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

Duarte's biggest celebration Sept. 19

Route 66 Parade, Picnic, Classic Car Show

Duarte's 14th annual Salute to Route 66 Parade on Sept. 19 will be a celebration of youth with 17 year-old Zac Sunderland — the teen who recently became the first person under the age of 18 to sail solo around the world — leading the way as the parade's grand marshal.

"We're very excited about having Zac Sunderland as our Grand Marshal. We think the crowd is going to love seeing and meeting this amazing and courageous young man," said parade director K.C. Caracci.

This year's parade will step off at 10 a.m. at the northeast corner of Huntington Dr. and Cotter St. and proceed east one mile along Duarte's historic Route 66.

The Duarte High School Marching Band will be among seven high school bands that will participate and compete for trophies, according to parade committee band chairman, Tony Molina. Also participating will be Don Lugo High School, Chino; San Dimas High School; South El Monte High School; Rim of the World High School, Lake Arrowhead; Diamond Ranch High School, Pomona; and Workman High School, City of Industry.

In all, the parade will feature more than 1,000 kids of all ages from Duarte and neighboring communities representing schools, churches, and a variety of sports and recreation programs.



ZAC SUNDERLAND
Route 66 Parade
Grand Marshal

Youth entries will include: the Duarte Youth Boxing Club team, featuring Duarte's Paola Arana, who won a Silver Medal in the USA Boxing National Championships, Duarte Child Development, Royal Oaks Elementary, Valley View Elementary, Maxwell Elementary, Royal Oaks Elementary, Beardslee Elementary, Ballet Folklorico Mestizo, DYAC, Girl Scouts Monrovia/Duarte, Duarte's Promise — The Alliance for Youth, A Game Fundamentals Basketball Clinic, Northview Intermediate School, Academy of Karate, Cub Scout Pack 147, Boy Scout Troup 185, Mayor's Youth Council, Santa Anita Family YMCA, and Andres Duarte Elementary, among others.

The theme of this year's parade is "Journey Down the Mother Road" and doing that in style will be dozens of antique and classic cars, equestrian units, and specialty entries with participants coming from throughout Southern California to join in the celebration of Route 66.

Returning to delight the spectators will be the Awesome "A" Shrine Club zig-zagging along the parade route in their tiny cars. Also back will be the Reel Cowboys, actors and stunt people from Western films paying tribute to the cowboy stars and heroes of yesteryear, and Jann of Sweden, riding his prize-winning Palomino. An always popular entry with the crowd, also returning, is the Stormtrooper 501st Legion from the Star Wars films. The Southern California Military Vehicle Collectors Club will also display a commanding presence in the parade.

Taking their bows in the parade will be members of Duarte's two award-winning senior softball teams, the Route 66'er's and the "D" Crew, who recently won Gold and Silver trophies at the Pasadena Senior Olympics.

Among the many community groups participating will be The Monrovia/Duarte Black Alumni Association with 2009 honorees D.U.S.D. School Board member Ken Bell and Clarence Shaw of Monrovia. Foothill Unity Center and the kids from the D.A.R.T. Duarte Area Resource Team will be riding in a 1955 Mack B Fire Truck. Other local groups include The Rotary Club of Duarte, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Temple Station Posse, Azusa Golden Days Parade Committee, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, Duarte Kiwanis, and the Friends of the Duarte Library.

Immediately following the parade, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the public is invited to enjoy music, food, and good times at the City Picnic and Route 66 Classic Car Show at Royal Oaks Park. The picnic celebrates the 52nd an-

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Bradbury, Tobar, MacHale to headline Festival of Authors Oct. 3

Newly minted Duarte authors Neil Earle and Irwin Margiloff, will be among more than 50 authors, including Ray Bradbury, Hector Tobar, and D. J. MacHale, who will speak, participate in panels and sign their books at the 7th annual Duarte Festival of Authors on Saturday, Oct. 3. Earle and Margiloff are the authors of the recently published "Images of America: Duarte," which highlights the history of Duarte from 1805 to present day.

The Duarte Festival of Authors, presented by the Friends of the Duarte Library, will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the park at Westminster Gardens, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave. Admission is free.

This year's festival will showcase a rich sampling of the di-



RAY BRADBURY

thor of the "Martian Chronicles," and "Fahrenheit 451," as well as dozens of other books and hundreds of short stories and plays, will speak at 3:30 p.m. Bradbury received a Pulitzer Citation for his lifetime of writing achievements in 2007. His latest book is "We'll Always Have Paris," a collection of 22 short stories.

Among other authors scheduled to appear are Elizabeth Pomeroy, "Pasadena, A Natural History;" Patricia Kokinos, "Angel Park;" Gerald Schiller, "The Man Who Defied Death;" Paul Eremenco;" My Doctor, My Predator;" Jeff Sherratt, "The Brimstone Murders;" Kwei Quartey, "Wife of the Gods;" S. Kay Murphy, "Tainted Legacy;" and Ona Russell, "O'Brien's Desk". Another Duarte author to appear will be Elmer Hamilton Jr. who will sign his book, "The

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Hector Tobar, the Pulitzer Prize-winning Los Angeles Times columnist and author of "The Tattooed Soldier," and "Translation Nation: Defining a New American Identity in the Spanish-Speaking United States" will lead off the festival's main speakers at 11 a.m. D. J. MacHale, whose young adult following of readers is legion for his bestselling fantasy series of novels, "Pendragon: Journal of an Adventure Through Time and Space," will speak at 12:30 p.m. The legendary Ray Bradbury, au-



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Volunteers Sought to Serve on Advisory Committee for Duarte Youth and Family Master Plan Effort

The City of Duarte is seeking community volunteers to serve on an advisory committee to guide the development of a Youth and Family Master Plan. Duarte is initiating the process to enhance the community's programs, services and quality of life for youth and families.

The Advisory Committee will determine a vision statement and

goals, develop and conduct a youth and community participation process, develop an understanding of the issues impacting youth and families, and review existing services.

The committee will ultimately develop a measurable Action Plan to guide the City of Duarte, the Duarte Unified School District, community organizations,

and others over the next five to ten years regarding youth and family programs, services, and facilities.

It is anticipated that the Youth and Family Master Plan Advisory Committee will be made up of approximately 15 to 20 members in order to accomplish its charge. Other community volunteers will assist with specific work tasks developed by the advisory committee.

Individuals with expertise or experience in youth and family issues, and individuals who represent youth and family interests from multiple perspectives are encouraged to apply to serve on the advisory committee.

The advisory committee is expected to represent the full richness of Duarte's diversity and age groups, including youth.

The goal is to accept advisory committee members who represent one or more of the following categories:

Private and public education, child development professionals, housing, faith based community, youth sports, non-English speaking, mental health, medical health, fitness and well-being, parents and guardians, non-profit organizations, technology, differently-abled, law enforcement, public transportation, and business community.

"Blending many community perspectives will lead to a dynamic plan that identifies our present and future needs, and solutions that promote Duarte's youth and families," said Mayor

John Fasana.

Duarte residency is not a prerequisite for membership, but all applicants should have a demonstrated interest in the greater Duarte community.

Advisory Committee applications are available at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Dr., and on the City of Duarte website: www.accessduarte.com. Applications must be returned to Duarte City Hall by 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24.

Youth and Family Master Planning is increasingly used by

cities throughout the nation to address the needs of youth and families. The National League of Cities, the California League of Cities, the California School Boards Association, and the California Cities, Counties and Schools Partnership have all strongly encouraged their members to engage in youth master planning.

