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# Duarte View

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

## Monrovia, Arcadia, Duarte Tri-Chamber Golf Tourney June 10

Sierra La Verne Country Club will be the site of the 13th annual M.A.D. Tri-Chamber Golf Tournament on June 10 presented by the Chambers of Commerce of the cities of Monrovia, Arcadia, and Duarte.

"Our three chambers have forged a great working relationship over the past few years as a result of collaborating on this annual golf tournament. Our cities have an historical connection from the days we shared Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte High School. The Tri-Chamber Golf Tournament is a fun way for our members to meet and connect and an important fund-raiser for the chambers," said Duarte Chamber Chief Executive Officer, Jim Kirchner. The three chambers represent a combined 1,400 members.

A special feature of this year's tournament will be a helicopter golf ball drop offering \$1,500 for the ball closest to the pin and \$500 for the ball furthest away from the pin. In case of a tie the prize money will be split. Winners need not be present. Tickets are available at [www.duartechamber.com](http://www.duartechamber.com).

Performance Nissan of Duarte will sponsor a Hole-in-One con-



test for a chance to win a brand new Nissan automobile. Other major prizes to be given away include a weekend at Paris Las Vegas and golf for four with carts at Trump National Golf Club of Los Angeles.

Golf tournament executive sponsors are: OneWest Bank, Doubletree Hotel, Eric and Terri Mozilo, and Performance Nissan.

Golfers can register online at [www.duartechamber.com](http://www.duartechamber.com) or by calling the Duarte Chamber at (626) 357-3333, the Monrovia Chamber at (626) 358-1159 or the Arcadia Chamber at (626) 447-2159.

## Local Church breaks ground to accommodate growth

It's an exciting time for the people of Grace Fellowship and the whole community of Duarte.

After over three years of planning and preparation, the church, located directly across Huntington Drive from the Duarte City Hall, broke ground on a major building project, on Sunday, April 11. The church is building a new worship center, along with a new wing housing the church offices.

According to Doug Spriggs, the Senior Pastor of the congregation, "Grace Fellowship is about three things: loving God, loving people and changing the world. These facilities will help us to do all three."

The congregation arrived in Duarte in 2006, having taken over the facilities of the Duarte Fellowship Church, which closed its doors in the same year. Since then, the church has outgrown the existing buildings as more and more people in the community discover the contemporary, evangelical congregation.

The members of the church are looking forward to making



**GRACE FELLOWSHIP GROUNDBREAKING** participants include (from left) Roger Engebretson (Elder), Doug Spriggs (Pastor), Fritz Fidel (Elder), and Keith Parry (Efraim & Associates).

use of the beautiful new buildings as well as making the facilities available to the community for various uses.

The builder is Efraim & Associates of Beverly Hills: a contractor known for quality construction throughout the southland, and

specializing in church facilities.

During the construction project, Grace Fellowship is holding its worship service on the campus of New Creation Fellowship, located at 308 S. Alta Vista Avenue, in Monrovia. The Monrovia congregation has graciously opened its doors to accommodate its neighbor church from Duarte, hoping to help in any way it can. The weekly worship service will be held at 9 a.m.

The community is invited to join the church for its services, both during the building project (in Monrovia) and after its completion, in the new buildings on the Duarte campus. The project is scheduled for completion in early September.

For more information go to [www.GraceDuarte.com](http://www.GraceDuarte.com).

## Funds raised by Relay for Life



**CANCER SURVIVORS LEAD THE WAY** at Duarte's first annual Relay for Life event held on the grounds of City of Hope. Hundreds participated in the 24-hour event which raised more than \$30,000 for the American Cancer Society. Major sponsors and teams for the Duarte Relay for Life included City of Hope, Best Buy, Wal-Mart, The Home Depot, Joe's Place, SCE Credit Union, Wells Fargo, Rite Aid, Papa John's, Allegiance Medical Transportation, Man-E-Foundation, Duarte Public Safety, City of Duarte, Miyachi Unitech, Elks Club, Grace Fellowship, and Kiwanis. Funds raised by Relay For Life have played a role in nearly every major cancer research breakthrough in the last 25 years, leading to groundbreaking discoveries into cancer's causes and cures.



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## Hook'd 'n Book'd

The Public Safety Office has always made an effort to recruit the best deputies that Temple Station has to offer.

To that end, Sergeant Haynes requested that Deputy Jose Lopez be transferred to the Duarte Sub-Station as a training deputy. That request was granted and it paid off immediately.

Within the first few weeks, Deputy Lopez and his trainee partner while on routine patrol in the late evening hours of January 5, spotted a bicyclist with no lights suspiciously riding in a residential area that has been plagued by vehicle burglaries and vehicle thefts.

The suspect upon seeing the deputies attempted to flee from the deputies by quickly riding into the front yard of a residence. The



Deputies ordered the suspect back out to the sidewalk and detained him for further investigation.

He was later identified as a known Duarte East Side gang member. The suspect was hook'd and book'd for possession of a loaded firearm and possession of methamphetamine.

Of even greater importance, this arrest resulted in an investigation which tied the same suspect and his two accomplices to an

attempted murder incident that took place on December 31, 2009.

The suspect is now facing charges of not only a gang member in possession of a firearm and possession of methamphetamine but attempted murder charges in the commission of a hate crime.

This is just one example of the great work your Deputy Sheriffs are doing in our city!

If you see any suspicious persons in your neighborhood do not hesitate to call Temple Station at (626) 285-7171.

## Burrtec Waste Services invests in a cleaner tomorrow by using CNG

Burrtec Waste Services is the City of Duarte's contracted hauler for residential, commercial and industrial solid waste and recycling collection services.

Burrtec is in the process of replacing the diesel powered residential and commercial collection vehicles to trucks powered by compressed natural gas (CNG) that will operate in the City of Duarte.

CNG is the same type of gas commonly used in household appliances and as a home heating source.

The CNG clean fuel technology will help the environment and local communities by producing less exhaust emission pollutants and greenhouse gases than common diesel fueled trucks.

According to the California Air Resources Board (ARB), diesel engine emissions are responsible for a majority of California's estimated cancer risk attributable to air pollution.

In addition, assessments by ARB

and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimate that diesel engine particulate matter contributes to approximately 3,500 premature respiratory and cardiovascular deaths and thousands of hospital admissions annually in California.

Burrtec also recently completed construction of a new CNG fueling station at its facility in Azusa that will dispense an estimated 175,500 diesel equivalent gallons of natural gas per year.

The CNG station is designed to fuel a total of 16 heavy duty collection vehicles and was co-funded by MSRC (Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee).

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# Power game brings more golf injuries

The popularity of the game of golf has never been higher, with 25 million people playing 500 million rounds of golf each year in the United States. At the same time, golf injuries have reached "epidemic proportions" according

to golf professional and doctor of chiropractic Jeff Blanchard. He says an estimated 50 percent of all golfers suffer from back pain and other injuries related to swinging the club.

"Golf has become a power

game. It's all about power and distance," Dr. Blanchard says. "Statistically, most people drive the ball less than 200 yards, but they get a big case of 'distance envy' when they see the pros on television reaching 300 yards.

Once they start trying to match what the pros are doing, injuries are bound to occur because they have not conditioned their body to swing that hard.

"Doctors of chiropractic, with their expertise in posture and flexibility, are uniquely qualified to help players stay fit and injury free.

A chiropractic adjustment can increase a player's mobility and range of motion, which are the key components to building up power, distance, strength and club speed – and to avoid injuries. Golf-specific training and conditioning are the best ways to improve your game and stay injury free in the long run," he adds.

Based in Morro Bay, Dr. Blanchard has played professional golf part-time since 1997. He is the only doctor of chiropractic to actively compete on the pro golf tour.

At Duarte Family Chiropractic, Dr. John McHaney is the expert on sports and golf injuries, their rehabilitation and most importantly their prevention. His extensive knowledge in golf injuries

have helped numerous athletes achieve peak performance.

With the MAD Golf Tournament coming up on June 10th, now is a great time to get your swing adjusted.

## GOLF INJURY PREVENTION TIPS

- Purchase equipment that fits. Don't try to adapt your swing to the wrong size clubs.

- Stretch before playing to increase flexibility and again after playing to help reduce post-game stiffness.

- Use soft spikes on shoes. Metal spikes can increase stress on the back.

- Pull, don't carry, your golf bag. Carrying a heavy bag for 18 holes can lead to spine problems and nerve irritation.

- Take a few practice swings with the opposite hand to keep muscles balanced and even out stress on the back.

- Drink water. Dehydration causes fatigue, leading players to compensate by adjusting their swing, thus increasing the risk of injury.

- Take the "drop." One bad swing striking a root or a rock with your club can damage the wrist. If unsure whether you can get a clean swing, take the drop.

*Health News by Maggie Pezeshkian D.C. C.K.T.P., Duarte Family Chiropractic, www.duartechiropractic.com, Member of the California Chiropractic Association.*



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# Michelle Obama's fitness program comes to Duarte

Zumba Fitness is the country's fastest-growing fitness trend. Zumba has just been incorporated into Michelle Obama's Get Moving campaign. On Saturday, June 19, from 10 a.m.-12 noon, SET for LIFE in partnership with 24-Hour Fitness, Zumba Fitness and Heart & Soul Line Dance will help the communities "Get Moving" with a Zumba Line Dance Explosion! The event will take place at the Northview Intermediate School gym in Duarte.

It's time to stop putting it off until Monday! Do you know how to do the "Duarte Slide"? If you're serious about losing weight, getting healthy, feeling and looking better then come on down and let us help you get started.

Residents of Duarte, Monrovia, Arcadia and the entire San Gabriel Valley are invited to put on their tennis shoes and come together for a two-hour Fitness Party...in the day time. That's Saturday, June 19, from 10 a.m.-noon, at Northview Intermediate School gym, 1401 Highland Ave., Duarte. For more information visit [www.setforlifefitness.org](http://www.setforlifefitness.org) or contact SET for LIFE at (626) 644-7672.

SET for LIFE 50+ (Senior Education and Training for Living Informed Futures Everyday) provides seniors and their families with practical skills, education, and training to succeed in today's ever changing society. This fundraising event is in support of the annual educational Health Expo to be held on September 11, 2010.

