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Duarte View

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

Casino Night of Stars Sept. 13 to benefit five Duarte organizations

Five Duarte community groups are betting that their Casino Night of Stars fundraiser will pay off big for their organizations. Tickets are on sale now for the evening of fun set for Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Duarte Senior Center that will feature Las Vegas-style entertainment complete with gaming tables for craps, roulette, poker and blackjack, an all-night buffet, and prizes galore that will include vacation packages to the real Las Vegas.

The Casino Night of Stars is a lead-up party to Duarte's 13th annual Salute Route 66 Parade on Sept. 20, whose theme this year is "Route 66 to the Stars".

Actor/singer/impressionist Jordan Preston, who has been featured in such musicals as *The King and I*, *South Pacific* and *Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, will perform on the Casino Night stage, while the outdoor *Starlight Lounge* will offer dancing under the stars with music presented by a deejay.

The Duarte Route 66 Parade Committee, Friends of the Duarte Library, Duarte Senior Center, Duarte Youth Athletic Club, and Duarte Chamber of Commerce have joined to make the event a success.

"It's wonderful to have so many groups working together to put on yet another great event for the community. The Route 66 Parade is a great tradition but it takes money to produce. Here's a fun way for us to raise funds for the parade and for the other organizations who serve seniors, children, the business community and the community-at-large," said



SINGER Jordan Preston will perform on stage at the Casino Night of Stars benefit at the Duarte Senior Center, Sept. 13.

Duarte Chamber of Commerce CEO Jim Kirchner.

SCE Federal Credit Union is supporting the community fundraiser as the Platinum sponsor. Joe's Place and CIBA Real Estate are Gold Stars sponsors.

Tickets for the Casino Night of Stars fundraiser are \$25 and include dinner, 100 chips and one free drink. Tickets can be purchased at the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, 1105 Oak Ave., Duarte Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Dr.; Joe's Place, 1345 Huntington Dr.; online at www.DuarteChamber.com, and at the door.

For more information, call (626) 357-3333 or (626) 357-7931, ext. 220.

Fresh & Easy slated for Duarte

The City of Duarte's ongoing efforts to bring new businesses and new jobs to the city are continuing to succeed. A Best Buy store and retail shops are currently under construction at Central and Mountain Avenues, adjacent to the Foothill Freeway. A new retail center at the main intersection of Huntington Dr. and Buena Vista is expected to break ground this fall. Now, a Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market has selected a retail shopping center at the northwest corner of Huntington Dr. and Mt. Olive Dr. for a new store scheduled to open by January 2009. The development is currently in the plan check phase.

Fresh & Easy is a company of Tesco, the United Kingdom largest retailer and one of the world's



leading international retailers. According to the company's website, the chain currently operates 63 stores across Southern California, Nevada and Arizona, including 11 in Los Angeles County.

Fresh & Easy will occupy a portion of the shopping center which is currently occupied by Cal Farmer's Market along with a

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Artist rendition of the proposed expanded Maryvale Family Resource and Early Childhood Education Center to begin construction this fall at the corner of Huntington Dr. and Crestfield Dr., in Duarte.

Construction underway on major expansion of Maryvale Childcare Center

A long planned major expansion and transformation of the Maryvale Childcare Center in Duarte is set to get underway this fall with construction of a 34,000 square foot childcare, counseling and family resource center at the southeast corner of Huntington Dr. and Crestfield Dr. The Maryvale Family Resource and Early Childhood Education Center will more than double the capacity of the pre-school services in the current 1,600 square foot childcare facility that Maryvale has operated in Duarte since 1999.

Maryvale was founded in 1856 by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul as the Los Angeles Orphan Asylum and currently provides residential treatment services to girls ages 6 to 18, who for a number of reasons cannot live with their families. Its main campus is located in Rosemead. It has operated daycare facilities since 1968 as a means of giving families with young children peace of mind while they worked to provide for their families. The focus of the Maryvale Family Resource Center will be on families and what it takes to enhance their ability to not only survive, but thrive economically and socially by providing families with adequate support and life enrichment programs to enhance the quality of life for children, families and the community of Duarte.

The early childhood education center will be licensed under the State Department of Social Services to provide infant/toddler, preschool, kindergarten and after school care. The current facility has an enrollment of 57 children. The expanded facility, with a staff of 28, will accommodate 140 children at full occupancy, the majority infant and preschool age.

"It's a feather in our cap to have Maryvale here in our community. They will be a powerful presence in the city and provide valuable services to young people," said Duarte Mayor Pro

Amateur Youth Boxing Show Aug. 24

Young amateur boxers from boxing clubs throughout Southern California will be in Duarte on Sunday, Aug. 24, to compete in the 3rd Annual Duarte Youth Boxing Show hosted by Duarte Parks and Recreation's Duarte Youth Boxing Club.

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

To compete as an amateur, boxers must be certified by USA Boxing Federation. Contenders

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MEMBERS OF THE Duarte Youth Boxing Club pose with their championship belts and medals following their successful participation in the recent Desert Showdown Invitational Amateur Boxing Championship in Indio. From left to right are Luis Sedano, Tino Dominguez, Joseph Martinez, Steven Salinas, Jacobo Velasco, Ryan Coulter and Paola Arana.

Tem John Fasana.

Maryvale is expected to be ready to move students into temporary buildings across the street from its current home within the next 30 to 90 days. Then it will begin demolition of the old structures on the property to make way for the new construction.

PBWS Architects of Pasadena has designed an eclectic Spanish architectural style complex on 1.4 acres of land, including property purchased by the City of Duarte and sold to Maryvale.

The design features three separate buildings and a large outdoor play area. The main building a 25,550 square foot two-story structure, will house the daycare program with infant, toddler, after school and kindergarten rooms on the lower level, along with the lobby/reception area, kitchen, library, administrative offices and

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Citrus College Appoints New Members to Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee

By Stacy Armstrong

Four new members have been appointed to the Citrus College Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee.

The role of this committee is to monitor the expenditure of funds from a \$121 million facilities construction bond measure that was passed over four years ago by voters in the Citrus Community College District.

The committee's seven members are responsible for ensuring that the money is spent solely on facility improvements, as required by Proposition 39.

Five of the seven members of the Citizens Oversight Committee are required to represent specific constituent groups and/or organizations, as outlined by law. The remaining two members serve as "at large" community representatives.

Yvonne Bullock of Duarte

will serve as a member at large; Joe Guarrera of Azusa represents a tax payer organization; Joseph Hart of Claremont represents a business organization; and Nikki Hull of Glendora represents a senior citizen organization.

These four new members join student representative Savannah Star Dominguez of Ontario, Citrus College Foundation representative Mike Ferrari of Glendora, and member at large Patricia Myers of Monrovia.

Members of the Citizens Oversight Committee are not compensated and serve a maximum term of two years.

Meetings are scheduled quarterly and are open to the public.

The next meeting will be held on September 4, 2008 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Citrus College Center for Innovation Community Room.

Duarte Fitness Center

The Duarte Fitness Center, located next to City Hall at 1600 Huntington Drive, offers a variety of ways for you to get in shape. Life Fitness strength equipment is available including a Chest Press, Lat Pulldown, Arm Curl, Seated Dip, Shoulder Press, Seated Leg Press, Leg Extension, Seated Leg Curl, Hip Abductor and Hip Adductor. The Fitness Center also has a variety of cardiovascular equipment to choose from. Other Fitness Center activities include racquetball, wallyball, aerobic classes, and swimming.

Fitness Center membership prices can't be beat! Regular yearly membership fees for Duarte residents: \$125 - Aquatics/Exercise/Aerobics, \$150 - Racquetball/Exercise/Aerobics, \$200 - Total Facility/Individual, \$300 - Total Facility/Family; non resident fees: \$175 - Aquatics/Exercise/Aerobics, \$200 - Racquetball/Exercise/Aerobics, \$275 - Total Facility/Individual, \$400 - Total Facility/Family. The Fitness Center has several membership sales a year offering a 20% discount! The next membership sale will be September 1-8. Corporate membership discount rates also available.

Call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118 for more information.

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 wading 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.