Earlier this year, the Duarte City Council approved \$28,000 funding in the 2009-10 city budget to support the endeavor.

For additional information, interested persons can contact Director of Parks & Recreation Donna Georgino at (626) 357-7931 or via email at georgind@accessduarte.com.

Duarte USA Soccer wins first place



DUARTE USA WON FIRST PLACE in the second division of the Baldwin Park Youth Soccer League on June 27. Duarte USA SC, founded in 2000, recruits boys and girls ages 4 to 17 years old to play. They currently have 6 divisions - Pee Wees, Sixth, Fifth, Fourth, Third and Second. Most players come from the San Gabriel Valley and surrounding areas. If you have a child interested in playing soccer please contact Ramon Vargas at (626) 305-3088.

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City Council to Create Regional Transportation Committee

The Duarte City Council has voted to create a Regional Transportation Ad Hoc Committee to educate and keep the community and region informed of the importance of bringing the Gold Line to Duarte and the entire San Gabriel Valley. The ad hoc committee would also receive input from residents, business owners, and workers.

Plans are for a 15 member ad hoc committee to be seated by November. Each City Council member will make two appointments and the Council will appoint the remaining five members after receiving recommendations for three appointees from the Duarte Chamber of Commerce and recommendations for two appointees from the Duarte Unified School District.

City Council member Lois Gaston requested the ad hoc committee be formed to facilitate the ongoing education of the entire community about the importance of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Project.

"It's important that we get input from the entire community on this issue that will impact us all. Everybody in the community needs to be engaged in the dialog. Information and education are critical when you are dealing with a project of this magnitude. The way you make that work for the betterment of the community is by encouraging two-way communication," said Gaston.

The formation of this committee brings the community into the conversation, provides them with accurate and timely information and ultimately facilitates their ability to effectively address the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board.

In addition, the committee can also be a participant in the larger Los Angeles regional discussion about the

adverse impacts of unnecessary construction delays, the lack of new jobs, a slower economic recovery and the fact that Measure R funds could possibly be diverted to other MTA transit projects like the "Subway to the Sea."

The informational piece that

will accompany the creation of the ad hoc committee will be a newsletter entitled "Gold Line Through Duarte Update." This document will be featured in a bi-lingual format in the upcoming September edition of the Duarte View.

For more information regarding appointment to the Regional Transportation Ad Hoc Committee, contact Deputy City Manager Karen Herrera at (626) 357-7931 or by email, herrerkaren@ac-cssduarte.com.

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Celebration

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niversary of the City of Duarte's incorporation. The Peggy Nelson Project rock 'n roll band, and the Hip Trigger band featuring great female rock vocal hits will highlight the on-stage musical entertainment.

There will also be special performances by local talent contest winners, mini carnival booth games, crafts, playground games for the kids and more.

A special display will honor the rich history of the historic Duarte School House building as it celebrates its 100th birthday this year.

The schoolhouse is now the home of the Old Spaghetti Factory. Anyone who attended the schoolhouse is asked to contact the Duarte Recreation Dept. at (626) 357-7931, ext. 203.

Grand Marshal Zac Sunderland will be on hand to meet the public and sign autographs alternately at the Car Show and at the Picnic.

Dozens of community groups will host food, craft and game booths on the City Picnic side of the park. Dozens more artisans and crafters will sell and display their works on the Car Show side of the park, where visitors can also enjoy a close-up look at the many beautiful classic cars from the parade.

Leading the list of businesses helping to support the parade this year are Parade sponsors: City of Duarte, Southern California Edison, and StorAmerica. Breakfast sponsor is Royal Oaks Manor.

Mother Road sponsors are: Home Depot, AT&T Yellow Pages, and Burreck Waste. Gold sponsors are City of Hope, Joe's Place, and Elks Lodge 1427.

Opened in 1926, Route 66 was the first highway to connect Chicago to Los Angeles. It was nicknamed the Main Street of America because it passed through the heart of communities, including Duarte, for more than 2,000 miles from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Ocean.

Route 66 was decommissioned in 1973 when the interstate highway was completed, but the love and lore of Route 66 lives on.

Groups interested in participating in the parade, Car Show or Crafts Fair can download application forms from the parade website, www.duarteroute66parade.com. The website is also the place to get the latest updates on the parade and Route 66 Car Show activities.

For more information by phone, call (626) 260-0993.

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Duarte to Support CRA Pending Lawsuit to Stop State's Latest Raid of Redevelopment Funds

The City of Duarte will support a lawsuit, expected to be filed in October by the California Redevelopment Agency, to stop the State in its latest effort to raid \$2.5 billion in local redevelopment agency funds over the next two years.

"Duarte will either be a party to the lawsuit or part of a class action lawsuit filed by the CRA," said Assistant City Manager Kristen Petersen.

"The financial impact of the State's recent passage of AB 26 4x, legislation to take redevelopment funds to balance the State's budget, will devastate the activities of the Duarte Redevelopment Agency or bring it to an end. These are funds that we will never get back," said Petersen.

Last April, CRA was successful in a lawsuit that blocked a State proposal to take \$350 million in redevelopment funds. A ruling by the Sacramento Superior Court deemed the State's proposal unconstitutional on the grounds that redevelopment funds can only be used "to finance or refinance... the redevelopment project." The State has appealed the ruling.

The State claims the 2009 budget legislation, AB 26 4x, fixes the constitutional issues raised by the Superior Court by directing the redevelopment funds to schools and students within the boundaries of a redevelopment agency project area. It claims that funding schools within a redevelopment project area "furthers" the purpose of redevelopment.

These funds do not in any way increase the amount going to the schools, it just replaces the share that the State owes to the them with City dollars.

CRA and its attorneys believe that AB 26 4x is unconstitutional on the same grounds as the earlier raid attempt. AB 1389 was successfully challenged because the unquestionable purpose of the budget bill is to help balance the State's budget, not to further the purpose of redevelopment.

Under AB 26 4x, schools will not receive any more in funding than already guaranteed from the State. Rather, the legislations simply shift the obligation from the State to redevelopment agencies.

In addition, State and Federal Constitutions prohibit the Legislature from enacting laws that impair the obligation of contract.

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Duarte's senior center is very excited to be able to offer this yoga class to our 55+ community. There are many benefits to yoga. Studies show that yoga can help build strength, and increases balance, range of motion and flexibility. It also helps with breathing issues, reduces tension and can lower blood pressure. Yoga can improve your sleep habits, address weight issues, as well as reducing stress, anxiety and chronic pain.

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Duarte Senior Yoga is Thursday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. The cost is \$30 for a 10-week session. Classes begin October 1 with registration starting September 14 at 9 a.m. All classes are at the Duarte Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Dr., Duarte. For more information call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

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Duarte's 52nd Anniversary "Journey Down the Mother Road" Parade and "Old Duarte School House Building Centennial" Picnic

Celebrate Duarte's 52nd anniversary with a fun parade along Huntington Drive followed by the city's annual picnic. The picnic will take place at one of the city's most beautiful parks, Royal Oaks Park, located at 2627 Royal Oaks Drive and will be held on Saturday, September 19 from 11

a.m.-4 p.m. immediately following the Annual Salute to Route 66 Parade! The parade begins at 10 a.m. and starts at Cotter Avenue and travels east on Huntington Drive. Parking for the Picnic will be available at Royal Oaks School, 2499 Royal Oaks Drive, with free bus shuttles to and from

the picnic site throughout the day. At the Picnic there will be over 40 food and display booths, live music and entertainment on the main Celebration Stage, and more fun on the Children's Stage. There will be a vintage car show displaying dozens of classic cars, an arts and crafts show, and more to make a perfect day of family fun! Bring your family and friends to Duarte's biggest event!

