grant funds for The Library Summer Reading Program; awarding scholarships to Duarte High and Mt. Olive students; creating TeenScape, a special teen space in the Library, by providing new furnishings, carpet and books; and receiving a \$1,000 matching grant from the County Library Foundation.

We were also recently awarded the Adult Literacy Partnership Award by the California Reading Council, primarily for our Festival of Authors. Duarte was the one recipient for this statewide recognition.

Library to close 2 months for facelift

The Duarte Library will be getting a facelift with new interior paint, carpeting and a few other improvements this spring. The 45 year-old Los Angeles County library building will be closed for two months while work is completed, from April 10 to June 13, according to Duarte Library Manager, Reed Strege.

The Duarte Library will also be updated with new self-serve checkout machines and three new computers to add to the eight currently available for public use.

While the library is closed for remodeling, patrons can use their library cards at nearby Live Oak Library at 453 E. Live Oak Ave., Arcadia or Norwood Library in El Monte at 4550 N. Peck Rd.

Major street resurfacing in Monrovia

The City of Monrovia announced a major street resurfacing project along both Huntington Drive and Duarte Road. Major construction work will begin March 21 and is scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2011.

On West Huntington Drive, the project area will span from Fifth Ave. eastward to Magnolia Ave., while on East Huntington Drive, the project area will go from Shamrock Ave. eastward to the eastern city limits beyond Mountain Ave. On Duarte Road, the resurfacing work will cover Encino Ave. east to Magnolia Ave.

During construction periods, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction within the directly affected street sections. Motorists should expect detours and some traffic delays.

For any questions or concerns related to this project, call 626-932-5574.

Foothill Family Service presenting Bollywood Nights Benefit April 2

April 2 Foothill Family Service is celebrating its 85th Anniversary with its annual benefit, Bollywood Nights!

Join them at the California Club in downtown Los Angeles for a fabulous evening of dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions, and more... including live Bollywood dancers and Indian-inspired cuisine!

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For tickets, please contact Susan Dutra, Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator at (626) 564-1613 ext. 135 or email sdutra@foothillfamily.org.

Foothill Oaks Academy: A new school that combines over 100 years of private school experience

The creation of the new private school Foothill Oaks Academy in Duarte was announced on Friday, February 4. Starting July 1, Foothill Oaks Academy begins drawing from the rich heritage of the two private schools, Carden of the Foothills in Monrovia and Anita Oaks School in Duarte, both of which have served the San Gabriel Valley community by providing academic excellence for a total of more than 100 years.

The school will provide reasonably priced private school education from preschool through 8th grade, with a focus on individual attention to students, small class sizes, core curriculum, after school care, and many exciting opportunities for enrichment.

Foothill Oaks Academy will kick off an engaging summer school program in 2011, which will be followed by a full academic program starting in September 2011.

Both School boards and administra-

tors came together to create Foothill Oaks Academy based on the best methods and style of education gleaned from both schools, with a continued commitment to core values and quality education that have come to define both schools within the community.

The combination of the schools will provide a strong future, as well as improvements in academic programs for Foothill Oaks Academy. Nancy Lopez current principal at Anita Oaks, and Diane Kieffaber, the current principal of Carden of the Foothills School, will co-direct Foothills Oaks Academy under the guidance of a board of trustees comprised of representatives from each school.

Please visit the Foothill Oaks Academy website at www.foothilloak-academy.org to learn more about our new school.

If you would like to schedule an interview, please contact Ryan Soule at (626) 485-1688.

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Pedestrian safety – it's everyone's responsibility

Tragically, during the last 2 months of 2010, three Duarte pedestrians were killed. Nationally, it's estimated that 5,000 pedestrians are killed and 85,000 pedestrians are injured each year. During the last decade, more than 63,000 pedestrians died and more than a million others were injured in pedestrian-vehicle crashes. Of the people killed, 60 percent were working adults, 23 percent were seniors aged 65 or older, and 17 percent were children under 21.

IN DUARTE, THE THREE RECENT FATALITIES WERE SENIOR CITIZENS

The fact is that older pedestrians are more likely to be involved in a pedestrian crash than any other age group. The types of crashes older pedestrians are involved in differ from crashes in which younger pedestrians are involved. Older pedestrian crashes tend to occur on a regular trip, often close to home or at shopping centers or recreational venues.

A range of other patterns involving older pedestrians has been identified. These include:

- crashes during daylight hours and mostly in urban areas,
- crashes that occur at intersections, particularly those without traffic signals,
- some crashes that occur because of reduced agility – older adults are less able to get out of the way of oncoming vehicles, and
- crashes in the middle of an intersection that occur when a pedestrian was stranded because the crossing time was too short.

The City of Duarte reminds drivers to look for pedestrians; and to encourage pedestrians to use crosswalks and follow the pedestrian signal indications.

BE SEEN AND STAY ALIVE

When a firefighter is battling flames, the smoke can get thick and dark. Being able to see his or her fellow firefighters can mean the difference between life and death. So to be seen, firefighters carry a flashlight. But that's not all. The stripes on their clothes are made of reflective material, which makes them more visible from further away.

Pedestrians can learn an important lesson from firefighters. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) says that almost 50 percent of all pedestrian fatalities occur between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight. Most people think that if they can see the headlights of a car approaching, the driver in that car can see them too. But the reality is eight out of ten drivers who struck people at night didn't see them.

Studies show that pedestrians walking in dark colored clothing at night are first seen approximately 55 feet away, giving the driver traveling at 60 mph less than one second of reaction time. A driver traveling at 60 mph needs over 260 feet to stop safely.

Most of us probably think that wearing white at night would help. But experts say wearing white or light-colored clothing may not provide enough information for motorists to recognize, locate and react quickly to pedestrians and bicyclists. A person wearing white clothing isn't visible to drivers until they are well within 200 feet.

Reflective materials are more visible at night because instead of absorbing light, they reflect light back.

The Federal Highway Administration offers tips on how you can make yourself more visible at night. Wear reflective materials that outline the human form and carry a flashlight. If your winter clothing is dark, add something light-colored or bright like a scarf or reflective pin. Be especially careful where cars are turning. If you're not sure that a driver has seen you, let the car go by before attempting to cross the street. Before you start crossing, make sure you look in all directions for oncoming vehicles and especially for turning vehicles.

More information about this and other safety issues is available in English and some in Spanish. To obtain more information about Pedestrian Safety, please call Steve Esbenshade at (626) 357-7931 x233 or sesbenshade@accessduarte.com.

Remembering Marcia McVey, Ed. D.

1934 - 2011

Dr. Marcia McVey, superintendent of Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) 1992-1996, died February 10, 2011 Hillcrest Homes in La Verne, California.

She was born August 31, 1934 in San Jose, CA. to Charles and Thelma McVey. Six years later her "little" brother David was born. By the time he grew old enough to want to tag along with her, she became the ultimate "big" sister. Using her sisterly skills, she learned that by putting his shoes on the wrong feet he couldn't run fast enough to keep up with her. Nevertheless, Marcia and David grew up as loving and caring siblings to each other.

As a Navy family, they lived in various places before settling in Glendora. One of their assignments was three years in Puerto Rico where she became immersed in Spanish and remained fluent the rest of her life. Her intelligence was noted throughout her school years and she was advanced several grade levels. Her adult "little" brother says that her intelligence came in handy when she guided him as a child.

During her parents illnesses she lovingly cared for them and several years ago at a family wedding it became apparent that she, in turn, had become the McVey matriarch.

She received her BA at Pomona College in 1955, MA at Claremont Graduate in 1959 and her Ed. D. at USC in 1978. She was an educator in Glendora, Covina Valley, Norwalk-La Mirada, Centralia and Duarte School Districts during her career.

Throughout her extensive career she was highly regarded and respected by her colleagues and served as a mentor to many students and educators including many from Duarte Unified. She was appointed as a Task Force Member on Conflict Resolution for the California State Department of Education and to the Supplemental Materials Commission. Her educational presentations, publications and consulting services were known statewide. She was a re-

ipient of a scholarship award for doctoral study by Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

Along with numerous professional organizations, some of her community interests were Glenkirk Presbyterian Church, Foothill Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary, Pomona College Associates and Citrus College Foundation.

Dr. McVey came to DUSD in 1985 as Assistant Superintendent of Instruction. During her first interview with the Board of Trustees, she mentioned how long she had admired the old school district building, now the Old Spaghetti Factory, and had always wanted to work there. She got her wish as she was hired a few days later. Her wish was fulfilled for only a few years as the new district office was built shortly thereafter.