Enroll children in swimming classes offered at the Duarte Fitness Center. Registration is held throughout the summer, starting Monday, July 14, Monday, July 28, Monday, August 11, and Monday, August 25 for this year's aquatics season. For more information, call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118. Your decision to provide your child with an early aquatic experience is a gift that will have infinite rewards. These courses encourage safe practices.

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

Annual Beautification Awards

The Mayor and City Council would like to congratulate Duarte residents and business owners that were selected as winners in Duarte's 2008 Home and Business Beautification Awards. The care and pride of ownership in the home and business winners has been made apparent and the City of Duarte recognizes and appreciates their hard work.

A reception was held on May 27 at the Duarte Community Center. All winners were honored and received a gift. Selection of homes and businesses takes place every year during the month of April. Winners are chosen by various Duarte service organizations.

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THE EXTENSIVE bead exhibit of Janie Duncan, Red Hat Queen and VP of Monrovia Rockhounds, is on display at the Duarte Historical Museum and will remain through September.



Bead Collection on Exhibit

Whether crafted from animal bones, teeth, glass, wood, crystal or other material, beads usually are small in size, but each one tells an intriguing story much larger than itself. The extensive bead collection of Janie Duncan, vice president of the Monrovia Rockhounds, is on display at the Duarte Historical Museum in Encanto Park.

"Beads have been a great tool for expressing oneself and have been used to indicate social status, marital status and even religious affiliation," she says. Janie considers each bead a tiny treasure, unique in its color and texture.

The exhibit explains the many ways beads are made and how they reflect the culture of the crafter. Her fascination with beads grew from creating beadwork, which led her to research the history of beads.

The bead exhibit will remain at the museum through September. The museum is open Saturdays 1-4 p.m. and the first and third Wednesday each month from 1-3 p.m. Admission is free.

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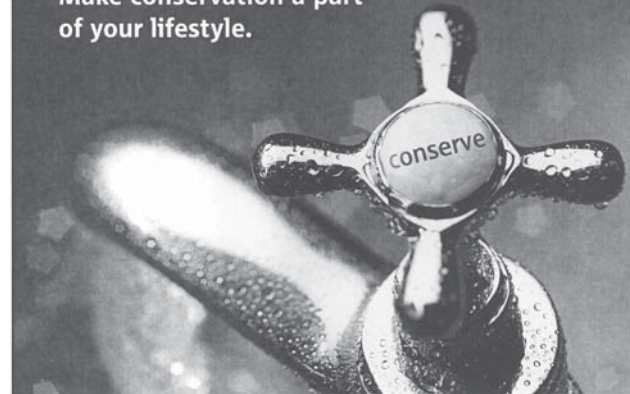
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April to June 2008			
Area	2008	2007	2006
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2	2	1	0
3	0	0	0
4	3	2	0
5	0	0	1
6	0	0	0
7	1	1	0
8	0	0	0
9	1	0	0
10	3	2	1
11	0	1	0
12	1	1	2
April to June	15	9	5
Year to Date	29	23	14
Year End Totals	Unk.	48	25

Vehicle Burglaries & Thefts Year to Date			
April to June 2008			
	2008	2007	2006
Vehicle Burglaries	16	19	24
Vehicle Thefts	20	12	21
April to June Totals	36	31	45
Year to Date Totals	74	58	111
Year End Total	Unk.	182	210

Statistician Sonja Tanner

Updated April 10, 2008

DUARTE WELCOMES . . .

Deputy Paul Villegas

For a little over a year, Deputy Probation Officer Paul Villegas has been working with Duarte's youth and their families. Villegas works in a preventive capacity directly with at-risk elementary, middle and high school age students. He counsels minors who are having academic, attendance, and behavioral problems. As part of his role as the liaison to the Juvenile Court System in Duarte, he also works with the Duarte Unified School District. He guides Outreach Consultants on preventive measures and provides drug and gang awareness to staff. He holds educational presentations for parents and youth on topics ranging from gangs and drugs to dealing with incorrigible youth. He also mentors elementary age students who participate in the boys club during the school year.

His caseload, consisting of 40 to 50 youth, keeps him out in the field most of the time, but he also holds an office at the Duarte Public Safety/Sheriff Satellite Station where he works closely with Sheriff Deputies and the City of Duarte.

Villegas describes Duarte as a small community that is committed to their youth. The numerous resources offered by the City, such as the Teen Center, the Youthworks Program, and the Share Mentoring Program, as well as numerous counseling services offered by Foothill Family Services, benefit youth and help make his challenging job easier. He feels that the small community also gives him a chance to work closely with youth and their families and to be attentive to their needs.

He would like to remind parents that, "youth that get into trouble tend to do so because of a lack of adult supervision." He also asks parents to "please get to know your children's friends, monitor their activity on-line, and keep track of their school attendance and grades." He finds that parents need to watch their children's habits closely. Vandalism, (especially "tagging") and marijuana use are the biggest issues among youth in this city. Lastly, he urges all families to take advantage of the resources the City has to offer and to learn about what is available to the youth through www.duarteyouth.org, our new resource finder.

Villegas, who holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Anthropology from USC, has worked for the LA County Probation Department for 11 years. His prior assignments include a year in adult probation, Juvenile Boot Camp for three years, juvenile investigation out of the Crenshaw office for five years, and juvenile supervision out of the Pasadena Courthouse for two years.



DEPUTY PAUL VILLEGAS

APRIL 2008 800 Block of Cotter Avenue – Area 1

On Mon., April 28, the unknown suspect(s) entered the secure home after breaking in a rear window, and stole a laptop computer, a plasma tv, a watch and miscellaneous items.

2300 Block of Citrusview Avenue – Area 4

On Tues., April 15, the suspect entered the home through an open window, and stole \$200 in currency, the suspect was observed fleeing and was later arrested.

2200 Block of Huntington Drive – Area 7

On Wed., April 8, the unknown suspect(s) entered the secured home by prying the front door open. The suspect(s) stole \$700 in currency.

MAY 2008 900 Block of Highland Avenue – Area 1

Between Mon., April 21, and Mon., May 5, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home and stole three silver rings and a necklace.

1600 Block of Huntington Drive – Area 1

Between Sun., May 25, and Wed., May 28, unknown suspect(s) entered the home during an open house and stole a plasma television, picture frames, lamps, and other miscellaneous items.

1200 Block of Monterrey Court – Area 2

On Tues., Feb. 23, unknown suspect(s) entered the secure home after breaking a window and stole a digital camera, and a DVD player.

2500 Block of Willowglen Drive – Area 9

On Fri., May 23, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an unlocked door and stole multiple pieces of jewelry priced at \$3500.

2400 Block of Crossroads Court – Area 10

Between Sat., March 8, and Thurs., April 17, the known suspects entered the home and stole a video camera, antique postcards, and personal documents.

900 Block of Swiss Trails – Area 10

On Fri., May 2, the unknown

suspect(s) entered the residence through an open garage door and stole a digital camera and \$500.

3200 Block of Shadylawn Drive – Area 12

Between Fri., May 23, and Sat., May 24, the unknown suspect(s) entered the secured home through an unlocked window. No items were reported stolen.

JUNE 2008 800 Block of Junipero Drive – Area 1

Between Tues., June 17, and Mon., June 23, the unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through an open garage door and stole a golf bag with gold clubs.

1300 Block of Maynard Drive – Area 2

Between Fri., June 27 and Sat.,

June 28, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an unlocked window and stole a laptop computer, a Nintendo Wii, a cell phone, a printer, several video games, and several personal documents and credit cards.

1100 Block of Galen Street – Area 4

On Sat., June 21, the unknown suspect(s) entered the residence point of entry not determined and stole a money order.

2500 Block of Calle Villada Circle – Area 10

Between Fri., June 6, and Sun., June 8, the unknown suspect(s) entered the residence point of entry not determined and stole a computer monitor, a PSP game, and a Xbox game console.



DUARTE KIWANIS CLUB

Kiwanis International is a worldwide service organization appealing to men and women who have the desire to become personally involved in making their communities better places in which to live. As a group, these men and women achieve what individuals cannot do alone. Working together, Kiwanis willingly accept the challenge of community improvement and leadership, assuming personal responsibility for humanitarian and civic projects that public authorities are not prepared to or are unable to perform. These projects are primarily local in nature. They include such activities as assistance to youth and the aging, conservation of natural resources, development of community facilities, and creation of international understanding and goodwill. Whatever their goals may be, Kiwanians are motivated by a common desire to serve and achieve an appreciation of good fellowship.