MAIN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

Beginning at 11 a.m. on the main Celebration Stage the "Peggy Nelson Project," band will get you moving to their brand of rock & roll. The "Hip Trigger" band will rock you with great female rock vocal hits beginning at 2 p.m.! Also appearing will be local performers who will entertain you with spectacular performances. Dance the day away on the dance floor and join us for fun, food and great music! Feel free to bring your lawn chair, blanket and umbrella.

CHILDREN'S STAGE

A variety of Duarte Recreation class demonstrations and much more will be part of a full day of family entertainment beginning at 11 a.m. A puppet show presented by Franklin Haynes Marionettes will entertain children at 12 p.m. At 1:15 p.m. an interactive lasso demonstration will be conducted.

PLAYGROUND GAMES AND CRAFTS

Join the Duarte Parks and Recreation leaders for fun, free games and activities! There will be challenging playground games like mini soccer, table games, ping-pong, chess, checkers and more. Don't miss all the fun in the middle of the picnic area!

The free Crafts Corner designed for children 5-12 years old will be located in the Kids Zone next to the Children's Stage! Families and children are welcome to stop by any time between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Parents are encouraged to work on the crafts with their children.

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New tax rules for "Qualified Purchaser" businesses

New legislation, Assembly Bill x4 18 (Stats. 2009, Ch. 16), added section 6225 of the Revenue and Taxation Code which requires a "qualified purchaser" to register with the Board of Equalization and report and pay use tax directly to the Board of Equalization. Under this section, a "qualified purchaser" includes businesses with at least \$100,000 in annual gross receipts from business operations.

If sales tax would apply when a particular item is purchased in California, use tax applies when a similar purchase is made from a retailer outside the state and no tax is charged. Use tax is not a new tax. It has been part of the Revenue and Taxation Code since the 1930's. Only the registration requirement is new under AB x4 18.

The Board of Equalization has drafted a special notice with information regarding the new use tax registration requirements for qualified purchasers. The special notice, along with a use tax registration form, is available at the following link: <http://www.boe.ca.gov/news/pdf/1232.pdf>.

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Hunting of Uncle Tom". There will also be a host of other treats for festival-goers.

Stewarts Antiques of Beverly Hills will offer an appraisal clinic for antique books, jewelry, art and other small treasures from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The public is invited to have their items appraised for a \$5 donation per item collected to benefit the Duarte Library. Art lovers will enjoy an exhibit by local fine artists. The festival will also offer a variety of special activities for children. Food and refreshments will also be available.

For more information, call (626) 357-4151 or visit www.friendsoftheduarte.library.com. Also look for the Duarte Festival of Authors on Facebook.

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- What about a new public library?
- Traffic congestion on Huntington Dr. and residential streets
- Increased crime in some of our neighborhoods

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- Add viable businesses along our Route 66 main street
- Improve the environment of our parks so our children can safely enjoy them all the time
- Bring a new Duarte Library back to the forefront of discussion and planning
- Minimize the traffic impact to our streets during freeway mishaps
- Make our neighborhoods safer

To make this happen I need your help, and I hope you give me the opportunity with your VOTE on November 3rd.

If you have any questions or suggestions, or would like to join my campaign to improve our way of life in Duarte, please email me at: tsanchez4citycouncil@verizon.net.

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Gold Line Through Duarte Update

The proposed Gold Line Foothill Extension is 24 miles long and will travel through 11 cities in addition to current operations in Los Angeles, South Pasadena, and Pasadena. The proposed project will be constructed in two segments; Phase 2A from East Pasadena through Azusa, and Phase 2B from Glendora to Montclair. The proposed Duarte station, with a center platform design, will be located along Duarte Road, approximately 500 feet west of Highland Avenue.

Presently, the Metro board is expected to consider its Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) at its October meeting, which formally establishes the funding and construction timelines for Measure R projects including the Gold Line. Specifically, the Project is slated to receive \$875 million between 2010 and 2019 to pay for construction of the line to Azusa, a maintenance yard, and vehicles, with an operations start date of 2017.

With the opening of the eastside extension of the Gold Line later this year, and the first phase of the Exposition Line in 2010, Metro's existing maintenance yard operations will be at capacity. Metro has expressed concern over allowing construction of the Gold Line to Citrus College prior to the environmental clearance of a maintenance facility that can serve it. During the environmental clearance process, Metro will be evaluating a series of maintenance facility sites of varying acreage and car capacities. In response to this issue, the Duarte City Council, in June 2009 adopted a motion as follows:

- Restated Duarte's support for construction of the Gold Line Foothill Extension to Citrus College and ultimately to Montclair.
- Work with Metro, the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority and cities along the Gold Line Foothill Extension to identify suitable sites for a light-rail vehicle maintenance facility.
- Support the simultaneous construction of the Gold Line and the environmental clearance/construction of a maintenance facility.
- Request that if the site adjacent to Andres Duarte Elementary School and the surrounding neighborhood is included among sites in the environmental review, that ingress and egress be east of Las Lomas Road to prevent traffic within the neighborhood and adjacent to Andres Duarte Elementary School.
- Request the City Manager to report back no later than January 2010, on the progress of Metro's environmental review and any recommended modifications to this direction.
- Ratify support for the April 20, 2009 letter from the City Manager to the CEO of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority, and request that this letter be forwarded to Metro.

This letter is available at <http://www.accessduarte.com> and addresses improvements to the Mountain Avenue and Duarte Road intersection, and in reviewing the proposed site adjacent to Andres Duarte Elementary School potential mitigation concerning noise, setbacks, landscaping, etc. The language in the letter addressing the location of the entrance was amended by the City Council to reflect the proposed new entrance location, east of Las Lomas Road.

The Duarte City Council has neither supported nor opposed construction of a maintenance facility by Andres Duarte Elementary School. At the September 8th meeting, the Council voted to form a Regional Transportation Ad Hoc Committee to provide updates to the community on issues pertaining to the Gold Line. In the future, the "Gold Line through Duarte Update" will reflect those issues and discussions arising from the Committee's work.

The Irwindale site is one of nine locations that has been considered as a maintenance facility by Metro to support the Gold Line, and other light rail systems.
El sitio Irwindale es una de nueve ubicaciones que ha sido en consideración como una instalación de mantenimiento para apoyar el Metro Gold Line y otras sistemas de tren.



Actualización del Gold Line a través de Duarte

El proyecto del La Extensión del Metro, línea oro (Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension) es de 24 kilómetros de largo y viajará a través de 11 ciudades, además de las operaciones actuales que viajan a Los Angeles, South Pasadena, y Pasadena. El proyecto propuesto se construirá en dos segmentos; la fase 2A del Este de Pasadena, a través de Azusa, y la fase 2B, de la ciudad de Glendora a la ciudad de Montclair. La estación propuesta de Duarte, será diseñada con una plataforma central y se ubicará a lo largo de Duarte Road, a unos 500 pies al oeste de Highland Avenue.