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**DUARTE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED JULY 5 AND AUGUST 9**

**Summer Reading Programs**

*Make a Splash-Read!* Fill some part of each day with reading. Children 12 years and younger may sign up June 28 for the Summer Reading Program through to Aug. 28. Read at home or in the library to earn points you can exchange for gifts. Special Programs, Tuesday and Friday 3 p.m.: July: 7/2-Movie Day, 7/9-Bingo Day, 7/13 Ronald McDonald, 7/16 Arts & Crafts, 7/20 Magic Workshop with

Magic Wayne(ages 6-12), 7/23 "Back Yard Bugs" with San Gabriel Valley Vector Control, 7/27 "Bubblemania", 7/30 Movie Day, Aug.3 Blue Submarine (live sea animals),(4) 30min. sessions: 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30, limited to 30 people. Check for sign ups. CARNIVAL! is a fun time on Sat., Aug. 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Library parking area. Aug.10 Movie Day, 8/17 Game Day, 8/24 Arts and Crafts

Calling all teen readers to "Make Waves@Your Library" come check out the many new books recently donated specifically for Teen Scape. We are now offering several more cur-

rent writings as well as historic stories to expand your thoughts, ideas and for your reading enjoyment. Be sure to sign up June 28 to earn incentives to win prizes during this six week program. For additional information please contact Eileen Penson, Young Adult/Reference Librarian, (626) 358-1865.

On March 30 at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis of Duarte, President Peter Gallup presented Nita Norgard, president of the Friends of the Duarte Library a generous gift of 25 new books for the teen area in the library. This gift exemplifies the Kiwanis goal, "to improve the world one child at a time". Member Eileen Penson, Young Adult/Reference librarian, Duarte Library assisted with the book selections and was delighted with this gift.

**Grade 7-12** for 6 weeks. Contact Eileen Penson, Young Adult Librarian, 358-1865 or epenson@library.lacounty.gov.

Teens can also sign up June 28 for the *Make Waves @ Your Library Program*.

**Friends of the Duarte Library** will be waiting to meet you at the Summer Concerts in the Park June 30, July 14, July 28 and Aug.11. Buy a soda and "Adopt a Book".

**Thank you, thank you!** These are the words being said by the Friends of the Duarte Library to president Lois Gaston and members of the California Contract Cities Association. Rather than receive a symbolic item as a token of appreciation for her leadership as CCCA president 2009-2010 Lois requested that CCCA members representing 67 contract cities give books to the teen area at the

Duarte Library. To date 75 books have been received and added to the collections for teen and young adult readers. Would you like to make a purchase at amazon.com to enhance the resources at the Duarte Library? Go to CCCA website at www.contractcities.org and follow the link to the Duarte Library Teen Book Wish List and we thank you too!

**Computer Classes at the Duarte Library**

Reed Strege, Community Library Manager, has completed giving a free beginners' computer course to six Duarte residents before the library opens. He would like to continue this program. If you are interested, please contact Reed to inquire when the next series of classes begin. The library phone number is 358-1865.

*See Library on page 9*



**THE LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY at Duarte was the happy recipient of books for their Young Adults Program. The \$500 gift was the result of a joint effort sponsored by the Duarte Kiwanis Club. From left to right, Kiwanian Eileen Penson and Teen Librarian in Duarte, Nita Norgard President of Friends of the Library, Kiwanis President Elect Tina Carey.**

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**DUARTE WELCOMES . . .**

## Captain Joseph Fennell

The City of Duarte welcomes newly assigned Captain Joseph Fennell, as the new head of the Temple Sheriff's Station. Captain Fennell, a 27-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department, was installed in November 2009 as the new Captain of the Sheriff's Temple Station.

As captain of the sheriff's Temple station, Fennell is in charge of police work in Temple City, Rosemead, Duarte, South El Monte and nearby unincorporated county areas.

"It's a huge area," said the 48-year-old captain. "It's going to be a challenge, but it's going to be a lot of fun because it's such a diversity of people."

Fennell is not a stranger to the sheriff's Temple Station, where he served as lieutenant in 2005 and 2006. The unincorporated area near the Duarte-Monrovia border is among his biggest concerns, he said. Violence between black and Latino gangs left four people dead in late 2007 and early 2008.

"One of my goals is in the unincorporated county area of L.A. County near the Duarte-Monrovia border," Fennell said. "I would like to see us further mitigate gangs in that area and give the community back to the citizens of Los Angeles County."

The captain was present at a community meeting held at Maxwell School this past December and expressed the need to focus more on building trust between citizens and deputies by getting to know residents better.

Fennell holds a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Redlands and a master's degree in emergency services administration from Cal State Long Beach. After starting his career with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in 1982, Fennell worked at the sheriff's Lynwood Station and the sheriff's narcotic's bureau before being promoted to sergeant in 2000. As a sergeant, Fennell was assigned to the sheriff's Marina Del Rey and Compton stations, as well as the Office of the Sheriff.

After serving as a lieutenant at the sheriff's Temple Station in 2005 and 2006, Fennell transferred to Sheriff's personnel administration. He was promoted to captain in 2008, and remained with Sheriff's personnel administration until he was appointed to the Temple station.

Fennell said he became a sheriff's deputy after college, where he played football, because he wanted to do something athletic and that would give him room to grow. "I've always wanted to help people," he said. "I've always wanted to have a positive impact on society. A law-enforcement career gave me that opportunity."



**CAPTAIN JOSEPH FENNEL**

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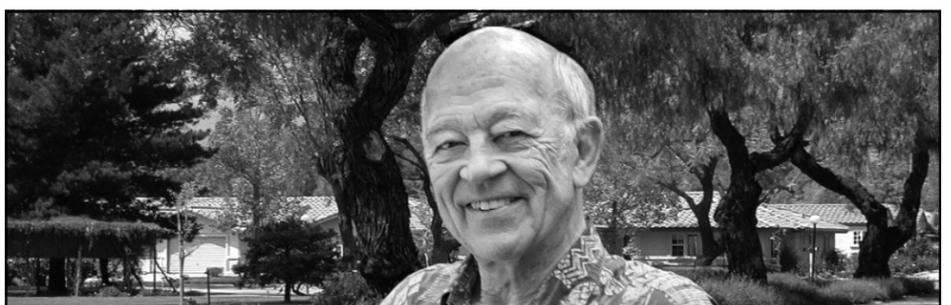
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## Community Movie Night in the Park set for June 4

Everyone is invited to Duarte Public Safety's Second Community Movie Night of the year.

Enjoy a complimentary BBQ dinner, snack on popcorn, while you enjoy an outdoor movie this June 4, from 6-9 p.m. at Otis Gordon Park Sports Park located at 2351 Central Ave., next to Andres Duarte Elementary School.

Mingle with City Council members the Mayor's Youth Council, chat with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies, Mayor Margaret Finlay and other City

Council members and staff.

Community non-profit organization Marvell West will grill hot dogs while LA County Parks makes fresh popcorn and you have the opportunity to meet other non-profit organizations and business owners that serve your area.

The 2009 Disney movie, "Monsters vs. Aliens", will be our featured movie.

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## It's Duarte's Night Out Against Crime! National Night Out 2010 on August 3

This year we celebrate the 27th anniversary of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3. Join us and help us determine which neighborhoods are among the safest neighborhoods in Duarte.

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved 24 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 2010.

The Duarte Public Safety Department cordially invites you and your neighbors to be a part of the National Night Out 2010 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



DEPUTY LARRY PERLMAN with the Encanto Neighborhood Watch Team.

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 2009.

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](http://www.accessduarte.com/publicsafety/nno)

### Special Thanks to Last Year's Participants

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Duarte Public Safety Staff and Sheriff Deputies are Looking Forward to Visit Your Neighborhood!



LEMONADE STAND at Elda Street's NNO Party.

## Pool and 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 persons of all ages, starting at 9 months of age are offered at the Duarte Fitness Center. Cost is \$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. for two weeks. Registration will start one week prior to each session.

- Session 1: June 28-July 8
- Session 2: July 12-22
- Session 3: July 26-August 5
- Session 4: August 9-19
- Session 5: Aug. 23-Sept. 2
- Session 6: September 13-23

Open swim is also offered during the Monday through Friday 1-3:30 p.m., holidays and weekends 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Adult lap swim offered daily at convenient hours. For more information, call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118.

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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.

### Local harvest

If you have an abundance of fruit growing in your yard, don't let it go to waste! Call Local Harvest to have your homegrown fruit harvested by a team of supervised Duarte youth that will deliver the harvest to the Foothill Unity Center for immediate distribution to families in need!

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# Citrus College's Veterans Program enables students to succeed

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

Our colleges and universities are experiencing increasing enrollment in the number of student veterans; in fact, the number of service members attending colleges or vocational schools has increased an estimated 24 percent since 2001. Because the transition from military to civilian life is not always easy, many combat veterans have difficulty adjusting to college life. As a result, college administrators, faculty and staff must possess a heightened awareness of student veterans' needs.



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL

Citrus College's Veterans Program has gained the attention of local veterans advocates.

I was fortunate to participate in a recent tour and informational meeting hosted by Citrus College for several members of the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) of the United States, Pasadena—San Gabriel Valley Chapter 42. Our guests were senior veterans and included my 91-year-old father, Dr. Edward Ortell Sr., a World War II veteran who served in the Air Force and Lieutenant Colonel Susan Rose, who served in the Army during the Vietnam War. They were welcomed by Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, Superintendent/President; Dr. Gary L. Woods, Board President; and me.

The group toured the campus and observed the Health Occupations, Cosmetology, Automotive Technology, and Recording Arts programs. However, the visit to the Citrus College Veterans Center left a lasting impression on us. The Veterans Center opened in 2009, courtesy of a \$100,000 grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation. The center, often described as a "mini USO," is the headquarters for the Veterans Program and the Veterans Network student club. Students can receive information about veterans' benefits, network with other students, attend workshops, and meet with organizations such as the ROA. Our guests met with Jesse Ramos, president of the Veterans Network, and a rapport was immediately established. The reserve officers expressed their support for the student veterans, while Jesse described the meeting as "enlightening" and the senior veterans as "caring" and "concerned."

Enhanced support for Citrus College's student veterans began with the Boots to Books class, the nation's first college course designed to assist returning veterans in making a successful transition to civilian and college life. Established in 2007, Boots to Books helps veterans, current service members, and their families with issues such as stress management, interpersonal relationships, and socialization. In addition, the Citrus College Foundation has established a veterans' book fund to offset the cost of textbooks and awards the Wal-Mart Boots to Books Veterans Transfer Scholarship to a student veteran who is transferring to a four-year college or university.

Today, when we meet a returning veteran, we are likely to tell him or her, "Thank you for your service." However, I am pleased that Citrus College's faculty and staff have moved beyond saying thank you by offering proactive and dynamic support services to our student veterans. Residents of Duarte and our neighboring communities can be proud of the innovative new programs and services that Citrus College offers to this new generation of students, future college graduates, and leaders.