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Boxing

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ranging from 8 years old to 18 will be matched by age, weight and experience. The winner of each bout will receive a championship belt. Their opponents will receive a trophy for competing.

World Boxing Council Featherweight Champion Steven Luviano and five time world champion Sugar Shane Mosley are expected to be among the special guests in attendance.

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department started the Duarte Boxing Club in 1997.

In the past three years head coach Victor Valenzuela and assistant coaches, Eric Campugan and Louis Valenzuela have developed a highly competitive youth boxing program.

At the recent National Invitational Desert Showdown in Indio, with over 600 of the top amateur boxers from around the country, Mexico and Canada competing, all seven Duarte Youth Boxing Club boxers came home with honors.

Five won championship belts. They were Paola Arana, 17, 101 pounds; Ryan Coulter, 14, 90 pounds; Steven Salinas, 16, 125 pounds; Jacobe Velasco, 13, 145 pounds; and Tino Dominguez, 16, 201 pounds. Joseph Martinez, 17, received a silver medal and Luis Sedano, 18, took the bronze.

"We're very proud of the accomplishments of these outstanding young people. It takes a great deal of discipline and hard work to achieve this level of success. Their dedication brings honor to them and to our community," said Duarte Mayor Phil Reyes.

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

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

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

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

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Montgomery Golf Tourney Raises \$27,000 for Scholarships



THE RECENT 10TH ANNUAL Don Montgomery Memorial Golf Tournament raised \$27,000 in funds for the Monrovia High School Mary B. Thorne Club and the Santa Anita Family YMCA Scholarship funds. A total of 144 golfers, including winning team members (from left) Brad Bateson, Mike Pollard, Andy Montgomery and Brad Baxter, participated in this year's event which honors the memory of the late longtime Monrovia resident, educator and Superintendent of the Monrovia Unified School District. Over the last 10 years, the Don Montgomery Memorial Golf Tournament has raised \$205,000 to assist Monrovia High School seniors go on to college and to support the nonprofit SAFYMCA's Financial Assistance Program that helps ensure that anyone in need of YMCA programs and services can receive them regardless of ability to pay.

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COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

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

HOT LUNCHES

The Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over age 60 or the spouse of someone over age 60. Reservations are requested by calling Senior Center at (626) 357-3513. The suggested donation is \$2.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday, or seven

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MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!

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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, decorating, etc. If you would like to give back to the community,



JOIN US AT THE Duarte Senior Center for our annual luau party in August. Please call for more information (626) 357-3513.

please consider being a volunteer. Call today (626) 357-3513 and ask for Kelly.

ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is provided for individuals with disabilities. For eligibility or more information, please call (800) 827-0829.

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If you are providing care to an adult (age 60+) or a child (18 or younger) then you are a caregiver! Feeling stressed, tired, running out of time? Join a support group at the Senior Center and talk with other caregivers. This class

is held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 1 p.m.-2 p.m. and is free. Please call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 to register for this program.

HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

You can file a 2008 Homeowners and Renter's Assistance application form from July 15 through September 25, 2008, at the Duarte Senior Center. To qualify you must be at least 62 years old, blind, or disabled as of December 31, 2007, and provide proof of one of the following: A United States citizen or a designated alien or a qualified alien.

You must also provide proof of being a renter or homeowner for the year 2007 with income of no more than \$44,096 for the year, and provide a property tax statement, or if you rent, provide landlord's name, address, and phone number. Assistance is done

by appointment only; please call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program sponsored by the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank provides food to low-income elderly, 60 years and older who qualify. This program is held at the Duarte Senior Center on the 4th Thursday of every month from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

EXTENDED EXCURSION - BRANSON!

Branson Trip - October 9-14, 2008

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Come into the Duarte Senior Center for a flyer or for more information, please contact Kelly Barnes at the Duarte Senior Center (626) 357-3513 ext. 116.

TRIPS AND TOURS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is currently taking registration for the following trips: Big Bear Lake Boat Ride and Lunch at Boo Bear's Den, Thursday, July 24, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., \$51; Sunset Dinner Cruise - Ventura Harbor Village, Saturday, August 23, 4:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., \$61. 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.

HEARING SCREENING

Thursday, September 18, 2008, from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Duarte Senior Center the Newport Audiology will be conducting the screenings and Health Care Partners is the sponsor of this program. For reservations, please call (626) 357-3513.

HOW TO MAKE MEDICARE WORK FOR YOU!

Every 2nd and 4th Friday, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Duarte Senior Center by appointment the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) Counselor provides unbiased information, counseling and assistance on Medicare and related health care coverage including: Medicare Part D, "Extra Help" for Medicare Part D, Medicare HMOs, Medicare PPOs, Medicare Supplement (Medigap) Insurance, Long Term Care, Medi-Cal & Medicare Savings Programs.

LION SIGHT PROGRAM

Free vision care for low-income seniors 2nd Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. To qualify for the Lions Sight Program, interested parties must be 62 or over, have a yearly income below \$25,900, and must live in Duarte. Three appointments are available per month. Call the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 to make an appointment.

DINNER WITH US

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department partners with many local restaurants to provide an evening meal at the Duarte Senior Center. Participants have an opportunity to experiment with different restaurant menus while dining at the Center. The cost is \$7 per person. Senior citizens and their adult family members are welcome to participate. For more information, call the Center at (626) 357-3513.



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Friends of the Duarte Library Gearing Up for 6th Annual Duarte Festival of Authors

Authors Ray Bradbury, "Fahrenheit 451," Stephen J. Cannell, "At First Sight," Denise Hamilton, "The Last Embrace," and D. J. MacHale, "Pendragon: Journal of an Adventure Through Time and Space," are among the literary luminaries already confirmed to appear at the 6th annual Duarte Festival of Authors on Saturday, Oct. 4 at Westminster Gardens.

"Each year the festival grows more exciting in terms of the major talents being presented. We are so proud that Mr. Bradbury, one of the most admired authors in America, and the recipient of a Pulitzer Citation in 2007, will return to the festival again this year," said Nita Norgard, president of the Friends of the Duarte Library and chairperson of the Duarte Festival of Authors. "We are also very excited that national bestselling authors Stephen J. Cannell, Denise Hamilton and D.J. MacHale have accepted our invitation to be among the major authors to meet the public, speak and sign their books," she said.

There are still opportunities for individuals and businesses to participate as event sponsors, or to purchase an ad in the souvenir program book. All proceeds from the Duarte Festival of Authors go to The Friends of the Duarte Library to benefit the Duarte Library. Those interested in supporting the Festival and the Duarte Library may contact Nita Norgard at (626) 358-1276. Volunteer support is also appreciated, said Norgard.

In addition to authoring 12 New York Times bestselling novels, including the critically acclaimed Shane Skully series, Cannell is also famed creator of more than 40 hit TV shows of which he has scripted more than 450 episodes and produced or executive produced more than 1,500 episodes. His hits include The Rockford Files, Greatest American Hero, The A-Team, Hunter, 21 Jump Street, and The Commish.

Hamilton, who writes the nationally bestselling Eve Diamond crime novels, is "one of the brightest new talents to enter crime fiction over the last few years," proclaimed the Chicago Sun Times. The former Los Angeles Times reporter and Fulbright Scholar is known for high octane thrillers set in Los Angeles that also examine social issues.

D.J. MacHale is the author of the wildly popular adventure-fantasy book series, "Pendragon". The #1 New York Times bestsell-



AUTHOR STEPHEN J. CANNELL

ing young adult series follows the story of 14 year-old Bobby Pendragon who discovers that he isn't a run-of-the-mill teenager. In fact, he learns that he is a Traveler, one of the people who have the job of protecting the universe from the evil Saint Dane. MacHale is also a writer, director and producer of several popular television series and movies that include Flight 29 Down; Are You Afraid of the Dark?; Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective; Tower of Terror; and Ghostwriter.