En la actualidad, la comisión del Metro espera considerar el Plan de Transporte (LRTP) en su reunión de octubre, que establece formalmente la financiación y el tiempo de construcción para proyectos de Medida R, incluyendo el Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension. Específicamente, el proyecto está programado para recibir 875 millones de dólares entre 2010 y 2019 para pagar la construcción de la línea hacia la ciudad de Azusa, un local de mantenimiento y vehículos, con una fecha de inicio en 2017.

Con la apertura del Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension a finales de este año, empezará la primera fase de la Línea de la Exposición (Exposition Line) en el 2010, las operaciones de mantenimiento existentes de Metro estarán en función. Metro ha expresado preocupación sobre la construcción del Gold Line hacia Citrus College por la autorización que se necesitara un mantenimiento local. Durante este proceso, Metro también estará evaluando varios sitios de mantenimiento en diferentes acres y capacidad para estacionamiento. En respuesta a este asunto, el Consejo de Duarte, en junio del 2009 adoptó una moción con los siguientes principios:

- Indico de nuevo apoyo para la construcción del Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension hacia Citrus College y últimamente hacia la ciudad de Montclair.
- Trabajar con la Autoridad de Construcción de la Extensión del Metro, línea oro (Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Authority) y las ciudades impactadas para identificar los sitios adecuados para la instalación de un local de mantenimiento para los vehículos ferroviarios.
- Apoyar la construcción simultánea del Gold Line y la construcción de un local de mantenimiento.
- Solicitar que si el sitio junto a la Escuela Primaria Andrés Duarte y la vecindad circundante está incluido entre los sitios de la revisión ambiental, que el acceso vehicular hacia y desde las instalaciones debe ser al este de Las Lomas Road para impedir el tráfico en la vecindad y al lado de Escuela Primaria Andrés Duarte.
- Solicitar que el Administrador de la Ciudad informe antes del fin de enero del 2010, sobre el avance de la revisión ambiental de Metro y cualquiera modificación recomendada a esta dirección.
- Ratificar el apoyo del Administrador de la Ciudad sobre la carta escrita el 20 de abril del 2009 al Director Ejecutivo de Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority, y pedir que esta carta se transmita al Metro.

Esta carta está disponible en <http://www.accessduarte.com> y direcciones de diversas cuestiones, como, mejoras en la intersección de Duarte Road y Mountain Avenue y otras áreas de mitigación como del ruido, los reveses, el paisaje, etc, en una revisión del sitio junto a la Escuela Primaria Andrés Duarte. El lenguaje en la carta explica la ubicación de la entrada por el Consejo para reflejar la nueva ubicación, al este de Las Lomas Road.

El Consejo no ha apoyado ni se ha opuesto a la construcción de un local de mantenimiento cerca de la Escuela Primaria Andrés Duarte. En la junta del 8 de septiembre, el Consejo votó a favor de formar un Comité de Transporte Regional (Regional Transportation Ad Hoc Committee) para actualizar continuamente a la comunidad sobre cuestiones relativas sobre la Gold Line. En el futuro, el material informativo sobre el proyecto del Metro Gold Line se refleja sobre los problemas y debates que surgirá de la Regional Transportation Ad Hoc Committee.

Last Year's Route 66 Parade



Useful Information to Help You Enjoy Duarte's Salute to Route 66 Parade, Picnic and Car Show

STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS (Saturday, September 19)

6 a.m.-noon Saturday No street parking permitted on Huntington Dr. between Buena Vista St. and Mt. Olive. Same restrictions apply to Cotter St. north of Huntington Dr. and Highland Ave. south of Huntington Dr.

ROADBLOCKS (Parade Day)

7 a.m. Staging Area. Access to Cotter will be blocked at Royal Oaks Drive to Huntington Drive and at all adjoining side streets (First, Second and Third streets). Each neighborhood will be provided with alternate routes to and from their homes.

8:15 a.m. Huntington Drive will be closed to all east and west traffic between Buena Vista Street and Crestfield Drive. Eastbound traffic will be detoured north and south at Buena Vista Street. Westbound traffic will be detoured south to Central Avenue at Crestfield Drive. Side street access to Huntington Drive will be closed off from Highland, Oak, Bradbourne, Amberwood, Elmhurst, Santo Domingo and Pops Road. Mt. Olive access will be blocked at Royal Oaks Drive and from all adjoining side streets between there and Huntington Drive. Access to the 605 and the 210 freeways at Mt. Olive will also be closed. All Mt. Olive off ramp traffic will be detoured east on Huntington to Crestfield. *Access to Central Avenue and the Buena Vista on ramp may be reached by traveling south on Crestfield to Central*

Avenue or one may travel east on Huntington Drive to the Irwindale on ramp.

PARADE START (Parade Route)

10 a.m. Three-quarter mile long parade to proceed east along Huntington Dr. from Cotter St. to Mt. Olive Dr., then north on Mt. Olive Dr. to disbursement area. **Special Note:** Parade will travel along the north side of Huntington Dr.

PARADE PARKING

Highland Ave., north of Huntington Dr., and Santo Domingo Ave., south of Huntington Dr., offer some of the best parking options. Parking is also available at Royal Oaks School, adjacent to the City Picnic area at Royal Oaks Park. Bus shuttle service is available to the Park from Royal Oaks School.

BEST PLACES TO VIEW THE PARADE

Anywhere along the north side of Huntington Drive. *Huntington Dr. across from City Hall:* parade announcers are located here. *Highland and Huntington Dr.* area for early birds. Duarte cable station DCTV will be taping the parade from this location. *Westminster Gardens area:* plenty of shade and space along this section. *Mt. Olive area:* one of the best areas to be, also one of the hardest to get to unless you are early. Curbside seating. Parade announcers here. Bring blankets, pillows or lawn chairs to add more comfort to your space.

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Many fast food places and restaurants will be open for business.

CONVENIENCE FACILITIES

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All roadblocks will be removed as soon as possible once the parade comes to an end. Public safety is the first concern, so please be patient.

ROUTE 66 CLASSIC CAR SHOW (DUARTE ANNIVERSARY PICNIC)

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Get more kicks at the *Route 66 Classic Car Show* and Duarte City Picnic at Royal Oaks Park, located on Royal Oaks, just north of Huntington Dr., at the corner of Las Lomas. Admission is free. See many of the antique and classic cars featured in the parade, along with Route 66 memorabilia on display and Route 66 T-shirts, commemorative lapel pins and related items for sale. Live entertainment throughout the day, food and refreshment booths, games, arts and crafts, petting zoo, and more. Parade awards will be announced at the picnic.

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By Margaret Finlay, President, Duarte Education Foundation

As President of the Duarte Education Foundation, it has come to my attention that there are some students that are seeking college degrees after high school but are unable to come up with the funding to attain these degrees. This is particularly distressing to me, as I know that the money is out there for students that are willing to take the time and make the effort to search for it. It really comes down to matching the right student with the available scholarships and/or Federal loans.

This past spring, at the Duarte High School Senior Breakfast, the Duarte Education Foundation awarded more money than we have ever awarded before. And this is during a time when all economic indicators are demonstrating that people just aren't giving anymore. In total, we gave away over \$11,000 in scholarship money to deserving students. This money was raised by the Foundation, its supporters and several very generous anonymous donors. Our Foundation is not a large organization but we collaborate with the Friends of the Duarte Library to make educational opportunities available to many in the community.