# Citrus College hosts annual Water Awareness Day



(From left) Jim Glancy, director of Water Resources for the City of Lakewood, and Laura Jimenez, senior field representative from Assemblyman Ed Hernandez' office, present Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, Citrus College superintendent/president, with a Certificate of Recognition acknowledging the Citrus College Water Technology Program. Both Glancy and Jimenez were on campus as part of the 25th Annual Water Awareness Day, which was held earlier this month and provided 16 continuing education workshops for approximately 200 professionals in the water technology industry.



(From left) Dr. Irene Malmgren, Citrus College vice president of academic affairs, presented Citrus College Water Technology scholarships for \$500 to Frances Romanello, Fernando Garcia, and John Guy during the 26th Annual Water Awareness Day recently held on campus. As part of the event, approximately 200 professionals from the water technology field participated in a variety of continuing education workshops with topics ranging from water conservation in Southern California and irrigation to workforce planning and drinking water regulation.

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## 1st Quarter Construction Update

# Southern California Edison's Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project – Segments 6-9 & 11

**Project Update**— Southern California Edison (SCE) contractors have begun construction-related activities along portions of Segments 4-11 of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP). Upon completion, the project will provide renewable wind-generated electricity and help meet California's renewable energy goals.

### Geotechnical Field-Engineering Work Segments 6 and 11

- Field-engineering (geotechnical) borings in Segments 6 and 11 in the Angeles National Forest (ANF) and in the Acton area began in February and are needed to complete final foundation design for the new transmission structures.
- Small storage yards are being used in areas outside the ANF for the geotechnical work.

### Temporary Cellular Site Relocations Segments 7 and 8

- Third-party cellular carrier contractors, in coordination with SCE, will soon be installing temporary cellular sites along the SCE right-of-way in the areas of Baldwin Park, Montebello, Whittier and La Habra Heights. The temporary sites are needed to relocate existing cellular infrastructure currently positioned on SCE's structures that will be replaced as part of the TRTP.

### Telecommunications Installation for SCE Facilities Segment 7

- Installing of fiber optic telecommunications cable. The installation involves underground and above ground activities and the installation of one wooden pole.
- Helicopter operations and ground base support crews will be needed to perform the work.
- The upgrades will take place at the Rio Hondo Substation in the city of Irwindale and along the existing SCE right-of-way to the intersection of Lower Azusa Road and Rivergrade Road.

**SCE's Commitment** — Every effort will be made to reduce the amount of noise generated by activities related to construction. SCE understands that construction may be inconvenient to local residents. We greatly appreciate your patience as we move to complete construction as quickly and safely as possible.

## Questions?

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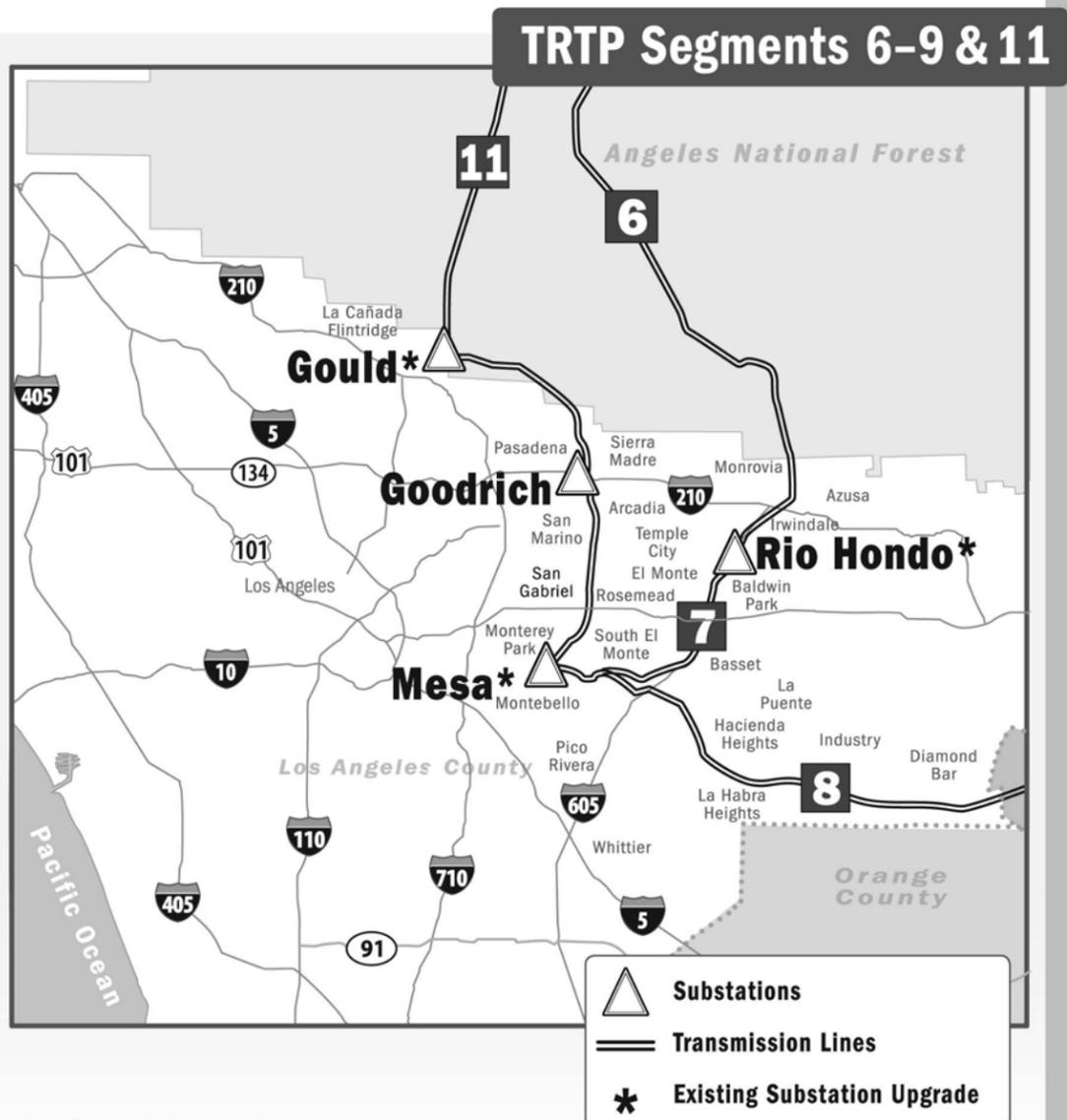
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# Adventure Club excursions



**ADVENTURE CLUB** participants enjoy days of exciting rides, shows and socializing.

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 16 through Friday, August 20 and Session II Monday, August 23 through Friday, August 27. 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 14 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.

# Duarte Recreation Swim Program begins

The City of Duarte Fitness Center's summer swim program will begin on June 28. 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 21 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 Saturday and Sunday from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Water aerobics will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 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 information call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118.



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# "Sounds of Summer" Concert Series 2010 begins June 30

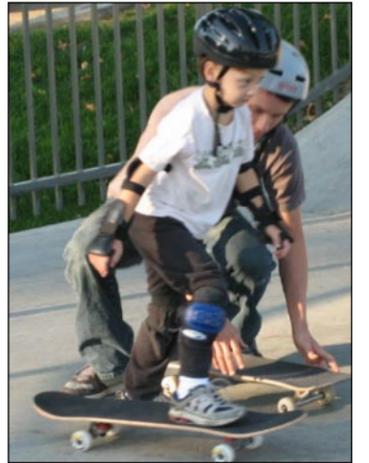
Come and enjoy four nights full of live entertainment, dancing, food, and games for the whole family. There will be a raffle held at every concert hosted by the Route 66 Parade Committee.

This summer's concert entertainment schedule includes: June 30 - "The Wonderells," Classic 50's and 60's sponsored by Rutan & Tucker LLP; July 14 - "The Chico Band," Greatest Hits sponsored by Cal Am Water; July 28 - musical entertainment sponsored in part by Burrtec Waste and West Coast Arborists, Inc.; and August 11 - "Mariachi

Latino," sponsored by Duarte Soccer League. 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.

Remember to bring your lawn chair or a blanket!



**INSTRUCTOR Daniel Tillman** teaches safe skateboarding techniques.

# Recreation classes

Summer is almost here and the kids will be home all day with nothing to do. Why not enroll them in some fun classes? Adults, don't feel left out, we have classes for you too! The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is offering Ballet, Ballet Fitness, Belly Dancing, CPR & Babysitter Training, Cheer, Children's Healthy Cooking, Dog Obedience, Folklorico, Guitar, Children's Health Camp, Hip Hop Dance, Merengue Dance, Mini Picassos, Karate, Kids Love Soccer, Polynesian Dance, Racquetball, Salsa Dance, Tennis, Tumbling, Skateboarding, Yoga, Young Rembrandts, Watercolor, Zumba and more! Contact the Recreation Department for age requirements and fees.

Registration begins Monday, June 14 at Duarte City Hall Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Huntington Drive. Classes will begin June 28. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Mail-in registration is also available. Beginning Tuesday, June 15 you can register by phone for purchases over \$30 with Visa or MasterCard at 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.



**CITY OF DUARTE** Concerts in the Park series offers musical entertainment for people of all ages.

# Duarte Discovery Nature Camp registration begins Monday, June 14

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 5 through July 16, Session II: July 19 through July 30, and Session III: August 2 through August 13.

The camp is open to children 6-11 years of age. The fee is \$160 per child, per two-week session and includes a camp tee shirt, daily lunches, snacks, crafts, and all excursions.

Registration begins Monday, June 14. For more information please call (626) 357-7931.



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# Summer Park Program

Duarte Parks and Recreation will conduct supervised park programs at four sites this summer, Monday through Friday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., June 28 through August 13.

Royal Oaks Park, Encanto Park, Beardslee Park and Andres Duarte School/Otis Gordon Sports Park will offer arts and

crafts, sports, games, and special events, all supervised by trained recreation leaders.

This is a drop-in program where children are allowed to come and go as they wish.

Activities are for children 5 to 12 years of age.

