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A bi-monthly community publication of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, in its 88th year of service to the community.

Duarte Residents Testify at PUC Hearing Against Cal Am Proposed 56% Water Rate Increase

Approximately 60 residents and business representatives from the California American service area including Duarte addressed the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) during a Public Participation Hearing (PPH) on the proposed general rate case increase request on Monday, June 8.

The hearing covered a proposed revenue increase where Duarte residents could see their water rates increase by 56% in 2010 under the proposed rate increase. Another 4% increase is proposed to go into effect in 2011.

Several residents testified at both the 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. hearings with primary concerns focusing on the inability for both the disabled and fixed income seniors to be able to afford the increase in addition to the potential that hillside homeowners would stop watering properties creating a greater risk during fire season.

Other comments focused on the possibility of the rate increases covering excessive executive pay and the company's numerous acquisitions over the last few years.

Business owners will also be feeling the pinch. California American is requesting an approximate 60% increase for 2010 and a 4% increase in 2011.

"Many of our businesses have been struggling for many months with a big drop in sales resulting in very little money coming in," said Jim Kirchner, Duarte

Chamber CEO, adding, "They are looking everywhere to cut costs. An increase of this magnitude, particularly at this point in time, could very well be the last straw for some of them."

The Duarte Chamber Board of Directors has taken a position in opposition to such a large water rate increase.

William Marticorena, Counsel representing the City of Duarte, asked the Commission to delay the increase, thoroughly examine the Company's specific justifications for such a substantive hike and put more humanity into a typically bureaucratic process in light of the national economy.

He also reported that the City of Duarte had filed a formal intervention in the process to ensure that it receives notices of all public participation opportunities in order to keep its residents fully informed.

The hearing, preceded over by a CPUC Administrative Law Judge, was transcribed by a court reporter.

Representatives from California American Water Co. were also present as was the CPUC's Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA). The DRA is an independent division of the Commission whose role is to represent and advocate on behalf of public utility customers in order to obtain the

lowest possible rates consistent with reliable and safe service.

Next steps in the process include a thorough data request and review of the case by the DRA, which will be filed for public review by August of 2009.

After this is concluded, California American has the opportunity to file a rebuttal.

Ultimately all parties including Duarte shall participate in an Alternative Dispute Resolution process, which could result in a filed settlement.

However, some cases are not resolved in this manner and must go through the entire hearing process, which would not end until early 2010.

Duarte residents and business owners are encouraged to let their concerns be heard. Address comments to: The Public Advisor, California Public Utilities Commission, 320 W. Fourth St., Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90013, or e-mail comments to: public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov.

When writing or emailing, refer to Case No. 09-01-013, and specify if you would like a response. Otherwise no response will be sent.

For more information, call California America Water, (888) 237-1333, or visit the company's website at www.californiaamwater.com.

Duarte's Paola Arana is #2 in USA Boxing Championships

Duarte's Paola Arana was defeated in the USA Boxing National Championship finals bout against Laura Ramirez of the Bronx, New York, but she still came home a winner in the eyes of her coaches and gym mates at the Duarte Youth Boxing Club.

"I'm so proud of her. She fought her little heart out and went from an unranked contender to number two in the nation," said head coach Victor Valenzuela.

Quite an accomplishment for the five foot, 101 pound 18 year-old in her first national competition.

Arana will be honored for her achievement by the City of Duarte at the June 23 City Council Meeting at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Dr.

Arana beat Samantha Guzman of Oak Park Illinois in a 22-20 decision in the first National Championship preliminary bout at the Denver Coliseum in Denver, Colorado. Advancing to the semi-finals, she stopped opponent Sherry Sanders of Tulsa, Oklahoma in the third round, winning herself a Championship match against Ramirez for the national title. Judges scored the match 16-4, Ramirez.

Valenzuela, who has been Arana's coach and trainer since she first started boxing at the Duarte Youth Boxing Club at the Duarte Teen Center three years ago, was there for the finals match.

"I just had to be there for her," he said. She's done so well."

During the semi-final bout Valenzuela followed the blow-by-blow of the Paola's match against Sanders by telephone.

"A friend at ringside told me everything that was happening and I would repeat the information to all the kids in the gym. It was so exciting. We were all so happy for Paola and so proud of her," said Valenzuela.

Arana earned her spot on the team of 33 male and female boxers representing the Great West Region of Southern California and Nevada by winning the USA Boxing Southern California Championship Tournament in Pacoima, CA last January and the USA Boxing Regional Championship Tournament in Coachella Valley in February.

The Duarte High School graduate, who now attends Citrus College, said it never occurred to her that she would be competing in a national championship when she first started working out at the Duarte Youth Boxing Club.

"I just wanted to work out.



PAOLA ARANA

Then I decided I really liked it and started to compete two years ago," said Arana.

Her parents and two older brothers were at first surprised "that little me would do anything like that, but they are proud of what I've accomplished," she said.

What's next for the 101 pound Duarte dynamo?

Savor the experience, enjoy the success, and get back to her studies at Citrus College where her favorite subjects are English and Literature.

Public Safety Notice

Due to budget constraints the City of Duarte's Public Safety Office will be closed on Friday and Saturday starting on July 1, 2009. However, because it is the start of the dog licensing period the office will remain open on Saturday's from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the months of July and August only.

Although the Public Safety Office will be closed we will still have Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer's on duty and the Public Safety Office phones will be forwarded directly to Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer's that will be in the field.

If you have any questions please, feel free to contact us at (626) 357-7938.

"Another grand opening, ..."



IT WAS "ANOTHER GRAND OPENING, another show" in Duarte as the City Parks and Recreation unveiled a completely renovated and redesigned recreation building at Royal Oaks Park. The 40 year-old, 2,600 square-foot building was renovated at a cost of approximately \$479,000, funded with a combination of two 2002 Resource Bond Grants and Quimby funds. Celebrating the occasion with children from the Folklorico dance class were Council member Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Mayor John Fasana, Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Finlay, City Manager Darrell George, and Council member Lois Gaston.



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Four arrested, charged in February 9 murder

Four alleged members of the "Du Roc Crips" street gang have been arrested and charged with murder in the Feb. 9, 2009 drive-by shooting of Miguel Sanchez, 18, a Citrus College student.

Sanchez, who was not associated with a gang, was killed while walking with a 17 year-old friend just after 6:30 p.m. in the 2500 block of Millbrae Ave. Sanchez died at the scene. His friend was unharmed.

Charged in the killing are Joseph Barnes, 34, aka "Du," LaMarr McDaniels, 35, aka "C-Nutt" or "Crip Nutt," Larry Alderson, 33, aka "BD," and Joel Britt, 21 aka "Infant". McDaniels, Alderson and Britt have pleaded not guilty.

Barnes, alleged by the Los Angeles District Attorney to have fired the gun, has not entered a plea. McDaniels is believed to have been the driver of the car.

A preliminary hearing date is expected to be set for all four suspects on July 9, according to the District Attorney.

Although announcement of the arrests was held by Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office until last week (June 3), the four suspects were reportedly arrested on April 3, following a lengthy investigation.

According to the Sheriff's investigation report, shortly after the shooting, Temple station deputies located a vehicle in the 2000 block of Goodall Ave. in the County unincorporated area of Duarte matching the description of the shooting suspects' vehicle. When deputies attempted to contact several male adults who were standing around the vehicle, all of the men ran away. A handgun identified as the murder weapon was recovered from the vehicle.

Anyone who has additional information regarding the incident is asked to contact Sheriff's Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5500. Callers can also leave an anonymous tip at the Sheriff Satellite Station Crime Tip Hotline at (626) 359-5671, ext. 462.

Picasso's Café, Bakery and Catering Co. sends team to assist Habitat SGV

Eight volunteers representing Picasso's Café joined forces an early Saturday morning in May to help their local chapter of Habitat for Humanity with one of its newest build projects in the San Gabriel Valley. The team included six employees who volunteered their personal time to "be a part of something bigger than themselves" which was the motivating factor in giving up a Saturday, according to Mylene Neufarth, Picasso's restaurant manager.

The volunteers included Picasso employees Mylene Neufarth, Christina Vien, Amy Northrop, Angelina Munguia, Christopher Mendoza, and Victor Ramirez as well as Elmer Munguia the husband of Picasso's Chef, Angela Munguia as well as a Picasso customer, Brian Hoskin. For this construction effort, the team from Picasso's cleaned and organized until one of the members found herself "lying on the sidewalk completely exhausted."

Brittany Klaassen, Volunteer Coordinator of Habitat for Humanity, stated, "Picasso's was the first company to welcome our chapter to the area when we first moved in and they helped us get on our feet. Our need for volunteers on a consistent basis is significant and it's great when a visible company like Picasso's leads by example." "Habitat's mission is very much in-line with Picasso's in that the core of both organizations is to help the community and take an active, responsible role," said Marissa Buckisch, Executive Vice President Marketing, Special Events & Corporate Accounts at Picasso's. She added, "This event is the next organic step in a relationship where two parties with a common interest come together for the greater good of the community."

Amy Northrop, a caterer at Picasso's has always been interested in participating in volunteer events and the example shown by her fellow Picasso employees encouraged her to contribute. "I am in the middle of finals at Cal Poly, Pomona and I have been so stressed-out but I wanted to give back and show my support for my community," Picasso Chef Angelina Munguia, who also enlisted her husband for this event, stated that "...taking my mind of my troubles and helping someone less fortunate has been very rewarding for both of us."

It wasn't all work and no play for Team Picasso. In fact, according to Team Leader Mylene Neufarth, "We filled up big dumpsters, swept dirt and organized tools and equipment but we also challenged each other to wheelbarrow races and laughed and shared with each other all day. It's a great way to get to know the real personality of your fellow workers".

If you are interested in volunteering or making a contribution, please visit www.sgvhabitat.org, or contact Brittany Klaassen at the San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity, (626) 387-6899.

"Temperature Rising" Concert Series 2009

Come and enjoy four nights full of live entertainment, dancing, food, and games for the whole family. There will be a raffle held at every concert hosted by the Rt. 66 Parade Committee.

This summer's concert entertainment includes: June 24 - "Flattop Tom & His Jumpcats," Swing/R&B Band sponsored by Rutan & Tucker LLP; July 8 - "Help," Beatles Tribute Band sponsored by Cal Am Water; July 22 - "Boogie Fever," Disco Band sponsored in part by WePackItAll; and August 5 - "Mariachi Ana-

catlan." The City of Duarte actively seeks sponsors for the summer concert series and would like to thank past and future sponsors for their support and commitment to helping provide safe, enjoyable community events.

Concerts will be held Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale Street. Concession stands will open at 6 p.m. The City of Duarte Transit Department will be providing free transportation.

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Duarte Council joins in litigation challenging State of California

The Duarte City Council has unanimously approved Resolution 09-22 both opposing the seizure of local gas tax and tax increment funds in addition to authorizing the City Attorney to cooperate with other agencies in litigation against the State designed to contest the constitutionality of this move. The taking would amount to roughly \$2.7 billion statewide over the next two to three years with the City of Duarte budget being hit specifically for approximately \$900,000 per year.

Budget activities in the Capitol ended last week with devastating news to local governments when the Budget Conference Committee approved taking two years of local Highway User Tax Account (HUTA) funds. This amounts to \$986 million in FY 2009-10 and \$750 million in FY 2010-11. The action by the Budget Conference Committee, if sustained by the legislature, will directly contradict limits placed on the legislature's use of HUTA funds in Proposition 5 in 1974 and Proposition 2 in 1998. The action also has tremendous implications for city budgets, which have relied on this stable source of revenue for important transportation projects since the 1970s. The Redevelopment Agency Tax increment take would be equivalent to \$350 million per year over a three year period.

Less than a week after the League released a legal opinion from a prominent local law firm which concluded that the proposed seizure of almost \$2.7 billion in city and county motor vehicle, or gas tax funds, to help close the State's budget deficit

is unconstitutional, 67 cities immediately passed resolutions authorizing the city attorney to cooperate with the League, other cities and counties in pursuing litigation to have any raid of local gas tax funds declared unconstitutional and invalid. Duarte is one of an additional 30 cities to take the same action in coming weeks with many more expected.

The illegal seizure of local gas tax funds will force cities, like Duarte, to eliminate part or all of their street maintenance. A specific project that would be directly affected would be the delay and/or substantial reduction in the long-awaited Huntington Drive overlay project which is reliant on both stimulus and Prop 1b funds. This proposal puts the safety of all Californians who use the local streets and roads that make up the more than 80 percent of the state's road system at risk.

Beyond the immediate public safety concerns that would result from the loss these funds, are the environmental impacts of this proposal. Reductions in street sweeping and worsening road conditions will increase water pollution runoff to nearby streams, vehicle idling times, greenhouse gas emissions, and respiratory problems for vulnerable populations like children and the elderly.