She was later named Deputy Superintendent by the Board of Trustees, which increased her duties to include the business office as well as curriculum. After her retirement in 1996 Dr. McVey became an assistant professor at Azusa Pacific University.

Dr. McVey was always on the cutting edge of programs/trends in education. When AB77 was first passed in California in the nineties, there were few districts in the state selected to be School Based Coordinated Districts. Dr. McVey saw the "value" of that philosophy and Duarte went into the program wholeheartedly. The District was honored to be chosen by the State Department of Education to explain and train School Based Coordination to districts throughout the state, and went onto become a flagship district in the eyes of the State Department of Education.

Dr. McVey had many friends within the District and the community of Duarte and belonged to the Duarte Woman's Club, Duarte Historical Society, Duarte Rotary Club, and the Duarte Chamber of Commerce.

After her retirement she was able to continue her love of family, reading and travel.



MARCIA MCVEY, ED. D.

In her final years her caregiver, Margaret, became an integral part of her life. Dr. McVey was admired and loved by many.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Thelma McVey. Dr. McVey is survived by her brother David (Barbara) McVey, niece Heather (Adam) Bauer; their children, Addison, Blythe and Madeline; cousins, Joel Hackett, Wayne McVey and Charles McVey.

If you wish to make donations in her name the family would appreciate you make them to any of the following: T. McVey Scholarship Fund-Foothill Presbyterian Hospital, Glendora; Citrus College Foundation, Glendora; or Azusa Pacific University, Azusa.

All-Schools Talent Show Sat., April 2

Duarte students from kindergarten to high school are preparing to strut their stuff for the All-Schools Talent Show on Saturday, April 2, at 7 p.m. at the Duarte Performing Arts Center.

"The evening will present a variety of vocal, dance and instrumental performances. The competition gets better every year. It's a wonderful showcase for the youth of our community," said Duarte City Council member Lois Gaston.

Judges for the competition are Marshall Jackman, former Duarte Unified School District Board member and the originator of the All-School Talent Show; Grammy nominee, Karina Nuvo; playwright, author, producer and director, Lillie Tucker; former ballet studio owner and ballerina, Courtney George; actor Nick Collins; singer, Beth Stogner; stage actor, Jason Wilde; and MAD Town Council member, Yvonne Bullock, Duarte Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, and Bradbury Mayor Dick Hale.

Each year since his death, and once again this year, the All-School Talent Show will be dedicated to the memory of Lance Corporal Martinez-Flores.

The Duarte All-Schools Talent Show is sponsored by the Duarte Education Foundation, City of Duarte, Burrtec Waste, and Pro Printing.

General admission tickets are \$5; students and seniors, \$3. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door or in advance at all school sites and at the DUSD District Office located at 1620 Huntington Drive. For more information, call (626) 599-5012.

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executive director of the Santa Family YMCA, will oversee the implementation of the plan.

Of major concern for the City is a projected \$500,000 budget deficit for fiscal year 2010-2011 that could increase to \$1.5 million if the Governor succeeds in his plan to strip cities of redevelopment funds.

"We are seriously looking at ways to reduce costs and increase efficiencies. In a commitment to being smart about our anticipated reductions of services and pro-

grams this is our reality check," said Mayor Paras-Caracci.

She said the City has faced a number of cuts in the past few years including a 16% reduction in staff, leaving a vacancy of 8 full time positions and a remaining full time staff of 43 for the City of 22,000 residents.

Public Safety office hours have been reduced from five and half days to four days a week. The City has also reduced hours in after-school park supervision.

"City Hall is still functioning but at some point there will be more to trim if we are to provide what we promised in our mission statement, 'exemplary public services in a caring and fiscally responsible manner,'" said the Mayor.

School Board President, Kawasaki noted the continued widening between projected versus

actual funding from the State for students. In 2011-2012, the District projected \$6,464 ADA funding but received \$5,196. She warned that the District stands to have another \$1.3 million cut from its budget if the tax extension doesn't pass on the June State ballot.

"We also look at deferrals. Currently our revenue limit is roughly about \$20 million. We're looking at 33% deferrals right now. Those deferrals can go anywhere from six months to the next fiscal year but what the Governor is proposing right now is a 45% deferral rate. That's really high and hard for any school district to carry on the excellence that it wants to," said Kawasaki.

On the good news front for the District:

Measure E, a \$62 million bond that passed last year will create a

technology endowment that will keep the District technology up to date for many years to come. The bond has strict guidelines and safety measures built in and an oversight committee that is required. Applications are available in the District Office and online for community members to serve on the seven member oversight committee.

Duarte Unified School District API scores "are off the charts," said Kawasaki. "This is what we are so proud of." Andres Duarte grew by 43 points to an API score of 804. Beardslee advanced 30 points to 774. Maxwell increased 18 points to 731. Royal Oaks was up 20 points to 870. Valley View improved by 14 points to 840. Northview Intermediate grew 58 points to 755, and Duarte High School increased 43 points to an API score of 750. The Duarte Unified School District achieved the most growth of any school district in the San Gabriel Valley, a total

38 point gain.

Royal Oaks has been invited to submit an application for the national Blue Ribbon award.

Valley View was awarded the Golden Bell as a California Distinguished School.

Northview Debate team is in contention for state finals.

Duarte High School now has three academies in place. Ninth grade students are placed in a Freshman Academy that helps indoctrinate them into the high school life and ease the transition from middle to high school. Students from grades 10 through 12 have the option of either entering the Business of Arts, Media, and Entertainment Academy or the Health, Science and Engineering Academy.

In an early college partnership program with Citrus College, the first group of 39 students will be graduating from Duarte High

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Duarte Recreation Spring Classes

The Duarte Recreation Department is offering classes for adults, teens, children and families. Spring recreation classes include Acting, Babysitter Training, Ballet, Belly Dancing, Bollywood Bhangra Dance, Cheer and Dance, Chess, Computer Training, Cooking the Fun & Healthy Way, Folklorico, Golf, Guitar, Hip Hop Dance, Homework Helper, Hustle Dance, Kidz Love Soccer, Mini Picassos, Polynesian Dance, Racquetball, Salsa Dance, Sewing, Scrapbooking and More, Skateboarding, Tennis, Tumbling, Vocals, Watercolor Workshop, Yoga, Zumba. Registration for the spring session of classes began March 14. Visa and MasterCard are accepted for purchases over \$25. Classes begin the week of March 28.

For information on how to register, please contact the Duarte Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. or visit www.accessduarte.com.



CHEER AND DANCE is one of many classes available to local youth. Duarte Parks and Recreation invites everyone to join a class for the experience of making new friends and learning something new!

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. 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 9. 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 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on weekends. Recreational swim will be held during spring break (April 11-15) from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on weekends from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for all ages.

Two sessions of swim lessons will be offered this spring. Session 1 will run from May 2-12, with registration beginning April 25. Session 2 will run from May 16-26, and registration begins May 9. 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. Check with the Fitness Center for class times and levels being offered.

For more information call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118.



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Duarte Chamber Upcoming Networking Events

April 19 / 7-8:30 a.m.

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May 18 / 5:00pm—8:00pm

Taste of Duarte & Business Expo At Westminster Gardens, Duarte

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The Gold Line – new transportation alternative

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell,

Citrus College Trustee, Duarte Area Representative

Most Americans believe public transportation enhances our quality of life through increased economic and social opportunities, energy savings, and reductions in traffic congestion and air pollution. This is certainly true for many residents of Duarte, who eagerly await Phase 2A of the Metro Gold Line, which is slated for completion from Pasadena to Azusa in late 2014 and to points beyond in later years.

Conveniently located across the street from the City of Hope, the Duarte Station plans include a 125-space parking lot, bicycle parking, and lockers. This light rail transportation alternative is sure to be a draw for people throughout the region traveling to and from the world-renowned City of Hope. It will also be convenient for the many students, college employees, and community residents who commute to Citrus College from Duarte each day.

The completion of the Gold Line promises to enhance the quality of life for Duarte residents and our neighboring communities. Benefits include reduction of traffic on freeways and neighborhood streets; positive impact on the environment; greater mobility for an aging population; capturing new housing markets and lifestyle trends, and many others. Light-rail transportation also offers commuters a choice to relax, read, network, or do other activities instead of sitting in traffic behind the wheel of a car. It offers students the opportunity to study while commuting as well as reducing travel expenses.

Citrus College students have long demonstrated their commitment to the environment and their interest in working with other groups to develop strategies for a "Green California." I have been proud to stand beside them at community meetings, regional hearings and Metro Board meetings over the past eight years, as Citrus College advocated for completion of the Foothill Extension. Our students have a history of activism on behalf of the Gold Line, and I believe they made a positive impact on achieving the necessary funding and approval. As a Citrus College trustee, I look forward to the time they will be able to take a brief ten-minute ride from the Duarte Station to the Citrus Avenue Station and then make the short walk to the Citrus College campus.