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



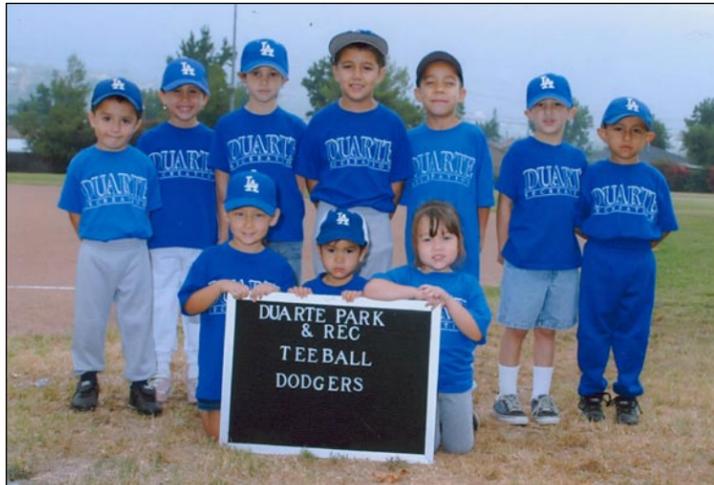
PARTICIPANTS ENJOYING a game of Connect Four with a Duarte Recreation Leader.



BE PREPARED to get soaked at the Wet and Wild Carnival!

## 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, 2010. Registration begins Monday, June 14. Introductory practices will be held June 22 and 23. Games will be held on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings June 26 - July 31. 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.



T-ball is a great way to get children age 4 - 7 outdoors this summer!

## 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, July 1, at 2 p.m. Children will play games and enjoy exciting activities and get a cool treat at each site while welcoming 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 8 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 Encanto Park on Thursday, July 15, from 2 p.m.-3:30 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 20, from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 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 29 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 the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

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## Library

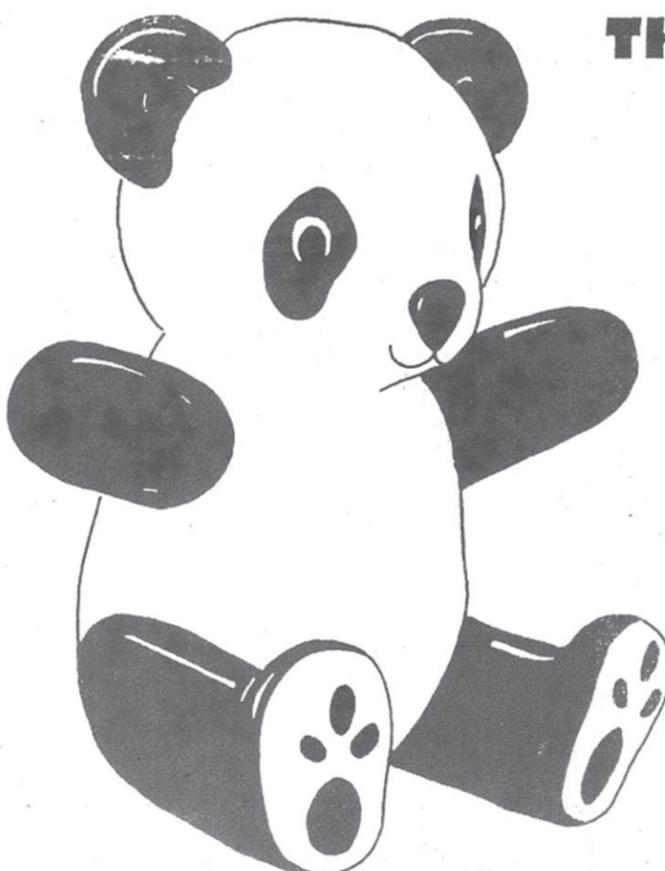
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**Friends of the Duarte Library** will participate in community events to broaden awareness of the services offered at the library. We will have a booth at the **Summer Concerts in the Park**: June 30, July 14 & 26 and Aug 11. We'll be ready to answer any of your questions about the special programs at the library. Buy a soda and adopt a book for your summer entertainment. We'll also be looking for you at the **Community Movie Nights** as they move around town.

**Casino Night, Saturday, September 11, 2010** Duarte Senior Center; fun, food, gaming, prizes and entertainment all to benefit non profits: Friends of the Duarte Library, Duarte Chamber, Duarte Senior Center, Duarte Cable TV, Duarte Youth Athletic Club and

**8<sup>th</sup> annual Duarte Festival of Authors, Sat., Oct., 2, Westminster Gardens a Retirement Oasis.** Volunteers help to make

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## From the desk of the Superintendent

Dr. Dean Conklin, Superintendent,  
Duarte Unified School District

Community meetings are a great vehicle for communication. Sometimes we hear things we don't particularly care for, and at other times the news can be uplifting or thought provoking. These meetings also provide an avenue for creativity and out-of-the box thinking, brain-storming if you will, and are another means to strengthen our familial atmosphere. Such was the case with our two community meetings held at the Performing Arts Center over the past several weeks. A brief recap .....

**Districts 20/20 Vision:** Organizations/Corporations of every type engage in varying degrees of planning for their future. This does not mean that the intervening years are forgotten or lost. In fact, they are the kick-start mechanism to the plan. How does our 20/20 plan work? District board members, all administrators and association presidents are working in concert to examine the current status of what we are offering, and exploring best practices in education in order to strategically map for future challenges...beginning immediately! While we are planning for jobs that have yet to be created, we understand that **now** is the time to implement some of our thoughts, our vision.

**ROP/Career Pathways:** Duarte High School is a leader in the field of career pathways. Two of our specialized and unique programs are television production and culinary arts. Television Production is taught by Levon Yotnakhparian, in association with DCTV and has proudly garnered several awards. This career pathway is housed in the new applied and performing arts wing, and is equipped with industry current equipment and a state of the art studio. Our Culinary Arts program prepares students for careers in the food industry. This pathway is taught in a state of the art culinary classroom in coordination with the Summer Cooking Academy. Our entire 'in-house' ROP program prepares our students to be leaders in the fields of business, arts media and entertainment, health, building trades and construction and engineering and design. These classes are done with business partnerships, Citrus College, City of Hope, etc., and all the classes are linked to post high school majors and meet A-G requirements. They are a stepping stone to exploring all available options for our emerging adults, and a conduit to college in order to enhance the skills they have acquired here at Duarte High School.

**Mt. Olive's Staggered Schedule:** In order to provide the best available instruction and interventions to students at Mt. Olive, a staggered schedule is in the trial stages. The early morning block services students who are late on credits and need an alternative setting to earn those credits. The late afternoon block is set up to provide more intense interventions, smaller class sizes with one-on-one teaching in some cases, counseling from either the school psychologist or from Pacific Clinics, etc. This staggered schedule meets the approval of our safety committee, administrators, probation department and local law enforcement as it serves to keep our most troubled students off the streets while our other schools are dismissing their students.

**GRANTS:** The pursuing of grants is an ongoing process...it does not stop. At present, the District is waiting approvals for three grants; a FLAP (Foreign Language Assistance Program) Grant for Mandarin Chinese to be taught, grades 7-12; a Biotechnology Grant and a Counseling Grant. Grants that are still a 'work in progress' are in the areas of Video Production, Career Technology and Professional Development. We are in receipt of a \$1,000,000 math grant awarded by the California Department of Education. This grant will run from September, 2010 through September, 2013.

These community meetings did serve their intended purpose; a pathway to open communication along with creative, out-of-the-box thinking, and a hard line reality check. It is amazing what the human mind can come up with when necessity dictates it. Out of these meetings an engaged parent devised a 'Bold Plan'. This plan is assuredly well thought out and formulated. Other parents submitted lists of questions, which have prompted more meetings. In the final analysis I hope that my attempt to clear up some puzzling issues here have met the mark; however, if not, please keep your eyes open for my 'Superintendent's Blog' soon to be added to the district website where your comments or questions may be posted. As Mr. David Gallivan, a Valley View parent cited from Haim G. Ginott, "Teachers are expected to reach unattainable goals with inadequate tools. The miracle is that at times they accomplish this impossible task." ... We can too!



DR. DEAN CONKLIN

## At Duarte High School "the Academies are coming"

By Eric Barba, Principal

Duarte High School is committed to being a leader in secondary public education.

We provide a rigorous standards-based curriculum while also embracing research based school reform.

Career Technical Education has been a positive tool at DHS, not only to prepare learners with employment skills but also to provide a time for career exploration.

The Regional Occupational Program (ROP) has been the main catalyst for this education. Starting in the 2010-2011 school-year, Duarte High School will be transformed to include four new academies including three career academies.

What is an academy?

With the exception of 9th grade learners, all 10th through 12th grade students will have the choice of three career academies.

They are the Arts, Media and Entertainment Academy, the Business and Finance Academy, and the Health, Technology and Engineering Academy.

Academies will include core and elective courses. Curriculum in core courses such as math, English, science and social studies will be taught within the theme of the academy.

Teachers in the academy will work together to provide a curriculum that is both standards-based and high interest.

The Duarte High School career academies are designed to provide more options for learners.

Learners get to choose their academy. Learners also have an option to "passport" to take a class in another academy, an elective course and/or Advanced Placement courses.

The DHS career academies are designed to provide optimal opportunities for learners to graduate having completed the UC/CSU A-G college entrance requirements.

Therefore, learners will graduate with options of attending universities, junior colleges, trade schools or entering the workforce. Which ever route they choose, the academies will set them apart from their competition upon graduation.

Learners entering 9th grade next year will be placed in the 9th grade academy.

The 9th grade academy will be composed of learners assigned to teach 9th grade courses. 9th graders will attend classes with primarily 9th grade learners.

Early intervention systems

showcased their talent at the recent Duarte Education Foundation talent show. A group of sixth graders brought home a first place medal in the large group performance category. Students performed the traditional Mexican Dance "Los Vejitos" or Old Man dance with help from instructional aide Irma Hernandez. Excellent performances were also made by soloist Eva Paiz and the Andres Duarte choir.

## Mt. Olive's finest

By Kevin Morris,  
Principal

Mt. Olive is not only a great school for students to attend, but also a wonderful place to work. Due to our small student body and staff, one big advantage to working at Mt. Olive is that you truly get to know the people you are working with. One of those individuals I have gotten to know well, over the past 2 years, is Victor Champion.

Mr. Champion works as the instructional aide in Mt. Olive's special education class. But, what most people don't know is that Victor is also the Duarte High School Girls' and Boys' Varsity Tennis Coach. He also teaches tennis for the City of Duarte's Saturday Tennis Program for kids ages 5-17.

Coach Champion is a USPTA Member and Certified Tennis Teaching Pro with 25 years of experience in the tennis field. I have first hand experience with the amazing work he does, because he's been coaching my daughter for the past 2 years. Mr. Champion is an excellent tennis coach and one of the top USPTA Teaching Pro in the San Gabriel Valley.

Victor started working at the Santa Anita YMCA in 2001 through 2004 as the Sports and Activity Coordinator. From 2004 to present he has worked as an instructional aide in the Duarte Unified School District at 4 of the 5



VICTOR CHAMPION

elementary schools, at Northview, Duarte High School, and now at Mt. Olive. During that same time he has also served as the Girls' and Boys' Head Varsity Tennis Coach and in 2007, he led the boy's team to their 1st League Championship in Duarte High School history. He also coached the Duarte Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball Team for three seasons. Coach Champion also gives tennis lessons to adults as well.