Duarte City Council members are gravely concerned about this State proposal and its impact on City services. The City needs your help. It is easy to get your thoughts heard in our ever expanding electronic age and let State officials know that Duarte taxpayers are extremely concerned about the State's fiscal problems and how it

continues to affect both their families and fellow residents. Please contact both Assembly member Anthony Portantino (626) 577-9944, assemblymember.portantino@assembly.ca.gov and State Senator Gloria Romero (323) 881-0100, senator.romero@sen.ca.gov and express your concerns. The following talking points are current scenarios:

- California would lose out on the creation of tens of thousands of jobs and billions in economic activity at the worst possible time.
 - Infrastructure investment builds a stronger economy.
 - Duarte alone would lose \$900,000 per year.
 - Borrowing gas tax funds now will plunge the State deeper in debt later, requiring billions of dollars in repayment in just three years.
 - Permanently diverting the local share of the gas tax has serious long-term consequences.
 - Raiding transportation funding goes against the will of voters.
 - Raiding gas tax funds disproportionately impacts the construction industry, an industry that is already reeling from the national economic decline.
- For more information, call Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931.

An Adventure of a Lifetime!

Northview Intermediate School heads to Sacramento. A special thanks to the Duarte Education Foundation and the City of Duarte for their generous support, which allowed 46 eighth grader students to walk the halls of the State Capital, experience pan-ning for gold and learn how our government functions. For many of the students this was their first

time on an airplane and all were excited to have the opportunity to travel so far from Duarte. Every year this event is one of the highlights of the school year. Students work hard to meet the academic criteria so they may participate in this life changing field trip. Again, thank you so much to those who support Northview and make this experience possible.



NORTHVIEW STUDENTS proudly pose with Assembly Member Anthony J. Portantino of the 44th District where they were allowed to experience the voting process up close.

Duarte Kiwanis Community Updates

New Books for Duarte Library

When new Duarte Librarian, Eileen Penson, came to speak for

the Duarte Kiwanis Club in January, she never would have guessed that by March, she would become a member of Kiwanis, herself, or that by April, the Duarte Kiwanis Club would have a donation of over \$1000 of books for her young adult collection.

Eileen truly inspired the Club with the discussion of the need for books at the local level and shared that if the club could provide the books rather than the money, the books would come directly into the Duarte branch rather than through the County system. Club members brought some books, took a collection for money, and moved to donate \$500 from their funds for the project.

By utilizing coupons and special discounts from Borders, Treasurer, Felipe Zecca and members Lisa Magno and Tina Carey were able to obtain the collection. Pictured below from the left are President, Dr. Diane Hernandez, Tina Carey, Treasurer, Felipe Zecca and new member and Librarian, Eileen Penson.

Old Cell Phone Drive Supports Duarte High Key Club

The Duarte High School Key Club Members are in the process of collecting those old cell phones we all have hanging around the house. They are working to recycle them and will be receiving up to \$10 per phone.

This is a great way for the Duarte Kiwanis to support the Key Club and their latest fund raising opportunity. Members are encouraged to bring their old phones to either the Key Club Meeting or the regular Kiwanis Meeting held the first and third Tuesdays of the month at noon at Westminster Gardens.

"Hatred and persecution of persons based on the color of their skin will not be tolerated in Duarte," says Mayor

Despite offers from the city to help ensure their security and safety, the family whose Duarte home was burglarized, ransacked and vandalized with racial epithets and gang graffiti May 8 has reaffirmed to city officials that they do not want to move back into their rented home.

Duarte Public Safety Director, Brian Villalobos said the city offered the family stepped up Sheriff's patrols and surveillance, and help with the clean-up of the home, but that the family is too traumatized by the incident and afraid to return to the home.

"The attack on this family was an attack on our entire community."

"We deplore and denounce the senseless act of racial violence and vandalism that drove a decent family from their home. Hatred and persecution of persons based on the color of their skin will not be tolerated in Duarte. We will continue to do everything possible

to find, apprehend and prosecute to the fullest extent of the law the person or persons responsible for this despicable attack," said Fasana.

In conjunction with the ongoing investigation, Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies on Thursday executed several searches of known gang members and made five arrests of persons for parole violations.

"Our public safety department is continuing to work very closely with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to follow up on all viable leads. Resolving this case is a priority for our city," said Duarte City Manager Darrell George.

Anyone with information about the crime is asked to contact the Temple Sheriff's Station at (626) 448-9861, or may leave information on the Duarte Public Safety Department Anonymous Tip Line at (626) 359-5671, ext. 462.

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- Be sure to keep barbecue grills clean.
- Pick up fallen tree fruit, and put away pet food and bird feeders at night.

- Close windows at night on accessible ground floors and decks.
- Don't leave food in or near a windowsill or on a counter near an open window.

- Securely block access to potential hibernation sites, such as crawl spaces under decks or buildings.
- Install bear-proof garbage and compost containers.

- Request a bear-proof garbage bin for your neighborhood or apartment complex.

If you see a bear in or around a residential area, please call Public Safety at (626) 357-7938, Mon.-

Thurs. from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will dispatch an animal control officer to all wildlife calls within the City of Duarte. If after hours please call Temple Sheriff's Station at (626) 448-9861 or if it's an emergency dial 911.

Pool & Water Safety Tips

With the warm weather of summer on the way, don't let your guard down in watching young kids around the backyard pool, even if it's only a shallow, plastic wadding pool often purchased for very small children.

Remember to always maintain constant supervision of your children in or around a pool, stream, lake, tub, toilet or bucket of water no matter what swim skills your child has acquired and no matter how shallow the water. Also, keep toys away from the pool when it is not in use. Toys can attract young children into the pool.

Don't rely on substitutes. The use of flotation devices and inflatable toys cannot replace parental supervision. Such devices could suddenly shift position, lose air, or slip out from underneath, leaving the child in a dangerous situation.

Swimming classes for all ages, starting at 9 months of age, are offered at the Duarte Fitness Center for \$25 per session. Each session includes a half hour per day between Monday and Thursday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 4 p.m.-8 p.m.

Registration is held during the summer, starting Mon., July 13, for classes July 20-30; Mon., July 27, for classes Aug. 3-13; Mon., Aug. 10, August 17-27.

For more information, call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118. Your decision to provide your child with an early aquatic experience is a gift that will have infinite rewards. These courses encourage safe practices.

Parents should take a CPR course. Knowing these skills can be important around the water and you will expand your capabilities in providing care for your child. Never leave furniture near a fence surrounding a pool that could enable a child to climb over the fence. Lastly, make sure pool covers are completely removed prior to pool use.

National Night Out 2009

It's Duarte's Night Out Against Crime!

This year we celebrate the 26th anniversary of National Night Out Tuesday, August 4. Join us and help us determine which neighborhoods are among the safest neighborhoods in Duarte.

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved 20 Neighborhood Watch Blocks with a total of parties, including BBQ's, Potlucks, Ice Cream Socials, Pool Parties, and Block parties.

Duarte will join citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.

In all, over 34 million people are expected to participate in National Night Out 2009.

The Duarte Public Safety Department cordially invites you and your neighbors to be a part of the National Night Out 2009 Team. Make plans now to revive your Neighborhood Watch Program and get acquainted with both new, and longtime neighbors.

Duarte Deputies will be available to visit each gathering to pass out emergency preparedness information, coloring books to kids, and other goodies that will be provided by Target, our official sponsor this year.

But, be sure to contact the Public Safety Office to gather ideas, event flyers and to schedule a Deputy.

Citizens of Duarte also take this opportunity to give back to the less fortunate in our community. A canned food drive is held in conjunction with National Night Out. We generated over 500 canned goods in 2008. These donations were picked up by Duarte Sheriff Deputies were delivered to the Duarte Community Council, providing services to Duarte's families in need.

For more information on National Night Out or the Neighborhood Watch Program, call Aida Torres at the Public Safety Office at (626) 359-5671 ext. 316. Visit our website for more information on NNO www.accessduarte.com/publicsafety/nno

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2600 Block of San Pablo Way, 1600 Block of Second St., 1300 Block of Starhaven St., 800 Block of Swiss Trails, 3400 Block of

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In 2008 our City recorded 58 home burglaries. As of 2009 there we have had over 50 home burglaries reported.

Suspects might be casing your neighborhood acting as sales persons. Please be aware of Duarte's Solicitor Codes that are designed to protect you and your family. If you come in contact with a solicitor who is in violation of any of the following codes **Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., immediately call the Public Safety Department at (626) 357-7938. After business hours contact the Temple Sheriff Station at (626) 485-7171.**

MUNICIPAL CODES

5.16.020: A Permit is required for soliciting, peddling, or canvassing.

5.16.030: It is unlawful for solicitors, peddlers, canvassers to knock, or ring the bell of any residence that has a visible "no solicitors" sign posted

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5.16.060: All solicitors, peddlers, canvassers, must have a visible identification permit issued to them by the Public Safety Director. Identification permits can be obtained from the Public Safety Office after providing their name, permanent and temporary addresses, phone number, employer, fingerprints, photograph, and any such information as deemed necessary by the Public Safety Director.

If a suspicious person knocks at your door be sure to let them know you are home but do not open the door until you can verify a visible identification; or inform them you will contact the Duarte Public Safety Office to verify authenticity. If you feel unsafe or threatened call - 911.

lite Station by calling (626) 359-5671, ext. 304. **If you witness a crime in progress please call - 911.**

If you would like to leave an anonymous tip, you may do so by calling the Sheriff Satellite Station Crime Tip Hotline (626) 359-5671 ext. 462. You can also e-mail tips at duartecrimetips@lasd.org

If you would like to receive this via e-mail, simply e-mail your: Name, Home Address, Phone Number, and E-mail Address to DuarteCrimeTips@lasd.org.

New helmets for kids \$5!

We have a new shipment of helmets, come check them out! Duarte youth between 3 to 18 years of age qualify to purchase helmets for only \$5 at the Public Safety Office (in the Target Shopping Center Office) every Wed. from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The parent or guardian must accompany the child and show proof of Duarte residency. The helmet will be properly fitted onto the youth to ensure their safety. For more information, call (626) 357-7938.

Vehicle Burglaries & Thefts January to March 2009			
	2009	2008	2007
Vehicle Burglaries	34	18	10
Vehicle Thefts	18	20	17
Jan. to Mar. Totals	52	38	27
Year End Total	Unk.	154	182

Statistician Sonja Tanner

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES January to February 2009			
Area	2009	2008	2007
1	1	1	1
2	1	0	0
3	2	0	0
4	10	1	1
5	1	0	0
6	2	0	0
7	4	2	1
8	0	0	4
9	9	2	4
10	1	1	0
11	0	1	0
12	1	2	0
January to March	32	10	11
Year End Totals	Unk.	58	48

Statistician Sonja Tanner

NOTE: Chart only reflects January and February not year to date

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If you see suspicious persons in your neighborhood, please contact the Temple Sheriff Station at (626) 485-7171. If you have information on any home burglaries in the area please contact Sgt. Tony Haynes at the Duarte Sheriff Satel-

County Implements Mass Alert System

Los Angeles County officials announced the implementation of an emergency mass notification system to alert residents and businesses by phone, text, and e-mail of emergencies in their area. This system is called Alert LA County, the system will allow the Sheriff's Emergency Communications Center to activate local and regional alerts by drawing the boundaries of the area to be notified on a computer map. Recorded and written alerts will provide information on the nature of the emergency and necessary actions, such as evacuations.

The system is so precise it will allow the exclusion of a single home, useful in situations involving hostages or crimes in progress.

The County's 7.1 million land-line phone numbers are programmed into the mass notification system, but the public must register Voice over IP lines, cell phones and e-mail addresses. Registration of this information can be done on the County's Alert. www.lacounty.gov

Each telephone number and e-mail can be associated with only one street address.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Don Knabe said the system was tested in areas of each of the five supervisory districts on May 18, and the results were impressive. Tests were conducted in South Whittier (First District), Ladera Heights (Second), Topanga Canyon (Third), a portion of Lakewood (Fourth), and The Meadows and Chaney Trail (Fifth).

The test included approximately 15,000 phone numbers, and a review was conducted to determine the number of calls that were completed and the disposition of each call, whether there was a live answer, answering machine, or busy. The test results were validated by calling a small sampling of those receiving the calls and getting their feedback. If a call is picked up by an answering machine when an alert is being issued, a recorded message will be left. If the number is busy or does not answer, the number will be redialed twice. The system has the ability to detect and communicate with telecommunication devices for the deaf (TTY/TDD).