Hopefully, the Gold Line will make Citrus College a first-choice destination point for residents and visitors alike to enjoy the many facilities and events the college offers. In the last few years, visitors to Citrus College have been amazed by the significant progress we have made on our Educational and Facilities Master Plan since Measure G was approved by the voters in 2004. We are pleased that our Master Plan integrates well with the location of the future Citrus Avenue Station.

Now in the final stages of construction, Citrus College's new Student Services Building will be completed this spring. The modern two-story, 54,450 square-foot facility is located on Citrus Avenue, just down the street from the Citrus Avenue Station. The facility will house all of the student services departments

and programs such as, Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, Counseling, and the Owl Book-



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL

store to name just a few—a great first stop for new students.

The Citrus Station will also be convenient for patrons of Citrus College's performing arts programs. The 1,400-seat Haugh Performing Arts Center, which hosts more than 140 performances annually, is located on the northwest side of campus, in close proximity to the station. The new Fine Arts Complex, which is still in the planning stage, will also be located on the northwest side

Year-long overhaul of river bridge starts in April

The San Gabriel River Bridge, a heavily trafficked thoroughfare linking Huntington Dr. in Duarte and Foothill Blvd. in Irwindale, will undergo a \$1.85 million structural improvement and repair project beginning in April. Funded and managed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, the project is expected to take one year to complete.

During that time, the number of travel lanes across the bridge will be reduced to one lane in each direction. Heavy traffic congestion should be expected especially during peak commuter hours. Motorists are advised to take alternate routes during these periods.

For more information, contact the college. Its location near the station will provide excellent opportunities for art shows and exhibits that are open to the public

With 15 major educational institutions located along the Gold Line Foothill Extension from Pasadena to Montclair, the Gold Line will significantly increase access to higher education for thousands of residents in our region, while discovering the convenience and benefits of public transportation. This truly is an enhancement of our quality of life for our region and serves our institutions, students, and community well.

the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, (800) 675-4357.

Star Night & Potluck set for April 10

The Duarte Historical Society will sponsor a star night and potluck dinner on April 10 at the Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte. Start off the evening by bringing a favorite dish of food to share at the Museum at 6 p.m.

After dinner we will join the Monrovia Sidewalk Astronomers in Encanto Park for a look at the evening skies!

We might even get a visit from an extra terrestrial for a great photo op. Let's hope the weather cooperates!

For more info call (626) 358-0329. Admission free.

YOU NEVER KNOW who will show up at the Duarte Historical Museum Star Night.



Jr. Olympics Track & Field

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will once again host the annual Junior Olympics Track and Field Meet on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Duarte High School Stadium.

Boys and girls born 1996-2004 can inquire about participating at their local school.

Participating schools include: Andres Duarte, Beardslee, Maxwell, Royal Oaks, Valley View, and Northview.

Medals will be awarded to 1st place finishers, and ribbons for 2nd place through 5th place in each event. Schools will compete to win the Junior Olympics School Champion title, which includes a large trophy awarded to the winning elementary school team.

Participants will have a wide choice of events to choose from including 50m, 100m & 200m dashes, 400m, 800m & 1600m runs, long jump and 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.

For more information call (626) 357-7931 or call your school.

Duarte Rotary Club activities

By Mike Kinney

At a recent club meeting Duarte Rotary entertained two special guests, Dr. Sylvia Whitlock and Dr. Jane Millar. Dr. Whitlock is the former principal of Maxwell School and one of the first recognized women members of Rotary. For several years after Duarte Rotary accepted women into the club our club was dropped from the rolls of Rotary International and was known as the ex-Rotary Club. In 1987 the Supreme Court ruled to allow women to join Rotary Clubs. Dr. Whitlock was the Duarte Ex-Rotary Club president at the time of the ruling, which made her the first female Rotary Club president.

In her presentation Dr. Whitlock mentioned that she learned about the Supreme Court ruling while listening to her car radio on the way to work. When she reached the campus a few minutes later she was amazed to find the news media waiting for her. Dr. Whitlock and the members of Duarte Rotary had worked long and hard to attain this milestone.

Dr. Millar is the District Governor-elect for upper Michigan and Ontario, Canada. She wanted to visit Duarte and exchange club flags. Dr. Millar is taking back Duarte Rotary's "The Mouse That Roared" flags to share with her clubs along with her experience of meeting and talking to Dr. Whitlock who helped open the doors for women in Rotary.

A major project of Rotary Clubs is to provide leadership training for high school students. Ashley Conchas and Andrew Torres were selected from Duarte High School to participate in the Rotary Leadership Award Program. The program was held March 4-6 at the Astro Camp in Idyllwild. Ashley attended the March 9 Duarte club meeting and talked about her experiences at the camp.

On March 2, the first round of the Rotary Four-Way Speech Contest for high school students was held at Denny's Restaurant. Each speech was graded on how well the student emphasized these concepts in keeping with the 2010-2011 theme Building Communities, Bridging Continents: is it the truth, is it fair, will it build good will and better friendships?

Participants were senior Jasmine Castro, senior Arlene Galarza, and junior Renee Estephan. Renee will represent Duarte at the next stage of the contest to be held at the Arcadia County Golf Club on March 30.

The regional competition will be held May 19 at the Quiet Cannon Country Club in Montebello.



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90 years

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pointed by the chamber to “look after” the flood control concern. One committee member made a trip to the river with the Flood Control Engineer.

In June of 1921 the chamber was contacted by the president of the board of the Jewish Sanatorium and told him their board had passed a resolution regarding flood control and mailed it on to the Board of Supervisors. This was the first time the Jewish Sanatorium (City of Hope) and the chamber collaborated to improve the community of Duarte, but certainly not the last.

In July, the sixth month of the chamber’s organization, the group had a full report on the flood control and the committee felt work on the dam would soon be done.

At the same meeting they discussed the Southern Pacific Railway Company taking away the Duarte station. The group voted to write a letter in protest to the Railway and appointed a committee to circulate a petition to protest the elimination of the Duarte Station.

That particular meeting was held on the new tennis court, which the chamber in January had requested the school district build, next to the school house

(now the Old Spaghetti Factory), held a box supper and the following entertainment: community singing, piano solo, jazzy trio, a reading, another trio (apparently not jazzy), a cello solo and another reading. Unfortunately, or perhaps not, the chamber meetings today do not include entertainment or box suppers. Nor does the school district build tennis courts at the chamber’s request.

In the autumn of the first year they continued on with their petition of the Southern Pacific Railway, and went to the Highway Commissioner asking for repair to the roads and bridges and that the spilling of crushed rock on the roads be stopped. Note to self: Believe getting rid of the spilled rock happened in the late 1980’s or early 1990’s, sixty years later, and I remember the present bridge being built in the late 1940’s.

During the same time period they also prepared a resolution and wrote to President Warren G. Harding approving his action in calling the Disarmament Conference. This was immediately after a Reverend Mr. Love, I kid you not, spoke on disarmament. To my surprise they received a lovely letter from President Harding thanking them for their resolution.

A thank you to all who have responded to my first column, I hope you enjoy this one and the ensuing columns when we hear

State of Schools

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School with one full year of college completed. Mount Olive

Basketball

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majority of the Duarte Community Service Council’s funding comes from donations.

Tickets for the basketball show are on sale in advance from the Duarte City Hall, Senior Center and Teen Center, the Duarte Chamber of Commerce and on-line at www.duartechamber.com, and the Duarte Elks Lodge. Ticket prices are \$9 in advance, \$10 at the door for senior citizens and students, 12 years of age; \$11 in advance and \$12 at the door for adults. Children 3 years of age and under are free.

For more information or to become an event sponsor, email DCSC at dscouncil@charter.net or call Frank Haynes at (626) 303-7191 or Dorothy Smith at (626) 359-9487.

more about the continuing sagas of the rock crusher, spilling of crushed rock on the roads, flood control of the west bank of the river, and water distribution.

*The Jewish Sanatorium, we now know as the City of Hope, was begun to help people with consumption. The Monrovia/Duarte area had many sanatoriums for people with this disease because it was felt we had healthier and cleaner air in this area. This is before smog found our valley.

You may contact Mrs. Wight at wightjb@aol.com

High School is going green. In the area of environmental sustainability through their Mount Olive Outdoor School Experience program (MOOSE), the school has garnered a number of grants including \$5,000 from Toshiba; \$3,000 from California American Water; two \$10,000 grants in product from Rain Bird and the Department of Public Works; and \$2,500 from the California Department of Education.