I know that it is probably too late for students that want to start their college education this fall but it is perfect timing for students to get a jump start for 2010. I spoke with high school counselor, Renee Houlemarde, and she gave me several suggestions as to places where people could go to search for scholarships. I am passing these onto you, in the hopes that all students that truly are interested in working to further their educations will be able to do so. Also, if you want to speak with someone regarding your future, contact your former high school counselors and he or she might be able to steer you in the right direction.

- www.fastweb.com - financial aid search engine
- www.calteach.com - general information related to a teaching career
- www.csac.ca.gov - detailed information on financial aid
- www.fafsa.ed.gov - free application for Federal Student Aid
- www.collegescholarship.com - scholarship and financial aid information
- www.free-4u.com/minority.htm - scholarship information for ethnic/minority students
- www.hsf.net - Hispanic Scholarship Fund information
- www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org - scholarship information
- www.lulac.org - scholarship information
- www.uncf.org - United Negro College Fund information
- www.kasf.org - Korean American Scholarship Foundation information
- www.KSEA.org - Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association
- www.jackierobinson.org - The Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship
- www.nahponline.org - Hispanic Scholarship Directory
- www.finaid.org - student guide to financial aid

Start planning now. It is never too soon to start seeking alternative sources of college funding. In this case, the early bird truly does get the worm.

DEF PRESIDENT Margaret Finlay is congratulating scholarship recipients Jenni Nakamura and Pam Vila. They both are going to UCLA.



EVAN AND ALANA FINLAY are presenting the Ed and Helen Ferguson Scholarship to Samuel Martinez (center), who is going to Citrus College.

FRANCISCO MARTINEZ-FLORES Memorial Scholarship presentation. Gathered for the presentation are: Margaret Finlay, DEF President; Pam Vila, recipient; Martha Martinez, Francisco's mother; Jenni Nakamura, recipient; and Marlene and Nayeli Martinez, Francisco's sisters.



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From the desk of the Superintendent

Dr. Dean Conklin, Superintendent,
Duarte Unified School District

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2009-2010 school year. We had a very strong 2008-2009 school year, and I am excited about the one to come. In spite of the gloomy budget news out of Sacramento, the commitment that I have seen from our team in Duarte has been incredible. I know that the energy that exists here, combined with the outstanding leadership from our Board of Education, will carry us through these challenging financial times.

The beginning of the school year provides all of us with the opportunity to take a moment to reflect, and to celebrate the accomplishments we have made over the past few years. Our student growth has been remarkable, our focus on teaching and learning has sharpened, and while we have faced tough financial decisions, we have met these challenges in a way that has minimized layoffs and disruptions.

The early retirement incentive we offered last year resulted in a significant turnover of staff. Twenty of our friends and co-workers retired in June, and many are busy sending us postcards and emails from far away places. As much as we miss them, we welcome some outstanding new additions to our team.

Our new teachers include:

Beardslee

Kennya Ornelas, Kindergarten
Howard Lui, Second Grade (returning)
Heather Mullin, Second Grade (returning)
Erin McGee, Fourth Grade
Katie Durben, Combination Fourth/Fifth
Marilu Neal, Special Education (returning)

Maxwell

Esther McDonald, Principal

Northview

Elizabeth Harrison, English
Rosa Davis, English
Eric Ramos, Math
John Reed, Music
Heidi Quirk, Counselor (50% returning)

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Joel Ramirez, Social Science
Michael Ross, French
Theresa Parra-King, ROP Culinary Arts

Ed Center

Christy Wilhelmus, Speech Therapist
Elena Bellino, Speech Therapist
Michael Chavez, Director of Curriculum

Headstart

Kathy Nelson, State Preschool Teacher

Not New to the District but new assignments:

Rebecca Troy, 3rd grade, Beardslee
Ruth Cruz and Keri Harder, job share at RO
Tanja Bughman, Teacher on Special Assignment, Maxwell
Nicole Sevilla, Outreach Consultant, Mt. Olive
Salvacion King, Headstart Teacher
Beatriz Oliver, State Preschool Teacher
Michelle Randall, Assistant Principal, Northview
Wendy Wright, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Nancy Nien, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

On behalf of the Board of Education I would like to thank the entire Duarte community for your support of the district, and welcome you to the 2009-10 school year.



DR. DEAN CONKLIN

Every Student Counts at Andres Duarte

By Joilyn Campitiello, Principal

Students and staff at Andres Duarte are gearing up for another exciting year. Our students made good growth on the CST and we are ready to take it to the next level. Our after school program Think Together, continues this year under the leadership of Program Coordinator Rachel Quail.

Think Together provides a quality program that includes time for homework, physical activity and learning experiences for children in grade Kinder – Sixth grade. Andres Duarte students have benefited from this outstanding program for two years and we look forward to many more in the future.

Andres Duarte also continues to provide an outstanding school

library under the care of long time library clerk, Jane Barnes. Mrs. Barnes, a Duarte resident herself, has worked hard to grow our book collection and makes sure every student at Andres Duarte always has an exciting book to read and all the research material they need.

In addition, Andres Duarte serves our students through the efforts of our amazing Literacy Coach Mary Jansen. Ms. Jansen, also a long time Duarte resident, provides coaching for teachers, interventions for students, and runs an excellent peer tutoring program. Together our entire staff looks forward to providing our students with a first class education in a beautiful school setting thanks to the efforts of head custodian Alex Ledesma.

Duarte High School

By Eric Barba, Principal

Summer School went well as many students faithfully attended the various programs that were available.

Some students were given the opportunity to make up courses and also improve grades for CSU/UC eligibility.

Other students took advantage of ROP courses that were offered for enrichment. The Academic Decathlon team met regularly to prepare for the upcoming year.

We had a full class of students that completed a 2 year Spanish equivalent course through our partnership with Citrus College.

Also new this summer we had our first group of Early College students complete their first college course. Altogether we provided a summer school option for over 900 students.

There will be many new faces at DHS this year as we have been busy finding the right people to join our team.

We have both new teachers and classified staff that have been hired and/or transferred to DHS.

See list below:

- Refugio "Cookie" Oseguera – Cookie will come on board as a special education instructional aide. She comes to us from Northview Intermediate School.

- Theresa Parra-King – Theresa will come on board as our new Culinary Arts teacher. She comes to us after running a successful Culinary Arts Program at Blair High school as well as running summer cooking camps for youth.

- Joel Ramirez – Joel will come on board as our new Social Studies and AVID teacher. He comes to us from Fontana Middle School.

- John Reed – John will come on board as our new Band Director. He comes to us from San Diego where he taught music at Steele Canyon High School in Spring Valley.

- Kathy Salas – Kathy will come on board as a special education instructional aide. She comes to us from Northview Middle School.

- Emily Salazar – Emily will come on board as the front office Clerk. She is joining us from Andres Duarte.

- Lavell "Tip" Sanders – Lavell will come on board as the new School Safety and Behavior Support Assistant. He comes to us from Blair High School in Pasadena

As you know, good parent-school communication is key to the success of our students. We encourage our parents to regularly check their student grades on Edline which can be found on www.duarte.k12.ca.us.

When in doubt call your child's teacher or counselor and make an appointment to discuss their progress.

The annual College Fair and Back to School Night will be Tuesday, September 22.

We look forward to this coming year and working with our parents and community to provide a first class educational experience for the youth of Duarte!

BEARDSLEE

Greatness begins here!