The Alert LA County system project, approved by the Board of Supervisors on Feb. 17 at a \$1.97 million cost over five years, was developed by the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, Chief Information Office, and Chief Executive Office's Office of Emergency Management. The cost includes the purchase of the 911 data from the local telephone companies. Sheriff Lee Baca cautioned that while the notification system is considered effective and efficient, people should not wait for or rely exclusively on a call for evacuation directives if they believe they are in danger.

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said similar systems have worked well in other areas, including in San Diego County where more than 500,000 people were evacuated during the 2007 wildfires. "This alert system will be particularly valuable in areas of my district in the Santa Monica Mountains that are vulnerable to fast-moving fires during high-risk weather conditions," he said, noting that in November 2007 a wild land fire threatened more than 2,000 homes and destroyed or damaged 98 dwellings and 45 outbuildings in Corral Canyon.

The County presently has no consistent way to contact residents and businesses in case of regional or local emergencies, so the new system will assist in making the communities safer, said Supervisor Mark-Ridley Thomas.

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Duarte Early College Pilot Program provides low-cost, high-value alternative

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell
Citrus College Governing Board Member

In these difficult times of economic downturn and limited resources, those responsible for delivering quality education must think and act in new and creative ways. We know that education is critical to both economic recovery and personal financial well-being. However, the state budget crisis and resulting loss in education funding have made it extremely difficult to meet the increasing needs of students and their families for higher education that is affordable.

The Early College Pilot Program, a partnership between Citrus College and Duarte Unified School District, presents Duarte students with a unique alternative to the traditional pathway to higher education. The program is based on the principle that academic rigor combined with the opportunity to save time and money is a powerful motivator for students.

Through this program, eligible Duarte High School students will take dual enrollment courses taught by authorized Citrus College instructors. This dual-credit program allows students to enroll in Citrus College courses—tuition free—and those who complete the program can earn the equivalent of one year of college credit along with their high school diploma. The credit can be applied towards an associate degree and/or transferable credit at the University of California or California State University systems.

The vision for this pilot program grew from a collegial relationship between Citrus College and Duarte High School that had already been working well. Through the collaborative efforts of administrators and faculty from Citrus and the Duarte Unified School District, a Memorandum of Understanding creating the Early College Pilot Program for Duarte High School students was recently approved by both districts.

The program will be administered at Duarte High School during the 2009-2010 school year. In January 2010, following an evaluation of the program, the districts will have the option to enter into an agreement to continue the pilot into the 2010-2011 year. The Duarte High School principal and the assistant superintendent of instruction will review all applications to determine which students will be accepted into the program. We are hopeful the program will attract many first-generation college students and will provide a pathway to success for all students who enroll.

As schools and colleges continue addressing the many challenges of the economic climate in which we now find ourselves, we know that we must be ready to meet the growing and changing need for educational opportunities.

Thanks to the foresight of the instructional leaders and faculty at Duarte Unified School District and Citrus College, the seeds of the Duarte's Early College Pilot Program were planted before our current economic crisis had fully erupted onto the scene. It is a program that is well-timed, and we are hopeful that it will benefit our community now and long into the future.



DR. EDWARD ORTELL

Duarte files response with Azusa regarding Vulcan's application for a modified CUP

The City of Duarte has submitted a 20-page response as part of the Notice of Preparation and related Initial Study (IS) process outlining Duarte's concerns regarding the City of Azusa's intent to prepare a draft environment impact report (DEIR) on the proposed Azusa Rock Revised Conditional Use Permit & Reclamation Plan.

This response, also shared with 28 City Managers and Directors of Community Development, highlights several areas including the City's overall premise that the circulated document will not satisfy the core principals of the California Environmental Quality Act, (CEQA). The documents also contains a multitude of significant, informational, analytical and legal flaws including an incomplete project description, failure to consider indirect and cumulative environmental impacts and the discounting of impacts that will persist during the balance of the 29-years of future mining.

"It is difficult to perceive any environmental benefits with a project that is located only 0.6 miles from our residences and does not decrease mining operation times, the amount of material to be mined, ruins pristine natural open space and increases drilling, blasting, dust and air quality erosion," said Duarte City Manager, Darrell George.

Duarte staff and council have also attended and commented at a public scoping meeting for the proposed modified Conditional Use Permit and Amended Reclamation Plan on May 27, 2009 and the first public meeting of the "Save Our Canyon" coalition on June 17, 2009.

The proposed revised plan would substitute 80 acres on the east side, acres currently approved for mining, with 80 acres on the west side of the property. If the City of Azusa approves the revised plan, Vulcan states that it will

immediately begin reclamation on the east side with completion within five to seven years as opposed to commencing reclamation in 2038. Reclamation will focus on contouring and micro benching at 12 to 24 inches apart as opposed to the 20 to 40-foot "Mayan step" benches under the current reclamation plan.

The public can find Vulcan's complete submittal, all technical attachments and draft Environmental Impact Report on the official City of Azusa website by using the following link: <http://www.ci.azusa.ca.us/index.asp?NID=943>. The public can also review the Notice of Preparation, Draft Environmental Impact Report and the City of Duarte's response on the City of Duarte website, www.accessduarte.com. Then follow a link from the story posted under Latest News.

Last year the Duarte City Council established a \$700,000 fund to monitor and counter anticipated expansion plans by Vulcan that would adversely impact Duarte residents. The "Fight Against Vulcan Expansion" fund (FAVE) will allow the City of Duarte to monitor the approximately two-year application process involving a Conditional Use Permit and Environmental Impact Report through whatever legal and environmental means necessary.

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

Douglas Collins

5/12/1944 - 3/31/2009



The Duarte community has lost one of its sports figures. Douglas Collins passed away March 31, 2009.

Doug worked a number of years with the youth programs in Duarte, from Duarte Youth Acres to Junior All American Football. He coached, he was a mentor, and to some a father figure. Through sports, Doug could reach out to kids. He loved coaching; his teams were very successful and won many trophies. Although he loved sports, number one was family, and he loved family get-togethers at his home, especially on the 4th of July. This was his wife's birthday and everyone came for his great barbecue. Later the fireworks were on display.

Doug, we will miss all the good food, but most of all, we will miss you, but never forget you. As for me, I am glad to have been a part of your family. Miss you yes, forget you, never. I know you are coaching already up there.

Love,
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Filing period opens July 13 for three Duarte City Council seats

A General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Duarte on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009, for three members of the City Council for a full term of four years.

Nomination Papers will be available in the City Clerk's Office beginning Monday, July 13, 2009.

The filing period for Nomination Papers and Candidate's Statements is July 13 to Aug. 7, 2009, at 5 p.m. If any incumbent does not file by 5 p.m. on Aug. 7, 2009, the filing period is extended to Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, at 5 p.m.

The requirements to be a candidate for Duarte City Council are: United States citizen, registered voter in the City of Duarte, 18 years of age or older, and a resident of an election precinct

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time."

- Sir John Lubbock, naturalist, statesman, banker

in the City of Duarte.

The non-refundable filing fee for Nomination Papers is \$25. If a candidate chooses to submit a statement in the voter pamphlet, a printing deposit is also required at the time the Nomination Papers are filed.

If the statement is 200 words or less, the deposit is \$200 for English only and \$400 for English and Spanish.

If the statement is 201-400 words, the deposit is \$400 for

English only and \$800 for English and Spanish.

The final date to register to vote in the November 3, 2009, General Municipal Election is Monday, Oct. 19, 2009. Voter registration forms are available at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Dr.

For more information, call the City Clerk's office at Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931, ext. 223.

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Duarte Unity and Peace Concert at Duarte PAC Saturday, July 11

Duarte residents and neighboring community members are invited to participate in a Unity and Peace Concert benefiting the annual Route 66 Parade on Saturday, July 11, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Duarte Unified School District Performing Arts Center (PAC).

The PAC is located at 1401 Highland Ave. with convenient, free parking.

You have heard of the Three Tenors. Come and hear *The Three Singers - Eddie Howard, Darron Jones and James Vincent aka Vincent Gaston*; an act sure to get your attention.

RV 3:20 and Milagro will also be featured bands representing a variety of Christian musical genres including Latin jazz, rhythm and blues and rock.

Starting at 4 p.m., local vendors will offer food, beverages, and crafts for sale. A classic car

show, games and prizes will also be on site.

The concert starts at 7 p.m. with a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

Proceeds will benefit Duarte's 14th annual Salute to Route 66 Parade, "Journey Down the Mother Road," which will be held on Sept. 19.

The Peace and Unity Concert, co-sponsored by the City of Duarte and the Route 66 Parade Committee, is an opportunity for the Duarte community to continue to come together for peace.

We urge everyone to keep working together to put an end to the gang violence that has both taken young lives and more recently, destroyed the sanctity of a Duarte resident's home because of a vicious hate crime.

For more information, contact KC, at (626) 260-0993.

Senior Center Activities



DUARTE SENIORS ENJOY the beautiful gardens of a recent excursion.

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 Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday

to individuals over age 60 or the spouse of someone over age 60. The suggested donation is \$2. Reservations are requested by calling (626) 357-3513, to receive your lunch you must check in by 11:45 a.m. or lunch will be given to someone on the waiting list. To make a reservation please do so at least 24 hours in advance or 48 hours in advance for a choice day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Duarte Senior Center is always in need of volunteers to help with food preparation, serving, table setups, craft projects, decorating, the front desk, updating newspaper articles, etc. If you would like to give back to the community, please consider being a volunteer and contact Kelly at (626) 357-3513 ext. 116.

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

The Duarte Senior Center has published its own cookbook! The Center has the best cooks that you can find anywhere. This is one book you do not want to be without. Pick up your copy at the Senior Center, \$8 for one or \$15 for two.

ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

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

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program sponsored by the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank provides food to low-in-

come elderly, 60 years and older who qualify. This program is held at the Duarte Senior Center on the 4th Thursday of every month from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. They are not accepting new people at this time.

TRIPS AND TOURS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will begin registration on June 8 for the following excursions:

The Getty Center - Tuesday, July 7, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fee: \$17

Sycuan Resort & Casino - Wednesday, July 15, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Fee: \$30

BBQ at Doheny State Beach - Wednesday, August 12, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Fee: \$25

Autry National Center featuring the Sparkle & Twang Exhibit - Thursday, August 20, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fee: \$25

Solvang with Casino Stop - Thursday, September 10, 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Fee: \$27

L.A. County Fair - Wednesday, September 23, 12 p.m.-8 p.m. Fee: \$12.

You can pick up a brochure at City Hall or the Senior Center, which will give you in-depth information about the trips.

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.

For any further questions please call (626) 357-3513.

55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING CLASS

55 Alive Driver Safety Program will be held on Tuesday, July 14, and Thursday, July 16, from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. The fee is \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for non-members - payable to AARP. The program is conducted by AARP at the Duarte Senior Center.

Auto insurance companies are required by law to offer discounts to course graduates age 55 and older. Attendance required at both sessions.

Reservations are required, for more information contact the Center at (626) 357-3513.

COED SOFTBALL TEAM

Are you interested in joining a coed softball team? Practices are every Tuesday at 9 a.m., and games are on Thursdays at 9 a.m.

For any further questions call Peggy at the Center at (626) 357-3513.

LIONS SIGHT PROGRAM

Duarte Senior Center in collaboration with the Arcadia Lions Club Foundation is administering the Lions Sight Program providing free vision care for low-income Duarte senior residents. Participants who qualify for the program will receive an eye examination and basic frames with bifocal lenses from a designated optometrist.

Eligibility for this service will be determined on a case-by-case basis using the criteria set by the Arcadia Lions Club Foundation, which is:

- Combined gross income no greater than \$25,950 per year
- Resident of the City of Duarte
- 62 years of age or older or disabled

Call (626) 357-3513 for appointment. Three appointments are available per month. If you have old lenses sitting at home, bring them in to the Senior Center. The Lions Club picks them up on a monthly basis and provides them to people around the world where vision care is not available.

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Summer Health Camp

Help your kids stay healthy this summer by signing them up for Summer Health Camp!

Did you know...that for many children, French fries are the only vegetable they eat all day?

According to a 2008 report published by Children Now, childhood obesity has doubled nationally in the last three decades.

In California, the same report shows that more than three million California children—or about one-in-three (35%)—are considered overweight or obese, while only about one-in-four youngsters (28%) make the grade in terms of meeting or exceeding state physical fitness standards.

The goal of summer health camp is to reduce the risk of children becoming overweight or obese by encouraging the consumption of more fruits and vegetables, and getting the recommended amount of physical activity everyday.

During camp, students will learn about the MyPyramid, foods they should eat more of and foods they should eat less of, do "cooking in the classroom" and taste tests, and be involved



STUDENTS ENJOY the taste of carrots picked fresh from a farm.

in fun physical activities indoor and outdoor!