Victor has been helping young people explore their talents on the tennis court for several years now, and somewhere in Duarte is the next Eva Fernandez, Venus Williams, Rafael Nadal, or Andy Roddick. Rest assured, Coach Champion will have a big hand in developing Duarte's next tennis star. Thank you Coach Champion for all you do at Mt. Olive, Duarte High School and for the City of Duarte Parks and Recreations.

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lessons through the City of Duarte or private lessons please contact Coach Champion at (626) 394-9705.



will be in place to maximize the number of 9th grade learners on track with credit completion and A-G requirements.

Career exploration will be an essential component of the 9th grade curriculum.

At the end of 9th grade learners will then make their decision on which career academy to enter. Academies will be appropriate for learners of all proficiency levels and aspirations.

For example, the Health, Technology and Engineering Academy would be appropriate for learners interested in being a lab technician, a nurse or a doctor.

Learners in the Arts, Media and Entertainment Academy may be interested in being a screen writer, actor, camera person or stage manager.

Andres Duarte athletes did an admirable job at the city track meet by taking second place. Many students won ribbons and medals in running and field events. In addition, excellent student athletes have helped Andres Duarte boast at having the highest scores in the Duarte Unified District on the state-wide President's Physical Fitness test.

Enrichment classes for advanced students are also provided

The Duarte High School Academies will provide learners with the skills they need for 21st century careers.

We are preparing today's learners for jobs and careers that are yet to exist.

21st century skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking and collaboration will be integrated into academy curriculum.

Duarte High School learners will leave high school ready to take on the challenges of today's global economy.

For more information regarding the academies you may contact Principal Eric Barba at (626) 599-5701.

For registration information including information on how to transfer to Duarte High School please contact the registrar Chris Frye at (626) 599-5711.

both during the school day and beyond. Advanced students have participated in CSI/forensic Science lessons and learned the art and skill of debate. Sixth grade advanced students produce a twice monthly newscast which is written, videotaped and produced by students.

Opportunities abound at Andres Duarte School where students are, Always Striving Forward, *Semper Superne Nitens!*

## Andres Duarte

By Joilyn Campitiello, Principal

Students at Andres Duarte have the opportunity to participate in a variety of programs beyond the classroom. In March, the Duarte Academy of Karate (2163 Huntington Dr.) started an eight week course right on

the Andres Duarte campus. For a reasonable fee, students received belts, t-shirts, water bottles and eight sessions of Karate lessons. Classes are led by Shihan Joseph Claycomb in a spare classroom and students couldn't be more excited! Shihan Joseph is an amazing teacher and students are thrilled to have the opportunity to learn Karate from such a kind and competent professional.

Students at Andres Duarte

# Head Start Focus on family involvement

## Head Start Families Celebrate Literacy at Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party

On March 11, the cafeteria at Andres Duarte was overflowing with preschool children and their families all gathered to celebrate literacy. Children made books, put puzzles together, visited with The Cat-in-the Hat, made green eggs and ham, designed their own red and white hats, and picked out books to take home. The event was part of Read Across America, a national literacy campaign. Over 130 preschool children and their dads, moms, grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters joined in the fun.

## Family Science Night

On Wednesday, April 14, from 6-7 p.m. Duarte USD Head Start/State Preschool will hold its first ever Family Science Night on the blacktop at Andres Duarte Elementary School. Preschool



children and their families will have the opportunity to experience the "Wonder of Science" by participating in numerous hand-on science activities and experiments.

## Enrolling Now for Fall 2010-2011 Head Start/ State Preschool Classes

Head Start and State Preschool, are free programs to low-income families that qualify. For more information, contact Duarte Unified



School District Early Child Development Program Office at (626) 599-5123. We are enrolling now for the 2010-2011 school year.

# Royal Oaks celebrates another year of Title I Academic Achievement

By Janice Kolodinski, Principal

On Friday, April 23, students, parents and staff at Royal Oaks celebrated the school's recent recognition for the California Title I Academic Achievement Award for the second year in a row. On hand for the celebration were Duarte School Board Members, Rose Brooks-Mitchell and Reyna Diaz. The school district offices were represented by Superintendent Dean Conklin, Assistant Superintendent Wendy Wright, Director Michael Chavez, Maria Diaz and former Royal Oaks school secretary Patty Garcia.

The event started in the school library before school where district and community leaders, as well as staff, met for light refreshments amid a festive atmosphere. At the school-wide assembly that followed students, staff and parents were commended for their dedication and hard work. Parents and other staff continued

the celebration in the library following the assembly.

The criteria for the Title I Academic Achievement Award are taken from the results of the California Standards Test (CST). In an effort to close the achievement gap, the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) policies require states to monitor CST results for various demographic sub-groups and to closely watch socio-economically disadvantaged students. To receive this award, schools must double the achievement targets set for socio-economically disadvantaged students for two consecutive years in a row. Since the school received the award twice, this means targets were doubled for three consecutive years, a very challenging accomplishment!

Students and staff look forward to the upcoming CST assessments and the opportunity to continue to shine even brighter.



ROYAL OAKS STUDENT COUNCIL President Yasi Khaladjzadeh and Vice President Tyrese Lee help Royal Oaks receive the Title I Academic Achievement Award, 2010.

# Northview Intermediate

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

I wanted to share with you that after serving the students of Duarte for the past 22 years as a principal of four of our eight schools, my role is about to change.

As of July 1, 2010 I will be leaving Northview Intermediate School to move to the school district office to serve as Director of Personnel. This is an opportunity I am very excited about and I look forward to the impact that I will be able to have on our community's youth through the selection and maintenance of only the highest caliber teachers and staff members. I promise you that I will continue to be committed to Duarte students and their families as I assume this new role.

Northview has been my home away from home for the past nine years, and leaving the staff and the students will be difficult. I am confident however, that the future of Northview lies in very competent and caring hands. Ms. Michelle Randall who has served for the past two years as our assistant principal and prior to that as the Outreach Consultant and as an extraordinary classroom teacher, will assume additional responsibility as a leader for our school.

Mr. Eric Barba, currently Duarte High School principal, will now serve as principal of the seventh through twelfth grade level. Working in conjunction with him will be two assistant

principals at Duarte High and of course Ms. Randall at Northview. It has been my pleasure to get to know Eric Barba during his past two years at Duarte High School and I am very impressed not only with his leadership skills but with the caliber of person that he is.

Mr. Barba truly cares about his students and is committed to providing only the best learning environment for them. Ms. Randall who has become the heart and soul of Northview is also a highly talented and caring educator who is willing to extend herself in any way necessary to help students succeed. I have no doubt what so ever that students, staff and the school will thrive under their leadership, it is time to pass on the baton.

So it is with great enthusiasm that I accept this new career challenge but I cannot ignore the lump in my throat that forms as I think about leaving Northview. I would like to thank the many parents and community members that over the years have supported me and the children of our schools. Your help has been invaluable and has no doubt positively impacted young lives.

In closing I just wanted to share that it has been my pleasure and privilege to serve the sons and daughters of this community, they are our treasure, our hope and my joy.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Miriam Fox  
Northview Intermediate School Principal

# Valley View Elementary – A California Distinguished School

By Robin Nelson, Principal

We are proud to announce that we were named a California Distinguished School for 2010. We were identified for eligibility on the basis of our Academic Performance Index (826) and Adequate Yearly Progress results, which are the state and federal accountability models, respectively.

Valley View was also identified by our success in narrowing the achievement gap that exists between higher-performing and lower-performing students. We have undergone a stringent selection process conducted by the California Department of Education.

We were required to describe two signature practices that have led to an increase in student achievement and a narrowing of the achievement gap, and then we received a site visit to validate our signature practices: Intentional Instruction and In-School Inter-

vention Services (ISIS).

Intentional Instruction at Valley View is purposeful and meaningful—nothing happens by accident. Through data analysis, it was evident that many of our practices were not effectively serving our diverse student population, thus resulting in a serious achievement gap. We implemented a direct instruction model, we effectively use technology to deliver instruction on a daily basis, and our teachers collaborate. Assessments drive the instructional program at Valley View. Weekly grade-level meetings offer the opportunity for collaboration, sharing teaching strategies, monitoring student progress, and planning for intervention.

In-School Intervention Services is our school-wide commitment to ensure that every child at Valley View has the ability to read fluently. ISIS targets students across all grade levels. We strive

to meet the needs of each student through scheduled and dedicated intervention during the school day. Teachers are able to work with the most fragile learners in small groups. ISIS is now a part of our school culture. Students leave the ISIS time block with better reading skills and a sense of accomplishment and pride.

Our signature practices work together seamlessly to ensure high quality instruction and intervention. The Valley View School Community is a cohesive cadre of people with a common goal: the education of children. We embrace the diversity, challenges, accomplishments and needs of our families. Through the combined efforts of our office manager, cafeteria staff, custodians, para-professionals, proctors, health clerk, teachers and administrators, we empower students.

We are definitely Distinguished!



# Soaring a mile high



By Esther McDonald, Principal  
Maxwell Elementary School is a MILE HIGH! That's 5,280 FEET!

At Maxwell we know how important a healthy body is to keep our brains focused and learning at an optimal level. Every morning the entire student body greets the day with morning Jump Start...a way to get our bodies in gear and our brain revved up for learning. But we don't stop there! Every recess and lunch time Maxwell students take their play time to walk or run the track and become members of the Maxwell 100 Mile Club! In the first week, several

students clocked 10 miles towards a healthier brain & body. After 25 days we have 226 students who have completed 1,578 miles.

In addition it is no surprise that the hardworking and enthusiastic Maxwell Staff joined our students in walking and running. Several of our proctors walk after their duties are done and many of our teachers are walking after school. Even our parents are putting on their track shoes! So please, stop by Maxwell at recess, lunch, or after school, lace up your running shoes and join us as we race for Healthy Bodies and Healthy Brains!

# Beardslee Elementary

By Jennifer Janetzke, Principal

In addition to the 3 R's (reading, writing, and arithmetic), the staff at Beardslee provides other opportunities for our students to learn, grown, and develop new skills. One extra-curricular club that is offered is called "The Girls' Club". The club leaders, Heather Mullin, Lauren Eggehorn, and Angie Salas, work with 6th grade girls to help them build self-confidence, positive self-esteem, and healthy habits. Recently, the girls were studying prejudice, tolerance, and how to get along with others in a positive way. Using grant money from the Duarte Education Foundation, the club took a field trip to the Museum of Tolerance. Through that field trip, the girls learned about the horrors of the Holocaust and the importance of treating each other with dignity and respect.