By Jennifer Janetke, Principal

After a restful summer break, what an honor it is to return to Beardslee to begin another year working with outstanding staff, amazing parents, and enthusiastic children! Many thanks go out to our custodial staff for all of the hard work they have put into cleaning our school from top to bottom! Special thanks also go out to the office staff, teachers, and other support staff for all of the energy and effort they put into preparing for the upcoming school year. It is a privilege to be a part of Duarte Unified School District and to serve the Duarte community and its families!

One of our biggest tasks this summer was to find teachers to replace our retirees from 2009. After searching long and hard, we have hired three amazing teachers who come to us from a variety of places and with a tremendous amount of experience! I am proud to introduce to you our three new classroom teachers for the 2009-2010 school year:

- Katie Durben – Teaching our 4th and 5th grade combination class, Katie comes to us with experience in both primary and upper grades. She has a great deal of expertise using Thinking Maps and in teaching vocabulary, was highly recommended by her previous principal, and will be a tremendous asset to the Beardslee family!

- Erin McGee – Erin will be teaching our 4th grade class this year. She comes to Beardslee after teaching upper grades in Glendora and is highly recommended by all who know her. She has a lot of creative ideas and a high energy level, which has already begun to motivate those around her!

- Kennya Ornelas – Coming to us from the Imperial Valley, Kennya will be joining our kindergarten team this year. She has already shown that she is an amazing teacher and uses her bilingual skills to establish great relationships with both children and parents. Our staff is excited to have her as part of our primary team!

The staff at Beardslee is thrilled to welcome these three new members to our team and cannot wait for you, the Duarte community, to get to know them throughout the school year.

By now many of you may have seen our 2009 API score. Unfortunately, Beardslee did not make the growth that we had worked for throughout the school year. While this is disappointing, it also gives us the opportunity to ask some critical questions and really reflect on what we're doing at Beardslee School to help our students.

We will ask those critical questions, create a plan to help our students be successful, and work together as a team with our staff, students, and parents to implement that plan. It will not be easy, but I know it will be rewarding! Our students deserve only the best and that is exactly what we will deliver to them!

Once again, it is a privilege to be here as part of the Duarte community! Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement! It is going to be a fabulous year!

Head Start Focus on Safety and Success

By Diana Hilton, RN,
Child Development Nurse

As fall approaches and summer activities slow down, Child Development is gearing up for a new year.

Over the summer, we said good bye to several key staff who have provided excellent direction and services to the children and families of the Duarte community. On to a well-deserved retirement are our director of 7 years, Bobbi Brzozowski, Maria Valdez, Family Community Partnership Worker, who served 10 years, and JoAnn Stein, Head Start Clerk, who served 25 years. We are saddened by the sudden passing of one of our Head Start teachers, Bianka Palacios, who was with us for 2 years. Despite these losses, we are looking forward to a new year, providing the same quality

of services that the community has known. With a friendly smile and compassionate hearts, our staff are ready to assist families and children in their educational experiences.

The focus this year will be one of safety. At the Andres Duarte Campus, you will see some new wrought-iron fencing with a double gate, that prevents children climbing and creates an added obstacle for children exiting the grounds unaccompanied by parents.

At the Beardslee Campus, the same type of wrought-iron fencing surrounds the Child Development area, to keep down vandalism and provide a safe barrier for children to play.

At the Maxwell campus, renovations to the classroom bathroom will improve ventila-

tion and safety. Teachers, parents and children will be provided training to keep their preschool children safe within the school environment.

One of our Head Start Graduates, Angelica Salazar, daughter of DUSD Food Services staff Luz Salazar, will be featured in a National Head Start video entitled "Head Start Success Stories". Angelica attended Duarte's Head Start Program in 1988, worked for Teach America and Education Pioneers and is now working on her masters degree in Educational Policy at Harvard University. We are proud of Angelica's success.

There has been an increase in families applying for Head Start and State Preschool, which are free programs to low-income families that qualify.

We are accepting applications

all year for a waiting list. As we have openings, we fill these with applicants who have completed all their requirements and brought the needed documents ready to start.

More documentation is required by State and Federal entities for accountability purposes.

Families feel it is well worth the effort to enroll their child in a quality program that will prepare them for Kindergarten and beyond.

Head Start is mandated to serve 10% of children with disabilities. We work closely with Duarte Unified School District Special Education Department to offer a mainstream environment and services for children with special needs.

For more information, contact (626) 599-5123.

MT. OLIVE HIGH

Great Things to Come

By Kevin Morris, Principal

The Mt. Olive High School staff welcomes the 2009-10 school year with the anticipation and excitement of great things to come. We also welcome Nicole Sevilla our new outreach consultant who comes to us from our district office. Nicole is energetic, charismatic, knowledgeable, and brings lots of innovative ideas to move Mt. Olive forward. Marge Bloom our former ORC will be moving back into the classroom as the social studies teacher to strengthen our teaching staff. The Annual District Orientation/Site Meeting Day on Wednesday, September 2, got us off to a great start with a district BBQ. The Certificated and classified employees were served hamburgers and hot dogs cooked by Duarte's own administrative team. Our site meeting allowed certificated and classified staff members to work together and strategize for the 2009-10 year. The educational path we so strictly follow reflects the goals and objectives of our WASC Action Plan, which is the road map for what we want to accomplish.

Mt. Olive will continue to offer "varied educational options" to meet the needs of our diverse population. Mt. Olive operates the following programs from 7th grade through Adult School: the 10th-12th high school program; the drop-out prevention and recovery program; an adult school program; the 7th-9th grade opportunity program; an Indepen-

dent Study School and Special Education Program. These unique programs are designed to meet individual needs and ensure that all students are successful. We will continue to offer the Citrus Community College Non-Credit Tutoring Program to help students pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). Students who attend our program regularly have shown a great improvement in both English and Math proficiency. In addition, Citrus College offers our students free workshops such as Handling Test Anxiety, Time Management, and the Power Math Workshops, just to name a few. We will also continue with our monthly BBQ's, monthly student awards, weekly raffles, guest speaker program, and community outreach involvement. We are also continuing, the Community Union Computer Redeployment Program, a nonprofit corporation, providing free computer training, public speaking and business training for our students.

We believe success can be accomplished through:

- A safe and nurturing learning environment
- A community of caring and respect
- Parent and community involvement
- Shared decision making
- Strong standard-based curriculum
- Meaningful professional development for staff
- Supportive counseling and family services
- Directed-instruction
- Effective academic intervention programs
- Comprehensive pre and post assessment system that measures program effectiveness

These key factors move Mt. Olive closer to becoming one of California's more notable Continuation High Schools for years to come. We are a team of dedicated educators who are committed to teaching and preparing our students for life after high school as socially conscience and productive citizens in today's society. That is our commitment to every student. **The Mt. Olive Family is a community of success and nothing less!**

Northview Intermediate

By Miriam Fox, Principal

As a child who loved school I remember the excitement and anticipation that I felt each fall as the opening of school approached.

When as an adult I became an educator, that perpetual delight about a new beginning has continued throughout my 30-year career. This fall was no exception!

As a middle school principal of a 7th and 8th grade school, half of our student population is new every year, so the excitement of meeting new students is intensified by the sheer number of new faces at our doors.

Students are not the only new additions to Northview this year, we also have several new staff members, so this article is dedicated to introducing you to them.

Due to retirements and other changes Northview was in the enviable position of hiring four teachers, and what a good year to hire! The candidate pool was excellent as a result of many layoffs in other districts and a lack of jobs for new teachers. I believe we have hired four of the best. Joining our English depart-



CHAR AND CAROLE shining bright!