Recreation Coordinator Jasmine Klinton will conduct the summer health camp along with the assistance of the Teen Nutrition Council.

Summer Health Camp will run Monday, August 10 through Friday, August 14. Camp begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. at Andres Duarte Elementary School. Sign-ups begin Monday, June 8, at City Hall Parks & Recreation Department.

Remember to: "Eat Healthy and Be Active!"

For more information, please contact Jasmine Klinton at (626) 357-7931, ext. 248.



CAMPERS MOVE AND GROOVE to the Folklorico styles of instructor Gina Orozco.

Duarte Discovery Nature Camp

This summer the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will once again offer its annual Duarte Discovery Nature Camp. Nature Camp participants will explore our region's natural environment and will participate in daily activities including games, crafts, and lessons on nature. Campers will also participate in twice-weekly excursions to local trails, nature/science centers, beaches, museums, zoos, and other interesting locations. The Duarte Discovery Nature Camp's motto is: "For Duarte's Kids, Discovering Nature Comes Naturally!"

The Discovery Nature Camp will consist of three 2-week sessions, offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Session I: July 6 through July 17, Session II: July 20 through July 31, and Session III: August 3 through August 14. The camp is open to children 6-11 years of age. The fee is \$150 per child, per two-week session and includes a camp tee shirt, daily lunches, snacks, crafts, and all excursions. Registration begins Monday, June 8. For more information please call (626) 357-7931.



NATURE CAMPERS love to hike!

Parks and Recreation Swim Program Begins

The City of Duarte Fitness Center's summer swim program will begin on June 22. Come enjoy lap swim, open swim, water aerobics, or swimming lessons. The Fitness Center offers American Red Cross swimming lessons for only \$25 per two-week session, Monday-Thursday. Water aerobics will be offered for \$4 per class. Lap swim and open swim will be offered for \$1 for adults and 50¢ for seniors. Children 12 and under can enjoy open swim for only 50¢.

Registration for the first session of swim lessons begins Monday, June 15, at 6 a.m. for Duarte residents, and 8 a.m. for non-residents. Proof of residency is required at time of registration.

Swim lessons will be offered in the mornings and evenings. Open swim will be held weekdays from 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m., and the pool will be open Saturday and Sunday for open swim from 12



KEEP COOL this summer at the Duarte Fitness Center Pool!

p.m.-4 p.m. Water aerobics will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:15 p.m., and Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Family swim will be offered every Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

(children must be with an adult). Lap swim is available for adults at convenient hours every day.

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



ADVENTURE CLUB participants enjoy cooling off on water rides.

Summer Park Program

Duarte Recreation will conduct supervised park programs at four sites this summer, Mon.-Fri., 12 to 4 p.m., June 22-August 14. Royal Oaks, Encanto, Beardslee and Otis Gordon Sports parks will offer arts and crafts, sports, games, and special events, all supervised by trained recreation leaders. This is a drop-in program where children, 5 to 12 years of age, are allowed to come and go as they wish. For more information please call (626) 357-7931.

Adventure Club Excursions

Looking for something adventurous to do this summer? The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring two weeklong camps for kids and teens ages 8 through 17.

Camp dates for Session I are Monday, August 17, through Friday, August 21 and Session II Monday, August 24, through Friday, August 28. Both are held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Royal Oaks Park. The fee is \$105 per session.

Each camp day will be highlighted by a daily trip to fun and exciting places, such as the beach, theme parks, water parks, or the movies.

Registration starts Monday, June 8, at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive.

For more information on Adventure Club, please call the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

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Duarte Recreation Classes

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Adults, don't feel left out, we have classes for you too!

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is offering Ballet, Belly Dancing, CPR & Babysitter Training, Candle Making, Cheer & Dance, Children's Healthy Cooking, Dog Obedience, Drawing, Folklorico, Guitar, Health Camp, Hip Hop Dance, Mini Picassos, Karate, Kids Love Soccer, Polynesian Dance, Racquetball, Salsa Dance, Stroller Strides, Sports and Fitness, Swing, Tennis, Tumbling, Skateboarding, Yoga, Watercolor and more!

Contact the Recreation Department for age requirements and fees.

Registration begins Monday,

June 8 at Duarte City Hall Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Huntington Drive. Classes will begin June 27.

Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Mail-in registration is also available. Beginning Tuesday, June 9, you can register by phone for purchases over \$30 with Visa or MasterCard at (626) 357-7931.

For more information, please contact the Duarte Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There are also teen only classes including: Driver's Education, Polynesian Dance, Smartify Yourself About Cheddar, Sewing and Watercolor.

Registration for teen classes will be held at the Duarte Teen Center.

For more information call (626) 303-0863.



The giant slide is popular at the Wet and Wild Carnival!

Summer Special Events

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will offer several special events this summer for children.

The Summer Slam will be held at Royal Oaks Park, Beardslee Park, Encanto Park and Otis Gordon Park on Thursday, June 25, at 2 p.m.

Children will play games and enjoy exciting activities as the recreation leaders at each site barbecue and welcome another summer of fun. Children 5-12 years old are welcome to participate. This event is only \$1.

The Toy Celebration will be held for children ages 5-12 at the Duarte Community Center on Thursday, July 2, from 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

There will be prizes, games, a huge raffle for accessories, and refreshments. This event is free. Transportation will be provided from each supervised park with a permission form.

Come celebrate Duarte Game Day at Royal Oaks Park on Thursday, July 9, from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. with all types of games from ping-pong to checkers. This event is free.

Transportation will be provided from each supervised park with a permission form.

The Wet and Wild Carnival will be held at Beardslee Park on Tuesday, July 14, from 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Children ages 5-12 are invited to play carnival-style games and activities, all with an aquatic theme. The giant inflatable water slide will be back!

There will be 10¢ games and 25¢ rides & snow cones, or for \$2 you can get an unlimited rides and games pass.

Transportation will be provided from each supervised park with a permission form.

The annual Splashtacular will be held at the Duarte pool Thursday, July 23, from 1:30-3 p.m. There will be water games, contests and prizes. This event is open to children 15 and under.

The cost is 50¢ for kids 6-12 years and \$1 for kids 13-15 years.

For more information on these events, please call Duarte Recreation at (626) 357-7931.

Reed Strege is New Duarte Library Mgr.

The Duarte Library has a new Community Library Manager.

Strege has been with the County of Los Angeles Public Library since July 2007. During that time, he has worked as a Teen and Reference Services Librarian at the City Terrace Library in unincorporated East Los Angeles.

A native of Washington State, Reed received his Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Washington in 2007. His interests include services for youth, building vibrant collections, and integrating new



REED STREGE

technology into the library.

The Duarte Library is located at 1301 Buena Vista St. For more information, call the Duarte Library at (626) 358-1865.

Summer Fundamental Basketball Clinic for boys and girls set for July 13-17

The City of Duarte will offer a Summer Fundamental Basketball Clinic for boys and girls grades 5 through 11, July 13-17.

Coach Rodney Jefferson will direct the basketball clinic from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Northview Gym teaching the fundamentals of dribbling, free throw shooting, defensive skills, and passing.

Cost to participants for the weeklong program is \$20 and will include a daily lunch.

The program is co-sponsored by the Duarte Unified School District and Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth.

For more information, call Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931, ext. 266.

Duarte Community Movie Night in the Park July 10

Families are invited to enjoy a dinner and movie, even free popcorn at the City of Duarte's Community Movie Night, Friday, July 10, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Beardslee Park Amphitheatre. Beardslee Park is located at 2000 Buena Vista St.

The Disney classic, "Angels in the Outfield" will be the featured movie, starting at 8 p.m. Community nonprofit organization, Marvell West, will provide the barbecue dinner.

"It's a great way for families to enjoy a free, fun night out. All they need to do is bring their lawn chairs and blankets. Everything else will be provided," said Aida Torres of the Duarte Public Safety,

which is coordinating the event.

The Movie Night will also be an opportunity for residents to learn about services available to the community, and meet and talk with Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies, Mayor John Fasana and other City Council members and City staff.

Representatives from event sponsors Post Alarm Systems, Duarte Public Safety, Beardslee Elementary School, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation/Pamela Park, Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth, Cal Am Water, and Marvell West will offer information about their programs and services.

Non-profit organizations serving the area, including Foothill Unity Center, Foothill Family Services, and the Santa Anita Family YMCA will also showcase their services with displays.

For more information, contact Aida Torres at a2torres@lasd.org, or call (626) 359-5671, ext. 316.

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DUARTE ROUTE 66

Teen Space at the Duarte Library

Teenagers now have their very own space at the Duarte Library thanks to a project funded by the Friends of the Duarte Library. Working in concert with Eileen Penson, Young Adult Librarian and with the input of teen library users, a section of the library has been outfitted with new tables, chairs and accent rugs to help make it an inviting and comfortable place for teens to read, do homework, meet, or surf the worldwide web. More improvements are being considered for the future. The space also features books, magazines and audio/visual media of special interest to teens. Enjoying the space are Jamisen Strople, 15, Blake Caracci, 17, and Christian Gutierrez, 12. The Library has also recently begun a Summer Reading Program for Teens, while the Duarte Teen Center has launched a Teen Book Club. For more information, call the Duarte Library at (626) 358-1865 and the Duarte Teen Center at (626) 303-0863.



Friends of the Duarte Library honor outstanding students at scholarship dinner



OUTSTANDING DUARTE STUDENTS were honored at the annual Friends of the Duarte Library Recognition Dinner for 2009 Scholarship Recipients held at Royal Oaks Manor. City and school district officials were among the roomful of "friends" who turned out to celebrate the students' accomplishments. From left: Friends of the Duarte Library President, Nita Norgard; Jocelyn Gaytan, Duarte High School recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Southern California Gas Co.; Mayor John Fasana; Pamela Villa of Duarte High School and Roxana Vazquez of Mount Olive High School, recipients of \$1,000 and \$500 scholarships, respectively, from the Friends of the Library; and Mount Olive High School Principal, Kevin Morris. (Not pictured: Ana Ronquillo of Duarte High School who received a \$500 scholarship from the Gas Co.)

Friends abound at Friends of the Duarte Library's Annual Recognition Dinner for 2009 scholarship recipients



THERE WERE FRIENDS in abundance at the annual Friends of the Duarte Library Recognition Dinner for 2009 Scholarship Recipients held at Royal Oaks Manor. From left, front row: Guest speaker, Los Angeles County Librarian, Margaret Donnellan Todd; Duarte City Council member, Lois Gaston. (Back Row, from left:) Friends President, Nita Norgard; Duarte Unified School Board member, Reina Diaz; and Friends board member, Becky Evans.

Duarte wins at Pasadena Senior Olympics

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS



DUARTE ROUTE 66ERS SOFTBALL TEAM took the Gold Medal at the Pasadena Senior Olympics besting Pico Rivera 14 to 3. From left to right, top row: Jerre Christian, Johnny Boyd, David McClain, Gary Gertmenian, George E. Ricks, Dave Karp, Leonard Fisher. Middle row, from left: Chevron Christian, Leo Reyes, George Huerta, Sharman Warner, Al Lozano, Joe Salomone, Sally Olson. Bottom row, from left: Bob Johnson, Steve Warner.

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS



DUARTE D-CREW (TEAM 1) SOFTBALL TEAM brought home the Silver Medal from the Pasadena Senior Olympics competition beating out Cerritos. From left, top row: Ricky Hollywood Ellis, Rick Martin, Ross Meier, Della Rodriguez, Marc Mitchell, Andre Rideau, Dotty Kelly, Ramon Quesada, Bottom row: Jorge Quesada, Dennis Maldonado, Sam Angulo, Steve Quatro, Not pictured: Tom Hamilton, George Troup and Jim Magnipeau.

City asks residents and businesses to voluntarily take steps to conserve water

The City of Duarte has reduced its citywide irrigation schedule by 20% in parks, medians and facilities as one of the ways it is working to conserve water during the State of California's prolonged period of drought. Attending to the prompt repair of irrigation problems and ongoing replacement of City landscaping with drought tolerant and native plants are other steps that the City has undertaken to conserve water and reduce waste.

In a resolution passed by the Duarte City Council on May 26, the City asked Duarte residents and businesses to take immediate action to "voluntarily conserve water for all of its uses and to make every effort to reduce water waste in order to conserve this precious natural resource."

Duarte residents are encouraged to take simple steps to save water, including taking shorter showers, not leaving water running, checking for leaks, washing only full laundry loads, not washing vehicles at home, promptly fixing defective plumbing or sprinklers, watering only when landscaping needs it during early morning hours, avoid sprinkler runoff into paved areas, and to use a broom rather than

a hose to clean driveways, gutters and walkways.