Another exciting development for the festival this year is that Vroman's Bookstore and Barnes & Noble have agreed to partner with the Friends of the Duarte Library to promote the Duarte Festival of Authors.

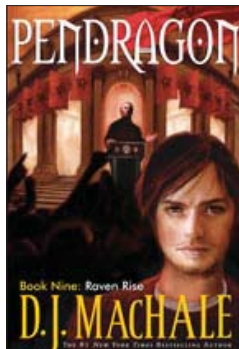
"This is a huge endorsement for the Duarte Festival of Authors to have Vroman's, the number one independent book store in the nation, and Barnes & Noble, the nation's top bookseller partner with us to promote public attendance to our festival," said Becky Evans, a member of the Friends who also serves on the committee.

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Los Angeles Dodgers, the festival has tentatively scheduled (unless the Dodgers go into the postseason and make them unavailable) award-winning Los Angeles Times sports columnist Bill Plaschke, co-author with the Dodgers' Tommy Lasorda of "I Live for This," and official Dodgers' historian and author of many books about the Dodgers, Mark Langill, "Game of My Life Dodgers".

In all, more than 40 authors will meet the public, talk and sign their books from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the historic grounds of Westminster Gardens, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave. Admission



AUTHOR D.J. MACHALE and his wildly popular adventure-fantasy book series, "Pendragon".



Adventure Club/Excursions

Looking for something adventurous to do this summer?

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring two one-week sessions of fun and daily excursions.

Adventure Club is available to teens and kids ages 8 through 17. It will be held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Duarte Park. The price is only \$100 per session with lunch and all excursions included. Session I is August 18 through August 22 and Session II is August 25 through August 29.

Each day will be highlighted by a trip to places such as the beach, Knott's Berry Farm,



ADVENTURE CAMP participants enjoy many fun activities!

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Registration is going on now at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive. For more information, please call the Duarte Park and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

Dog Licenses Due in Duarte

Duarte's Rabies Clinic was a success! The clinic was held at the Duarte Public Safety Office on Saturday, June 28. Over 200 dogs were vaccinated and licensed.

Vaccinations are required by California State Law for any dog over four months old, because the threat of rabies is still present in this area. Avoid putting the community at risk and avoid paying stiff penalties.

City of Duarte licenses must be purchased/renewed by August 31 each year.

Penalties are placed by the court, and the licensing fee doubles after that date.

Proof of a current rabies vaccination and a certificate of sterility, if applicable, is required.

If your pet is sterilized the license fee is reduced by half, \$20 if the animal is spayed or neutered and \$40 if not.

You may purchase your dog



REYNA SERNA volunteering at the Rabies Clinic.

license at Duarte City Hall or at the Duarte Public Safety Office.

If you have any questions regarding dog licensing or any other animal control matter, please contact the Public Safety Office at (626) 357-7938.

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Last year's National Night Out campaign involved 25 Neighborhood Watch Blocks with a total of 18 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 2008.

The Duarte Public Safety Department cordially invites you and your neighbors to be a part of the National Night Out 2008 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 National 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 2007. These donations were picked up by Duarte Sheriff Deputies were delivered to the Duarte Community Council, providing services to Duarte's families in need.

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

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Fitness Center Pool Open

The City of Duarte Fitness Center swimming pools are now open for a variety of aquatic activities. The pool offers lap swim for adults 6:30-8 a.m. and 12-1 p.m. Monday through Friday; 7-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; and 11 a.m.-12 p.m. weekends. Recreational swim is available for all ages 1-3:30 p.m. weekdays and 12-4 p.m. weekends. Family swim is scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m. This cost is only 50¢ for children 12 and under, and \$1 for adults and teens. Water aerobics is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at a cost of \$4 per class.

The Fitness Center Pool offers swimming lessons for all ages and skill levels. The swim instructors are all Red Cross certified and very experienced. Lessons are offered mornings and evenings Monday through Thursday. The cost of a 2-week session is only \$25. There are a limited number of class times and spaces. Registration begins at 6 a.m. for Duarte residents and 8 a.m. for non-residents one week prior to the beginning of each session. Sessions are: July 21-31, August 4-August 14, and August 18-August 28.

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



YOUNG GIRLS getting to know the police car.

Summer Youth Special Events

Duarte Parks and Recreation is offering several special events this summer for children.

The Wet & Wild Carnival will be held at Beardslee Park on July 15 from 2-4 p.m. Children ages 5-12 years are invited to play carnival-style games and activities. The giant inflatable water slide will be back! There will be 10¢ games and 25¢ snow cones.

The "Splashtacular" Water Carnival for ages 6-15 years will be held at the Duarte Fitness Center Pool on July 24 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Admission is 50¢ for ages 12 & under and \$1 for ages 13 & up. Wet carnival games and activities will be held!

Come join us on July 31 from 2-4 p.m. for the Summer Cool Down. It's going to be a hot summer, so come

cool down with us at the Duarte Community Center. Children 5-12 years are invited to come have fun in the air-conditioned hall.

The Summer Mystery Event will be held for children 5 & up at the Duarte Community Center on Aug. 6 from 2-4 p.m. Children are invited take part in this fun

activity. It could be games, crafts, or who knows. It's a mystery! This event is free.

Transportation will be provided for all events from each supervised park site with signed permission form. For more information, please call Duarte Recreation at (626) 357-7931.



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"Dynamic Duo" reviews Duarte's Fiftieth

By Neil Earle

Write on the sidewalk in big white chalk.

Jimmy Walker loves New York.

The boosterism and civic pride that animated the mayor of Gotham in the 1920s was in ample supply in Duarte 2007. The year 2007 was the year that was the 50th anniversary of our city's official incorporation.

January 17 I invited our own dynamic duo (with apologies to Batman and Robin) for a look back at the year's events on the DCTV show, "A Second Look."

Becky Evans, Administrative Secretary for the Duarte City Council and Co-ordinating Chairperson for the 50th celebration, and Mary Barrow, City Publicist, sparked a lively 30-minute program. Together these two ladies bore a lot of the responsibility for sweating all the small stuff that makes a year-long celebration work.

On March 17, for example, Mary Barrow proved instrumental in pulling off a reunion of players, coaches and parents of Duarte Youth Acres, Duarte's first organized youth sports league.

Four future mayors were among those who helped establish Duarte Youth Acres in the early 1950s, Mary reminded us.

Following World War II, citrus groves were replaced by thousands of new homes to house returning G.I.s and their young families.

Now the growing community needed something for the kids. They did it the Duarte way – a little bit of organizing, a little bit of team spirit and a generous donation. That last from the same Mrs. Morrison of the former Morrison Ranch who turned over 3 1/2 acres of her property just east of where Westminster Gardens is located.

A park with a baseball diamond, a snack bar run by the moms with dads as coaches – all this was made possible by that spirit of "can do" voluntarism that makes Duarte such a nice place to live.

That spirit was much in evidence at the Duarte Youth Acres reunion. "More than 60 people came to the reunion, including former mayor Monty Montgomery," Mary reported.

Then came March 31, 2007. Few of us who were there will forget the unveiling of the Andres Duarte statue across from city hall that Saturday.

"As everyone knows, it was too big for the original spot near the CVS Pharmacy," Becky Evans reminded us, "but where it is now seems so perfect."

She recapped how 40-50 descendants of Andres Duarte, the original Mexican settler of the Rancher, were on hand for the event. This is rare even for a part of the world as young as the state of California. "The next step is to do the finishing work for the projected Plaza around the statue," Mary added. "This could be as early as June or July which will give us something else to celebrate."

Question: What happened on May 2, 2007?

Quiet little Duarte? Provoking a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court?

"Yes," Mary Barrow reminded us. She herself was instrumental in bringing about a forum that at-

See Dynamic Duo on page 14

Maryvale

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nurse's office. The upper story will accommodate both the child and family counseling center and family resource center including nine counseling rooms and four classrooms. A 6,350 square foot one-story structure will house several preschool rooms and a staff lounge. The third structure will be a 2,450 square foot multi-purpose room.

Operating under the auspices of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, Maryvale's child and family counseling component will serve children and families within Duarte and the surrounding communities. The program will provide both individual and family counseling. In addition, the Mental Health Program will provide outreach services to local schools.