Valley View Stars

By Robin Nelson, Principal

The Stars at Valley View are abundant, bright and worthy of celebration.

Our staff had the opportunity to honor our own by selecting Miss Char Wilson and Mrs. Carole Baroni as the Teacher of the Year and Classified Employee of the Year.

Our students rocked the California Star (Standardized Testing and Reporting) program and we are very proud.

Char Wilson was chosen as the Valley View Teacher of the Year.

Char represents what is best about education. She is an exemplary model of a teacher.

Meredith Clark remarked, "She sets high expectations for her students socially and academically and never wavers from the goal. Char deals with children with strength and sensitivity."

If you name a committee or event at Valley View, you can bet Char has contributed both her time and talents.

Another teacher remarked, "Char's dedication and commitment to her students and our school goes above and beyond the role of teacher. She contributes to her student's achievement and well-being both through instruction, extra-curricular activities and school spirit."

She has Dolphin Pride. Char was selected to represent the Duarte Unified School District as the Teacher of the Year, a well-deserved honor. Char is a STAR.

Carole Baroni was selected at the Classified Employee of the Year by her peers.

Carole personifies the heart and soul of Valley View School. She runs the office at Valley View sometimes with the heart of a mother, the skills of an administrator, the voice of reason, and always with loving firmness. Children and adults alike seek Carole for personal support, great advice and guidance.

Tricia Franklin says about her friend, "Carole goes above and beyond in every category; she serves our school community with unwavering dedication and extends a hand of friendship to everyone who comes through our doors."

Her intelligence, positive attitude, fantastic sense of humor and sensitive heart make her a perfect fit for our office manager and classified employee of the year. Carole is a STAR

Valley View students are Rock Stars!

Our staff and students had outstanding results on the California Standards Test administered in May.

Committed teachers, dedicated aides and cafeteria staff, devoted office staff, caring custodians, and faithful proctors all worked together to help our kids shine.

The students at Valley View got a chance to "show what they know" and they did! We are very proud of the amazing growth and results in our student achievement.

Valley View Rocked the Test.

Classified staff joining our ranks include: Paola Barrero, as front office clerk, as well as Adrienne Green and Virginia Chen, special education aides.

I have had the pleasure of working with both Adrienne and Virginia and know that they will serve our students well as they have done for many years in the past.

So with butterflies of excitement in my tummy and joy in my heart the school year began, new faces of youth and adults in our halls and endless new possibilities!

"An ant on the move does more than a dozing ox."

-Lao Tzu, Philosopher

Royal Oaks

By Janice Kolodinski, Principal

Royal Oaks continues to focus on academic excellence as we prepare children for a productive and fulfilling life in American society. While official Academic Performance Index (API) information has not been published just yet, the information at hand indicates strong gains in student achievement for '08-'09. We met our goals of 63% of students in grades two through six scoring proficient or advanced on the English Language Arts portion of the STAR test, and 73% in mathematics.

We look forward to a fabulous year with a theme of "Shining Brighter". We are on the move in the area of upgrading the technology in our classrooms, thanks to the generous support of our PTA and donors such as The Bradbury City Council, Target, and Ralphs-Kroger Markets. At this time all 4th through 6th grade classes are Duarte Access Rooms (DAR) with instructional technology to prepare students for the 21st century.

Our character education will kick off early this year with a PTA sponsored assembly to teach the pillars of character in a fun and interactive way. September is "Respect" month and students will be learning ways to show their respect to others, themselves and their school. Throughout the year classes will teach "Too Good for Drugs," a curriculum that builds self-confidence and awareness.

A few changes in staffing have taken place over the summer. New to Royal Oaks, but certainly not new to Duarte are Ruth Cruz and Keri Harder who will team teach a second grade class. They come to us from Andres Duarte as a result of the many changes this year due to budgets and the economy. Nonetheless, we welcome them and know they will find Royal Oaks a positive working environment where students, teachers and families partner together for the success of all students.

We are justifiably proud of our staff and students and invite visitors to come observe the challenging and rigorous learning taking place at Royal Oaks. We recognize that the advances we make in educating our children are directly related to the support that members of this community provide. Thank you.

Back to School Nights

Duarte High
Tues., Sept. 22

Andres Duarte
Tues., Sept. 29

Beardslee
Wed., Sept. 23

Maxwell
Wed., Oct. 7

Mt. Olive High
Thurs., Oct. 1, 6 p.m.

Northview Intermediate
Wed., Sept. 30

Royal Oaks
Tues., Sept. 29

Valley View
Wed., Sept. 23

Missed "Cash for Clunkers"? Here's what to do now....

Now that the government sponsored CARS program is over many people are thinking that if they didn't get in on that deal, they are not going to get a great deal.

NOT TRUE!
Many dealers have a surplus of pre-owned cars on their lot as a result from the surge of new car purchases made during the past few weeks.

This can mean big savings to those of us who may have had to put off the purchase of our next vehicle and missed the whole "Cash for Clunkers" whirlwind.

Especially if you do the shopping and research before you walk into a dealership with your checkbook.

And this also makes your decision where to purchase much easier with all the information on the store you plan to purchase your car from.

First, you have to ask yourself a few important questions.

What you are looking for? How much money do you have budgeted for your car payment? What are you going to be using this vehicle for?

Then you have to get to know the car lingo a little better.

A sedan is a four door passenger car, a hatchback usually has 2 to 4 doors and then a lid type trunk that allows access to the entire car as opposed to the sedan where trunk access may be limited while inside the car.

An SUV or sport utility vehicle typically sits a little higher, and may have a third row of seats with a large cargo area.

Third, where do you want to purchase your vehicle from?

Look for dealers that are involved in the local community, they tend to stick around a lot longer than those who do not.

In fact, the best way to find a reputable car dealer is by looking at the community's Chamber of Commerce webpage -- www.duartechamber.com.

Most quality car dealers are members in good standing, and you can find this out by calling the Chamber of Commerce for more information. The Duarte Chamber number is (626) 357-3333.

Other sites you can check out would be the Better Business Bureau, or maybe your favorite local charity to see if there is a car dealer that donates regularly to their cause.

Remember your patronage allows these stores to continue to assist your local charities, so keep local business alive by keeping your tax dollars in your own community!

All in all, just because you missed out on the government's CARS program, don't think you can't find a great deal.

Just ask yourself the essential questions that will save you time and money in addition to making where you purchase your car as easy as 1-2-3!!!

Lawsuit

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Raiding \$2.05 billion in redevelopment funds will jeopardize bond covenants and other contractual obligations entered into by many redevelopment agencies.

If the State is successful in all of its efforts to take redevelopment funds, the impact to the Duarte Redevelopment Agency will be \$2.7 million in 2009-2010, \$560,000 in 2010-2011, and \$600,000 if the 3rd District Court of Appeal overturns the Superior Court ruling on the 2008-2009 case.

"It would all but completely shut down the City's ability to do future commercial redevelopment projects. The Duarte Redevelopment Agency would be left with less than \$3 million in funds. This is a fight for survival," said Petersen.

One major proposed redevelopment project in jeopardy is a 20-acre Transit Oriented Development around the proposed Gold Line light rail project, adjacent to the City of Hope National Medical Center. The

Duarte Redevelopment Agency is in an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with Los Angeles based Lowe Enterprises Real Estate Group. The project would include residential, retail, public plaza, offices, and park and ride space, bringing revitalization, affordable new housing, jobs and critical new tax revenue to the City.