Following the City Council resolution, a letter was sent to all eating establishments in the city asking that drinking water only be served if specifically requested by the patron.

For the past three years, California has been under drought conditions. This, combined with ongoing environmental problems and lack of investment in the State water system has caused severe water challenges both statewide and in the San Gabriel Valley. In February, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed a statewide water emergency and called for the creation of a statewide water conservation program. Since then, the State has launched the "Save Our Water" initiative to educate California about the State's ongoing water supply challenges and promote conservation. Recently, the Metropolitan Water District announced its intent to cutback imported water deliveries to its Southern California customers by 10% effective July 1, 2009.

For more tips on how to help save water, visit California's Water Conservation Resource website at www.saveourh2o.org.

Nita Carey Installed as DWC President

"I am honored to serve as president of Duarte Woman's Club every 50 years or so!" exclaimed Nita Carey as she was installed as the 2009-10 president. A member of the club since 1958, Carey previously served a year as president in 1960. She was officially installed by her friend, actress Margaret Kerry-Wilcox, best known as the original model for Disney's Tinkerbell.



NITA CAREY

Other officers installed are: Doreen Tulloch-Reid, First Vice President; Sheri Uhlig, Second Vice President; Jean Glass, Third Vice President; Jean Harris, Corresponding Secretary; Kathy Delker, Recording Secretary; Betty Jacob, Financial Secretary; Bobbie Wenrick, Treasurer; Marion Stone, Membership Director;

Jan Brillhart, Parliamentarian; Ruth Malm, Auditor; and Claudia Heller, Historian.

Joann Spring presented with Legacy Award by SAFYMCA Youth Alliance



RETIRED MONROVIA EDUCATOR and Santa Anita Family YMCA Youth Alliance volunteer, Joann Spring was presented with the SAFYMCA's second annual Legacy Award for her dedicated support of the Youth Alliance program. Spring was honored at a graduation banquet celebrating the achievements of more than 75 youth in the program. Presenting the award were last year's recipients SAFYMCA Chief Executive Officer Damon Colaluca and Dr. John Mastrogianni, pastor of Jesus Is Lord Christian Center in Monrovia and a founder of the Youth Alliance program.

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News from Assemblymember Anthony Portantino

The year is moving quickly and we find ourselves back in a \$24 billion hole. After a devastating round of cuts over the last two years, our downturn in revenue and the national economy has us once again looking at very difficult choices. It's my hope that we will prioritize and endeavor to do what's in the best interest of our economy and the diverse constituencies we serve.

As an eternal optimist, I also hope that we use this crisis as an opportunity to make much needed structural reform. If we fail to make significant changes now, shame on us.

Warmest Regards,
Anthony



**ASSEMBLYMEMBER
ANTHONY PORTANTINO**

BUDGET

We are facing about a \$24 billion problem. Most of the easy solutions have already been used up and are gone.

Although everything and every part of the state budget must be looked at, I'm deeply disappointed in the Governor's scattershot approach and incessant grandstanding. Let's be focused and work together in a bi-partisan manner to get out of this mess.

For example, it would make more sense to look at park fees as a way to keep our parks open then to just close them. Certainly, we must look at ensuring that government costs meet government service. We owe it to our constituents to look for every possible savings but we also must be prudent about looking at fee streams and creative sources of revenue to offset devastating cuts.

That's why I continue to look at selling the \$400 million worth of Caltrans-owned houses in my district as a way to offset transportation and education cuts.

I'm also pushing a bill to cap salaries for 24 months for state employees who earn over \$150,000 per year. Although the appropriations committee killed this bill twice on the Assembly side, I've resurrected it in the Senate.

Now more than ever we need to be disciplined in our approach and creative in our outlook.

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Given the impact that the state budget is having on all Californians, I have tried to do my part.

Since I was elected, I declined a state-purchased district car, turned down the raise in my per diem and have taken a voluntary

pay cut of \$3,000 per year. In addition, I voluntarily reduced my personal staff budget by 10% during each of my three years in office. I fully understand that if I'm going to be critical of the UC and the CSU for their executive compensation practices, I've got to lead by example.

NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

In observance of National HIV Testing Day, I'm hosting three hours of free HIV testing at Vroman's Bookstore on June 27.

The Center for Disease Control estimates that 250,000 Americans don't know that they are HIV positive. The CDC recommends that HIV testing should be a routine part of your next check up and that identifying HIV is the single most important public health goal in relation to AIDS.

Although HIV continues to spread and is particularly spreading among minority women, there is a persistent stigma attached to testing. That's why I am going to be tested and am inviting the public to have their cheeks swabbed in a rapid and confidential HIV test.

Testing will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the patio adjacent to Vroman's Bookstore at 695 E. Colorado Blvd, Pasadena. Spread the word and join me for testing and/or education provided by the Pasadena Public Health Department and AIDS Service Center.

BILLS

Still working on Cord Blood funding. My bill AB 54 continues to work itself through the Assembly. It would provide \$3 million per year to store and use

umbilical cord blood for the general public.

My breast cancer coverage bill is also still moving. If it passes, it is estimated that an additional 20,000 women a year will receive a mammogram. This will save the lives of 16 women a year.

On the higher education front, I've picked up on Senator Scott's legacy and am once again asking our institutions of higher learning to be held accountable and to set and reach established benchmarks.

Now, more than ever, we need to know that we are using our resources wisely.

At a time when student fees continue to increase we must hold the UC, CSU and Community Colleges accountable.

And I'm pleased to report that AB 1361, the ban of trucks for the Angeles Crest Highway, successfully passed the Assembly and is headed to the Senate.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR LOIS GASTON

Earlier this year, I had the pleasure of naming Duarte Councilwoman Lois Gaston as the Woman of the Year for the 44th Assembly District.

Lois is an exemplary public servant who has never stopped asking what she can do for her community, as her record in public service and volunteerism clearly demonstrate.

Lois was recently installed as the President of the Contract Cities Association, a collection of 67 California cities that contract with another public agency or private company for governmental services.

I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize my friend Lois Gaston for her commitment and contributions toward making the 44th Assembly District a better place to live, work and play. Congratulations Lois!



**ASSEMBLYMEMBER ANTHONY PORTANTINO with 44th
Assembly District Woman of the Year Lois Gaston.**

Kurt Hahn

Kurt Hahn, former Assistant Duarte City Administrator and three term City Councilman, now a resident of Healdsburg in California's wine country, has been named to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the California Hospital Association. Hahn is also an elected board member of the North Sonoma County Hospital District having

reer in city management.

When in Duarte Hahn served as President of the Home Chapter of the City of Hope and as President of the Duarte Jaycees. His wife, Joandell, was active in the Duarte Garden and Woman's clubs. Hahn was awarded a lifetime membership in the California PTA and was President of the Foothill District of the Boy Scouts.

Kurt and Joandell Hahn re-

Back to School Program gets assist from Duarte's Promise

Foothill Unity Center's "Back to School" program to equip needy area students with uniforms and supplies for the new school year, is getting some much needed help from their friends in Duarte.

Duarte's Promise - The Alliance for Youth, the City of Duarte, and the Duarte Church & Clergy Association are joining forces to set up as many locations as possible in Duarte, Arcadia, Bradbury, and Monrovia where the public can drop off brand new school supplies and monetary donations for Foothill Unity's "Back to School" program between July 20 and Aug. 10.

Donation locations in Duarte include but are not limited to; Duarte City Hall, Duarte Public Safety, Duarte Senior Center, Duarte Teen Center, New Life Assembly of God Church, and the Duarte Chamber of Commerce.

This marks the seventh year of Duarte's Back to School Promise Project in support of Foothill Unity's Back to School program.

The public is invited to donate school supply items such as pencils, pens, paper, notebooks, rulers and calculators and backpacks. Monetary donations are also encouraged. For a \$50 donation, Foothill Unity Center can equip a child with a complete school uniform and a backpack filled with school supplies.

The school supplies and uniforms will be handed out to hundreds of needy students from the communities of Arcadia, Duarte, and Monrovia on Thursday, Aug. 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Santa Anita Park Racetrack. Families must meet the income qualifications of Foothill Unity

See Foothill Unity on page 18

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From the desk of the Superintendent

Dr. Dean Conklin, Superintendent,
Duarte Unified School District

A WORLD OF TALENT!

As the lights dimmed on the stage of the Duarte's Performing Arts Center anticipation filled the room. Duarte Unified School District held its annual Talent Show titled, "A World of Talent."

Each year, each school from the Duarte Unified School District holds a Talent Show at their school site hoping to find that special performer or performers to represent them in the district's show. The winners from these impressive events are part of the elite group that perform at the district's show.

Over 25 performers sang, danced, performed martial arts, and even beat boxed to a standing room only crowd. Winners were announced in two categories: Elementary and Secondary. Each group had a first place winner and two runners up.

At the Elementary levels, **Madeline Camp**, a second grader from Valley View Elementary, belted out "I'm Telling You" capturing the first place prize. **Reine Nakamura**, from Valley View Elementary, danced her way to the first runner up prize and **Anna Hoyt**, from Royal Oaks, shared her martial arts talent to the song "Jump" snagging the second runner up prize.

At the Secondary level, **Beda Spindola**, from Duarte High School, sang a stunning aria "Mussetta's Waltz," clinching the first place award. **Jose Palomera**, from Northview, beat boxed his way to the first runner up prize. **Jenni Nakamura** and **Helen Cardornigara** sang a duet, "For Good" from Wicked grabbing the second runner up spot.

As a Superintendent, I can tell you that nothing makes me more proud than to see these students having the confidence to share their talents. While academics are of course very important it is also important that students develop interpersonal skills. Enrichment activities in which students are given a chance to develop other talents make a difference too.

In a time when budget cuts and economic woes grab national headlines, it is refreshing to sit back, relax and simply enjoy the immense talent these Duarte performers possess. Each student performance represents tireless effort and countless hours rehearsing. I congratulate each and every one of these students for performing in the Duarte Talent Show.



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Andres Duarte families are special

By Joilyn Campitiello, Principal

At a recent Board of Education meeting, Andres Duarte had the opportunity to honor a very special and talented family known affectionately to us as "The Howards". Eddie, his wife Cassandra and three children, Chrystiana, Eddie, and Abryanna have been an important part Andres Duarte for more than nine years. All of the Howard children attended Andres Duarte and shared their talents in our Black History programs, in addition to numerous talent shows. Mr. Howard has honored us by performing inspiring songs at our Black History programs and in singing the National Anthem for our annual Flag Day assembly and 9/11 Remembrance programs.

Mr. Howard has an amazing voice that fills the room and the heart. His beautiful rendition of "I Believe I Can Fly" was sung live at our Black History program in February then again as the backdrop for our recent Board report. City Council member, Lois Gaston was so moved by his voice, Mr. Howard was invited to perform at the conclusion of the Education Foundation District Talent Show. Following in her father's steps, daughter Chrystiana also sang in this year's talent show as she has for several years. Abryanna has also performed in several District talent shows. All of the Howard children are active in sports and involved in school activities. Mr. Howard is a leader in the community and along with his family is very involved in their church and local community groups.

The Howards exemplify the many amazing families that call Andres Duarte home. The staff and I would like to thank all our families for providing us the opportunity to educate their wonderful children.



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Beardslee Elementary Celebrates Volunteers

By Jennifer Janetzke, Principal

It is a commonly known fact that schools rely heavily on the many volunteers that generously give their time, money, and energy to enrich the lives of the students. At Beardslee, our volunteers include parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and even staff members that all work above and beyond the call of duty in order to help our school be the wonderful place that it is!

One example of this is the tireless fundraising efforts of our Beardslee Parent Staff Association (BPSA). They have worked all year to earn money to bring special events and activities to our students! This spring, our students were treated to two very special assemblies paid for by the BPSA! Students in kindergarten through third grade had a visit from several wild animals, including a porcupine, an alligator, and a gigantic boa constrictor! Our upper grade students were invited to see "Mr. Bubble" who taught them the physics behind making bubbles and even put some of our

students inside a huge bubble! Both assemblies were a lot of fun and the students benefited from these enriching activities.

Another example of the generous nature of the Beardslee community is in our library. It was in need of a "face lift" in order to make it a vibrant, engaging place for students to use. The call for help went out and the community responded! Our staff has painted, organized books, and decorated the walls. Parents have donated supplies and materials and have offered to help keep the library going once it re-opens in May. We could not have accomplished this task without the support of our volunteers!

As we near the end of the year and plan for the many activities that will happen, I know that the Beardslee families and staff will continue to work hard to make sure that our school is an exciting, engaging learning environment for our students! Our students are certainly fortunate to be surrounded by such caring, generous individuals at Beardslee!