The family resource center will provide specialized classes for parents and families of those enrolled in the daycare center. Community need-based classes will also be available to the general public. Proposed classes include English as a second language (ESL), job preparation, computer skills, and parent and health education.



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"Fresh & Easy will help bring a vibrant, new look and energy to an older shopping center at a gateway intersection of the city. History has shown that other quality tenants follow a development of this nature. Our residents will benefit from the addition of an exciting, new neighborhood grocery store that offers fresh, wholesome food at affordable prices," said Duarte City Manager Darrell George.

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From the desk of the Superintendent

Dr. Dean Conklin, Superintendent, Duarte Unified School District

As I reflect on the 2007-2008 school year, I see so many amazing things our schools and students have accomplished this year.

Some of the highlights include:

- Duarte High School Academic Decathlon Team placing first place in the Medium School category as well as placing first place in the Virtual Competition

- Maxwell Saturday Academy was instituted offering selected Maxwell students classes in drama, art and technology related to the history they were studying in their classrooms. Students were taught by community professionals as well as certificated teachers embracing our goal to link community with education.

- Royal Oaks being nominated as a Distinguished school based on excellent academic achievement.

- Northview Intermediate Debate Team competed in two middle school debate competitions during the 2007-2008 school year racking up 13 wins so far!

- Duarte High School is boasting a new state-of-the-art Fine Arts Building, housing classrooms for band, art and technology.

It is with fond memories, we bid farewell to two much respected administrators in our district, Dr. Bill Martinez, Principal of Duarte High School and Deitra Reed, Principal of Royal Oaks Elementary. Both have been strong advocates for children and have done exemplary jobs in their careers as educators. They will be dearly missed.

We are proud to welcome the following administrators into our family. Eric Barba, previously of Baldwin Park Unified, will be taking over as Principal at Duarte High School. Janice Kolodinski, from Los Angeles Unified will be the new Principal at Royal Oaks and Jennifer Janetski will be the new Principal at Beardslee Elementary replacing Wendy Wright, Beardslee's previous Principal, who was recently promoted to Coordinator of Professional Development and Assessment. Welcome Aboard.

We are looking forward to the 2008-2009 school year and are eagerly planning on making it our best one yet. It is with the support of this great town that Duarte Unified School District has seen success this year, for that I want to thank each student, parent and district staff member.



DR. DEAN CONKLIN



From left to right, Superintendent Dr. Dean Conklin, Board Member Reyna Diaz, Board Member Pam Kawasaki, Board President Rose Mitchell-Brooks, Royal Oaks Principal Janice Kolodinski, Beardslee Principal Jennifer Janetski, and Board Member Kenneth Bell.

Andres Duarte

By Joilyn Campitiello, Principal

What an amazing year at Andres Duarte! This year our students soared to success and defied gravity!

In October students and staff declared that nothing would hold them down, and they have been defying gravity all year long. Students truly led the way this year.

All of our assemblies were student led, with President Gabby Montoya providing outstanding leadership as the MC for most of our events.

We tried something new with the Mexican History program and it turned out to be a huge success and great learning experience for adults and students alike.

Our two World Café gatherings, offered parents and community members a chance to come together and plan ways to help our

children achieve their dreams.

Two parent groups were formed and we have completed one event, an information fair entitled, "Safe Communities, Safe Kids."

This event was a joint effort between the city Safety Office, Sheriff department, the AD Cougar PSSA and the newly formed, Andres Duarte Parents for a Safer Community.

We were sad to say good-bye to our fabulous sixth grade class but wish them well as they take the next step in their educational journey.

I'd like to thank the wonderful staff at Andres Duarte for their dedication to the children of this community.

We all look forward to even more success next year.

Above & Beyond the Call of Duty

By Robin Nelson, Principal

Parent support at Valley View is always above and beyond the call of duty. Again this year, our parent groups have demonstrated an amazing commitment to our school community. There are several examples that exemplify this dedication. We had the Back to School Picnic, Founder's Day, Muffins for Moms, Man Power Day, Career Day, Play Day and Teacher Appreciation Week to mention a few events.

The PTA kicks off the school year with an exciting evening of fun, games and food – the Back to School Picnic. This annual event is a chance for families to gather together to support the school community. Founder's Day is an honored tradition at Valley View Elementary. Parents, teachers, staff and students join together to honor outstanding service and the Founders of the PTA. We started a new event this year – Muffins for Moms. The PTA served over 125 moms as they joined their children for a morning get-together. It was dazzling to see so many dads spend the day with their children



PILOT AL SOUSA on Man Power Day with Emily and Jacob Sousa.

on Man Power Day. The event began with the 6th grade vs. staff softball game and ended with a helicopter landing on the field. An incredible time was had by the men and their children.

Career Day was another huge success this year. We had a variety of professionals sharing with our

students. An FBI agent, a Karate Sensei, a Fashion Designer, a City Planner, an Inventor, a Set Builder, a Gang Prevention Specialist, an Animal Control Officer, a Sheriff and the Fire Department all donated their time and energy to our classrooms. Our parent volunteers stepped up to the plate again on Play Day. We had financial and physical support from our hard-working parents. The students had a fantastic time at Play Day followed by our family picnic. Our staff was pampered and spoiled this year by the PTA with an amazing week celebrating Teacher Appreciation. They made us all feel loved and indulged.

The teachers, staff and children of Valley View are very fortunate to have such wonderful supportive, generous and thoughtful parent groups. Our thanks go to all of the parents that give of their time, money and energy to make Valley View a better place. Our special thanks to Deborah Vincent (PTA President) for her commitment, devotion and dedication to the staff and students.



DEBORAH VINCENT, Dan D. Dolphin, and Robin Nelson.

Duarte High School

By Dr. Bill Martinez, Principal

The Duarte Community, how do I say good bye?

My shift has ended. As I reflect on 38 years with the district, I want to thank the students, parents and staff members for your support. I want to particularly thank you for everything you have done for DHS during my administration.

Working together (parents, students, and staff) these past three years, DHS has been honored with many awards and recognitions. We have established great working relationships with the City of Duarte, City of Hope, Citrus College and UCLA. All of these national, state and county awards and recognitions have been great and could not have come at a better time in my life, however, the part I have really enjoyed most of all is the JOURNEY – the journey of bringing together the best people to tackle the issues facing DHS in open and honest discussions. I have loved watching the divergent groups work together and move towards a common goal. We have not always agreed on the right approach, but we have come together for the good of DHS.

We have not received these awards and recognitions because of any one person nor because of any one elite program. We have been singled out as "Champions on and off the Field" because of the accomplishments of the

Child Development Programs

By Bobbi Brzozowski, Director

EXTENDED DAY CARE UPDATE

It has been a good year for Duarte USD Extended Day Care, as you will see in the photo. Extended Day Care students in Mrs. Britt's classroom at Royal Oaks show their pride in their first and second place artwork in the after-school program activities. Between now and September, parents needing day care will receive information about the two Duarte USD Day Care programs that operate at each of our elementary campuses.

DUARTE HEAD START HONORED

The Duarte Head Start program was recognized by the Los Angeles County Office of Education Head Start Grantee for excellence in the area of student assessment reporting. Lesson plan design as well as ongoing monitoring procedures and the Parent Curriculum Committee all contributed to this honor. Class-

TEAM! In the end it has always been about Duarte High School reaching its potential!!!!

To all the parents, staff members and particularly the students – who have touched my heart over almost four decades – Thank you and God Bless.

Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon.
Dr. M

room teachers, aides and parents, as well as Head Start Resource Teacher Sofia Valdez are commended for this recognition. It demonstrates the teamwork that prepares Duarte preschoolers for kindergarten.

NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL

Come join us for cookies and lemonade throughout the months of July and August as we enroll children for our Head Start, State Preschool and Tuition-based preschool programs. Our doors are open and our friendly staff is working all summer long to be sure that every preschool seat is filled and as many families of preschoolers as possible have educational programming in place for their child before the first day of school in September.

DAY OF THE CHILD

More than 100 parents and children attended the Duarte USD Head Start/State Preschool Day of the Child festivities April 26, 2008 held at Andres Duarte. Festivities included music, food, a fishing booth, library book reading, face painting, and a professional Ballet Folklorico. The Day of the Child event was planned and operated by the Head Start Policy Committee comprised of Head Start parents and guided by Head Start family services staff members Marie Valdez and Elizabeth Delgado. It was a memorable celebration for children and their parents.