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Daniel Lien Joins Inland Community Bank

ICB Financial Corporation, parent of Inland Community Bank, N.A., has announced the addition of Daniel J. Lien, Vice President/Senior Relationship Officer and Manager, to the Duarte Office of Inland Com-



DANIEL J. LIEN

munity Bank. Mr. Lien will assist in expanding the ICB business banking platform to the greater San Gabriel Valley.

Mr. Lien's business banking career expands over 30 years with 25 years dedicated to the businesses, community, non-profit organizations and Public Education of Pasadena and the San Gabriel Valley.

Mr. Lien's career in the Pasadena area has capitalized on cutting edge strengths in the medical and professional services industries.

Along with a commitment

to creative solutions to meet the client's needs he maintains a superior level of customer service.

James S. Cooper, President and CEO of Inland Community Bank, N.A., stated, "We are fortunate to have Mr. Lien as part of our expert business banking team and are confident Mr. Lien will contribute to the continued growth and success of ICB."

Mr. Lien has also been appointed as a Director of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce by Chairperson Sandi Mejia.

ICB with its vast array of products and services is poised to be a leading competitor in the market place.

Inland Community Bank, N.A. is a full service bank that offers customized services to small businesses as well as individuals through its five branch locations in - Duarte, Ontario, Rialto, Loma Linda and Los Angeles.

Mr. Lien can be contacted at (626) 357-9611 ext. 120.



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Principal for a Day



LOCAL BUSINESS MEMBERS and school district principals joined together in "Principal for a Day". From right, Dr. Dean Conklin provides a first-hand perspective of what is happening in our schools. Next to Dr. Conklin is Robin Nelson, Valley View Principal, Gabriel Lopez of Lopez Financial Services and Bob Cruz from The Gas Co.

By Wendy Wright,
Assistant Superintendent,
Educational Services

The Duarte Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Duarte Unified School District participated in "Principal for a Day" on May 29. Local business leaders from the Duarte Chamber of Commerce partnered with the

district's K-12 principals to job shadow for a day at school sites. Principals were matched with chamber business leaders and visited both elementary and the secondary workplace to gain a greater understanding of the rigor of the principal job and experience the everyday activities of a school principal.

Chamber members participating were Anita Chandler of Wescom Credit Union, Sandi Mejia of Rancho Mexican Restaurant, Elisa Clifford from SCE, Alfredo Mejia of CIBA, Specialty Promotions LLC's Chet Beaton, Christy Marrugi from SCE Federal Credit Union, Bob Cruz of The Gas Company, and Gabriel Lopez of Lopez Financial Services.

They partnered with principals Joilyn Campitiello of Andres Duarte, Jennifer Janetzke from Beardslee, Mary Gonzales of Maxwell, Janice Kolodinski from Royal Oaks, Valley View's Robin Nelson, Miriam Fox of Northview, Eric Barba from Duarte High School and Mt. Olive's Kevin Morris.

Attention Teens

The Duarte Library is offering a free SAT/ACT Practice Test on Saturday, Sept. 26, 12 noon to 4 p.m. The total test time is 4 hrs. with scheduled breaks. This is a realistic test under realistic conditions. Please bring a calculator and two #2 pencils. Administered by the Kaplan Test Prep Program. You must register for this free test at the check out desk, Duarte Library or by calling the library (626) 358-1865. The deadline for registering for the practice test is Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009. For additional information contact: Eileen Penson at (626) 358-1865. Your test scores will be available Wed., Sept. 30, 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the library. These results will examine your strengths and weaknesses which you then may want to work on prior to taking the SAT/ACT test at school.

Employment Workshop in Duarte Tues., Sept. 29

Employability Matters Workshop, a day-long program to help propel the unemployed back into the labor force will be held at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr. on Sept. 29, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The City of Duarte is offering the workshop in partnership with the Foothill Workforce Investment Board and the Employment Development Department.

The workshop will offer training in employability skills including help in resume preparation and interviewing techniques.

The program will also include help with job finding strategy, tips on body language and conquering negative thoughts, stress management, and a motivational short film.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Participants must attend the entire day's program in order to receive a certificate of completion.

To make a reservation for the workshop, call (626) 584-8381.

SAFYMCA and volunteers help send kids back to school in style and with tools for success

Some community children will be returning to school in style and prepared to succeed thanks to a recent back-to-school event organized by the Santa Anita Family YMCA (SAFYMCA) in conjunction with several local faith communities and organizations.

The nonprofit SAFYMCA played host to 68 low-income families, including 138 children from pre-school age to teens. With the support of 55 volunteers from Altrusa of Arcadia, and area churches Calvary Chapel-Monrovia, Mountainside Communion, Palabra de Fe, and Jesus is Lord Christian Center, families were treated to a celebration dinner and an evening of special activities. Children were outfitted with backpacks filled with school supplies, a package of toiletries, and haircuts. Each family received a bag of groceries.

Empowerment workshops geared to a child's specific grade

level and special workshops for parents, presented in both English and Spanish, were offered to promote family readiness to meet the challenges that children face on a daily basis as they go to school.

"It's not just the kids that we want to prepare to go back to school, this event was also a 'call to arms' for parents to get involved in their children's education. Our goal was to provide both the children and parents with tips and tools to help guide them to succeed," said SAFYMCA Chief Executive Officer, Damon Colaluca.

Volunteering their services to help kids look great on their first day of the new school year were hair cutters and stylists from Castillo Barber Shop in Monrovia, Family's Barber Shop in Duarte, and Attitude - The Salon in Monrovia.

A portion of the program was also devoted to honoring 32

students who graduated from the SAFYMCA's eight-week Core summer program. The Core is geared to the enrichment and




NATALIE GUTIERREZ, 3, got a big girl hair cut for her first day of preschool courtesy of Felicia Martinez of Family's Barber Shop in Duarte at the Santa Anita Family YMCA's Back-to-School event for 68 local low-income families.

development of leadership and academic skills designed to help kids build a strong foundation to succeed in school. Students Luis Simuta, Pedro Simuta, Prevenique White, Selena Garcia, Savana Ayala, and Freddy Aguilar received academic achievement awards for their outstanding character and interaction in the Core program that included classes in English and Math, devotion, fitness, Homework Helpers (tutoring), community beautification projects, and field trips.

The SAFYMCA offers The Core program year-round, among its many community outreach efforts. The program is free.

For more information about The Core program and other programs and services of the SAFYMCA, call (626) 359-9244, or visit the website at www.safymca.org.

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Free Health Information
Mini-Lectures
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Ask the Pharmacist Booth
(Bring a list of your medications, supplements and dosages.)
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City of
Hope™

Duarte City Council and School Board Candidates Forums

Wed., Sept. 30,
in the evening

Duarte Community
Center, 1600
Huntington Dr.

All candidates
will be invited to
participate

Separate forums
will be held – one
for school board
candidates and one
for city council
candidates

Both forums will
be videotaped for
playback on DCTV
Charter Cable
channel 55 and on
DCTVDuarte.com

The forums are coordinated
by the Duarte Chamber
of Commerce
and will be conducted
by representatives of the
League of Women Voters.

Final arrangements are still
being made at press dead-
line. Complete information
will soon be available at
www.DuarteChamber.com
or by calling the Duarte
Chamber of Commerce
office at (626) 357-3333.