Duarte High School

By Eric Barba, Principal

The Career Expo is one of many activities spearheaded by the Duarte High School Career Center. On March 19 every Duarte High School student participated in a full day of career exploration. Students choose from one of four career pathways: Technology, Art, Health and Safety, and Business. Once placed in a pathway students were signed up for four presentations from practitioners in that pathway. The day was set up much like a professional conference. The Career Expo is a yearly event that aims to provide students with career choices as they focus their studies at Duarte High School.

Duarte High's Open House on April 7 had a slightly different look. While the normal report card distribution and classroom visitations continued, parents and visitors had an opportunity to view and experience the showcase of many programs Duarte has to offer. The day started off with a pre-Open House workshop for parents and students interested in the Advanced Placement Program at Duarte High School. Then at 6:15 after the opening address parents and visitors had many options. Some choose to join the Academic Decathlon team as they demonstrated their talent. Others sat in on a drama performance and a mini choir performance; both performed in the new Small Theater. Many took advantage of the College Panel Discussion, hosted by AVID, where several Duarte High School alumni came back to DHS and shared their college experiences to empower our students and parents. This was followed by a career edu-

cation workshop hosted by the counseling department. The Art department showcased their work throughout the campus. There was definitely something for everyone to do on this day.

Child Development

By Bobbi Brzozowski, Director

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Ofrecemos clases en la mañana y tarde en las escuelas de Andrés Duarte, Beardslee y Maxwell.

Llámenos al (626) 599-5123 para más información ó para aplicar.

Royal Oaks' Shining Stars

By Janice Kolodinski, Principal

March and April were busy times at Royal Oaks, providing several opportunities for our stars to shine. These events included the Junior Olympics track meet as well as the school and district talent shows.

The Junior Olympics Track meet was held at Duarte High School Sat., March 21. Nearly 100 Royal Oaks students participated, carrying on the fine tradition of winning the overall award for the elementary category.

Duarte Mayor John Fasana presented the trophy to the student body at the morning assembly on March 28. Individual students who won first and second place will continue to a regional meet at Bonita High School on May 2.

The school would like to recognize special appreciation to staff who supported students in their success. Tatiana White coordinated the school event and served in leadership at the district event. Other helpful staff and parents included, Richard Armas, Sandie Fender, Rasheeda Frazier, Jessica Gatlin, Krysty Leckrone, Karen Lenfesty, Susan Marino, Tina Quick, Paige Ramos, Nina Thompson, Tyler Thompson and of course the wonderful PTA.

Meanwhile, Royal Oaks students were developing their skills on the stage as well. The district talent show showcased the best from all schools in Duarte with representation from Royal Oaks by Ana Hoyt, Jordan Adkison, and a jump rope trio with Sydney

Thompson, Maddy Tickey, and Aby Reyes. Ana took home the 3rd place prize for elementary students with her martial arts performance titled, Jump. The following week over 20 acts performed in the PAC for the annual Royal Oaks Talent Show where all students were winners. Each took home a ribbon medalion. One of the highlights of the show was master of ceremonies Hum Macias from the District Maintenance and Operations Department. Dressed in vintage 70's garb, he kept the audience laughing between acts with his quick wit and appeal to all ages. Special thanks goes out to Paige Ramos for her tremendous organization of the event, as well as Tina Quick, Jessica Gatlin, Karen Lenfesty, Nico Djeu, Tatiana White and the PTA for their extra hands.

Free Summer Lunch Program

The USDA, the Duarte Unified School District, and Duarte Parks and Recreation are sponsoring a free summer lunch program for children ages 18 years and under, June 22-August 28. Lunches are served Mon.-Fri. and there are no limits on the number of participants served. Lunches are offered at selected elementary schools and at the Duarte Teen Center. For more information please call (626) 357-7931 or the DUSD at (626) 599-5000.

Maxwell School

Gifts of Time

By Mary Gonzales, Principal

In my last chamber article I wrote about the need to provide opportunities for our children. I also mentioned that these opportunities come in the many forms that include participating in plays, playing sports, and singing at the assemblies. Our students who participate in the track meets, soccer and basketball tournaments, the talent show or field trips are able due to the many hours volunteered by so many. Parents, teachers and community members volunteer so that our students can have those opportunities that will help enrich their lives.

In this article I want to take the opportunity to thank many individuals who give Maxwell students the gift of time. First I want to recognize Mr. Vindel the parent of a first grade student. Mr. Vindel gave his time to coach students at practice and at their games. What makes giving of his time even more special is the fact that his own child is not eligible to play basketball because of his age. Another special individual who coached Maxwell's basketball teams is Manuel Gil. Mr. Gil is our head custodian and coach is not part of his job description, yet, year after year he has been there coaching Maxwell students.

Mr. Robert Ellison and Mr. Jesus Gil, both upper grade teachers continuously give of their time. Both coached track and currently are the coaches for the soccer teams. The hours they have contributed are countless.

The Maxwell Talent Show would not be possible except for the many hours volunteered by two dedicated individuals. Maryann Volmert, first grade teacher and Pam Moultrie our health aide organized the talent show, and worked with the students.

Both Mrs. Volmert and Mrs. Moultrie along with Ms. Louise Bayer and Christine Montgomery partnered with Parks and Recreation to celebrate Black History Week. This committee made it possible to provide entertainment, food and lots of fun for the Maxwell Community.

Our students collect Box tops and bring them to school. Mrs. Volmert, then collects, counts and sends the box tops to the collection center. Thus earning cash rewards for our school.

Mrs. Fish's, mother, Mrs. Bolstead made it possible for us to keep our library open. Last year due to budget cuts we were forced to eliminate the librarian position and we weren't sure how we would be able to run a library program. Mrs. Bolstead volunteers three hours a day two times a week allowing students to use the library.

Mrs. Vindel's oldest son attends Northview and her youngest son is in another classroom. Yet, Mrs. Vindel volunteers two days a week in Mrs. Field's class to help those students who need extra help. Mrs. Francisca Moreno, parent to her sixth grade daughter, helps the sixth grade raise funds for their year-end activities.

The danger with publicly thanking individuals is that someone is going to be left out. But we have many office staff, teachers, parents and community members who volunteer behind the scenes. How do I thank them all? So often forgotten are the spouses and other family members of these volunteers. They too chip in and make it possible so that students can have the advantage of all those opportunities that will make a difference in their lives.

These words are dedicated to the many volunteers:

Both night and day you've given of your time to make this school a better place. Every child at Maxwell benefits and your efforts can never be erased. We send this note to tell you that we are aware and all agree your gifts of time – large or small are special ones indeed!

Mt. Olive High

Events Past, Present & Future

By Kevin Morris, Principal

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

March featured our first basketball game in the San Gabriel Valley Continuation Sports League. The Mt. Olive Bulldogs visited Del Mar Continuation High School and defeated them 28-18. After the game both teams shared in a barbecue hosted by Del Mar. Also, during March Mt. Olive hosted our Annual Women's Tea Event, themed "Saving the Planet." Women's Tea is put on each year by English teacher, Melinda Branch. The guest speakers included DUSD Board members, City of Duarte brass, and guest speakers from Chevron, and Duarte local businesses. Our guest spoke to our female students about going green and the many opportunities available in today's world in the way of green jobs for women. In addition to that, we began the month of April with our well attended Open House Barbecue and Good Friday Fish Fry before students went on Spring Break.

IN THE HERE AND NOW

When we return from Spring Break, the Mt. Olive Bulldogs have another basketball game scheduled against Temple City Continuation High School on April 23. In addition, our MOOSE

(Mt. Olive Outdoor Science Expo) Team will be presenting at the Citrus College Earth Day on Friday, April 24. Team MOOSE will be sharing information on the "green garden project" and their efforts to becoming the first "Green School in the San Gabriel Valley."

FUTURE FUN

It's hard to believe that the 2008-2009 school year is almost over, but we are not finished just quite yet. May and June are filled with lots of excitement. For starters, we have our Cinco de Mayo Luncheon on May 1, which is a school-wide "food filled fiesta" in recognition of the Mexican holiday. Beginning in the month of June, we start off with Man Power Day on Friday, June 5. This event features Duarte business and community leaders as guest speakers who share their messages about success. Then we complete the month with our Senior Scholarship Luncheon on Monday, June 15 at the Monrovia. Next, we have our Commencement Ceremony on Tuesday, June 16, at the PAC. Finally, our Mt. Olive graduates are off to Disneyland for Gradnight activities on Thursday, June 18.

What an end to an eventful year as we send our Mt. Olive



KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ready for Hakuna Matata.

Springtime at Valley View

By Robin Nelson, Principal

Springtime has arrived at Valley View. We celebrated spring at our program, "Valley View on Broadway", honored the academic achievements at our Student Recognition Assemblies and celebrated Earth/Green Day.

Broadway came alive on the stage of the Performing Arts Center. The Valley View band, chorus, kindergarten, first, second and some of the sixth grade students sang and danced their way down the "Great White Way". The audience was treated to some fun renditions of "Singing in the Rain", "Hakuna Matata" "Getting to Know You" and songs from "Annie" and "The Wiz". It was a star-studded event. Thanks to the teachers that worked so hard to create this fun event: Irene Olmos, Christy Carrillo, Jennifer Hopson, Jackie Peale, Carrie Brakebush (our MC), Mara Goldwhite, Lauren Anaya, Tricia Franklin, Krista Juarez, Char Wilson, Garry Prado, Scott Moses and Tracy Hall.

We gave out over 300 awards at our recent Student Recognition Assembly. The certificates

were for academic achievements and improvements in reading, math and writing, People Using Positive Spirit, Greatest Effort, Citizenship and Excellence in Attendance. At the Awards Assembly and each month, we honor our Student of the Month for each classroom based on a character trait. The teachers personally hand out this award and briefly talk about the student. This is such a lovely way to commemorate and foster good character amongst our children. Meredith Clark, our Outreach Consultant, works tirelessly to create each award, organize the assemblies and honor each student. We all appreciate her hard work.

The Student Council celebrated our first "Green Day" this spring. The children wore green and celebrated our own Earth Day. We planted flowers around the school and took time to learn about "reduce, reuse and recycle".

Thanks to our student council, Scott Moses, Char Wilson and Tracy Hall for organizing this fun day.



T-BALL IS A GREAT WAY to get children age 4-7 outdoors this summer!

Youth Tee Ball League

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will once again offer this fun, beginner's league

for boys and girls 4-7 years of age as of July 1, 2009.

Registration begins Monday, June 8.

graduates into the world. Through, education, preparation, and meaningful school activities, we have transformed the Mt. Olive culture into a learning institution that prepares all students for post-secondary success. In closing, let me profess that, Duarte's California Model Continuation High School, Mt. Olive, will continue to raise the bar and produce stars.

Introductory practices will be held June 23 and 24. Games will be held on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings June 27-August 1.

The fee is only \$20 and this includes a tee shirt uniform. The league is limited to 90 players.

For more information please call (626) 357-7931.

Northview Intermediate School

By Miriam Fox, Principal

HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION A MUST FOR YOUR STUDENT'S SUCCESS

It is a commonly held belief that parents and schools working together significantly increase a student's chance for academic success. One of the most critical components of this collaboration is based on establishing effective communication.

Here at Northview we are striving to increase the effectiveness of our communication with our families. We recognize that middle school students do not consistently get information home to their parents even if a flier or other document is distributed to them. When students are little in kindergarten or first grade we can pin notices on their sweaters and know that our messages will get home, not so easy in middle school.

In our endeavors to improve in this area and to successfully get information home to families we are doing the following:

- Mailing home progress reports and final grades eight times per year.
- Mailing home with progress reports or in separate mailings important information that will also be sent home with our students.
- Using our marquee as an easily visible strategy for communicating about important dates
- Using the autodialing system to verbally communicate through the phone system important information.
- Edline is a website that parents can use to check on information from individual teachers. We also post all homework assignments for every class every night on the school website (not individual teacher sites.)
- Many, many, many individual calls home as well as parent conference meetings.

We will continue to improve our approaches to increase our effectiveness in this area. As parents you can assist in this two-way communication system by:

- Nightly checking your child's backpack and student agenda for important notices that may have been sent home directly with your student.
- Checking the Edline website (make sure to call 626-599-5605 and speak to Mr. Turner if you are still in need of an access code or information about how to access the website.)
- Call the school to ask about additional information relative to our brief messages posted on the marquee.
- Contact your child's teachers personally or by phone or e-mail whenever you have concerns or questions. If you do not get a prompt response contact the office and ask to speak to the principal or vice-principal.
- Carefully review any printed information that is mailed home or sent home.

Look for those informal grade reports that teachers send home with your son/daughter in addition to the mailed home reports.

As we increase our effort to improve communication if our parents will also take an active role as described above effective communication will occur to the benefit of all stakeholders.

Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center has a lot of great activities happening this summer! The Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista St. in Duarte. Hours of operation are June 22-July 31, Mon.-Fri. from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and August 3-August 28, Mon.-Fri. from 3 p.m. to 8 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.

NEW AT THE TEEN CENTER!

Nutrition/Cooking Class

Learn to make quick and easy nutritious meals, while having fun with friends! Class meets once a week. Starts 7/1, Wednesday at 2 p.m. \$2 per class

Drama Club

Club members will participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, improvisation, a theatre excursion and an end of session play! Starts 7/2, Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. \$5 membership fee every 6 months.

Club Duarte

Once a month the Duarte Teen Center will be transformed into the rocking hot spot for middle school youth, featuring a live DJ, dancing, food and game room activities. Cost is \$6 admission with middle school ID. July 10 and August 14, 7:30-10 p.m.

Hip Hop Dance Camp

Come spend a week learning the latest dance moves, meeting new friends, and at the end of the one week camp, showcase your talents!

August 17 through August 21, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Fee: \$40

SUMMER THEME WEEKS!

Wacky World of Sports- 7/6-7/10 - Teams will compete all week long in basketball, softball, flag football, soccer, relays, dodge ball, kickball, etc., for team points! Prizes to the winning teams! Free!

Aloha Hawaii Week - 7/20-7/24 - A traditional Island theme week, games, decorations, music, limbo contest and more! The week ends with a fabulous Luau! Free!

Splash Madness Week - 8/3-8/7 - Come hang out at the center and join us for water games all week, contests, super soaker fun and more for free! End the week with excursion to Raging Waters! Raging Waters excursion will be held Friday, August 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for \$24. Permission forms are available at the Teen Center.

Amazing Acts Week - 8/17-8/21 - A week of theatre arts, skits, poetry jam and the week will end with a talent contest for prizes. Free!

COMPUTER LAB

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

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

Movie Mondays - Come relax and enjoy one of the latest movies at the Teen Center! June 8 and June 29, July 13 and 27 from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Free.

Birthday Tuesday - On the first Tuesday of the month, come and join the Teen Center for a

birthday celebration with cake for all! June 2 and July 7 at 3:30 p.m. Free.

TEENS WITH DREAMS

This program is for teen girls grades 9 through 12. The group meets twice a month to discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self esteem, relationships, and much more. Sign up now! Free. June 3 and 17, July 1, 15 and 29.

TEEN BOOK CLUB

Come join the Teen Book Club! The Teen Center is forming

a book club that will meet once a month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. beginning May 22 to discuss various books from a designated reading list. Meet new friends and find new adventures in the world of good books! Call the Teen Center for more information. There is no fee, but participants will need to purchase their own books.

YOUTH BOXING PROGRAM

Join the fun and excitement with Duarte Boxing Program at the Duarte Teen Center! Boys and girls ages 8-18 years old are welcome!

You 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. You can train for fun and physical activity or for a chance to compete against other youth in the United States and at our annual Boxing Show. The Duarte Teen Center Gym is open Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is a \$10 monthly fee for each 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 to see if you are interested.

TOURNAMENTS - 3 Point Shoot Out Contest!

Come and "wet" the hoop in the Duarte Teen Center 3 Point Shoot Out contest! Each contestant will get 1 minute to shoot as many 3 point shots for a total score. Come and get ya hoop on! Free. Friday, July 17, 1 p.m.

POOL KINGS TOURNAMENT

Duarte Teen Center will host other local teen centers in a Pool Kings tournament! Come represent your center with the best hot shots you got! Thursday, July 30, at 3 p.m. Prizes awarded to top tournament winners! Free.

Moonlight Basketball Sat. Nights

An old sporting tradition has been rekindled in Duarte. The community is invited to participate in Moonlight Basketball in an open gym setting every Saturday night. The Duarte High School Gym at 1565 Central Ave. will be open from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The Moonlight Basketball program is targeted to young adults ages 17 to 25, but is open to anyone who would like to use the facility for fitness training, pick-up games, or to test their skill level against other players.

"The Moonlight Basketball program has really taken off. It provides our older teens and young adults and others in the community with a safe outlet for fun, competition and exercise," said Deputy City Manager Karen Herrera.

Moonlight Basketball is sponsored by the City of Duarte, Duarte Unified School District and Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth.

For more information, call (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.



THE NEW TEENS WITH DREAMS group enjoy sharing thoughts and feelings on many current topics.

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Children and Families Living on the Edge Now Face Homelessness

As the reality of the economic crisis sets in for the most vulnerable of Los Angeles County communities, housing issues have become a critical concern for community members facing job losses while trying to provide food and shelter for their families.

Members of our local communities are struggling with the prospect of losing their homes, and Foothill Family Service is on the front line helping vulnerable children and families in need not only to survive, but thrive.

On Friday, March 6, a representative from the Housing Rights Center visited Foothill Family Service's West Covina Family Center, offering information and resources vital to ensuring that thousands of low-income and at-risk families served by Foothill Family Service are able to stay informed and educated about their housing options as we face the worst economic downturn in recent history.

Homeowners confronting foreclosure are not the only victims of the housing crisis. Many of the families served by Foothill Family Service feel the threat of eviction looming as the owners of homes that they are renting face foreclosure.

For these families, finding affordable housing can be extremely difficult.

Without adequate resources, or the knowledge and means to access resources when in crises, families losing the security and stability of a long-term home can experience tremendous stress, which carries significant social costs for the children, their families and society as a whole.

The danger of losing the roof over their heads is only one of many hardships that our families suffer.

These challenging times create many physical and emotional hardships for families, but for those who are living on the edge, the economic crisis is a turning point.

"There has been an increase in domestic violence and child abuse and loss of hope for those already struggling to make ends meet," explains Helen Morran-Wolf, Executive Director of Foothill Family Service.

"Ninety-eight percent of the clients we serve make under \$1,000 per month and many have lost their jobs or had their hours cut. Poverty in our own communities continues to burgeon," Morran-Wolf explains.

Foothill Family Service, an 83+ year 501(c)3 charitable organization, provides social services and mental health treatment to high-need children and families throughout the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys and beyond, helping them to overcome the physical and emotional damage caused by a life in crisis.

Immediate needs are met and lives are changed as a result of the many programs and services that Foothill Family Service offers.

"We assist families with overcoming significant challenges, such as trauma, child abuse or the loss of a home, and more importantly, Foothill Family Service helps children and families overcome difficult conditions to become resilient and achieve success in life," Morran-Wolf shares.

Foothill Family Service has

seen the impact of poverty on children and families.

"Unfortunately, we are seeing dramatic increases in referrals and our waiting list grows daily, currently exceeding 500!" says Morran-Wolf.

As experts on the subject, Foothill Family Service invites you to learn more about the economic downturn's impact on our community's most vulnerable and fragile families and share this story with your viewers, listeners and readers.

In working toward strengthening families and helping children and their parents to overcome life's challenges, we need the help of those who believe in the power of change.

Please feel free to contact us to provide you with statistics, real life stories and the crisis conditions that are impacting the lives of tens of thousands of children and families in Los Angeles County.

Founded over 83 years ago by a Pasadena resident who passed around a hat to collect funds to help families in need, Foothill Family Service continues to build brighter futures for over 18,000 disadvantaged children and their families each year.

Strong communities begin with healthy families and Foothill Family Service welcomes the support of those who want to help our most vulnerable residents and neighbors.

To find out how you can help or to learn more about those we help and our programs and services, please call Kathleen Quintas, Director of Development, at (626) 564-1613.

Actionable Advice and News in Merchant Card Processing

Is charging consumers a fee legal?

By Sean Franke

VISA & MASTERCARD SURCHARGE REGULATIONS

It's not too hard today to find stores adding flat fees or a percentage rate to credit card transactions. Surcharging is one way for business owners to offset the rising costs of accepting credit cards but are businesses allowed to surcharge?

The card associations, Visa and MasterCard, obviously don't want merchants adding fees to card transactions. Because doing so discourages card usage. So what are the actual regulations regarding surcharging? Visa states "Always treat Visa transactions like any other transaction; that is, you may not impose any surcharge on a Visa transaction."

Rules for Visa Merchants pg 10. MasterCard states in Rule 5.9.2 "A Merchant must not directly or indirectly require any Cardholder to pay a surcharge or any part of any Merchant discount or any

contemporaneous finance charge in connection with a Transaction."

Most businesses today pass the cost of accepting credit cards by integrating those fees into the cost of goods and services. Another effective method is to offer a cash discount. Both Visa and MasterCard have provisions for merchants offering a cash discount. Keep in mind the cash price must be present as a discount from the standard price – not added to the cash price.

CONVENIENCE FEE OR SURCHARGE?

Convenience fees are allowed by Visa and MasterCard. Some business owners are aware that convenience fees are acceptable and in turn charge customers to cover transaction costs. However, fees passed along to cover transaction cost are considered a surcharge which is prohibited by both Visa and MasterCard.

What is a convenience fee and how does it differ from a

surcharge? The definition of a convenience fee varies slightly between Visa and MasterCard. Visa states "For merchants who offer an alternate payment channel for customers to pay for goods or services, a convenience fee may be added to the transaction amount." (Rules for Visa's Merchants –pg 10) This fee must be disclosed; it's only for non face-to-face transactions, must be a flat or fixed amount and can't be added to a recurring transaction. MasterCard does allow fixed and percentage convenience fees.

An example of a legitimate convenience fee would be from a utility company taking payments over the web. Payment is customarily made by mail or in person. For customer convenience the utility company set up a web site for payments. The utility company may apply a convenience fee for payments made through the website.

Established in 1999 by Sean Franke, Electronic Merchant Services Inc., a registered ISO/MSP with US Bank – Minn. MN, provides credit card processing and merchant account services for hundreds of businesses in Southern California. Sean can be reached at 909.971.9583 or sean@emspayments.com

Join the Duarte Chamber of Commerce. It's Good for Business!

In the midst of layoffs are employers prepared to guide their employees through recession and transition?

It is never easy. There is no painless way to do it. No one wants to do it. But it has to be done. Telling your loyal, hard-working, talented employees this is the end of the journey with your company can never be a pleasant task.

The Foothill Workforce Investment Board (FWIB) understands that laying-off workers can have a traumatic impact on your business, employees, and the whole community. The Business Service Team can mobilize immediately to meet with the employer to plan the best way to communicate the services available to the employees once they are laid-off.

The team is prepared to assist

with access to Unemployment Insurance Benefits, access to training and career development, stream of job leads and employer contact, upgrading resumes to current market standards, interview preparation, and a variety of supportive services to help transition into a new job or different career.

The Foothill Workforce Investment Board comprises of representatives from businesses, education, labor, and community.

Our goal is to assist employers when times are good by helping them build their workforce, and when the economy is at a downturn to help transition their workforce into different jobs. The FWIB is funded through the Workforce Investment Act and with additional funds through the

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Friends of the Duarte Library

The Duarte Library and Friends of the Duarte Library invites you to attend a Grand Opening of the newly designed library space just for teens! Thursday, June 18, at 4 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served courtesy of Joes Place. Contact Eileen, (626) 358-1865.

Your library is open: Mon.-Thurs. 11-8, Fri. 11-6 and Sat. 11-5.

BE CREATIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY

What is that all about? It's the Summer Reading Program, registration Monday, June 22, library opens 11 a.m.

All ages through elementary school, special programs Tuesdays and Fridays at 3 p.m. unless noted otherwise. This is the program you can do at home as well as in the library.

But you want to miss seeing: Janathons Juggling Circus, Amazing Awesome Arts with Mrs. Joy, Drawing with B.J. Lane or the Mime Program.

Additional workshop sessions with Mrs. Joy will be here: August 4, 11, 18 & 25, great opportunity to have fun with and make artwork of discarded paper items. Kay or Eileen will talk with you (626) 358-1865.

Duarte Library, 1301 Buena Vista St.

TEENS, NOW IS THE TIME . . . LEARN HOW TO BECOME A COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

This is your opportunity to be an active volunteer by assisting with the Summer Reading Program.

Learn more about how a library works, meet and work alongside professional librarians and staff, be a mentor to younger kids, design and present the Carnival, August 1, held in the library parking lot, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

See Kay Pearlman or Eileen Penson, (626) 358-1865.

TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM!

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So, join in these free programs, read a fun book each week, and enter the drawing to

Flamenco dancer at Duarte Library July 14

Spanish classical & flamenco dancer Susana Elena will present a children's program at the Duarte Library on Tuesday, July 14, at 3 p.m.

The library is located at 1301 Buena Vista Street. Free. Contact the library at (626) 358-1865. The show consists of dances to recorded music, brief explanations of them, and audience participation. For ages 5 and up.