Mount Olive is also starting a partnership with JPL and Citrus College centering on green initiatives.

Last year 98.5% of the seniors graduated from Duarte High School and 84% went on to secondary education.

The Mayor and School Board

President also used the occasion of their joint presentation to formally kick-off the ‘Year of the Youth and the Year of Family’ project. Initial effort will be to establish a Leadership Conference to help youth develop leadership skills and pride in their community. Southern California Gas Co. has agreed to help sponsor the Youth Leadership Conference that would include workshops where youth can learn how to get more involved in the community through volunteer activities including mentoring at lower grades and coaching sports.

For more information, visit the City of Duarte website at www.accessduarte.com and the Duarte Unified School District at www.duarte.k12.ca.us.

What are the Duarte Elks about?

Being an Elk is about love of country, belief in God and family, and a strong desire and willingness to help those in the community with a variety of charitable programs. Members enjoy the myriad volunteer and community events sponsored by the Lodge, and the idea that the money they spend at the Lodge lounge supports a charitable organization that contributes over \$200 million dollars nationwide each year.

There’s been a recent, more youthful burst in membership nationwide, as lodges provide a homey place of unhurried camaraderie, socializing and networking in otherwise crowded urban areas.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a fraternal organization over 140 years old, and is most commonly associated with charitable works and veteran’s causes which include a range of programs designed to improve the quality of life of our veterans as well as salute their service to the country. Over 100,000 Elks served in the Second World War, and over 1,600 made the supreme sacrifice for American freedom.

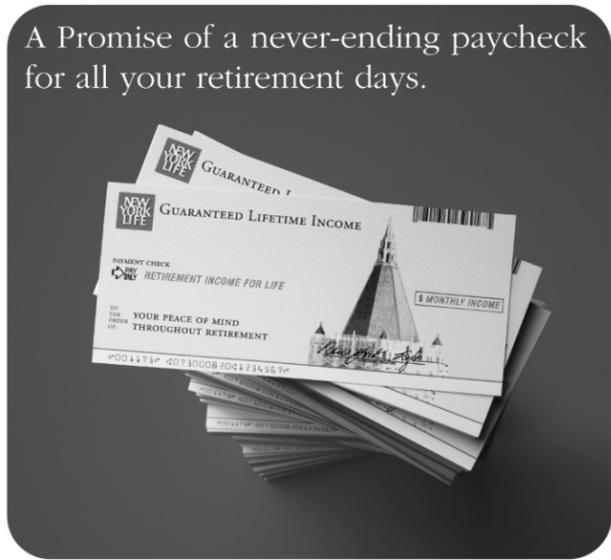
The Elks represent just about the full spectrum of occupations in America, including young business people and entrepreneurs to many celebrities from the entertainment field, business and public service who throughout history have been Elks.

Did you know that Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman and John F. Kennedy were all Elks? Or that Will Rogers, Jack Benny, Clint Eastwood, Richard Moll and Jay Leno are all listed as Elks? In the sports world, Vince Lombardi, Whitey Ford and Mickey Mantle are counted among its members.

The Duarte Elks Lodge serves the communities of Duarte and Monrovia, and is expanding to include Irwindale, Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas and Laverne. If you’re interested in a fun place to hang out with friends and family, while at the same time volunteering to help with many charitable projects, the Lodge is the place to be. The Lodge supports Boy & Girl Scouts; disabled children; underprivileged children; local school children; local veterans and much more. Find out how you can help and become part of a worthwhile and fulfilling organization.

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Duarte's Llama

By Claudia Heller



SANTA TERESITA RESIDENT Virginia Manzoli reaches out to Koko the Llama.



EILEEN HARRINGTON ROBINSON, trainer, with Koko the Llama.



KOKO THE LLAMA and Sister Gaudercia.

People who see The Llama Lady walking Copper the Llama on the Royal Oaks walking trail used to look twice. But now it is getting to be old hat. Instead of exclaiming with disbelief, Duartean have accepted Copper as a fellow Duartean and are likely to just smile and say "hi."

Eileen Harrington Robinson, a resident of Duarte for 18 years, walks Copper almost daily. She llama sits several days a week for the owner, a firefighter who lives in Bradbury. Affectionately called "Koko," the llama is sixteen months old and with careful and patient training is people friendly.

When he becomes agitated, Eileen merely takes him aside and gives him reassurance. She has been his trainer since he was a baby.

"He always brings a smile to those who see him," says Eileen. "I feel he should belong to everyone and bring happiness wherever he goes."

It is said that llamas originated in the central plains of North America about 40 million years ago, and migrated to South America. The imported population of llamas in the U.S. and Canada numbers more than 150,000. They are one of the oldest domestic animals in the world.

On a recent visit to Santa Teresita Hospital, children in the day care as well as elderly residents and many of the sisters enjoyed a visit from Copper. He did what he does best: brought smiles to the faces of those who saw him.

Getting to know Copper reminded me of my favorite poem as a child:

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Graphics Designer Mark Wood creates new logos for local organizations

Graphics artist, Mark Wood of Mark Wood Design Office in Duarte, has been busy putting his creative stamp on local organizations. Wood recently created colorful and exciting new logos for the Duarte Chamber of Commerce and The Friends of the Duarte Library. Both organizations are celebrating landmark anniversaries this year.

As the Chamber approached its 90th anniversary, Chamber officials decided it would be a good time to re-brand the organization with a fresh, new logo image that might better reflect the Chamber's can-do community spirit and core mission to keep the business community healthy and strong.

Chamber CEO Jim Kirchner wanted the new logo to reference the Duarte hills and illustrate the Chamber's business identity. Wood's clever arrow design business growth chart hit the target.



The nonprofit Friends of the Duarte Library, which is marking its 50th anniversary in 2011, was long overdue for a professionally created logo to utilize in promoting its many community activities.

They called on Mark Wood, who had previously created a fun and festive logo design for the Friends' signature event, the annual Duarte Festival of Authors.

For the Friends, Wood created a typographical logo design based on the concept of characters. The FDL logo sports a different font and a different color for each letter.

"The various fonts symbolize Friends, all types and characters that work harmoniously together for the good of the library, books that are printed in different fonts and characters and, of course, the different characters we find in stories," said Wood.

In his 25 years in business,

Wood has designed more than 200 logos for businesses and organizations, along with brochures, advertising and promotional campaigns and other graphic design work.

"In creating logos, I like to come up with a concept rather than purely decorative. The public may not catch the concept but it still makes for a stronger logo," said Wood.

For the Duarte Festival of Authors, he created a logo design featuring four talk bubbles, resembling festive, colorful balloons, each containing one word of the event title.

The concept of talk bubbles relates to both the authors who talk about their books and the Festival which is always the talk of the town," said Wood.

DCTV's multi-colored logo design created by Wood in 2009 features the abstract letters D and C. It's an upbeat, graphi-

cal new look for Duarte's Public Access cable TV station and dctvduarte.com website.

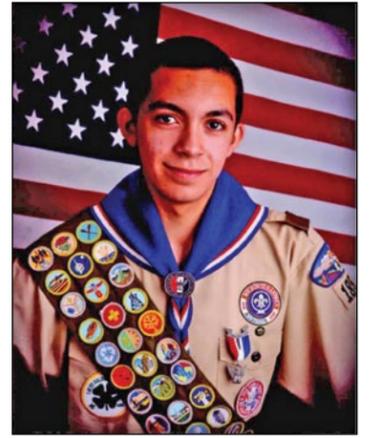


Other design work produced by Wood for the city of Duarte in years past have included the 10-year series of street banner campaigns along Huntington Dr., the Duarte Our Kind of Town freeway billboard campaign, and the Route 66 Parade-themed graphics which once graced the city's transit buses.

Another of Wood's designs, a set of five street banners of children in silhouette promoting "Duarte - A Kid's Kind of Town Too" were combined to create the logo design for the city's duarteyouth.org website.

Wood, a 28-year Duarte resident, said he enjoys seeing the fruits of his labor helping to promote his hometown and local organizations.

"A well-designed logo helps companies and organizations unify their message. The more unified the message the greater impact on the public. That's what it's all about," said Wood.



EAGLE SCOUT JOSH CHAVEZ

Boy Scout Josh Chavez receives Eagle Award

For organizing the cleanup of Duarte's Glenn Miller Park last July, Boy Scout Josh Chavez has received the Eagle Award and will be honored during a ceremony and reception on March 13 by his troop.