In another Girls' Club meeting, the club leaders invited a local cosmetologist to come talk to the girls about proper hygiene and other habits that we need to

take home with them. In addition, each girl received a book that gives more details on how to care for themselves (also purchased with grant money from the Duarte Education Foundation!).

When asked what the girls have learned from participating in this club, they responded very positively. Cecilia Castro said that she learned that it is important to not discriminate against others and also how to be independent as a teenager. Jessica Covarrubias agreed with Cecilia and added, "We don't know what other people have been through, so we need to treat them nicely." Jessica also said that the Girls' Club has taught her to be responsible and how to care for herself. Christina Roman said that the Girls' Club has taught her to not judge others by their religion or skin color and also how to use good manners. We are certainly proud of the Girls' Club members and are excited to see how they use these new skills as they enter Northview next year!

maintain in order to stay healthy and happy. The girls learned how to wash their faces properly, how to care for their teeth and hair, and how to protect themselves from the sun's harmful rays by using sunscreen on a daily basis. She brought samples of a variety of products for the girls to use during the demonstrations and also brought samples for the girls to

# LULAC, Duarte Council, brings home the gold

The League of United Latin American Citizens, Duarte Council, attended the recent LULAC State Convention in Anaheim. The LULAC Youth Council was recognized and awarded a position on the State Youth Board to student, Cristina Pardo as Southern California representative. Sunny Walters was selected VP of Young Women and will be responsible for planning a workshop appropriate for young women at the next State Conven-

tion in Fresno. Anthony Nevarez was crowned MR. LULAC for his active participation in the League and community volunteerism and will be competing for the national title in Albuquerque.

Duarte LULAC President Tom Reyes was awarded the Peace and Justice Medal and named State Youth Advisor of the year for his dedication and activism on behalf of youth in the Duarte community. Dr. Tony Nevarez was named State LULAC Man of the Year at the Saturday banquet in recognition of his years of service and contributions to the field of education.

The youth and adults now prepare to attend the LULAC National Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico in July. There will be a pre-conference leadership training for the youth on the University of New Mexico campus as well.

LULAC meetings are held the third Thursday of the month in the Duarte Community Center at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Youth meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Duarte Youth Center. For additional information, please contact Mr. Tom Reyes at thm6rey@aol.com.

# Free summer lunch program

The USDA, the Duarte Unified School District (DUSD), and the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department are sponsoring a free summer lunch program for children ages 18 years and under, June 28 - August 27. Lunches are served Monday through Friday and there are no limits on the number of participants served. Lunches are offered at Andres Duarte School, Beardslee School and at the Duarte Teen Center.

For more information please call (626) 357-7931 or the DUSD at 599-5000.

# Citrus College announces Basketball Camps

By Stacy Armstrong

It is never too early to make plans for the summer! Enroll your children in a Citrus College Basketball Camp. Local youngsters, ages 6 to 14, can learn the fundamentals of one of America's most popular sports by participating in an exciting day camp session hosted by Citrus College's championship basketball program.

Keep your kids active with these five-day sessions, each taking place Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Session I will be held June 21 through June 25, session II will be held June 28 through July 2, session III will be held July 5 through July 9, session IV will be held July 12 through July 16, and session V will be held July 19 through July 23.

"Each camper will receive detailed attention in the areas of ball handling, passing, dribbling, footwork, defense, and rebounding. They will learn the keys to shooting in a competitive and enthusiastic environment," said Rick Croy, Citrus College's head basketball coach. "Our teaching is bigger than basketball - we also provide participants with valuable life skills."

A typical daily camp schedule will also include 5-on-5 full court games, swimming, and 3-on-3 tournaments.

According to Croy, the participating boys and girls will be taught by experienced coaches and counselors who have been selected because they possess knowledge, love of the game and have a proven ability to effectively teach its intricacies.

"The staff is made up of former and current college players," he said. "Parents will not find a staff more dedicated and enthusiastic about improving their children's basketball skills."

The cost of each session is \$175 per child and all camp sessions take place in the Citrus College Gymnasium. Space is limited, so interested parties are encouraged to register as soon as possible. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required at the time of registration, with the balance to be paid on the first day of camp.

To sign up or receive additional information about the 2010 Citrus College Basketball Camp, call (626) 914-8668.

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# Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center has a lot of great activities happening this summer! The Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Street in Duarte. The Teen Center is open Monday – Friday from 3 p.m.-8 p.m. Summer hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. from June 28-August 6.

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

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

## COMPUTER LAB

The Computer Lab 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

### Youth Employment Workshop

Tuesday, May 25  
4-5:30 p.m.  
Free

Youth between the ages 15-18 will participate in an employment workshop. The workshop will include tips on finding a job, gaining employment experience, resume writing, filling out job applications, interview tips and how to be successful once you land a job! There will also be local employers on site to speak with the participants about employment opportunities! Please register in advance at the teen center! Space is limited!

### Club Duarte (Middle School Students)

Date: Friday, June 11 and August 27  
Time: 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m.  
Fee: \$3

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

### Teen Cultural Awareness Training

Date: Thursday, June 17  
Time: 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  
Fee: Free

This activity-based training is designed for youth ages 14-18. Participants will explore cultural differences, discuss respecting and honoring diversity, and exam-

ine personal attitudes in regards to intolerance. Call the Teen Center for more information.

### Summer Kick-Off BBQ

Date: Wednesday, June 23  
Time: 3:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$1

Enjoy cheeseburgers, chips, fresh fruit, and a beverage.

## SUMMER THEME WEEKS!

### Wacky World of Sports Week!

Date: June 28-July 2  
Time: 2 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Fee: Free

Teams will compete all week long in basketball, softball, flag football, soccer, relays, dodge ball, kickball etc, for team points! Prizes awarded to the winning teams.

### Aloha Hawaii Week!

Date: July 12-16  
Time: 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

A traditional island theme week, games, decorations, music, limbo contest and more! The week ends with a fabulous Luau.

### Splash Madness Week!

Date: July 26-30  
Time: 2 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Fee: Free

Come hang out and join us for water games, contests, super soaker fun and more! End the week with excursion to Knott's Soak City. (\$25 registration fee for Soak City)

### Amazing Acts Week!

Date: August 16-20  
Time: 2 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Fee: Free

A week of theatre arts, skits and poetry jams. The week will end with a talent contest for prizes.

### Duarte Youth Boxing Show!

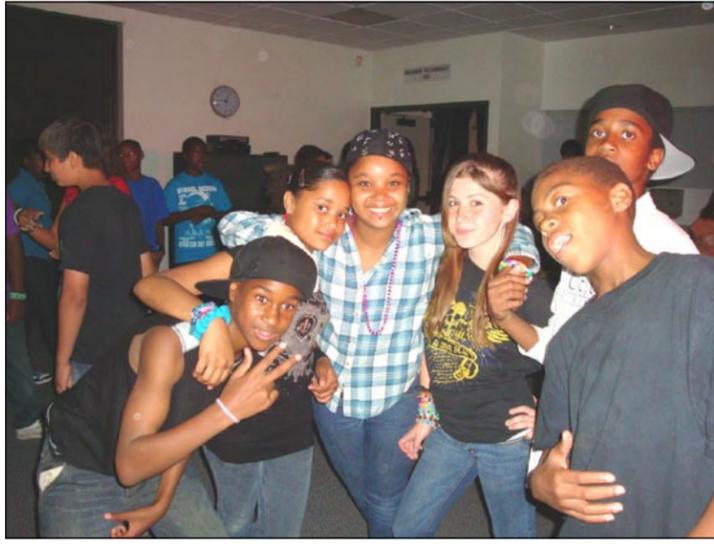
Date: Saturday, August 14  
Time: 1 p.m.

Fee: Admission: \$5 (Children 11 years & under \$3, Children 3 years & under free.)

Location: Duarte High School Gym, 1565 E. Central Avenue

Attention all boxing fans! This will be an exciting day for fans and supporters of amateur youth boxing in Duarte. Championship trophies will be awarded! Special guest appearances featuring former boxing champions, and a delicious snack bar will be on site.

Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. First bout begins at 1 p.m.



### Hip Hop Dance Camp

Date: August 16-20  
Time: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Fee: \$10

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

## TOURNAMENTS

### 3 Point Shoot Out Contest!

Date: Friday, July 9  
Time: 3 p.m.  
Fee: Free

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. Top winners will receive prizes. Come and get ya hoop on!

### Pool Kings Tournament

Date: Thursday, August 12  
Time: 3 p.m.  
Fee: Free

The Duarte Teen Center will host other Teen Centers in a POOL KINGS tournament. Come represent your Teen Center with the best hot shots you got! Prizes awarded to the top winners. Contact Teen Center for more information.

## ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

### Birthday Tuesday

On the first Tuesday of each month we'll celebrate the birthdays of all the teens registered at the Teen Center for that month. A small gift will be given to the teen and there will be cake for all.

### Movie Mondays

Check out a movie at the Teen Center, June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26, and August 9 &

23. Movies will begin at 3:30 p.m. There is no charge for viewing. Refreshments will be sold.

### Nutrition/Cooking Class

Date: Wednesdays  
Time: 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Fee: \$2 per class

Learn to make quick and easy nutritious meals, while having fun with friends!

### Drama Club

Date: Thursdays  
Time: 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$5 every 6 months

Club members will participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisations.

### Teen Book Club

First Friday of each month  
Time: 4:30-6 p.m.

Come join the Teen Book Club! Discuss various books from a designated reading list. Meet new friends and find new adventures in the world of good books. Book purchase may be required.

### Girls Night Out!

Date: Tuesdays, June 8 & 22, July 6 & 20 and August 3 & 17  
Time: 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

This program is for girls in grades 9-12. Participants discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self-esteem, relationships and much more.

### Youth Boxing Program

Join the fun and excitement with the Duarte Boxing Program at the Duarte Teen Center! Boys and girls ages 8-18 years old are welcome. You'll learn all of the fundamentals of boxing and get in incredible shape! Make new friends, feel more confident about yourself and have lots of fun. 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 Boxing Program 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 resident. Non-residents are welcome to register for \$20 per month. Call 303-0863 for more information or just stop by to see if you are interested.

Middle school students get the opportunity to visit the Duarte Teen Center on Club Duarte Day.

## Energy efficiency improvements to city facilities

The City of Duarte will install energy efficiency improvements at various City facilities with no up-front costs. The savings in energy and maintenance costs will pay for the improvements and produce an average annual savings to the City of \$34,700. A comprehensive energy audit conducted for the City by PacificWest Energy Solutions, Inc. identified the energy projects that would generate the most savings for the City using stimulus grant funds, utility rebates and a low interest loan that will be repaid solely using cost savings.