Duarte's Promise Announces Annual Red Wagon Scholarship Award

On June 11 Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth participated in the annual Red Wagon Scholarship Award, and awarded three Duarte High School graduating seniors, and one Mt. Olive graduating senior with \$250 scholarships which were given at the DHS Senior Breakfast as well as the Mt. Olive senior luncheon.

The Red Wagon Scholarships were given to these graduating seniors because they exhibited dedicated community service both on and off the campus as well as strong academic skills.

This year's sponsors are Piken Development, and Monrovia/Duarte Quota Club which both sent very generous donations.

win a fine grand prize at the end of six weeks.

You'll be doing yourself a real help while learning that books can be fun.

Also just for teens special programs and are free:

- June 23, Dave Chavez Comedy Workshop: 4:30-5:30

- July 6, Teen Comic Book and Manga Book Club 2-4

- July 13, Guitar Hero with friends.

Programs for ages 12-17, call Eileen Penson, (626) 358-1865.

Storytime for infants, parent & kids will continue the entire summer Fridays, 11 a.m.

Friends of the Duarte Library will be looking for you at **Concerts in the Park** on Wed: June 24, July 8, July 22 and Aug. 5 at 6 p.m.

We'll be offering melon cups, cookies, water and sodas, all proceeds are given to the Duarte Library for the purchase of new books, materials and special monthly programs.

Friends of the Duarte Library along with other nonprofits will present, back by popular demand **Casino Night**, Sat., Sept. 12, a community pep rally event the week before the Route 66 Parade, Sat., Sept. 19.

7th Annual Duarte Festival of Authors, Sat., Oct. 3, 10-5 in the park at Westminster Gardens a Retirement Oasis, 1420 Santo Domingo.

You may have missed the opportunity to listen, talk with an author, and see professional artwork by local artists so join us for this unique event right in the middle of our town.

Ray Bradbury has promised to return at 3 p.m. He is an icon of reading, writing and living a very active, productive, happy life. How does he do it?

Check it out www.friendsoftheduartelibrary, Festival of Authors.

The three selected students from Duarte High School were:

- Kristina Pichardo; who participated in countless Duarte's Promise volunteer events since her freshman year of high school;

- Denise Palenzuela; who participated in the ROP mentorship program for the City of Hope; and,

- Talia Leon; devoted countless volunteer hours for the City of Duarte.

Duarte's Promise also honored a Mt. Olive graduating senior Roxana Vazquez; while making positive changes to turn around her grades she still managed to devote volunteer hours.

These selected students were honored and presented with certificates from Duarte Promise Fellows at the Breakfast.

The annual Red Wagon Scholarship is just an example of the special projects, programs and events sponsored 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:

- ongoing relationships with caring adults - parents, mentors, tutors, coaches,
- safe places and structured activities during non-school hours,
- a healthy start and future,
- marketable skills through effective education, and
- opportunities for youth to give back through community service.

For more information please contact Airika Narcisse at (626) 357-7931, ext. 267.

Foothill Unity

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Center to receive assistance. Pre-registration at Foothill Unity Center is also required.

Duarte Transit will provide free transportation for Duarte program participants to and from Santa Anita Racetrack every 30 minutes beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Duarte Transit bus stop inside the Target Center parking lot. Buses will leave the racetrack on the hour and pick-up/return to the Target Center bus stop on the half-hour.

For more information, call Duarte's Promise at (626) 357-7931, ext. 267, or Foothill Unity Center at (626) 358-3486.

Duarte Youth Boxing Club to host golf tournament to benefit boxing program

The Duarte Youth Boxing Club is looking for golfers to play in the 4th Annual Duarte Boxing Club Golf Tournament fundraiser, set for Friday, Aug. 21 at Rancho Duarte Golf Course with a shotgun start at 11 a.m. The 18-hole tournament is open to 72 golfers and as many sponsors as would like to help support the City run youth boxing club. Funds raised from the benefit golf tournament will help fund team travel, equipment and other expenses for the program headquartered at the Duarte Teen Center.

The Tournament entry fee is \$85 and includes a light lunch, dinner, goodie bag, and a bucket of range balls.

Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place, men and women closest to the pin, and longest drive.

Sponsorship opportunities are open for Event Sponsor, Platinum Sponsor, Gold Sponsor, Silver Sponsor, Bronze Sponsor, and Tee/Greens Sponsor. There are also opportunities for vendor booths and dinner only tickets.

The Duarte Youth Boxing Club operates Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., averaging about 40 to 50 kids a day. Ages range from 8 to 18 years, both boys and girls.

Coaches put the kids through their workouts - punching bags, jumping rope and sparring in the ring - to help prepare them for local, regional and national

competitions.

Once physically ready, the young athletes must be certified by USA Boxing, the national governing organization for Olympic-style boxing before they are permitted to compete, matched by age and weight.

"The Duarte Boxing Program is about more than boxing and competition. The opportunity for young people to expand their horizons through travel, meeting new people, coupled with the discipline and hard work that it takes for them to compete and succeed in the sport are things that will also help them to grow into confident, successful adults," said Head Boxing Trainer, Victor Valenzuela.

Paola Arana, 18, who recently competed in the USA Boxing National Championships in Denver is now number two in the nation for women in her weight class, 101 pounds. Kurt Scoby, 14, Johnny Oldera, 13, Ryan Leon, 15, all stopped their opponents in the recent Boxers for Christ Show in Tulare. Raul Romo, 13 won in a decision, and Victor Barajas, 15, lost in a close decision.

Duarte Youth Boxing Club will send 16 boxers to the Desert Showdown National Invitational Tournament in Coachella, July 13-18.

For more information about the golf tournament or the Duarte Youth Boxing Club, please call Marilyn Mays at the Duarte Teen Center at (626) 303-0863.

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Amateur boxers set for Duarte Youth Boxing Show Aug. 1

Young amateur boxers from boxing clubs throughout Southern California will be in Duarte on Saturday, Aug. 1, to compete in the 4th Annual Duarte Youth Boxing Show hosted by Duarte Parks and Recreation's Duarte Youth Boxing Club.

The Boxing Show will be held at the Duarte High School Gym, 1565 E. Central Ave. Weigh-ins start at 9 a.m., with match-making to follow. Doors will open to the public at 12 noon, with the first of 20 bouts scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

To compete as an amateur, boxers must be certified by USA Boxing Federation. Contenders ranging from 8 years old to 18 will be matched by age, weight and experience. The winner of each bout will receive a championship belt. Their opponents will receive a trophy for competing.

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department started the Duarte Boxing Club in 1997. In the past four years head coach Victor Valenzuela and assistant coaches, Eric Campugan and Louis Valenzuela have developed a highly competitive youth boxing program.

General admission to the Duarte Youth Boxing Show is \$5; \$3 for children 11 years of age and under; kids 3 years old and under admitted free.

Proceeds will be used to support the Duarte Youth Boxing Program and the Duarte Teen Center.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase at the snack bar.

For more information, call Duarte Youth Boxing Club at (626) 303-0863 or (626) 967-0291.

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Thank you to the following businesses who have joined the Duarte Chamber of Commerce Membership in the last year. Included with their membership is an enhanced presence on the Duarte Chamber website. Please visit www.DuarteChamber.com often to keep up on Duarte community news and to keep in touch with our business members.

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SAFYMCA Youth Alliance honor students' success at graduation banquet

The Santa Anita Family Youth Alliance celebrated the success of more than 75 youths with a "promotion and graduation" banquet, June 19 at the Mary Wilcox Youth Center in Monrovia.

Many of the youths who were honored have struggled in school. Others have experienced daunting life problems—homelessness, the threat of deportation, parents' lost jobs, evictions, and substandard living conditions.

But through the Youth Alliance program that provides the students and their parents with support, educational guidance, homework help, and counseling, they are developing the skills needed to succeed.

While most of the students in attendance were marking their promotion from one grade to another, nine were especially honored for their graduation from elementary to middle school or from middle school to high school, and high school to college.

One youngster, five year-old Isabel Campana, just a toddler when the Youth Alliance program started was celebrated for her promotion from pre-school to kindergarten.

"Every step forward is a cause for celebration," said Ulises Gutierrez, SAFYMCA Outreach Coordinator and Youth Alliance

program director.

Keynote speaker, 18 year-old Juan Frias talked about how the program had transformed his life.

He will be starting Pasadena City College this summer, something that seemed almost impossible to him just one year ago when he was expelled from Monrovia High School.

Youth Alliance helped Frias enroll in Opportunities for Learning, a charter school in Duarte, from which he graduated this month.

"Juan is a transformed life. He will be the first in his family to go to college. His future is bright. We believe that the story of his turnaround and success will positively influence other teens that may be struggling and thinking of giving up," said Gutierrez.

While the main focus was on the kids, some important adult mentors were also honored at the banquet.

Retired Monrovia educator Joann Spring was presented with the SAFYMCA's second annual Legacy Award for her longtime commitment and support of the Youth Alliance program.

Two SAFYMCA staff members, Youth Alliance assistant program director Marco Valadez

and program counselor Christine Bennett received "Hero of the Year" awards for their passion and commitment to helping youth.

Families of the youth being honored were among those in attendance.

Monrovia City Council member Becky Shevlin and Juvenito Gomez, representative for Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, presented certificates to the nine students graduating and being promoted.

Over the last year, the SAFYMCA Youth Alliance provided kids with 4,320 tutoring sessions of 90 minutes each, and served 11,520 dinners to youths attending the Youth Alliance's weekly Friday night program at the SAFYMCA.

Youth Alliance members are transported free to and from the SAYMCA, which amounted to 21,936 transportation trips over the last year.

Everything is free of charge to Youth Alliance members including 3,860 hours of SAFYMCA programming provided from June 2008 to June 2009.

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



DUARTE COUNCIL MEMBER LOIS GASTON speaking to California Contract Cities Association members following her installation as President during the CCCA's 50th Annual Municipal Seminar in Indian Wells on May 17.

Duarte Council Member Lois Gaston assumes Presidency of California Contract Cities Assn.

Duarte City Council member Lois Gaston is the new president of the California Contract Cities Association (CCCA). Gaston was installed as president in a ceremony held during the CCCA's 50th Annual Municipal Seminar in Indian Wells on May 17.

CCCA is a collection of 67 member cities representing more than 10 million residents that contract with another public agency or private company for municipal services.

"Meeting the challenges of declining revenues, workforce reductions, and stopping cuts of public safety and other essential services for our member cities are my priorities," said Gaston.

"This coming year California Contract Cities will be heavily engaged in 'R and R', revenues and relationships. The protection of local government dollars and finding new revenue sources is paramount. Our partnerships with Independent Cities Association (ICA) and the League of California Cities (LOCC) as well as other municipal groups such as counties and Councils of Governments will be strengthened.

"Our advocacy with the governor, state legislators, and county leaders statewide will grow. Revenues and relationships are vital to the California Contract Cities mission to serve our

member cities," said Gaston. Gaston is currently serving her second term on the Duarte City Council. In 2006-2007 she served as mayor of the City of Duarte, the first African American female to be elected to that position in the City's 50-year history.

Last March, California State Assemblyman Anthony Portantino honored Councilwoman Gaston for her service to the community by naming her the 44th Assembly District "Woman of the Year".

In a separate ceremony at the CCCA's 50th Annual Municipal Seminar, Duarte Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Finlay was awarded the prestigious Roy E. Reynolds Award, named after the first president of the Contract Cities Association. Finlay served as president of CCCA in 2004-2005.

Since its establishment in 1958, the CCCA has served as a rallying point for cities contracting for municipal services for the purpose of helping to ensure constituents with the best service at the minimum cost.

Through municipal seminars, education, exchange of ideas and information, CCCA combines resources to influence policy decisions affecting the member cities.



DUARTE MAYOR PRO TEM MARGARET FINLAY was awarded the prestigious Roy E. Reynolds Award at the California Contract Cities Association 50th annual Municipal Seminar. Finlay served as president of the CCCA in 2004-2005.

SAFYMCA honors students at graduation banquet

NINE MEMBERS OF THE SANTA ANITA FAMILY YMCA Youth Alliance were honored for their achievements at a graduation and promotion banquet held at the Mary Wilcox Youth Center attended by more than 150 students and their families. The Youth Alliance program provides the students with motivational support, educational guidance, homework help, and counseling to help them develop the skills they need to succeed in school and in life. Front row, from left: Rebekka Cruz, Claudia Rizo, Stephanie Padilla, and Isabel Campana. Back row, from left: Keynote speaker, Juan Frias, who received a scholarship from the Monrovia Kiwanis and will be attending Pasadena City College, Jonathan Duarte, Previnique White, Freddy Aguilar, and Henry Martinez.