The 16-year-old, a Scout for the past five years, originally joined Troop 185 in Duarte without much knowledge about the organization. Forty-four merit badges later, when he became eligible for Eagle, Chavez went to the City Council and asked for ideas for a project idea. "(They) said a good one would be Glenn Miller Park. No one's fixed it in years," he remembered.

The cleanup project began in May 2010, with Chavez searching for supplies and donations. Frontier Hardware, Home Depot and other local business donated money, materials and plants.

The two-day cleanup on July 17-18 and saw 30 volunteers show up to help. "A lot of it was my Boy Scouts troop and a lot of the parents came, too, to help," he said. The group cleared brush, planted, painted the barbecue grills, jungle gym, swings and playground equipment. The City Council later presented him with a thank you award.

Today, just about seven months later, Chavez said he goes to the park and still sees it in good condition. "It feels pretty good, actually," he said. "It's a lot of work."

Michael Baker of Monrovia, Troop 185 Scout master, said that he's impressed at how Chavez stuck with a troop that only had four members at the time but has now grown to 20. "It just sticks in my mind how he has this loyalty. It's kind of cool how he is an Eagle now," Baker said. "Josh is a quiet, young man, with a big heart, big smile."

Chavez, a Duarte High School junior, officially became an Eagle Scout on Dec. 9. He was required to get letters of recommendation from Baker, his assistant Scoutmaster, a teacher and religious leader. In addition, he had to fill out a journal of the entire project, detailing the hours worked, donations, people involved and supporting documents: pictures and plans. "It's kind of a really difficult process," Chavez said.

Baker said the project exceeded 100 volunteer hours. "You always want to have a good number of hours," he said. "I am not at all surprised (he made Eagle). He still has another year he could have gone ahead and done this. It takes a lot of family commitment as well as the scout."



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DWC Woman of the Year

A giant paper quilt dominated the room at the Duarte Community Center recently while members of the Duarte Woman's Club gathered to celebrate their 62nd anniversary. The dinner was catered by Cabrera's Mexican Restaurant.

"A quilt, made up of many lovely squares, becomes a thing of beauty when stitched together," explained member Jean Glass. After a skit conducted by several DWC members, the relevance of the quilt became clear: The Club named 25 year member Kathy Delker as the recipient of its most coveted award, The Woman of the Year (WOTY). "Delker's volunteer career is comprised of dozens of swatches of talent and contributions to the community. When tied together the result in one beautiful person," explained Glass.

Delker's contributions to the club and the community include many years of volunteer work with the girl

scouts which once landed her a Thanks Badge, the second highest volunteer award presented by the Mt. Wilson Vista Council. She has served in many capacities with the DWC including two terms as President in 1999 and 2007, and her present role as recording secretary. She has served as editor of the Club's newsletter, The Grapevine, for several years.

Delker is the first DWC Club member to receive the WOTY award for the second time. "She deserves the award not only for her past service, but for her continuing service," says Jean Harris.



KATHY DELKER (left), recipient of the Woman of the Year Award, receives a bouquet from Club President Doreen Tulloch-Reid.

Photo by Claudia Heller

Senior Center Activities

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

HOT LUNCHES

The Duarte Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over age 60 or the spouse of someone over age 60. You must call 24/48 hours in advance to reserve space for lunch. Reservations are requested by calling (626) 357-3513. The suggested donation is \$2.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday, or seven frozen meals delivered once a week by YWCA Intervale Senior Services. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 or YMCA Intervale at (626) 966-9526.

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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 deliver to homebound seniors. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday, and no special training is required, just a compassionate individual

who will brighten the days of the recipient. To become a volunteer please contact the YWCA Intervale at (626) 966-9526.

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

The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) Counselor provides unbiased information, counseling and assistance on Medicare and related health care coverage. Appointments are available every 2nd Thursday and 4th Friday of each month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. for FREE help. Call (626) 357-3513 for an appointment.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

The Duarte Senior Center, in cooperation with AARP, will be offering an AARP Driver Safety Class for persons 55 and older on Tuesday, April 12, and Thursday, April 14, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This eight-hour class, split up in two four-hour sessions, is a comprehensive classroom driver re-training course geared to the specific needs of older motorists. Attendance is required at both sessions. The cost is \$12 for members; \$14 for non-members and reservations are required. For more information, please call the

Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

MOVIES

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

BINGO

Bingo is offered at the Senior Center on Tuesdays from 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. for 25 cents per card.

CLASSES

The Duarte Senior Center is currently taking registration for the spring session of classes, and classes will begin the week of March 28. 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 include: Chair Yoga, Chess, How to Write Your Own Life's Story, Piano/Keyboard, Sewing, Strength Training, Western Line Dance, and Yoga.

Ongoing Free Classes include: Art Appreciation, Ceramics, Cross Fit, English as a Second Language, Exercise with Shelly, Guitar, Knitting, Music Appreciation, Spanish Level I, Spanish Level II, and Tai Chi.

EXCURSIONS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is now taking registration for spring trips at Duarte City Hall. Registration is held 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Visa and MasterCard are accepted for purchases over \$25. You can pick up a brochure at City Hall or the Senior Center to receive in-depth information about the following trips:

Heritage Square and Judson Studios in LA, Wednesday, April 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$50; San Diego Little Italy-Historic Tour, Tuesday, April 26, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., \$50; "Singin' in the Rain" at the Candlelight Pavilion, Sunday, May 1, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., \$60; Saffron at the Walker House for Tea and Tour, Thursday, May 21, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., \$40; Strawberry Tour at Tanaka Farms, Thursday, June 2, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$30; Viejas Casino in Alpine near San Diego, 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., \$8.

NO REFUNDS: In the event of a participant cancellation, an attempt will be made to fill the spot from the waiting list. If successful the participant will receive a gift certificate equal to the amount of the trip minus a \$10 service charge.

FREE LEGAL SEMINAR

Sara Polinsky, Attorney at Law, will present this seminar in two parts at the Duarte Senior Center:

Part 1 - Estate Planning 101: The Basics of Wills & Trusts - Tuesday, April 19, 10-12 p.m.

Part 2 - Understanding Medical Long Term Care Program: Getting Help to Pay for Nursing Home Care - Tuesday, May 17, 10-11:30 a.m.

SENIOR COED SOFTBALL

The Duarte Senior Center coed softball team is recruiting. Come and try out to join the team, make new friends, and get some fun exercise. There will be two months of practice, prior to league play beginning in May. Practices are held at Otis Gordon Sports Park, located at 2351 Central Avenue.

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*Terry Nichols, Superintendent,
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The American author Thomas Wolfe was wrong when he wrote "You can't go home again." I am living proof that you can come home. On February 22, I returned to the Duarte Unified School District as the Superintendent. I am thrilled to return to my "professional home" here in Duarte.

My work in Duarte began in 1998 as the principal of Northview Intermediate School after a career as a special education teacher, coach and principal in my home state of Arkansas. Over the next eleven years I served the Duarte community as the principal of Duarte High School and as a director and assistant superintendent of educational services. In 2009 I was appointed as the Superintendent of Schools of Claremont Unified where I intended on finishing out my career. But, after a year and a half as the superintendent in Claremont, I couldn't resist the opportunity to come back and lead Duarte Unified as the Superintendent.



DR. TERRY NICHOLS

It has always been my professional goal to make sure we keep the focus on the student in the classroom, no matter what outside forces may be doing to public education.

The teachers and administrators in Duarte are carrying out that goal for students every single day and the cumulative success is remarkable as evidenced by the accomplishments of our schools. Royal Oaks Elementary is a candidate for becoming a National Blue Ribbon school and Valley View Elementary won a Golden Bell Award from the California School Boards Association. Four of our schools have been recognized as California Distinguished Schools and in 2009-2010; the increase in Duarte's Academic Performance Index scores was the highest in the San Gabriel Valley. This is all thanks to the hard work of our teachers, support staff, administration, parents, community and most importantly, the students.

I look forward to reconnecting with all of my old friends here in Duarte and leading the Duarte Unified School District to continuing success in the years ahead. And, I'm thrilled to be "home."



PEER MEDIATOR David Romo is helping kindergarten students Aislinn Vadillo and Ivan Ortiz with their letter recognition skills.

Peer mediators provide leadership at Beardslee

By Jennifer Janetzke, Principal

What do you do when you have a group of upper grade students who want to develop their leadership skills and also want to serve their school in a meaningful way? At Beardslee, we sign them up for a group called the Peer Mediators. This group of fifth and sixth graders willingly gives up their recess times to serve the school in a wide variety of ways.