"The improvements proposed will produce energy savings for the City while implementing an environmentally responsible solution to upgrading our aged facilities," said Duarte City Manager, Darrell George.

Of the project's total \$499,214 cost, \$122,117 will be paid from Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds that have been approved for the City as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Approximately \$20,915 will be paid from utility rebates. The remaining \$356,182 will be financed through a California Energy Commission Loan program that provides 15 year financing at a 1% interest rate. Repayment of the \$385,335 loan will be derived solely from the energy savings generated by the project.

Proposed facility improvements will include: Lighting and Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning Systems (HVAC) replacements and upgrades for City Hall, Community Center, Fitness Center, South Maintenance Yard, Senior Center and Fitness Center; Building Control optimization for the City Towne Center, North and South Maintenance Yards, Senior and Teen Center, and two Recreation Center buildings; retro-commissioning of older mechanical equipment and pool pump and filtration optimization.

"The energy we will be saving by making these changes would be the equivalent to planting 3,872 trees, removing 28 cars from the roadways, reducing CO2 emissions by 151 metric tons, and supplying power to 14 homes. These improvements will increase energy efficiency, save money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, a win-win all the way around," said George.

For more information, call Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

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# Duarte Woman's Club 2010-2011 Installation

Councilmember Lois Gaston served as the installing officer at the Duarte Woman's Club Installation ceremony recently as President Nita Carey turned the gavel over to Doreen Tulloch-Reid for the 2010-11 club year.

Following a potluck dinner, entertainment by singer Jeanette DePatie and a business meeting, the standing board was retired and the newly elected board was sworn in.

The officers are: Elizabeth Gallegos, first vice president; Sheri Uhlig, second vice president; Jean Glass, third vice president; Kathy Delker, recording secretary; Marion Stone, corresponding secretary; Rose Brooks-Mitchell, financial

secretary; Bobbie Wenrick, treasurer; and Ruby Shiroma, membership director. Appointed officers are Kathy Kirchner, auditor; and Jan Brillhart, historian. The office of parliamentarian is open.

Duarte Woman's Club was founded in 1949 and is affiliated with the San Gabriel District and California State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month, October through June, generally at 7 p.m. at the Duarte Community Center.

Women 18 years of age or older are invited to join.

For more information, call Ruby Shiroma at 359-5570.



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Summer Health Camp will run Monday, August 16 through Friday, August 20 at Andres Duarte School. Camp begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. Fee is \$20. Sign-ups begin Monday, June 14 at City Hall Parks & Recreation Department.

Remember to: "Eat Healthy and Be Active!"

For more information, please contact Jasmine Klintong at (626) 303-0863, ext. 404.



DUARTEAN JEANETTE DEPATIE entertains at the DWC installation banquet with a medley of songs about America.



NITA CAREY (left) presents gavel to the club's newly elected president Doreen Tulloch-Reid.



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS are sworn in by Councilmember Lois Gaston, far right.



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DOREEN TULLOCH-REID (left), past WOTY, presents award to Jean Harris, 2010-2011 Woman of the Year.

# Jean Harris named DWC Woman of the Year

By Claudia Heller

Jean Harris, 87, was truly surprised recently when Doreen Tulloch-Reid announced, following a skit full of clues, that she was chosen as the recipient of the Duarte Woman's Club's most coveted award: Woman of the Year (WOTY). The award was made at the Club's 61st Anniversary Banquet at the Community Center, catered by Burger Continental.

Doreen, last year's WOTY, presented Jean with an engraved silver bracelet. "Jean is a calm, positive thinking lady," says Doreen. "Since she joined the club in 1998, she has influenced her club sisters to be polite, kind and flexible. She has been a steadfast supporter of the Club's community projects."

A resident of Duarte since 1986, Jean loves to walk and can be spotted around town getting her exercise. She was born in Alabama, lived in San Francisco, and always promised herself that when she retired from the banking industry, she would move somewhere flat where she could enjoy walking.

"Duarte is a wonderful place," she said, "I love it here."

Because of her banking experience she

was appointed treasurer of the Santa Anita Episcopal Church Women's Group where she is affectionately called "money bags." She is an active member of the Duarte Garden Club and serves as an usher at the Anglican Church in Arcadia.

Jean loves to travel and has visited every state including Hawaii and Alaska, the Bahamas, Canada and Mexico. She will represent the Club in the Duarte Route 66 Parade in September.

Past presidents and WOTYs were honored during the evening, each presented with a daffodil by Mary Matson, Fundraising Chair of the San Gabriel Valley District.

The skit which revealed clues about the WOTY recipient was presented by past WOTYs Betty Jacob, Bobbie Wenrick, Ruth Malm, Marion Stone, Ruby Shiroma, Kathy Delker, Nita Carey and Sheri Uhlig.

The Club's April meeting will be held at the Community Center, with the theme "After Taxes Night." Club members will dress according to how they fared on their taxes this year. Women over the age of 18 are invited to attend. For more information call Marion Stone at (626) 358-7028.



WOMAN OF THE YEAR Jean Harris (R) sits with her sisters Eunie Carr and Elizabeth Jackson.





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# Duarte City Council Member Lois Gaston prepares to end her term as President of CCCA

Anyone who knows Duarte City Council member Lois Gaston knows that she wears many hats as both an elected official and consummate community volunteer. Last year, she added another hat as president of California Contract Cities Association, a collection of 67 member cities, representing more than 10 million residents, that contract with another public or private company for municipal services. Her term as president of CCCA came to a close in May.

"It has been so rewarding because of the effort and commitment of those people on the executive board and staff, and all of the cities that have demonstrated what collaborative partnerships can accomplish. It's been a team effort all year," said Gaston.

Stepping into the job, Gaston stated her focus would be on "R and R," which in Gaston-speak means revenues and relationships. Under Gaston's leadership CCCA worked to protect local government dollars, found new revenue sources and strengthened partnerships with the League of California Cities, Independent Cities Association and other municipal groups.

"The relationships that we have expanded upon and revenues that we have helped our cities save capped a banner year for Contract Cities Association," said Gaston.

Among the major accomplishments:

- The successful culmination of a years-long negotiation with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to resolve the Liability Trust Fund issue requiring cities to pay a surcharge into a fund to cover liability claims. CCCA was successful in reducing the Sheriff's contract surcharge from 6% to 4% and suspending retroactive contributions from Jan. 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010, saving cities millions of dollars.

- Strengthening partnerships with the League of California Cities and the Independent Cities Association to produce a ballot measure aimed for the November 2010 ballot that would close loopholes and prohibit the state from taking, borrowing or redirecting local taxpayer funds dedicated to public safety, emergency response and other vital local government services including redevelopment.

- Launched a new Associate Members Program to develop and foster public and private partnerships between member cities and business community and to provide mutually beneficial resources and services that educate and inform. The new program will also create revenue opportunities and a forum to better serve the goals and priorities of contract cities as well as associate

members.

Gaston presided over her final CCCA membership meeting on April 21 with a dinner hosted by the City of Duarte at the City of Hope's Cooper Auditorium. Among the special guests were L.A. County Sheriff Lee Baca, County Librarian Margaret Donnell Todd, and Sheriff's Temple Station Commander Captain Joseph F. Fennell.

Continuing a tradition begun by fellow Duarte City Council member, Margaret Finlay, when she was president of CCCA, Gaston requested that rather than member cities honoring her with certificates and plaques at the end of her term, that members donate books for teens and young adults to the Duarte Library. So far, 100 new books have been donated to the library. Anyone who would like to join in the effort of helping the Duarte Library to increase its selection of books for teens and young adults can visit the CCCA website at [www.contractcities.org](http://www.contractcities.org) and follow the link to the Duarte Library Teen Book Wish List or contact Teen Librarian Eileen Penson at the Duarte Library (626) 358-1865.

In another tribute, close to her heart, Shaffer Ambulance has donated an ambulance in Gaston's name to Haiti. Arrangements have been made for Highways and Hedges, a missionary group headquartered in Rancho Cucamonga, to transport the ambulance to Haiti where it is desperately needed.

Gaston is currently in her second term on the Duarte City Council. She served as mayor in 2006-2007. She represents Duarte

on the Gold Line Phase II Joint Powers of Authority, responsible for extending the Gold Line from Pasadena to Azusa. Gaston also serves on the board of directors of the Foothill Unity Center which provides families in need with food, clothing and other critical support, and is vice president of the Duarte Education Foundation among her many volunteer community activities.

**PLEASED with donated books are, from left: Friends of the Duarte Library president Nita Norgard, Friends member Lisa Stone, Teen Librarian Eileen Penson, and Duarte Library Manager Reed Strege.**



**OUTGOING CALIFORNIA Contract Cities President, Duarte City Council Member Lois Gaston (center), is flanked by CCCA Executive Director Sam Olivito; Nita Norgard, president of the Friends of the Duarte Library; Duarte City Manager Darrell George; Incoming CCCA President Laura Olhasso, Mayor of La Cañada Flintridge; and CCCA Immediate Past President Frank Zerunyan.**

# "Extraordinary ordinary citizens" – querying the quarry

By Neil Earle

Just before 1AM in the early morning hours of Tuesday, May 18 the Azusa City Council voted by 3-2 to deny a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and Revised Reclamation Plan for Vulcan Materials, Inc effort to begin mining 80 additional acres adjacent to the city

of Duarte.

In the end it was a near-run thing, as the Duke of Wellington said after the Battle of Waterloo: "the nearest run thing I've seen in my life." (Brit-speak for "Man, was it ever close!")

At this date, no-one can foresee all the consequences of this bold move by the Azusa City Council. Threats had been made of legal action if the applicant's requests were not granted. But meanwhile, in the face of nearly five months of long and strenuous testimonials, debate and advocacy, hundreds of citizens of Duarte and their tireless allies in Azusa learned the truth of the old Proverb: "In unity there is strength."

What follows is a compilation of the more memorable testimony from this five-month struggle. These are gleaned from this reporter's notebook and are, by nature, tending to be impressionistic but are offered to parallel the public record perhaps equipping future advocates should the need arise.

### BEFORE AZUSA PLANNERS: MARCH 10, 2010

- Mark Hernandez, a Local 18 union delegate, launches this discussion forthrightly with his report of moving to Duarte from Hacienda Heights to "get away from traffic." This irony was not lost on the 200 or so citizens gathered.
- Azusa activist Mike Lee's reiterates his respect and affection

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### 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. To make a reservation please do so at least 24 hours in advance for regular lunch or 48 hours in advance for a choice day.