Beardslee Celebrates!

By Wendy Wright, Principal

There is much to celebrate at this time of year and in their usual fashion, the Beardslee community found even more ways in which to make merry about accomplishments, hopes and holidays!

Students made plans for the future, supported the less fortunate, and sang during the dark months of winter.

The Beardslee Parent and Staff Association hosted its annual Santa's Secret Workshop.

Through the efforts of Patty and John McKiernan, and others students were able to shop 'til they dropped!

Holiday gifts were available for purchase so that children could pick out the perfect thing for mom, dad, brother, sister, auntie, uncle, grandma or grandpa!

Just in case the Workshop didn't have what they needed for their special someone, the Book Fair offered great reading material for everyone on their list!

Service to the Beardslee community is what our Student Council is all about.

Council Members donated their gardening expertise to beautify the grounds of Beardslee.

On a recent Friday afternoon, Mr. Erich Trapp and students planted lovely, colorful flowers by the office. Now I have an even better view out my window!

But the Beardslee Student Council doesn't just make us pretty; they also recently staged a spirit day promoting college attendance.

Students were asked to wear the college logo of their choice to school. Staff members proudly sported shirts, caps and jackets from the college they attended.

Students in grades 2, 3 and 4 welcomed the winter holidays in our "Festival of Lights" program at the Performing Arts Center. Student emcees, Miller Johnston and Desiree Rodriguez shared the history of the festivals held around the world in the dark, December months.

Mrs. Wells and Ms. Viers students sang "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Rockin' Round the Christmas Tree".

Mr. Green, Miss Itokazu and Ms. Brown led their 4th grade students in two rousing songs.

The second graders presented a new version of the "12 Days of Christmas" under the direction of Mr. Bughman, Mr. Burgos and Mr. Quintana.

The grand finale helped light up the evening sky when all classes performed, "Let There Be Peace on Earth".

As we welcomed in the New Year, award ceremonies were held to honor the accomplishments of those hard working individuals during the first trimester.

Outstanding students in reading, writing and math were acknowledged, as were those who were most improved in all three areas.

Additional honors were given by teachers to two students from each class who had made special efforts, and those with perfect attendance and excellent citizenship.

It is clear that Beardslee has much of which to be proud. We are most proud of our students who continually give us reason for the pride that we feel.

Whether they are achieving academically, providing service or just entertaining us, we are grateful for them all!



MARYANN VOLMERT on a Friday evening dancing with Maxwell students.

Maxwell Recognizes Volunteers, Supporters

By Mary Gonzales, Principal

As we entered the month of June and readied for summer break we reflected on the many activities that made our year meaningful. It's the people who make these activities special.

Unfortunately, too often those who work quietly behind the scenes are forgotten and they are the very ones we should remember. Individuals volunteered countless hours for our students at Maxwell Elementary.

This year we had the pleasure of recognizing more than ninety parents and friends who gave of their time for Maxwell students.

Parents and family members volunteered hundreds of hours. These individuals helped with the kinder Thanksgiving celebration.

They cooked and served turkey, mashed potatoes, and a variety of desserts. They helped with the winter program by making costumes and decorations. The Parent Faculty Association raised funds so students would have assemblies and field trips during the year.

Teachers gave many hours toward ensuring students had enriching experiences.

Teachers and other staff worked with both county and city people to provide fun, cultural, activities that instilled pride in our community. They worked with Maxwell to celebrate Black Awareness, Cinco de Mayo, and Youth Appreciation Day. County Parks and Recreation/Temple sheriff's departments worked with our students all year.

They brought the program "Drumming for Life" to Maxwell. This is a program that reinforces reading through music and the Gender Club to help students learn how to socialize and develop proper etiquette.

Many help but there are always those key individuals who make it happen. These persons are Irving Montenegro, Art Valenzuela, Kevin Paris, (Parks, Recreation and Sheriff's staff), Joyce Moore, Ruth Kidd, Louise Bayer, Christine Montgomery and Maryann Volmert (Maxwell teachers).

Manny Gil our head custodian coached basketball. Jesus Gil and Robert Ellison (teachers) coached soccer and led our teams to the

championships.

Business contributed through donations and services. We began our year by working with LULAC to earn funding through fireworks sales. Foothill Family Services provided counseling for more than 50 families.

Mini Miracle workers (under the umbrella of Duarte's Promise) worked with students and helped them develop leadership skills. We were able to provide more than 90 students with tickets to Magic Mountain (contributed by Six Flags) as part of a reading incentive program. These students were able to attend because teachers and classified staff chaperoned them on a non work day.

Thank you to Leticia Lozano, Jennifer Romero, Erin Fish, Karina Aviles, Jesus Gil, Maryann Volmert, Pam Moutrie, Iris Silvera, Alexandra Sanchez, and parents Mrs. Ramirez, and Mrs. Nunez. The anticipation of this trip encouraged students to read and increase their reading skills and comprehension.

Other programs that encouraged reading were County Supervisor Mike Antonovich's support of a reading tutor in the classroom through the Asian Youth Services.

Community businesses Chucke Cheese and McDonalds invited our parents to have a good time and at the same time earned a percentage of the evening's profits. Coffee Bean and Starbucks were there for our students.

LA Zoo, Huntington Library, Pacific Parks and Boomers provided incentives to help motivate students. Mimi's Café always a great advocate for our schools provided treats and special luncheons for Maxwell students and parents.

Too often we say a quick thank you but fail to ensure that those who gave know what their actions did for our students.

Thank you for creating unforgettable experiences that will last a lifetime. These are the very experiences that motivate students to develop a love for school and learning.

These volunteers and supporters should feel good about motivating students and making students lives more than learning from books.



A REPRESENTATIVE from Pamela Park planning with staff and parents.

Northview Intermediate Mt. Olive High

End of Year Reflections, Recognition End to a Fantastic Year, Start of a New One

By Kevin Morris, Principal

With the 2007-08 school year behind us, Mount Olive completed June on a high note by kicking-off our 3rd Annual Man Power Day BBQ, which was a huge success. Our guest speakers included Jay Johnstone, former Major League Baseball player and World Series winner for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Anaheim Angels. We also invited business entrepreneur and auto dealer manager, Walter Rossi. This was a wonderful time for all. We concluded our year with an outstanding Graduation Commencement Ceremony at the Performing Arts Center and Senior Grad-Night to Disneyland.

For September 2008, we will still offer two of our most popular programs aimed at promoting student development and job skills, the Community Union Computer Redevelopment Program and the Sirius Gear Heads Racecar Fabrication Program. We will continue to publish our Mt. Olive Parent Handbook, our monthly newsletter, and promote monthly social events for our students, their families, and the community. We will also continue to develop new opportunities for parents to become more involved in their students' education at Mount Olive.

We need the help of all parents and the community to ensure that Mount Olive continues the move from "GOOD to GREAT!" The 2008-09 year will continue in the same positive direction with more emphasis on academic achievement, student development, and community involvement.

Have a wonderful summer and see you in September!

Alicia Fields also wished to honor the memory of her beloved father Wayne Fields and provided a scholarship in his name to Karla Verdesoto. Many other students were recognized for their exceptional academic achievements as Silver Award winners (GPA of 3.5 to 3.99) or Bronze Award winners (GPA of 3.0 to 3.49).

Lastly, but certainly not least we recognized the students who received the President's Award for Academic Excellence.

This very special award from the President of the United States is only given to students who have a 3.5 GPA or higher and whose standardized test scores in Reading and Mathematics are at/above the 85th percentile. A total of 28 students were honored with this award. They are: Jhermaine Abiang, Mohadib Ahmad, Lara Darkjian, Renee Estephan, Keely Ganivet, Deborah Garcia, Janelle Gomez, Vatche Gulesserian, Angelica Hernandez, Riley Herrera, Stacy Le, Katelynd Lee, Janin Ann Leonida, Daniel Muniz, David Olivares, Deryn Ongchango, Brandon Park, Marissa Pineda, Kristy Plaza, Alejandra Ramirez, Timothy Ressler, Sarah Segobia, Stefan Still, Kylie Tang, Andrew Torres, Sara Torres, Karla Verdesoto, and Vivian Vivero. Congratulations to all of the promoting eighth graders and award winners, we are extraordinarily proud of you and expect to hear many other fine things about you in the future.