One of the main ways they serve our school is by helping with the lunch schedule on rainy days. They escort classes to and from the cafeteria, help open ketchup packets and milk pouches, plan games and activities for the classes to play after they are done eating, and even play games with the younger students if they need a playmate!

On non-rainy days, our Peer Mediators can be seen tutoring kindergarten and first grade students, assisting teachers with paperwork, delivering items to classrooms, solving problems on the playground, and passing out prizes to students who earned them.

Each Peer Mediator is assigned to a team and the teams rotate jobs each week. The best part is that these students have been so well-trained in each of the jobs that they simply check the job

board and off they go to complete their assigned task. These students need very little support from the office and take their jobs seriously each day.

The Peer Mediators themselves recognize that they learn a lot from participating in this program. When asked what they have learned from being a Peer Mediator, their responses included:

"You need to be responsible." Cynthia Sierra

"I learned you can't pick sides." Elizabeth Alonso

"I learned that it's my duty to keep working and follow my job." Cassandra Gonzalez

"I am now a more responsible, respectful, and experienced student." Vanessa Blandino

Thanks to the Peer Mediators for the all of the work they put in for Beardslee Elementary School.

Duarte High PE Teacher marks 100th platelet donation

Corrine De Jong, a Duarte High School physical education teacher for over 25 years, marked her 100th donation of platelets at the City of Hope on January 13.

As part of a City of Hope dinner honoring blood and platelet donors, De Jong won a trip for two to anywhere in the continental United States. She was also honored by the Duarte Unified School District for her donations at the February Board of Education meeting. Donating platelets is similar to donating blood, but takes a much longer time in the donation center. While blood donation takes less than half an hour to accomplish, donating platelets is about a two-hour process.

The blood is withdrawn, the platelets are removed and the blood then returned to the donor. It used to be a much more cumbersome process with the blood going out one arm and back in the other, but procedures have improved so that now only one arm is needed.

Platelets are a part of the blood that is often harmed during the treatment of cancer patients with chemotherapy. The platelets are an important part of the blood clotting process and cancer patients often need platelet transfusions on a regular basis.

CORRINE DE JONG, below left, receiving award from Jill Schwarz of the City of Hope for donating platelets 100 times.



Westminster Gardens volunteers help Andres Duarte

Volunteers from Westminster Gardens are helping tutor students at nearby Andres Duarte Elementary School. Currently, there are 11 community members, some of whom are retired teachers, coming in and working with small groups of students after school in a variety of different areas.

The volunteers work with students who need help in specific areas, but also are running enrichment activities that don't fit into the regular school day.

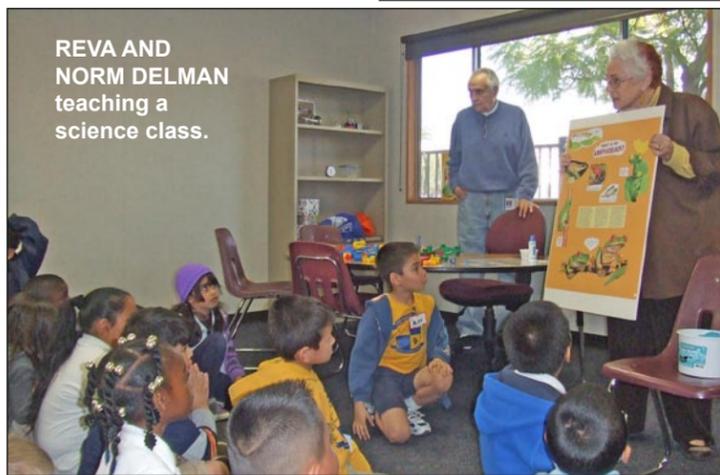
Among the enrichment activities being run are Crafts from the Around the World, Literature Study, a science room with activity centers and working with the school choir, along with help in mathematics.

Another volunteer comes in once a week during class time to lead students in discussions around various topics of concern to the students and three others work with groups of students with their reading.

Between 80 and 100 of the Andres Duarte students are benefiting from the help of these

dedicated community members either during the day or in collaboration with the after school program, Think Together.

The volunteers from Westminster Gardens that are assisting at Andres Duarte School are Norm Delman, Reva Delman, Esther Gutierrez, Marge Hullinger, Harriet Johnson, June Leto, Elizabeth Mahoney, Aleta Matthews, Shirley McCulloch, Dick Roskopf and Avis Schmul.



REVA AND NORM DELMAN teaching a science class.



SHIRLEY MCCULLOCH conducting a literature study with students Kirk Garcia, Cuitlahauc Cervantes, Alicia Sandoval and Diana Ordenez.



AVIS SCHMUL teaching art with student Jared Martinez.

Royal Oaks Elementary raises the bar on teaching through Lesson Study

By Janice Kolodinski, Principal

Lesson study originated in Japan and is fundamental there to how teachers learn and work together.

Many schools and districts in the United States are adopting this practice as they continue to seek effective, proven teaching practices and professional development.

Royal Oaks is leading the way in Duarte as lesson study becomes an important part of how teachers continue to grow and learn as professional educators.

The main idea of lesson study is that teachers plan together and

analyze instruction for effectiveness and student learning.

At Royal Oaks, teachers spend several collaborative sessions planning and fine tuning a lesson together.

Then, on the day of lesson study each teacher takes a turn teaching the lesson to their class as colleagues observe and learn.

The participating teachers reflect in a variety of ways after each teaching, asking questions such as:

- What went well?
- What might be done differently to improve student engage-

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Rancho Duarte Golf Course making a difference at Mt. Olive

By Kevin Morris, Principal

Sports have always been used as the vehicle of choice for teaching life's lessons, but one sport in particular does it better than any other and that is golf. In today's athletic arena where there is a preponderance of athletes who reject the responsibility of being role models although they are idolized by millions of young people, golf embraces this responsibility head-on. Research has shown that the primary reason more kids, and especially economically disadvantaged children, do not play golf is because of the lack of exposure, location of courses, affordability, and places that welcome them.



Thanks to General Manager/Head Teaching Pro, Alex Quintana and Head Teaching Pro, Huey Barnes and Louis Espinoza, golf student teacher, of Rancho Duarte Golf Course, those reasons don't exist in Duarte. These three outstanding teachers of the game decided to open their facility to the students of Mt. Olive High School. Every Thursday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. you'll find these pros teaching life's lessons through the game they love.



Golf is not just any game, but one that teaches positive life lessons and depends on these lessons for its very existence.

This exciting collaborative between Rancho Duarte Golf

Course and Mt. Olive High School not only provides golf lessons, but the opportunity for students to participate in a game that teaches the nine core values that guide golf and our lives: honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy, and judgment. Golf provides young people of all backgrounds the opportunity to develop these life-enhancing values as well as their game.

Rancho Duarte Golf Course's donates the golf clubs, range balls, lessons, and green fees. This program has positively impacted our students by supporting their learning through golf, which fosters positive growth and development in the classroom.



The main goal of this partnership is to positively impact the lives of our student participants by providing an environment and program that promotes character-development and life-enhancing values through golf. This is a game where there are no referees to enforce the rules, and makes the participants responsible for



keeping score and observing the rules.

The Mt. Olive students and Rancho Duarte Golf Course are acting as true partners with each playing a crucial role in the teaching and learning process. This partnership also builds community by developing positive, reciprocal

relationships between Mt. Olive High School and Rancho Duarte Golf Course.

From the Mt. Olive staff, students and parents, we want to thank General Manager/Head Teaching Pro Alex Quintana, Head Teaching Pro Huey Barnes, golf student teacher Louis Espinoza and Rancho Duarte Golf Course (and Cuisine on the Green for the refreshments on those hot days) for their generous donation of time, energy, equipment, and willingness to open more doors for the youth of Duarte.



Got college? Northview's AVID class visits Cal Poly Pomona

By Michelle Randall, Assistant Principal

It is never too soon to begin thinking about college. Which university will I attend? What will my major be? How will I pay for college? Those are just a few of the questions students ask themselves as they begin to navigate the way to college. For the AVID students at Northview, having the opportunity to experience college life first hand puts some of those questions to rest. As part of the AVID elective class students are offered the opportunity to visit colleges, ask questions and experience what it will take to be successful in college.

Northview implemented AVID six years ago as an academic elective. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. This program focuses on our students in the middle, who with academic support, are placed in our most rigorous classes and taught strategies that allow them to compete academically with the most advanced students.

Research shows that 85% of those students who participate in AVID from middle school through high school, enroll and successfully complete their college education in four years. AVID gives students the roadmap to navigate the university system; builds strong study habits and by visiting colleges shows students that the dream of going to college can be a reality.