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Duarte Senior Center is always in need of volunteers to help with food preparation, serving, table setups, craft projects, boutiques, decorating, etc. If you would like to give back to the community, please consider being a volunteer. For more information contact the Center at (626) 357-3513.

### COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

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### TRIPS AND TOURS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will begin registration on June 14 for the following excursions:

#### Olive, Wine, and Wool Adventure in Temecula

Thursday, July 1, 8 a.m.-6:15 p.m. Fee: \$49 (lunch on your own)

#### BBQ at Doheny State Beach

Wednesday, July 21, 12:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Fee: \$25 (BBQ included)

#### Adamson House in Malibu

Tuesday, August 10, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fee: \$27 (lunch on your own)

#### Mystery Trip

Thursday, August 26, 9:15 a.m.-5:15 p.m. Fee: \$54 (lunch included)

#### San Diego's Little Italy and Cooking Demonstration

Wednesday, September 8, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Fee: \$50 (lunch included)

#### Viejas Casino in San Diego

Wednesday, September 22, 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. (Must be 21 years of age or older.) Fee: \$5 (meals on your own)

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 13 & Thursday, July 15 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 held 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.

### HOW TO MAKE MEDICARE WORK FOR YOU

Every 2nd Thursday and 4th Friday of each month by appointment, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) Counselor provides unbiased information, counseling and assistance on Medicare and related health care coverage. There is no cost for this service.

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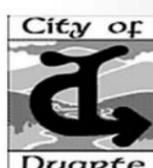
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## Quarry

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for Azusa mayor Joseph Rocha and his heartfelt reminder that "Duarte is our neighbor."

• The relentless Jorge Rosales of *Save our Canyon.org* and a veteran of the successful "Save Van Tassel Ridge" effort of 2005 reminds the commission that the Azusa School District rescinded their support for this project at a March 2 meeting. Citizen activism was apparently making a difference.

• David Czamanske, an executive member for conservation at the Sierra Club (Pasadena group) testifies that "the identification of project alternatives are inadequate" as well as other "significant deficiencies" in the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). In his opinion the project "does not comply with the California Environment Act."

• An Azusa resident, remembering that the city debated closing the mine 22 years ago, commented how at the time his young son "vowed he'd become mayor and fix the mountain."

• Ward Archer from Azusa complaining of the fine silica sand found in his back yard nearly every morning. "I might as well not wash my car because it gets coated all over again and I can't tell the color."

• Engineer Michael Paisner of Duarte, whose 6 year old son has asthma, worries that "Vulcan is a client of the company that did the EIR."

• Karen Herrera of the City of Duarte announces that the Southern California Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) will meet at Duarte Community Center with Assemblyman Anthony Portantino on April 8. She quotes a letter from Mr. Portantino nothing that there are "credible concerns" with the project.

### AT DUARTE COMMUNITY CENTER, MARCH 23, 2010

Duarte City Manager Darrell George opens this crucial meeting almost ominously by rejecting *San Gabriel Valley Tribune* insinuations of a "deal" between Duarte and Vulcan. He reads a prepared statement that Duarte Councilors "completely and unequivocally reject the Vulcan proposal." He confirms that Azusa's lawyer admitted the city was under threat of litigation

from Vulcan.

• Save Our Canyon reps Rich Deem and Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez from Azusa present their criticism of the mining plan to a nearly full house. They show how despite Vulcan's claims, the amount of rock on the west slope is planned to almost double with "significant collateral impacts" of noise, dust, transporters, trucks, etc. They question the whole premise that micro-benching can be done in granite. Xilonin adds that most measurements of the "dust you can't see" are done during quiet times.

• Buck Gwyn, a Duarte resident since 1960, reports on conversations with former city leader Otis Gordon about bus rides to Los Angeles taken by residents determined to close down the quarry in 1956 or 1957. LA County supported them but the then-governing body in Azusa annexed the Fish Canyon access. One result, Buck remembers Gordon stating, was Duarte's incorporation as a separate city to stop such moves in the future. "This thing has a history" one resident remarked.

• Prophet-like Steve Hernandez, a retired engineer in his own right, warns that tearing down Van Tassel will be like tearing down the wall along the freeway. "What comes over the hill will hang over the hill... Royal Oaks School is right up against the hill where the dust will settle. Azusa has good air movement, we don't." People's eyes are opening more and more as the stakes get raised. The scene switches back to Azusa.

### AT AZUSA CITY COUNCIL, APRIL 5

"This is about nothing but health," is the stark plea of John Abbes who lives 500 feet from Valley View School. "You have to help us out." Just before him came Ronnie Blackburn who mentioned his growing respect for Azusa mayor Joe Rocha. He applauded the mayor's 2007 campaign opposition to the project. Ronnie, a veteran, quotes his mother's saying: "If I am not for myself, who will be? But if I am for myself alone, who am I?"

In such a tone the first city council meeting begins. This follows news that the Azusa Planning Commission has approved the EIR by a vote of 3-1 in the wee hours of Thursday, March 11. This is a setback for many Azusa and Duarte opponents of the mining, but at this April 5 meeting comes a

new development—Azusa youth lend their support. Citrus College forestry student Emilio Sanchez of Azusa bemoans Vulcan's move on untouched land. His colleague, Ivena Valenzuela of Mt. Sacs, coins a piquant slogan for the opposition—"Health, Homes and Wildlife."

The stage is set for the dramatic Open House at Duarte Community Center on April 8, 2010. The AQMD will be there but so, citizens learn, will be Congresswoman Judy Chu along with Assemblyman Anthony Portantino. The hall is packed to overflow.

### AQMD IN DUARTE, APRIL 8, 2010

Forceful citizen rhetoric is the hallmark at this game-changing meeting.

• Carol Cimmerelli appears in her surgical mask testifying that when she and her husband moved to Duarte from San Diego in 1982 the air quality was "excellent." Then in 2007 her husband died of lung cancer and two years previously she herself needed a lung transplant. She also notes that twenty years ago children played in her neighborhood as they should. "Now a five year old boy across the street has asthma." This provokes an AQMD official to wonder if there shouldn't be funding for "some kind of study."

• Following up on the chairman's opening remarks that the Southland has "the worst air in the nation" a Duarte resident notes that federal air standards haven't changed in 37 years. "Remember, thirty seven years ago the U.S. Congress determined that cigarette smoking doesn't cause cancer."

• French teacher Jeanne Hart in an honest and unadorned statement mentions that two years ago she was diagnosed with silica dust in her lungs. The committee is riveted. "There is no incidence of lung disease in my family. In 1993 I moved to the corner of Encanto and Fish Canyon. The wind blows in my garden [and] leaves no doubt in my mind that this dust is from the mine... which has become a dinosaur." Congresswoman Judy Chu will later mention that this testimony is "unforgettable" and helps shape her decision to "support you residents." Assemblyman Portantino notes to "any Vulcan personnel in the room"—"slow down, get it right or don't get it!"

• Marsha Johnson, the "mother of a sensitive receptor"—a seven year old with asthma--pleads forcefully, her voice breaking as she cites Charles Dickens that "the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few."

• Both Dr. Ian Scott and Karen Vance point out the incongruity of Fish Canyon area being a tourist zone with "bike paths passing under the conveyor belt." This area serves "not just us in Duarte but hundreds of tourists with horseback riding, the works," Karen adds. The committee ends with full praise for local residents and their outstanding preparation for the night's meeting. SCAQMD officers look like a very thoughtful band indeed as the session ends.

### BACK TO AZUSA

The two Azusa City Council meetings of April 19 and May 3 continue very much in this vein of respectful but hard-hitting advocacy with a few stray voices supporting the project. Outstanding arguments come from Gale Banks of Gale Banks Engineering in Azusa and Brenda Vanderloo of Duarte. Gale Banks gets attention by testifying that he has lost 42% of his lung capacity after 32 years

in Azusa. "What kind of city do we want? A city of mines or residents and families?" he asked Azusa Council. Brenda Vanderloo has her children from Valley View School with her as she pleads "make my children safe." Then she brings everyone to attention by citing the 2007 campaign promises of three of the five Azusa city councilors before her.

Brenda's citation included reports how Mayor Rocha remarked that as a teacher three decades ago, "a few kids had asthma" and when he retired "most of them did." Shawna Pearce weighed in with a comment that will surface again in the mayor's vote against the Conditional Use Permit on May 17-18. "Fifty per cent re-vegetation - that's the best they can do?" Darrell George reminds the audience that Vulcan has never done micro-benching.

Decisions are set to be made on May 17-18 by the Azusa Council. But then - more drama! Vulcan suddenly denies the access route to the Fish Canyon Falls just hours before the scheduled April 17 Wilderness Day Hike, a Duarte standard. City of Duarte officials scramble overnight, turn on a dime and schedule a replacement activity. Hundreds of paid-up residents and visitors are treated to what becomes a public relations disaster for the Quarry. Assemblyman Michael Antonovich provides a helicopter for Congresswoman Judy Chu to tour the falls and lend her support for a natural area that "reminds me of Hawaii." The Congresswoman's dramatic tour was captured expertly on film by DCTV's Levon Yotknapharian. "There's material here for a mini-series," activist Judy Goldstein had remarked earlier.

In the end it came down to a 3-2 decision to deny the Conditional Use Permit even as the draft EIR was approved. Lilburn consultants threw everything into the mix in an effort to assure residents of no health damages from the project but the persistent probing questions by council members Rocha, Gonzales and Macias could not be denied. Somewhat cloudy answers were given to such key questions as "Have you done micro-benching before?" "Aren't you already removing overburden on the west?" and Mayor Rocha's "Will the way the topography will be changed affect the wind patterns carrying particulates to Valley View School?"

Mining advocates and their consultants found such pointed questions hard to answer to the satisfaction of most in the room. In the end patience had its perfecting way. Nearly five months of public testimony, expert opinion on both sides, relentless leadership from City of Duarte, Valley View School, Azusa youth and Save Our Canyon (Ilorin Cruz-Gonzalez presented a "no mining" petition signed by 1400 Azusa residents) and the heightened, respectful activism by ordinary extraordinary citizens brought the case to where it is today. But as the radio announcers used to say, "Stay tuned."

## Library

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this a successful event for the Friends of the Duarte Library.

For continued updates as the festival grows see <https://sites.google.com/site/duartefestivalofauthors/>

**Your own library card** is the key to the many resources available to you at the library. Ask any one of the helpful staff: Reed Stregge, Kay Pearlman, Eileen Penson and Kevin Wade, to assist you in getting your own library card. Children are welcome to get their own card with parental approval.

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