As always the end of the school year at Northview Intermediate School involved a flurry of activities. It seems that due to increased accountability about student performance on the California Standards Test, many of the "fun" extension activities are tabled until after the test is completed in May. So late May and June were fun-filled months when: seventh grade Science classes visited the "Body Works" display at the Science Center in Los Angeles and they visited the Los Angeles Zoo and participated in private tours, they also sponsored and participated in the Renaissance Faire inclusive of booths with games and food from the era. Promoting eighth graders enjoyed a night at Magic Mountain and a promotion party on campus which included inflatable jumpers, snow cone machines a DJ and water play.

Additionally, any student in either grade level eligible to be a "Cardinal Star" based on their academic achievement and citizenship/comportment were invited to an evening at Disneyland and California Adventure Amusement Parks. Northview staff and administration understands the psyche of middle school age students, we know hard work has to be rewarded with lots of fun!

The culminating activity for the year is of course promotion. This year's ceremony is memorable for many reasons including a temporary city wide black out that left us without a public address system in the middle of the program! Spectators were patient and soon the power was restored and the ceremony continued. Many students were recognized for their achievements and the remainder of this article will be devoted to acknowledging these outstanding young scholars.

This year for the first time that anyone at Northview can recall, there were nine students who earned the honor of being our Valedictorians, all of them had a 4.0 grade point average, in alphabetical order they are: Mohadib Ahmad, Lara Darkjian, Renee Estephan, Daniel Muniz, Brandon Park, Kristy Plaza, Stefan Still, Sara Torres and Karla Verdesoto.

The American Legion Citizenship Awards were given to Kyler Giles and Karina Serrano. The Robert J. Burns Scholarships for Reading were awarded to Katelynd Lee, Brandon Park and Timothy Ressler. The Robert J. Burns Scholarships for Mathematics were presented to Jhermaine Abiang, Maria Fernanda Pina, and Marissa Romo. Mrs. Hazelton our assistant principal generously donates funds for scholarships in honor of her late husband Robert N. Hazelton, the following students were recognized for this honor: for Leadership-Taylor Washington, for Athletic Achievement-Riley Herrera, for Creativity and School Spirit-Derick Saenz. In honor of her parents Mrs. Hazelton also awarded scholarships to: Yasmine Wilson in memory of her mother who passed away this school year (Cordelia Saxon) and the Courage Award was given to Wesslee J. Smith in memory of her father, Harry Saxon a Purple Heart Recipient. Our academic counselor

Royal Oaks So. Cal. Gas Co. Highlights of 2007-2008 recognized with EPA Energy Star Award

"It takes a whole village to raise a child." Thank you for your support of children in our community. Your investment of time, energy and funds paid great dividends for Royal Oaks students.

Please join us in celebrating an amazing school year. Highlights include:

- Expansion of Mind Research Institute to grades K-5. Computer math program participation for all students in grades K-5 and music keyboarding lessons for all students in grades 2-4. This supplements our after school band program for grades 4-6.

- Staff development for teachers to improve implementation of Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) to build strategies in math problem solving.

- Outstanding participation in the Duarte USD Track Meet with 100 Grade 1-6 students garnering over 200 ribbons for a first place finish.

- Expansion of after school enrichment classes to include Spanish language, chess and acting. Expansion of Think Together, an after school academic support program.

- Duarte USD Teacher of the Year – Mrs. Kathy Cover

- Duarte USD Classified Employee of the Year – Mrs. Nina Thompson

- Continued high student achievement scores on the state mandated tests with Royal Oaks reaching a district high of 822 API and scoring 10 out of a possible 10 in similar schools ranking.

We look forward to next year and invite the adults in our community to participate in the Royal Oaks Blood Drive.

Royal Oaks and the American Red Cross are teaming together to remember our national heroes on Thursday, September 11. Hours are: 2 p.m.-8 p.m. in the Royal Oaks Cafeteria. You may make an appointment with Health Clerk, Mrs. Kim Clark at (626) 599-5406 or (626) 358-9372.

Thank you for modeling patriotism and community involvement for our students as you plan now to give blood in the fall.

Southern California Gas Co. (The Gas Company) has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with a 2008 Energy Star "Leadership in Housing" Award for the utility's contribution to energy-efficient and environmentally friendly home construction.

"Energy efficiency has enormous benefits for both our customers and the environment," said Hal Snyder, vice president of customer programs for The Gas Company. "This recognition from the Environmental Protection Agency underscores our commitment to helping our customers reduce their energy costs while also being environmentally responsible."

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We are justifiably proud of our staff and families and truly believe that it takes outstanding teamwork for our stars to shine. We bid a fond farewell to fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Nancy Williams and principal, Mrs. Deitra Reed on their retirement as we welcome new principal, Mrs. Janice Kolodinski.

This year was marked by many gratifying accomplishments. We are pleased with the academic progress of our students and will continue, steadfastly, in our quest to maintain Royal Oaks as a high achieving community of learners.

pliances. "Energy Star-qualified homes are better homes that cost less to own, protect our environment, reduce our reliance on imported energy and improve our economy," said Sam Rashkin, national director of Energy Star for Homes. "Leadership in Housing award recipients are making a meaningful difference at this critical time in our country's history."

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"DYNAMIC DUO" Becky Evans and Mary Barrow on the DCTV "A Second Look" set with show host Neil Earle.

Dynamic Duo

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tracted about 200 people to City Hall to commemorate the 20th anniversary of "The Mouse That Roared" – The Rotary Club of Duarte's historic nine-year court battle vs. Rotary International that resulted in opening the doors to membership for women in Rotary and all other service clubs.

What a useful reminder that entrenched perspectives can be changed and that anything worthwhile usually has to be fought for.

Mary jokes about turning herself into a "private detective" in order to track down the whereabouts of the key players and bring them back to recount their roles in the event that changed history. "But it was the kind of event we wanted to include in our 50th year," said Mary.

Next: July 28, 2007. The cities of Duarte and Bradbury which were incorporated within a month of each other in 1957, held a joint anniversary party on the historic Oak Street Bridge to celebrate "100 Years Together".

"It was a fun event featuring a Dixieland band, barbershop quartet, vintage cars courtesy of the Model A Club, and a petting zoo and pony rides for the kids," said Becky Evans.

This year the bridge itself will turn 100 years old. Maybe we'll have to have something honoring the bridge.

Like Congressman David Dreier once remarked, when attending the "opening" of the

expanded parking lot at the Duarte Post Office, "Duarte celebrates everything."

Saturday, September 22. The morning dawned dark, foreboding and ominous. The opener of a Stephen King thriller? No, a recap of the near-crisis provoked by the weather that morning.

I looked very likely for a while that the Annual Duarte Route 66 Parade and Picnic was going to be cancelled. Yet the hard-working parade committee would not be deterred, nor was then-Mayor Lois Gaston, who walked in the rain rather than being driven.

"This was the first time it rained like that but we did have 106 degrees to contend with not so many years ago," Mary remembered. Cancel? Not hardly, to quote John Wayne. Not with guest personalities in town such as the model for the original Tinkerbell and Miss California and a bevy of Hawaiian dancers and Mexican horsemen saddled and ready to ride. Yep. The perseverance of some of you loyal Duarteanes lining the parade route in the rain would not be denied.

"We had a city float and it almost floated," joked Mary Barrow, who was out there herself taking pictures in the rain.

Mary then praised the newest member of the Friends of the Duarte Library, Becky Evans, for her sterling service in helping make Duarte's fifth annual Festival of Authors the "best year yet."

Not only was the inspired Ray Bradbury there at Westminster Gardens belying his 87 years, urging budding writers to go back home and instantly start writing, but also 50 other authors were on hand to sign, speak and read their works.

Even the waning hours of 2007 ended on a high note with the Tournament of Roses. Duarte's Buena Vista Pavilion is operated by more than 300 volunteers representing nonprofit organizations.