The most recent visit was to Cal Poly Pomona. Students arrived, explored the building where the financial aid and records offices are located, took in the beauty of the Japanese and Rose garden, checked out the dorms and visited the Architecture and Education Studies buildings. As a way to connect to the new "go green" mentality, students toured a climate-controlled science BioTeck rain forest with animals and plants.

The students then proceeded to tour various animal science outdoor classrooms where pigs, cows and horses are monitored and observed as part of the course work for those interested in being a veterinarian or majoring in other agricultural studies.

Northview students were amazed that Cal Poly students actually took classes outside, changing their view of education as Cal Poly takes a-learning-by doing attitude that extends beyond four walls. Also, students learned a little of the historical background of the college with its roots stemming from the Kellogg



TOURING THE BIOTECK Rain Bird Rainforest Learning Center.

family. Opening in 1939, it is the second largest campus in California in acreage and has a large library on Arabian horses. The students were also surprised at the importance of agriculture to the college, considering Pomona is now a very urban area as opposed to what the area was like when the college was started.

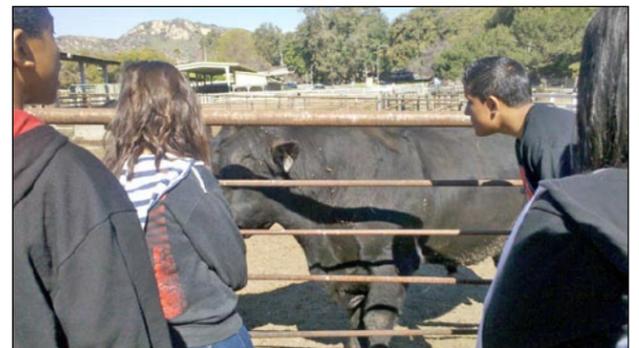
Cal Poly Pomona is just one of many colleges that our students dream of attending. By offering them the opportunity to visit we invest in their dreams. As they continue to focus on their education the experiences of visiting colleges will open the door for them to be life-long learners, expose them to the world beyond high school and enable them to be highly competitive individuals in life.



NIKO AGUNDEZ poses with a new friend at the Cal Poly stables.



STUDENTS WERE ABLE to interact with animals in the outside classrooms where the Animal Science Department conducts classes.



Royal Oaks

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ment? Did all the students master the concept?

At the conclusion of lesson study teachers identify next steps and set goals for themselves and their grade level.

Royal Oaks teachers began using lesson study during the

2009-2010 school year, which contributed to an increase in Academic Performance Index (API) of 20 points for a total score of 870 in 2010.

The API is the measure that the state and federal governments use to measure school success.

Throughout this school year Royal Oaks will more than double the frequency of lesson study with each grade level participating twice, for English Language Arts and mathematics.

The staff, students and families will continue to look forward to further success as measured by state and federal guidelines as teachers continue to fine tune the art of teaching.

"I think and think for months and years. Ninety-nine times the conclusion is false. The hundredth time I am right."

- Albert Einstein, physicist

Valley View's Got Talent Head Start and State Preschool enrolling for fall 2011



THE TOP SIX!

By Robin Nelson, Principal
The stars at Valley View were brightly shining on Feb. 4. Twenty-six stars performed at the annual Valley View Talent Show. It was a variety show extraordinaire. The PTA sponsors this event to showcase our children's performance abilities. **Ceci Carroll** and **Shauna Pierce** worked tirelessly to plan the show, prepare the students and dazzle all of us. We got to hear all of our fabulous singers: **Justine Cruz, Amil Johnson, and Elise Ponce**. Dancing was certainly in fashion this year, we enjoyed dancing from: **Jocelyn Hancock, Lola Villareal, Raymond Santellan, Natalie, Valerie, Diana and Jannellie Gonzalez, Alexis Carroll, Faith Awolesi, Anissa De La Rosa, Czarina Ubungen, Christopher Santellan and Ereq Garcia**.

There was an adorable skit and

magic show presented by: **Kaela Dichoso, Taylor Bean, Alia Alshoushi, Rebecca Isip, Kelly Nahue, Nicole Ochoa and Kristopher Ortiz**. Our talented musicians played their instruments for our listening pleasure: **Anthony Smith, Randy Galarza, and Natalie Kearl**.

The auditorium was jam-packed and the parents were beaming with pride. After all the performances, the judges had the difficult task of choosing the winners. The winning performers were: The Gonzalez Girls, Alexis Carroll, Randy Galarza, Christopher Santellan, Elise Ponce and Amil Johnson.

These six very talented students move on to audition for the District Talent Show, which will be held March 26 at the Performing Arts Center. I hope you will be able to come see our kids perform and hopefully win!

Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center has a lot of great activities happening this spring! The Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Street in Duarte. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

All Duarte teens' grades 9 through 12 with school ID are welcome. Participation is free, but Teen Center registration packets must be filled out.

For more information, please call (626) 303-0863.

Club Duarte (Intermediate School Students) – Friday, April 8, 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., fee \$3

The Duarte Teen Center will be transformed into the rocking hot spot for middle school youth. Live DJ, dancing, food and game room activities.

Teen Cultural Awareness Training – Wednesday, April 20, 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m., fee free

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 regards to intolerance. Call the Teen Center for more information.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration – Thursday, May 5, 3:30 p.m., fee \$1 for food

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the Teen Center. There will be traditional Mexican food for all to enjoy!

ON GOING ACTIVITIES

- Birthday Tuesdays – On the first Tuesday of each month we'll celebrate the birthdays of all teens registered at the Teen Center. Come and enjoy cake for all!
- Drama Club – The

Drama Club will meet once a week. Club members will participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisation. Class meets Thursdays from 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Membership Fee: \$5 every 6 months

- Nutrition/Cooking Class – Learn to make quick and easy nutritious meals, while having fun with friends! Class meets once a week on Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. \$2 per class
- Girls Night Out

This free program is for teen girls grades 9-12 to discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self esteem, relationships and much more. The group will meet Tuesdays, April 5 and 19, and May 10 and 24.

- Movie Mondays

Come relax and enjoy one of the latest movies at the Teen Center! No charge for viewing! April 11 and 25, and May 9 and 23, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

YOUTH BOXING PROGRAM

Join the fun and excitement with Duarte Boxing Program at the Duarte Teen Center! Boys

Head Start and State Preschool classes for fall 2011 are now enrolling students. Don't miss this opportunity to give your preschooler a "head start" in these fully subsidized classes in the school district where they will attend kindergarten.

The Child Development office is on the Andres Duarte campus at 1433 Crestview in Duarte. Be sure your preschooler is enrolled early since federal government regulations require all students to be enrolled for Head Start by July 31. Parents can stop by and pick up registration information any time between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. from Monday through Friday

Preschool programs include: Head Start/State Preschool, which features fully subsidized preschool classes for children from low-income. Classes are housed on the Maxwell, Beardslee and Andres Duarte elementary school campuses. There is also a Head Start class that serves children with disabilities.

There are great benefits to enrolling students in preschool, not just for the student and the family, but for the community at large.

Studies have shown that the community receives \$9 in benefits for every dollar invested in Head Start. These benefits include increased earnings, better employment, along with decreased dependency on welfare. The stu-

and girls ages 8-18 years old are welcome! Participants will learn all of the fundamentals of boxing and get in incredible shape!

Participants will gain flexibility, stamina, and coordination as well as make new friends. 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 4 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. There is a \$10 monthly fee for each participant. Non-residents are welcome for \$20 per month. Register now at the Duarte Teen Center. Call (626) 303-0863 for more information or just stop by.

dents who have head Start are less likely to repeat a grade or need special education services.

Other studies have found that Head Start children are significantly less likely to have been charged with a crime than their siblings who did not participate in Head Start.

Health is also improved for

students in Head Start. Students are more likely to receive dental care and are generally in better health due to the access that Head Start provides to medical and dental services. Head Start health training for parents has also been shown to reduce Medicaid costs.

For information regarding all preschool programs, call us at (626) 599-5123. Se habla espanol.

Duarte's Senior Project caps high school career

Senior Project is not a new concept at Duarte High School. For the past eight years, students have had the option to enroll in a senior English course that spent the second semester researching a topic, writing a ten-page research paper and presenting a multi-media presentation to a panel of three adults. This process has allowed students to engage in a research process that prepares them for college-level work.

This year Duarte High School has taken a new approach to the Senior Project. All seniors taking English 12 or English 12AP (advanced placement) will be completing a senior project. Each student will choose a topic that is related to their career academy: either Health, Science and Engineering or the Business of Arts, Media, and Entertainment. These projects will include 24 volunteer hours related to their theme.