Among the nine Rose Parade floats being decorated at the Pavilion was a float representing Egypt for the first time. Levon Yotnapharian, station manager of DCTV who grew up in the Middle East, was thrilled to interview the Lebanese consul and one of the world's leading archaeologists from Egypt. Both were on hand to inspect the float as the sands ran out on 2007.

"We can't do events like this past year without our volunteers and the non-profit groups who make it all work," concluded Becky Evans. "They are always there when we need anything and they are much appreciated."

Yes, indeed. Who can deny that Duarte has a rich legacy of 50 years of community activism to draw upon for its next half-century?

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Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center has a lot of great activities happening this summer! The Teen Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Street. Regular hours of operation are Monday through Friday 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. During the month of July, the Center will be open extended hours from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

All Duarte teens entering 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 call (626) 303-0863.

COMPUTER LAB

The Computer Lab at the Duarte Teen Center is open Monday through Friday, 3 p.m.-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.

YOUTH BOXING PROGRAM

This is an excellent program to help boys and girls 8-18, develop their self-esteem and self-discipline. Our knowledgeable trainers Victor Valenzuela, Louis Valenzuela, and Eric Campungan are here to teach the fundamentals of boxing while developing footwork, speed and upper body strength.

The training program will also help your child gain physical flexibility, stamina, and coordination. Classes are scheduled Monday through Friday.

There is a \$10 monthly fee for Duarte youth and a \$20 monthly fee for non-resident youth. Registration is held at the Teen Center.

The 3rd Annual Boxing Show for Duarte youth boxers and boxers from all over Southern California will be held Sunday, August 24 at the Duarte High School gymnasium. Doors open at noon and the show starts at 1 p.m. There is a \$5 admission for adults and children age five and under are free. There will be a snack bar for all to enjoy!

ACTIVITIES

The Teen Center is looking forward to seeing returning students as well as meeting the new ninth grade class!

Movie Mondays are on July 14 and 28, August 11 and 25, and September 8 and 22. Movies begin at 3:30 p.m. There is no charge for viewing and refreshments will be sold.

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.

On Thursday, August 14, there will be a Foosball tournament and on Wednesday, August 20, a Wii tournament will be conducted.

All tournaments begin at 3:30 p.m. and the winners will receive a prize.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A Luau will be held on Thursday, July 17, from 4-8 p.m. for an admission of \$2. Enjoy the sights and sounds of Hawaii with food, music, contests, and fun along with a prize awarded to the best Hawaiian outfit and limbo contest winner!

The Teen Center will have a Water Games Day on Thursday, July 24, at 4 p.m. Cool off from the hot summer heat with water balloons, slip and slide, and more! A Field Games Day will be held Thursday, August 7, at 4 p.m. with exciting games like tug-o-war, ultimate ball, and more!

EXCURSIONS

Check out the Teen Center for great excursions to choose from this summer.

The Teen Center is going to the LA Dodger vs. Washington Nationals game on Friday, July 25, all participants receive a free bobble head! The trip will be leaving the Teen Center at 5:30 p.m. and will return at the end of the game. Cost is \$15 and includes transportation.

End your summer with a trip to Huntington Beach on Friday, August 15 from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Enjoy sun, fun, and a bonfire for a fee of \$10, which includes transportation and food.

Permission slips for all excursions are available at the Teen Center. Pre-registration and advance payment required. Don't miss out on these fun summer trips. For further information contact the Teen Center at (626) 303-0863.

Are you ready when disaster strikes?

Are you prepared for the next natural disaster or weather emergency?

If you're like most people, the answer is no.

Only four percent of all Americans have taken the steps necessary to be ready when the unexpected occurs, according to the American Red Cross.

As we saw when Hurricane Katrina struck, older adults are especially vulnerable in the face of disaster.

But there's much you can do to reduce your risks, according to Tina Heany, executive director of Royal Oaks Manor, a continuing care retirement community located in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains in Bradbury.

Royal Oaks Manor is part of Southern California Presbyterian Homes, a leading nonprofit provider of quality housing, health and support services for older adults throughout California.

It serves more than 4,000 seniors through its six continuing care retirement communities, 25 affordable housing communities, assisted living and skilled nursing programs, and home-based care services.

"We've invested much time and energy in making sure that our staff and residents are prepared and know what to do in case of an emergency," says Heany. "Both staff and residents receive ongoing training in emergency planning and preparedness, and we conduct evacuation and other types of drills aimed at safeguarding everyone's well-being."

One of the benefits of being a member of a community like Royal Oaks is that it has a professional staff that knows what to do when an emergency or disaster strikes, says Heany.

But while the risks are greater for older adults living on their own, there are steps you can take to prepare for and respond in an emergency.

Step 1: Be informed

Disaster can strike at any time and without any warning. A little knowledge beforehand can save you from much heartache later on.

While there is a wide range of potential emergencies – earthquakes, fire, flooding, toxic spills – some are more likely to occur where you live than others.

Identify and focus on those situations that present the greatest risk to you, but remember – anything can happen at any time.

Also, make sure you're prepared to monitor the situation through local media outlets.

Know how to access information from the National Weather Service, and which radio and TV stations to turn to for emergency alerts and updates.

For more information on specific types of emergencies, visit www.ready.gov or call 1-800-BE-READY for resources available through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Step 2: Build your network

We all need help during a disaster.

Make a list of family and friends who you can call on for assistance.

Do you know your neighbors? Maintaining good relationships with others on your block or in your building means having other people nearby who can help out in a crisis. Make sure everyone knows where you plan to go if it becomes necessary to leave your home.

Step 3: Make a plan

Developing an emergency plan and knowing how to use it are critical. Help may not be immediately available in the wake of a disaster. You may not have access to everyday necessities or conveniences.

Make sure you know what to do in these circumstances. Think about what happens in your daily life, the people you rely upon, the things you need.

Create a support network you can call on in an emergency. Consider your transportation options.

Plan for alternatives – what if someone is unreachable or your primary transport is unavailable? Write it all down.

Step 4: Make a kit

In a serious emergency, you may be on your own for several days or more.

Make sure you have the basic supplies you'll need to weather this period.

Food, water, medications and medical supplies are among the absolute essentials. Be sure to have cash on hand; there's no guarantee your local ATM will be working.

A battery-powered or hand-crank radio ensures you can monitor the situation.

A flashlight with batteries and first aid kit should also top any list.

And don't forget items specific to your unique circumstances – pet supplies, eyeglasses, hearing aid and batteries, wheelchair batteries, extra oxygen, etc.

The American Red Cross is a great source for a full list of supplies and more detailed planning.

Go to www.redcross.org or visit your local office for more information.

To learn more about Southern California Presbyterian Homes, please visit us at www.scphs.com or call (818) 247-0420.

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Mini Miracles at Maxwell Elementary

The City of Duarte in conjunction with Duarte's Promise, The Alliance for Youth for Youth, has been running an after school program at Maxwell Elementary School for the past three years entitled the Mini Miracle Workers. The program, run by Promise Fellows is on Thursdays and Fridays at varying times; Thursday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Fridays from 2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.

During its meetings, the students are helped with both homework and school projects. Not only do the fellows help the students with school materials, they also interact in a caring manner with the students.

By asking any of the 15 to sometimes 20 fifth and sixth grade students, you can gather that they are comfortable and enjoy the time they are spending with the Promise Fellows.

The Mini Miracle Workers End of The Year Celebration was held at the City of Duarte Pool. Six \$10 gift cards were donated by Target this year to award our outstanding students for their efforts the past school year.

The City of Duarte's Promise Fellows are looking forward to a new school year with new faces. The School year will start September 2008.

If you are interested in The Mini Miracle program for your student at Maxwell Elementary School, you can contact, Airika Narcisse at (626) 357-7931 ext. 267.

YOUTH making a flag.



Helmets for Kids only \$5!

Helmets are available for Duarte youth between 3 to 18 years of age for only \$5 at the Public Safety Office (in the Target Shopping Center Office) every Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. To purchase a helmet, the parent or guardian must accompany the child and show proof of Duarte residency. The helmet will be properly fitted by D.A.R.T volunteers onto the youth to ensure their safety. For more information, call (626) 357-7938.



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