There are several projects already in progress. Some students have partnered on the hands-on-project component while still being held accountable for their own research paper and presentation.

One example is the development of a small business organization. Each member of this team has a role in business development, financing and/or marketing. Students will interview business owners, develop a

business plan, and intern with the small business.

Another project is the development of a tutoring program at Beardslee Elementary School. The high school students are developing a tutoring program and organizing volunteers to provide this service to the younger students.

Senior Project is a comprehensive opportunity for Duarte High School students to take a career related topic of interest, organize experiences that will add to their knowledge, research and synthesize the information on the topic and produce a research paper and multi-media presentation.

This project serves as a culminating project in which students demonstrate the skills they have developed throughout their high school experience.

Senior project presentations will be done in early June. Duarte High School is in need of panelists from the community to hear the presentations and help evaluate the projects. The high school is looking for business owners, professionals, and community leaders, either active or retired, who are interested in assisting.

If you can help, please call the principal's secretary at (626) 599-5702 and leave your name and number and your area of expertise.

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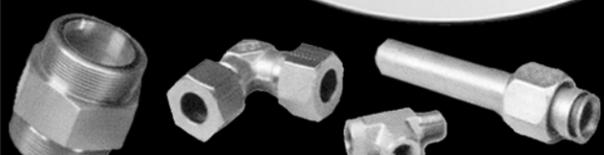
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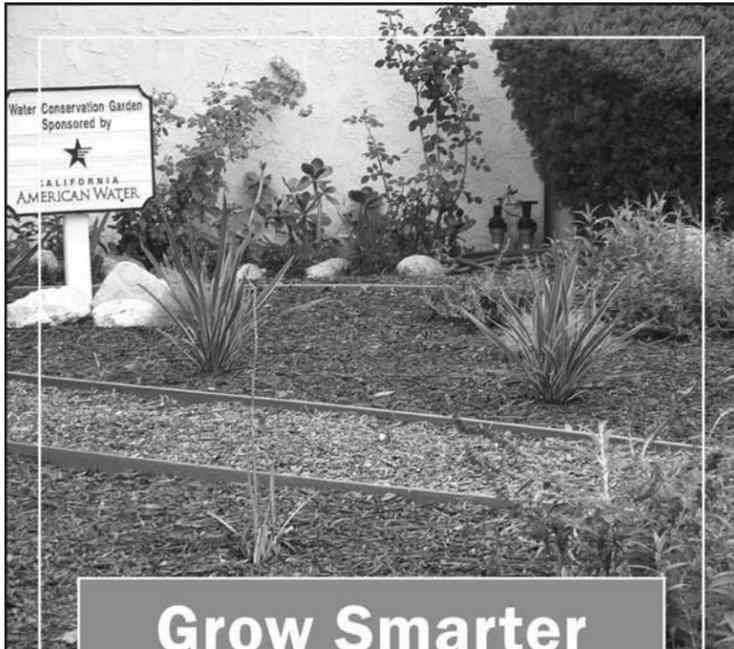


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INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL STUDENTS enjoying Club Duarte Day at the Teen Center.



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WOW! Waves of Wonder!



MAXWELL STUDENTS taking guitar lessons are: (from left) Brian Madero, Jesus Vasquez, Derek Esparza, Yesenia Munoz, Jacqueline Hurtado and Juveny Bermudez.

Waves of guitar sounds can be heard across the Maxwell Elementary Campus every Tuesday afternoon. Miss Karina Avilas has created a class for Maxwell students to learn how to play the guitar, and currently there are seven students enrolled. These students' repertoire includes five individual pieces of music which

require the ability to read notes, understand rhythm, and articulate the pacing of all five musical compositions.

According to one famous composer, Ludwig Von Beethoven, "Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy." Maxwell students are on their way to a higher road of excellence.

A Teen's View

Youth Prepare for Leadership

By Alejandra Reyes,
 Duarte High School Student

On Saturday, Feb. 26, Duarte youth attended the 2nd annual San Gabriel Valley Youth Summit at Garvey Intermediate School. There were over 40 workshops on topics ranging from teen pregnancy prevention to volunteerism and leadership.

Representatives from different organizations attended as well, reaching out to kids from elementary school all the way up to high school, raising awareness about marijuana, peer pressure, relationships etc.

Classes on basic make-up skills and guitar playing were also provided. My experience at the San Gabriel Valley youth summit was very positive; as I learned a few things and was able to listen to inspiring people speak about their stories.

Going to each workshop made me want to learn more about each topic and there just wasn't enough time.

That's why I'm excited that on Saturday, May 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Duarte will host its own youth summit at the Duarte Performing Arts Center and Northview Intermediate.

For the past few months, the Duarte Mayor's Youth Council, whose members are teens from 8th grade to 12th grade, have been discussing plans for the first Duarte Youth Leadership Summit.

Among the ideas being discussed are workshops on volunteerism, leadership, how to start your own business, gang prevention and intervention, college enrollment and financial aid, drug awareness, teen pregnancy prevention, teen suicide help, and peer pressure.

Small classes by culture shock dance crews, and on how to start a band, music production and more will be offered.

The cities of Duarte and Monrovia along with Duarte Unified School District, Southern California Gas Company, Southern California Edison, Burrtec Waste, and Cal-Am Water will sponsor the event that will also include lunch and entertainment.

Like every community, Duarte is filled with strong, capable youth. But high school is a difficult stage in life.

We encounter so many things including peer pressure to do drugs and the danger of unsafe sex and the problems don't start or end there.

Children may look up to their elders, but maybe they are also struggling with the same hardships teens in high school face. Even as we get older, there are so many opportunities for us to go the wrong way.

Thankfully, there are people out there that care and are working to prevent this from happening.

The Duarte Youth Leadership Summit will focus on steering young people in the right direction and empowering them with the tools and knowledge to be successful and lead our peers in life. Save the date.

I guarantee you will you'll learn a lot and have a great time.

For more information please contact the Duarte Teen Center at (626) 303-0863.



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Duarte Resident Named Top Caregiver



DUARTE RESIDENT Angie Kubisch & Tamara Kato.

Duarte resident Angie Kubisch was awarded 2010 Caregiver of the Year Award by Comfort Keepers, Arcadia, on February 11 during a luncheon at Silverado Senior Living, Azusa.

"It's awesome to be recognized for doing something I enjoy," said Angie. "We're proud to honor Angie for her tireless service and commitment to her clients," said Tamara Kato, Comfort Keepers, Arcadia office owner. "Supporting our Comfort Keepers is a priority, to help them help their clients achieve the highest possible quality of life."

One example of how Angie made a difference is with a hospice client, who was brought home to die. Angie greeted the family members with a hug that helped them feel at ease and took charge of the care. She encouraged her client to pamper herself, taking a shower with Angie's help, even putting on makeup and dressing up.

Angie made a big difference in the way the client saw herself so she could enjoy her family as long as possible.

Angie has been working with another client for almost two years. Angie won this client over by giving her room to be independent. They do many activities together such as cooking new recipes, gardening, decorating and shopping. They might not be related by blood, but they are bonded by the care and love that Angie has given her. Her client feels life is still worth living and there are still things to look forward to. That and more is the gift that Angie has.

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Anthony Chavez, grandson of the late labor organizer, to speak at Volunteer Project

Anthony Chavez, the grandson of the late labor organizer, Cesar Chavez, will speak about his late grandfather's enduring civil rights legacy as part of the City of Duarte's 7th annual Cesar Chavez community volunteer project on March 26.

Chavez, 25, grew up participating in United Farm Workers' marches, picket lines and political campaigns.

The service-learning program, sponsored by Duarte's Promise – The Alliance for Youth and Westminster Gardens, will take place at Westminster Gardens Retirement Community, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave., beginning at 9 a.m.

The event will also feature a performance by Ballet Folklorico Mestizo and the announcement of winners of a Cesar Chavez Essay contest for Duarte High School students, sponsored by the Duarte



ANTHONY CHAVEZ

Teen Center.

Following the program, community volunteers will plant an herb garden and complete other gardening chores within Westminster Gardens.

The annual Cesar Chavez volunteer event is one of a number of volunteer project, programs and events undertaken by Duarte's Promise – the Alliance for Youth.

In 2000, Duarte was officially named an America's Promise "Community of Promise." Since then more than 100 local businesses, organizations, individuals, government, schools and communities of faith have partnered in a commitment to ensure that the needs of young people are served through five promises including opportunities for youth to give back through community service.

For more information or to volunteer for the project, call Duarte's Promise – The Alliance for Youth at (626) 303-0863, or email volunteer coordinator Gary Smith at gsmith@accessduarte.com.



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